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IN ELECTION DAY WINNERS IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

Congressman Joe Baca, incumbent candidate for the 42nd Congressional District, and his wife, Barbara, receiving good news at the Palm Meadows Golf Club in San Bernardino as the election returns reflect overwhelming votes toward his candidacy. Baca received 85,405 votes or 59.9 percent of the vote for a second term in office.

Photo courtesy of Congressman Joe Baca’s Office

Assemblyman Rod Pacheco was re-elected to the 64th Assembly District encompassing the areas of Riverside and Western portion of the County. He received 56,590 votes or 54.12 percent of the total vote. Pacheco will begin his third term in the Assembly.

Assemblyman John Longville, 62nd Assembly District, above, closely scrutinizes voter returns at the Palm Meadows Golf Club in San Bernardino. Longville received 44,439 votes or 63.5 percent of the total votes. He is chairperson of the Assembly Reapportionment Committee, responsible for the state’s congressional, senate and assembly political realignment. Census 2000 information will be available to the governor on April, 2001 for reapportionment.

Photo courtesy of Congressman Joe Baca’s Office

Rialto City Councilwomen Grace Vargas broke precedent on election night when she became the first Latina and first woman to be elected mayor of Rialto. Vargas, a councilperson for two years, received 9,394 votes or 56.6 percent of the vote. During her tenure on the council, she was actively involved in neighborhood rehabilitation and business development. Her previous involvement included the chamber of commerce and service clubs. The city council will either appoint a councilperson or hold a special election to replace her position as councilperson.

SINFONIA MEXICANA SOCIETY CELEBRATES THE 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH LOS CAMPEROS

The Sinfonia Mexicana Society has announced its 3rd Annual Christmas Mariachi Fundraising Festival to be held on Saturday, December 8th at the California Theatre, 562 West 4th Street, San Bernardino, with the program starting at 7:30 PM. This year, SMS has contracted with Los Camperos de Nati Cano to perform for the annual event.

An added attraction will be San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles performing several popular songs. Los Camperos is one of the most outstanding mariachi groups in the United States and has performed throughout the country for over 40 years. Within recent years, the group has performed Fiesta Navidad, including Las Posadas, a traditional Mexican Christmas celebration with the outstanding dancers of Ballet Folklorico Ollin.

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‘The moral decline of the conservative movement was recently reflected in a syndicated column entitled “Goofy may be a Libertarian” by Don Feder, one of the conservative movement’s leading lights. Feder’s critique, which in part took the Libertarian Party to task for its position favoring open immigration, displayed not only the hypocrisy of conservatives but poor analysis as well.

Unlike the Republican Party platform, the Libertarian Party platform has always taken a consistent and uncompromising approach to the principles of individual freedom, private property, free markets, and limited government. Here’s what the Libertarian Party’s platform says in part: “Feder’s analysis is typically conservative and Republicanesque: faulty, fallacious, and hypocritical. Let us first never forget how the power to control immigration has been abused. Recall the infamous ‘voyage of the damned,’ when on the eve of World War II the Franklin Roosevelt administration prohibited Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany on the St. Louis disembararking at Miami Harbor: The justification: IMMIGRATION CONTROL.”

Today, the moral degeneracy and hypocrisy of the conservative movement is evidenced by the forcible repatriation of Cuban refugees into communist tyranny. Calling themselves “compassionate conservatives.” Who love Hispanics during every election cycle, Republicans have for several years supported the repatriation of Cuban refugees into Cuban communist tyranny. Calling themselves “compassionate conservatives.” Who love Hispanics during every election cycle, Republicans have for several years supported the repatriation of Cuban refugees into Cuban communist tyranny. Calling themselves “compassionate conservatives.” Who love Hispanics during every election cycle, Republicans have for several years supported the repatriation of Cuban refugees into Cuban communist tyranny. Calling themselves “compassionate conservatives.” Who love Hispanics during every election cycle, Republicans have for several years supported the repatriation of Cuban refugees into Cuban communist tyranny.

