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CITY OF RIVERSIDE NAMES NEW HUMAN RELATIONS DIRECTOR

RIVERSIDE - Riverside City employee Pedro Payne has been named Human Relations Director for the city. He will succeed Javier Rosales who retired in January. Payne assumed the role of Human Relations Director on January 9, 2004.

“We are thrilled to have been able to attract such a talented and well qualified person to the post. Human and community relations is about building trust among the City’s diverse population and making real progress toward equality. Payne’s work in the Arlanza community speaks volumes as to what he can achieve for the wider city community,” stated City Manager George Caravalho.

Payne is currently concluding his work with the City of Riverside as an Administrative Services Manager on the Arlanza Neighborhood Initiative, a project that, among other achievements, boasts the development of the Arlanza Family and Neighborhood Resource Center soon to appear in Bryant Park. He was successful in raising funds totaling over $700,000 for the project.

He has a track record of community work, including facilitator/trainer for the Eastside Asset Mapping Project, organized 30 Arlanza clerics into the Arlanza Area Clergy Team, participated as a youth mentor for the Latino Mentorship Program, soup kitchen volunteer, cancer research volunteer, and assisted in the development of a national youth violence prevention model in Atlanta, Georgia, upon invitation of the U.S. Center for Disease Control.

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A strong believer in the value of education and with the support of his family, Nuñez earned a B.A. in Political Science and Education, from Pitzer College in Claremont.

Nuñez was political director of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor from 1996 to 2000. In this position, he worked with families and newly registered voters to increase participation in the electoral process, and further build partnerships with business and labor leaders.

He was later appointed as government affairs director for the Los Angeles Unified School District. He was able to secure millions in funding for low-performing schools, school construction and health insurance for school children.

In 2002, Nuñez was first elected to the California Assembly. During his first year in office, he earned several legislative victories, including measures signed into law providing greater rights to renters when nuisance or substandard conditions are present.

S. B. SHERIFF ASSIGNS PERSONNEL TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

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SINFONIA MEXICANA PRESENTS "NOCHE de ALEGRIA (NIGHT OF JOY)"

Sinfonia Mexicana’s program Feb. 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the California Theatre of Performing Arts will feature Maestro Jeff Nevin founder and director of Mariachi Champana, Nevin conducting the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra, Mexican Soprano Florencia Tinoco, Fontana native Tenor Daniel Hendrick and special guests Mariachi Champana Singers, Music by Agustin Lara, Jose Pablo Muncayco, JuanGabriel,Francisco Bizet, Franz Schuberti, Maria Grever, Jeff Nevin, and Selections from Verdi’s La Traviata and Puccini’s La Boheme.

Tickets available at Arts on 5th, 468 W. 5th Street, San Bernardino (between “D” and “E” Streets. Contact Mary Chavez at (909) 884-3228 or toll free 1-(866) 687-4294 prices $15, $25, $30, $35.

Student Seniors and Group discounts available.
IMMIGRANTS INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE TO VIOLENCE
By Yolanda Chávez Leyva

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What would help end the violence?

For one, a humane immigration policy is needed to allow would-be workers to enter the United States without having to turn to smugglers. It is clear the U.S. economy depends on immigrant workers to perform many of the jobs that others will not do. Legislation is needed to provide a guest-worker program that does not exploit workers or separate families. To take it one step further, current immigration laws need to be expanded to allow undocumented workers the chance to gain legal status.

Also, a stronger Mexican economy that could provide employ­ment for Mexican workers would help curtail the need to risk life and limb to find jobs. In 2001 alone, more than a quarter of a million jobs mostly low-wage manufacturing jobs, left Mexico. About 70 percent of them moved to China, according to an article last year in Newsweek, U.S. policy needs to curb corporations appetite for cheap labor and free trade, and instead insist on fair trade and labor legislation for Mexican workers.

The kidnappings, torture, rape and killings must end. No one regardless of his or her residency status should have to die trying to find a better life.

Yolanda Chávez Leyva is a histo­rian at the University of Texas at El Paso, where she specializes in bor­der and Mexican American history. She can be reached at pmpro@aggressive.org

"BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS"
BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR MLK HOLIDAY

On January 19, 2004, people are asked to donate blood, plasma or bone marrow at the four locations of the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties: Ontario, Riverside, San Bernardino or Victorville from 9 AM to 6 PM. The annual event is convened by the Diocesan Assembly for Catholics of Mexican origin.

The co-sponsors include a number of community-based and faith-based organizations from the Inland Empire.

