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SENATOR BARBARA BOXER KEYNOTE SPEALER AT DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON CLUB 10TH ANNIVERSARY



SENATOR BARBARA BOXER

Senator Boxer was keynote speaker at the Democratic Luncheon Club's 10th Anniversary Installation of Officers at the San Bernardino Elks Club, attended by over 200 local Democrats and Inland Empire Candidates for a myriad of elective offices.

Introduced by Congressman Joe Baca, Senator Boxer spoke on her immigrant background and her mother working to provide for the family. She also spoke on funding cuts in health programs, Medicare, unemployment, and slow economic recovery. Boxer spoke of her hard work in the Senate for over 12 years on social and family programs and the environment and asked for support in the November election. "We, as Democrats, must unite in California and nationally to vote a Democratic Congress and re-elect me to continue to fight for Medicare, Social Security and family policies," she said.

Congressman Joe Baca, State Senator Nell Soto and Assemblyman John Longville each spoke on stage on Boxer's accomplishments in the Senate. San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles also attended the event.

The Democratic Luncheon Club was organized by Don Rusk and served as president from 1993 to

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CONGRESSMAN JOE BACA- COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE



He is called "Working Joe Baca" by many of his supporters who see him continually active in a fast track mode. Congressman Joe Baca, 43rd Congressional District, is an assertive (and others say aggressive) legislator that many in the region remember him several decades ago as a dedicated activist involved in numerous community projects. He has continued to reflect that dedication in the legislative field as an elected official at the state and federal level.

The youngest of 15 children,

Baca, 57, grew up in Barstow in a working family environment. Always a challenger, he played in sports, including basketball (regardless of his stature) and fast-pitch softball, and keeping up his grades at the insistence of his parents and siblings, as he has often stated. Graduating from high school, he served in the 82nd and the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. Honorably discharged, he received a B.A. in Sociology from Cal-State, Los Angeles.

"We were a close knit family and I experienced to be without, and always got the hand-me-downs. I am very grateful to my parents, brothers and sisters who guided me in the right direction. Those were the formative years that basically established the sensitivity toward those less fortunate than us," he stated in an interview with IEHN.

During his 15-year tenure in community relations with GTE, Baca was involved in many social, economic, *Continue on Page 5*

A TRADITIONAL FAMILY ACCEPTS TWO WORLDS



Juan Manuel Baeza, age seven, right, with his brother, George, age 2. Juan Manuel is a second grade student, interested in school including math and geography and literal in English and Spanish and currently at grade level. Juan Manuel is a role model and mentor to his brother, George, who is constantly at his brother's side, according to their mother, Claudia. Father Raul Baeza's said that he will work hard to educate his children to become good citizens and contribute to their community. *Photo by IEHN*

Juan Manuel Baeza, age two, left, is helping his mother mow the lawn in a photo taken in September, 1998. The Baeza family, Raul, a citizen, and Claudia, a legal resident, migrated to the United States in 1980 – like thousands of other immigrant families - to seek greater economic opportunities. The family is an integral part of the American way of life and own a landscaping business. The Baeza's are also a traditional family: strong life values, work ethic and their Catholic faith. These attributes are being taught to Juan Manuel, Claudia said. *Photo by IEHN*

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Letter to the Editor WHY WE MUST SUPPORT MEASURE T By Arturo Delgado, Ed. D. Superintendent, San Bernardino City Unified School District

Let's face it. San Bernardino is a great place to live. We enjoy great weather year round, and we are just moments from the mountains. beaches, and deserts. Education, the arts, and recreation are part of our lifestyles. And, of course, San Bernardino is home to one of the best school districts in the entire State of California.

For the last few years, the Inland Empire, including San Bernardino, has been experiencing record growth. Each year student enrollment in the San Bernardino City Unified School District grows by 2.000 students. resulting in serious overcrowding. After months of careful research and informative discussions, the Board of Education came to a unanimous conclusion. With no other alternatives for funding, a local bond is the only funding option available that would relieve overcrowded schools and provide funding to modernize and expand existing school facilities.

The San Bernardino City USD has placed a \$140 million bond measure Measure T. on the March 2, 2004, ballot. Measure T will allow the San

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Bernardino City USD to continue to provide a quality education to local students by allowing the District to improve student safety and relieve serious overcrowding. If Measure T is approved, property owners will have to pay no more than \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of property for the next 20 years.

In 2002, the state, including San Bernardino affirmed maintaining the quality of their communities by approving the State facilities Bond Proposition 47. Statewide voters did not see a school facility bond as another unnecessary tax. Voters should view the School Facilities Bond Measure T as an investment in the San Bernardino community.

The State of California will not pay for 100 percent of new school construction. The only way for school districts to capture state school construction money is to ante up matching funds. If San Bernardino voters pass Measure T, the State of California will provide millions in matching funds that can be put towards new schools. With the matching funds "in hand" our district will be eligible for state funds which cover 60 per cent of the costs associated with new school construction. For school districts to provide that match without a bond, they must take money from the general fund, which now provides for books, quality teachers, and educational programs that are valued by the community. The San Bernardino City Unified School District does not want to sacrifice educational programs in order to build and modernize our schools.

Measure T will need 55 percent voter approval. School bonds are held to the strictest public accountability requirements. These stringent accountability measures are in place by law for the life of the bond and require annual financial audits that must be conducted each year. Performance audits ensure that bond funds are only spent on voter-approved projects. A citizens' oversight committee reviews all expenditures and informs the public of how their taxpayer dollars are spent.

