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A lesson in pride and independence

Cesar Chavez

A giant of a person, left us a challenge and a blessing.

Labor Day is set aside to honor the working men and women who have contributed their trade skills to the greatness of which America is known throughout the industrial world. One of the most outstanding labor leaders of this century was Cesar Chavez, who truly toiled and continually sacrificed for the rights of field workers; he struggled for a clean environmentally working fields free of harmful pesticides; and for field workers to receive a decent wage for honest labor. Chavez died in April, 1993.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is proud to reprint a brief life history of Cesar Chavez on this Labor Day Week. The objective is for people of good will to remember Cesar Chavez, because he truly gave his life for the human rights and dignities for all working people.

Life was a continual struggle for Cesar Chavez. He was born March 31, 1927, on his grandfather's farm near Yuma, Arizona and at age 10, experienced the life of the migrant worker when his father lost their family farm during the depression. His parents, brothers and sisters, together with thousands of other families, migrated throughout the Southwest, laboring in row crop, grapes and tree fruit. He left school after the eighth grade to help support the family. These years were

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bitter for Chavez and left a deep impression of the farmworkers' struggle for survival.

Chavez joined the Navy in 1945 and served in the Western Pacific. In 1948, he married Helen Fabela, whom he met while working in Delano vineyards and settled in the San Jose Barrio of "Sal Si Puedes." While working in San Jose he met Fred Ross in 1952. Mr. Ross was an organizer for the Community Service Organization, a barrio-based group forming among California's Mexican-Americans and within several months, Chavez became a full-time organizer with CSO, coordinating voter registration, fighting against racial discrimination and forming new CSO chapters across California and Arizona. Serving as CSO National Director into the early '60s, he conceptualized creating an organization to help the farm workers whose suffering he had shared as a youth, and failing to convince the CSO for a commitment, he resigned his CSO job and moved his wife and eight children to Delano and founded the National Farm Workers Association.

These were difficult years for Chavez and especially for Mrs. Chavez, who worked on weekdays and weekends to help support the family. Chavez would travel to every farm community, often babysitting with his youngest children, and slowly building the foundation of dedicated farm worker members. He repeatedly stated, "If you're outraged at conditions, then you can't possibly be free or happy until you devote all your time to changing them and do nothing but that, but you can't change anything if you want to hold onto a good job, a good way of life and avoid sacrifice." From the beginning he and the UFW have adhered to the principles of non-violence as practiced by Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King and conducted a 25-day fast in 1968 to reaffirm the UFW's non-violent commitment. The late Senator Robert Kennedy called Chavez "one of the heroic figures of our time," and flew to Delano to be with him when he ended the fast.

By 1970, the boycott convinced most table grape growers to sign contracts with the UFW, but growers in the vegetable industry signed "sweet-heart" pacts with the Teamsters Union to limit the UFW success. Approximately ten thousand workers in California's coastal valleys walked out to protest the grower-Teamster agreements. In 1973, when the UFW table grape contracts came up for renewal, most growers signed with the Teamsters, generating the largest and most successful farm strike in American history.

Today, many farm workers earn decent pay, have medical and pension plans and protection from dangerous pesticides. These benefits are sufficient so that families do not migrate, live in decent homes instead of ramshackle farm labor camps and most importantly, the children go to schools on a permanent basis. The irony of this situation is that only 20% of California's farm workers enjoy these benefits and for the rest, poverty and abuse are the realities of daily life.

Cesar Chavez lived with his family at La Paz, California located in Kern County. He received $10 weekly stipend plus modest food and living benefits, which are similar to other UFW officers. He had begun an international grape boycott in July, 1984, which was called "The Wrath of Grapes." This theme symbolizes the threats posed to vineyard workers and the reckless application of pesticides by growers posing a health threat to workers and the consuming public.

Chavez stated, "Farm workers will never again be treated like agricultural implements to be used and discarded. We have tasted freedom and dignity and we will fight to the end before we give up. We have come too far and we have too much further to go to give up now."