The purpose of the blood drive is two-fold: the first is to give blood in honor of the man who gave his blood for this nation. The second is give significance to the day elevating the holiday beyond merely a day for foot­ball and shopping. Considering the fact that people under the age of 36 years have no living memory of Dr. King, the "Blood of the Martyrs" Blood Drive is a strategy to keep his name alive and leave a legacy to fu­ture children, while providing a ser­vice in the present.

Co-chairpersons for the blood drive are Lois Carson, chair of the Diocesan Assembly and Phyllis Clark, representative for the Blood Bank. For further information or printed materials, call Maudry Owings at (909) 475-5194 or one of the following:

Ontario Site
Velma Chromity 356-9523

Riverside
Theima Bledsoe 688-5791
Bunny Pinchback 682-9171

San Bernardino
Lois Carson 885-1708
Mary Saxon-Hobbs 881-2072
Julie Wilson 421-2286

Victorville
Ada McClain (760) 249-3605

All Blood Bank Sites
Phyllis Clark (909) 885-6503

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CA 92373
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A message from the California Department of Health Services funded by the U.S. Dept of Agriculture Department of Public Health Farm Bill Program Holmes, Spencer Tasco County and South Central Project LEAF and the Nutrition Network Grant #5 S887.
San Bernardino Sheriff's Department assigned two law enforcement personnel, Deputy Sheriff Anthony A. Vega, and Deputy Sheriff Jesse Venegas, to the Public Affairs Office Division in administrative policy of personnel rotation.

Vega is assigned as coordinator of the Juvenile Intervention Program (JIP), a youth intervention program originally recommended to Sheriff Gary Penrod by the Sheriff's Information Committee.

JIP is designed to interface with adolescents who have been ordered by juvenile courts to participate in the program due to juvenile offenses and to potentially modify negative lifestyles. Parents request for aid in the program as a resource in redirecting behavioral patterns in their siblings.

JIP consists of young adults visiting the local jail facilities and observing what life is within the jail environment. They hear inmates discuss their life stories and choices that led to a life of crime. Counseling with the young adults and parents, partnership with law enforcement and understanding the criminal justice system are ongoing components of the program.

"During my tenure within the Sheriff's Department, I have worked with youth in the community and this is a natural extension of my interest in young adults," Vega said.

Vega was born in the City of Orange and raised in Rancho Cucamonga and attended Loma High School. He began his career with the Sheriff's Department as an Explorer Scout at 17 years of age, later appointed as a reserve deputy sheriff in 1985, and permanently hired in 1997.

His law enforcement experiences have included the West Valley Detention Center, Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center, patrol stations in Chino Hills and Ramona Cucamonga.

Jesse Venegas grew up in Ontario, graduated from Damien High School, and received an A.A. Degree in Administration of Justice from Mount San Antonio and a B A in Criminal Justice from Phoenix University.

He was hired by the Sheriff's Department in 1997 after graduating from the Sheriff's Academy and assigned to the West Valley Detention Center. He was later assigned to the transportation division, transporting inmates from various correctional facilities within the state.

He was reassigned to central division, patrolling Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, and other incorporated areas. Other duties included patrol in Chino Hills, Chino, Ontario, Upland, and Montclair.

Venegas is the Department's liaison with the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMHP). CFMHP was initiated by the Sheriff's Department to assist apartment owners and managers and in mobile home complexes in pro-active methodologies in crime prevention and tenant review. His collateral responsibilities include being a department community liaison, attending community meetings and forums.

Being fluent in Spanish, Venegas is intergrades with the Spanish-speaking communities, Mexican Consult, radio, and newspaper publications. In the recent fire disasters, he was involved in aiding the Spanish-speaking fire victims, relaying information to local radio stations and publications.

Venegas and his wife, Lynnette, are parents of two daughters.

In 1988, law enforcement agencies throughout California adopted the community-based policing philosophy. Concurring with the new approach of law enforcement, then Sheriff Dick Williams created the Public Affairs Division to interrelate with the ethic communities. Williams further created the Sheriff's Information Committee to access various groups in communities throughout the county area.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Rialto Unified School District, 182 E. Walnut Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376
(909) 820-7700 Ext. 444
CATEGORICAL PROJECT CLERK and CATEGORICAL PROJECT CLERK BILINGUAL (Spanish)

