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JOY FLINT-DEDICATION TO NURSING FOR FIVE DECADES-PLUS

Flint began her career as a student nurse in 1951 in the former county hospital on Gilbert Street. At that time, San Bernardino School of Nursing had a campus on the hospital grounds where students taught academic classes. Students worked in the medical units in the evening and weekends. “We also worked extra shifts for ten dollars and baby sat for the physicians,” she said.

Flint’s first job was on the night shift in the medical surgical unit. She recalls taking care of 20 patients with a co-nursing attendant. “Nothing was disposable. We reused every thing including catheters, NG tubes, used needles were sterilized and sharpened on a pumice stone, and we did what was necessary,” she said.

At that time, there was a chief resident doctor, three surgical residents, three medical residents and 13 interns, 500 patients including the TB wards and burn patients.

Since then Flint has worked every unit except ‘labor and delivery.’

In 1967, when Flint was head nurse in the medical unit (in the former county hospital), she was asked by then Director of Nurses Mrs.

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GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER APPOINTS TWO TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointments of Michael B. Donner and Anthony R. Villalobos to judgeships in the Riverside County Superior Court.

Donner, 61, of Riverside, has served as founder and partner in the law firm Donner, Fernandez & Lauby since 1998. From 1983 to 1998, he served as an associate then partner in the law firm Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett. Donner earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Southwestern University School of Law, a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Fullerton, and an Associate of Arts degree from Long Beach City College. He fills one of the new positions created by Senate Bill 56. Donner is a Republican.

Villalobos, 42, of Indio, has served as a district attorney for the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office since 1999. He previously was an associate for the Law Office of Mario Rodriguez from 1996 to 1999. Villalobos earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University. He fills one of the new positions created by Senate Bill 56. Villalobos is registered decline-to-state.

The compensation for each position is $178,789.

JESUS ANDRADE JOINS ASSEMBLY CARTER’S STAFF UNDER THE PRESTIGIOUS JESSE MARVIN UNRUH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Jesus Munguia Andrade was working with high school students in a college outreach program when he learned the importance of a bill sponsored by District 62 Assembly Member Whittier Amina Carter that was recently signed into law.

Andrade, who has chosen to become a legislative aide under the Jesse Marvin Unruh Fellowship Program, advised students on completing the A-G academic requirements necessary to gain admission to the UC or Cal State system. Carter’s legislative efforts will require schools to notify in writing to parents and students of the A-G requirements.

Andrade said the law will help many students and families. “Students and parents need to understand what it takes to get into college. Sometimes it’s too late to try to do all the academic requirements and for that reason alone they might end up not going to college at all,” he said.

Andrade, 24, a 2007 graduate of Cal State Sacramento, was one of 18 appointed fellows selected by the guidance of Assembly Member Carter. The year-long fellowship program provides an introduction to public policy formation and adoption in the California Legislature through full-time work as a professional legislative aide to an Assembly Member.

Andrade, who is from Stockton and has family in the Inland Empire, gained valuable experience and earned awards as an outreach counselor and student government president. He majored in philosophy with a concentration in law and ethics. He interned at the State and Consumer Services Agency in Sacramento.

“I look forward to working under the guidance of Assembly Member Carter in a public service environment where I can put my skills and abilities to the test,” Andrade said.

Assembly Member Carter said, “The people selected for the fellowship are the cream of the crop. I am honored that Andrade chose me to be his mentor, and also excited to have one of the best and brightest in the state.”

Of the total 60 offices available, the 18 appointed fellows selected which legislator and staff they would work under.

NA VARRO FOR ASSEMBLY Y FUNDRAISER

Committee to Elect Navarro for Assembly
Announced a fundraiser event to be held:
Sunday, February 17, 2008
• 12:00 Noon
• King Buffet, 204 E. Hospitality Lane
San Bernardino, CA 92408
RSVP at (909) 888-4870 or (909) 885-2338

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Gahnbor, to open the burn unit. “Although initially reluctant about changing shifts, I felt this was a new concept and accepted to start the new burn unit,” she said.

