Richardson has officially dropped out of the presidential race with the final statement, "I'm with great pride, understanding and acceptance that I am ending my campaign for President of the United States. When I entered the campaign, it was clear that we, as Democrats, had the most talented field of candidates in my lifetime, running to change the direction of our country. And in the end, one of them will.

"Despite overwhelming financial and political odds, I am proud of the campaign we waged and the influence we had on the issues that matter most to the future of this country. A year ago, we were the only major campaign calling for the removal of all of our troops within a year's time from Iraq. We were the only campaign calling for a complete reform of education in this country, including the scrapping of No Child Left Behind. And we were the campaign with the most aggressive clean energy plan and the most ambitious standards for reducing global warming. Now, all of the remaining candidates have come to our point of view."

Richardson had the most outstanding resumes of any presidential candidate that has ever run for the office of president. His broad experience in government, including various diplomatic posts, and specifically, successful negotiating ventures with the North Koreans, and other diplomatic assignments in a decade-long successful government career.

The 60-year governor was born of an American father and Mexican mother in Pasadena, and spent his youth in Mexico City. His father, an international banker from Boston, sent young Richardson to a boarding school in Massachusetts, receiving his formal education in the Eastern United States. Richardcson's final words were that he is returning to the job he loves. "I am the luckiest man I know. I am married to my college sweetheart. I live in a place called the Land of Enchantment. I have the best job in the world: And I just got to run for president of the United States. It doesn't get any better than that."

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Children's Health and Education at Make-or-Break Juncture, Must Be Prioritized Despite State's Budget Crunch

OAKLAND, CA – Public policy decisions in 2008 are critical to determining the well-being of California's children and the state for years to come. This is one of the key findings of a new study by California Now, a leading nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to giving all children the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The 2008 California Report Card: The State of the State’s Children, a research report released today (1/3/08) highlights the generally poor health and education status of the state's children by assigning letter grades to key individual determinants, such as a C in health insurance, a C- in K-12 education and an A+ in obesity. According to the report and its supporting documentation, these issues are undermining the children's optimal development and putting the state's future at undue risk by dramatically increasing the financial costs and societal problems faced by future generations. The Report also shows, however, that real progress on these issues can and should be made in 2008.

Who Are California's Children?
• California is home to 9.5 million children, ages 0-17, about 13% of all children in the nation.
• 48% of California's children, ages 0-17, are Latino, 31% are white.
• 10% are Asian American, 6% are African American, and 4% are another ethnic or mixed race.

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VOTING DEADLINES

The deadline to vote in the Feb. 5 presidential primary is January 21. Registered voters who prefer to vote by mail must apply for a mail ballot no later than 5:00 p.m. January 29. Those ballot applications are available on the back cover of sample ballots that have been mailed to registered voters' homes, on the internet, or from your respective county's Registrar of Voters office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

College Student registrations:
UCR students are registering potential voters at the UCR Commons from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed, call William Churchill at 714/793-8235 or 1-831-238-7711.

CSUSB
Four college students are visiting various campus locations registering students. Classroom presentations can be scheduled by calling ext. 5044. Applications are also available at the information desk DH-178.

For election information on other college campuses, contact the students information office.

"The health and education of California's kids are at a pivotal point," said Ted Lemperf, Children Now president. "Whether or not all children in the state have health insurance coverage will likely be decided by the voters in November 2008, and realizing the potential of the 'year of education reform' in the face of the state's budget deficit requires that lawmakers prioritize children first in their upcoming agendas and budgets." Lemperf added, "Doing anything less would misrepresent the overwhelming need for children to be prioritized in the state's budget and overall policy making."
SAN BERNARDINO — Beth Higbee, who has been an administrator for nearly 11 years with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, was appointed assistant superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction, County Superintendent Herbert Fischer announced today.

