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Hispanic Women’s Career Seminar benefit set for Sat., Sept. 13

Harris’ Department Store, San Bernardino and the Inland Empire Hispanic News are sponsoring the Hispanic Women’s Career Seminar on Saturday, September 13th at the Harris’, San Bernardino, starting at 9:30 AM with a continental breakfast, career wardrobe workshop and professional salon tips. Keynote speakers are Judy Valles, San Bernardino Community College District Governing Board, Eloise Gomez-Reyes, attorney at law and Dr. Lilly Rivera, CSUSB faculty member. The event will benefit the Latin American Women’s League and Sinfonia Mexicana Society. Tickets are $25 per person and may be purchased at the San Bernardino Symphony Office, 362 W. Court St., San Bernardino, or call (909) 381-5388 or (909) 381-6259 or (909) 886-7764.

Rialto’s Kelley Elementary School’s New Youth Mariachi Orchestra to perform at Sinfonia Mexicana Mariachi Concert

The Rialto School District’s Kelley Elementary School Mariachi Youth Orchestra will be presenting its first performance at the Fourth Annual Mariachi Festival to be held at the California Theater on September 27th, with the internationally famous Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez and Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, the first all woman mariachi group in the United States. The Inland Empire Hispanic News will be profiling the Kelley Elementary School Mariachi Youth Orchestra in its September 16th Special Edition.

Computers in Our Future - Riverside / San Bernardino Counties

The Urban League of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties will partner with the University of California Riverside Community Digital Initiative (CDI) to establish a computer laboratory and educational center in the Cesar Chavez Community Center in Riverside. Opening of the center is planned before the end of the year.

Funded by a four-year $252,000 grant from The California Wellness Foundation, the Center for Virtual Research and the Center for Social and Behavioral Science Research in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at UCR will direct the initiative in collaboration with the Urban League. The goal of the grant, is to provide access to computer technology, training and employment opportunities for the youth of the Eastside.

Initial target groups on the Eastside of Riverside will include participants of the Urban League’s Project S.T.A.R. prevention and intervention youth program.

Don Bardo, President/CEO of the Urban League of Riverside & San Bernardino Counties, said that he is extremely pleased at this initiative which has as the ultimate goal of creating a high-tech community computer center open to the community as well as to other community based organizations and youth groups.

The Urban League of Riverside & San Bernardino Counties mission is to assist disadvantaged people in securing equal opportunities in all sectors of our society. It focuses on employment, through its job training programs and job referral services; on community advocacy; welfare reform; and assisting youth through its intervention and prevention youth programs as well as health care and teen pregnancy issues.

The Urban League’s office is located at the Cesar Chavez Community Center at 2060 University Avenue, Suite 10; its satellite office is located at 1505 W. Highland Avenue, Suite 10, in San Bernardino. For additional information call the Urban League in Riverside, at (909) 682-2766 or (909) 880-39.07 in San Bernardino.
The New Electricity Market

By Graciano Gomez

California will be among the first states to introduce competition in the electric utility industry and allow residents and businesses to choose their electricity supplier. An experiment held in New Hampshire this past year shows both the pros and cons facing consumers in this new competitive world.

According to an article in The New York Times last February, participants in the New Hampshire experiment saved 15 percent on their electric bills (although much of that savings was the result of state-mandated subsidies).

While pleased with having a choice, consumers often felt overwhelmed: Some elderly customers misunderstood the sales pitches and thought their power was going to be cut off; they pleaded with the local utility to let them opt out of the experiment.

"There will be some real opportunities for customers to save money in this new marketplace," said Ray Gonzalez, public affairs region manager for Southern California Edison. "But there will also be opportunities for customers to be harassed and conned."

Experts agree that customers should begin now to learn about the new market for electricity and the options they will have. To protect consumers, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will also be conducting consumer education campaigns.

