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Today in downtown Los Angeles, over 1 million people demonstrated in support of immigrant rights. This was the largest demonstration in the history of California. March organizers announced from the stage that the crowd was over 1 million. Univision and other Spanish-language television reported that up to 2 million people marched. The Los Angeles Times, reflecting police estimates, gave the march 500,000.

"The March 25 event is now credited as the largest demonstration in California and the spark for a wave of marches and rallies that brought millions of people to the streets across the country for several months. It was the start of a movement that permanently shifted the debate on immigration reform." LA Weekly.

This spring's massive immigration-rights protests, which drew more than half a million white-shirted, chanting marchers downtown March 25 and packed another several hundred thousand along Wilshire Boulevard on May 1. Organized in opposition to legislation sponsored by Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-Wis.) that would have ratcheted up penalties for entering the U.S. illegally and for assisting or hiring undocumented workers, the marches were the biggest political rallies that any American city outside of Washington has seen since the Vietnam era. Los Angeles Times.

Washington, DC - Rep. Joe Baca (D-Rialto) officially became the Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) for the 110th Congress (2007-2008). Rep. Baca was introduced by Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-Norwalk), the outgoing CHC Chair, at a ceremonial swearing-in event hosted by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI).

"I am honored and humbled by this opportunity and thank my colleagues for their vote of confidence as I commit my energy and creativity to advancing our common goals," said Rep. Baca in a speech attended by many CHC members, leaders of prominent Hispanic organizations, CHCI's corporate sponsors and members of the Baca family.

"These priorities are not only important to Hispanic Americans in my district and throughout the United States, but also to residents of the Inland Empire of all races and ethnicities," noted Rep. Baca. "I want to reassure my constituents that I will continue to work hard on behalf of all of you."

He expressed his intention to continue to work with local leaders and organizations on issues affecting the Inland Empire. On the same day that he became CHC Chair, Rep. Baca introduced the Inland Empire Water Preservation Act, H.R. 13, which relates to cleaning up local water sources contaminated by perchlorate.

The CHC was established in 1976 to address the needs of the Hispanic community in all areas of American life.
A new Democratic Congress and Senate have quelled the terrorism fear mongers inside the Executive branch - at least for now. Surely they will soon resume with similar threats, e.g. about Iran, but before it begins. "We the People" will have to seize the moment for some collective soul searching as a nation. We need to objectively reflect back upon that horrific event that has become the Pearl Harbor of the baby boomer generation - 9/11. And rather than dwell on what happened, we need to focus on "why".

Few want to actually confront the ugly truth, much less admit it. It is far more comfortable and even convenient to become the proverbial ostrich who buries his head in a hole to avoid the painful realities of life. When it comes to 9/11, we have become a nation in denial and here's why:

One of the last five years, "we the people" have been herded like sheep into frenzy of revenge - to find, punish, and kill anyone and everyone we can remotely link to the 9/11 tragedy. Very few of us, including the media questioned the motives, explanations, or "evidence" presented by our leaders, because we were too focused on retribution.

And while we were all distracted by the war mongering rhetoric about those invisible weapons of mass destruction, and fabricated "nuclear Iraqi threats" we were also diverted away from the most important issues and questions of all. Even to someone American Senator or Congressman has had the courage to publicly ask "Why did this happen?" or "Why do people so far away hate America so much?" or more to the point, "What is the root cause of terrorism?"

The answers to these questions are quite ugly, but if you are a true American patriot, the truth, once confronted, is enlightening and provides a path to resolution of all the hatred and perhaps even peace in the world we must share with others.

First and foremost, we should all look around and notice that countries like Argentina, Norway, Austria, Singapore, Mexico, The Netherlands, etc. do not have to spend billions of their tax dollars fighting terrorism or send their children, husbands, and fathers off to die in bloody wars chasing down terrorists and so now the question becomes "Why not?"

