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RIVERSIDE TO FORMALIZE AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Latino Network (La-Net) of Riverside has reorganized as a non-profit organization and recently held elections for new officers. Pictured (r to l) are Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, president, Monica Delgadillo-Flores, vice-president, Marion Ruiz, treasurer and Javier Rosales, secretary/historian.

Stephanie Cereceres, creator and coordinator of the YES Conference welcomed the students at the San Bernardino Valley College Auditorium. Photo by IEHN

The Second Annual Youth Experiencing Success (YES) Conference at San Bernardino Valley College was attended by over 500 students from throughout Southern California.

The enthusiastic crowd of students, primarily from middle schools, were eager to experience new adventures in learning about their future. Stephanie Cereceres, principal of Vista Middle School, La Puente, who spoke for her class, said, “I think this experience was a good way to visit a college and do what I want in my life.” Stephanie Morales, Curtis Middle School, also said the experience was a way of motivating her to get a good education.

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Casa de San Bernardino to Implement Newly-Funded Wasteland Prevention Program

CASA de San Bernardino, a long-established alcohol, drug prevention and treatment center located in San Bernardino County, recently received funding from the San Bernardino County's Office of Behavioral Health-Alcohol and Drug Programs to implement a universal prevention initiative targeting the west side of San Bernardino.

The project's objectives are designed to positively impact the community on several levels: 1) working with youth on life skills at at-risk neighborhoods, 2) working with parents, 3) dealing health issues, 4) training of residents in community organizing skills, and 5) development of media involvement.

Mr. Raul Miramontes, Executive Director of Casa de San Bernardino, shared his enthusiasm for the project, saying, "We would like to express our hope that the west side community sees this project as an opportunity to become actively involved in planning prevention strategies that will greatly reduce the incidences of alcohol, other drug abuse and violence-related issues in the west side."

Miramontes has appointed Mr. Ed Batis, C.A.S.S., as the project's Community Relations Coordinator. Batis, according to Miramontes, brings many years of experience working in the field of chemical dependency, including work with the mentally-ill substance abuser and family violence issues.

Batis' added training in community organizing includes The Marin Institute, Latino/Hispanic Institute, Center for Third World Organizing and The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Washington, D.C.

Batis stated, "It is one thing to discourage persons from doing something negative or encouraging them to do something positive. It is quite another thing to modify the conditions in a community in which undesirable practices take place. One sure way to greatly reduce the negative impact of alcohol and other drugs in any community is the will and work of an organized community."

Batis further stated that the organizing process needs to include different components of the community including, but not limited to, residents, businesses, faith, law enforcement, public health, among others.

In order to accomplish the organizing process, Batis is initially networking to develop a core group of community advisors from the west side that are interested in developing a focus for preventive strategies.

Residents that are interested to learn more about the new community advisory council and may wish to submit ideas/strategies for the Westside Prevention Project may contact Ed Batis at (909) 381-5507.

LAST CHANCE FOR FLU SHOTS!

Since most hospitals are reporting increases in patients with influenza-like illness, County Health officials are still encouraging people to protect themselves from influenza (flu) this winter. Riverside County is offering flu shots at four specific clinics during the last two weeks of January, while vaccine supply lasts.

The flu shots will be available at the following clinics and times for anyone still wanting to protect themselves against influenza. Call listed clinics to ensure vaccine availability.

**Riverside Neighborhood Health Center (909) 388-6000
7140 Indiana Avenue Riverside
Walk-in flu shots - January 20 & 27, 2000
8:15 to 10:00 am.**

**Jurupa Family Care Center (909) 360-8765 9415 Mission Blvd. Riverside
Walk-in flu shots - January 19 & 26, 2000
8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "flu outbreaks typically occur from late December through March, leading to increased individuals with respiratory illness. The predominant influenza virus circulating this winter has been the influenza A/Sydney/55/97 like (H1N1) virus, which is in the vaccine currently being given." The optimum time to receive the flu vaccine is before the typical flu season starts in December. However, since the flu season typically runs through March, it is still advisable to receive the flu vaccine.