So why should the San Bernardino community approve Measure T? San Bernardino residents should see Measure T as an investment in their community. If you are not currently a parent of a District student, you may be a grandparent or a neighbor of a student. These students attend your houses of worship and support your businesses. An informed and educated San Bernardino will attract more businesses resulting in more opportunities for the community.

Maintaining our schools is a quality of life issue. The benefits a community derives from a strong school system cannot be overstated. Good schools are good for families and good for home values. Measure T will enable the District to provide the excellence in education our students require and deserve. That is why the San Bernardino Community should approve measure T.

START A NEW CAREER

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- To receive and resolve individual complaints and issues by, or on behalf of these residents.
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Come and learn about the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program from the advocate for resident of nursing homes, board and care homes, assisted living facilities and similar adult care facilities.

When: Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00PM

Where: Care Connexxus, Inc., 4130 Adams Street, Suite B, Riverside, CA 92504

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FONTANA DEMOCRATIC CLUB TO HOST FORUM FOR CANDIDATES

The Fontana Democratic Club will host a forum for the Democratic candidates vying for the 62nd Assembly District and the 5th District San Bernardino County open supervisorial seat. The forum will be held on February 15, 2004, at 2PM at the Teamsters Local 63 Hall located at 379 W. Valley Boulevard, Rialto, CA (1/2 mile west of Riverside Dr. on the left (south) side of the street) For additional information, please call Bill Gonzales at (909) 823-9614

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FUTURE LEADERS RECEIVE DONATION



Inland Empire Future Leaders was presented with a \$10,000 donation by Citibank, Redlands Branch, at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino. Ron Ruhl, Community Relations Director-Citibank, center, presented the donation to Dr. Tom Rivera, seated at right, president of the youth group. IEFL board members, left to right, Juan Negrete, 'Rocket' Rios, Nena Torrez, Kiwanis president and Felix Fenenoz. IEFL was founded in 1984 by Susan Castro, a local educator and is currently celebrating its 20th anniversary. IEFL conducts an annual workshop at a mountain resort for 150 students. The weeklong workshop, conducted by volunteers, consists of courses in leadership skills, positive imaging, public speaking, cultural pride, academic excellence, and community involvement and career development. IEFL has graduated 2,314 middle school students with an eventual 95 % college enrollment record. Photo by IEHN



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The IEHN is seeking assertive persons as sale representatives within the INLAND EMPIRE . GOOD commissions. Call (909) 381-6259 for appointment.

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Lo que debe hacer

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Lo que <u>no</u> debe hacer

<u>No</u> encienda ni apague ningún interruptor eléctrico, incluyendo una linterna de baterias. <u>No</u> use el teléfono en el área inmediata del lugar donde está el olor. <u>No</u> encienda fósforos ni encendedores de cigarillos.

La industria del gas natural tiene un envidiable récord de seguridad. Sin embargo, al igual que todas las otras formas de energía, el gas natural debe ser tratado con respeto. Usted es una parte importante de nuestro programa de seguridad, así que recuerde: si huele ese olor a huevos podridos, simplemente salga inmediatamente del área y llame a pedir

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INLAND EMPIRE TO EXPLORE CLASSIC THEATER CONCEPT



Tony Plano, actor and president of East Los Angeles Classic Theater, a Latino youth education program, met with an ad hoc committee at Jean's Restaurant, Colton, to review and expand the ECT program in the Inland Empire. Seated, left to right, Tony Bocanegra, Executive director, Sinfonia Mexicana, Kim Cavanagh, SBCSS, Marta Hall, -SBCSS, Graciano Gomez, Publisher, Inland Empire Hispanic News, Leslie Diaz, Director, ECT, Tony Plano and Maurice Calderon, Vice President, Arrowhead Credit Union. Photo by IEHN

East Los Angeles Classic Theater (ECT), developed by Tony Plano, actor, appearing in numerous stage and film productions and other Latino professional theater actors/ teachers, have been successful in targeting Latino "at-risk" students in the Los Angeles area. The program's goal is to improve academic achievement with an arts-center and literacy approach to standards-based English Language Arts and English Language Development instruction.

The County Superintendent of Schools, Cal-State, San Bernardino and RIMSCAP (Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino Counties California Arts Project) created a partnership with ECT- Beyond Borders: Literacy Through Performing Arts. Beyond Borders was introduced into six middle schools with a higher percentage of low-income students. Martin Luther King Middle School, San Bernardino, being one of the selected venues. The program, according to Principal James Espinoza, involved students in a '16 weeks course in higher level thinking, communication techniques, dra-

SENATOR NELL SOTO CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE INVITES ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO A FREE CAL GRANT "FILL OUT THE APPLICATION" WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at San Bernardino Valley College Liberal Arts Building, Room 100, 701 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., San Bernardino sponsored by San Bernardino Valley College. For more information and to reserve your spot, call (909) 984-7741

Checklist of information all students will need to bring in order to complete the application:

- Student's Social Security card & driver's License (or government issued ID)
- Parent or guardian's Social Security Card
- Parent's Federal Income Tax return or current W-2 forms
- Records of untaxed income such as TANF, veteran's benefits, Social Security benefits

matic expressions, and standard based English language development. A field trip to see a professional play is part of the training.

