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Catholic War Veterans, Our Lady of Guadalupe Post, celebrates 50 years of service to veterans and the community

The defeat of Japan in September, 1945 ended the World War II hostilities, which, thereafter, resulted in the accelerated discharge of hundreds of thousands of soldiers, including the many thousands of Hispanics who proudly served their country.

After settling down with their respective families and continuing in their chosen professions, veterans in the United States, our members have been very busy serving our immediate community and have contributed toward making our neighborhood a better place to live. We are proud of what our post has done to better the lives of our members and other persons in the community.

During the last five decades, the post has been able to have a large number of dedicated members that have contributed time and effort in numerous projects to improve the community.

Projects included the operation of the 14th Street Little League, scholarships, family food baskets on Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, veterans holidays, fund-raising events, religious functions and operated a concessions stand at the National Orange Show for 25 years. The revenue from this source financed civic, scholarship and youth projects.

An important component of the CWV throughout the last 50 years has been the Ladies Auxiliary, composed of spouses who participate in every facet of social, project and volunteer community work planned by the chapter.

The National Catholic War Veterans, USA, was founded by Monsignor Robert Higgins in 1935 in the State of Massachusetts. The three principals were God, Country and Honor.

The goal of the CWV was to establish chapters and unite the veterans of Catholic faith into a strong advocacy for veteran rights and service to community.

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FOCUS 92411 Neighbor-
hood Council sets meet-
ing March 12 at Commu-
nity Hospital Auditorium

Focus 92411 Neighborhood Council has scheduled a meeting on March 12, 1997 at 6:00 PM at the Community Hospital of San Bernardino's auditorium.

The main agenda of the meeting will be to receive nominations and election of officers for the newly-organized group.

"Focus 92411 has had ongoing meetings since July, 1996 and has progressed to this point of forming an organizational structure," said Susan Jezek, Community Hospital public relations officer. "This project will determine the needs of the community in the 92411 zip code. The result will be the establishment of programs to remedy the prioritized needs."

The Focus 92411 is a collaborative effort of the Community Hospital, County Health Department and CalState, San Bernardino to work with the residents of the area and enhance the quality of life for its population.

For additional information or RSVP call (909) 887-6333, ext. 1180.

Riverside County Sells Out to Marlboro

Indio, CA - The Del Mar Fair, in San Diego county, turned down $175,000 of Marlboro's tobacco money when they wanted to be a sponsor, but the Riverside County Date festival sold out to Marlboro for just $25,000," said Bob Peterson, senior health educator for the County of Riverside Tobacco Control Project.

Critics complain that sponsorship from the nation's largest cigarette company detracts from the fair's family image and aids tobacco industry efforts to induce youth to start smoking.

"It is grossly inappropriate for the County to promote and market tobacco products and then county people spend over $100 million tax payer dollars a year on tobacco related illness," said Peterson.

A 1989 study The Costs of Smoking in California, by the Institute of Aging, School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco, placed smoking cost for Riverside County at $310 million, $265.61 for every county resident, every year.

In a July 1994 Center for Disease Control, (CDC), Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report the CDC estimated that smoking costs California $3.9 billion annually in direct medical costs with 43% of tobacco related hospital cost paid by public dollars.

Tobacco companies spend millions of dollars a month in California advertising in magazines, billboards, sports wear and event promotions to hook over 3,000 new smokers everyday.

Peterson and other health educators in the area want to ban tobacco promotions and sales on all county property. They feel that public money is being wasted.

"Many state, county, and city governments are suing tobacco companies to recover tobacco related expenses, yet in Riverside County we're still helping them sell tobacco," Peterson said.

"We think that the Riverside Festival and the County of Riverside should have a policy banning tobacco promotion on county property or public property," Peterson added.

The Riverside Tobacco Control Project's goal is to reduce youth access to tobacco, tobacco advertising and promotions aimed at youth and exposure to secondhand smoke.

Volunteers Requested for S.B. County Grand Jury

Volunteers for the 1997-1998 San Bernardino County Grand Jury are being requested, announced Joseph E. Johnston, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. These Grand Jurors will serve for the period beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998.