For decades, conservatives have jailed Mexicans and other Latin Americans who have crossed our Southern border in search of work, trying to sustain or improve their lives and the lives of their families through labor. At the same time, conservatives have continued trying to get the Bible—perhaps even “Love thy neighbor as thyself”—into public schools.

Historically, Mexican immigrants have had the qualities that conservatives claim to hold dear: family values, work ethic, and religion. They have enriched both our culture and our economy with their labor, music, and literature. While maintaining natural cultural and family ties with friends and relatives in Mexico, Mexican-Americans have historically reflected a deep reverence for their adopted country. Perhaps Feder is unaware that 300,000 Mexican-Americans served our country during World War II and that more of them served in combat divisions than any other ethnic group. Or that 17 of them earned the Medal of Honor, 5 posthumously.

Feder’s fear of “chaos” and the obliteration of “national identity” is, well, goofy. Was there chaos or loss of “national identity” when the United States acquired the northern half of Mexico in 1848? Or when there were no immigration barriers between Mexico and the United States for the succeeding 75 years, meaning that Mexicans could freely travel to the United States, live here, own businesses, and never become American citizens?

Feder referring? New York City? Charleston? Miami? New Orleans? San Antonio? San Francisco? Salt Lake City? The fact is that the United States has never had a “national identity.” Ours has always been a culture of liberty, which has been one of our nation’s greatest strengths.

The American people should reject the morally bankrupt conservative paradigm of government walls and instead embrace libertarian efforts to re-ignite the beacon in the Statue of Liberty.

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**EL COYOTE
STORY OF A REMARKABLE LIFE**

A soldier at the age of eleven. An honorably discharged veteran at the age of thirteen. A miner, a cotton-picker, a shepherd, and a graduate of Hollywood High. Luis Perez lived an incredible life and then shaped his story into a vividly realized autobiographical novel, *El Coyote, the Rebel*, originally published in 1947.

Having run away from cruel treatment by an uncle, an early-orphaned Luis by chance came to fight with the rebel armies in the 1910 Mexican Revolution, received the nickname of “El Coyote” for his cunning, and was wounded in combat. Upon being given a discharge and a twenty-dollar bill, he walked across the border to become an American and to “the beginning of a new tomorrow.” This fascinating autobiography has been a landmark series comprised of reprint editions of the foundational works from the last fifty years. These significant first texts by Chicano, Puerto Rican and Cuban American writers have been selected for their critical recognition, their authentic representation of the culture, and their lasting influence on the development of Hispanic literature in the United States.

“Amiable... Related with a beguiling simplicity and gentleness... El Coyote has much charm in a minor key... It reads like a dream”
—The New York Herald-Tribune

Part of being a parent is living with the knowledge that once your children leave the home, you are at the mercy of God when it comes to knowing whether or not you will ever see them again. Too many young people today are being cut down by guns and there are few among us who wonder, “Will this happen to my child? What can I do?”

Most people don’t know this, but my wife Sarah did not become a crusader for safe gun laws right after President Reagan, myself and two Secret Service officers were shot on a Washington street by a man wielding a hidden handgun. One day our son Scott found a loaded handgun on the seat of a friend’s pickup truck, and it really got her thinking about gun safety in America. When the gun lobby began trying to roll back the 1968 gun-control laws passed after the shootings of Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert Kennedy, she knew something had to be done, and she officially joined the ranks of people trying to do something about the dangerous overabundance of cheap guns available to children and criminals.

“I’m telling you this because this past spring, the NRA was caught being honest. They were seen telling a California gun-owners group that if George Bush were elected, they would have a president “where we work out of his office.”

It is about being able to walk down the street, into your church, into a hospital parking lot without having to worry about the person next to you carrying a gun. I used to think I was safe. And I wasn’t. Does America really think that thousands and thousands of people, toting guns, ready to shoot anyone they think might be committing a crime, will make them safer? Do we, as a people, think that putting more guns on the streets, or in churches or, heaven forbid, in schools, will stop crime? Do we, in this faster-paced, more stressful environment, want people armed to the teeth and primed for a fight? I don’t think so. The only people who do are the people who cloak themselves in patriotism and equate firearms with freedom: the gun lobby. And I don’t think they have your or my best interests at mind.