Flint took an orientation class, picked up policies and procedures from Orange County hospital and started the first burn unit with five patients.
She served in the burn unit for approximately five years and thereafter appointed assistant director of nursing.
In 1990, the burn unit was named the Inland Counties Regional Burn Center and recently was renamed the Dr. Edward G. Hirschman Burn Center. The Burn Center is a 14 patient-bed capacity with state of the art advancements including inhalation equipment and improved medications. The average stay for patients is nine days, with additional outpatient care. The annual patient care averages 400 to 500, serving Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties.

Flint and her husband, Bob, have been married for 50 years and parents of David, Debbie, Denise, and Dawn, 10 grandchildren and one great grandson.

In 1998, Flint retired and the family moved to Palm Springs. She continues to frequently work on an on-call basis. “Although the hospital has changed, nursing has changed, ARMC is my home away from home.”
ONTARIO, CA - For the fourth consecutive year, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, will hold a court-community program. The Outreach Plus Program will be held at Chaffey High School on Feb. 14 beginning at 9 a.m.

"This is a wonderful learning experience about the judicial system for students," County Superintendent Herbert Fischer said. "Students have the opportunity to see actual appeals cases at their school."

With Presiding Justice David Ramirez, there will be two oral arguments heard at Chaffey High, located at 211 W. Fifth St. Following the oral arguments, there will be a 30-minute question-and-answer session conducted by the justices and the audience of students, staff and local officials.

Following the oral arguments and question-and-answer session, the justices and members of the San Bernardino County Bar Association will speak to high school students in the Chaffey classrooms. Justices will discuss careers in law and the importance of high school graduation, plus talk about the roles of trial and appellate courts.

Division Two of the Fourth Appellate District hears appeals from superior courts in Inyo, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. For more information, contact Angela Dorough, coordinator of History-Social Science for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, at (909) 386-2611.

HELPING CHILDREN IN CRISIS

By Ernie Allen

(NAPS)—Millions have already seen Ben Affleck’s powerful film "Gone Baby Gone," based on the novel by Dennis Lehane (http://www.gonebabygone-themovie.com/). Many of them left the theater discussing and debating what they had just witnessed. It is a riveting police thriller but it is more than that. It portrays the moral and ethical dilemmas often faced by those trying to help children in crisis.

Do we do the “right thing” for a child? Or do we do what is required by law? It is a heart wrenching decision. Some reviewers called the film’s ending “unbelievable.” Yet this is a dilemma faced every day by child welfare workers, law enforcement, judges and others across the country.

Is it in the best interests of a child to be taken out of an abusive, neglectful home and placed in one that is more caring and nurturing? Obviously. Yet what about taking a child from a poor family and placing him or her in a home that offers greater economic advantages and opportunities?

We are a nation of law, not emotions.

These dilemmas are faced by America’s Child Protective Service (CPS) workers every day. Often, our child welfare systems appear to be overwhelmed with the sheer magnitude of the challenge. Yet without the rule of law, often, these decisions would be made on the basis of personal biases or emotions.

Judges and CPS workers must make decisions based on the risk of immediate harm to the child. A child cannot be taken away from his parent and awarded to someone else simply because of higher socio-economic status or the fact that they live in a nicer neighborhood. All parents have rights, including those whom we view as not as fit. Without CPS standards, we run the risk that children will be placed arbitrarily into situations with others whom society views as better able to provide for the child.

A fictional account of child abduction raises important ethical questions about child protection.

Ben Affleck and I spoke early in the process. I visited with him on the movie set. He wanted to be sure that the underlying elements in the film were fair and realistic. He wanted to understand child abduction and the types of victimization experienced by so many children. He worked tirelessly to make this fictional account of child abduction and its aftermath as rooted in reality as possible. And he did a magnificent job.

Yes, it is a work of fiction, but it raises moral and ethical questions regarding the care and protection of America’s children that we must talk about as a nation. Fundamentally, it reminds us that there is no right way to do the wrong thing.