To be eligible for selection a person must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident of San Bernardino County for at least one year. Potential Grand Jurors are also required to possess sufficient knowledge of the English language, be in possession of their natural facilities, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgement and of good character. By law, elected or public officials are not eligible.

Service for a Grand Jury involves an average of 3 to 4 full working days per week. Compensation is $25 per day plus meals and mileage associated with service. The regular meeting place is located in San Bernardino.

The County-Grand Jury is charged by the California Penal Code to investigate all aspects of County, city and special district government, and to hear information on certain criminal investigations. All communications to the Grand Jury are confidential and the Grand Jury responds to certain criminal investigations. All communications to the Grand Jury are confidential and the Grand Jury responds to the County.

Applications will be accepted through March 21, 1997.
MINORITY TEACHERS NEEDED
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The men and women teaching today in California’s public schools are predominantly white (80.3 percent, according to a study done by the California Educational Research Cooperative), but only 42.3 percent of the state’s students are white.

So where are the minority teachers? Why are they missing from California’s classrooms?

With the recent classroom size reductions mandated by the state for the lower elementary school grades, teachers are in hot, hot demand. “Most of the state’s substitute and retired teachers have been recruited for full time work in the classroom and many recruitment programs already are hard at work recruiting adults with a four year college degree or more to leave the private sector and switch careers already,” said Carolyn Williams, Special Assistant to the superintendent in the Safe Schools Coalition.

Several school districts will be on hand at the Inland Empire Diversity Job Fair on, Wednesday, May 7 at the National Orange Show Event Center in San Bernardino recruiting teachers. Schools are eager to hire college-educated adults and have several programs available to ensure adults with a four year college degree and who have passed the CBEST exam can start as soon as possible, without having to spend a year in graduate school.

For more information on the CBEST exam, contact the CBEST Program, National Evaluation Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 340880, Sacramento, CA 95834-0880, or call (916) 928-4001.

The Inland Empire Minority Job Fair is co-sponsored by National American Unity Association, the San Bernardino Sun, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, radio stations KOLA 99.9, KCAL-AM, and Super Z 960 AM, Inland Empire Business Journal, Westside Story, Black Voice News, The American News and Dameron communications. The event is free and we are asking for a canned food donation.

For more information on participating in the Job Fair, contact Dameron communications at (909) 888-4571.

Minority Teachers Needed - If you have ever thought of being a teacher, our schools want you. If you're a member of any minority group, our schoolchildren especially need you. “We hope to attract more minority teachers so that our teacher population will reflect the same diversity as that of our students,” Williams said.

The unions recognize that the proposed PE-Enova merger will make the transition that will come with this merger easier.

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Federal Welfare Reform Basics

By Gary Morris

The Inland Empire Hispanic News submits the following article for its readers on Welfare Reform and the most recent available information regarding the effects on current welfare recipients and the immigrant population.

On August 22, 1996 President Clinton signed Public Law 104-193. This is the law which changed federal welfare policy. The significance of federal "Welfare Reform" is best put into perspective when one considers that this is the most important piece of social legislation since the Civil Rights Act of 1964. "Welfare Reform" dramatically changes the Social Security Act of 1935.

Public Law 104-193 has been titled the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" or the shortened version "PRWORA". The purpose of PRWORA is "to end welfare as we know it". One of the methods used to accomplish the purpose of the bill is to end federal entitlements to the AFDC, GAIN and Child Care programs. These programs are now "Block Granted". The means that the states will receive a fixed amount of money to carry out these programs ending the entitlement status also gives the states the flexibility to formulate their own eligibility regulations and benefit levels. The law maintains the entitlement status of the food stamp, Medicaid (Medi-Cal), child welfare services, adoption assistance, foster care, child abuse prevention, and independent living skills programs.

PRWORA is also part of a larger effort to reduce the federal budget deficit. Estimated savings for the fiscal years 1997 through 2002 will be $54.1 billion. These savings will mostly come from cutbacks in benefits to legal immigrants, SSI, and Food Stamps. In California the net overall reduction of federal funding will be $6.8 billion.

What's TANF?