Tony Plano, ECT's executive artistic director, recently met with an ad hoc committee, Maurice Calderon, Arrowhead Credit Union's Senior Vice President for Community Relations, Kim Cavanagh, Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts, SBCSS, Martha Hall, Coordinator, Multi Lingual Education, SBCSS, Tony Bocanegra, Executive Director, Sinfonia Mexicana and Graciano Gomez, Publisher, Inland Empire Hispanic News, at Jean's, a Colton Restaurant, to review ECT's history and to further increase the feasibility of expanding the program in the Inland Empire.

The ad hoc committee was enthusiastic with the ECT's program goals and planned future meetings with other community members in order to create added interest in expanding the program at the community level.

For information on East Los Angeles Classic Theater, contact Kim Cavanagh at (909) 386-2674 or visit www.eastlaclassic.org.



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\$2,748.00 per month, 8 hours per day, 12 months per year. **REQUIREMENTS:** Two years of responsible and varied secretarial and clerical experience, including some experience in organizing and coordinating specialized clerical functions. CLOSING DATE: 3:30p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004. *

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\$10.98 to \$13.34 per hour. The scheduled hours per day and the number of months per year in this classification vary from 2.5 hours to 5.5 hours per day, and from 10 to 12 months per year, depending on the work site. This position is a split position working breakfast and then lunch. REQUIREMENTS: One year of experience in quantity food preparation, service and kitchen maintenance in a commercial, institutional or school service facility. An approved and accredited food safety certificate is required. The certificate must be obtained within 60 days of initial employment and must be renewed every three years. CLOSING DATE: 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2004. *

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Qualified applicants for these positions 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.

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CONGRESSMAN JOE BACA- COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

veteran and education groups in the Inland Empire and Pomona. He and others were instrumental in organizing strong education and social projects in the region.

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In 1979, Baca ran for the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees and won, becoming the first Hispanic to be elected. Active at the board level, he helped promote policies upgrading the college system and encouraged greater college education accessibility for the minority population.

Setting his goals for a political career, Baca ran for the California State Assembly in 1992 and won. He later became the first Hispanic to be elected Speaker pro Tempore since 1850. He served in key roles as the Speaker's Federal Government Liaison, Assistant Speaker pro Tempore and member of the Rules Committee.

Baca ran for the State Senate in 1998, winning that seat. He served in the Rules, Veteran Affairs, Energy, Utilities, Local Government and other committees.

Due to the death of longtime Congressman George Brown, he was elected in a special election in November 15, 1999, the first Hispanic to be elected from the Inland Empire.

Since his election to Congress, Baca said, he will continue his tireless on issues of critical importance to the people in his district: the economy, education, jobs, healthcare, multilingual education, veterans affairs, cultural affairs and a myriad of other issues.

He currently serves in the Financial Services Committee: Subcommittees on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Enterprises and Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit; House Agriculture Committee: Subcommittees on Department Operations Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry; Resources Committee: Subcommittee on Water and Power.

"Being a minority party member

SENATOR NELL SOTO 32nd SENATORIAL DISTRICT Notice of Public Hearing on these committees. I have to strongly represent the needs of constituents in my district. Recently, I have pursued the important issues of education, labor, Social Security, breast cancer research stamp bill, recruitment and diversity in nursing act, fire fighters medical monitoring act, Cesar Chavez holiday resolution, veteran affairs backlog resolution, Cinco de Mayo resolution, water pollution and an array of other important issues directly affecting residents locally and nationally, and have authored and coauthored legislation on specific issues," he said.

Baca succinctly stated that issues on the minority population, Hispanics and Blacks, and more specifically, the immigrant population and their human rights, education and social services and other direct issues have to be resolved, and will be a "hot button issue" in this year's elections.

"We have to resolve this issue of the immigrant presence, their contribution to our economy and the abuse to workers in the workplace and, very importantly, their families. The Democratic Party has an official position on principles on immigration policy. This policy differs from the President's direction on this issue. On the Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition, for example. I have strongly pursued the importance of nutritional breakfasts to our immigrant children and all our children in the schools. How are they able to learn in the classroom when they are hungry? This might be a small issue to others, but important to me when these children grow up," Baca emphasized the last point.

Baca is a member of: the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, 2nd vice chair; CHC's Corporate America Task Force, chair, a project to support Hispanic businesses and increase the Hispanic visibility in corporate America; CHC's

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BOLD PAC; Frontline Democrats; Congressional Sex and Violence in the Media (founder and vice chair); Democratic Immigration Task Force; and Democratic Steering Committee, Whip, Region 1.

"Our Nation is faced with a crisis overseas, in terms of our credibility with other nations, and the President's decision to a pre-empted war in Iraq. We are also faced with critical domestic issues on Medicare drugs, Social Security, loss of jobs and lack of economic stability. All these issues affect us nationally and locally. I will diligently continue to put forth my energies, as I have in the past, to represent the constituents in my district and our nation to the best of my ability with your support and input."

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RONALD McDONALD AWARDS GRANT TO ASSISTANCE LEAGUE

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Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Southern California (RMHCSC) has awarded a \$13,065 grant to The Assistance League of San Bernardino to offset the costs of purchasing dental equipment for the Dr. Earl R. Crane Children's Dental Health Center which is operated by the League. Pictured back row (1 to r) Jasmine Borboa, Patient; Matt Florez, local McDonald's owner operator and **RMHCSC** representative: Renee Fyfe, chairman, The Dr. Earl R. Crane Children's Dental Health Center. Front row (1 to r) Dr. Brenda Tucker, DDS. The Dr. Earl R. Crane Children's Dental Health Center and Blanca Borboa, patient.