The New Electricity Market

Today, as a regulated monopoly, Edison handles all three aspects of electric service - generation, transmission and distribution of power - in most of Southern California.

That situation changes dramatically on Jan. 1, 1998, when Assembly Bill (AB) 1890 goes into effect. Passed unanimously in 1996 by the California Legislature, AB 1890 will require Edison and other utilities to open up control, but not ownership, of their transmission lines. A newly created entity, Independent System Operator (ISO), will then control transfers of electricity from generators to distribution companies or utilities.

For customers, the biggest change resulting from AB 1890 will be consumers' ability to choose among various providers for electric generation and other services. Their "host" utility will remain the same, owning the wires and transformers feeding homes and businesses, but customers will be able to buy power from any utility, independent generator or power marketer.

"Consumers will have the opportunity to choose their power supplier a lot like they now choose a long-distance telephone provider," said Gonzalez. "No matter who you choose for electricity, it will be delivered over the lines of Edison, or your host utility, just like long-distance telephone companies use another company's lines."

In passing AB 1890, lawmakers worked to assure all customers, including smaller consumers, would have bargaining power to negotiate better rates with electricity suppliers. To address this issue, AB 1890 allows for aggregation and created a Power Exchange (PX).

Through aggregation, customers - homeowners, homeowner associations, apartment buildings, businesses, even cities - can collectively bargain for rates from an electricity supplier.

Customers not interested in choosing among suppliers or aggregating with other customers can choose to do nothing. Those customers will simply continue to receive their service from Edison or another host utility. There is no obligation to choose.

A government-regulated body, the PX will establish a "spot" price market where electricity is bought and sold much like a stock exchange. The PX will be the only source of electricity available from competing suppliers to meet the needs of customers who have not chosen their own supplier.

"Customers can rely on the PX to figure out who is supplying the cheapest power at any time of day, instead of worrying about it themselves," said Gonzalez. "The PX provides the free-market to consumers to choose their electricity supplier."

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Salute to Labor

Inland Empire Hispanic News

Jerry Rivera: Labor Leader's Labor of Love

The Inland Empire Hispanic News commemorates Labor Day, celebrated Sept 1, 1997 with all Americans by recognizing a union member, labor organizer and business manager of the Hod Carriers and Laborers Local #783, Jerry Rivera.

Jerry Rivera, Business Manager

By Ana Nayelli Gonzales

He writes letters to important decision makers for people who need help, he likes donating money and giving scholarships in the name of his organization, and he takes pride in sending back all UPS-delivered packages during the strike to show his support for Unions - this is Jerry Rivera, business manager for Hod Carriers and Laborers Local Union 783.

"I like helping people," Rivera said. As a business manager for a local Union, his job enables him to help many.

In general, the role of Unions is to improve the quality of life of workers and assist them in improving wages, health care, pensions and working conditions. Business managers are in charge of patrolling Union contractors in terms of the Master Labor Agreement and see that all business is properly running.

As Rivera said, "If it wasn't for Unions, everyone would still be working at minimum wage."

According to Joe Rivera, Jerry's father and former business manager for same Union, if it wasn't for Jerry, many improvements would not have been made.

Joe believes his son is doing a great job due to a number of things Jerry has accomplished. Aside from establishing a retiree committee, a political committee, and submitting a resolution recognizing 50 year continuous members of Local 783, Jerry was instrumental in getting a raise for pensions, something Joe had tried to do when he was in office. With the addition of a "13th check", retirees are now better off economically.

As Joe explained, Jerry has done a good job at keeping up with everyday changes. Today Unions are more complex and competitive. However, Jerry has managed to prevail.

Though, Jerry believes he couldn't have accomplished his goals without his father's only role model. Both sides of his family are strong Union believers. Being a third generation laborer has equipped Jerry with the knowledge and see that all business is properly running.