Frankly, these countries do not have a history of invading, occupying or secretly fomenting revolutions in other sovereign nations. Their foreign policies are not expansive, nor provocative, and they do not get their way in the world by becoming the biggest bully on the block who gets his way at the end of a gun barrel or economic extortion (aka "trade sanctions"). Likewise, these nations who live without fear of terrorism do not openly defy the United Nations, The World Court, or casually violate treaties whenever there is money to be made or lost (i.e. the Canadian softwood lumber case, SALT II Treaty, etc.). Most importantly, their governments do not attempt, much less force their "democracies" and cultures upon others as a "better way to live".

Their leaders certainly don't go on international TV and threaten, denigrate, and insult the leaders of other sovereign nations as our President does on a regular basis and as his father did as well.

Instead, they respect all cultures and leaders and find a quiet diplomatic way to deal with their differences.

Dialogue and diplomacy between the U.S. and our enemies have never been fully utilized since the 1960s. The American way has become the "or else" way recognized around the world.

But this arrogance alone is not what provoked 911 - it is just the underlying attitude of our current leaders that continue to fuel the flames of hatred and contempt that has even spread to some of our once greatest fans - the Europeans. We have let our "superpower" status be misused and abused by a handful of greedy campaign fundraisers and their bought and paid for politicians whose own children will never see a battlefield. Our elected leaders could be respected and honored statesmen of the world yet this administration prefers the gun slinging, John Wayne swaggering cowboy approach to everything.

Machismo makes for great movies but not for world peace. Nobody likes provocations and ultimatum, yet that is what has emanated from the White house for the last six years, friends.

But getting back to 9/11, one only has to recall their childhood days and learning about that little "Golden Rule" - you know: Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.

It seems too many of us left it behind in our childhood even though it is far more applicable in world politics that on the playground at both socio-economic, and commercial levels. Just think for a moment, would any red-blooded American stand idle as a foreign invader to depose our President by military force, reduce our cities and towns to smoldering ruins, take over Wall Street, Silicon Valley, and all of our oil wells and refineries.

Would we passively allow foreign soldiers to randomly break down our doors at 3:00am and traumatize our young children for life? And what if these foreign invaders killed over 30,000 civilians "by mistake" or tortured and humiliated those of us they imprisoned for resisting their imposition? What would we do?

Take it one step further and ask yourself how you would feel, and what would you do if you came home from the office one day and found your home destroyed by a "smart bomb" and bits and pieces of your charred children and spouse scattered all about?

The rage is compounded a hundred times by the fact these are innocent people, not soldiers, not politicians, but people just like you and I.

Without hesitation I think this if happened in America, every one of us would arm ourselves to the teeth and any red-blooded American stand idle as a foreign invader to depose our President by military force, reduce our cities and towns to smoldering ruins, take over Wall Street, Silicon Valley, and all of our oil wells and refineries.

This brings me back to 9/11 and the Golden Rule thing. You can only beat a dog so long before they start to bite back in self-defense, and this is truly what may have happened on 9/11.

Terrorism can never be condoned, but its cause can be understood and perhaps eliminated much more quickly by understanding the motivation, fear, or anger. By Muslim standards and culture our western ways are provocative at best and immoral and repulsive at worst, yet we still let our governments try to impose our will and ways upon them.

This is a social crime, especially since one-third of the world's population is now Muslim. From their perspective, it is not difficult for Americans to be seen as a modern day crusaders bent on converting the world, especially since President Bush frequently uses the word "crusade" in his many speeches. Perception can easily become the reality.

By Bruce A. Gorcyca-EDITORIAL
SOME REFLECTIONS OF THE "LATINO/BLACK CONFLICT ISSUE"

By John Brown Childs

Editor's note: The following article is a response to a previous article by Tanya K. Hernandez in the L.A. Times

Yes, I agree the story that is central to the Tanya K. Hernandez L.A. Times article on Black/Latino conflict (later taken up by CNN) is disturbing, although it is certainly no new situation, nor is it a simple development. One must consider the significance of many years of every new and then eruptions of ethnic conflict in the prisons among organized groups that itself spills from prison yard to school yard and out into the street. As I know through my own work with both Latino and African-American gang peace organizations this is a chronic dilemma that is in need of long range and deep response. I am not criticizing the article. It contains important and useful information and perspectives.

