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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As the summer draws to an end, hard to believe in 90 degree weather, we know that Pioneer Day is fast approaching. This, the third year that a chili cook-off is to be held as part of the day's festivities; we are still in need of a few more contestants.

To any of our members or friends who own a great chili recipe, please enter the contest by calling Bea Berman at (818) 341-5449., to obtain an entry blank. The fee is only \$10 so call her now and you may win a cash prize or a ribbon! Either way, we hope to see you on Sunday, October 5th.

John Thorpe

PROGRAM MEETING TO FEATURE CHUMASH INDIAN LORE

The program meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 16 at 7 PM in the museum at the Homestead Acre. Key speakers will be Beverly Folkes and Alan Salazar and their subject will be the Chumash Indians.

We shall also hear from Joanne Kerbavaz of the State Department of Recreation and Parks who is based in San Diego. Her topic will be the State

Wilderness Park to be located in the hills behind the Acre and she will answer questions regarding the park.

We'll also hear briefly about plans by the Conference of California Historical Societies for its Southern Symposium to be held in the valley next February. They are hoping that the Society can support the program in a similar manner to that of the last Southern Symposium.

Refreshments will be served and we'd love to have a crowd!

PIONEER DAY

Details of Pioneer Day, previously mentioned above, are to be found on the attached flier! This year we have added a jewelry maker to the list of vendors and she is Lisa Dilauro.

And for those not participating in the cook-off, don't forget to sample the great CHILI produced by our competing chefs!

GETTY NEWS

Barry Munitz, chancellor of the California State University system, has been named president of the J. Paul Getty Trust, a private foundation

devoted to the visual arts and the humanities, and the umbrella organization that runs the J. Paul Getty Museum. Dr. Munitz will begin the job on January 5, and will succeed Harold Williams who has led the Getty since 1981 and who announced his retirement last summer.

The Getty Trust with its \$4.3 billion endowment, is the largest and richest arts and humanities organization in the United States. On December 16, it will open its new \$1 billion campus, designed by Richard Meier & Partners, in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles.

Meanwhile the original Getty Museum, the Villa on Pacific Coast Highway, was closed earlier this year for restoration and refurbishing, and will re-open in three years.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY: SEPTEMBER

1820: 149 Pilgrims set sail from England aboard the Mayflower, bound for the New World.

1901: President McKinley was shot and wounded in Buffalo, N.Y. He died eight days later.

1909: Word was received that Adm. Robert Peary had reached the North Pole five months earlier, in April, 1909.

Some September Birthdays:

1789: Novelist James Fenimore Cooper
1857: Wm. Howard Taft, 27th U.S. Pres
1862: Writer O. Henry (Wm. S. Porter)
1888: Financier Joseph P. Kennedy
1890: Mystery writer Agatha Christie

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHES

This is a final reminder to all general members of the Society that dues for 1997-98 are now overdue and, for members who have not paid, this will be the last issue of the Smoke Signal. We don't want to lose you, so please send your dues to:

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