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Cesar E. Chavez Scholarship Fund

In an effort to memorialize the work of one of the Hispanic communities' greatest leaders, Anheuser-Busch Companies along with other corporate sponsors recently created the Cesar E. Chavez Scholarship Endowment Fund. Scholarships will be awarded to the children of agricultural and farm workers. Pictured from left to right, Dan Verches, manager of Corporate Relations, Anheuser-Busch Companies; Carmen Nava, director of Public Affairs, Pacific Bell; Lupe de la Cruz, manager of Special Markets, Pepsi-Cola Company; Ernest Robles, executive director of the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund; Helen Chavez, wife of the late Cesar Chavez; Jose Lozano, publisher of La Opinion; Dolores Huerta, first vice president of the United Farm Workers Union; and Paul Chavez, eldest son of Cesar Chavez and president of the National Farm Workers Service Center Inc. Total amount sought for the endowment is $250,000. For more information or to make a contribution, please write to the Cesar E. Chavez Scholarship Endowment Fund, c/o La Opinion, 411 West Fifth Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

Fontana Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament

The Boys and Girls Club of Fontana will hold their 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Upland Hills Golf club, 1231 E. 16th Street, Upland, on Saturday, September 25. The cost is $75 per golfer or $260 per foursome for the 4 Man Scramble. Cost includes dinner fees, cart, BBQ, tee package and all awards. Prizes include a Yamaha Jet Ski and trailer package for 1st Hole in One. The registration deadline is September 17.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
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11:00 am Golf Tournament
5:30 pm Awards Ceremony and Prize Drawings

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Clinics are scheduled monthly. Because of the increasing demand, we are booking appointments 2 to 3 months in advance. Please, plan for this and call the San Bernardino Public Health at (909) 387-6240.

Southern California Edison personnel are in full attendance at the Inland Empire Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Association’s booth at the recent Business Expo held at the Ontario Hilton.

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Jennifer A. Zuniga joins CRY-ROP staff as ROP Placement Specialist

Jennifer A. Zuniga has joined the ROP Placement Specialist staff of the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program (CRY-ROP) as a WorkAbility II (WAII) career placement specialist.

The WAII program, cosponsored by the State Department of Education and the State Department of Rehabilitation, is designed to mainstream adults who have physical or learning disabilities into the workplace so that they may become productive members of society. Individuals referred to CRY-ROP through the Department of Rehabilitation may receive career training and job placement assistance.

Jennifer Zuniga, a fluent signer, will assist individuals who are hearing impaired in obtaining the proper job training and employment. Zuniga, along with Yolanda Mora, an initial WAII career placement specialist, will screen applicants, determine their job interests and abilities, monitor their progress in job training programs, assist them with job search techniques, match them up with participating employers, and provide follow-up services after they're placed.

Zuniga has 10 years of experience working with the deaf. Before joining CRY-ROP she worked as an interpreter for San Bernardino County Schools and interpreted for deaf students in the Colton Joint Unified School District. Prior to that she provided social services through the Department of Rehabilitation for San Bernardino County Schools and interpreted for deaf students in the Colton Joint Unified School District.

The Clinic will be held at the Riverside Sports Complex, 1000 Blaine Street, Riverside. The time of the clinic will be 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The cost per person is $3.00. The first 250 people to register will receive a T-shirt. Sign-ups are now being taken at your local Community Center or Park and Recreation Department office. For more information please call Ron at 351-6130 or Kyle at 351-6132.

The Riverside Park and Recreation Department is hosting a Youth Flag Football Clinic for youth ages 8 to 14 on September 18, 1993. The fundamental football techniques of passing, covering, blocking, kicking, and receiving will be taught.

Colton Library receives $24,851 Literacy Grant

WASHINGTON - Congressman George E. Brown, Jr. (D-San Bernardino) announced today that a grant in the amount of $24,851 was awarded to the Colton Public Library by the United States Department of Education. These funds will be used for the Colton Library's Literacy Program.

"It is great news that the Colton Library has been awarded a grant for $24,851 for fiscal year 1994 for operation of its literacy program," Brown noted. "Improved literacy is the bedrock upon which to build stronger communities and a better workforce in Colton and throughout the Inland Empire."

For more information concerning the Colton Public Library Literacy Program, please contact Mary Ponder at 909/370-5170.

Children's Immunizations Available at Casa Ramona

Have you heard? There's a new clinic now for childhood immunizations in San Bernardino at Casa Ramona, 1524 W. Seventh Street, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. on the first Thursday afternoon of each month (September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2). Spanish bilingual staff will be there to serve you. No appointment is necessary, but please bring your children's shot records. The fee is $5 per child per visit, but no one is turned away due to lack of funds. For more information, please call San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Immunizations Program at (909) 383-3070.
Kids Care Fair at Loma Linda Children's Hospital

On Sunday, September 12, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital will be participating in the fourth annual Kids Care Fair, as one of the nearly 40 Southern California sites providing free health services to children.