But there are complexities and contradictions in equations such as "Latino vs Black." As Hernandez implies, there are millions of Latin Americans of African descent, not just in the Caribbean but in important areas of countries such as Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia and in Mexico as she notes. But given that there are in this sense Black Latinos or Latino Blacks we see a social location that cannot be easily reduced to one or the other and the asserted broad dichotomy of group conflict. Moreover, "Afro-Latino culture" is a real phenomenon (see for example the music of John Birks "Dizzy") Gillespie, Celia Cruz, Mongo Santamaría, Chano Pozo, Jerry Gonzalez, the Palmieri brothers, and Tito Puente). None of this stops conflict. But it does undermine the sense of rigid dichotomous categorizations which are themselves contributors to conflict.

Of course racism in Latin American impacts Afro-Latino populations but it does so in ways that are complex and not necessarily exactly the same as in Anglo dominated North America. For example, one of the Latin American right-wing criticisms of Hugo Chavez is that he is of mixed African and Indian descent—a so called "Zambo." This criticism reflects the dimension of racial prejudice in Latin America. But his background also has a lot to do with his broad public popularity and electoral victories as well as to his appeal to the Indigenous Aymara President of Bolivia, Evo Morales. It should also be noted that some (not all of course) Latin American racism (against Indigenous and African descent peoples) comes from fairly recent South African and European immigrants who have imported Nazi/ apartheid style racial purity doctrines—see for example the demographic origins of the anti-Morales Santa Cruz region in Bolivia. The work of people such as the Bolivian Quechua anthropologist/Indigenous rights activist Guillermo Delgado-P on this subject is of great value to this larger discussion. So yes there is racism in Latin America. But that is not to say it is a simple twin of Anglo North American racism, nor does it mean that every Latin American immigrant will be a clone of the KKK.

In the positive sense, in the U.S. there is a wide variety of community organizations, many of them led by former gang members and ex-prisoners that share the practical objective of reducing youth violence and improving prison conditions that work across the Black/Latino divide. In California I think for example of Barros Unidos (which works with groups such as the African American Simba Circle in Chicago and with Harry Belafonte) and of Khalid Shah's "Institute the Peace, Reduce the Violence Foundation" in Ingleswood. Much of such positive constructive work usually goes unrecognized and its significance for what I elsewhere call transcommunal cooperation or bridge building is often lost in the exclusively negative emphasis on conflict.

And we should not forget the important transcommunal work of L.A. Mayor Villaraigosa as another example of constructive interaction as well as that of organizations such as the Black/Puerto Rican Caucus in the New York State legislature, the work of Carlos Munoz, [sorry no accent mark capability on my email] Elizabeth Martinez, etc. etc.

I suggest that it would be helpful as an initial step to pull together a working roundtable on the subject of something like "Building on Latino/African-American Cooperation" so that we do not leave the issue in the hands of negativistic media syndicates that are all too happy to highlight tension and to ignore constructive interaction.

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RIVERSIDE GROUPS ORGANIZE COMMUNITY FORUM TO DISCUSS POLICE PROCEDURES

The Eastside Think Tank and Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability have scheduled a community forum for this Thursday, to discuss the Riverside Police Department, the Community Police Review Commission and City Hall.

The community forum will be held at the Riverside County Office of Education, 3939 13th Street, Riverside, CA., on Monday, January 29th, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

This forum will address police and community relations. Progress has been made over the last five years in Riverside, but recent critical incidents highlight the need for better understanding of the procedures and processes that affect the well-being of our neighborhoods, according to the event organizers.

Confirmed panelists include Russ Leach, Chief of Police Riverside Police Department (RPD); Sara Danville, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney's Office; and Les Davidson, Chair, Community Police Review Commission (CPRC). The City Manager's office has been invited but has not confirmed to date.

Law enforcement issues to be discussed will include the mission of the CPRC, Police Department briefings to the CPRC, the timeline for RPD investigative work, and District Attorney's investigations into custody deaths. Panelists will address these issues and will then take questions from the audience.