**A PARENT’S WORRY**

By Jim Brady

Michael Muñoz appears to be following in the footsteps of his famous dad, Anthony, who played tackle with the Cincinnati Bengals for 13 years and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1998. Muñoz, a 6-7, 285-pound tackle, stars for the University of Tennessee, a rarity for a freshman.

“Michael is unusually mature, a lot like Peyton (Manning) when Peyton first came here,” says Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer. “Maybe it’s having been exposed to so many top players and NFL camps and meetings. As good as he is now, he’ll only get better as he matures physically.”

As a senior at Archbishop Moeller (Ohio) High, many recruiting experts regarded Muñoz as the best high school offensive tackle in the country. He received several honors while at Moeller, including the Bobby Dodd award for the most outstanding lineman in the country from the Atlanta Touchdown Club and the Gatorade Player of the Year in Ohio in 1999. He also was a three-time all-state, all-region, and all-district selection.

But Muñoz is not the only young family member making a mark. His sister Michelle, a 6-foot center at Mason (Ohio) High, is in her senior year after leading her basketball team to a 27-0 record and the Division I state championship last season. Michelle has committed to joining her brother in Knoxville in 2001 to play for the Lady Vols basketball team.

With half the family in Tennessee, its understandable that the other half, Anthony and his wife, DeDe, will want to move to the state and operate “Team Muñoz” from the bank’s of the Tennessee River for the Next five years. It seems only a matter of time before Knoxville becomes “Muñozville.”

**ANOTHER MUÑOZ IN NFL’S FUTURE?**

**True Freshman Becomes Starter at Tackle for Tennessee Volunteers**

Governor Bush signed a bill that expanded the places where people could carry concealed weapons to amusement parks, hospitals and even churches. The governor told me himself in a letter that he didn’t believe letting people carry concealed weapons would increase crime, yet crime in New York is decreasing four times faster than in Texas, and since the concealed weapon law passed, more than 3,300 Texas permit holders have been arrested from crimes ranging from indecency with a child to murder.

This has nothing to do with the Second Amendment, no matter what any thrill propagandist might tell you — this is about being able to walk down the street, into your church, into a hospital or with your kids into an amusement park without having to worry about the person next to you carrying a gun. I used to think I was safe. And I wasn’t.

Does America really think that thousands and thousands of people, toting guns, ready to shoot anyone they think might be committing a crime, will make them safer? Do we, as a people, think that putting more guns on the streets, or in churches or, heaven forbid, in schools, will stop crime? Do we, in this faster-paced, more stressful environment, want people armed to the teeth and primed for a fight? I don’t think so. The only people who do are the people who cloak themselves in patriotism and equate firearms with freedom: the gun lobby. And I don’t think they have your or my best interests at mind.

**Texas has gun laws, but they haven’t been enforcing them. Texas has concealed weapon permit holders, and they haven’t been obeying the law. And America has a man who can’t see that this is wrong.**

Former White House Press Secretary James Brady is a trustee of Handgun Control, Inc.
How can parents make a difference in their child's life? "Just spend time with your children and talk with them," says Lonnie Carton, Ph.D., a nationally recognized family expert and educator.

In fact, Dr. Carton says risky and illegal behavior among school children, such as underage drinking, can be avoided when parents take the time to talk with their sons and daughters. "With modern day distractions, it seems parents and their children are spending less time together," Dr. Carton says. "The world is changing every day; it's much different than it was when today's parents were youngsters. That's why parents must place an increased emphasis on developing open communication with their children and on discussing traditional family values.

"Parents need to communicate information to their children that will help them make smart choices—from resisting negative peer pressure, to respecting the law, to avoiding underage drinking," she says. Speaking openly and honestly with one another about issues that really matter is one of the most valuable gifts that families can share.

Tackling underage drinking, Dr. Carton says, requires a team approach: one involving parents, educators, community and religious groups, businesses, members of the alcohol beverage industry and others.

"We all make a difference," she says, "but there's no more important place to start than in the family setting."