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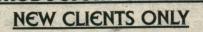
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Senator Nell Soto 32nd Senatorial Distict.



Ralph and Lupe Botello received the Mr. And Mrs. Democratic Couple Award.



New Officers for 2004-2005: Mark Alvarez, president; Nancy White, vice president; Sara Garcia, second vice president; Diane Raley, Secretary; David Raley, treasurer; Tim Prince, parliamentarian; Precious Wesley, Mark Shephard and Allen Bartleman, trustees.

1996. The Luncheon Club is the largest and most active club in the Inland Empire and a forum for contemporary ideas of progressive Democratic ideals, according to its mission statement.

The Luncheon Club meets weekly at Ray's Deli, 168 So. E. Street, San Bernardino. For information call Mark Alvarez at (909) 882-5819

San Bernardino City Unified School District

is recruiting for the following positions:

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2/13/04 (\$2,695-\$3,279), Carpenter (\$2,915-\$3,546)

Information, specific job requirements, application and a job flyer on these and other open positions can be obtained from San Bernardino City Unified School District – Classified Office, 1535 W. Highland Avenue, San Bernardino, CA. 92411 (909) 880-6800 Job Line: (909) 888-9955 or at our web site at www.sbcusd.k12.ca.us

TEACHER JOB FAIR

The San Bernardino City Unified School District is sponsoring a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, February 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The fair will be held at the San Bernardino Adult Education Building located at 1200 North "E" Street in San Bernardino

For more information reguarding the Teacher Job Fair

ST. VALENTINE'S BRUNCH & CAR SHOW

El Rancho Verde Country Club 355 E. Country Club Dr., Rialto, CA Sunday – Feb. 29, 2004 at 11:00AM – 3:00PM For reservations call: Lena Diaz (909) 820-7327 Music by: Flamingo Band

No entry fee for the Car Show – All cars are welcome: Low Riders, Hot Rods, Custom Pick-Ups, etc. Car show participants call: Sal Gutierrez (909) 875-5265



Mrs. Barbara Baca and Congressman Joe Baca.



Leighton Jayasekera received the George E. Brown Jr. Peace Award



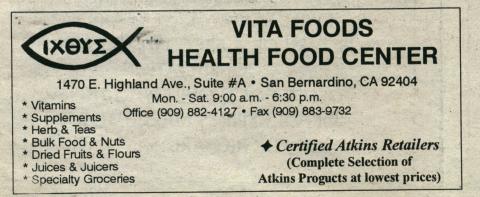
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUOTATIONS/PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be accepted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 for the following:

Bid No.	Title	Bidders' Conference	Closing Date	Contact Person
PA2004-07	Replace & Retrofit School Buses	None	6/11/04	Fred Minassian
		4:00 p.m.	and the second second	(909) 396-2641
P2004-18	Medical Services Provider	None	3/19/04	William Johnson
		5:00 p.m.		(909) 396-2038
P2004-19	Occupational Health Services	None	3/12/04	William Johnson
	and the second se	5:00 p.m.	A BARRAN PRANT	(909) 396-2038
Q2004-02	Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer	None	2/24/04	Steven Barbosa
		2:00 p.m.		(909) 396-2171
Q2004-03	High Pressure Liquid Chromatography System	None	2/24/04	Tai-Ching Hu
		2:00 p.m.	and that have	(909) 396-2179
Q2004-04	Polyurethane Foam Sampler (PUF)	None	2/24/04	Rene Bermudez
		2:00 p.m.	Page a Stringer to	(909) 396-2136
Q2004-05	Microwave Digestion and Extraction System	None	2/24/04	Steven Barbosa
		2:00 p.m.	AN TO ANY	(909) 396-2171
Q2004-06	Ion Chromatograph	None	2/24/04	Steven Barbosa
		2:00 p.m.	1 - Aller	(909) 396-2171
Q2004-07	Gas Chromatograph System	None	2/24/04	Corazon B. Choa
		2:00 p.m.		(909) 396-2172

and to schedule an interview, please call (909) 381-1228



Persons attending a bidders' conference should confirm their attendance by calling the contact person. Bids will not be accepted from anyone not attending a mandatory bidders' conference. The RFP/ QUOTATION/APPLICATION may be obtained through the Internet at <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp.</u> *If you* have questions or would like a copy of the RFP/QUOTATION/APPLICATION mailed to you, contact the listed person.

It is the policy of the AQMD to ensure that all businesses including minority-owned businesses, womenowned businesses, disabled veteran-owned businesses and small businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for and participate in AQMD contracts. — Procurement Unit Publish 2/11/04 CNS#636911

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THE LATINO JOURNEY TO FINANCIAL GREATNESS 10 Steps to creating Wealth, Security and a Prosperous Future for You and Your Family By Louis Barajas

The LATINO JOURNEY to FINANCIAL GREATNESS

THE 10 STEPS TO CREATING WEALTH, SECURITY, and a PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR YOU and YOUR FAMILY

LOUIS BARAJAS

as written a grounded, practical guide to Latino economic prog uch many lives and can help change our country in the process.

The Latino Journey to Financial Greatness gives Latinos a clear guide to basic financial principles as well as identifies the cultural barriers that have prevented them from making the most of their resources. In helping Latinos discover their own powerful and personal reasons for creating the secure and abundant future of their dreams. The Latino Journey to Financial Greatness offers the basic information they need in order to have money work for them.

