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14,000 Teachers Needed in California

Individuals holding a bachelor’s degree may qualify by taking the CBEST test. A Teacher Job Fair is set for March 22 at A.B. Miller H.S. in Fontana.

If you have ever thought of changing careers and found that teaching your young children to be an attractive idea, now is the time to act. California schools will be hiring approximately 14,000 new teachers for new classrooms. This mandate is in response to new legislation to reduce the classroom size to 20 students in kindergarten to third grade in every elementary school.

Individuals holding a bachelor’s degree in any subject and have passed the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) may qualify for a teaching position in the school systems. In the past, there has been a shortage of Hispanic teachers as a result of the expanding Hispanic student population existing in the California classrooms. The downsizing of students per teacher ratio has exacerbated the shortage of teachers.

To meet the challenge for Hispanic teachers, school districts are employing persons in provisional teaching positions who currently hold a bachelor’s degree and have passed the CBEST test with the stipulation of completing their credential program within a two-year period.

A unique teacher program at Cal-State, San Bernardino is available for persons that have been offered a teaching position and currently do not possess a California teaching credential. The San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, in collaboration with the Hispanic Advisory Committee, is conducting a teacher’s job fair and registration in CBEST workshops. The job fair will be held at A.B. Miller High School, 6821 Oleander Avenue, Fontana, on March 22, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Persons interested in additional information may contact Martin Valdez at (909) 387-4230.

Dr. King, Jr. Monument Visionaries Hold Annual Dinner

Robert Nava, Outstanding Riverside Community Activist & Educator, honored as Martin Luther King Visionary

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Visionaries held its Fifth Annual Dinner at the Raincross Square Convention Center, Riverside, in January, 1996 to commemorate the late Dr. King, Jr., his ideals and vision.

The vision of Dr. King is epitomized by City of Riverside Councilperson Ameal Moore: “A great humanitarian, a Moses for his people, a dreamer that stirred the spirit of humankind. He was an advocate and promoter of equal opportunity; a promoter of brotherhood among all races and religions.”...”Equality and justice are his legacy; courage, love and compassion his memory. He made the nation look at itself and resolved to continue the fight.”

As in previous years, the MLKMV Committee selected individuals in the community who most significantly exemplifies the ideals of the late Dr. King, Jr.

Robert Nava, an outstanding community activist and educator, was one of the candidates selected by the MLKMV Banquet Committee.

According to the MLKMV’s resolution, “Robert Nava shares the dreams of Dr. King, Jr. for human justice and equality for all ethnic groups. He puts this vision into action by directing his talents and energy toward working with schools, organizations and community groups, such as the Human Relations Commission.”

“In this capacity, he worked toward human dignity by taking up issues, such as immigrant rights, equality and educational opportunity for people of color and women’s rights. He has also taken on the role of mediator and turned negative situations into positive experiences.”

Nava was appointed OCR’s Director of governmental and Community relations in 1989. In this capacity, he serves as the university’s liaison with elected officials at the local, state and federal levels.

He is an Adjunct Professor in Chicanos Studies at Cal-State, Fullerton since 1985 and was an Educational Fellow with Institute on Educational Leadership Washington, D.C.

Nava was elected to the Riverside Unified School District board of education in 1990 and in 1994, was voted president of the board.

His affiliations include: University/Canyon Crest Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of commerce, Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Relations Commission, University relations and Development, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, California School Board Association-Hispanic Caucus Conference (co-chair 1992, chair 1993) and Council for the Support and Advancement of Education.

The purpose of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Visionaries, according to its directors, is to raise funds to erect, in the City of Riverside, a lasting monument to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Letter to Editor

Hi!

My name is Sergio Leopardi. I am a seven month old Italian baby. I was born in Rome on July 3, 1996, with a heart defect. When I was six days old I had a very risky open heart surgery. This allowed me to survive, but it didn't solve my problem. My heart continued to be very sick and I spend a long time at the hospital. Three times I was very close to death. Only when I was 2½ months old could I go home and meet my sister Claudia for the first time. But in December my condition became critical again.

When the doctors told my parents that I needed a heart transplant, they also said that finding a donor in Italy was impossible. I was too small. My parents didn't give up. They found out that at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital I could have a real chance. So just after Christmas I moved here with all my family. It was a long way. I have been waiting for a new heart for five months. I hope you can help me and also help inform the public of how important organ donation is for babies like me.

You may contact my parents, Carlo and Paola Leopardi, by calling the Community Relations office at Loma Linda University Medical Center, (909) 824-4419.