The clinics will accept a donation, but nobody will be denied an immunization if they choose not to donate.

**Foostraying A Sense Of Gratitude In Children**

**FosterLY Hal J. Peter, JCD, STY Executive Director, Boys Town USA**

(NAPS)—A child who gets whatever he wants will never develop a sense of gratitude. Instead, he will become overindulged and ungrateful. In other words, a spoiled brat.

Let's look at the dynamics of an ungrateful child. Let's say you and your little daughter are in the grocery store. She spies the M&M's at the checkout counter and says: "Mommy, I want some of these."

You reply, "No, Maria, you can't have those right now."

Maria escalates the request in a louder, firmer tone. Then, your reply becomes louder and firmer. This goes back and forth until Maria is screaming at the top of her lungs. You give her the M&M's to keep her quiet. Maria has learned an important lesson from this experience: that if at first you don't succeed, holler louder until you do succeed.

Is Maria grateful for the M&M's? Of course not! She does not say, "Thanks, Mom, for being so generous." That is because an overindulged child is not a grateful child.

A grateful child is a child who knows how to accept "no" for an answer, and the three simple steps to do so:

• Look at the adult
• Say, "Okay"
• Do not whine or complain

While simple steps, they are not easy for a child to learn—especially if the child is already overindulged. To do this effectively, the parent must find the middle ground between overindulgence and breaking a child's spirit. Here are some suggestions:

• First, surround the "no" with calmness—You can't beat your child into gratitude.

• Stick to your guns—It may be painful at first, but it pays.

• Express approval when your child does accept "no"—Do this in a warm and heartfelt manner and do it many times, not just once.

In addition, parents need to role model gratitude and incorporate it into everyday family life. Here are some simple examples:

• Set aside some time each night at the supper table where everyone can take turns describing something good that happened today.

• Teach your children to say "thank you" for a good dinner or a rented video or anything else positive they receive.

• Teach your children there are two ways of being grateful:

1) To say "thank you" because they really are happy with what they received; and

2) To say thank you for things given with good intentions, even if they aren't "what I always wanted."

• Catch your kids in the act of giving to one another and praise them for it.

• Offer prayers of thanks before and after meals.

• Don't ever let a Sunday go by without your kids putting something in the collection. "What return shall I give to the Lord for all He has given to me?"

Finally, let your children know there is an added benefit to being grateful. People spontaneously like a grateful person. A grateful person is fun to share with and just to be around.

Thank you for listening.

Father Cal Peter is executive director of Boys Town USA, the famous home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Neb., and in California, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

SECOND ANNUAL 'YES' CONFERENCE

**A TOTAL SUCCESS**

Watching the students eating barbecue sandwiches and listening to a d.j., Cereceres said that the outcome of the conference was very positive. She thanked the organizers, volunteers and college district for participating in the event.

"This has been a very successful and positive conference. The outcome gives us the incentive to return next year and impact another group of young students."

*Students from throughout Southern California attended the Second Annual YES Conference. Pictured above are students from Sierra Vista Middle School, La Puente, with chaperone Dale Kahre (in center). Photo by IEHN*
County Superintendent to give State of Education Address

SAN BERNARDINO County Superintendent Herbert R. Fischer will deliver his first Annual State of Education Address Mondays January 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Norman F. Feltham Central Library located at 555 West Sixth Street. The public is invited.

According to Fischer, the challenges of the 21st Century and the demands statewide reforms are placing on public schools are having a significant impact on the current and future state of public education. Fischer’s address, “21st Century Outlook on Education,” will focus on local education needs and how the Counter Schools office and school districts are working together to respond to those needs.

Since taking office a year ago, Fischer has focused his work in three primary goal areas: student performance, students prepared for the 21st Century, and safe learning and working environments.

Fischer has invited his address will provide progress reports on these goal areas as well as highlight future directions for the County Schools office.

For more information on the upcoming County Superintendent’s State of Education Address, contact Christine McGrew, Community Outreach manager, at (909) 387-3166.

