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The appointment of Uffer was the result of an extensive eight-month search for a replacement Director.

Mark Uffer started his medical career at San Bernardino County Medical Center, functioning as a Respiratory Therapist. On leaving San Bernardino County Medical Center he entered the private sector where he honed his administrative skills rising to CEO in Pasadena, California for Tenet HealthCare. Prior to that Uffer also worked several years in the not-for-profit hospital sector at Foothill Presbyterian Hospital in Glendale. Uffer resumed to San Bernardino County Medical Center as the Chief Operating Officer in the summer of 1998. At that time, San Bernardino County Medical Center was in process of transition from the 1940's era facility to the new state of the art Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

Kathleen M. Gonzales

By Jessica Carney

There are few who can conquer law school, and even fewer who can earn the position of assistant to the City Attorney, school, and even fewer who earn the position in the City of Riverside. Kathleen was raised in Texas by two teachers who were also political activists. Their Mexican heritage prompted their involvement in campaigning for the rights of migrant workers, fighting to improve conditions for the poor and working with Caesar Chavez. She was in junior high, on a trip to Washington D.C. that Kathleen first met her sights on becoming a lawyer. She graduated cum laude from the University of California, Riverside and then went to law school at University of California, Davis. Along with what she calls a very difficult three years, Kathleen was an active in the Law Students Association and La Raza Students Association.

A Career in Law

After law school, Kathleen assisted an attorney in employment discrimination, unemployment insurance litigation and Social Security litigation. She also gained experience with the Public Defender’s Office, Juvenile Division and worked for the Legal Aid Society of Sacramento County. While preparing for the Bar exam, Kathleen returned to Riverside to work as a law clerk for the Inland Counties Legal Services. She stayed on staff for five more years as an attorney.

Look for the March 29th Profile Women’s Recognition
The Lopez family, father Nick, mother Mary, sons Nick and John, were all smiles as they greeted friends and business associates at a grand mixer on the Tenth Anniversary of their successful business, Sunwest Printing, 118 W. Airport Drive, San Bernardino. There was gaiety in the air as invited Riverside, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, Corona, Casa Blanca, and the High Desert. The family members were involved, including Mary, who became the bookkeeper for the businesses.

San Bernardino City Schools Names New Facilities Director

The San Bernardino City Unified School District's Board of Education recently appointed Michael Perez as Facilities Planning and Development Director. Photo by IHN

Jose B. Ramirez, well-known Los Angeles Artist, center, was the guest of honor at Sunwest Printing’s tenth anniversary mixer, where he displayed numerous artistic works. At left, John Lopez and right, Nick Lopez, proprietors of Sunwest Printing.

Jose B. Ramirez, noted artist and Los Angeles School District elementary teacher, was guest of honor at Sunwest Printing’s recent tenth anniversary mixer, invited guests were admiring Ramirez’ art displays at the event. Art critics have described his work as "raw and savage and strangely calming. His images of revolt and surrender move us through a tangle of motion, not confused but somehow empty, because we see the repetition of injustice. Through his portraits and small engineering firms, however, a major portion of recent clients are referrals from long established clients and a direct mail advertising to let businesses become aware of their available services.

The family is very community oriented and gives back in voluntary and in-kind services. Nick is the chair for the Hospitality Lane Business District, He and John are active at Our Lady of Redemption and Holy Rosary Church, respectively, and serve on the baptism team. Both are also active with their children’s Little League baseball team and Cub Scouts.

The brothers, Nick and John, jointly stated that having the total support of the family and a successful business has been a blessing. They are cognizant of the ingredients that led to this point in their lives.

Sunwest Printing will continue to provide the traditional quality of service to their customers and the Lopez family will continue to reciprocate with service to their community.

Sunwest Printing can be reached at (909) 899-5848.

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Michael Perez, facilities manager for the San Bernardino City Unified School District for the past year, has taken over the top job in the Facilities Planning and Development Department of the District. Mr. Perez brings a wealth of experience. The senior planner and a teacher in the Los Angeles School District for the past year, has taken over the top job in the Facilities Planning and Development Department of the District. Mr. Perez brings a wealth of experience and a bachelor of fine arts degree in art history from the University of California, Riverside. Before taking the position in Chino, he was a Staff Analyst III for the San Bernardino County Special Districts, Chino Hills Managers Office. In administrative career as a Staff Analyst II and Sheriff Research Analyst for the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department.
Kathleen M. Gonzales
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This is where Kathleen found her calling: working for the poor in areas like family law, government benefits, consumer law, real property, education law, economic development, civil rights, and landlord/tenant law. When she was presented with the opportunity to work for the Legal Aid Foundation, Kathleen moved to Los Angeles and took a position as directing attorney. But, Kathleen missed Riverside and in 1984 she took a job for the Office of the City Attorney.

