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State Education Debate Continues
But Schools will get "REAL" Checks

The Assembly passed a bill June 24 to cut $600 million from education funding in California. However, Governor Pete Wilson has said he will veto the bill, because he would like to cut $2.3 billion from education, Murphy said. "The state is dictating that we downsize our operations," he said. California's budget crisis has created a great deal of uncertainty for a number of state-funded programs including public schools. However, state officials have assured school districts that they will be getting "real checks" for their upcoming apportionments.

The State Controller's Office has notified local government officials that although some state payments will be made in the form of "registered warrants," K-12 school districts and community college districts will receive their regular warrants or checks. In other words, schools get priority over state I.O.U.s.

According to state Deputy Controller F. Arnold Schuler, a registered warrant differs from the usual payment in that it is a "promise to pay" and redeemable by the State Treasury only when the state's general fund has sufficient unapplied money to cover it.

Schuler explained recipients registered warrants will have the word "registered" printed on the face of the warrant and it will have a special endorsement stamp on the reverse side. Some state payments from general fund that are handled through electronic fund transfer also will be temporarily taken off these programs and instead issued registered warrants. He added that most financial institutions plan to honor registered warrants at their full face value upon presentation.

Although County Superintendent of Schools Charles S. Terrell, Jr., is relieved that school districts will not have to deal with registered warrants to pay their employees and vendors, he is concerned about the state's delay in adopting its budget. "We constantly are having to keep on top of the latest development in the budget battle in Sacramento because things can change radically in just 10 minutes. Our school districts in the county already have adopted their budgets as required by law. We are just waiting for the state to adopt its budget," Terrell said.

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Dear Mr. Gomez:

I first received a copy of your newspaper, Hispanic News, at the NALEO (National Association of Electo Latino Officials) conference which was held in Santa Fe in June. I do not know if you accept letters to the Editor for publication, but if you do, I wish to say first that I am most impressed with your publication. Secondly, I attended my first NALEO national conference. I found the ideas expressed at the conference to be extremely worthwhile.

The panelists were informed and communicated the important information and ideas expertly. NALEO is a great organization for building responsible leadership. I recommend it to your readers.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely yours,

BENJAMIN ANTHONY CHAVEZ

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cc: Harry Pachon Ph.D.
National Director of NALEO
California State Summer School for the Arts serves talented community youngsters in Mills College program


For one day, all the years of music lessons, dance recitals and drives to voice lessons will pay off with a bow and applause for both parent and child when San Bernardino County’s most talented young artists, from area high schools, will receive an achievement medalion at a reception held in their honor.

These youngsters have been accepted into one of the nation’s most prestigious art programs, the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA), which will be held July 14 through August 11 at Mills College in Oakland.

The reception was held for these 17 young artists on Friday, May 29 in a special “Arts Recognition Day” at the County Government Center, Citrus Room at 3 p.m. The Arts Foundation of San Bernardino County is the reception host.

The CSSSA chooses only a select group of students from the hundreds across the state who apply, audition and present their work for portfolio review. Those selected, then attend an intensive arts school, which uses professional and celebrity artists to instruct students in the fields of dance, creative writing, visual arts, music, film, video, theater, and crafts.

The students chosen as California Arts Scholars from San Bernardino County are: Tiffany Dedeaux, Creative Writing, Twenty-nine Palms; Sean Santoya, Film/Video, Barstow; Todd Thompson, Visual Arts, Highland; Maharlika Dozier, Music Vocal, Ontario; Stacey Fullwiler, Theatre, Redlands; Darth Rimmer, Visual Arts, Running Springs; Sarah Liwnicz, Theatre, San Bernardino; Jarrod Morales, Visual Arts, San Bernardino; Raul Payan, Visual Arts, San Bernardino; Ryan Wheeler, Animation, San Bernardino; Sanjay Patel, Animation, San Bernardino; Maya Smith, Visual Arts, Upland; and David James Tan, Film/Video, Upland.