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After reaching an executive position at a prominent accounting and consulting firm, LOUIS BARAJAS felt he needed to give back to the community that required his advice most. As a financial planner in the heavily Latino neighborhood of East Los Angeles, Barajas began to share with other Latinos what could be done with their own resources. A highly sought-after speaker for local, regional, and national business conferences, he has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, Hispanic Business on NPR and CNBC, and was recently named one of the 100 Best Financial Planners in America by Mutual Funds magazine

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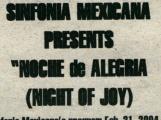
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Sinfonia Mexicana's program Feb. 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the California Theatre of Performing Arts will feature Maestro Jeff Nevin founder and director of Mariachi Champana, Nevin conducting the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra, Mexican Soprano Florencia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

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COLTON'S MCKINLEY SCHOOL INCORPORATES READING BUDDIES PROGRAM



McKinley School students at an outdoor assembly during the incorporation of the Reading Buddies Program. RBP is a partnership of schools and businesspersons that become reading volunteers in the classrooms. Photo by IEHN



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Mrs. Yolanda Cabrera, McKinley School principal, was mistress of ceremonies at the incorporation of the Reading Buddies Program . *Photo by IEHN*



McKinley School office support team (I-r) Christine Negrete, office assistant, Bernice Venegas, health/attendance clerk and Josie Montano, school secretary. Photo by IEHN

McKinley Elementary School outdoor assembly was filled with 725 kindergarten to sixth grade students enthusiastically celebrating the incorporation of the Reading Buddies Program (RBP) at their school. Principal Yolanda Cabrera spoke to the students on the new program, emphasizing the importance of reading on a daily basis and understanding the books read in the classroom and at home.

Invited guests included Michael Townsend, Congressman Baca's representative, Frances Vasquez, Senator Soto's representative, SBCSS Assistant Superintendent Julian Weaver, Ernie Ciabattini, president, Colton California Teachers Association, Colton City Councilperson Sarah Zamora and Colton School Trustee David Zamora. Guests spoke to the students on the importance of reading and how it has affected their work and everyday life, and encouraged the students to read as much as possible in the classroom and at night with their parents. RBP is a collaborative partnership of the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS), Colton Unified School District and the Colton Chamber of Commerce. RBP has been incorporated with five other schools in four school districts. "It's important for our young



Invited guests at McKinley School's incorporation of the Reading Buddies Program. Back row (I to r) Paul Bracci, president, Colton Chamber of Commerce, Ramon Hernandez, Colton mayor pro tempore, Crystal Lewis, McKinley School teacher, Linda Weimer, Colton Police Department Community Liaison, middle row (I to r) Rochelle Lansjahr, SBCSS, Pam Gregory, Colton Chamber of Commerce administrative assistant, Michael Townsend, Debra Wheelis, Colton School District, Congressman Joe Baca's field representative, Ernie Ciabattini, Colton California Teachers Association, Julian Weaver, SBCSS assistant superintendent, front row, (I to r) Marie Toth, children book author, David Zamora, Colton School District trustee, Linda Miranda, SBCSS RBP program manager, Frances Vasquez, Senator Soto field representative and Sarah Zamora, Colton councilmember. Photo by IEHN



McKinley School students received "Students of the Month" certificates during the incorporation of the Reading Buddies Program. Principal Cabrera's policy is to invite. students who receive certificates to be her luncheon guests. Photo by IEHN

people to see that reading has a role in everyone's life," County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Herbert Fischer previously stated when the program was initiated in the county. "Books are our cornerstones to litdown is Hispanic 89%, White 5%, Black 5% and others 1 %.

"The students are a beautiful representation of hard work and diligence. We, at McKinley School and its staff and the community motivates



Ms. Sandra Marquez was one of many parents attending the Reading Buddies Program assembly at McKinley School. Marquez said her son, Joseph Treviño, third grade student, is receiving a good education at the school. Marquez also attended McKinley School and fondly remembers when Mrs. Cabrera was her teacher. Photo by IEHN

PRINCIPAL YOLANDA CABRERA, DEDICATED EDUCATOR

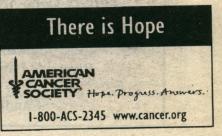


McKinley School Principal Yolanda Cabrera, born and raised in Bloomington, is a product of the Colton School District. Cabrera received a B.A in Liberal Studies and Minor in Spanish at UCR, double M. A. in Counseling and Administration at Azusa Pacific University, Certificates in Bilingual Education/Spanish and Ad-

eracy and lifelong learning."

Principal Cabrera reviewed the components of the RBP to the students. "Our school will have business leaders come to our school and be reading volunteers in our primary classes. The volunteers will read interesting books. We want to encourage all of you to read every day and also to help in your studies. Reading is important for our education because there are so many interesting things to learn in our world," she said. McKinley School ethnic breakthe students by example and support. We have endeavored to establish a learning environment and set the basis for a future and successful learning experience for our students," stated Mrs. Cabrera in a private interview.

Mrs. Cabrera extended the school's appreciation to the County Superintendent of Schools and SBCSS RBP Program Manager Linda Miranda, superintendent's special assistant, for support services provided at the school site. ministrative Credentials at UCR. Cabrera was a classroom teacher-17 years, director of bilingual education-2 years and principal at McKinley School-6 years. Mrs. Cabrera and husband, Ron, a teacher, are parents of Catrina, Carissa and Rebecca. *Photo by IEHN*



Wednesday, February 11, 2004

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY GRAND JURY

Volunteers for the 2004-2005 San Bernardino County Grand Jury are being requested, announced Peter H. Norell, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. These Grand Jurors will serve for the period beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

To be eligible for selection a person must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident of California and the County of San Bernardino for at least one year. Potential Grand Jurors are also required to possess sufficient knowledge of the English language, be in possession of their natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment and of good character. By law, elected public officials are not eligible.