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital is offering free immunization to children 18 and under, with a special emphasis on vaccinating infants and toddlers under two years old. In addition, the Fairs will provide health screenings for children 3 to 18 years old. The health screenings will include vision, dental, height, weight, and blood pressure testing. Safety and other information as well as fun booths will also be at each site providing parents and children with useful information.

Kids Care Fair seeks to educate parents on the importance of preventive health care and focus attention on the long-term health care needs of children. At the same time, the Fair meets the immediate health care needs of children by providing free immunizations and health screenings and linking families to ongoing health care.

In addition, the Fair will assist low-income families in finding ongoing health services such as the Child Health and Disability Prevention program (CHDP), the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC), and Medi-Cal. The Fair also provides arts and crafts, face painting, and other entertaining activities.

In California, more than half of all two-year-olds are inadequately immunized, leaving them vulnerable to sometimes fatal, although highly preventable, disease like measles and pertussis. Additionally, immunization levels for toddlers have declined in recent years from an all-time high in 1987.

The need for Kids Care Fair services is growing in this state:
• More than 2.1 million children in California have no public or private health insurance, a 62 percent increase over the past seven years.
• Only six of 58 California counties serve more than half of the children eligible for the CHDP program. Most serve 40 percent or less of eligible children.

Children Now, a nonpartisan advocacy group for children, takes the lead in working with the community, radio stations, and newspapers to promote Kids Care Fair and connect the health fair to other issues that affect children's health.

FHP Health Care serves as the principal financial sponsor of Kids Care Fair. FHP's long-standing commitment to children's health has been instrumental in raising awareness of the importance of preventive health care.

The Kids Care Fair is supported by grants from Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, Permanent Charities Committee of the Entertainment Industry, McDonnell Douglas, Norton Family Foundation, California Community Foundation, and Times Mirror Foundation. For further information about the Kids Care Fair site in your area, please call the hotline number, 1-800-870-KIDS.

Coors Commemorative Mexican Independence Day Can Offered

CERRITOS, Calif. - For the second year Original Coors will pay a special tribute to the Mexican Community across the southwest by offering, in honor of a September 16, a Mexican Independence Day, commemorative 16-ounce can.

Highlighted in bright and festive graphics, the can features the map of Mexico, with "Viva La Independencia" proudly displayed. This will be a spectacular collector's addition to last year's can.

"We continue to be the only brewery that has dedicated a commemorative can to this important Mexican holiday," said Bob Apodaca, Coors field manager. "We are pleased to offer this special recognition in honor of 16 de Septiembre."

Six packs of the 16-ounce can will be displayed along with colorful point of sale material in stores throughout Southern California and will run through the September 16 holiday, while supplies last.
Epigmenio Gonzalez stirred from a restless sleep as dogs outside would not stop barking. An Indian servant boy quickly tried to wake Gonzalez, but the aging priest emerged from behind the door. "Were you followed?" asked the priest. "I don't think so," Aldama said as he nervously began wringing his hands. The young lieutenant grieved over the thought of being captured and executed before a firing squad. It was treasonous for a royalist soldier to even think of revolt against the crown in New Spain. Aldama and Allende's death warrants had been signed when the soldiers found the weapons, for it wouldn't take long to torture a confession out of the grocer. The time was not ready yet for revolt. Captain Allende had not yet mobilized and trained an army.

But the would-be traitors were not with the priest to confess their sins or beg for sanctuary. The priest had a bold idea. He went out to the bell tower and sounded the bells which rang loudly throughout the village and nearby hamlets. Suddenly torches and candles lit up in every dwelling of Dolores. The inhabitants, mostly poor Indian and mestizo peasants, emerged from their homes and assembled before the church where the priest, Padre Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, stood atop a large boulder with his torch held high. This priest was not that interested in saving the souls of his parishioners, but he fought and struggled to improve the condition of their lives by introducing to the inhabitants new forms of industry to improve at least, their meager economic condition. In return, these villagers were grateful to their parish priest and they stood by to listen to what he had to say to them.

"Here is our army," Padre Hidalgo said to Aldama and Allende. This priest became the catalyst to a revolution that would not ultimately stop for more than a hundred years! Hidalgo raised his torch over his gleaming bald head: "My children!", he cried out, "A new dispensation comes to us today. Will you receive it? Will you forgive yourself? Will you recover the lands stolen three hundred years ago from our forefathers by the hated Spaniards?"

