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Cesar Chavez Remembered

Emiliano "Kooky" Zaragoza Baseball Field dedicated in Riverside Ceremony

The City of Riverside and the Eastside Community rededicated the Patterson Park Baseball Field to Emiliano "Kooky" Zaragoza Baseball Field, in an emotional ceremony on March 14, with city officials, relatives and friends witnessing the unveiling of a marble memorial plaque for the popular youth advocate.

Marty Offeney, president of the Little League at Patterson Field, spoke about Zaragoza's involvement for many years with the youth and his concern for their future.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News proudly presents the following article written by Father Patricio Guillen, Director of the Libreria Del Pueblo, San Bernardino, and one of Chavez' personal friends.

By Father Patricio Guillen

It hardly seems possible that another year has gone by and we are on the verge of celebrating Cesar Chavez’s Birthday again.

Mr. Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, on a farm near Yuma, Arizona and died in April, 1993, of a heart attack near the place of his birth.

Cesar Chavez was a lifelong resident of the Riverside Eastside, graduating from North High School in 1946. A father of three young children, he enjoyed playing baseball and spent many hours as a Little League coach.

On July 1, 1997, Zaragoza was violently killed during a drive-by shooting in front of his home after a ball game. The incident shocked the entire City of Riverside, and specifically, the Eastside, where he was known for his work with neighborhood youth.

Joseph Zaragoza spoke about his cousin's closeness to his family and to the neighborhood youth. He recalls how his cousin was a role model to the community and an individual person that got involved, made a difference for the youth. He thanked the community for their remembrance to his cousin's memory.

Emeal Moore, Second District Councilperson, spoke about the need for the community to work closer together and encouraged parents and volunteers to work with the youth of the community.

Louise Hayes, chairperson of the City's Human Relations Commission, helped Mrs. Beatrice Zaragoza, widow of Emililo "Kooky" Zaragoza, and her children unveil the plaque.

Alfredo Carrillo, a close friend of Zaragoza and Josefina Canchola were co-chairs of the committee that included the Zaragoza Family, PRO, Riverside Little League, Advance Printing, Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, KDIF, LANET, Community Settlement House, Three Palms Barbershop, UCR Graduate School of Management, Mrs. Maria Wallace and the Eastside Community.
Commentary
Wednesday, March 18, 1998

Politics and the Case Against Bilingual Education
Opportunist at Work

By Armando Cepeda

The upcoming June primary election is already gearing up to be as controversial as in the past by entering with such heinous propositions as the Unz initiative or Proposition 227, a millionaire software businessman, Ron Unz's attempt to dismantle all bilingual education programs in the state of California. It is his belief that bilingual education has been a "failure" in this state by forcing non English speaking children into classrooms that provide most, if not all instruction in Spanish and that these children are not advancing at a rate equal to that of children that are in full English immersion classes. His "English for the Children" initiative, (as it is cleverly named) is a well polished, well funded campaign to rid society of this "annoying" and "menacing" program.

Now, there is little doubt that any publicly funded program such as bilingual education is at one point or another going to need revising. No one will argue with that. As the needs and interests of public education shift, so will its programs if they are to survive. This article however, is not about statistics or case studies on the pros and cons of bilingual education. Rather it is written to focus on Ron Unz's bottom line.

Presently, the state of California is faced with many dilemmas that need to be addressed. Issues such as crime, gangs, welfare reform, natural disasters, and yes, even public education reform, just to name a few. However, according to Unz, there's seems to be no greater threat that needs to be challenged by the voters than bilingual education... Now you have to stop and ask yourself, that of all the social concerns facing the state right now, why would an obscure issue such as bilingual education suddenly become such a hot political item? You don't suppose that it has anything to do with political ambition do you? You don't suppose that this is an issue that is guaranteed to draw much needed media exposure to what L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan refers to as "politician wannabe"? And, you don't suppose that it has anything to do with it being an issue that the Latino community, perceived in the past as being passive and weak will not be willing or able to defend, do you?