This event is free and open to the public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact either Deborah Wong, Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability (deborah.wong@ucr.edu) or Mary Figueroa, Eastside Think Tank (tel. 951-317-2648).

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY LEGISLATION

Washington, DC - The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest nation Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S., today applauded the U.S. House of Representatives' passage of legislation to reduce college loan interest rates, the "College Student Relief Act of 2007."

"Poll after poll shows that Latinos value education, but the price of attending our nation's postsecondary institutions is among several obstacles Hispanic children face in achieving their dream of attending college and fully contributing to society," stated Janet Murguia, NCLR President and CEO. "Reducing student loan interest rates is an important first step in opening the doors to higher education for millions of Latinos."

Latinos compose 18% of the total college-age population. However, they constitute a small proportion of undergraduate students in U.S. postsecondary institutions, only 10.4% of all 2002 undergraduate students were Hispanic. For many low-income Latino students, the most significant barrier to attending college is cost.

"We hope that H.R. 5 is the first step toward increasing college access for Latinos and other low-income communities," continued Murguia. "Renewing the Higher Education Act. passage of the "American Dream Act," and increased funding for Hispanic-serving education programs would ensure that more Latino students have the opportunity to advance the advantage of the reduction in student loan rates contained in H.R. 5."

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CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL

January 16, 2007 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez are often spoken of as two of the greatest minority rights leaders in American history. Their devotion to the advancement of all has left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of America.

While we have no record of the two men meeting in person to advance equality, they supported each other's struggles and their legacies are inevitably intertwined. In his famous 1963 "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," Dr. King said, "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutual aid, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Anyone who lives in the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere in this country."

The reverend's recognition of our mutuality is as true today as it was over forty-three years ago. We should use Dr. King's birthday celebration — and every day — as an opportunity to resolve to work more closely as communities of color to advance justice and civil rights for all. Our communities know too well the hatred and discrimination that stem from ignorance. Our advancement, as well as the betterment of our nation, depends upon our ability to stand together in our pursuit of equality.

Today, community leaders can achieve more by working together to shape the future of the nation. Just last summer, Latino, African American, and Asian American advocates teamed with people of good will in all communities and both political parties to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act (VRA). The VRA provides critical access to full electoral representation and the opportunity for citizens with limited English proficiency to fully engage the democratic process.

In California, MALDEF has teamed up with the Los Angeles Urban League and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) for parent leadership in education and to combat domestic violence in communities of color. It is through the recognition of our mutual struggles that we help each other move forward stronger than ever.

Dr. King closed his letter hoping that "in the not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty." In the serious and difficult work ahead, we, and all Americans, should be guided by Dr. King's vision.

Founded in 1968, MALDEF, the nation's leading Latino legal organization, promotes and protects the rights of Latinos through advocacy, litigation, community education and outreach, leadership development, and higher education scholarships.

HACU: CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S BUDGET A MIXED BAG FOR LATINO STUDENTS AND THE COLLEGES THAT SERVE THEM

Sacramento, CA - While pleased overall with Governor Schwarzenegger's investments in higher education in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007 - 08 in California, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) also expressed disappointment with elements of it.

On the positive side, HACU applauds the Governor's continued commitment to Career Technical Education (CTE) and the community college system: the $52 million dollar investment in CTE and the backfilling of revenues caused by reductions in the community college fees will be a boon to the large number of Latino students attending California community colleges. HACU also looks forward to another year of fully funded equalization for the community college system. In addition, HACU is pleased that the Governor lived up to the compacts signed with the University of California and California State University systems.

On the other hand, Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cut funding for Student Academic Preparation and Education Programs. The Governor removed $7 million from the California State University System and $19.3 million from the University of California in academic preparation funds. These programs are essential to the academic success of many Latino students. Furthermore, HACU was disappointed that the Governor chose not to buy out the proposed fee increases that will hit CSU and UC students. The CSU and UC systems need the monies generated in order to continue to provide a world-class education to their students; however, these fees will cost UC students an added $104.7 million out of pocket and CSU students an additional $97.8 million. HACU hopes the Legislature will consider fully funding the needs of the higher education systems and buy out those fee increases.