The Arts Foundation of San Bernardino County has awarded scholarships to CSSSA students for the past five years in order to make it possible for students to meet the $1,100 tuition fee.

This year, as in the past, the scholarship fund relies solely on the contributions of individuals, businesses and corporations to unite with the Foundation in its effort to continue offering opportunities for students a unique opportunity to excel in their individual creative areas of expression.

Donations of any amount can be made to: The Arts Foundation of San Bernardino County c/o CSSSA Scholarship, P.O. Box 1307, San Bernardino, CA92402. For further information, call (714) 387-5997.

Funding for the school is authorized by the creation of a public-private partnership accord between the CSSSA and the California State Summer School Arts Foundation. The school is also funded by contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals, as well as by tuition fees. El Paso Natural Gas Company has been a major funder of the program since its inception in 1985 as is sponsoring the Arts Recognition Day Ceremony in conjunction with the Arts Foundation of San Bernardino County.

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SUCCESS STORY

Olivia Gutierrez Heading for Counseling Career

Olivia Gutierrez of Grand Terrace is headed for a career as a counselor after regaining her confidence as a student at San Bernardino Valley College. "If I can do it, you can do it," she says now.

SAN BERNARDINO - "You see a person who looks a certain way, and you assume they are a certain way," Elizabeth (Olivia) Gutierrez said thoughtfully. She reflected on what she had learned about perceptions by students and teachers a few weeks before she transferred from San Bernardino Valley College to continue academic work toward a master's degree in education.

Eventually, she wants to counsel people the way she was counseled at SBVC.

Born and raised in San Bernardino, Gutierrez married shortly after graduating from San Bernardino High in 1968. With her husband Charles in the military, she traveled overseas and later returned to the area, taking a job as an insurance clerk.

"I was unhappy and didn't know why. I was sickly. Sometimes I'd think, 'I'd love to go back to school.' But I was afraid. In high school, I never applied myself, and was a C-average student."

It wasn't until she lost her job that she began turning some of her fears of college into action. She attended a workshop at SBVC designed for people in just her situation.

"I listened to a speaker who said it took her nine years to get her degree, but she earned it. She told of the obstacles she had overcome - an alcoholic hus-

band, children. After hearing her story, I made an appointment to see Kathy Flynn and then (counselor) Margaret Moon introduced me to the Puente Project," Gutierrez said.

Flynn is a counselor and coordinator for the college's re-entry program. The Puente Project is aimed specifically at Hispanic students. Gutierrez signed up.

"I had an altogether different attitude after that. It instilled confidence and self-esteem in me. One time I had to speak before 100 people. I was afraid, but I did it, I was so proud of myself."

She said the intimacy of the Puente Project had great personal influence on her and her attitude toward studying.

"It was like a family, a unit. The students there helped each other. I found out that about half of them end up at the university, becoming mentors for others."

"I know I can encourage others to take classes that will get them into college," Gutierrez said. "They (must) have role models, someone who cares. Teachers need to be educated to change minds, not (students') appearances. You see a person look a certain way and you assume they are a certain way. Instead of putting them down, care about them, tell them, 'I know you can do it.'"

What advice would she give to students who are afraid to try?

"If I can do it, you can do it. I always say, 'Do your work before you party. By taking four to six years out of your life (for education), you can change the quality of your life. I'm a Chicana who is going to learn to read and write Spanish and use it in counseling.'"

At SBVC Gutierrez majored in Spanish. She won a number of major scholarships and awards and was part of the College Board, a group of especially talented minority students on campus.

She also managed a 3.74 grade point average - up quite a ways from her 2 point GPA in high school. A Southern California Edison Company scholarship will put her through California State University, San Bernardino.

Yet, she says, she now feels secure enough about herself to cook and clean for her husband and children in the Grand Terrace home where they have lived since 1975. Her mother, Connie Roque, lives in Mentone.