Underage drinking is a serious issue, Dr. Carton emphasized. Straightforward communication between parents and children can make a difference. Citing the most recent edition of the Roger Youth Report, Dr. Carton says 76 percent of American youth ages 8 - 18 say their parents have the greatest influence on the decisions they make about drinking.

Dr. Carton, the author of the acclaimed "Family Talk about Drinking" Video that gives parents insights into how to talk with their kids about drinking, Dr. Carton is a member of the advisory panel of education, family therapy, and alcohol treatment authorities that developed "Family Talk" for Anheuser-Busch ten years ago. Since that time, Anheuser-Busch has trained wholesalers, including Anheuser-Busch Sales Company, Riverside, have distributed more than 4.5 million free copies of "Family Talk" to parents and educators throughout the United States as part of their ongoing campaign against illegal underage drinking and alcohol abuse. "Family Talk" is available in five languages—English, Spanish, Chinese Korean and Vietnamese. In the "Family Talk" program, which consists of an instructional video and guidebook, Dr. Carton gives parents six important guidelines that can help them talk to their children about drinking and other challenges. Her six "Family Talk" guidelines are:

• Be a good role model. From the time sons and daughters are very young, being a good role model is crucial.

• Be factual. Give children facts about drinking in an unemotional, straightforward manner. Any exaggeration or unfounded stories can damage parent credibility.

• Have clearly stated rules. Parents should share their opinions and beliefs about drinking, and make clearly understood rules and consequences that are fair, firm and consistent.

• Practice good parenting. It's important for parents to build their child's self esteem and teach responsible decision making skills. Studies have repeatedly shown that youngsters with a high self-image are less likely to engage in risky, illegal behaviors like drinking. Good parenting also involves communicating openly with children, regularly spending time alone with each child, and ensuring that each child is a contributing member of the family.

• Know your child's friends. Second only to parental influence, peer pressure is more important than any influence in affecting whether youth drink. That's why it's important for parents to get to know their child's friends and their friend's families. Make sure they don't condone illegal underage drinking.

• Get help if you need it. A sudden change in a child's behavior may be related to drinking. If so parents must seek professional advice immediately.

"The prime time for parents to begin talking with their children about drinking is between ages 9 - 11," Dr. Carton says. "However, it's never too early or late to open lines of communication."

"Begin with brief learning moments that can be turned into longer discussions," the says. "Children and teenagers need an adult at home to talk to. Whether it's a two-parent or single-parent working family, parents must continually ask themselves, "Have I talked to my child today? Have I listened to him or her today?"

Education and awareness programs like "Family Talk About Drinking" are the keys to preventing underage drinking. And there are signs that community based alcohol awareness programs like "Family Talk" are making a difference in the fight against illegal underage drinking.

Parents can get a free copy of "Family Talk" by calling Anheuser-Busch Sales Company in Riverside at (909) 684-1541 or 1-800-359-TALK. The "Family Talk" guidebook is also available on the internet at www.beeresponsible.com.

For more information, contact Robert Sanchez, Anheuser-Busch Sales Company, (909) 684-1431.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS PLANNED TO DISCUSS FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Colton Community Development Department has scheduled two community meetings for City residents to suggest community improvement projects for funding from the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Year 2001-2002. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2000, at the Pete Lage Community Center, located at 292 East "O" Street. The second meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2000, at the Colton Community Center, 670 Colton Avenue. Both meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Representatives of the Community Development Department will provide a current status of CDBG projects funded in fiscal year 2000-2001, and will respond to any community development and housing concerns. Applications are available at the Community Development Department for persons or organizations wishing to submit projects for CDBG funding consideration. The Department is located at 659 North La Cadena Drive, Colton, California, and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The CDBG Program was authorized in 1974 under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, and is under the authority of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The primary objective of the Program is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.
NEW RESEARCH SHOWS UC GRADUATE SCHOOLS DROP OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY NEGATIVELY IMPACTS MINORITY ENROLLMENT

Since the passage of SP-1, the anti-affirmative action initiative by the University of California Board of Regents in 1996, there has been a significant decline in first year minority graduate admissions, according to a recent study conducted by the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI), the nation's premiere Latino research institute.