The planned rebellion was discovered. The planned rebellion had been discovered.

"Will you defend your rights as true patriots? Long live our Lady of Guadalupe! Death to bad government! Death to the gachupines!"

Then the men followed the priest down towards a hidden cellar below the rectory. He took an axe and broke through the wooden planks. Underneath the wooden debris lay another cache of muskets and ammunition. After the weapons were passed around, Father Hidalgo's new "army" was on the march or rather on the rampage. The insurgent army, now turned into a vengeful mob, slaughtered and pillaged nearby towns such as San Miguel, Celaya, and finally the state capital of Guanajuato.

At the Guanajuato granary, called the Alhóndiga, the royalist and other survivors of the pillage stood their final ground until the insurgent army made their way into the fortified granary and slaughtered every last survivor. Hidalgo left part of his army at the Alhóndiga and went off to Morelia to claim more victories. Eventually, the priest would meet his defeat and be captured. But of course, the Spaniards would retaliate severely. By then most of Father Hidalgo's occupying army had already fled or deserted leaving only innocent townsmen of Guanajuato. A royalist officer, called the Count De La Cadena, nevertheless was given an order to prepare for a mass execution.

As the church bell tolled the "death knell," a humble Franciscan friar came out to offer up his own "grito" of mercy. "These people have committed no crime," the priest said. "Suspend the order for the execution. I beg you in the name of the Lord who will on the last day ask for an account of the innocent blood that will be spilled here." The count, heeding to the words of Padre Belaúnder, suspended the order of executions.

This account of the early uprisings for Mexican Independence is, of course, familiar to every Mexican person dead or alive. At first with Hidalgo's unexpected Grito de Dolores, the wars for independence began to have social implications that some promise of justice and improved economic conditions for the Indians and mestizos became the catalyst to a revolution that would not ultimately stop for more than a hundred years! Hidalgo raised his torch over his gleaming bald head: "My children!", he cried out, "A new dispensation comes to us today. Will you receive it? Will you forgive yourself? Will you recover the lands stolen three hundred years ago from our forefathers by the hated Spaniards?"

Another chapter in Mexico's history was about to be written.

Padre José María Morelos peasants, but Spanish creoles-Spanish born in the New World were at first reluctant to support such a revolution. Eventually, Hidalgo and his other rebels were captured and executed, burning with their headless corpses any hope of uplifting the peasant's social conditions. In order to make the move towards independence more attractive to the Creoles and other conservative factions, a royalist officer called Agustin de Ituribe, who first fought to defeat the insurgents, decided to turn the table and join the other side. His price for treason was the first crown of Mexico.

What actually occurred as a result of the wars for Independence was the replacement of one bad government for another. Ituribe's reign, fortunately, only lasted a year. The promises of the Grito De Dolores had been forgotten as Creoles replaced Spanish "gachupines" in state offices and other responsibilities of power.

Although Father Hidalgo set the path for independence on September 16, 1810, eleven years later the conservative, wealthy forces of the new nation put a crown on Ituribe's head, making him the Emperor Agustin I. Meanwhile, the rotting decapitated heads of Allende, Aldama, and Father Hidalgo swung in cages from poles outside the ruined remains of the Alhóndiga in Guanajuato whose motto was to become "donde la vida vale nada" (where life has no value).
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"Groovin', on a Sunday afternoon. Groovin', couldn't get away too soon..."

Cruising on a Sunday afternoon to the sounds of the Young Rascals was the highlight of the week for these San Bernardino High School seniors in 1965. But the smooth, easy-going sounds didn't always reflect the same mood at school. There were many conflicts among Latino students.

In an attempt to unite young Latinos, encourage them to finish high school, and to disassociate themselves from area gangs, a group of young students decided to form a car club. The Chancellors Car Club was the name selected and Peter Ruiz, a member, designed the logo for the new organization.

According to Robert Sanchez, one of the original Chancellors (and current president of the Chancellors Organization), the first club was formed as a social outlet. "We wanted to be a car club and not a gang. We wanted to be a social outlet. "We wanted to be a brotherhood and shared a closeness."

In order to help the community and to provide a vehicle for their socializing, the club staged their first dance at Easter time, 1967. Proceeds were used to purchase food baskets for the needy and the remainder was donated to area churches.