For instance, in 1994, Pete Wilson was suffering the worst popularity rating than any governor has seen in recent history. However, along came proposition 187, the anti-immigration ballot, and sensing an opportunity to boost his bid for re-election, he jumped on the bandwagon, milked it for all it had and rode on it to a second term in office.

Since then we have seen the same effects of this deviant political tool at work with the results of proposition 209, the anti-affirmative-action ballot, which ambitious politicians rode and benefited from its apron strings.

It seems that political strategists have begun to capitalize on this winning formula for their candidates by creating a highly emotionally charged and sensational environment that is guaranteed to fuel controversy, stir up public debate and last but not least, divide the Latino community. Although it's only fiction, the current movie, "Wag the Dog," hits that nail on the head as it showcases special interest groups, having unlimited resources, can easily manipulate the media and use it to sway public opinion simply by creating an illusion of fear and hysteria. All in the interest of greed and political ambition. It is coincidence that Orange County elementary school teacher and Unz initiative co-author, Gloria Matta-Tuchman (Republican) has recently announced her candidacy for the office of state superintendent of public instruction. Quite a leap for a first grade teacher given that she has no administrative experience nor has ever held any other elected office.

Unz himself who unsuccessfully ran for governor in the 1994 Republican primary thinks he can bring positive media attention to himself and attract a loyal voter following by "masterminding" this frivolous negative cause. And it was his own money that funded the gathering of the 600,000 signatures needed in order to qualify this initiative on the June ballot. Yet he cannot give any concrete answers as to how and from where he was able to draw his conclusions on the ineffectiveness of bilingual education.

Knowing this, is it any wonder what Unz's true motives and intentions are? Are our children's educational future fair game to be sacrificed solely in the name of personal and political ambition? The answer is a flat NO.

These arrogant "voices of the community", Unz and Matta-Tuchman, are seeking credibility and political gain at the expense of our children. We cannot and will not give it to them on a silver platter. Do not be fooled. We the Latino community can no longer sit idle and allow these self serving opportunists to make a mockery out of our hard fought public programs and use them as a forum for their own greed. If these people have any integrity, if they have any character and sense of decency, they would know better and base their political ambitions on well earned merit and respect. But, as we all know, earning credibility and respect takes work.

Unz and Matta-Tuchman have chosen to seek political ambition by exploiting public ignorance and capitalizing on media sensationalism.

The answer to them by the Latino community is a simple and highly effective one. Massive voter registration drives and high voter turnout on election day. It is the only answer that is clearly understood. It is the one that Bob Dornan learned the hard way when Loretta Sanchez unseated him in the 1996 election. We must dismantle the bigotry and opportunistic, wag the dog mentality that takes us for granted as a bunch of do nothings. Ya basta! We cannot take this anymore.

Within the next twenty five years, the Latino community will become the majority in the state California. We are a force to be reckoned with. We either learn to work together as a united community for a better future for all children in this state or prepare to suffer the consequences of self serving people such as Mr. Unz. Each and everyone of us has the responsibility to exercise our most potent and lethal weapon, the almighty vote. Please use it wisely on election day and defeat the Unz initiative.

Armando Cepeda of Colton, California is an artist, teacher, and self appointed civil rights advocate.
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

-The City of Riverside Parks and Casa Blanca groups are requesting interested organizations to participate in the Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta to be held on May 2 & 3 at Ysmael R. Villegas Park, 7240 Marguerita Av., Riverside. For information call at (909) 688-3043.

-"MAY HE NEVER BE FORGOTTEN" walk & birthday memorial of Sgt. Ysmael Villegas, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, on March 21, 1998, 10 to 2, starting at Ysmael Villegas Community Center, 7240 Marguerita Av., Riverside; sponsored by Casa Blanca Youth Service Program & seven area agencies. For information call Joe Aleman at (909) 688-3043.

-Latino Network (LaNet) First Annual "CELEBRACION DE LA MUJER-HONORING OUR PAST AND CLAIMING OUR FUTURE" Luncheon on March 27, 11:30 a.m. at Zaratex Restaurant, 2472 University Av., Riverside. $12 per person. RSVP: Josefina Canchola at (909) 788-1021.

-EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION Dinner. Hilton Hotel, 285 E. Hospitality Ln., San Bernardino, March 27, 5-8 PM. Keynote speaker: Elisa Diaz, former SBCUSD Trustee, sponsored by Educators Against the Unz Initiative. Music by Rosa Martín Zarate and Jaguar Thunder. $30 per person. RSVP: Mario Torres, 7847 Aberdeen Ln., Highland, CA 92346, or call at (909) 864-5366.

-Town Hall Meeting on Proposition 227, the bilingual initiative, on Saturday, March 28, 1998, 5:00 PM at Poly High School Little Theatre, 5450 Victoria Av., Riverside at 6:00 PM. For more information call at (909) 787-3821, (909) 787-2196 or (909) 686-8946.

-The People of Color First Annual "AN ALL AMERICAN MAJORITY" DINNER on Saturday, March 28, 1998 at the Ontario Double Tree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Av., Ontario, 4 to 9 PM. Special guest: Edward James Olmos. Speakers: former Speaker Cruz Bustamante, Pastor Chuck Singleton, Assemblyman Joe Baca, and eight speakers. $99 per person. For RSVP, mail check to: Wendy Gladney, P.O. Box 1513, Upland, CA 91785 or call (909) 482-6145.

-Voto Latino, a West End advocacy group, and Inland Empire Sport Connection first annual soccer tournament at Colony park, Ontario on Sunday, March 29, 1998. Entertainment, food and music for the family. Registration for first-time voter. Inland Valley, Union de Ontario, Royal Soccer and Inland Premier Soccer Leagues will be competing for first "Voto Latino Cup". For information call Lissette Rojas at (909) 457-9814.

-Citizens for an Educated America to defeat the Unz Initiative Fundraising Party at the home of Oscar and Sylvi Lomas, 14075 Yorktown Court, Fontana on April 4, 1998 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Gifts accepted for Drawing. Donation: $40. RSVP at (909) 355-5361 or (909) 824-8572.

-The Inland Empire Puerto Rican Association's Annual SABADO DE DANCE on Sunday, April 11, 1998, 8:00 to 9:00 PM at Indian Hill Country Club, 5700 Club House Dr., Riverside. Music by Johnny Polanco Amistad Orchestra and DJ Tony Pachanga. Tickets are $15 and $17 at door. RSVP:(909) 678-43308, (909) 337-7318, (714) 842-3682 & (714) 289-8659.

-Latino Peace Officers Association's 13th Annual Officers of the Year Awards Dinner/Dance and Installation of Officers at the National Orange Show Renaissance Hall, Arrowhead Av., San Bernardino, on April 11, 1998, no-host at 6:00 PM. Music by "The Home Boys". Tickets are $35. RSVP at (909) 276-2577 or (909) 388-1231.

-County of Riverside Mental Health's 25th Annual Children's Conference on April 22-23, 1998, Raincross Square Convention Center, 3443 Orange St., Riverside. Theme is "Celebration Families, Past, Present and Future". For information call at (909) 660-3706.

-Cal-State, San Bernardino, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, is inviting teachers, parents, students and community persons to the Annual Hearts and Minds: Excellence Through Diversity Conference to be held on May 29 and 30, 1998 with keynote speaker Samuel Betances. For more information call at (909) 862-7119.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is requesting organizations that have scheduled Cinco de Mayo and 16th of September events to submit information and schedules to 1558 N. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino, 92404, or fax to (909) 384-0419.
El Condado de San Bernardino hace historia con el primer radiomaraton en español para beneficiar a St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

El Condado de San Bernardino - La radiodifusora KNSE 1510 AM - "Fiesta Mexicana", de Rancho Cucamonga, será huésped del primer Radiomaraton en español los días 21 y 22 de marzo, de 1998. Los donativos serán a beneficio de la organización de St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, una institución reconocida mundialmente como la principal en estudios del cáncer infantil y la cual fue fundada en 1962 por el desaparecido artista Danny thomas. La Radiodifusora KNSE "Fiesta Mexicana", saldrá al aire en vivo el sábado y domingo desde el Valley Indoor Swap Meet de Pomona, ubicado en el 1600 E. Holt Blvd. Durante el evento, los radio escuchas de la KNSE tendrán la oportunidad de llamar consu donativo para el Hospital y conocer a personas con sus locutores favoritos.