**Ernie Allen is the president and CEO of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in Alexandria, Virginia. NCMEC’s mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families and the professionals who serve them. For more information, call 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or visit www.missingkids.com**

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP HOUSING SERVICES, INC & Co-sponsor Congressman Joe Baca

EVERY HOME COUNTS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Foreclosure information & mortgage delinquency solutions

| Highlights: information | • current housing market and foreclosure from trusted source; • expert volunteers to discuss community lenders and salespeople; • Legislative update- Congressman Joe Baca and the 110th Congress are doing to help; • Free resources available for homeowners |
| Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008 | Location: Loveland Community Church, 2970 Inland Empire Blvd., Ontario, CA 91764 |
| Time: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Complimentary breakfast |

For information call at (800) 761-6747 or (909) 467-0120 for reservations.

S.B. DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON CLUB

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) 791-6229.

Visitors welcomed. Following is a schedule of speakers:

February 8 Jim Smith and Dennis Baxter, Native Sons of the Golden West
February 22 Hattie Inge, Founder/President, Rialto Black History Committee Inc.
February 29 Mark Woodstock, Candidate for 63rd Assembly District

March 1 (Sat) Installation Banquet at noon at Mill Creek Cattle Co. on Mentone Blvd. featuring Congressman JOE BACA. Reservations ($30 ea or $55 per couple) must be made by Feb. 23 at 909.793.6229.

Club website: www.sbdems.com
UCR PROGRAM NAMED FOR GODDESS OF WISDOM HELPS GIRLS MAKE SMART MOVES

Project ISIS provides middle school girls with taste of college while focusing on future mathematics and science careers. Approximately 120 middle school girls will attend this year’s campus tour sponsored by Project ISIS.

RIVERSIDE, CA (www.ucr.edu) – An interactive campus tour for girls interested in mathematics and science will be held at UC Riverside on Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Project ISIS (I Strive – I Succeed), an outreach partnership program developed through Cur’s ALPHA Center.

Approximately 120 girls from De Anza Middle School and Vina Danks Middle School are expected to attend the event along with their teachers, and UCR student mentors.

During the all-day field trip, attendees will explore the UCR campus, dorms, and classrooms while hearing presentations about financial aid, preparing for college and the importance of taking mathematics and science classes. Stops along the tour include a visit to the College of Engineering and a presentation by Maria Chiara Simani, a specialist in physics education. In addition, the attendees will make a trip to an entomology class hosted by entomology graduate students.

“Our goal is to provide our middle school students with an experience that will capture their interest and enthusiasm and to look at UCR as the place they want to come to earn their degree in mathematics or science,” said Project Director Linda Braatz-Brown.

UCR students and staff from Campus Tours along with the Department of Entomology, MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement), Society of Women in Engineering and Latinos in Science will involve the girls in presentations that will illustrate how they can carve a career path in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known as “STEM” subjects. Alliance for Education, a San Bernardino County partnership with business, labor, government, community and education, will provide transportation for the event.

Project ISIS became a reality in August 2005 when the U.S. Department of Education awarded UCR a $482,000 grant to develop a program highlighting the importance of mathematics-based careers for middle school girls. The program, which operates under UCR’s ALPHA (Academy of Learning Through Partnerships for Higher Education) Center umbrella, also supports efforts to increase the number of female mathematics and science majors who pursue teaching as a career.

“The program emphasizes that these students, middle school and undergraduate students can be successful in learning mathematics and science,” Braatz-Brown said. “This success opens up opportunities for them to achieve a college education and exciting career choices. It addresses a large problem: our society faces in finding and placing strong mathematics and science teachers in classrooms in the Inland Empire.”

For more information on Project ISIS, contact Linda Braatz-Brown, at (951) 827-2963 or e-mail lindabb@ucr.edu.