Fairfax Elementary School Adopted by Area Businesses

Fairfax Elementary School will add four new adopters to its circle of community supporters. On February 10, 2000, Arrowhead Credit Union, J. P. Reed Construction, Two Guys Italian Restaurant, and Pacific High School will sign formal adoption agreements at a school ceremony.

Arrowhead Credit Union will open bank doors for field trip tours, provide volunteers during career awareness week, supply classrooms with materials, and advertise in the Fairfax newsletter. Two Guys Italian Restaurant will provide award certificates to promote student achievement and teacher encouragement. J. P. Reed Construction will provide funds to purchase motivational prizes for students. Pacific High School will have a career fair at the school with representatives from local businesses.

Fischer is fortunate to have these fine adopters! The Adopt-a-School program is co-sponsored by the San Bernardino City Unified School District and the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

Free Computer Applications Class to be Offered at San Andreas High School

Seniors are welcome at a new computer applications class offered absolutely free of charge, starting Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at San Andreas High School, at 3232 Pacific Avenue in Highland. The class, offered by the San Bernardino Adult Education Department, is designed for beginning and intermediate students who wish to develop computer skills for personal use or employment advancement.

The nine week class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in room D-5 on the San Andreas campus. The course includes word processing, spreadsheet, data base, and drawing. No previous computer experience is necessary. Applicants may register the first day of class.

Students presently attending the class stated that they have gained confidence in their computer skills and lost their fear of the computer. Reasons for taking the class include personal use, internet usage, advancing employment opportunities, keeping up with their children and preparing for life in the 21st Century.

Gilbert Garcia, a student says, “This is a very educational class that teaches you all of the basics of the computer.” Williezell McCarty sums up the general feeling of the class saying, “The class is superior to all others I have taken. I am learning at my own pace and enjoying it. We have a very understanding teacher and I never feel intimidated when I make a mistake. I am no longer afraid to touch a computer, and I am not threatened by the mouse.”

The class is taught by San Andreas faculty member, Lynn Colonello. Prospective students are urged to register early since class size is limited.

For more information telephone (909) 862-5432.

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DAVIS ISSUES “CALL TO ARMS” FOR TEACHERS
Outlines Sweeping Program Aimed at Recruiting, Training Teachers

SACRAMENTO - Governor Gray Davis issued a “call to arms” Wednesday in his drive to recruit and train teachers for what he called “the war on mediocrity” in California’s public schools. In his second State of the State address to the Legislature, Davis outlined a sweeping program to attract teachers to low-performing schools that includes college loans, teaching fellowships, hefty performance bonuses and $10,000 in forgivable loans to use for down-payments on homes.

“To our youth, let me say: There is no higher calling, no greater public service, no contribution more valued than to join the front lines of the future, in the classroom,” Davis told a joint session of the Legislature; “This is our generation’s call to Arms.”

Davis also outlined wide-ranging plans for student scholarships, for wiring every California school to the Internet, for expanded preschool programs and for three California Institutes for Science and Innovation at campuses of the University of California. The most dramatic proposal in the State of the State, however, was the governor’s description of the drive to lure young people to teaching.

“To borrow a phrase from Uncle Sam, I intend to say to our young people: I want you to be a teacher,” he said. “No one has greater respect for the men and women who have fought for this country,” said Davis, a decorated Vietnam veteran. “But the war for the future will not be fought on some distant battlefield, but right here at home. It will be fought school to school, classroom to classroom, desk to desk - one qualified teacher at a time, one motivated student at a time.”

The challenge facing California in recruiting and training teachers is daunting, Davis said. “In the next eight years, we must recruit and train more teachers-than troops in the allied force that stormed Normandy on D-Day.”

Noting that last year California boosted teachers’ starting pay and instituted performance awards of up to $25,000, the governor said that this year’s plan would be geared toward drawing student to schools that rank in the bottom 50 percent on standardized test scores.