Though it was no ordinary graduation, it had the same pomp and circumstance, the colors, the enthusiasm, the air of triumph and even a valedictorian that regular high school graduations have.

The biggest difference was that the graduates were older. But the spirit, which is not confined by age or station, was higher than the red, white and blue balloon arch under which the proud graduates received their certificates and diplomas.

Thirty-four year old Linda Cook, the class valedictorian, stood proudly behind the podium, welcomed everyone, thanked the families and friends who supported the students and commended her fellow graduates with words of encouragement and praise for their accomplishments.

Cook, a 34 year old mother of two, is the symbol of that wonderful source of power we all have in us, the will to realize our dreams.

"One year ago I couldn't imagine myself doing this," she said. "Before I started the GAIN Program, I thought I was a victim of the welfare system. Always struggling to make ends meet. Never able to get ahead. But most of all I had given up on my dreams," Cook said.

This special graduation took place June 17, in the Bing Wong Auditorium of the Norman Feldheym Library for the 44 participants in the federally mandated Greater Avenues To Independence (GAIN) program who received their GED diplomas and participants in the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) program who received their certificates, from the Honorable W.R. "Bob" Holcomb, Mayor of San Bernardino. Mayor Holcomb gave the commencement address.

The GAIN program is designed to help welfare recipients secure the education and skills necessary to become self sufficient and ultimately off welfare.

"My greatest fear," Cook told the audience, "was that by raising my children in this type of environment, they too, would become part of this hopeless cycle."

Cook was one of the 27 GAIN graduates. She scored in the 90 percentile nation-wide in the GED tests. In two areas she had a perfect score.

Her ultimate goal is to become a registered nurse. In pursuit of this she will enter the nursing program at San Bernardino Valley College in September. She has lived in San Bernardino since she was five. She dropped out of Cajon High School in the 9th grade and fell in with the wrong crowd. In spite of this, she managed to earn a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate and worked in area convalescent hospitals for five years.

"I've known all my life I wanted to be a nurse," she said, "I love helping people."

Cook has been on welfare for the past four years. At first, she said, she was angry having to get involved in the GAIN Program. But she found herself going nowhere fast. She became involved in a church; that the GAIN Program gave her the spark and the strength she needed to pursue her goal. With her GED and the opportunity to attend Valley College, she's got a good start.

"I thank all the people who cared enough about us to rekindle our dreams, to care about ourselves and to make a better life for ourselves and our children," Cook said in her ending statement. "God bless everybody," she said.

All of the following graduates and certificate holders reside in San Bernardino:

GAIN Graduates: Sylvia Acuna, Carol Adams, Christine Adams, Valerie Michelle Barnett, Jacob Becerra, Linda Cook, Juan M. Calderon, Laurie Freeman, Maria Garza, Charles Oron Goaves, Orena Jarvis, Michael LaRue, Nathaniel Price Leggs, Sr., DeShante Nathanial Price Leggs, Sr., DeShante Price, Sandra Georgia Roy, Diane Rivera, Anna Marie Ruiz, Pauline Salamanca Sanchez, Leticia Ruiz Singh, Christina Tankersley, Stephanie Wheeler, Denise Wright and Shawn R. Wynn.

Sister Trinidad Luna celebrating a special 60th anniversary Mass at St. Mary’s Church

"Very early in life I learned that every person is ‘unique’, made to the image of God, and this I have in common with all my brothers and sisters in Christ," so spoke Sister Trinidad Luna. On Sunday, June 14, 1992, a special Mass was celebrated at St. Mary’s Church, Redlands, to honor Sister Luna on the 60th anniversary as a member of the Order of Victory Noll Sisters!

Continuing, she said, "I have worked very hard in this capacity, enjoying every minute of it, for no life is without its joys and sorrows. As a religious, I learned that I would be God's tool to be used as He willed."