Forget-me-not!

Sergio

Andres (Andy) Soto presented with Presidential Emeritus Award by Riverside Hispanic Chamber

The Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce presented its first Presidential Emeritus Award to Andres (Andy) Soto, during its Annual Installation of Officers Dinner/Dance in January 1997.

According to Roberto Bautista-Lopez, past president, Soto founded the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and has contributed many years of service to the operation of the chamber.

"The chamber presents this first award to Mr. Soto because he has always been a supporter of the chamber and involved with our chamber and we appreciate his efforts in continually promoting the goals and objectives of the organization," Soto said.

The Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was established in 1979.

"Soto organized a group of local business persons to form the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in 1979. We started with 22 persons who became charter members of the chamber," the chamber said.

Soto, the president of the business group for the seventh time, has also held the positions of vice-president and treasurer. He held the position of southern region vice-president and secretary of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

A principal planner for the City of Colton, Soto has been a small business owner, manager of a broadcasting and television station and business development manager for the Department of Economic Development, County of Riverside.

His involvement includes 18 state, county and local committees and special commissions in the areas of economic, business, education, veterans and political.

"I am honored to be the first recipient of this award. There are many other persons in the community that also worked very hard to have the chamber of commerce become a viable service organization to businesses in the area," Soto said.

Redlands & The Great Drain Robbery

By Leonard Goymerac

The next four years saw your city lose $2.2 million in the form of property taxes. By 1993-94 the big Drain Robbery saw Redlands suffer a gap of 10% between what it takes in, and your city has to spend.

What happened? Redlands was forced to eliminate another 19 permanent positions. By now, your city had exhausted all of its cash reserves and one time revenues.

It's no joke. The Sacramento "squeezе play" saw service levels overburdened, maintenance and improvements were on permanent hold. We residents lead a sheltered life. Little did residents know that public safety vehicle replacement, such as fire and police, were in dire need.

So what do you do? Where do you turn when 10% of the city's work force has been eliminated? What do you do when services are cut back bare-bones and another $2.5 million lost to Sacramento?

1994-95 when the City Manager and City Council saw the hand writing on the wall and began deliberations on implementing a utility users tax.

If you will recall the City Council approved a 4% utility users tax. This proceeds then helped to close the gap caused by Sacramento's skimming of property tax money's.

With the inflow of utility tax money, Redlands began to restore budgets to important areas such as public safety. When - Bang! Just when Redlands began to economically straighten itself out, the Supreme Court of California declared utility taxes illegal. Another clouding the issue was last November's Proposition 218, which declares local taxes must be voted upon by its citizens.

The City of Redlands is not alone in this dilemma. Other cities face similar problems. The Great Drain Robbery appears to have engineered and increased tax flows into the States coffers without imposing new state taxes. Simply put, it's been a robbing from cities and counties to school districts.

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Professional Profile
Dr. Jeanette Peña opens chiropractic practice office in San Bernardino

Dr. Jeanette Peña

Dr. Jeanette Peña is a warm and energetic individual and makes you feel very much at home in her new chiropractic office located at 1361 E. Highland Avenue, San Bernardino.

The daughter of Dr. Luis and Mrs. Kathleen Suchil Marquez, Dr. Peña was born in Tachikawa Air Force Base, where her father was chaplain assistant. Her family's roots are in San Bernardino where the Marquez family owned the Anita's Mexican Foods, Inc., until it was sold, and the Grandview Tennis Club and Spa.

Dr. Peña attended St. Adelaide's Elementary, Aquinas High School, San Bernardino Valley College, receiving an A.A. in Liberal Arts, Cal-State, San Bernardino, Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus and Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, where she received her Doctorate in Chiropractic in April 1994.

She married her husband, Homero Peña, in April 1992. They are the parents of sons, Christien, 4, and Sean, 1 1/2.

Dr. Peña's telephone number is (909) 883-1196.

Chancellors Organization Elects of New Board

The Colton Joint Unified School District Board of Education appointed Frank A. Ibarra as its newest member during a meeting on February 5.

Ibarra, a department chairman with the San Bernardino City Unified School District's Adult School, replaces trustee Karl Gaytan, who was elected mayor of the City of Colton in November. He will serve until the next scheduled Board of Education election in November 1997.

"It is important for us as Colton citizens to provide a quality educational program for our children. It is equally important to guide and support our educational system, to work together as a team, to assist our students and children to achieve their goals and give them the best opportunity for the future," Ibarra said.