TRPI analyzed first year graduate student applications, admissions, and enrollment in the University of California medical schools, law schools, business schools, and general graduate programs over the past three years. The study found that only medical schools had an increase in minority admissions. This is the fourth in a series of studies examining the impact the elimination of affirmative action is having on education.

"Now, after three years of the new admission policy, our research indicates more definitively that the effects of SP-1 are not short term and that instead, a disturbing pattern is developing," said Dr. James Valadez, TRPI Director of Education Policy Research.

Latinos and African Americans have been disproportionately subjected to declining acceptance and enrollment rates in law schools, MBA programs, and general education programs.

The largest drop for first year minority graduate applications occurred at the UC law schools. African American applications decreased 44% while Latino applicants fell 19% since 1996. With the decline in minority applications, the acceptance rate was also disproportionately affected. The African American acceptance rate dropped 43% and the Latino rate decreased 17%, which was six times greater than the Non-Hispanic White decline of 4%. Due to the declining application and acceptance rates, minority students admitted to law schools had the biggest drop as African American admissions fell a remarkable 68% while Latinos suffered a 32% decrease in admissions since 1996.

Furthermore, the number of minority enrollment into law schools has continued to fall in each of the last three years. Latino enrollments dropped 46% since 1996 (89 in 1996 to 48 in 1999) and African American enrollment declined from 43 to 16, a staggering 63% drop. This resulted in a significant drop in minority representation on campuses. The Latino representation rate fell from 12.5% in 1996 to 6.7% in 1999. African American rate also fell from 6% to 2.2%.

Specifically, UC Berkeley and UCLA are most responsible for lowering minority acceptance and representation rates in their law schools. While African American representation declined 38% and Latinos fell by 38%, Asian and Non-Hispanic Whites both increased their representation on these campuses.

For minority MBA students, it appears that SP-1 has had a negative impact on their chances for admission to UC programs. Although the acceptance rate has held relatively constant since SP-1 took effect, minority admissions have gone down significantly because of the drop in applications. Latino admissions dropped 28%, while African American admission declined 41%.

We need to examine this alarming trend and determine whether the University of California will adequately prepare the next generation of minority business leaders, lawyers and professionals," said Barreto.

For the General Graduate Degree program, the three main variables (applications, admissions, and enrollment) were all down for Latino and African American first year graduate students. Latino acceptance rates were down slightly (34% to 32%), the admissions rate dropped 7.6%.

The only graduate programs to experience an increase in minority admissions, but a decline in applications, were the UC medical schools. System wide, total medical school applications fell 14%, Latino and African American applications fell even more, which makes it all the more remarkable that the number of students admitted has gone up. African American applications have dropped 25% while Latino applications experienced a 21% decline (2,270 applications in 1996 to 1,802 in 1999). The increase in acceptance rate has compensated for the drop in applications. In 1999, Latino acceptance rate rose 40% while the African American rate rose 54%. The enrollment of Latino and African American students remained roughly the same during the three years of SP-1.

The Tomas Rivera Policy Institute has made the following recommendations to the UC campuses:

- Implement outreach programs at colleges and universities that would encourage qualified Latino and African American students to apply for graduate and professional degrees.
- Each UC campus should establish recruitment programs directed at undergraduate minority students at UC’s, Cal-State’s and other four-year institutions.
- Acceptance rates and admissions need to be increased. Without ignoring the guidelines of SP-1, schools should begin to explore a broader range of factors to determine whether or not a student is qualified for admission. More emphasis should be placed on a student’s statement of purpose and interview rather than solely quantitative measures (MCATs, GRE’s).

Founded in 1985, the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute was established as a non-profit organization to conduct and disseminate objective, policy-relevant research and its implications to decision makers on key issues affecting Latino communities. Under the guidance of president Dr. Harry P. Pachon, TRPI has evolved into the country’s premiere research institute garnering national recognition for its work in the fields of education, immigration policy, information technology and civic and social research.