In its height, the Chancellors Car Club grew to 105 members from the areas of San Bernardino, Rialto, Colton and Riverside. They had an estimated 325 members between the years of 1965 and 1971. But the good times had to come to an end. The Viet Nam War forced the Chancellors to grow up. At least 20 of the 40 original members enlisted or were drafted to fight for our country. The Chancellors disbanded for the first time during 1968 and after a brief attempt at regrouping, the club finally disbanded for good in 1971.

For almost 20 years, the only way most members kept up with each other was through word of mouth - friends, relatives, or the obituaries. Manuel Sanchez, current vice-president, fonder for the old days and began recruiting original members for a Chancellors Reunion. Ten dedicated members worked diligently, selling t-shirts and hats and raising $5,000.

The goal became a reality when on August 9, 1992, a reunion was planned at Glen Helen Regional Park. The event included entertainment, reacquaintance with families and friends and collection of old memories. The reunion was phenomenal. Members were challenged to reorganize into a non-profit entity with the ultimate goal of involvement in the Latino community.

Since the reunion, 30 members have been recruited. The primary objective is to guide and encourage Latino youth into higher education. Secondly, the Chancellors will endeavor to orient young people to the realization of educational opportunities available, which would, in fact, support their educational career. In this time of violence, gangs, and drugs, the Chancellors are hoping to be available to area youth to help them stay off the streets. With help from community leaders such as Esther Estrada, Charles Lee and Casa Ramona, the Chancellors hope to make a positive impact on the community. Current officers are: Robert Sanchez, President; Manuel Sanchez, Vice President; Art Blanco, Secretary; Robert Zermeno and Ronnie De La Rosa, Co-Treasurers; and Gabriel Rodriguez, Sergeant of Arms.

The organization's recent fund raisers have included a Laughlin turn-around, sponsoring a Blockbuster Fireworks stand in the Mt. Vernon area, and dance. Projects funded thus far include sponsorships for a Colton youth soccer team, a Junior All-American football team, and assisting Veronica Del La Cruz of Highland to participate in the American Softball Nationals in Memphis, Tennessee. Future goals include installing a director of education to advise youngsters who are pursuing a higher education, who will provide information regarding available scholarships, grants and loans, and to establish a scholarship fund. An added goal is the establishment of a women's auxiliary to support the Chancellors in achieving the proposed goals.

The Chancellors Organization is looking for new members; "doers" - men who are dedicated to the community and volunteers to work with youth, organize fund raising, etc. Community and business leaders are encouraged to join.

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Mexican Art Exhibits

Two Mexican art exhibits, courtesy of the Mexican Cultural Institute of Los Angeles and the Mexican Consulate of San Bernardino, are currently on exhibit at the Norman F. Feldheym Central Library Galleries through September 17. The exhibits are in celebration of Mexican Independence Day, September 16.

In the lower gallery is an exhibit of Mexican children's art, Dibujos Viajeros (Traveling Drawings) from Yucatan to California. Presented by Tiempo de Ninos. This is the second national showing of drawings and paintings that is a part of Dibujos Viajeros. There are drawings of children, seas, mountains, deserts and the Mayan marketplace. The media used include crayon, colored pencils, and paint.

In the upper gallery is a display of sixteen paintings by Nancy Glenn Nieto, an American-born painter and widow of the Mexican artist Rodolfo Nieto. Her distinctive way of using color is one of the outstanding features of her work. The reflection of the Mexican artistic tradition is apparent, as can be observed in the treatment of the themes and the texture utilized in the paintings. The Norman F. Feldheym Central Galleries are located at 555 West Sixth Street in San Bernardino and are open Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For more information, please call Chris Shovey or Linda Puetz, Exhibition Coordinators, at 381-8215.

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Also needed to support the Chancellors in their quest to meet the needs of the community's youth. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Veterans of Foreign Wars located on 5th and Rancho in San Bernardino.

The Chancellors Car Club has been replaced by the Chancellors Organization, their former theme song, "Groovin'," and the logo of the man in the monster car has been retired. The Chancellors newly adopted logo, a Mexican pyramid fashioned from the initials C.O., and slogan, "A New Direction for the Future," is a fitting salute and offers hope to the Latino community in the Inland Empire. The heart remains the same.

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San Bernardino PIC honors participants & employers

The special guest speaker was Dr. Eldon Lewis, newly appointed Dean of Business and Public Administration at California State University, San Bernardino. Dr. Lewis' topic was "Economic Growth and Job Development in San Bernardino."