Board members had the choice of making an appointment or holding a special election to fill the vacancy. The cost of an election, which could be as high as $70,000 was one of the deciding factors in appointing a member.

Ibarra works in the San Bernardino Adult School's department of Mental Health Mentally Ill Homeless program and serves as the Adult Special Education Department chairman. He has worked for the adult school since 1985.

Colton School District Appoints Frank A. Ibarra

His wife, Susan, is a special education aide at Cooley Ranch Elementary School. They have a three year old son. His two step children are graduates of Colton High School and his step daughter is a senior there this year.

Ibarra will be sworn into office on February 6 and will begin serving his term immediately.

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¡AVISO LA COMUNIDAD REDLANDS!

I support Measure (1), because:

• Recreational facilities must grow with the community.
• In Redlands, there are over 5,475 youths in organized sports programs. Another 1,346 youngsters are in indoor recreational programs.
• Youth recreation programs mean less juvenile crime.
• Recreation means healthier children.

MEASURE (1) Will Provide funds for:

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• Youth Sports Programs - $25,000 per year.

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Citizens For Our Town

for more information, please call (909) 881-3226.
France Awards France Invasion Medal to Two Redlands Residents

On behalf of the French government and State VFW, Julio Martinez (not related to the awards) presented the awards to the two veterans. Martinez, a veterans advocate, is 3rd District Service Officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Government of France, needless to say, recognizes the importance of our country's role in the liberation of their country from the German forces. Our soldiers performed courageously in the invasion and many gave the ultimate sacrifice to the service of our country.

"It is only fitting that each soldier be recognized for their individual roles and contribution in our continual struggles in what we believe in."

"Cheto Gomez and Max Martinez are finally rewarded for their contributions in our struggles," stated Martinez.

The French government requested the State VFW and its state commander, Bob Marr to research and locate soldiers who participated in the Normandy invasion.

The Veterans Eternal Flame Memorial was built by the Phillip Marmolejo Post 650, American Legion and was dedicated on May 31, 1988, to Redlands residents who died in battle. The Memorial is located in the Jennie Davis Park on Redlands Blvd. in the western entrance to the City of Redlands.

Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce holds installation dinner dance & awards

The Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held its installation dinner dance in January and presented awards to outstanding community persons.

Cheto Gomez and Max Martinez were presented the Installation Dinner Dance & Awards to Marian Luna, owner of MarLin Printing and community activist (see profile on Luna below)."Cheto Gomez and Max Martinez are finally rewarded for their contributions in our struggles," stated Martinez.

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Marion Luna presented with Josie Lozano Memorial Award by Riverside Hispanic Chamber

Businesswoman and community activist Marion E. Luna was presented the prestigious Josie Lozano Memorial Award at the recent Annual Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Installation.

The Award is presented annually by the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to a Riverside area Hispanic woman who exemplified the ideals and accomplishments portrayed by the late Josie Lozano, a local activist and role model for Hispanic women.

Luna, married to Lino Luna, is the daughter of Tony and Rosey Esquivel, well-known couple actively involved in community affairs.

Luna attended local schools, graduating from Riverside Community College, attended the University of California, Riverside and the University of Southern California.

Owner of MarLin Printing, Luna has held administrative positions with the County Office on Aging as program director and program manager; youth counselor for SER Jobs for Progress; administrative assistance for Chicano Studies Program at UCR; and the US Forest Fire Laboratory.

Among numerous key awards, Luna received the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monument Visionary Award in 1996.

Luna was former member of the Arlanza (La Sierra Redevelopment Project, founding member of the Riverside Redevelopment Program Task Force, Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Community Relations Commission, Centro de Niños and Riverside Design Review Board.

Her current membership includes: the Alvord Educational Foundation, Scholars for Dollars Foundation, American G.I. Forum, Hispanic Advisory Committee and Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual Officers Installation Dinner Dance.

Pictured above is Marion Luna, City of Riverside community activist, posing after receiving the prestigious Josie Lozano Memorial Award at the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Annual Officers Installation Dinner Dance.
Calderon Speaks at Heart Association Luncheon in Victor Valley

The focus of this conference was prevention and detection of heart disease and stroke among Latinos. Health education workshops included Nutrition - how to cook with less lard and salt: Exercise - including dancing; Diabetes: Cholesterol, Blood Pressure; Tobacco Use, Heart Disease and Stroke Risk Factors; and Tests Your Doctor May Request if You Have Heart Problems. Information was presented by physicians, nurses, and health educators in Spanish and English, with an emphasis on Spanish.