Higbee’s appointment took effect Jan. 1. She was the administrator of the District Accountability Support Department for County Schools and has been working with schools and districts since 2006 to help them with standards, accountability and assessment.

“Beth brings a wealth of experience in education, first as a long-time teacher and then as an administrator at district, county and regional levels,” Fischer said. “Her extensive experience in standards, assessment and accountability will be an asset to the 33 school districts we serve in the county.”

Higbee began her career in education as an English and language arts teacher in Fontana Unified School District in 1981. She later became a district instructional specialist, beginning teacher program coordinator, professional development coordinator and principal of the district-wide K-12 music program.

Higbee began at County Schools in 1996 as the regional project director for Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino counties’ professional development consortium.

In 2006, Higbee earned a doctorate of philosophy in education from Claremont Graduate University. She earned her masters and bachelor degrees from the University of California, Riverside.

Higbee replaces Francisca Sánchez, who left County Schools in November to go to San Francisco Unified School District as its associate superintendent of academics and professional development.

SAN BERNARDINO — San Bernardino County Superintendent Herbert Fischer was appointed chairman of the California State Chancellor Charles Reed announced on Jan. 7.

The statewide committee is charged with helping Cal State schools shape innovative doctoral programs in educational leadership that are of the highest quality.

“I am humbled by the appointment and look forward to sharing ideas with the advisory committee on providing guidance for the development of Cal State doctoral programs in education,” Fischer said. “As county superintendent, I have enjoyed a terrific relationship with Cal State San Bernardino and its president Al Kargi. I know my strong relationship with Cal State San Bernardino will be invaluable in my future work with the state advisory committee.”

Two areas the advisory committee is examining deal with preparing educational leaders in unserved and remote areas, as well as programmatic research that examine reforms and their impacts.

“I look forward to working with you as we continue to develop some of the highest quality doctoral programs in the nation,” wrote Chancellor Reed in his appointment letter to Fischer.

The National Alliance for Human Rights (NAHR) will hold an emergency strategic planning meeting at the Villaseñor Library, 525 N. Mt. Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino, on Saturday, January 12, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of developing a Mexican/Latino voter mobilization strategy for the California’s Presidential Primary on Tuesday, February 5, 2007 and beyond to the November 2006 Presidential elections.

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DON'T BE BURNED BY DEBT
ELIMINATION SCAMS

(NAPS)—When it comes to eliminating debt, it could pay to follow some expert advice.

Analysts say to watch out for schemes that promise to eliminate debt at a tiny fraction of what is actually owed. The plans generally don't work and could end up hurting you more than they help.

"Over the last year, we've seen thousands of letters from debt elimination fraudsters who have charged consumers from $400 to $7,000 for worthless advice," said the Comptroller of the Currency John C. Dugan. "In the end, consumers still owe on their debts and have lost the money paid to the fraudsters. They may have also hurt their credit record and compromised their identity by providing personal information, including account numbers."

Who is Targeted
The schemes focus on people who are current on their payments as well as those who may be facing foreclosure. The cons claim they can eliminate various debts, including mortgages, credit card balances and other loans.

What To Watch For
Schemes vary wildly. A recent variation involves fraudsters sending the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's (OCC) Customer Complaint Form in a package of documents and asking the victim to sign the last page, leaving the rest of the form blank. The fraudster than completes the form and sends it into the OCC, falsely claiming that the financial institution acted improperly.

Fraudsters might use technical and legal-sounding language to give victims a sense of competence and credibility, but remember, no one can magically make debt disappear by paying a third party a fee that's a small fraction of the amount legally owed.

Knowing the signs of debt collection scams can help protect your money and your identity.

What You Can Do
OCC officials encourage consumers to contact their creditors. Often, banks and other financial institutions are in the best position to work with borrowers to correct mistakes or to work out plans to assist you.

Consumers who are concerned about foreclosure may benefit from credit counseling. The Center for Foreclosure Solutions provides counselors around the clock, seven days a week, at (888) 995-HOPE to assist in English and Spanish.