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or "TANF" is the program that will replace AFDC. States can continue to operate their AFDC program under the block grant cap amount until the TANF state plan is submitted to the federal government. All state plans are due by 7-01-97. The state plan must describe the new program "to assist families with children and help parents become self-sufficient."

Under TANF states have great flexibility to determine eligibility standards, income and resource limits, and payment levels, as well as type of benefits such as cash, rent vouchers, on the job training paychecks in lieu of aid payments. The federal role is diminished. The federal government cannot dispute or modify the TANF state plan. They cannot regulate or enforce TANF other than limited sections of the law. TANF has time limits on the amount of time an adult can receive benefits. All adults deemed ready to work, or after receiving aid for 24 months, must participate in work activities as defined by the state for 20 to 35 hours per week. An adult can not be aided with TANF money after 60 months whether or not the months are consecutive. The 60 month time limit is a nationwide time limit for all states. Under PRWORA the 60 month time limit is that there is not an existing automated state or federal system to track cumulative months of aid.

TANF identifies twelve activities that may be counted in the work participation rates. The activities are: unsubsidized employment, subsidized public employment, subsidized private employment, jobs experience, on the job training, job search/job readiness training (maximum 6 weeks), community service, vocational education training (maximum 12 weeks), job skills training directly related to work, education directly related to work (no GED), teen parents under age 20 without a high school diploma must attend a secondary school/GED study, teen parents under age 20 without a high school diploma must attend a secondary school/GED study, provision of child care to aided community service participant. TANF has several options that a state may choose to implement as part of the state plan. A few examples of the options are: the option to aid families after the 60 month time limit with state only funds and pay another state's benefit level for 12 months to a new state arrival. These and the other options will require legislation by the state to implement.

Changes Effecting Legal Immigrants

Public Law 104-193 or "PRWORA" restricts Public Assistance to both legal and illegal immigrants. Illegal immigrants became ineligible to most Federal, State, and Local benefits when President Clinton signed PRWORA on 8-22-96. However, illegal immigrants remained eligible to the following benefits: Elementary/secondary education, Emergency medical services, Immunization/communicable disease control, Soup kitchens, Disaster relief.

PRWORA gives the state the option to pay other benefits. In order to pay other types of benefits, the state must develop and pass state law that specifies the benefits that will be paid to illegal immigrants. Any benefits other than those listed above must be paid out of state and county funds. The Federal Government will not share in the funding of any state option benefits to illegal immigrants.

Under PRWORA, legal immigrants are ineligible to SSI, IHSS, AFDC/ TANF, Medi-Cal and Food Stamp benefits. Termination of SSI, and IHSS benefits is to occur at the next annual review or no later than 8-22-97 one year after the enactment of PRWORA. For Federal benefits to illegal immigrants the states will receive a fixed TANF funding. Estimated savings for the fiscal years 1997 through 2002 will be $54.1 billion.

Illegal immigrants will continue to be eligible to AFDC/TANF and Medi-Cal benefits until the state legislature decides to change existing law. Under PRWORA the state has the option to continue AFDC/TANF and Medi-Cal benefits to legal immigrants for any legislated length of time. Governor Wilson has announced his intent to recommend that legal immigrants who are currently receiving AFDC/TANF and Medi-Cal remain eligible to these benefits. Some legal immigrants remain eligible. Immigrants who become naturalized citizens are eligible to the same benefits as any citizen. Certain "Qualified" legal immigrants are eligible to benefits. "Qualified" immigrants are lawfully admitted and are: Asylees, refugees, parolees (first 5 years), or Veterans, their spouses, and dependents, or have worked over 40 quarters (10 years) or are credited with a spouse/parent's earnings of over 40 quarters. The impact of denying/discontinuing benefits to illegal immigrants in the State of California is substantial. The net overall reduction in federal funding from PRWORA in the state is estimated to be $6.8 billion for the fiscal years 1997 through 2002. Most of this reduction will come from cutbacks in benefits to legal immigrants in the SSI and Food Stamp programs. The exact amount of the federal funding reduction attributed to legal immigrants cannot be determined because the state has not "tracked" the dollar amount of benefits paid to legal immigrants by aid program. The benefits reductions in the SSI program are substantial. Per the Social Security Administration there

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The first bishop of the San Diego Diocese, and to his left is Monsignor Jose Nuñez, legendary priest of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Bernardino, who served at the parish from 1939 until his death in 1968.