Victor Valley Community Hospital was the major sponsor donating money, medical personnel and equipment. Of particular interest, was the machine bought by Victor Valley Community Hospital to test blood flow through the carotid artery. This is an expensive diagnostic test that aids in the detection of heart disease and stroke.

In addition, many local businesses sponsored money, food and time to make this event possible. KIX106 FM Radio, San Bernardino County T.U.R.N. Project, Domingo's Restaurant, Faust Printing, H. Olsen Distributing Company, Molina Medical Center, Arrowhead Credit Union, Richie's Diner, Casa Mexico, IEHP, La Casita Restaurant, Radio Mexico, Casa Blanca Realty, Cajon Investments, Victorville Fire Department Explorers Program and Bear Valley Rental.

Another unique aspect of this conference will be the tracking and follow-up with some of the participants. One component missing from many health fairs or conferences where screenings are provided is what happens to people after they leave the event. Do they make necessary life-style changes, do they go to a health care provider if screenings found them to be at risk? Currently, members of the conference planning committee are working with representatives from Loma Linda University in the development of a simplified research methodology to conduct follow-up with a statistically significant number of conference participants. Participants will be contacted and followed for a year and results presented during next year's conference.

The Josie Lozano Memorial Award

The Josie Lozano Memorial Award was named after Mrs. Josephine Lozano, a long time Riverside resident and recognized as a pioneer in the struggle for civil rights for Hispanics from the early 1930's, when she started working to desegregate public restrooms in Riverside! Actively involved in politics, Mrs. Lozano encouraged Hispanic women to register and vote after World War II. She was involved in Democratic politics, being a member of the County Central Democratic Committee, MAPA and many other local organizations, and actively working in political campaigns, including John Kennedy, Pat and Jerry Brown, George Brown, Walter Ingalls, John Tunney, Robert Presley and John Soto.

During the 1950's, Mrs. Lozano worked for the Riverside Community Settlement House and using her own money, traveled to Washington during the Johnson administration to lobby for poverty funds for Riverside. Mrs. Lozano was educated at Longfellow Elementary, University Junior High and Poly High schools. She died in April, 1983 at the age of 70.

Since 1983, the Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has annually presented the Josie Lozano Memorial Award to a Hispanic woman who emulates the accomplishments of Josephine Lozano.
COUNTY RECEIVES FUNDS FOR PARENTING/MENTORING PROGRAM

SACRAMENTO — February 13, 1997 — Assemblyman Joe Baca announced that the San Bernardino County Probation Department has received a grant of $45,180 to conduct the Young Men as Fathers Parenting/Mentoring Program in its juvenile facilities and the Youth Justice Center at Norton AFB.

The grant, which is part of $2.7 million award to 26 counties, funds a program based on a model developed by the California Youth Authority. It focuses on the premises that:

• child mistreatment is closely linked to later delinquency and can be prevented;

• both parents are needed for the proper planning for an development of every child and at-risk young men need to be held more accountable for their parenting obligations; and

• an involved father is good for self-esteem and can be a motivating factor for a successful family life.

The program model recognizes that most young fathers lack basic parenting education and skills, have inadequate role models, and need real-life experiences to learn how to build relationships with their families. The program has three elements to meet these challenges:

• classroom parenting instruction;

• the use of mentors to be parental role models; and

• special family activities to build relationships among family members.

Statewide, roughly 5,000 are expected to participate in the program which will bring the state, county probation offices, and county offices of education together in a partnership to meet the needs of this at-risk population.

"We need to do whatever we can to break the cycle of domestic violence, especially involving children," Assemblyman Baca said. "The other very important component of this program is that it teaches our young men to take greater responsibility while assisting them with practical information about parenting. Mentors are also a key to making this whole program work. People need the support of role models who have real-life experiences."

Gas Assistance Fund Helps

More than $525,000 is now available to help qualifying limited income Gas Company customers pay their winter gas bills, the utility announced today.

Gas Company customers donated over $276,000 and the utility's shareholders contributed an additional $250,000 to this year's gas Assistance Fund, which is administered by the United Way. The money is available up to $100 per household -- until March 31, 1997, or until the funds run out.

"Our customers have long been known for their generosity and support to those who need it. This year is no exception," says Judi Battey, district manager of residential services for The Gas Company. "Higher winter gas bills are often a concern to our customers. We're glad to see so many of our customers care and want to help others."