Honored were four recent graduates of the program who are now successfully employed as a result of their job training, two employers who consistently hire new employees through the city's job training program, and a private school which provides outstanding skill training for its students.

Humberto Marxelly, an 18 year old father of one, was able to continue his education while obtaining job training and employment necessary to support his family. Humberto is employed at Taco Bell where he has steadily promoted and is in management training. He is an example of what young people can achieve with persistence, dedication and the backing of the JTPA program. He represented the City of San Bernardino at a luncheon with Governor Wilson in Sacramento on August 24, 1993.

Tammy Calderon, a single parent, enrolled in SBETA's work experience program to improve her clerical skills.

Liane Maziarz, relocated to San Bernardino from the East Coast at the start of the recession in 1991. After weeks of seeking employment she turned to SBETA for assistance. She was referred to Walmart where she was hired as a receiving clerk. She has earned a series of promotions and is now the Universal Price Code Manager. She is known for her leadership and the improvements she has made in her department.

Barbara Ramirez, is a young grandmother who is raising her son and two young grandchildren. After several years of unemployment, she filled a long-term goal by enrolling in SBETA's security officer program. She graduated in December 1992 and within two days became employed in the security field. She loves her new career and is grateful to the SBETA program for helping her reach her dream.

Two local businesses who have consistently hired individuals referred
San Bernardino PIC Dinner

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by SBETA are being honored for their support of the JTPA program. Canam Metal Products manufactures specialized metal cabinets and has trained and hired over 50 JTPA participants in sheet metal occupations. Taco Bell Store 3150 on Highland Avenue has given many High School students their first job. They provide skill training and leadership development for young people who are entering the world of work.

Health Care Innovations trains SBETA referred students in medical claims processing. All of their graduates have become employed in the growing health care field. They instill professionalism and solid work skills in their students.

The honorees shared their stories at the luncheon. The event is co-sponsored by the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the benefits local businesses derive from having a trained workforce.

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SAN BERNARDINO - "Mexico: Splendor of Thirty Centuries," will be on exhibit in the San Bernardino Valley College Library, Sept. 7-27, in the form of a photo and text exhibit open to the public free of charge.

The exhibit represents not only Mexico's expressive sequence of cultures dating back more than 3,000 years, but brings to San Bernardino art works that many would not have the opportunity to see anywhere outside of New York City or San Antonio. The original show, with its more than 350 precious works, was on exhibit in Los Angeles in 1990.

The photo-panel interpretation starts with the Olmecs and concludes with Frida Kahlo. The photographs follow the same thematic divisions of the major exhibition, each unit displaying examples of architecture, sculpture, painting, ceramics, gold and silver work found in 3,000 years of Mexican art. The photo captions are adapted from museum labels and the exhibition catalog.

Depictions include stone sculptures from prehistoric eras, found at La Venta and Izapa; liturgical artifacts from Mexico's colonial days, 19th century portraits and landscapes, as well as works on canvas and paper by 20th century muralists such as Diego Rivera. Cultures of the Mayas and Aztecs are signified by images of stone, ceramic, jade and gold.

The panels move the viewer from a brief look at the vast changes of the pre-Hispanic period to three centuries of colonialism and then on to the 19th century era, during which Mexico won its independence, and, finally, to the turbulent 20th century, depicted by great murals of social commentary. Captured in photos are the colossal stone heads from the Olmec site of San Lorenzo, a ceramic flanged cylinder from the Mayan center at Palenque and a rare wooden drum from the Aztec capital, Tenochtitlan. Representing the colonial era are statues, paintings, a great stone cross and embroidered works.

The selection of photographs and panel exhibits are made available by the Texas Humanities Resources Center, Austin, with support from the Rockefeller Foundation to enhance North America's appreciation of Mexican history and culture. Arrangements for the SBVC exhibition were made by Gloria Macias Harrison, chairwoman of the college's humanities division, and Robin Calote, director of the SBVC Library and Learning Resource Center. For further information about the exhibit, call them at (909) 888-6511, ext. 1501 or 1628.

Library hours are 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday. The library is now closed on Saturday. San Bernardino Valley College is at 701 South Mt. Vernon Avenue.

Diego Rivera's 1924 painting, "Woman Grinding Maize," is part of a striking photographic panel show, Mexico: Splendor of Thirty Centuries, at the San Bernardino Valley College Library, Sept. 7-27. The show is based on the massive exhibit of original works by the same name.

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