Jerry's father, Joe, graduated from high school, instead of placing his son in a comfortable, air-conditioned office. Joe sent his son out to work in the construction field for 14 years as a general laborer, Foreman, and as a Craft Steward.

"Every great Labor Union leader should have the experience of what it is to work and sweat like the people that will be represented," said Jerry. "I know the needs of the people, I was one of them. You have to come from the ditch to know the ditch."

After working in the field for over a decade, Jerry believed he was ready to represent his people. Since then, his career has involved more politics than labor work. Starting in 1984, he was elected auditor. He then was elected to the executive board in 1987, and appointed as Union Representative in 1990. He was appointed recording secretary/assistant business manager in 1995, and elected business manager in 1996.

As a business manager, he is a trustee on the Southern California Pension Trust Fund and the Training and Education Trust Fund. He also works with local politicians to discuss ideas that will aid workers.

"This Labor Union is a stronghold of political elections," said Jerry. "I talk with candidates and elected officials to preserve the solidarity of workers in the Inland Empire. We give our views in respect to what is going to benefit this area."

Surely, it can be said that Jerry Rivera cares about the well-being of others.

Latino Book and Cultural Festival

Edward James Olmos is honored to announce the First Annual Los Angeles Book & Cultural Festival. The Festival will take place on November 7, 8, 9, 1997 at the L.A. Convention Center where the people of Southern California will be offered a diverse experience of Latino culture. The festival will feature three distinct global villages that will bring the richness of a Latino culture of the U.S. and Latin America.

"We are proud to bring an event that combines education, culture and travel to our community. I invite you to participate with me and experience firsthand the strength and vitality of the vast Los Angeles Latino Market," stated actor and director Edward James Olmos, the Festival's producer.

The Festival is aimed at Southern California's important Latino population and all those who love the cultures of Latin America and travel there often. On Friday, November 7, the Festival kicks off with inaugural industry-related activities for the Book and Travel Villages. Raffles will be held during the Festival to award airfare, hotel accommodations, books, and even a college scholarship.

The goals for the Festival include offering a variety of quality experiences for Latinos, with an emphasis on the family, providing a forum where Latinos can gather information and materials that are not normally accessible to them; and creating an event that the general public, exhibitors and sponsors will plan to attend again next year.

On Friday, November 7, the Festival begins. The Book Village will expose attendees to the wide range of English and Spanish language books available to both adults and children. Latinos will expose an average of 25 books a year - 56% in English and 48% for children. Special emphasis has been made to ensure that publishers on children's book participate.

Authors reading from their own works and celebrities reading from their favorite books will provide the entertainment. Authors confirmed for readings include Rudolfo Anaya, Bless Me Ultima; Ana Castillo, So Far From God; Denise Chavez, Face of an Angel; Evelyn Gallardo; Carlos Jimenez, Mexican American Heritage, Dionicio Morales, The Life in Two Cultures; Yesta Maya Murray, Locas; Rick Najera, The Pain of the Much; Luis Rodriguez, Continued on page 6
Fertile Minds, Part III

Daycare Dilemma, by James Collins will follow.

Bruce Perry of Baylor College of Medicine to stress. Children who are physically
likely to make the most of this learning opportunity. They
helps children regulate their responses
in setting up the neural circuitry that
nonverbal cues that might signal the
and their brains anxiously track the
hearts race, their stress hormones surge
Even more fundamental, says Dr.
Yet when it comes to their social
they have monitored the brain-wave pat­
tterns of children born to mothers who
were diagnosed as suffering from de­
pression. As infants, these children
showed markedly reduced activity in
the left frontal lobe, an area of the brain
that serves as a center for joy and other
light-hearted emotions. Even more tell­
ing, the patterns of brain activity dis­
played by these children closely tracked
the ups and downs of their mother's depres­
sion. At the age of three, children
whose mothers were more severely de­
pressed or whose depression lasted
longer continued to show abnormally
low readings.