Her current assignment involves legal work for the city’s Redevelopment Agency. “It’s interesting. There are a lot of projects in the City of Riverside,” she noted. “Redevelopment is approaching legal concerns from a developmental standpoint. There’s so much success that can happen when people know what their rights are not called into question.” Although she is very busy with her family, husband Dana Somesia and children Alex, 13, and Martin, 10, Kathleen allows two nights each week for community service activities. Through the Blueprint for Volunteer Diversity, Kathleen trains people to serve as community volunteers and tries to empower members of underrepresented populations. She serves with the Inland Counties Legal Services and is a member of the Riverside Community Foundation. Serving the youth, Kathleen has volunteered with Mock Trial and mentors students from Riverside Community College. As past president of the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Kathleen helped put in place a Legal Aid Clinic that has provided legal services to the low-income community for more than 10 years.

Her Message to Latinas
“Seek out women who are doing things you would like to do in school or the business world or as a community volunteer,” Kathleen recommends. “Most of my colleagues are very interested in helping and sharing their experiences along the way.” Kathleen says she has noticed a hesitancy with young Latinas and she warns: “Don’t be shy. Get pointers. Ask questions. The whole point is to empower yourself with knowledge and increase your chances for success.” The drop out rates for Hispanics is frighteningly low, Kathleen says, and she wants to see the rates decrease. She has encountered prejudice because she is Hispanic and because she is a woman and Kathleen says, don’t let that stop you. “There’s always a personal motivation to overachieve, to do your very best no matter what. You sort of have to work extra hard so your credentials are not called into question.”

Other Accolades
In 1996, the YWCA chose her as their Woman of Achievement. Kathleen was recognized by the Latino Network for her Woman of Achievement. Kathleen was recognized by the Latino Network for her Woman of Achievement. Kathleen was recognized by the Latino Network for her Woman of Achievement. Kathleen was recognized by the Latino Network for her Woman of Achievement. Kathleen was recognized by the Latino Network for her Woman of Achievement.

Mary Zaneski
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Mary received an AA Degree in Liberal Arts from East Los Angeles College and BS Degrees in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and attended Southern University School of Law for one year.

An employee of Pac Bell for 23 years, she started as staff associate and held various technical engineering positions throughout her career, eventually becoming senior engineer prior to the current assignment.

Mary is a member, or on the board of directors, of every chamber of commerce within the area, including the Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, Sinfonia Mexicana, Assistance League of San Bernardino, More Attractive Community Foundation, San Bernardino Measuring Program and Latino Impact.

“My career has been very diversified, enjoyable and I overcome many obstacles as a woman and Latina. These challenges has given me the strength and foresight to continually develop my professional skills and I look forward to the exciting future ventures in the communication industry.”

Don’t Drink and Drive

Resulta que a los papás de Pabítlo se les ovidió llenar el formulario del Censo y no se dieron cuenta. Lo que significa que Pabítlo tampoco cuenta. Y si más padres como los de él no llenan el Censo, lo más probable es que las comunidades donde viven no recibirán los programas y servicios que más necesitan. Y nadie quiere eso, verdad? El Censo 2000 es sencillo y confidencial. Y es para todos, ya sean hispanados o no. Así que cuando recibas el formulario, léelo y envíalo. Hay que darle una voz a Pabítlo y a toda la comunidad.
A Career in Education

On a trip to visit her brother in California in 1961, Esther discovered Riverside and wanted to stay. She turned down a teaching contract in New York City and instead accepted a position at Lowell Elementary in the Riverside School District. As a result of civil rights disputes and the Watts riots, the district initiated the busling system, integrating different neighborhoods into schools in Riverside. "I was happy with the opportunity," Esther explained. "They wanted equal education." Working with administration at the district level, Esther helped devise the master plan for busing, looking at what is best for the kids, and developing a plan that is still in effect today. Because students and teachers were new to integration, everyone needed help assimilating to the new system.

Esther stepped in to work for the superintendent's training committee where she taught aids to help parents, children and teachers acclimate to the mixed company. "Older children had a hard time working with black children," said Esther, who recalled black children had a hard time going into all white schools. The teachers had a hard time working with black children," said Esther, who recalled.

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"A significant challenge in the Hispanic community today is education. It is estimated that less than 10% of Latinos are college graduates today," said Adam Chavarria, National Director of the Hispanic College Fund, Inc.