"As the budget process moves forward, we hope the Legislature will recognize the importance of a world-class education system that is financially accessible to all students. We strongly urge the Legislature to fully fund the academic preparation programs at the CSU and UC systems, and to buy-out the proposed fee increases. Adequately funding higher education is critical to the economic and social health of the state as well as to the personal and professional development of its citizens," said Antonio Flores, President and CEO of HACU.

HACU represents more than 450 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America and Spain. Currently, HACU has 96 members in the state of California and in September of 2005 opened a regional office in Sacramento to handle Hispanic higher education legislative and policy issues in the western region of the U.S. Although its member institutions in the U.S. represent less than 10% of all higher education institutions nationwide, together they are home to more than three-fourths of all Hispanic college students. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).

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S.B. SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMES TWO SCHOOLS FOR LOCAL HERO AND COMMUNITY BENEFACTOR

Richard Roberds

Joseph C. Rodriguez was born and raised in San Bernardino, where his family was well established for many decades. He attended local schools, graduating from San Bernardino High Schools and San Bernardino Community College. He entered the Army in the fall of 1950 and after training was sent to Korea in 1951.

Pfc. Rodriguez distinguished himself for conspicuous gallantry and action at the risk of his life when, as an assistant squad leader, he charged a well-fortified high enemy position of automatic weapons, small-arms fire and grenade attacks from five emplacements. He charged up the hill, and lobbed grenades into the first foxhole, continuing his run. He destroyed an automatic weapons emplacement with grenades, reaching the top of the peak, destroyed two more foxholes, and continuing his run, and he destroyed a remaining gun displacement and annihilated its crew and its defense stronghold.

For his bravery and valor, Rodriguez was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman.

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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN-INLAND EMPIRE CLUB SCHEDULES MEETINGS

The Democratic Women Inland Empire Club has scheduled a series of meetings for the calendar year. Scheduled meetings will be on the first Saturday of each month at the Democratic Headquarters, Carousel Mall, San Bernardino.

Sara Garcia, president, stated that annual activities have been planned with the theme, “Year of the Woman-2007.” We are planning an exciting year in the Inland Empire as we observe here and across the world women moving into new and groundbreaking leadership roles, breaking the “Marble Ceiling.” Garcia said that a goal of $5,000 is planned to achieve annual goals to work on democratic issues and candidate support. In February, DWIE Club is planning to participate in the Black History Parade by selling special T-shirts and other activities.

Democratic women interested in becoming members may mail a $15 membership fee to DWIE Club, PO Box 175, Rialto, CA 92376. For information, call Sara Garcia at (909) 421-8745.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA) was today appointed as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee’s Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. Baca following the announcement of his selection as a subcommittee chair, saying “Chairman Baca brings great energy and experience to the subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. Under his leadership, I expect that the subcommittee will play an active role in developing the Farm Bill and ensuring the efficient administration of all USDA programs.”

Rep. Baca said, “I am excited and honored to assume this leadership role. This subcommittee has important responsibilities including promoting nutrition and anti-hunger efforts that help residents in our local communities as well as nationwide.”

“Chairing this subcommittee will also enable me to better address key concerns of my district and the Inland Empire including the national forest and wildfire prevention,” he explained.

The Agriculture Committee will be especially busy this year as the Farm Bill must be reauthorized. This comprehensive legislation includes an array of farm programs and addresses food assistance programs, commodity supports and agricultural trade. Many provisions in the current farm bill, which was written in 2002, expire in September 2007.
TERRORISM – GROWN FROM AMERICAN SEEDS?

Have we surrendered our integrity and public conscience to the oil Giants that sponsor our polls?

By Bruce A. Gorczyca-EDITORIAL

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ality as we all have just experienced in Iraq.

Most people do not realize that American troops have invaded and occupied more countries in the last fifty years than any other nation even the Soviets (i.e.: Grenada, Panama, Haiti, El Salvador, Iraq, Kuwait, etc.)