Those that agree to teach in these schools, the governor said, can:
• compete for $20,000 teaching fellowships;
• earn $2,000 both for themselves and their schools, if they receive their credential, and become eligible for a $10,000 forgivable loan for a down-payment; and
• be eligible for bonuses of up to $30,000 if they obtain national board certification.

The governor said he would seek to establish an aggressive teacher recruitment program and he proposed changing the law to allow retired teachers to return to the classroom without losing their pensions.

Davis also proposed expanding the reading institutes he authored last year to cover 70,000 teachers in reading, algebra, English language learning and other key skills. He called his proposal “by far the most ambitious teacher-training initiative in America.”

The governor also outlined scholarship programs to encourage higher performance among high school students. These include $1,000 merit scholarships for students in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades who score in the top 10 percent statewide or the top 5 percent at their school on the statewide STAR test; and $2,500 distinguished scholar awards for students who score a perfect 5 on both a math and science advanced placement test or if AP courses are not yet available, an equivalent score on the Golden State Exam.

The governor also called on the legislature to provide funds to ensure that at least one Advanced Placement course is available to all students by next fall and to make four AP classes available at every school by the following year.

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Edward Batis Appointed Coordinator of Drug Prevention Program

Raul Miranda, Executive Director of Casa de San Bernardino, has appointed Edward Batis, C.A.S., as Community Relations Coordinator of the newly-funded Westside Prevention Project.

The coordinator’s initial responsibility is to focus on networking within the community and encourage volunteers to participate in an advisory capacity and recommend strategies to be incorporated into the overall prevention and intervention components of the Project.

A graduate of Cal-State, Los Angeles, Batis is currently enrolled in a Masters Program in Counseling Psychology. His 25-year experience has involved drug prevention therapy, program development, staff training and mental health/chemical dependency and diagnosis and as substance abuse facilitator.

City of Irvine and Santa Ana Host California/Mexico Summit of Mayors

IRVINE, Calif. — On February 13-16, 2000, Irvine Mayor Christina Shea and Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido will host the Summit of Mayors, “California and Mexico: Doing Business Together through Technology, Government Services, Trade and Commerce.” Over 83 mayors from California, including mayor Judy Valles and 95 mayors from Mexico have been invited to attend this Summit with invited keynote speakers including California Governor Gray Davis and Chihuahua’s Governor Patricio Martinez.

The Summit kicks off on Sunday, February 13 with an official welcome from Mayor Shea, Mayor Pulido and Chairman Charles Smith, Orange County Board of Supervisors.

On Monday, February 14 the Summit continues at the University of California Irvine’s Beckman Center, with the focus on “Technology and the Provision of Municipal Services, Trade and Investment between California and Mexico.” California’s Irvine, San Diego and San Jose mayors and Mexico’s Guadalajara, Tijuana and Chihuahua mayors will present a roundtable forum on “Technology, Investment and Trade Opportunities.”

A discussion on “Technology and Municipal Services in the New Millennium” will be presented by Will Molina of Brekken International, a special advisor to Governor Davis. a keynote speech by Governor Patricio Martinez of Chihuahua, Mexico.

On Tuesday, February 15, the Summit is broken into two tracks, one for mayors and other elected officials entitled the “Mayors Forum,” the other for business leaders, entrepreneurs and economic development managers called “Business Without Borders.”

The “Mayors Forum,” held at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, will consist of a presentation by California State University, Fullerton officials on California’s economy, a discussion on the role of California government and a keynote address by Lon Hataiyea, California Secretary of Trade and Commerce.

The “Business without Borders” event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine and will focus on “Closing the Deal.” Speakers include Rocco DeMafies, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County and James Flanigan, columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

In the afternoon both events will merge together at the Hyatt Regency Irvine for a networking reception for both mayors and businesses. Activities on February 15 conclude at The Happiest Place on Earth, Disneyland, with a gala dinner party and a keynote speech by Governor Gray Davis.

Bank of America, The Port of Long Beach, California State University Fullerton and Destination Irvine, a division of the Irvine Chamber of Commerce, are all proud sponsors of the Summit.