Strikingly, not all the children born
to depressed mothers develop these ab­
normal brain-wave patterns. Adults
whose mothers were disengaged, irri­
table or impatient had babies with sad
brains. But depressed mothers who
managed to rise above their melancholy,
lavishing their babies with attention
and indulging in playful games, had chil­
dren whose brain activity resembled
more cheerfully. When is it too late to repair the dam­
age wrought by physical and emotional
abuse or neglect? For a time, at least, a
child's brain is extremely forgiving. If
a mother snaps out of her depression be­
fore her child is a year old, Dawson has
found, brain activity in the left frontal
lobe quickly picks up. However, the
ability to rebound declines markedly as
a child grows older. Many scientists
believe that in the first few years of
childhood there are a number of critical
or sensitive periods, or "windows," when
the brain demands certain types of
input in order to create or stabilize
certain long-lasting structures.

For example, children who are born
with a cataract will become perma­
nently blind in the eye if the clouded
lens is not promptly removed. Why?
The brain's visual centers require sen­sory stimuli - in this case the stimulus
provided by light hitting the retina of
the eye - to maintain their still tentative
connections. More controversially,
many linguists believe that language
skills unfold according to a strict, bi­
ologically defined timetable. Children,
in their view, resemble certain species
of birds that cannot master their song
unless they hear it sung at an early age.
In zebra finches the window for acquir­ing
the appropriate song opens 25 to 30
days after hatching and shuts some 50
days later.

Windows of Opportunity

With a few exceptions, the windows of
opportunity in the human brain do
not close quite so abruptly. There ap­
ppears to be a series of windows for
developing language.

The window for acquiring syntax
may close as early as five or six years of
age, while the window for adding new
words may never close. The ability to
acquire language is highest be­
tween birth and the age of six, then
undergoes a steady and inexorable de­
cline. Many adults still manage to learn
new languages, but usually only after
great struggle.

The brain's greatest growth spurt,
newborns and young infants. The
window for acquiring language draws to a close around the age of 10,
when the balance between synapse cre­
atron and atrophy abruptly shifts. Over
the next several years, the brain will
ruthlessly destroy its weakest synapses,
preserving only those that have been
magically transformed by experience.
This magic, once again, seems to be
encoded in the genes. The ephemer­
al bursts of electricity that travel through
the brain, creating everything from
visual images and pleasurable sensations
to dark dreams and wild thoughts,
ensure the survival of synapses by stim­
ulating genes that promote the release of
powerful growth factors and suppress­
ing genes that encode for synapse-de­
stroying enzymes.

Fertile Minds

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

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Mariachi Sol de Mexico & Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles to perform Sept. 27

The internationally famous Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez and the incomparable Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles will perform at the California Theater, 562 W. Fourth Street, San Bernardino on Saturday, September 27, 1997.

This will be the fourth annual performance for the nation's premier mariachi group and female mariachi ensemble at the California Theater, which is sponsored by the Sinfonia Mexicana Society under the auspices of the Inland Empire Symphony Association.

Alicia Juarez, one of the most popular mariachi singers, will be a guest singer for the evening concert. Born and raised in Oxnard, her talents were recognized by Jose Alfredo Jimenez, who monitored her professional career. She has recorded 21 albums, appeared in motion pictures and television, and appeared in concert with Julio Iglesias in Europe and other famous Latin entertainers. Currently residing in Oxnard, Juarez has received awards for her free performances and contributions to the community, including two key to the City of Oxnard and "Woman of the Year" by the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation.

A special treat for the Inland Empire audience will be the recent performance of the Rialto School District's Kelly Elementary Student Mariachi Group.

Jose Hernandez is a descendant of five generations of mariachi musicians, and has performed along with his five brothers since the age of three. Hernandez has gained the world-wide reputation of arranging and playing classical music. Added to his repertoire are arrangements of popular music performed through mariachi music, sonatas like "New York New York" and "Are You Lonesome Tonight," which have also been recorded.