Consumers with questions about their bank can visit www.HelpWithMyBank.gov. The site provides answers to common banking questions and instructions on contacting the OCC or legitimately filing a formal complaint against a bank.

COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT CONGRESSMAN JOE BACA CA INVITES HIS CONSTITUENTS to Congressman Joe Baca's Birthday Celebration (Chair-Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Committee on Financial Services, Committee on Agriculture) on Thursday, January 24, 2008, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. National Orange Show "Valencia Room" 689 S. "E" Street San Bernardino, CA 92408 RSVP by Tuesday, January 22, 2008 Contact: at (909) 889-8888 Fax (909) 889-7474, or e-mail at friendsjsb@verizon.net

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Your donations and support are greatly appreciated.
In honor of trailblazing newsmen Ruben Salazar’s relentless efforts to chronicle the complexity of race relations in Los Angeles, the U.S. Postal Service in 2008 will issue a commemorative stamp of the former Los Angeles Times reporter and columnist.

“He was a groundbreaker for Latinos in this country, but his work spoke to all Americans,” Postmaster Gen. John E. Potter said. “By giving voice to those who didn’t have one, Ruben Salazar worked to improve life for everybody. His reporting of the Latino experience in this country set a standard that’s rarely met even today.”

It was the way Salazar died that made him a martyr to many in the Mexican American community. His head was shattered by a heavy, torpedo-shaped tear gas projectile fired by a sheriff’s deputy during a riot Salazar was covering in East Los Angeles on Aug. 29, 1970.

“Ruben Salazar put an indelible stamp on the profession of journalism in Los Angeles,” said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. “From the battlefields of Vietnam to the streets of East L.A., he reported the news with a rare combination of toughness and humanity. It’s great to finally see his legacy honored on a national level with the issuance of this postage stamp.” Tens of millions of the first-class 41-cent stamps will be issued some time in 2008, Postal Service officials said.

Parks, schools, libraries and highways have been named after Salazar, and books, murals, plays and films have been inspired by his life. Media and corporate foundations each year donate millions of dollars to honor Salazar through scholarships and awards.

Some Mexican Americans called him la voz de la Raza, the voice of the people, and his often blunt columns spoke to the desires and frustrations of a community. The year he died, he wrote: “Chicanos feel cheated. They want to effect change.

“That is why Mexican American activists flaut the barrio word Chicano — as an act of defiance and a badge of honor. Mexican Americans, though large in numbers, are so politically impotent that in Los Angeles, where the country’s largest single concentration of Spanish-speaking live, they have no one of their own on the City Council.”

Postal Service officials said it was supporters like Olga Brisieio, director of the University of Arizona’s Media, Democracy & Policy Initiative, who made the idea of a commemorative stamp a reality. Over the past two years, Brisieio, Latino studies students, elected officials, organizations and entertainers, indicted petitions and resolutions, which were dispatched to the Postal Service.

Salazar was 8 months old when his parents moved from Juarez to El Paso, where he became a naturalized citizen. He attended the University of Texas at El Paso and earned a journalism degree.

He got his start in 1955 at the El Paso Herald-Post. In 1963, four years after he stepped into the Los Angeles Times newsroom, Salazar won awards for a hard-fisted series examining problems and issues that still plague the Latino community today: substandard education, disproportionate high school dropout rates, immigration and the search for identity in U.S. society.

As a Times correspondent in the 1960s, Salazar covered the Dominican Republic, the Vietnam War and Mexico. In 1969 he returned to Los Angeles to report on the Mexican American community.

In January 1970, he left The Times to become news director for the Spanish-language television station KMEX. On a sweltering, smog-shrouded Saturday afternoon, about 20,000 marchers who had gathered in East Los Angeles to protest the Vietnam War clashed with sheriff’s deputies. When the smoke cleared, millions of dollars worth of property had been damaged, 60 people were injured and three people were dead, including Salazar.