Salary begins at $2,494.00 per month (8 hour equivalent). Bilingual positions are paid at one range higher at $2,558.00 per month (8 hour equivalent). Work-year schedules vary within this classification from 10 to 10.5 months per year and range from 3 hours per day or 6 hours per day. REQUIREMENTS: One year of increasingly responsible experience in financial record management and computer-assisted accounting processes; one year of experience performing general office/clerical functions; course work in basic computer applications, data entry, record management and general office practices is preferred, type or keyboard at a net corrected speed of 45 words per minute; course work in basic computer applications, data entry, record management and general office practices is preferred. Qualified applicants must submit a completed application and verification of educational requirements by the closing date. All offers of employment are made contingent upon the applicant passing a pre-placement physical examination and upon receipt of information from the California State Department of Justice, Sacramento, indicating that the applicant is not prohibited from being employed. Verification of high school diploma, a higher degree, or a GED certificate must be submitted with the completed application. Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: 3:30 PM, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004.
Note: Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2004 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
SACRAMENTO - Following the Governor's release of his 2004-05 budget today, Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante issued the following statement:

"In reviewing the document, it is becoming clear that human suffering is being placed second to the selfish interests of the very wealthiest Californians. Unlike past Governors such as Ronald Reagan and Pete Wilson, who raised revenues during difficult budgetary times, this budget does nothing to minimize human suffering, but attempts to balance the budget by 'nickel-and-diming' hardworking families."

"For example, the daughter of a police officer and a grocery clerk with two children can no longer receive a Cal Grant for college. As many as 300,000 poor children will not be able to enroll in 'Healthy Families' to access basic health care. At the same time, 1,500 of our children with life-threatening diseases, such as cerebral palsy, heart disease and cancer won't have access to critical medical care."

"But an executive who is making $500,000 will save $12,369 in taxes because of President Bush's 2003 tax cut. Even if that executive's state income taxes were only slightly increased, (just as Governors Reagan and Wilson did during prior economic downturns), the executive would still save $9,231. The revenue generated would mean that the daughter of a police officer could still receive a Cal Grant for college and sick children would receive life-saving medical care."

During the budget press conference, the Governor stated that raising taxes on those in the highest income tax bracket would only generate $1.3 billion. The Lieutenant Governor hopes that as budget negotiations progress, the Governor will understand that this $1.3 billion could be critical for many of California's working families, senior citizens, children and the disabled.

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Phone (909) 387-2069 or email tmarti nez@pur.sbcounty.gov

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Another bill, sponsored by Senators Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., would grant legal status to 500,000 farm workers if they prove they did farm work for 100 days over the past 18 months, and continue to work 360 days over the next six years.

A third bill would grant accelerated citizenship to immigrants who serve in the armed forces.

The new proposals come in the wake of a changing political landscape.

In the California recall election this fall, despite assumptions of Democratic Party loyalty, Hispanics were almost evenly split, prompting many observers to declare them a swing vote that could play a major role in next year's election. Both Republican and Democratic members of Congress are tailoring legislation that will appeal to the Hispanic base. By focusing on the feel-good stories of allowing families to remain intact, reward loyal participation in the Iraq war and assuring that undocumented workers must have clean criminal records and tax-paying histories, Washington politicians have found a politically safe and effective way to attract Hispanic voters.

But no matter the motives, it is gratifying that these changes are on the horizon.

Undocumented immigrants have played a major role in the American economy. They do the jobs many others do not want to do, and they pay taxes and participate in their communities.

It is time for them to stop living in fear and have their hard work and contributions to this country recognized.

Ed Morales is a contributor to the Village Voice and Newday in New York and author of "Living in Spanglish" (St. Martin's Press, 2002). He can be reached at pmprog@progressive.org.
As human relations director, Payne will staff the Human Relations Commission, which advises the Council on broad community matters, including racial relations, juvenile delinquency, neighborhood blight, unemployment, and other related social and economic issues.

He has been with the City since June 2002. Prior to that time, Payne worked for the University of California, Riverside's Robert Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies and as a research assistant with the University's Department of Sociology. Payne is bilingual in Spanish and holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Radiologic Science from Andrews University and a Masters degree in Sociology from the University of California, Riverside. He is currently completing his dissertation for his Ph.D. in Sociology at UCR with an emphasis on Race and Class Inequality and Sociological Studies.

Payne has been a Riverside resident since 1995. He was born and raised in New York City and later moved with his family to Orlando, Florida in 1981. He came to the Riverside area in 1995.

Assemblymember John Longville (D-San Bernardino) today announced that applications are now being accepted for four state government fellowships: the Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellowship, the California Senate Fellows, the Executive Fellowship, and the Judicial Administration Fellowship. The deadline for filing applications for the four fellowships is February 25, 2004.