TAM PRINCE OFFICIALLY ENTERS CONGRESSIONAL RACE

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organizations, he is a member of the Rotary Club of San Bernardino (president), San Bernardino Community Scholarship Association, California Alumni Association, and the Cal Alumni Association of San Bernardino County. He is also a member of the California Bar Association. He is a member of the California Democratic Party Executive Board, Democratic State Central Committee, and a member of the California Democratic Party’s State Central Committee.


He and his wife, Lucienne, are parents of Annelise and Justin.

CONGRESSMAN BACA TO PRESENT HOME FORECLOSURE PREVENTION LEGISLATION AT WORKSHOP

Legislation and workshop to provided mortgage delinquency solutions for local residents

ONTARIO, CA – Congressman Joe Baca (D-43) will present legislation to assist families affected by the recent wave of mortgage delinquency at a workshop held in conjunction with Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services, Inc. The legislation and joint workshop are part of Congressman Baca’s Foreclosure Prevention Initiative. Attendees will receive a legislative update, and valuable information from volunteer panelists and community leaders.

The plenary session includes homeowner testimony, and speakers representing financial institutions and non-profit financial counseling organizations. Breakout sessions will focus on early intervention, credit counseling, types of mortgage loans, fraud, and assistance for Spanish speakers.

“Home foreclosures continue to soar in my district and economic forecasts for the housing market show predict that it will get worse before getting better,” said Congressman Joe Baca. “This legislation and series of joint workshops are designed for homeowners who seek answers to their mortgage problems during these difficult times. My goal is to help keep our families in their homes.”

In October 2007, Congressman Baca kicked off his foreclosure prevention campaign by presenting NeighborWorks® America with a check to address local foreclosures and launching a new 24-hour hotline for homeowners needing assistance. He held his first of a series of home foreclosure prevention workshops in November 2007. He has also has shaped and introduced legislation in Congress that will assist families who are going through mortgage delinquency.

NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION SELETS RIVERSIDE FOR TOP AWARD

RIVERSIDE, CA – America’s Promise Alliance, the nations’ largest alliance dedicated to children and youth, named the City of Riverside as one of America’s 100 Best Communities for Young People yesterday.

The “100 Best” competition recognizes the 100 outstanding communities across America for young people to live and grow up in. Nearly 750 participants from more than 300 communities in all 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico entered this year’s competition. The winning communities for 2008 include cities, towns and counties of all sizes and regions from 37 states.

According to America’s Promise Alliance, the city’s long-standing dedication to enriching the lives of Riverside’s youth, such as the city’s annual Multicultural Youth Festival, placed the city in the top bracket.

“It is vital to a community to empower our youth with a sense of responsibility and connection to the city,” said Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge. “We’ve always strived for that, and this award acknowledges our efforts.”

All communities in the competition were required to submit detailed information to the Alliance on existing community programs and initiatives in five areas: caring adults; safe places; healthy start; effective education; and opportunities to help others. Each of the communities will be eligible to apply for $300,000 in grants from the Alliance in February. The founder of the Alliance is Gen. Colin Powell, former secretary of state.

Wednesday, February 6, 2008
**NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR COUNTY EDUCATION AWARDS**

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA -** Nominations are being accepted for the San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Award.

The 17th annual San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor recognizes individuals and organizations for significant contributions made to public education in the county. The Distinguished Service Award, which started in 1998, recognizes up to two individuals for exceptional leadership and high levels of service to public education in San Bernardino County. Honorees may be career educators, school board members or community members actively supportive of public schools.

Nominations for the Education Medal of Honor can be made in six categories: 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.

Criteria for nominations should focus on ways in which an individual or organization made an impact or lasting contribution, served as a positive role model and created an awareness and support for education in the community.

Nomination forms for both awards are available at school districts and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools office at 601 N. E St. in San Bernardino. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the County Schools’ Web site at www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/superintendent/supCom_moh.php for the Education Medal of Honor.

Entries need to be returned to the County Schools office, and the deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 28. Information on the Distinguished Service Award is available at www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/superintendent/super_distServ.php.