The sponsors who have come forward to assist our efforts with this tournament are helping so many more Hispanic college-bound students achieve their dreams and become even more productive members of our communities," Chavarria continued.

In addition to Eddie Bauer, Pacific Bell is also a Gold Sponsor of the tournament. Silver Sponsors include Applied Planning, Inc., AEI-CASC Engineering, David Evans and Associates, Digit Mapping, Inc. and Brown and Caldwell. Other sponsorships are still available for regional and national corporations, including an additional Title Sponsor.

For registration or more information regarding the Hispanic College Fund's First Annual Charity Golf Tournament, please contact Cindy Boston at Empire Lakes Center, (909) 848-4800 or Idalia Pena at the Hispanic College Fund, (202) 296-5400. For information by mail, please write to the Hispanic College Fund, Inc., One Thomas Circle, N.W., Suite 375, Washington, DC 20005.

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Kikki Carr and Celia Cruz Heat Up The Stage

It’s a night of Latin music with VIKKI CARR: MEMORIES, MEMORIES and CELIA CRUZ AND FRIENDS: A NIGHT OF SALSA on KVCR PBS, Thursday, March 16 beginning at 8:00 pm.

Join Vikki Carr as she celebrates Mexican and Latin-American music of the 1940s and ’50s and its influence on popular music in the United States. Taped before a black-tie audience at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, the one-hour program re-creates the elegant setting of Hollywood supper clubs, evoking the era when the music was first popular. Guest performers include popular Mexican singer Pepe Aguilar, Grammy Award-winning vocalist Jack Jones and Cuban-born trumpeter Arturo Sandoval. Backed by a 22-piece orchestra conducted by Larry Blank, they perform songs in both English and Spanish.

Following Miss Vikki Carr is Celia Cruz in concert. Her over-the-top flamboyance—rich with sequins, colorful wigs and gravity-defying high heels—sends excited audiences into fits of applause. Her wide smile and trademark shrieks of “azucar” (“sugar”) are unmistakable. And her music, which has captivated Latin music fans for five decades, wins new admirers every day. Celia Cruz is nothing less than the personification of the joyous, sexy, irresistible music known as salsa, a genre she helped to define.

Let’s Celebrate with the Irish

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Children and Families
Commission for San Bernardino County announces a Public Hearing in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 130150.

For presentation of the Local Children and Families Commission (Proposition 1.0) Proposed Strategic Plan. This Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 27, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., at the San Bernardino County Government Center, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Board of Supervisors Chamber, 1st Floor, San Bernardino, CA.

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Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine Presents

Latina Conference 2000, “Educating Our Community”

Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine is presenting Latina Conference 2000, “Educating Our Community”, on Friday, March 24th at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center in downtown San Bernardino. Featured speakers include television personalities: Linda Alvarez of KCBS, Michele Ruiz of KNBC, and Gina Silva of Extra TV.

Conference includes a panel discussion on the state of Latino education with Ph. D. Anita Sazu Supt. of Moreno Valley Unified School District, with presenters Gloria Mactas-Harrison VP. of Carlton Hills College, Mary Figueroa - Board Pres. Riverside Community College, Barbara Flores, Prof. Cal State San Bernadino and Maria Elena Martinez VP. Instruction San Bernardino Valley College.

Six seminar sessions will be available to choose from and networking opportunities with the regions most influential Latinos. Special exhibitor section will feature employment recruiting for bilingual personnel.

Conference sponsors; Arrowhead Credit Union, State Farm Insurance, Cal Fed Bank, Edison International, Riverside County’s Credit Union, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, The Gas Company, and Compuix Inc.

Ticket are $50.00, includes continental breakfast, luncheon ticket and subscription to Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine. Exhibit spaces are $225 which includes two admission tickets.

For details, call 909/328-1385 or visit www.HISPANICLIFESTYLE.com

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Made for shade. That’s the purpose of Riverside Public Utilities’ Tree Power program. Local resident Laura Merrill was very happy to find out she qualified to take advantage of the utilities’ new tree program. She was also surprised to learn that planting trees during the fall and winter seasons can help tree roots develop quicker and stronger.

The Tree Power program offers eligible Riverside residents a rebate on the purchase of up to three trees, from a specified list, that will assist them in cooling the home and saving energy. Program guidelines and certain restrictions apply. If you are interested in the Tree Power program, call Programs and Services at (909) 826-5485.