The Assembly Fellowship Program, founded in 1957 by Speaker Jesse M. Unruh. Duties are similar to that of legislative staff members—developing and researching legislative proposals, responding to constituent requests, writing speeches and press releases. The responsibilities of the California Senate Fellows are very similar to the Assembly Fellows.

The Executive Fellowship Program places successful applicants in offices throughout the executive branch, where they function as professional staff. There they gain knowledge of various policy issues and also participate in policymaking decisions.

The Judicial Administration Fellowship Program has been placing five fellows within the judicial branch of the state. Like the other Fellows, those in this program gain a unique insight into the inner workings of the judicial system of California.

All fellows enroll at California State University Sacramento for 12 units of graduate course credit. Enrollment fees are paid as part of fellowship programs. As part of seminar coursework, fellows produce major research papers—the best of which are published in the annual Assembly Fellowship Journal.

For more information, contact Eldred Marshall in Assemblyman Longville's District Office at (909) 388-1413.

ZACATECAS RESTAURANT AND HISPANIC CBO BOOKCASE TO HOST A CELEBRATION OF CHICANO AUTHORS

RIVERSIDE - Zacatecas Restaurant and Hispanic Bookcase will sponsor an evening of entertainment and literature to celebrate the publication of the literary works of Chicano writers Rigoberto González and Daniel A. Olivas, whose fiction books debuted in the Fall of 2003. The event is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2004, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Zacatecas Restaurant, located at 2472 University Avenue, Riverside.

Rigoberto González, recipient of a Distinguished Young Alumnus Award from the University of California at Riverside, is the author of three books. So Often the Pitcher Goes to Water until it Breaks, a selection of the National Poetry Series, Soledad Sigh-Sighs/Soledad Sospeño, a bilingual book for children, and more recently Crossing Vines, a novel about the California farm workers.

Daniel A. Olivas is a Los Angeles based attorney with California Department of Justice and the author of the short story collection Assumption. His work has been widely anthologized and he is anticipating the release of his first children's picture book Benjamin and the Word.

Books will be available for purchase at the function, courtesy of The Chicano Bookcase, located at 1345-A University Avenue.

The public is encouraged to attend this event at no cost. Light refreshments will be provided. The press is invited to cover the event.

Zacatecas Restaurant has been an important supporter at events that promote Chicano and Mexican culture in the Inland Empire. Past events have included a lecture by UFW co-founder Dolores Huerta and a poetry symposium by the renowned Taco Shop Poets.

For more information call The Hispanic Bookcase at (909) 682-0049 or Zacatecas Restaurant at (909) 683-3939.
PATIENTS AND FAMILIES NOW AVAILABLE

Chere Villeneuve, MSW, Clinical Care Consultant, Alzheimer’s Association Inland Empire Regional Office, is now available to offer free care consultation services to individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia; their families and caregivers in Western Riverside County.

Care Consultation is one of the Alzheimer’s Association’s five core programs and services. This service provided at no charge is to assist the person diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia and or their families in planning for and dealing with all aspects of the illness experience.

Components of Care Consultation include: assessment of needs, assistance with planning and problem solving and provision of support. Aspects of Care Consultation may include: providing information and making referrals; supportive listening and follow-up. This program is being funded by the United Way of the Inland Valleys.

For additional information please call (909) 747-0347 or visit the office at 104 E. State Street #B, Redlands.

CHILDERN MAY TRY TO HIDE LEARNING PROBLEMS BY ACTING UP

Houston - The class clown or play-bully might need a trip to the doctor rather than the principal’s office.

Behavior problems are often the first sign of an underlying developmental problem," said Dr. Sheny Vinson, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "You can’t be quick to blame it on behavior without checking out other possible concerns.'

Children often attempt to hide a learning deficit through disruptive behavior, said Vinson, also a developmental pediatrician at Texas Children’s Hospital. "Often, once the developmental problem is identified, it can be specifically addressed and the behavioral problem lessens or disappears.

Some of the behaviors that are usually the first sign of a developmental problem are tantrums, aggression toward other, destructiveness, hyperactivity, food refusal and withdrawal. The child might also show self-aggression, inattention or immaturity.

When behavioral problems appear, parents should see their pediatrician and arrange for psychoeducational testing.

For further information contact: Kristie Barbou, (713) 791-7917 or email (kbbarbour@bcm.tmc.edu) or www.bcm.tmc.edu

GOVERNOR’S EDUCATION BUDGET PROPOSAL SUPPORTS STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS

CTA President Barbara E. Kerr released the following statement regarding the education budget agreement announced by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the education community:

"We want to thank the Governor for the work he has done with teachers in these difficult budgetary times. The way he involved us in this budget proposal is a first, and we appreciate that.