Award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony during the April 28 spring meeting of the San Bernardino County School Boards Association.

For information about the awards programs, contact the County Schools’ Communications Department at (909) 386-2413.

**EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OKLAHOMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT OF 2007**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK -** The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S., expressed deep concern about the impact of new state laws which appear to target illegal immigrants, but also have severe negative consequences for the entire Latino community.

Of particular concern is a law in Oklahoma which was implemented in late 2007, the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2007. On January 24, in Oklahoma City, representatives from NCLR and its Affiliates will join Oklahoma state officials, parents, and other community leaders at a town hall to discuss the impact of the law and policy alternatives that address the real needs of all Oklahoma residents.

“We are a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants; however, laws like the one enacted in Oklahoma do more harm than good. They encourage treating all Hispanic people in the state as suspects and wreak havoc on our civil rights,” said Janet Murguia, President and CEO of NCLR.

The new Oklahoma law appears to be part of a trend at the state level. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, more than 1,500 bills related to immigration were introduced in 2007 and more than 200 became law.

“While the failure of Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform left a vacuum that states understandably feel obligated to address, the nation’s immigration problems will not be solved with a patchwork of state-level policies,” added Murguia.

“Too many states have passed laws that are costly, are practically impossible to enforce, and create a hostile atmosphere for all Hispanics by treating them as if they are in violation of the law by virtue of their ethnicity,” continued Murguia.

“While all Americans are understandably frustrated at the federal government’s failure to solve this nation’s immigration problem, the problem is exacerbated by laws that push immigrants further underground and create a climate of fear and exploitation,” Murguia concluded.

**REDLANDS STUDENT TIMOTHY CONTRERAS ACCEPTED INTO PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Timothy Contreras, a student at Moore Middle School in the Redlands Unified School District, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Contreras will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C. March 24-30, 2008, to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States’ most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Contreras will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity.

Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Contreras was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The former Franklin Elementary School student was motivated by his former teacher Mrs. Wagoner to excel in his studies. His other activities involve football and baseball, according to his grandmother, Lezli Madri.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Leader Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

For additional information please visit www.wlfleaders.org.

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**Cesar E. Chavez Essay & Art Contest**

**Cites Negative Impact on Entire Hispanic Community**

To Enter: Compose an original essay on the positive influences Cesar E. Chavez has made on the lives of all Americans (please limit submission to 500 words). OR Submit original artwork reflecting the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez. (The artwork may be no smaller than 12 inches by 18 inches and no larger than 24 inches by 36 inches.) Acceptable entries can utilize all media materials, including chalk, ink, markers, poster paint, pencil and crayons. Entries will be accepted only if matted or mounted on a hard-backed surface.

Each entry MUST include the following information: Name, mailing address, phone number, grade, teacher, school. One entry per student. No group entries will be accepted.

Prizes will be awarded by the Joe Baca Foundation in each of the following 3 categories:

- **K-6th Grade**
- **7-8th Grade**
- **9-12th Grade**

Each entry will award $100. One grand prize winner will be selected for each grade division. Winners will be notified by May 7, 2008.

Awards will be presented at the Cesar E. Chavez Breakfast, Saturday, March 29, 2008, 8:00 a.m. at Cesar E. Chavez Middle School.

Deadline for entries is March 7, 2008 at 4 p.m. (No late entries will be accepted)

For more information contact: Frank Miranda (909) 388-6300
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SAN BERNARDINO HOSPITALS GRANT MORE THAN $160,000 TO TWELVE ORGANIZATIONS

CHW Community Grants Program contributes nearly $30 million since 1990

Community Hospital of San Bernardino and St. Bernardine’s Center were hosts to non-profit organizations and their representatives selected to receive a total of $163,082 total grants from the Catholic Healthcare West’s Community Grants Program at a recent luncheon. Recipients were American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Central City Lutheran Mission, Home of Neighborhood Services, Inland Congregation for Change, Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches, Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino, Mary’s Mercy Center, Option House, and SAC Health Systems. Photo courtesy of Community Hospital of San Bernardino

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – Twelve local organizations will receive $163,082 in total from Community Hospital of San Bernardino and St. Bernardine Medical Center as part of Catholic Healthcare West’s Community Grants Program.