Americans killed more Iraqi civilians in the last four years than Saddam killed in his last decade of rule. As you read these very words. We have our troops in 89 countries around the world and less than half of those nations invited them. We are the only nation in history to use nuclear weapons against another country, yet our President regularly tries to dictate which other countries should "be allowed" to have them. Throw in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and how can we possibly expect anything else but contempt from the world?

It is now no secret that our own government has recruited and funded the campaigns of over a dozen ruthless dictators in the last half century (i.e.: Somoza, Marcos, Noriega, Saddam, etc) and even a few terrorists like the Taliban and Bin Laden, who George Bush Sr. once called "freedom fighters" when they were trying to expel the Soviets from Afghanistan. But now that we have replaced the Russians as the occupiers, the "terrorist" label becomes more convenient. These whiffing allegiances of ever-changes convenience do not go unnoticed in the world, and honestly, if you witnessed the events of the last ten years abroad as a Jordanian, Italian, Peruvian etc. could you possibly trust the American government?

We Americans may enjoy the luxury of modest wealth and technology, but we do not have a monopoly on intelligence. Politically we may even be one of the least astute people on this planet given our tolerance of the current status quo in America. It matters little that we call ourselves "liberators" if the rest of the world sees us as "aggressors", "invaders", and "occupiers".

It is the public's perception of reality rather than the actual reality itself that our politicians manipulate so well. "Imbedded" news crews are a great way to censor the news as even the late Peter Jennings pointed out in a CBC documentary.

While President Bush adheres to his "might makes right" policies, what little friends we have left in this shrinking world are being alienated by the scores. We have become a nation that is feared but no longer trusted nor respected – a dangerous scenario that would not want their deaths nor the sacrifice and suffering of their families to be in vain. As a civilized, intelligent, society, do we not owe them something more than just revenge? Do we want to leave our children a better and safer world, or shall we just keep our heads in the sand?

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Students attending Cal State San Bernardino must submit their scholarship applications to the CSUSB financial aid offices no later than March 2, 2007. In most cases, California State University systemwide scholarships require that students maintain full-time status during the academic year in which the award is received. Eligibility is re-verified each quarter during the scholarship award period.

Applicants who have not previously received a CSU systemwide scholarship will be given priority over equally qualified applicants.

The 2007-2008 academic scholarships now being announced are:

- **DALEM SCHOETTLER SCHOLARSHIP FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS**—Forty-six $5,500 scholarships are available for visually impaired students, as verified by physicians at CSU campuses.

- **WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST/CALIFORNIA TRUSTEES' AWARD**—Two $2,000 per academic year for four years scholarships are available for students who have overcome a financial need, especially those with visual or physical impairments.

- **GOOD FARM COMMISSIONS**

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned a previous decision by the Ninth District Court of Appeals in San Francisco, stating that court had committed an error in their interpretation of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The new decision by the Supreme Court gives federal immigration officials more power to deport immigrants with legal status for secondary roles in crimes, said one lawyer.
HEALTH FAIR FOR TEENAGE MOTHERS AT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER-RIALTO

New Beginnings Community Services has scheduled a health fair on January 27, 2007 at the Senior Citizen Center, Rialto for young teenage mothers and other persons. Goal is to provide services and educate for all. The health fair will from 10:00 - 4:00 pm, with information booths from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. There will be 3 different classes consisting of: Lactating/Breast feeding, Nutrition (Signs & Symptoms of Child Obesity), Alcohol and Drugs on the unborn fetus, smoking cessation, and dental care for babies and children (bottle syndrome decay the teeth). For everyone attending the classes will received: stroller, diapers, breast pump, baby gifts. Free lunch to support health nutrition from 12:00 -1:00 pm. For information call at 909 888-1387 or newbeainningscs@yahoo.com.

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) y Southern California Edison (SCE) le invitan a la exhibición pública para aprender mas del Proyecto de con Fiabilidad de Transmisión de Riverside.

Jueves, 25 de Enero, 2007
Vestíbulo del Aeropuerto Municipal de Riverside
6951 Flight Road
Riverside, California
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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