Además de su fantástica selección musical, éste primer Radiomaraton "Promesa y Esperanza" ofrecerá historias que describen el trabajo desempeñado por el St. Jude, así como las comovedoras peticiones expresadas por los padres y pequeños enfermos. Todo donativo será a beneficio de el St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, la institución de investigaciones y tratamientos contra el cancer y otras enfermedades mortales (así como el SIDA en niños) mas grado en el mundo. El hospital acepta pacientes de todo el mundo sin importar su habilidad de pago. St. Jude solventa todos los gastos de tratamientos, hospedaje, transporte, y comida, tanto del paciente como para uno de los padres.

Cuando la institución abrió sus puertas en 1962, el porcentaje de sobrevida infantil afectado por el cancer era menos del 5%. Hoy en día, los diagnosticos del cancer infantil tienen una probabilidad del 60% de sobrevida, todo gracias a los extraordinarios descubrimientos del hospital y nuevos métodos médicos desarrollados en St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. La institución comparte sus descubrimientos con hospitales mundialmente. Ahora los niños con cáncer en el Condado de San Bernar­dino y en el mundo entero tienen una mejor oportunidad de celebrar un cumpleaños más!

Las personas interesadas en participar en este evento lo pueden hacer llamando al 1-800-227-6737.

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El Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) released the results from its latest study "A Meta-Analysis of the Effectiveness of Bilingual Education", during a press conference. The community briefing held in downtown Los Angeles.

Both advocates and opponents of bilingual education argue that research supports their respective positions. The reality is that most of the research used by both parties is often selective, exaggerated and distorted. TRPI, in collaboration with the Public Policy Clinic of the University of Texas' Government Department, and Harvard University's program on Education Policy and Governance, has conducted an objective, systematic, statistical assessment measuring the effectiveness of bilingual education programs.

TRPI's analysis shows that students with limited English proficiency (LEP) who have received bilingual instruction perform significantly better on English language standardized tests than similar children taught in English only programs. The magnitude of the gain experienced by students taught using at least some of their native language amounts to what educational researchers define as "moderately large." This means that, by the end of the second grade, students who began school in bilingual education programs perform as if they had been in school three months longer than those students who began in English only programs.

The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) conducts and disseminates objective, policy-relevant research, and its implications to decision makers on key issues affecting U.S. Latino communities. TRPI is affiliated with the Claremont Graduate University in California and the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin.

According to a statement ratified by the NHLA Board of Directors, "The original English only instructional mandate harmed Hispanic students in several ways: it made their acquisition of English more difficult and frustrating; it unnecessarily delayed their academic subject matter learning; it prevented parents with limited English skills from actively participating in their English children's schooling; and it was a major factor in causing three of every four Hispanic students to drop out of school before high school graduation."

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of Hispanic leaders and 24 major Hispanic organizations throughout the United States.

"This research clearly indicates that bilingual education is an effective approach that should be available to both parents and children in California and elsewhere. To deny them this option would not only hurt those students who would benefit from this approach, but also denies parents the opportunity to choose how their children may best be educated," said Dr. Jay Greene, TRPI Scholar and Assistant Professor of Government at the University of Texas, Austin, who conducted the study.

These research findings are based on an analysis of the seven five major publicly available evaluations of bilingual education. This analysis focuses on eleven of the studies that met rigorous research design standards. These eleven studies include test scores from over 2,700 students in thirteen states including California. Copies of the full report, "A Meta-Analysis of the Effectiveness of bilingual Education, as well as a policy brief available. Please call 909.621.8897 for further information.