"This budget agreement protects our schools from any dangerous mid-year cuts this school year. In addition current funding levels for all K-12 schools and community colleges are increased toward the 2004-05 budget and increased by the cost of living adjustment and enrollment growth funding.

"This budget agreement protects the integrity of Proposition 98 and guarantees that all money must be used in the state’s education program and special education.

"We will continue to work with the Governor and legislators to implement this agreement. It represents a sacrifice by our students, teachers and schools, but I believe it is a good and fair agreement in the context of the state’s fiscal crisis."
WITH ALZHEIMER’S, EARLY INTERVENTION OFFERS BEST RESULTS

While some change in memory is normal as we grow older, the symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease are more than simple lapses in memory.

People with Alzheimer’s can experience difficulties communicating, learning, thinking, and reasoning. To help family members and health care professionals recognize warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease, the Alzheimer’s Association offers this checklist of common symptoms.

1. While it’s normal to forget appointments, names or telephone numbers, those with dementia will forget such things more often and not remember them later.

2. People with dementia often find it hard to complete everyday tasks that are so familiar we usually do not think about how to do them, such as using a household appliance, or participating in a hobby.

3. Everyone has trouble finding the right word sometimes, but a person with Alzheimer’s disease often forgets simple words or substitutes unusual words, making speech or writing hard to understand.

4. It’s normal to forget the day of the week or where you’re going. But no one has perfect judgment all of the time.

5. No one has perfect judgment all of the time. However, those with Alzheimer’s may dress without regard there, and not know how to get back home.

6. Someone with Alzheimer’s disease often forgets to understand.

7. A person with Alzheimer’s disease may become withdrawn or not want to take part in usual activities.

8. Rapid mood swings—from calm to tears to anger—for no apparent reason may be a sign of Alzheimer’s disease.

9. Personalities ordinarily change somewhat with age, but a person with Alzheimer’s disease can change a lot, becoming extremely confused, suspicious, fearful, or dependent on a family member.

10. The person with Alzheimer’s disease may become withdrawn or not want to take part in usual activities.

Early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease or other disorders causing dementia is an important step in getting appropriate treatments for this debilitating disease, including several that are in clinical trials. Participation in clinical trials allows patients to play an active role in their own health care and gain access to new research treatments before they are widely available.

Getting such treatment is being studied in over 20 U.S. medical centers. Called the COGNIShunt System, this medical device is designed to improve the clearance of harmful chemicals found in the fluid surrounding the brain that are believed to contribute to the progression of Alzheimer’s disease.

Early clinical study results, published in the October 22, 2002 issue of the journal Neurology, indicated that the device may slow or stop the progression of Alzheimer’s disease symptoms. This multi-center pivotal trial is designed to demonstrate its safety and efficacy.

Physicians across the country are currently enrolling patients who are:

- Diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease;
- In the early to middle stage of the disease;
- 62 to 85 years of age; and
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To learn more, call (1-888-469-6463) for information about the ongoing clinical trial or visit www.eunoe.com.

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Cal State San Bernardino was one of 19 CSU campuses chosen by the national publication, which bases its standings from data from the National Center for Education Statistics and from formal and informal inquiries.

“The California State University is proud to be highlighted in Hispanic Outlook,” said Chancellor Charles B. Reed. “We take seriously our responsibility to educate California’s best and brightest students, and to provide them with the opportunity of a quality education and an excellent start in a fulfilling career.”

“Hispanic Outlook in Education’s selection of our campus recognizes our commitment to offer educational opportunities that enrich students and our surrounding communities,” said Cal State San Bernardino President Albert Karnig. “We’ve worked hard to develop exceptional programs to benefit our students and Southern California.”

With more than 30 percent of its 17,000 students being Hispanic, Cal State San Bernardino is a federally recognized Hispanic Serving Institution eligible for federal grants, funding and programs. The university also offers two concentrations and a minor in ethnic studies and in liberal studies in the areas of Chicano/Latino studies as an interdisciplinary curriculunm that focuses on language, history, politics, economics, education, immigration and the impact of Chicanos/Latinos in the United States for a broader appreciation of its contribution to modern day society.

The CSU is one of the most diverse higher education institutions in the nation, with ethnic minorities forming more than half (53 percent) of its identified student body. Hispanics make up nearly a quarter of the total student population.

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