His death jolted those who admired him. Among them was Frank Somotayor, a reporter with Army Stars and Stripes, who had arranged to meet Salazar for a job interview.

“On the day I was discharged from the Army, I opened the San Francisco Examiner and saw a story on the bottom of the front page saying Salazar had been killed,” recalled Somotayor, associate director of USC Annenberg’s Institute for Justice and Journalism.

“As Mexican Americans,” Somotayor said, “we felt he spoke for us — that he reflected what was in our heads and in our hearts, even if we didn’t necessarily agree with every one of his opinions. I think this stamp will give him the wider recognition he deserves as a pioneer of journalism.”

Inspired by Salazar’s legacy, Somotayor and the dozen Latino journalists working in Los Angeles at the time formed a professional organization, the California Chicano News Media Assn., to encourage other ethnic minorities to pursue careers in journalism. Over the years, the group, which has since changed its name to CCNMA Latino Journalists of California, has awarded nearly $700,000 in scholarships to 680 students and sponsored 29 journalism opportunity conferences.

Brisieio, the Arizona journalism professor, had worked closely on the stamp project with the Salazar family, which gave the Postal Service permission to use Salazar’s image.

In an interview, Lisa Salazar Johnson, 46, one of Salazar’s three children, said, “When the Postal Service sent me a copy of the color image they planned to use, I cried. To see the ‘41 cents’ on a real live U.S. stamp with Dad’s picture on it made me utterly proud of his accomplishments.

"However, I think he would have laughed at this honor as ridiculous," she said. "Then he would have been deeply humbled by it." By Louis Sahagun, Los Angeles Times

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U. S. POST OFFICE TO HONOR RUBEN SALAZAR

By Louis Sahagun,

The journalist, who was killed during a riot in L.A., is honored for ‘giving voice to those who didn’t have one.'

Ruben Salazar died Aug. 29, 1970, in East Los Angeles. He was 42.

"Do not believe that bilingual children are disadvantaged in some academic ways. They are at a disadvantage only if their linguistic strengths are underappreciated and schools are failing to build on their strengths." -Kenneth Goodman
SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Operation Recognition for veterans is a program of the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services. Residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps, may receive high school diplomas.

Diplomas are awarded through the Operation Recognition program at ceremonies held periodically throughout the year. Family members may submit an application to recognize a qualifying individual posthumously.

Recognition ceremony to be held Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 10 a.m. In order to be recognized at this special ceremony, completed application forms and supporting documentation must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008.

In order to apply, obtain an Operation Recognition diploma application by calling the Riverside County Office of Education, (951) 826-6570, or by downloading a copy of the application form from www.rcoe.us. Participation in Operation Recognition is free.

Qualifications for an Operation Recognition diploma include:

- Applicant or recipient is a Riverside County resident.
- Veterans — provide proof of Honorable Discharge from U.S. military service during WWII (service December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946), the Korean War (service June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955), or the Vietnam War (service August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975) (*or from February 28, 1961 for veterans who served in country before August 5, 1964.)
- Japanese-American citizens — show proof of internment in a WWII relocation camp.
- An application may be submitted by a family member of a qualifying individual, living, or deceased.
- Persons who meet qualifications, but earned a GED, are eligible.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs.

Operation Recognition high school diplomas are authorized by the California Education Code. Education Code section 51440 authorizes the granting of retroactive high school diplomas to eligible veterans.

Education Code section 51450 authorizes the retroactive granting of diplomas to Japanese-American citizens whose internment by federal order in World War II prevented them from graduating from their home town high school.

For added information call or write the Riverside County Office of Education, Tracey Rivas, Programs and Student Activities Facilitator, P.O. Box 868, Riverside, CA 92502-0868 (951) 826-6570; FAX (951) 826-6954, trivas@rcoe.us.

THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA'S KIDS ON THE LINE IN 2008, ACCORDING TO NEW REPORT CARD, "THE STATE OF THE STATE'S CHILDREN"

Children's Health and Education at Make-or-Break Juncture, Must Be Prioritized Despite State's Budget Crunch

College students or graduates with a strong interest in public policy and politics have until Feb. 27, 2008 to apply for a number of fellowship programs offered by the California Senate, Assembly, and other branches of state government.

Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod (D-Chino) announced that applications are now being accepted for four state government fellowship programs: the Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellowship, the California Senate Fellows, the Executive Fellowship and the Judicial Administration Fellowship.

These programs are excellent opportunities for the fellows, offering a unique experience in policy-making and governing the most diverse state in the nation," Negrete McLeod said. "These students will do such things as drafting and analyzing legislation, writing speeches and press releases, conducting policy briefings and other important tasks.

The fellowships each pay a monthly stipend of $1,972 and include health, dental, and vision benefits, she added. In addition, the fellowships count for 12 graduate units from Sacramento State in Government or Public Policy and Administration, and allow for student loan deferrals.

Each year, 18 college graduates are selected for the program from an international applicant pool. Assembly Fellows spend 11 months learning the ins and outs of the California Legislature by working in Sacramento as staff to a legislative committee or an Assembly member.

Their duties are similar to those of legislative assistants and consultants and include developing and researching legislative proposals, responding to constituent requests.

Senate Fellows are assigned to the personal or committee staffs of Senators and work as part of their professional staff teams. Their duties and responsibilities are similar to those of Assembly Fellows.

A third program, the Executive Fellowship Program, places successful applicants in offices throughout the executive branch where they function as professional staff. Executive Fellows learn about various policy issues and also participate in policymaking decisions.

McLeod said.

In recent years, a fourth program called the Judicial Administration Fellowship Program has been placing fellows within the judicial branch of the state.

All fellows enroll at California State University Sacramento for 12 units of graduate course credit. Enrollment fees are paid as part of the fellowship programs. Graduate seminars are conducted at the State Capitol and are a required segment of the fellowship program.

As part of the seminar coursework, fellows produce major research papers, the best of which are published in the annual Assembly Fellowship Journal.

The only prerequisite is a four-year college degree by fall of the program year.

For more information, brochures or applications call Negrete McLeod's San Bernardino office at (993) 381-3832, Montclair office at (993) 621-2783 or go online to www.csus.edu/cafellowship.
Regional Medical Center Foundation, Newport Beach, received its largest monetary gift in worthwhile purposes that will aid the donation be used for "general fundraising arm for ARMC, has received its largest monetary gift in its 30-year history, a $1 million donation from Dr. Edward G. Hirschman and wife, Anne, of Newport Beach.

Dr. Hirschman has requested that the donation be used for "general supportive purposes" that will aid the donation be used for "general fundraising arm for ARMC, has received its largest monetary gift in its 30-year history, a $1 million donation from Dr. Edward G. Hirschman and wife, Anne, of Newport Beach. To commemorate the donation, ARMC will rename its Regional Burn Center to the Edward G. Hirschman Burn Center at ARMC.

"For years, Dr. Hirschman has been a strong supporter of the Medical Center and the services we provide to the community," said ARMC Director Patrick Pete. "We'd like to thank him and his wife, Anne, on behalf of the hospital and patients who will benefit from his generosity. A donation of this magnitude is unique, and we most certainly will put it to good use."

ARMC FOUNDATION RECEIVES $1 MILLION DONATION

Dr. Hirschman, who lived in Redlands and San Bernardino for 25 years before he moved to Newport Beach, served as the director of Pharmacy Services for the old San Bernardino County Medical Center (SBCMC) from 1980 to 1997. ARMC, owned and operated by the County of San Bernardino, opened in 1999 as the replacement facility for SBCMC. Dr. Hirschman continues to work as an ARMC Pharmacy Services consultant. A renaming ceremony for the Edward G. Hirschman Burn Center is scheduled for January 2008.