Service as a Grand Juror involves an average of 3 to 4 full working days per week. Compensation is \$25 per day plus meals and mileage associated with service. The regular meeting place is located in San Bernardino.

The County Grand Jury is charged by the California Penal Code to investigate all aspects of County, city and special district government, and to hear information on certain criminal investigations. All communications to the Grand Jury are confidential and the Grand Jury responds to all signed citizen complaints.

Concerned and interested citizens can telephone (909) 387-3825 to request an application, may pick one up in person in Room 200 of the County Courthouse at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0243, or may request an application in writing from this same address. Applications are also available at the various district Court offices throughout the County.

Applications will be accepted through April 23, 2004.



BUSINESS SEMINAR TO ASSIST COMPANIES WITH NEW LABOR LAWS Greater Riverside Chambers to host seminar on new labor laws

RIVERSIDE, CA – Are employers prepared for the new 2004 California labor laws? Does the job require businesspersons to be up-to-date on the new California legislation effective Jan 1, 2004, as well as important case law, then the 2004 Labor Law Seminar is applicable. The Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce is hosting an important labor law training event at its Chamber offices. The 90 minute seminar offers a valuable opportunity to keep businesses and company informed and in compliance.

Facilitated by Geoff Hopper, a Riverside attorney with over 20 years experience in the labor law field, the seminar will cover new California legislation effective Jan. 1, 2004, as well as important 2003 case law that businesspersons should be aware of as an employer.

Cost of the seminar is \$35 for chamber members and \$40 for non chamber members. Continental breakfast is included in the registration fee, in addition to handout materials. Space is limited and early registration is recommended. Compliance materials will also be available to order at the seminar. 2004 Labor Laws Seminar

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Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

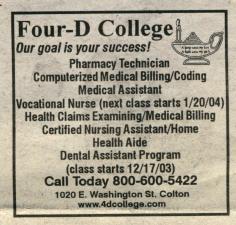
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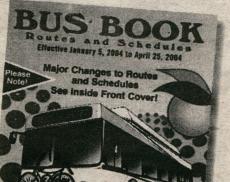




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"Many of the risk factors for heart attacks can be controlled and possibly eliminated with healthy lifestyle choices." said Arthur McTighe. MD. FCAP. a pathologist in Lewisburg. PA. "One important risk factor that can be controlled is blood cholesterol level."

Cholesterol is a soft, waxy substance found in the blood stream and in all of the body's cells. While some cholesterol is an important part of staving healthy, recent research shows that too much of the wrong kind of cholesterol increases the risk of heart disease.

"Cholesterol is 'packaged' in molecules called lipoproteins, which carry it through the blood," said Dr. McTighe, a physician who specializes in treating patients through laboratory medicine. "When too much low-density lipoprotein-LDL, or the 'bad' cholesterol-circulates in the blood, it can build up in the walls of arteries. Together with other substances it can form plaque-a thick, hard deposit that can clog those arteries. This condition is known as arteriosclero-SIS.

If an artery supplying blood to the brain becomes clogged a stroke can result. If blood flow to the heart is blocked, the result is a heart attack

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SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board of Directors is soliciting candidates for three (3) appointments and their alternates to the SCAQMD Hearing Board: one Medical Member and two Public Members. The terms of office for the incumbent members will terminate June 30, 2004.

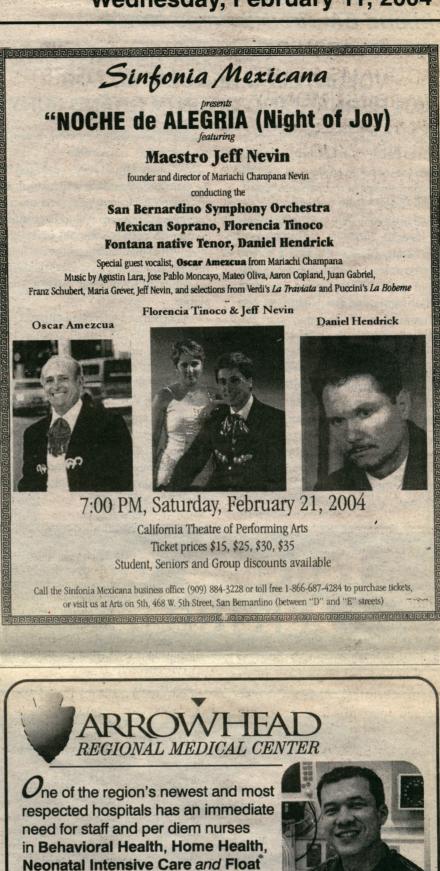
The Hearing Board is chartered under Division 26 of the California Health and Safety Code and operates independently of the SCAQMD and its Board of Directors. The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial entity vested with the authority to grant variances to companies and public agencies subject to SCAQMD rules, to revoke and suspend SCAQMD operating permits; and to issue Orders of Abatements. In addition, the Hearing Board has the authority to hear appeals regarding (1) the denial and issuance of SCAQMD Permits to Operate and Construct (including RECLAIM permits), (2) conditions imposed on Permits to Operate and Construct. (3) the denial and issuance of emission reduction credits, and (4) the approval and denial of air pollution control plans, including Rule 2202 - On-Road Motor Vehicle Mitigation Options submittals.