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda Opposes Proposition 227

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

Washington, D.C. - In a statement decrying another political attempt to suppress the emerging Latino electorate, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA), a coalition of more than 20 of the largest Hispanic organizations in the United States, denounced Proposition 227 which, if passed on June 3, 1998 by California voters, will order all public instruction to be taught in English and will eliminate all bilingual education programs. The NHLA believes Proposition 227 represents a giant step backwards in the Hispanic community's continuing pursuit for educational equity and excellence.

"Like any other educational program, bilingual education only works when properly implemented," said NHLA chair Arturo Vargas. "Proposition 227 will force limited English speaking school children at any given school to be irresponsibly placed into one classroom regardless of their ages, cultural backgrounds, and academic abilities."

California schools currently enroll nearly 1.4 million students who are limited in their English language proficiency. Spanish speaking students represent nearly 80% of these students, more than 1.1 million. Proposition 227 would reinstate, as part of the California education code, an English only instructional mandate similar to the one which governed state classrooms from 1872 to 1967 when it was repealed by legislation signed by former Governor Ronald Reagan.

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"A Meta-Analysis of the Effectiveness of Bilingual Education"
Nonprofit cultural organizations invited to workshop on California Council for the Humanities grants, March 25, in Redlands

SAN BERNARDINO—The Arts Council for San Bernardino County will host an informational workshop on grant programs of the California Council for the Humanities on Wednesday, March 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, in Redlands.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Felicia Kelley, Program Officer for the Los Angeles office of the California Council for the Humanities.

The workshop will show how local organizations can take advantage of the Los Angeles office of the California Council for the Humanities.

For information and reservations, please call the Arts Council for San Bernardino County at (909) 387-2787.

Neighborhood Council Meeting at Community Hospital

San Bernardino, CA—The Neighborhood Council, which is working on the Focus 92411 Community Partnership, a collaborative partnership with Community Hospital of San Bernardino, California State University, San Bernardino and the San Bernardino County Public Health Department, will be holding their annual meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Community Hospital, 1805 Medical Center Drive.

Rocket Rios, President of Focus 92411, will report on the group’s accomplishments for the year and present the first Annual Neighborhood Council Meeting at Community Hospital.

In addition, the organization will present its Annual Neighborhood Partnership Award to Jaime Alvarez, president of Alvarez and Associates, for his work on the city’s Acquisition, Rehabilitation, Resale Program, aimed at helping clean up blighted areas and restoring community spirit.

‟The mission of Focus 92411 Board is to enhance the quality of life of residents in the 92411 zip code and meet the health and social needs of the community through controlled activities and outreach projects. The purpose of the organization is to continually identify the needs of the community, promote programs that will address identified needs in the community, provide advocacy as necessary in order to promote improvement of the quality of life of local residents, and facilitate the exchange of information between providers of service and those who are served.‟

For more information on the Neighborhood Council Meeting or to R.S.V.P., please call (909) 897-6133, extension 1180. Dinner will be served. R.S.V.P. is requested.

What You Should Know About Your Housing Rights

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enforces the Fair Housing Act, which protects you against violations of your housing rights. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Handicap.

The Fair Housing Act covers most housing with very few exceptions. It prohibits discrimination in the sale and rental of housing and mortgage lending.

What is Prohibited

No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, sex, familial status, or handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan or to extend credit, or on a lease or rental agreement
- Refuse to purchase a loan
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan

If You Think Your Rights Have Been Violated

Please call the Fair Housing Council of San Bernardino County, Inc. at (909) 884-8056.

New Roles, New Choices in a New Market

By Ray R. Gonzalez and Fred Francis

Region Managers, Southern California Edison

The California electricity market as we have known it for the past century is changing. And so is our role as an investor-owned electric utility.

In the new, competitive market, you will have the option to buy power from among 20 or more electricity service providers (ESPs) authorized by the state to sell electricity to California consumers at unregulated rates.

Southern California Edison (SCE) is not among this ESP group. Rather, we will serve as the regulated electricity provider for those customers who choose not to buy power through an ESP. Whether our customers choose to buy electricity from an ESP or through us, SCE will continue to deliver power safely and reliably to all customers at regulated rates.