For more information or for a copy of the study, please call the TRPI at (909) 621-8897 or visit its website at www.trpi.org.
HISPANIC RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

The Medal of Honor is awarded only for the most uncommon acts of extraordinary valor. Of the 35,000,000 Americans who served in World I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, only 925 servicemen received the Medal of Honor; 526 posthumously.

“A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, The men it remembers...”

John F. Kennedy
A GATHERING OF OLD WARRIORS
By Julio Martinez

As we sit around a breakfast table in a quaint little Restaurant, once or twice per Month.

We see A GATHERING OF OLD WARRIORS.

We reminisce of our younger days spent in Military Training.

As we look at each other we realize how the years have taken their Toll.

Still to this very day you sense Military Discipline in this Gathering of Old Warriors.

We recall the training Sergeants with the Prestigious Combat Infantry Badge pinned to their Tunic.

We knew they had earned The Combat Infantry Badge during Actual Combat These Old Warriors.

We were determined to earn The Combat Infantry Badge.

We knew we would see Actual Combat in the Mountains and Frigid Valleys of Korea.

As we break bread together, we realize we too have earned our Place in this Gathering Of Old Warriors.

Julio Y. Martinez is a Member of International Society Of Poets and Philip Marmolejo American Legion, Post 650, Redlands, CA.

LOCAL LATINO BANDS WANTED FOR FIESTA GROVE STAGE AT STATER BROS. RIVERSIDE ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Two days of Latino entertainment will be a part of the Stater Bros. Riverside Orange Blossom Festival held on April 21-22, 2001. A new venue, called Fiesta Grove, is being created on Lemon Street and University that will feature great Spanish food, music dancing, and products and services. Radio Tricolor is hosting the Lemon Street Stage and showcasing contemporary salsa and Latin Rock bands on Saturday, and the classic ranchera, norteño, ballados and lively bands on Sunday.

Radio Tricolor is welcoming submissions from local and regional bands that are interested in taking the stage on Saturday. This is a great opportunity for unknown bands to showcase their talents to an audience of thousands. All submissions must include a photo, brief biography, and a tape/CD. They should be mailed to: Stater Bros. Riverside Orange Blossom Festival, PO Box 1603, Riverside, CA 92502-1603, Attn: Radio Tricolor Stage.

For more information about the Fiesta Grove and Lemon Street Stage as well as the many exciting events happening at the 2001 Stater Bros. Riverside Orange Blossom Festival, visit the web site at www.OrangeBlossomFestival.org or call (909) 715-3400.
THE COUNSELING CORNER
IT’S NOT EASY BEING 14...15...16...

Have you, as a parent, ever tried talking with your teenager and felt like the two of you were speaking different languages? Unfortunately, it’s a common complaint. The good news is that it doesn’t mean something is “wrong” with either you or your child.

There are very real reasons why parent-teenager communications are often frustrating or seemingly impossible. Over the next several columns, we’ll look at a number of causes, suggest some tactics to improve communication, and offer practical tips on how to recognize real problems requiring additional help.

First, let’s look at life from your teen’s perspective. Growing up is difficult. The normal developmental process brings about important and often unsettling biological, psychological and emotional changes during the teen years, many of them in relation to a teen’s growing desire to gain independence and responsibility. While communications with parents may have been good up until now, the increasing demands of school, extracurricular activities and working toward a job or college can bring open discussions to a screeching halt.

Teenagers are at a stage of life where they recognize they are becoming more mature and capable of making their own decisions. They want and need more freedom than preteens. They also want their parents to trust them. And, as a parent, you want to encourage independence in your child—few of us want our children to stay at home forever. However, when parents hesitate out of concern for safety to give responsibility to their teens, it’s often frustrating or seemingly impossible.

It is this type of inevitable conflict which often makes communications between parents and teens strained. Yet teens still have a strong need to communicate with others.