The awards were presented at a luncheon ceremony luncheon on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at Community Hospital of San Bernardino.

The following 12 organizations are this year’s grant recipients: American Red Cross - $7,361, Catholic Charities - $20,000, Central City Lutheran Mission - $25,000, Home of Neighborhood Service - $10,000, Inland Congregations United for Change - $7,360, Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches - $3,000, Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino - $25,000, Mary’s Mercy Center - $20,000, Option House - $10,000, SAC Health System - $3,000, San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services- $25,000, and The Unforgettable Foundation - $7,361.

“CHW is committed to enhancing the advocacy and social justice through its member hospitals and religious sponsors,” says Linda McDonald, vice president of St. Bernardine’s Mission Services. “These grants are an important part of our mission and values, and are pleased to be able to make donations to these 12 worthy organizations that provide much needed services in our community.”

Kimiko Ford, VP Mission Services at Community Hospital of San Bernardino explains, “The criteria for scoring the grant applications and awarding funding was based on: organizations who placed an emphasis on a disproportionate unmet health need; organizations who focused on the primary prevention of ambulatory sensitive conditions (asthma, diabetes, etc.); those agencies who work to build a seamless continuum of care; and those organizations who aim to build community capacity while emphasizing collaborative governance.”

St. Bernardine Medical Center, a 463-bed non-profit, tertiary acute care hospital has served in the Inland Empire since 1931, The hospital offers family care to heart surgery, treating an average of 43,000 individuals in the Emergency Department, delivering 2,600 babies and admitting more than 16,000 patients for treatment each year.

To learn more go to http://www.StBernardineMedicalcenter.org.

HISPANIC COLLEGE FUND CALLS FOR APPLICANTS

Scholarship Applications for the 2008-2009 academic years now available

WASHINGTON, DC—(HISPANIC PR WIRE)—January 8, 2007—Scholarship applications for the 2008-2009 academic year are available online at http://www.HispanicFund.org. Scholarship amounts range from $500 - $10,000 and are for one-year only. All scholarship recipients must re-apply each year. The average scholarship awarded is $3,000.

Applications are ONLINE and require an essay, résumé and letter of recommendation. We do not accept any paper applications. Deadlines for our scholarships vary from February 1st, 2008 to March 15th, 2008.

The Hispanic College Fund offers several scholarships through its scholarship program. You must plan to attend a college or a university as a full-time student for the entire academic year in order to be eligible for a Hispanic College Fund scholarship. Only students who are U.S. citizen or permanent resident residing in the United States or Puerto Rico and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 are eligible.

In 2007 Hispanic College Fund awarded over $1.8 million in scholarships to 615 students.

To learn more go to http://www.HispanicFund.org and begin your application!
LATINS URGED TO GET AN EYE EXAM DURING GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH
EyeCare America Campaign Raises Awareness that Latinos Are at Higher Risk for Glaucoma.

To commemorate National Glaucoma Awareness Month, EyeCare America in partnership with the Braille Institute and the California Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons launched an educational campaign to remind California Latinos to get glaucoma eye exams as part of their New Year’s resolutions.

This statewide campaign will promote early detection and treatment of glaucoma by raising awareness of risk factors, providing educational materials, and facilitating access to free eye examinations for uninsured eligible callers who will be directed to call a toll-free, year-round Glaucoma EyeCare Program helpline 1-800-391-3937.

Almost 75% of Latinos with glaucoma are undiagnosed, according to the Los Angeles Latino Eye Study.

Additionally, 76 percent of Latinos do not know that their ethnicity is a risk factor for glaucoma, according to The National Americans Eye Health and Eye Disease Survey, conducted for The American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the optic nerve of the eye. Primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG) is the most common form. It often has no warning signs and, if left untreated, can result in permanent vision loss or blindness. An estimated 6.7 million people have gone blind due to glaucoma, making it the second leading cause of blindness worldwide.