When the market opens at the end of March, SCE will purchase from the new California Power Exchange (PX) all the electricity needed by customers for whom it is acting as energy provider, and will pass on the PX price to these customers at no mark up or profit.

And because we will be transporting all power used by all of our customers, we can, in that sense, be impartial about who customers buy their power from.

The independently operated PX will be an open, efficient market for electricity - operated much like a stock exchange. We believe that the PX prices will be competitive with those offered by most ESP's, though it won't be possible to make definitive price comparisons until the PX begins operating in the spring.

As you evaluate your power buying options, consider the following:

1. Recognize that you are already receiving benefits from the restructured market. SCE rates are frozen at June 1996 levels for the next four years. In addition, residential and small commercial customers are now receiving a 10% discount whether they remain with SCE or sign with an ESP.

2. Investigate the background of the ESP's you are considering to avoid possible risks that are not part of your regulated service from SCE.

3. Understand your current SCE rate.

4. Understand the terms of any proposal being offered by an ESP. For example, of the ESP proposals, some offer the PX price or your applicable frozen rate level, understand how your energy use will be calculated, and whether a discount is guaranteed, and for how long.

5. Negotiate the specific terms of any proposed contract, including below the PX price or your applicable frozen rate level, understand how your energy use will be calculated, and whether a discount is guaranteed, and for how long.

6. Compare other offerings on a total cost basis with the costs of the total "bundled" service you can receive from SCE under its regulated rate structures to determine the best deal.

Finally, get as much information as possible. Call the multilingual "Plug In California" consumer hotline (1-800-254-0500) for further guidance.

And remember, there is no deadline to make a decision. So evaluate all of your options and weigh them against the value of your current utility services.

Second Annual Latin American Film Series

March 10 - Death and the Maiden:

Set in a South American country which has just been liberated from dictatorship, this film explores the haunting effects of authoritarianism and the complex relationship between oppressed and oppressor. Sigourney Weaver plays a woman who had been kidnapped and tortured under the dictatorship. Was the answer to that question. Based on the play by Ariel Dorfman. 1994, 103 minutes.

April 14 Salvador: Controversial, almost documentary-like drama about photojournalist Richard Boyle (James Woods), and his experiences in both the left and right wing trenches of El Salvador in the early 1980's. This film examines the issues and realities of military repression and popular resistance. Boyle co-authored the screenplay with director Oliver Stone. 1986, 123 minutes.

May 12 The Kayapo: The Kayapo Indians of Brazil's Amazonian rain forest have fiercely resisted settlers invading their region. With the discovery of a huge gold mine on their land, however, this isolated tribe must now decide what to do with an income of two million dollars a year. An exploration of the complex position of indigenous peoples in the changing global economy. 1989, 106 minutes.

All films will be shown in Hall of Letters 100 at 7:00, followed by discussion. Admission is free.

Sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program of the University of Redlands, with funding from the Hewlett Pluralism in Education Grant.
14th Annual Brandie Burton Golf Classic
San Bernardino, CA: The Community Hospital of San Bernardino Foundation will present the 14th Annual Brandie Burton Golf Classic on April 6, 1998 at the Shandin Hills Golf Club.

Focus 92411 Neighborhood Council Meeting
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2000 Census Job Recruitment
The United States Department of Commerce-Bureau of the Census has announced the recruitment of applicants for the forthcoming Census 2000.

Emilio "Kooky" Zaragoza Plaque - Story P. 1
The Eastside Community and The UGC Little League Dedicated This Baseball Field On This Day
In Memory Of
COACH EMILIANO "KOOKY" ZARAGOZA
Jan. 12, 1972 - July 1, 1997

1998-99 Consolidated Plan
San Bernardino County, CA: The County of San Bernardino has qualified for federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, particularly for low and moderate-income persons. The County qualified for these funds for the years 1997 through 1999. The plan is being developed from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) grants. The funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and 14 participating cities. Cities in the area are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Rialto, San Bernardino, Yermo, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For more information, call (909) 381-6259 or visit the office at 1558 N. Waterman Ave., San Bernardino for copies of the announced position.