"Working hard has been part and parcel of Sister Luna's life. Born on a farm in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico, her mother died when she was six years, leaving her father to raise five unmanageable children. "Living in a farm was full of adventure and hard work. I had to learn to cook, wash, sew, take care of the animals, everything a grown woman had to do and from scratch. In a sense, I was having a ball, and I think my father did a mighty good job," she stated in very distinct voice.

"At the age of 20, Trinidad Luna decided to enter religious life. "Along came God with one of his bright ideas. Would I be willing to leave the comforts of home and the affection of my family in exchange for the love and affection of my brothers and sisters in Christ?"

She decided to enter the Order of Victory Noll and journeyed to Huntington, Indiana, to begin her novitiate.

"I keep very busy, enjoying my work at St. Mary's, where they have accepted me and I feel that they are my family and community. As one of my friends would say I'd rather wear out than rust out."

"My whole life of service to my fellow beings has been one of fulfillment and enjoyment. This special relationship with my God has given me the joy of living every day of my life in indescribable peace."

The Order was started in Chicago by Father John Figstein and sponsored by Bishop Noll. The members teach religion to children that do not attend parochial schools, prepare the families for baptism and marriage, and perform social and health care work.

Throughout her 'career' Sister Luna has worked in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico and California. "I have done my work for 60 years and enjoyed every minute of it."

Although semi-retired, Sister Luna continues to do a variety of work in the parish, in addition to helping with the elderly.

"We are not entirely helpless, but our fate is largely tied to the state budget debate," Terrell concluded.
Free Summer Hispanic Concerts by Riverside Arts Foundation

The Riverside Arts Foundation presents two free concert series at the Bryant Park for the summer entertainment. Scheduled for Sunday, July 19, is the Ballet Folklorico de Arlanza, a traditional Mexican Dance and Sunday, August 2 is Merriat and Miguel, a Tex-Mex Acoustic Duet.

Persons attending the concerts are encouraged to bring picnic dinners while enjoying the local talents. The Art a la Carte concert series is sponsored by the Riverside Arts Foundation in cooperation with the City of Riverside Park and Recreation Department. Partial funding is provided by the City of Riverside Redevelopment Agency and Target Stores.

The Riverside Arts Foundation is an arts service organization, providing programs, funding and services to artists, arts organizations and residents of Riverside County. Funds are received from the City of Riverside, The California Arts Council's State/Local Partnership Program, fundraising events and private and corporate contributions. For additional information about Art a la Carte and other Riverside Arts Foundation programs, contact the main office at (714) 782-5958.

Grapes and Gourmet

The campaign, which is part of Governor Wilson's comprehensive plan to address the teen pregnancy problem in California is under the auspices of the Inland Empire Symphony Association and is being supported by Friends of the C.I.D. and the Inland Empire Hispanic News.

The San Bernardino County Homeless Coalition is seeking applications for the position of Coordinator. This position is responsible for interfacing and liaison with county departments, CBO's, local government agencies, churches, private sector and community groups to establish partnerships for homeless services and affordable housing.

The Homeless Coalition is seeking candidates who are action-oriented, self-starters, excellent communication skills and understanding of socio-economic issues affecting homelessness and affordable housing.

For additional information, call Jim Morris at (714) 387-4749 or write to San Bernardino County Homeless Coalition, 468 West 5th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410.

State ENABL Program seeks to reduce teen pregnancies

State ENABL Program seeks to reduce teen pregnancies. Education Now and Babies Later to target 12-14 year olds.

Sacramento - on June 30, 1992, the State Director Molly Coye, M.D., M.P.H., and Mrs. Pete Wilson announced the launch of Education Now and Babies Later (ENABL) campaign designed to reduce teen pregnancies. The campaign, which is part of Governor Wilson's three-year initiative, is aimed at helping 12 to 14 year olds learn and practice the skills necessary to postpone sexual activity.

"Today's children are bombarded with so much peer and societal pressure to experiment with sex that it is no wonder the teen pregnancy problem in California is at epidemic proportions," said Dr. Coye. "The ENABL campaign was developed to help young teens learn skills and develop self-esteem so that they can say "no" to that pressure and be confident that their "no" will be accepted."