There are currently 78 chapter/posts throughout the United States.

Pictured above are the members (partial group) of the CWV Post 762 Auxiliary, who prepared the dinner and total event at the recent CWV 50th Anniversary.

Incentives for Business Provided By S.B. County ECD

A wide variety of attractive financing programs to help relocating and expanding businesses is being offered by the County of San Bernardino’s Economic and Community Development Department (ECD).

The County’s financing programs fill the funding gap between private financing and borrower equity by providing low-interest loans to qualifying borrowers. Programs range in size from a minimum $5,000 micro-loan to multi-million dollar projects, and cover a full spectrum of amounts and uses in between. Rates and terms are determined on an individual basis.

For more information about financing offered by the County of San Bernardino, contact the San Bernardino County’s Economic and Community Development Department at 290 North “D” Street, Sixth Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040, (909) 388-0800, Fax (909) 388-0844.

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were 1,034,514 people in California receiving SSI in July of 1996. Of these people, 330,514 or 31% were non-citizen legal immigrants. In San Bernardino county there were 47,152 SSI recipients with 8,221 or 17% non-citizen legal immigrants. However, some of the 8,221 non-citizen legal immigrants will remain eligible because they have worked over 40 quarters, or are credited with a spouse's or a parent's earnings of over 40 quarters, or have become naturalized citizens since July 1996.

The worst case scenario estimate for benefit reductions due to the legal immigrants provisions of PRWORA in San Bernardino county are as follows:

- FS-Annual benefit reductions of $23,123,880 with 29,646 persons ineligible
- SSI - Annual benefit reductions of $49,329,000 with 8,221 persons ineligible

It is important to remember that the above benefit reductions will also represent dollars that are removed from the local economy. Since the local communities are just beginning to recover from the recent recession the end result could be to further slow economic recovery. Welfare dollars are circulated into the economy immediately. Rents are paid with SSI benefits. Food Stamp benefits are redeemed at the local markets. This in turn creates jobs and cash flow within the local communities.

The impact of the termination of Food Stamp and SSI benefits to legal immigrants could have a significant impact locally. The legal immigrants will still be needy and in poverty. General Relief casesloads may increase substantially. This will cause an increase in local and state general fund expenditures because GR is funded totally by the county. Community based organizations such as Catholic charities, United Way, Salvation Army, and other public and private organizations may experience increased demand for their help in areas such as homeless shelters and feeding programs.

Community Hospital of San Bernardino
A Major Player in Violence Prevention

San Bernardino - Community Hospital of San Bernardino has committed to preventing youth violence by becoming a MAJOR PEACEBUILDERS® SPONSOR for Mt. Vernon and Lincoln Elementary schools in San Bernardino. The hospital's sponsorship has made PeaceBuilders possible for a total of 1,558 children in San Bernardino to participate in the PeaceBuilders Program. (Dr. Neal Roberts Elementary School was sponsored by the hospital last year.)

"Community Hospital of San Bernardino believes in the prevention of youth violence and related injuries. We want to support our community with programs that are working to impact children at an early age," stated Suzanne Jezek, Director of Public Relations.

Inland Empire Schools implementing the PeaceBuilders Program has reported a 50% decrease in referrals to the principal and up to 100% decrease in student suspensions. Vandalism has also decreased in the surrounding communities. Emmerton Elementary School implementing PeaceBuilders since 1994 has not reported incidents of vandalism in the last two years.

Community Hospital of San Bernardino, through its Peace Builders Program, is leading the effort to reduce higher levels of youth violence in the Inland Empire. Here is how the hospital is making a difference:

- Inland Agency's Role: Inland Agency, a private 501 (c) (3) community based non-profit, has a mission to bring effective and innovative programs to San Bernardino and Riverside counties that promote health and reduce youth violence. Inland Agency is the first organization to bring PeaceBuilders to California and has been successful in launching the program in over 77 elementary schools and sites throughout San Bernardino and Riverside counties. We are currently the largest PeaceBuilders Site in the nation. Inland Agency's role with PeaceBuilders is to strengthen the ties between the schools and the community by uniting businesses and civic organizations to reduce youth violence.