The Hearing Board meets three to four days per week (Tuesday-Thursday, occasionally on Friday), from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at District Headquarters located in Diamond Bar. Occasionally, the Board may schedule an evening or weekend hearing at a location other than District Headquarters when a matter has generated significant community interest. Hearing Board members receive \$50,000 annually and will be required to meet at least three days each week. The Chair of the Board, appointed by fellow Board members, will receive \$65,000 annually and will be required to be available four days a week. Alternate members are compensated at the rate of \$325 per day for days served in the absence of a regular Member.

HEARING BOARD POSITIONS: - Term of Appointment - Three Years Medical Member Qualifications: Licensed physician with two or more years of practical experience, preferably in the fields of epidemiology, physiology, toxicology, or related fields

Public Member Qualifications: Ability to demonstrate evidence of active participation in matters relating to the environment, preferably with relatively recent involvement in activities and forums pertaining to the control of air pollution in the South Coast Basin.

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Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter detailing the relevancy of their experience to the work of the SCAQMD Hearing Board to the Clerk of the Board, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The cover letter with resume must be timed-stamped by the AQMD Clerk of the Board, no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, February 20, 2004. Letters and resumes received in the Clerk's office after the closing date will be returned to the applicant. The cover letter should also indicate if you would be willing to serve in the alternate position. Candidates invited for an interview may be required to submit the names of individuals who could provide professional references if contacted by the District. It is anticipated that these appointments will be acted upon by the District Board at its May 7, 2004 meeting. New appointees, unfamiliar with Hearing Board procedures, will be expected to commence a paid orientation period prior to July 1, 2004 (\$150/day, up to 15 days).

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS START AWARDING MONEY FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS Students Advised to Prepare Now, to Avoid Missing Deadlines

For millions of high school seniors the excitement of applying and being accepted to colleges is here. Along with it however, comes the challenge of finding the money to pay for tuition, room & room & board, text books, lab fees, and other expenses. Fortunately, there are many newly funded programs to help students. Over \$80 Billion of financial aid will be a awarded to students over this next vear, but timing is critical.

The bulk of scholarship money will be awarded over the next 4 months for the 2004-2005 school year. According to the U.S. Department of Education, students who start early and learn the insider rules of the financial aid process will be more successful in securing scholarship money. Financial aid experts advise that it is essential for students to apply to scholarship sources now, or they will miss out on funding available to them. There are no fees charged to apply to scholarship sources.

Currently there are over 650,000 independent and private scholarship and grant sources available to students, some of which pay 100% of a student's tuition. More than 80% of these scholarships do not depend on family need or exceptional grades but are awarded based on factors such as a student's interests, hobbies, academic focus, age, heritage, religion or parent work or military experience. Scholarships and grants are gifts and do not have to be paid back.

Now, through the resources at the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for scholastic year 2004-2005 is available which reveals the intricacies of the financial aid process, spells out the "10

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF A HEART ATTACK REGULAR CHOLESTEROL TESTS HELP PREVENT CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

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Arteriosclerosis can be prevented, however. Since foods high in saturated fat and cholesterol contribute to high LDL cholesterol levels, most doctors recommend reducing fat intake with a low-fat diet. Eating more fruit, vegetables and whole grain foods (which are naturally low in fat) and avoiding fatty cuts of meat, poultry with the skin and whole-milk dairy products are some ways to reduce fat.

In addition, Dr. McTighe recom-

mends regular exercise to maintain a healthy weight and regular blood tests to monitor cholesterol levels. "Typically, a cholesterol test is part of a routine physical, but screenings may also be offered at public and private health fairs," said Dr. McTighe. "Make sure your test results break down LDL cholesterol and triglycerides in addition to total and high density (HDL) cholesterol. Also be sure to share cholesterol test results with your regular

doctor."

All adults age 20 years or older should have their cholesterol checked every five years. Men over 45 and women over 55 should be tested more frequently, according to their physicians' advice. A free health test reminder by email is available for cholesterol and other important health tests—visit <u>www.MyHealthTestReminder.com</u> to sign up.

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County of San Bernardino Department of Economic and Community Development

2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2004-2005 Action Plan

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on <u>February 24, 2004 AT 10:00 A.M.</u>, in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the County's 2004-2005 Housing, Community and Economic Development Needs Identification Report and 2004-2005 Citizen Participation Plan.

BACKGROUND Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons. In 2002, HUD renewed the County's qualification to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs for Fiscal Years 2003, 2004 and 2005. The CDBG funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and thirteen (13) cooperating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the "County Consortium."

In 1995 HUD combined the HOME, ESG, and CDBG programs into a single grant application process. As part of the grant application, the County is required to submit a document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using the three grants over a five-year period. This document is called the Consolidated Plan. The County adopted its second five-year Consolidated Plan on April 18, 2000. That Plan covered the 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05 fiscal years. As part of preparing the first year of the five-year Consolidated Plan, the County gathered information on the community housing and economic developments needs in the localities covered by the County Consortium. The Needs Identification Report was developed from information gathered at twenty (20) Needs Identification Forums held in cooperating cities and unincorporated communities throughout the County during the Fall of 1999, from information received from County departments cities and non-profit agencies, and from surveys received from agencies, citizens and adjoining jurisdictions. Additional needs information has come from the project proposals received since October 2003, for the County's 2004-2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The updated Needs Identification Report will be presented for public comment and for review by the Board of Supervisors at the February 24, 2004 public hearing. The February 24, 2004 hearing is the first of the two HUD required hearings on the Consolidated Plan. The proposed Consolidated Plan will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a second hearing to be scheduled for March 30, 2004.