ENABL is a multi-faceted program that involves providing education to young men and women on the value of postponing sexual activity and promoting practice of assertiveness skills needed to resist early sexual involvement. The program will educate young teens using the nationally-recognized "Postponing Sexual Involvement" curriculum, developed and tested by Dr. Marion Howard at Emory University in Atlanta. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health is one of the twenty-eight local public and/or non-profit agencies under contract to offer the curriculum throughout the State.

"It is vital that not only teens, but also parents and communities, realize the social and economic consequences of so many teen pregnancies," said Mrs. Wilson. "Working together to acknowledge and understand the power of social influences on today's young people, students, parents and community leaders can bring about a positive change in teen behavior."

The "Postponing Sexual Involvement" curriculum consists of five 45 to 60 minute sessions using a group process to encourage interaction and discussion between teens and counselors. In addition to helping young teens identify and deal with various pressures, the classes will help them become aware of their rights in social relationships and learn ways of meeting social and personal needs other than by sexual involvement. A strong emphasis will be placed on enhancing self-esteem and practicing assertiveness skills.

Supporting the ENABL campaign will be a comprehensive media and public information campaign developed to make Californians aware of the teen pregnancy problem and encourage young teens to take advantage of the ENABL program and other community education resources.

The ENABL campaign is part of Governor Wilson's comprehensive plan to reduce the teenage pregnancy rate in California. Over the three year campaign, the State estimates 200,000 young teens will participate in the ENABL program.
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SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE STUDENT

Danny Oyas Drafted by Cincinnati

Every young boy dreams of one day becoming a professional athlete, but the million-to-one odds the dreamer faces often discourages him from going after his dream.

The million-to-one dream became a reality for San Bernardino Valley College student athlete Danny Oyas. Oyas, a 19 year old freshman at SBVC had his dream come true when he was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 13th round of baseball draft earlier this month. Oyas, who was a key player in the Indians success this season was the only member of the team selected in the pro drafts. During the 1991-92 season, Oyas helped to lead the Indians to a second place finish in the Foothill Conference and a 16-8 record overall. With some very impressive stats, Oyas led his team, the conference, and the state in number of categories. Some of his leading stats include: home runs with 8, 50 RBl's (runs batted in) and a batting average of .380.

"A 13th round draft pick is great for a junior college freshman, but I think my batting average hurt me. Had my batting average been better I think I would've went earlier in the draft," said Oyas.

Danny Meeks, owner of Carlos O'Brien's Mexican Restaurant, Riverside, is shown with a giant trophy for cooking the tastiest tacos at the recent Cinco de Mayo taco contest, sponsored by the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "I put my heart and soul into making these tacos," he said when receiving the award.

Danny Oyas to Cincinnati Reds

Oyas, a resident of San Bernardino was a product of Cilton High School and even back then he was tops in the field. Similar to most young male athletes, Oyas too, had a desire to pursue a professional athletic career. However, he had no idea opportunity would knock this soon. "I always wanted to play pro baseball. Since I was a little kid, I envisioned myself knocking in the winning run," said Oyas.

Oyas, along with his father was overjoyed when they first heard the news, but neither were in a hurry for him to make a decision on signing. "I didn't really have any second thoughts or reservations about signing, I just had to make sure this was what I wanted to do. I love this game, and I want to make a career out of it, but I have to think about my education," said Oyas.

Although it is an extremely big jump, Oyas feels that he is ready to make the transition from the junior college level to the professional level. "I have a lot of confidence in myself and my potential as a baseball player, so I think I can handle the transition physically and mentally," said Oyas. The Reds organization must feel confident, he can handle the transition also, otherwise he wouldn't have been selected in the draft.

Even though Oyas just recently made his decision to sign with the Reds, he has already mapped out a plan on continuing his education. According to

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