Hernandez and his Sol de Mexico have performed and recorded with the most distinguished artists in the music business: Selena, Linda Ronstadt, Vikki Carr, Willie Nelson, Juan Gabriel, Lucha Villa, Lola Beltran, and many other famous vocalists.

The Sol de Mexico Mariachi de Jose Hernandez was founded by Hernandez in 1981 and have since performed throughout Europe, Central and South America.

In 1986, Hernandez opened one of California's most prestigious Mexican entertainment restaurants, the Cielito Lindo in South El Monte.

Hernandez added another first to his many achievements when he founded the first female mariachi group in the United States. He named the group, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, in honor of the City of Angeles. Each member of the group is uniquely talented with a deep love for the mariachi music.

Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles have become legends throughout the United States and world-wide, performing alongside with the Mariachi Sol de Mexico.

The Sinfonia Mexicana Society have scheduled its 12th Annual Sinfonia Mexicanas de Jose Hernandez, is presenting a free concert of the "Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles on Saturday, September 12th at the Guadalajaran's Mexican Restaurant, 280 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino at 12:00 PM. RSVP at (909) 888-2188 or e-mail at lehcc@aol.com.

Kiwani Club of Greater San Bernardino has scheduled its 30th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet on Saturday, September 13th at the Arrowhead Country Club, 3433 N. Park Dr., San Bernardino, at 6:00 PM. Person: $30; couple: $55. RSVP: Marileana Garcia at (909) 388-9870 or Esther Jimenez at (909) 795-6524.

San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino, 5797 N. Victorie Ave., San Bernardino, presents a free concert of the "Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles on Sunday, September 14, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. For information regarding the show, call at (909) 864-5050, ext. 246.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is requesting organizations that have scheduled 16th of September events to submit information and schedules to San Bernardino at 12:00 PM. RSVP at (909) 888-2188 or e-mail at iehcc@aol.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

The more we change
the more we stay the same.

As you may have heard, our parent company and the parent company of San Diego Gas & Electric will be merging. Here at Southern California Gas Company this is exciting news both for us and for our customers.

What it means is that in the future we'll be offering a wider array of energy services and achieving greater efficiencies, resulting in even more competitive rates.

But other things won't ever change. After all, our roots are here, in Southern California. And they run as deep as our commitment to the customers and the communities we've served for almost a century.

Of course, no one needs to tell you how fast the world is changing. Or how difficult it can seem to maintain values that are important to you. The same is true here at The Gas Company. Although our business is rapidly changing everyday, we steadfastly remain true to our values.

Like providing each and every one of our customers with safe, reliable service at the lowest competitive rates. And being committed and involved in the communities where we have the privilege to work and live.

• The Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is presenting a seminar on Marketing to Hispanics Part B, "The Right Media For Your Campaign" with Isabel Lizano, of Power Marketing on Wednesday, September 10th at the Guadalajaran's Mexican Restaurant, 280 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino at 12:00 PM. RSVP at (909) 888-2188 or e-mail at lehcc@aol.com.

• Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino has scheduled its 30th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet on Saturday, September 13th, at the Arrowhead Country Club, 3434 N. Park Dr., San Bernardino, at 6:00 PM. Person: $30; couple: $55. RSVP: Marileana Garcia at (909) 386-8900 or Esther Jimenez at (909) 795-6524.

• San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino, 5797 N. Victoria Ave., San Bernardino, is presenting a free concert of the "Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles on Sunday, September 14, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. For information regarding the show, call at (909) 864-5050, ext. 246.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is requesting organizations that have scheduled 16th of September events to submit information and schedules to 1558 N. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino, 92404, or fax to (909) 384-0419 prior to September 8th.