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Search For Student Journalists

WHITE PLAINS, NY— Heineken USA has teamed up with the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ) in a search for student journalists to serve as on-air reporters for the upcoming Billboard International Latin Music Awards in South Beach, Miami. Entries are selected for the program will travel to South Beach— and work from Miami, the entrants will fill news reports for radio stations in their local markets. The entrants will also receive special instruction from news professionals from the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

"Providing Hispanic student journalists with the opportunity to cover such a major event is something that we’re very proud to be a part of," says Joseph Carvajal, Associate Brand Manager for Heineken USA.

To apply for Heineken: On Assignment, entrants must submit a 10-minute or shorter demo cassette tape, in Spanish, of their best work in radio (can be news, features, interviews or documentaries), along with a cover letter describing their interest in pursuing a career in broadcast journalism. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college, university or technical trade school and they must be proficient in Spanish and English. Entrants must also be available to travel to Miami from April 24-28, and they must be 21 years of age or older. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31, 2000. Applicants must include an address and phone number where they can be reached. Application materials and eligibility information are available by logging onto www.nahj.org. To ensure that you are eligible for the program, interested entrants should review the program requirements listed at www.nahj.org before applying.

4th Annual San Bernardino Countywide Teacher Recruitment Fair

MACH 25, 2000
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Truman Middle School, Fontana, CA

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 generous 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) 387-3905 or visit us at www.sbccs.k12.ca.us/recruitmentfair

County of San Bernardino
Department of Economic and Community Development
2000-2005 Consolidated Plan

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a continued public hearing on TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000 AT 10:00 A.M., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the County's 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and Year 2000-2001 Action Plan.

BACKGROUND Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive 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, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. In 1999, the County qualified to receive these funds over a three year period from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs. The funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and 14 cooperating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Mentone, Norco, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. In addition to these cities, the Cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto and Victorville have been approved by HUD to participate in the County's HOME Program. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the "County Consortium."

In 1995 HUD combined the HOME, ESG and CDBG programs into a single grant application process. As part of the grant application, the County is required to submit a document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using these three grant programs over a five year period. This document is called the Consolidated Plan. The County adopted its initial five year Consolidated Plan in 1995. This Plan covered the 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-00 fiscal years. The County now must prepare a new five year Consolidated Plan for fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. The proposed 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan will be the new five year Consolidated Plan and for its first year it will include the Year 2000-2001 Action Plan. This year, the County anticipates receiving $8,638,000 in CDBG funds, $282,000 in ESG funds and $3,817,000 in HOME funds. These funds may be used for homeowner assistance, emergency shelter homelessness prevention, housing preservation, economic development, capital improvements, public services, housing development, fair housing and program management. The proposed Action Plan is being developed to program the use of these funds during fiscal year 2000-2001 and will provide a "Continuum of Care" effort to address homelessness in San Bernardino County.

PUBLIC COMMENT For a period of thirty (30) days beginning on March 20, 2000, and ending on April 18, 2000, the public is invited to submit written comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan. Draft copies of this document are available for public review at the office of the County Department of Economic and Community Development. Copies of the proposed plan will be provided at the public hearing. Comments received after 5:00 p.m., April 18, 2000, cannot be considered in the preparation of the proposed 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and Year 2000-2001 Action Plan. Send comments to County ECD at the address shown below.

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

San Bernardino County
Department of Economic and Community Development
200 North "D" Street, Sixth Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040
Attn: Program and Compliance Section
Or call (909) 384-1000

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Tri-County South Regional Tobacco-Free Project announces the availability of mini-grant funds to conduct tobacco-free activities in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

For more information, call Donna Newton at (909) 637-3040

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**Receptionist Needed**  
Insurance office needs part-time bilingual receptionist. Duties include answering phones, managing appointments, payments and other duties. Skills needed: basic knowledge of computers, Word, customer service and a professional demeanor. Hours primarily mornings but flexibility is needed. To apply, please call State Farm at 909-884-1454.

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Census 2000: Don't Be Missed!

1. Look for It.

Your Census 2000 questionnaire should arrive at your home in late March. If you do not receive a questionnaire, additional forms will be available in public places.

2. Fill It Out.

If you need help filling out the questionnaire, go to the Questionnaire Assistance Center in your neighborhood, or call the toll-free telephone number printed on the form. The Census Bureau's multilingual staff will assist you. You also can find information about Census 2000 on the Internet: www.census.gov.

3. Send It Back.

The Census Bureau will provide a postage-paid envelope for your convenience. If you are interviewed by a census taker, that person will be sure your answers are processed. Your answers are protected by law.

This is your future. Don't leave it blank.
Answering the census helps communities obtain state and federal funding and valuable information for planning.