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Richardson has officially dropped out of the presidential race with the final statement, "It is 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 congress, cabinet member during the Clinton Administration, including various diplomatic posts, and specifically, successful negotiating ventures with the North Koreans, and other diplomatic assignments in a decades-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. Richardson'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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**Wednesday, January 9, 2008**

**HIGBEE NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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 2000 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 COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF CAL STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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 Mexicano/ Latino voter mobilization strategy for the California’s Presidential Primary on Tuesday, February 5, 2007 and beyond to the November 2006 Presidential elections.

As was argued in late 2006 by NAHR that in order to enhance our negotiating capacity for immigration reform in 2009, we need to create a massive voter mobilization. The giant mobilizations of 2006 are history.

We are in the midst of a presidential election, perhaps one of the most important in the political history of the United States; yet no Latino voter mobilization is in motion.

Meanwhile, everywhere Mexican and Latino migrants in particular, are under savage attack by powerful nativist anti-immigrant forces. As a community, we need to re-activate and use this year's presidential election as a vehicle to “re-commit, re-organize, and re-mobilize” for 2009 and beyond.

We need to be an integral part of the forces that will bring about change to this country in 2009. As a people, politically we do not have too many options. Most Republican presidential candidates are overwhelmingly anti-immigrant. Pragmatically, this leaves us with two options: (1) Do nothing and sit back — this is a grave mistake; or (2) Support a Democrat, and seek to extract concessions from Democrats for immigration reform among other issues next year.

With the aforementioned in mind, this coming Saturday’s meeting will focus on developing a process that will in the next few weeks yield a comprehensive voter mobilization strategy that will re-activate and involve the core of our community, especially the grass roots. Several strategic options will be presented for debate. I encourage all who plan to attend to bring your recommendations. Specifically, for Super Tuesday, California Primary there will be discussion as Latinos who we should support for President.

The mobilization must seek to deliver the eleven million plus registered Latino votes, which means we have to have the “swing vote,” the “balance of power” to push forward a Democrat victory of the Presidency and Congress.

If you plan to attend, please call me at (951) 333-6819 or Maria Anna Gonzales at (951) 743-7173.

Gracias, Armando Navarro, Ph.D.

NAHR Coordinator

**CALL FOR MEXICANO/LATINO VOTER MOBILIZATION**

San Bernardino Democratic Luncheon Club of San Bernardino meets at noon on Fridays at Democratic Headquarters, 136 Carousel Mall (near the central glass elevator-lower level).

Questions regarding the Democratic Club call Nancy White at (909) 793-6229. Visitors welcome.

**S.B. DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON CLUB**

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**Frnovember 11 Maria Coronado, SB County Dept. of Behavioral Health, January 18 Ricky Van Johnson, San Bernardino City Council, WC January 25 Senior Assembly Members:**

**Endowment Committee:**

**February 1**

Honorable John Longville, Mayor, 520 E. 7th St., San Bernardino, 92411

February 8

Jim Smith and Ray Baxter, President and First Vice President

**Art Ramos**
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 then 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 BACA INVITES HIS CONSTITUENTS to Congressman Joe Baca’s Birthday Celebration (Chair-Congresional 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

Joe Baca Foundation Presents the 2nd Annual Baseball & Fitness Clinic 2008 Saturday, January 19th

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Frisbie Park, 1901 N. Acacia Ave, Rialto Registration Begins 8:30 a.m.

Here are future stars that will appear at the event!

Lucas C. Duda (New York Mets) Herb Hudson (Oakland Athletics) Wesley Stone (Toronto Blue Jays)

• Dr. Green, the consultant to Major League Baseball will be discussing the negative effects of Steroids.
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• Children will Learn Basic Fundamentals of Baseball
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For more information or to RSVP, please call (909) 275-3444 Joe Baca, Jr. Non-Profit ID #20-5631113

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Ruben Salazar

In honor of trailblazing newsman 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 commemorative stamp.”

Postal Service officials said it was supporters like Olga Brisieño, 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, Brisieño, Latino studies students, elected officials, organizations and entertainers, submitted 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 drop-out 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, smoke-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 Sotomayor, 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 Sotomayor, associate director of USC Annenberg’s Institute for Justice and Journalism.

“As Mexican Americans,” Sotomayor 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, Sotomayor 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.

Briscoe, 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-life 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
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 at 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 51442 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 additional information call or write the Riverside County Office of Education, Tracey Rivas, Programs and Student Activities Facilitator, P.O. Box 808, Riverside, CA 92502-0808 (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

"It’s now known that big, bold changes are the only way to improve outcomes for our children and society," said Lempert. "But, if we lose the momentum currently behind making these changes, it will take many, many years to build it up again." Lempert concluded, "We are looking for a strong commitment from the Governor and the Legislature to making comprehensive, systemic reforms to children’s health and education in 2008."

Children Now is a nonpartisan research and advocacy organization working to raise children’s well-being to the top of the national policy agenda. The organization focuses on ensuring quality health care, a solid education and a positive media environment for all children. Children Now’s strategic approach creates awareness of children’s needs, develops effective policy solutions and engages those who can make change happen.

(Special to the Inland Empire Hispanic News)

SENATOR GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF STATE FELLOWSHIPS

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 deferments.

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, Negrete 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 (909) 381-3832, Montclair office at (909) 621-2783 or go online to www.csus.edu/calst/programs.
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 remain in Inland Counties 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 Peete. "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."
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, pregnancy, 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, with our teenager pulling away and no longer confiding in us, or going behind our backs seeking the desired freedom.

While there is no magic cure, there are steps you can take to minimize the conflict. One is simply to improve communications.

Sit down with your teen and try to explain your fears and anxieties related to granting increased freedoms. While hearing about your worries may not win your teen’s full acceptance or understanding, it can open up meaningful dialogues that can lead to acceptable compromises.

The next step is to allow increasing amounts of freedom and responsibilities — opportunities for your teenager to prove he or she really is ready to be more independent.

How much can you trust? How much responsibility should you grant? There are no absolute answers, just judgment calls you have to make based on your teen’s personality and past performance.

Yes, mistakes will be made, but also note that most of the time things will turn out just fine. Try to understand that this is also a difficult 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 in 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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