Mexican Independence Day Issue, Coming Sept. 12
The Department of Commerce-Bureau of the Census published the following information in its August, 1997 Back To School Fact Sheet:

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Inland Empire Hispanic News report will be included. This seminar is a must for Bureaus. Information on how to obtain and read a credit

Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 11, Wednesday, September 24 from 7-8:30 p.m and Saturday, September 20, from 10:30-12 noon, at the Riverside Office, located at 6370 Magnolia Ave., Second Floor in Riverside. The seminar is free, but seating is on a first come basis. Call 1-800 WISE PLAN for more information.

The Power of Paycheck Planning Learn how to budget your paycheck and plan ahead for unexpected and seasonal expenses. This is an excellent seminar for anyone who wants to learn how to stay on a budget. A certified financial counselor will be available for questions. The seminar will be held on Thursday, September 11, Wednesday, September 24 from 7-8:30 p.m, and Saturday, September 13 from 8-10 a.m. at the Riverside Office, located at 6370 Magnolia Ave., Second Floor, in Riverside. The seminar is free, but seating is on a first come basis. Call 1-800 WISE PLAN for more information.

Road Map to Financial Freedom Overwhelmed by debt? This seminar will show anyone needing financial guidance a step by step approach to overcoming debt problems without having to borrow or go bankrupt. An excellent overview of the services of CCS will be provided. The seminar will be held on Thursday, September 11 and September 13, from 8-10 a.m. at the Riverside Office, located at 6370 Magnolia Ave., Second Floor, in Riverside.

Credit Recovery: The Untold Story Credit Report Specialist, Victoria Bacheler, gives behind-the-scenes information on Credit Recovery, credit repair scams, and how to successfully deal with Credit Reporting Bureaus. Information on how to obtain and read a credit report will be included. This seminar is a must for anyone thinking of making a major purchase such as a car or house or who has recently turned down for credit. This seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 17 from 4-6 p.m. at the CCSA Headquarters at 6370 Magnolia Ave., 2nd Floor in Riverside. The seminars are free but seating is on a first come basis. Call 1-800 WISE PLAN (800-947-3752) for more information.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service provides free credit and debt counseling, financial education, and personalized debt management plans to the public. CCS is a member of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit (NFCC).
The Agreement covers the monthly fee for the itemized routine maintenance of 34 signalized intersections and 17 flashing light locations in San Bernardino. The Agreement is for routine maintenance and extraordinary maintenance of the signals, and the extraordinary maintenance unit costs for the signalized intersections and the flashing lights.

The contract is proposed for a two-year period.

A sample Agreement can be obtained for a cost of $5.00, at the Traffic Division of the Transportation Department, Room 115, 825 E. Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given to contractors for open bidding on the by-annual Agreement for the Maintenance of Traffic Signalized Intersections and various Flashing Lights throughout the County of San Bernardino. The Agreement is for routine maintenance of 34 signalized intersections and 17 flashing light locations. The Agreement covers the monthly fee for the itemized routine maintenance of the signals, and the extraordinary maintenance unit costs for the signalized intersections and the flashing lights.

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than at nine or 10. That good, affordable
day care is not a luxury or a fringe
benefit for welfare mothers and work­ing
parents but essential brain food for
the next generation. For while new syn­
apses continue to form throughout life,
and even adults continually refurbish
their minds through reading and learn­ing, never again will the brain be able to
master new skills so readily or rebound
from setbacks so early.

Rat-a-tat-tat. Just last week, in the U.S. alone,
some 77,000 newborns began the mi­
raculous process of wiring their brains
for a lifetime of learning. If parents and
policy makers don't pay attention to the
conditions under which this delicate
process takes place, we will all suffer
the consequences - starting around the
year 2010.

Pictured above are the 130 graduates of this year's Inland Empire Future Leaders Training Program. The graduates are selected for a week long session in courses on leadership development, family, culture, written and verbal communication, higher educational development and career goals. The Inland Empire Future Leaders Program is in its 11th year in young student training and tracking records indicate a 98 percent ratio of college enrollments.