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Kaiser Permanente Awards $7000 to Family Service Agency

FON'TANA - Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana recently awarded $7000 in community service grant funds to Family Service Agency of San Bernardino County. The funds will be used for teen pregnancy prevention education. This educational outreach will not only target teenagers that are at risk for early pregnancy, but also for drug abuse. The program will offer education and group counseling in both Spanish and English on topics which will focus on pregnancy prevention for a group that is at the highest risk for pregnancy and drug addiction.

"We are proud to support family Service Agency with this effort to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy and drug abuse in our communities," said Patricia Siegel, Hospital Administrator at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana.

Kaiser Permanente's Community Service Program was developed to improve the needs and conditions of the communities in which it operates. Grants are awarded to non-profit agencies with special emphasis on the needs of the indigent, immunizations, and teen pregnancy.

Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program provides comprehensive health care to more than 2.2 million Health Plan Members in Southern California and more than 6.5 million nationwide, including more than 300,000 people in the Inland Area at the Fontana Medical Center and at our satellite offices in Claremont, Colton, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and San Bernardino.
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Family Community Conference Set

Building strong links between parents and community is the goal of "A Partnership for the Future" educational conference set for Saturday, March 15 at San Bernardino Valley College. The conference, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., is sponsored by The San Bernardino City Unified School District, San Bernardino Valley College, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools office and the San Bernardino Mayor's office.

The day-long conference, to which all community parents are invited "will give parents practical ideas to motivate children and help them with the learning process; acquaint them with the learning opportunities, programs and services that are available; and make them aware of the barriers that hinder student learning," said Delfina Bryant, Director, English Learners and Support Programs, SBCUSD.

Dr. Evangelina Miranda, Coordinator, ELSP, and also one of the conference coordinators, said "We want to build a partnership in the educational process between the school, the home, and the community to ensure student success. Studies tell us that parent involvement is a major factor in student learning and achievement but collaboration with teachers and the community helps set high expectations that can be met."

More than a dozen workshops are offered by district parents, teachers, principals, psychologists, counselors and coordinators as well as San Bernardino Valley College administrators, counselors, and faculty.

A wide range of subjects will be covered, including motivating and connecting with children at home, working with teachers on homework, teenagers, drugs, and alcohol, preparing for the 21st century through technology, life after high school, physical and nutritional fitness, and ensuring the success of English learners. Some workshops are offered in Spanish, and Asian language tutors will be available for others.

Display tables will be available with information from the district, San Bernardino Valley College, and community agencies.

There is a $10 registration at the door. For further information, call Dr. Miranda at 381-1361.

March Women's History Month Activities at UCR

Women's history month at the University of California, Riverside kicks off with "Making Peace," a four-part film series and other events open to the public, including a women's leadership conference Saturday, March 8.

The theme of this year's celebration is "A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership," said Adrienne Sims, director of the Women's Resource Center at UCR.

"We are highlighting that tradition in our Women's Conference, which will feature a community leaders forum, as well as workshops on various aspects of community leadership," Sims said. "Women's Conference '97: Leadership for a New Era" will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at University Extension.

The featured speaker will be Velma Montoya, a University of California Regent who serves as a commissioner on the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. A video series will be screened which highlights women's community leadership achievements.

General admission to the conference is $45; students with I.D. will be admitted for $22.50. For more information about the conferences, call the center at (909) 787-3337.

"Women's History month is a time to remind ourselves of all that women have accomplished through the ages. Accomplishments that someday will be included in the history books and classrooms as tantamount, rather than incidental, to those of men," Sims said.

"Making Peace" is a film and discussion series that will be held on four consecutive Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. support technology hardware;
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In recent years, California's students have fallen far behind those of other states in terms of performance and their ability to compete in the working world," Assemblyman Baca said. "We need to give as many of our students as possible the access to the wide range of information now available through CD-ROM, interactive and other technology technologies. The students of California need the tools necessary to become leaders in a new age of high technology and the global marketplace."