Research shows us that the first person with whom a teenager will talk openly about uncertainties in his or her life is another teen. The second person might be an adult from outside the family. This rarely means that teens dislike or don’t trust their parents. Rather, they fear that if they share feelings of uncertainty, parents won’t understand them, or they won’t be ready for the responsibilities or freedoms they so desperately want. Talking with a parent makes them feel vulnerable. So, teens go to their peers who, by definition, understand their situations or to an adult with whom they feel safe and who has no real authority over them.

Teenagers need their parents’ love and respect in order to gain their freedom. So, they may present only their strengths or best possible images to their parents. Teens think that if they “mess up” or make mistakes in their parents’ eyes, it will only delay their gaining the trust needed to have the freedom and responsibility which come with it. So, teens will rarely bring up their weaknesses or mistakes for discussion with their parents, hoping that being “a good kid” in their parents’ minds will speed them through this awkward time.

Consider, then, that the struggles most teenagers face are really just part of the normal developmental process, and that changes in your communications with your child are to be expected. This doesn’t mean that parents should not continue talking with their teens, nor should they be unconcerned about changes their child is experiencing. In our next column, we will look at parent-teen communication from the parent’s viewpoint and look at ways to help close the communications gap.

The counseling corner is provided as a public service by the American counseling Association, the nation’s largest organization of counseling professionals. You can learn more about the counseling profession at the ACA web site, www.counseling.org.

SINFONIA MEXICANA SOCIETY CELEBRATES THE 3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH LOS CAMPEROS

The Fiesta of music and dance for the families includes the excitement of Mexican celebration of Christmas with pagentry and reenactment of Mary and Joseph pilgrimage to Bethlehem on the birth of Jesus, followed with mariachi renditions of American Christmas carols in an audience sing-along. Under the direction of Mariachi Master Nati Cano, other regional variations on La Posada range from popular songs and dances from Michoacan, Jalisco Veracruz, Puebla, Tabasco, Oaxaca and Chiapas, with interpretation of the Ballet Folklorico Ollin.

Nati Cano, director of the Mariachi Los Camperos, was born in Ixtlan, Mexico and started with the Mariachi Chapala in Mexico at age 17. He later became the group’s arranger. In 1999, he was awarded the National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and has been a lecturer, advisor and performer for the Tucson International Mariachi Conference.

The Ballet Folklorico Ollin was organized by Virginia Diediker and is dedicated to preserving Mexico’s rich cultural heritage through music and dance. The group performed at the 91st Annual Pasadena Rose Parade, the Dance Kaleidoscope Festival in 1984 and the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Arts Hispanic Dance Festival. In addition, the group has been selected as the opening act for the nationally prestigious Feria Nacional de San Marcos in Aguascalientes, Mexico and has received special recognition for the support of the Artes de Mexico Festival at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

COUNTY OFFERS HOME REPAIR GRANTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS

The County of San Bernardino, Department of Economic and Community Development, currently offers a Grant Program for homeowners who are at least 60 years of age or disabled. This program provides a free service of labor and materials for minor home repairs.

To qualify for the Senior Home Repair Program the applicant must be a resident homeowner for at least 12 months and have a gross annual income of not more than $26,550 for a one-person household and $30,350 for a two-person household. $34,150 for a three person household and $37,900 for a four-person household. Mobile homeowners are also eligible for this grant. Previous program participants are ineligible.

The county’s Home Repair Grant is offered throughout the county of San Bernardino, including the cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Nipomo, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley. This program is not available for property located in the following ten cities that do not participate in the county’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PROGRAM, Town of Apple Valley, Chino, Fontana, Hesperia, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland and Victorville. Persons interested in information on housing repair programs offered for properties located within the ten nonparticipating cities can call the city’s information line, listed in the city’s directory.

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UCR PRESLEY CENTER RECEIVES $1.2 MILLION FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESEARCH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta has awarded a $1.2 million grant to the Presley center for Crime and Justice Studies at the University of California, Riverside to research the causes and prevent youth violence, and to create and put in use community programs to prevent it.

The three-year grant makes UCR one of 10 national Academic Centers for Excellence on Youth Violence. It supports a center focused on creating, implementing and evaluating youth violence prevention programs and training health care professionals and community groups. The CDC grant-funded efforts will benefit youth in Riverside, the Inland Empire and Southern California.