"My heart is at Arrowhead," said Dr. Hirschman, who will also be given a permanent seat on the ARMC Foundation's Board of Directors. "I had wanted to do this for years, and now is the right time. "I am honored to have my name attached to the Medical Center's outstanding burn center, and my hope is that this donation will help the hospital to continue its excellent work in the area of patient care."

ARMc's Burn Center is a 14-bed unit offering comprehensive burn care for children and adults of all ages. The Burn Center, which has provided burn care to area residents since 1977 when it was opened at the SBCMC, is the only burn unit serving the four counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, Inyo and Mono.

The ARMC Foundation is governed by a board of directors that is comprised of ARMC administrators and physicians and community members. Over the years, the Foundation has provided funding for new medical equipment, training for medical professionals, scientific research, and a camp for young burn victims to help them recover from their psychological wounds. Recently, the ARMC Foundation earmarked funds for a new medical mobile clinic.

A special recognition ceremony is scheduled on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at ARMC's Arrowhead Regional Medical Center-Oak Room, 400 No. Pepper Ave., Colton, to rename the Burn Center in honor of Dr. Edward G. Hirschman and his wife, Anne, for their generous contribution to the ARMC Foundation.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT FROM IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

As we approach the fifth anniversary of the quagmire known as the invasion/occupation of Iraq, many of us feel a need to mark this occasion with an appropriately momentous show of resistance. For the past few months, IVAW has been organizing "Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan." From March 13-16, 2008, we will assemble the largest gathering of US veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan in history, as well as Iraqi and Afghan survivors, to offer first-hand, eyewitness accounts to tell the truth about these occupations - their impact on the troops, their families, our nation, and the people of Iraq and Afghanistan. Winter Soldier will require IVAW's full attention and organizing capacity leading up to and during the event.

We would like to have as many people as possible attend the event and we are making arrangements to provide live broadcasting of the hearings for those who can not hear the testimony first hand, as space will be limited. We ask all of you to help us to spread the message of the testimony, raise funds, and get more veterans and GIs involved.

We have been inspired by the tremendous support that the movement has shown us and we believe the success of Winter Soldier will ultimately depend on the support of our allies and the hard work of our members. Because Winter Soldier will provide a unique venue for those who experienced war on the ground to expose the truth and consequences of the "War on Terror" to the nation and the world, we are requesting that, from March 13-16, the large anti-war movement call no national events that do not interfere with the Winter Soldier hearings, our strategy, or goals. We would encourage our members to continue participating in events of the larger movement to end the occupation of Iraq, as we acknowledge both the significance and the necessity of such actions for movement building. IVAW will also arrange to make available copies of the Winter Soldier transcript highlights to support the various efforts of the ant_war movement.

We are thankful for your enduring support of IVAW and Winter Soldier. Let us all continue to think strategically and act in a spirit of cooperation. In solidarity, Iraq Veterans Against the War

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CHICAGO AIRPORT SEPARATED 'UNDOCUMENTED FROM DOCUMENTED'

El Diario/La Prensa

CHICAGO - Hundreds of Mexican immigrants at Chicago's O'Hare Airport were having trouble going home for the holidays because of what local activists are calling "discrimination," according to an EFE report in New York's El Diario/ La Prensa.

According to local groups, Mexican citizens attempting to leave the United States for the holidays were being held up because of "Operation Buck Shot," a Department of Homeland Security program that, for the first time, forced airlines to separate passengers into "documented" and "undocumented" groups in the boarding area, depending on the kind of documents they are carrying.

Local groups, including Casa Aztlan, have called for an immediate end to the program, which they consider racist and discriminatory.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District will conduct a Public Hearing on January 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the intent to adopt the Upper Santa Ana Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Santa Ana River.