For more information regarding the summit, please contact Lynn Howes at Riches Baird at 949-586-1200.

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County Purchasing Office - Attention: Esther Reyna
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Proposal packages for those who were not mailed one will be available for pick up at the above location beginning Monday, January 10, 2000.

A MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting and walk-through for prospective bidders will be conducted on:

Monday, January 24, 2000 at 1 p.m.
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Proposals submitted by firms who have not participated in the pre-proposal meeting will be disqualified.

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The United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) propose to widen and improve Interstate 215 (I-215) between Interstate 10 (I-10) and State Route 30 (SR-30) [(future Interstate 210 (I-210)]) in the City of San Bernardino, California. Improvements would include realignment of the freeway, reconstruction of interchanges, construction of additional lanes and, on each side of the freeway, construction of a one-way frontage road ("collector-distributor") system allowing efficient movement of traffic between the freeway and surface streets. Three (3) "build" alternatives have been considered, each providing a different combination of ramp connections and frontage roads. Two (2) options have been considered for each build alternative, one would add general purpose lanes ("Mixed Flow Option") and a second would add High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes ("Base Option").

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans have approved the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report (FEIS/IR). The FEIS/R that describes the project is now available to the public. It is being distributed to those who made substantive comments on the draft version or who requested a copy. The FEIS/R and backup reports are also available at: San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) 472 North Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, California Norman Feldheym Central Library 555 West 6th Street San Bernardino, California

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The FEIS/R at the following location from 8:00am to 4:15pm weekdays:

State Government Center, Caltrans District 8
Environmental Planning and Management, 4th Floor
San Bernardino, California

The FEIS/R and backup reports are also available at:

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)
472 North Arrowhead Avenue
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CONTACTS:

For more information about this study call Mr. Sumner Baker, Chief, Environmental Planning and Management at (909) 383-4079. For any other transportation matter, call Caltrans Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the Public Affairs Office. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1 (800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at 1 (800) 735-2922.

Lt. Governor Cruz M. Bustamante
Releases Statement On diversity
In Broadcast Network Programming

LOS ANGELES Lt. Governor (Cruz M. Bustamante today joined leaders of minority media coalition at a news conference here to promote diversity in broadcast network programming. Bustamante is chairman of the Commission for One California and last fall he established a subcommittee of the panel to investigate and report back on diversity in the media. Bustamante delivered the following statement today:

"The agreements reached last week by the NAACP with NBC and ABC are positive first steps in boosting diversity in broadcast network programming. We must ensure, however that diversity initiatives by broadcast networks are inclusive. The images are too powerful to our youth and to the world to do anything less.

"All of us want to see television that tells the truth about the world we live in. Our world -- certainly California -- is diverse and broadcast executives shouldn't by default allow it to become anything less.

"Last summer, I created the Commission for One California as a statewide forum to address issues of intolerance and diversity. And last September, I called upon the Commission to review the ways in which the lack of diversity in media programming affects how Californians treat one another.

"In recent weeks, I have spoken with high-ranking executives of ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, Warner, Disney, Columbia, Paramount, Universal and Viacom. Their response was encouraging. These executives expressed a desire to increase diversity. They expressed an interest to create roles beyond stereotypes, roles that reflect our diverse communities.

"I asked each of them to follow up and engage in an ongoing dialogue to find real solutions, to get producers, directors and writers to address the issue, and to open up and diversify the Hollywood network. And they all agreed.

"Like many others, I will be watching closely to see if these promises and good intentions lead to real change. I am hopeful and even optimistic that real progress will be made. The issues are clear and the need to address them is overwhelming. Television executives must continue to move in the right direction.

"People and viewers today will not think it odd that actors portraying doctors, lawyers, business people, teachers, advertising executives, accountants, college students -- even politicians -- can be African-American, Asian-American, Latino or Native American.

"We should be proud of our success and celebrate a diversity only found in this great country.

"To do less minimizes the contributions of immigrants and the sacrifices made by veterans to keep this country a land of opportunity."

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