UCR Psychology Professor Nancy G. Guerra, associate director of the Presley Center, led the effort to secure the grant with UCR Sociology Professors Kirk R. Williams and Robert Nash Parker. Parker, director of the Presley Center, said the project will, "foster greater cooperation among a number of universities and community agencies concerned with youth violence in Southern California."

Scholars at the UCR center will conduct cooperative research and educational projects with colleagues at UCLA; UC Santa Barbara; UC Irvine; USC; and California State University, San Marcos.

"This award gives us the opportunity to work with number of leading experts in youth violence research at the cooperative campuses in order to develop new ideas and a comprehensive framework that scholars, practitioners, and policy makers alike can use to understand and prevent youth violence in our communities," Guerra said.

Part of every activity at the UCR center will be a commitment to cultural and ethnic diversity and the impact these factors have on youth violence and prevention. Guerra said.

The grant supports Presley Center scholars' work with USC Department of Family Medicine and the School of Public Health at UCLA to develop and use training procedures for health care providers. Such training will help these professionals recognize the signs potential violence in young clients and allow them to more effectively intervene to prevent destructive behavior.

Guerra, Williams and Parker will supervise a youth violence prevention pre-doctoral training program and develop and internship for UCR undergraduates. In addition, Williams will work with community agencies throughout the Inland Empire to develop a strategic plan for youth violence prevention which takes advantage of the research resulting from the funding provided by the CDC.

"This project will allow UCR to help local agencies develop more cost effective programs for youth violence prevention," Williams said.

UCR Chancellor Raymond Orbach underscored the importance of the bringing research and development from UCR to the agencies that address the problem of youth violence in Riverside and the Inland Empire. "The Presley center...has been successful in working with these same organizations to develop and implement research and evaluation programs designed to empower the community to prevent youth violence," he said in a letter of support.

Patricia O’Brien, dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences at UCR, also supported the effort. "This project...has important potentials for the advancement of both scientific understanding and community-based action to prevent youth violence." She said in her letter of support.

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The San Bernardino Symphony Association and the Sinfonia Mexicana Society began its 71st concert season with an outstanding concert with the theme "Concierto Veracruzano." The music of Veracruz, a state adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, was a six-month planning adventure of the SMS with the goal of displaying the best music of that state.

The concept for the performance was initiated by Maestro Mateo Oliva, composer, arranger and conductor of the National Youth Symphony Orchestra and Xalapa Orchestra, who arranged the music of Veracruz into symphonic arrangements and composed several symphonic arrangements.

The added attraction was Maestro Jose Guadalupe Flores, an outstanding "master conductor" and pianist, who conducted the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra. Dennis Meade, a young vocalist, who started singing at the age of 12 and has performed with Vicki Carr and Nydia Rojas, sang several melodies of Agustin Lara's, one of Mexico's outstanding composers.

The "stars" of the concert were the Tien Huicani, the world famous group and best interpreters of the traditional folk music of Veracruz.

The group performed very smoothly with the symphony orchestra and received several standing ovations in the latter part of the concert. The group also performed at a special reception at Cal-State, San Bernardino, hosted by President and Mrs. Al Karnig.

The general consensus of the post-concert audience was that this special concert was one of the most outstanding performances in the history of San Bernardino.

The following are a few of the over 1,000 audience that attended the Sinfonia Veracruzana at the California Theatre, San Bernardino on October 21, 2000, sponsored by the San Bernardino Symphony Association and Sinfonia Mexicana Society. Photos by the Inland Empire Hispanic News.
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• Have detailed handouts ready to fill in the areas you’ve made brief references to;
• Involve your audience in your discussion;
• Don’t be afraid to use visual aids such as overhead or PowerPoint;
• Practice makes perfect and in this instance it’s definitely a plus. Practice makes perfect and in this instance it's definitely a plus.

Rehearse your presentation at home in front of a mirror, friends and family. This way you’ll not only get a reaction, but you will also be able to hone in on troubled areas.

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