In 2005, the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association agreed to develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRGM Plan) to address major water management issues for the communities of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed. The primary benefit of the plan includes an end to the program for managing the San Bernardino Basin Area, with a secondary benefit of identifying regional projects and sources for grant funding for these projects. The plan has been carefully developed through the participation of water managers and stakeholders.

The Plan area encompasses Big Bear Lake and the headwaters of the Santa Ana River until it reaches the Riverside Narrows and includes the cities and communities of San Bernardino, Yucaipa, Redlands, Highland, Rialto, Colton, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda and Victorville. The San Bernardino Basin Area is the focus of the IRGM Plan and plays a central role in the water supply for the communities within the region. An objective of the IRGM Plan is to develop tools that might be used by water agencies to manage the groundwater levels and to reduce the risk of liquefaction in the area. Specific basin management objectives will be developed in order to reduce the associated risk.

SAID HEARING will be conducted in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, San Bernardino County Government Center, First Floor, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, California, 92415, where all interested persons may be present.

All questions regarding this matter should be directed to the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Works - Flood Control District, (909) 397-8121.

PAUL BIANE, Chairman
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO - FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Denis M. Smith
Secretary of the Board of Directors

La Prensa
IS YOUR TEEN READY FOR MORE RESPONSIBILITY?
By the American Counseling Association

One of the hardest things for many parents to deal with is the demand for more freedoms that they face as their children grow into teenagers. After years of making most of your child's decisions and putting your child's needs first, you find yourself confronting a young adult who wants the freedom to face more of the world on his or her own.

At some level, of course, we all recognize that our teenagers need increasing amounts of freedom and responsibility. It's a natural part of the developmental process.

At the same time, we realize there are very real reasons to go slow in allowing our teens more freedoms. Constant news reports and local stories of teen substance abuse, pregnancies, violence and much more naturally make us worry about the world our teen is facing.

But when we constantly say "no" to our teens' requests, trying to protect and shield them just a little longer, the result is often family conflict, and often confusing process for your teen.

Your decisions are still going to worry you, and upset your teen at times, but when you make a conscious effort to allow increased levels of freedom and responsibility, while also fairly measuring how well your teen handles the changes, you should find that the struggles with your teenager should begin to diminish.

"The Counseling Corner" is provided as a public service by the American Counseling Association, the nation's largest organization of counseling professionals. Learn more about the counseling profession at the ACA web site, www.counseling.org.

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF S. B.COUNTY AWARDED OVER $7 MILLION IN HOMELESS SERVICES

SAN BERNARDINO,CA - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced the award of $1.5 billion in Homeless Assistance Grant funding under the 2007 Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive grant process which provide funding for transitional and permanent housing and supportive services.

The application submitted by Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC), on behalf of the San Bernardino County Continuum of Care, was awarded a total of $7,288,774.00 to fund 13 projects (nine renewal and four new projects). These projects will provide housing, shelter, and supportive services to homeless individuals and families in San Bernardino County. The 2007 Homeless Census and Survey counted 6,111 homeless people on streets and an additional 1,220 homeless people in emergency and transitional shelters, for a total of 7,331 homeless persons.

"CAPSBC is proud of its track record in bringing over $40 million in funding for 50 projects to assist the homeless as well as coordinating and implementing the 2003 and 2007 San Bernardino County Homeless Census and Survey", said Patricia L. Nickols, CAPSBC Chief Executive Officer. "This successful application is another milestone in CAPSBC's accomplishments in assisting homeless service providers with the much needed funding to implement their programs".

CAPSBC is a private non-profit public benefit corporation and is one of the 1,100 Community Action Agencies nationwide dedicated to assisting low-income individuals and families to become stable and self-reliant. Formerly known as Community Services Department, CAPSBC was originally established in 1965 as a result of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. CAPSBC is responsible for implementing programs that serve over 850,000 low-income, elderly and homeless residents of San Bernardino County annually.

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