Applications will be taken at local United Way agencies. Proof of household income, proper identification such as a driver's license or California I.D. card, and your gas bill must be presented at time of application.

Last year, more than 5,312 needy households were assisted through the fund. SoCalGas' shareholders have given approximately $3 million in contributions to the Gas Assistance Fund since it was established in 1982.

Hollywood East to Host Dinner-Auction

An autographed baseball by renown Los Angeles Dodger Bill Russell, an airplane ride to a mountain resort and dinner for two, antique glassware, original artwork, tickets for two in San Bernardino's finest restaurants, services for all the family — including your pets — are just a few of the hundreds of items that are going up for auction on February 23 at Hollywood East. A silent auction begins at 3:00 and ends at 5:00 when a public auction will be held for the larger items. A buffet dinner will be served from 4:00 to 6:00 in the luxurious Hollywood East, the former Officers' Club of Norton Air Force Base, which comfortably seats 600 persons.

The occasion is a benefit event for Central City Lutheran Mission (CCLM). This not-for-profit community center is located in one of San Bernardino's poorest neighborhoods. CCLM operates a daily after-school program for 40 children, which includes tutoring and a hot meal. Twenty teens are provided employment, counseling and adolescent health seminars.

Community Education Awards Program Nominations Being Accepted

SAN BERNARDINO - County Superintendent Barry Pulliam has announced the sixth annual education awards program-San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor—aimed at giving recognition to individuals and organizations for significant contributions made to public education in San Bernardino County.

"This program has received tremendous support from individuals and organizations throughout the county," said Pulliam. "We are pleased and excited to again have this opportunity to recognize outstanding service and support to public education," he continued.

Six categories have been established: Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteer, Volunteer in Action/Service Group, Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise, Partners in Education/Corporation, Excellence in Education/Education Professional, and Excellence in Education/Student Alumni.

Nomination forms, which explain the criteria for each category, are being distributed to all school districts in the county. In addition, forms also are available at the reception desk in the main lobby of the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS), 601 North E Street.

In general, the criteria focuses on ways in which the individual or organization made an impact and lasting contribution, provided a positive role model, and created an awareness and support for education in the community.

The deadline for entries to be received at SBCSS is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 1997. FAXed entries will not be accepted.

Judging will be done by an independent panel from the California Inland Empire Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. PRSA is a professional organization of public relations practitioners with some 17,000 members nationwide. Award recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony during the spring meeting of the San Bernardino County School Boards' Association.

For more information, contact Larry Berenato, SBCSS communications specialist, at (909) 387-3103.

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

Bid No. Title Bidder's Conference Closing Date Contact Person
9697-19 Pre-Qualify Vendors for Personal Computer Hardware, Software, & Installation Service Purchases 03/20/97 1:00 p.m. Ray Goldsworthy (909) 396-2866
9697-27 Service Limited Testing 03/03/97 1:00 p.m. Donald Meade (909) 396-3020
9697-28 APPROVED UNDER SCAQMD LABORATORY APPROVAL PROGRAM (LAP) IS REQUIRED. IF YOU DO NOT CURRENTLY HOLD APPROPRIATE LAP APPROVALS, YOU MUST SUBMIT
9697-31 Ambulance Driver - Hybrid Electric 03/18/97 2:00 p.m. Leticia De La O (909) 396-3520
9697-32 Assist AQMD in Developing Low-VOC Solvents None 03/21/97 1:00 p.m. Mildred Brown
9697-33 Purchase Hardware & Software Necessary to Implement Mobiles Technology in Support of AQMD Applications None 03/18/97 2:00 p.m. Mildred Brown
9697-34 Purchase Hardware & Software Necessary to Implement Mobiles Technology in Support of AQMD Applications None 03/27/97 5:00 p.m. Mildred Brown

Persons attending the bidder's conference should confirm their attendance by calling the contact person. Bids will not be accepted from anyone not attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

The RFP's may be obtained through the Internet at: http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/

If you have questions or would like a copy of the RFP mailed to you, telephone the contact person.

The AQMD hereby notifies all bidders in regard to this request, that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to bid responses to this invitation. Moreover, the AQMD will not discriminate against bidders on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age, veterans status or handicap. The AQMD also encourages joint ventures and subcontracting with MBE/WBE/DBVEs.

Mildred Brown
Purchasing Manager

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$31,430 to $55,750 per year (10-Month Position)
Application deadline: Tuesday, February 26, 1997 - 4:00 p.m.
For application materials or information, please call our Jobline, (909) 384-0033, and leave your name and address and an application will be mailed to you or come in to Personnel Services Office at 441 W. 8th St., San Bernardino, CA 92401 (between D & E Streets on 8th).