Also, as part of the grant application process under HUD regulations, the County must develop a Citizen Participation Plan to address how the public can become involved in the development of the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan. The proposed Citizen Participation Plan update for FY 2004-05 also will be presented at the February 24, 2004 public hearing. The goals and objectives of the proposed Citizen Participation Plan will closely follow prior year plans that were previously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> For a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on February 9, 2004 and ending on March 9, 2004, the public is invited to submit written comments on the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Needs Identification Report and Citizen Participation Plan. Copies of these documents are available for public review at the office of the County Department of Economic and Community Development. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. March 9, 2004 cannot be considered in the final preparation of the Needs Identification and Citizen Participation Plan. Send comments to County ECD at the address shown below.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on these two documents may be present and be heard at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue,

Essential Steps to Success" for receiving scholarship money, and shares indispensable sources to help students identify and secure funding.

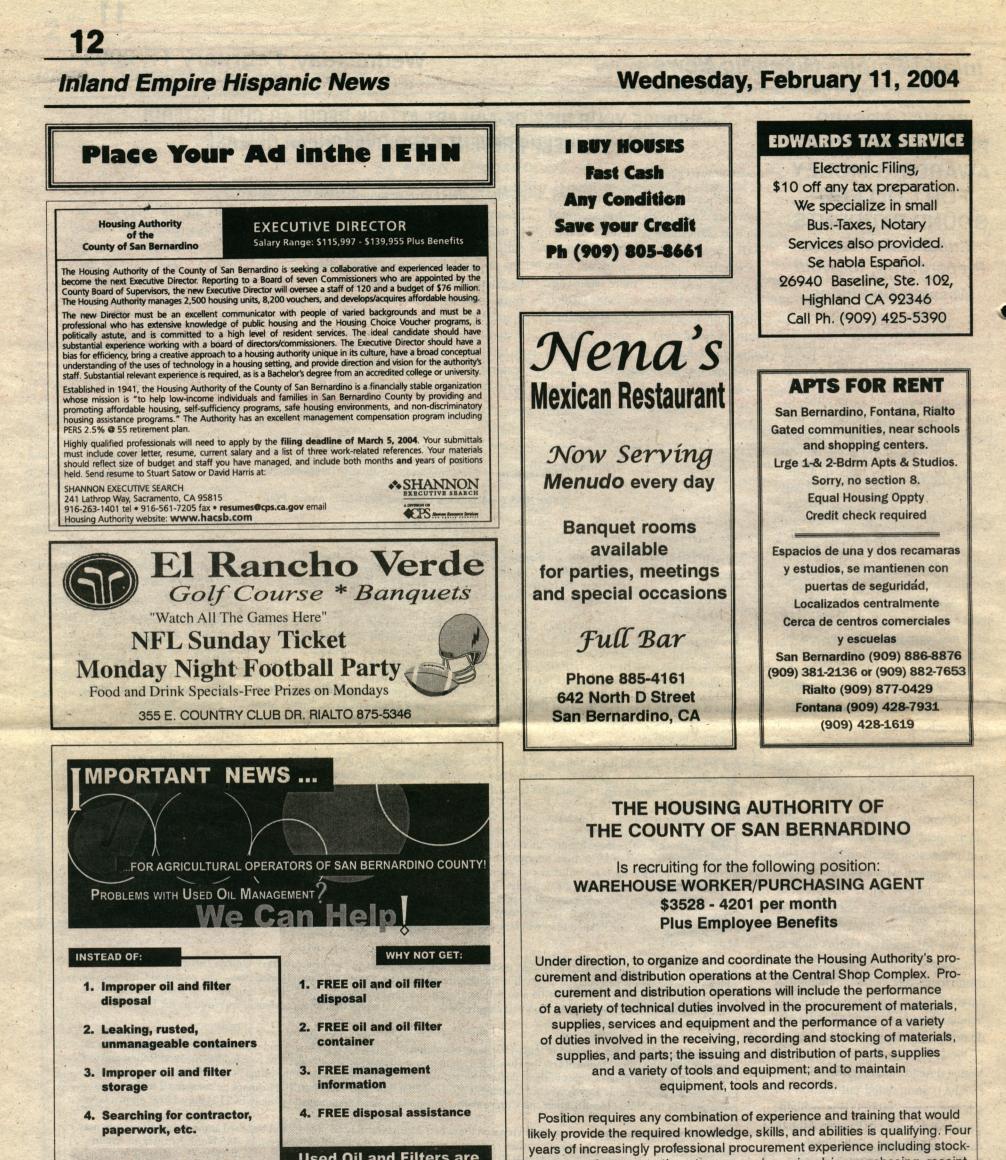
For information on how to receive scholarship money for college, trade school or graduate school send a double stamped #10 sized business envelope plus \$2.00 to cover handling to NAFA, 188 Summer Street, Scholarship Dept. F04, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130.

If you challenge any decision regarding the above proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony at the public hearing regarding this proposal. You may make your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately.

San Bernardino County Department of Loonomic and Community Development 290 North "D" Street, Sixth Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040 Attn: Program and Compliance Section or call (909) 388-0959 DENNIS HANSBERGER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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