2nd ANNUAL SAN BERNARDINO COUNTYWIDE TEACHERS RECRUITMENT FAIR APRIL 4, 1998 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
RIALTO HIGH SCHOOL, RIALTO, CA
Fifteen school districts in San Bernardino County have joined together to sponsor a Countywide Teacher Recruitment Fair. The districts offer competitive salaries, rich fringe benefits and community retirement plans. On-site interviews. Credential information. University representatives. Bring current resume or placement letters and college transcripts. For more information, call San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools at (909) 387-3886 or visit us at www.sbscc.k12.ca.us

San Bernardino Community College District
San Bernadino, CA: The San Bernardino Community College District will conduct a Countywide Teacher Recruitment Fair on April 4, 1998 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Rialto High School. It is held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual San Bernardino Countieswide Teachers Recruitment Fair. These fairs are part of a countywide recruitment plan to attract qualified teachers to San Bernardino County. For more information, call (909) 381-8164.

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Plan, coordinate and manage the program activities and administrative functions of the department to meet contractual goals and quotas. Develop and maintain effective linkages with community organizations, potential employers and others who can provide assistance, referral, support services, employment or other services in the area of admissions, recruitment and placement of the students. This Job Corps facility is a vocational training program and is operated by MTC for the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Requirements are Bachelor’s degree in human services or related field and three years related experience, on of which should be in a supervisory capacity. Valid driver’s license in the state of California with an acceptable driving record. We offer a competitive benefit pkg. Pre-employment drug testing. Apply in person/send resume with salary history to:

Inland Empire Job Corps Center
Management and Training Corp.,
3173 Kerry Street, San Bernardino, CA 92407
Attn: Human Resources
(909) 887-6305 ext. 228 or 229 FAX (909) 887-8635
Closing date March 23, 1998 - Diverse work group supported
EOE M/F/V/D

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS/PROPOSALS
Notice is hereby given that proposals will be accepted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21885 E. Coyote Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 for the following:

BID NO. TITLE CLOSING DATE CONTACT PERSON
RFP #2017 Request for Qualifications to Prequalify None 04/15/98 2:00 p.m. Leticia De La O (909) 396-3520

Scoring Team Services
Provide Supplemental
Source Testing Services
None 04/15/98 2:00 p.m. Leticia De La O (909) 396-3520

RFP #2021 Gas Chromatograph None 04/17/98 1:00 p.m. William Johnson (909) 396-2036

RFP #9798-30 Occupational Health Services None 04/17/98 5:00 p.m. Mark Henninger (909) 396-2986

RFP #9798-31 Document Management System Mandatory 04/17/98 11:00 a.m. Mark Henninger (909) 396-2986

RFP #9798-33 AGMD Fee Study None 04/24/98 2:30 p.m. Naveen Berry (909) 396-2363

RFP #9798-34 Phase II Assessment None 04/27/98 3:00 p.m. Naveen Berry (909) 396-2363

RFP #9798-35 Develop & Demonstration Technologies for Conversion of LFG None 04/15/99 2:00 p.m. Rand George Fax (909) 396-3520

Person Attending the Bidders’ Conference shall confirm their attendance by calling the Contact Person. Bids will not be accepted from anyone not attending the mandatory bidders’ conference.

The RFQ/RFPs may be obtained through the internet at: http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The San Bernardino County Transportation/Flood Control Department is advertising a project and requests your participation.

Project: Rialto Channel Invert Repair (Aqua Mansa Road Northerly to City of Rialto’s Sewer Outfall), Cities of Rialto and Colton, F01385

Scope: Redirect any low flows in channel; remove and reconstruct certain sections of channel invert; clean, sand blast, apply bonding agent to other sections of existing channel invert and place reinforced concrete invert overlay; repair midwalls of two double box culverts.