The EyeCare America campaign is being launched in partnership with the Braille Institute and The California Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons.

HELPING GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER RELATIVES RAISE CHILDREN

(NAPS)—According to the 2000 U.S. Census, more than 4.5 million children are living in households headed by grandparents, with 2.4 million of these grandparents taking primary responsibility for their grandchildren’s basic needs. And the issue of grandparents raising grandchildren is expected to increase in coming years. Yet for many grandparents, finding out where to go for help has been too difficult; it can be difficult to locate information about the range of services, benefits and policies available to grandparents and other relatives in their caregiving roles. Fortunately, that changed in 2000 when a group of child and aging advocacy and research organizations developed the first edition of “GrandFacts: State Fact Sheets for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children.”

The fact sheets are designed to help relatives caregivers find out about resources in their states, and to reassure them that they are not alone. They are updated annually, and collectively compiled, edited and published by the AARP Foundation. The Brookdale Foundation Group, Casey Family Programs, Child Welfare League of America, Children’s Defense Fund and Generations United.

According to Barbara Kates, director of the Maine Kids-n-Kin program, Families and Children Together, the fact sheets are one of her best and most relied upon resources. “We often get calls from grandparents who are concerned about their grandchildren out of state. It is great to be able to refer them to the State Fact Sheets so that they can find out who is in that state can help them.”

They are available in English and Spanish, and provide helpful state-specific data and information on services and policies for grandparents and other relatives raising children in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They include:

• A list of selected state and local programs, services and other resources;
• A brief description of state foster care policies;
• Information about key public benefit programs;
• Information about key public benefit programs;
• References to selected state laws; and
• Census data on the number of grandparent caregivers who are responsible for the children living with them, as well as the number of children in households headed by grandparents and other relatives.

The state Fact Sheets can be downloaded and printed in PDF format at www.grandfactsheets.org.

It is our relation to circumstances that determines their influence over us.

The same wind that carries one vessel into port may blow another offshore.

Christian Boeve

(Ade)—Americans say they have taken new signs about sodium to heart. But have they taken steps to protect their health?

More than 90 percent of people recently surveyed identified high blood pressure as one of the biggest health problems caused by high sodium intake. However, only a quarter of those surveyed were concerned about the level of sodium in their diets.

Their lack of concern could lead to a host of health problems, as high sodium intake has been linked to increased risk for heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke.

A Growing Problem

According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, Americans consume 3,735 milligrams of sodium daily, which is 40 percent more than the recommended daily allowance called for by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Smart Solutions

The good news is that there are plenty of ways to reduce the sodium in your diet without cutting out taste or favorite foods.

For instance, Orville Redenbacher’s recently introduced SmartPop! 30% Less Sodium. All of the line’s flavors contain 30 percent less sodium and are 94 percent fat free. Plus they are 100 percent whole grain and have zero grams of trans fat. Snackers can choose from Butter, Kettle Korn, Movie Theater Butter and Organic Butter—a far cry from the bland snack foods often associated with lower sodium diets.

“The most common problem I hear about many lower-sodium snacks is they simply do not taste as great as their full-sodium counterparts, but sometimes, due to health concerns, consumers might not have any other option,” says Carolyn O’Neil, registered dietician. “What makes the introduction of SmartPop! 30% Less Sodium so great is that they have found a way to provide a lower-sodium, health-conscious snack that popcorn lovers will want to indulge in without cutting out taste or favorite foods.

A new way to reduce the amount of sodium you eat is to replace table salt with pepper, lemon or even garlic powder. Just a dash of the low-sodium seasonings adds a distinct flair to foods, without putting your health at risk.

Finally, eat fresh fruit and vegetables and read the labels on canned foods. While there are lower-sodium varieties, canned foods tend to be high in sodium—even canned vegetables.

For low-sodium snack ideas, visit www.orville.com.
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