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San Bernardino Community College Dist. is accepting applications for the Principal Combined Fund Organization to manage the 1997/98 Combined Federal Campaign for the San Bernardino Area. Applications deadline: Tuesday, February 26, 1997 - 4:00 p.m.
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Announcements

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Wednesday, February 19, 1997

Social Security New Office

The Social Security office located at 107, S. W. Townsend St. is moving to a new location during the President's day weekend. The new location will be 605 N. Arrowhead, San Bernardino. The new office opened on Tuesday, February 18th. Although the office address is on Arrowhead the entrance is located on Sixth Street.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ANNOUNCEMENT

Hearing Board Vacancies

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board of Directors is soliciting applications for two appointments and their alternates in the SCAQMD Hearing Board. Attorney Member and Engineer Member. The Hearing Board is chartered under Divisions 6, 7, and 12 of the California Health and Safety Code and operates independently of the SCAQMD and its Board of Directors. The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial entity vested with the authority to hear variances in certain powers and public agencies subject to SCAQMD rules and regulations and SCAQMD hearing persons or operators and contractors the denial and issuance of variance requests and the approval and denial of applications for approval.

Hearing Board positions: Terms of Appointment:

Term of Appointment - Three Years

Application Deadline:

February 28, 1997

Applications are available from the Human Resources Department, 21865 E. Copsey Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 for the following positions:

HEARING BOARD POSITIONS
- term of Appointment - Three Years

1. Attorney Member Qualifications: An attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California, with two or more years of practice in litigation and experience in civil matters.

2. Engineer Member Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from an accredited college in chemical, mechanical, environmental, electrical, or civil engineering, with two or more years of practice, preferably with the practice of law in the State of California, with two or more years of experience, preferably with the practice of law in the State of California.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications to the District Human Resources Department and a copy of their resume to the President of the Board. The District will advertise the position in the San Bernardino Sun. www.aqmd.gov/rfp/ http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/
Mexico Repays U.S. Loan Early

The Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico has announced that the Federal Government will repay in the coming weeks US$3.5 billion to the U.S. Treasury. With this early payment, Mexico will have canceled the total amount of the remaining balance with the U.S. Treasury.

The original financial support package amounted to US$20 billion, of which US$12.5 billion was outstanding to Mexico at its highest level in July 1995. By January 1996, Mexico has already repaid US$2 billion of short-term liabilities, leaving US$10.5 billion in outstanding support. In August 1996, an early payment of US$7 billion was made, leaving the outstanding balance of US$3.5 billion.

Additionally, The Central Bank has informed that it will pay ahead of schedule US$1.5 billion of the International Monetary Fund.

It is important to point out that neither of these payments will be financed from the international reserves of the Central Bank, and the repayment to the IMF will increase net international assets by US$1.5 billion. Due to the refinancing nature of this transaction, the new external debt balance of the public sector will remain the same.

Sources of funds:

1. The funding for the prepayment to the U.S. Treasury (US$3.5 billion) and the IMF (US$1.5 billion) comes from the following transactions:
   - US$1 billion from the recent issuance of a 10-year Dollar global bond.
   - US$1 billion from a 8-year Deutsche Mark denominated issuance.
   - US$650 million from a 6-year Yen denominated issuance.
   - US$775 million from the collateral released from Brady Bonds which were recently canceled.
   - US$550 million from the payment of Penex to the Federal Government of liabilities originated as a result of the 1987-1989 debt restructuring.

2. In 1995, Mexico has informed that it will pay ahead of schedule US$1.5 billion of the International Monetary Fund.

3. In August 1996, an early payment of US$7 billion was made, leaving the outstanding balance of US$3.5 billion.

4. Mexico's refinancing needs for the years 1997-1999 have sharply decreased with this transaction.

Bi-Lingual Pictorial of Abraham Lincoln Honors Hispanics

On December 21, 1861, Abraham Lincoln created the Congressional Medal of Honor to recognize the extraordinary acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty by men and women fighting for their country. Since 1864, 38 Hispanic-Americans have received the medal for their extraordinary service.

The current refinancing increases the average maturity from 3.33 to 7.68 years. This transaction highlights the conclusion of Mexico's short-term external debt refinancing, through which an emergency funding is substituted by market refinancing at lower cost of funding and increasing tenor.

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