Estimate: $150,000 to $200,000

Non-Refundable Fee for Plans and Specs: $15.00 and $10/First Class Mailing or $15/Next Day Mailing

Bids Open: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 9, 1998

You may obtain a list of plan holders and/or obtain plans and specs by contacting:

San Bernardino County Transportation/Flood Control Department
Contracts Division
825 East 3rd Street, Room 147
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835
(909) 383-2288 Info Line
Monday through Friday with the following exceptions:

The office will be closed March 20, 1998 and April 3, 1998.
Cesar Chavez Remembered

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He was a man of profound faith. He drank deeply from his own well of experience and related them to other great men and women who like him have Jesus Christ as their role. The admirable thing about Cesar Chavez is that he was profoundly tuned to the presence of God without showing off his religious spirit. He was extremely private in his religious practices.

Each time that one of his brothers or sisters, campesino or campesina lost their lives in the "Lucha" (struggle) for justice, Cesar suffered profoundly. He often wondered if he was not responsible for their deaths.

The fasts which Cesar Chavez practiced were genuine expressions of his deep spirituality. He was a giant of a man. He stood in our midst as a person whom I admired and loved while he was alive. His greatness lies in his ability to live in the midst of hatred and evil in all its forms and still be a person that loved everyone, even his enemies. He has left an awesome challenge to all of his brothers and sister campesinos and campesinas, to all of Mexican-Americans and to the whole human family.

He was a human being with short coming, with faults and even sinful, but he never allowed these to keep him from overcoming them through his dedication and consecration to make this earth a better place for us to live in.

We salute this hero of human rights and justice. But more than anything he challenges us to continue la Lucha with our brother and sister who still get paid cheaply for their back-breaking labor, who still labor under poor working conditions and who, shamefully today and tonight, will undoubtedly go to bed hungry under some tree, junked car or a make shift cardboard shelter.

Cesar Chavez helps us to walk in your footsteps, help us to hunger for justice as you did. Cesar help us to rise above the daily routine of our lives by dedicating them to the service of others. May your prayers for us help us to be persons who make the difference. You taught us by your example that we can not be indifferent to evil. We must overcome evil with good. You passed the torch of the flame of life and light. May we receive it, keep it alive and pass it on to the new generations.

George Brown Works on "Healthy Kids Act"

Congressman Brown is cosponsoring the "Healthy Kids Act." This bill is designed to cut youth smoking by two-thirds by the year 2007. This is the first major bill introduced in the House of Representatives this year stemming from the proposed tobacco settlement. The House bill reafirms the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) full authority to regulate tobacco products and tobacco advertising, funds a strong antismoking advertising program, and requires annual payments from the tobacco industry that raise $520 billion over 25 years. The bill provides no immunity to tobacco companies from citizen lawsuits.

Ana Gonzalez Semifinalist

Colton High school senior Ana Gonzalez has been named a semifinalist in this year's Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

Reaching the status of semifinalist is a significant achievement, according to J. Mark Davis, executive vice president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Only 1,902 semifinalists were chosen from nearly 129,000 applicants.

In March, Coca-Cola will announce its 152 finalists. The finalists will travel to Atlanta to take part in interviews to determine the level of their awards. One hundred finalists will be named Regional Scholars and will receive $4,000 awards. These awards are renewable for $1,000 per year for four years. The remaining 52 students will be designated as National Scholars and will receive $20,000 awards, which are renewable for $5,000 per year for four years.

Gonzalez is editor of Colton High School's Pepper Bough newspaper, president of the National Honor Society, president of the French Club and a member of the Academic Decathlon team. She plans to pursue a career in journalism.

AYSO Spring Registration

AYSO Region 130 will be holding registration for our spring season which runs April 20 to June 28. This season is for boys and girls ages 5-14. The cost is $17 returning fall 1997 players and $25 for new players. New players need a birth certificate, Registration will be held at San Andreas High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Saturdays of Jan 31, Feb 14, Mar 14 and March 28. You must register for the fall season as well. The cost is $50 per player and is for ages 4 1/2 to 18.

For more information please call 980-1319.