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The famous Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez will be performing in a special “Día Para Las Madres Concierto” at the California Theatre, San Bernardino, on May 12th at 8:00 PM, sponsored by the Sinfonía Mexicana, a non-profit artistic and cultural group in its 16th year of presenting special symphonic concerts and musical groups to the Inland Empire.

The Mariachi Reyna® de Los Angeles, the first female mariachi group in the United States, will be performing in a special “Día Para Las Madres Concierto” at the California Theatre, San Bernardino, on May 12th at 8:00 PM, sponsored by the Sinfonía Mexicana.

The Princessas del Inland Empire, part of the Inland Empire Mariachi Youth Group, will be performing at the special “Día Para Las Madres Concierto” at the California Theatre, San Bernardino, on May 12th at 8:00PM. The all-female youth mariachi group will premier its first public performance at the Concierto.

Frank Guzman, above, has announced his candidacy for the San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Office. Guzman is a well-established attorney in the Inland Empire specializing in criminal law, served as legal counsel for the Orange County’s Legal Aid Society, worked in the Riverside District Attorney’s Office and practices law in the private sector. He volunteers his legal services in clinics in Riverside and Colton, among other volunteer services in the Inland Empire. Photo by IEHN

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Dr. Tomás Rivera, the first and only Chicano in the history of the University of California to be appointed chancellor. Rivera will be honored on the 14th Annual Tomás Rivera Conference on April 20, 2001, at the University of California, Riverside. See Article on Page 4

AMAE and ten community-based organizations sponsored the Fourth Annual Cesar Chavez Prayer Breakfast at the GENTS Community Center, San Bernardino, on Friday, March 30, attended by over 400 persons. The keynote speaker, Natalie Chavez Hernandez, above, granddaughter of Cesar Chavez, presented an inspirational talk on the life of her grandfather, denoting his philosophy of life, non-violence attitude toward his antagonists and aggressive goals in unifying field workers to force growers to provide better working conditions and benefits to workers’ families. Natalie Chavez Hernandez received a standing ovation and was presented with resolutions from Congressman Joe Baca and San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles. Photo by IEHN

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DR. DAVID LONG DELIVERS SECOND ANNUAL STATUS OF EDUCATION BRIEFING

Second annual Status of Education Report, held by the Riverside County Superintendents of Schools, presented the Second annual Status of Education Report in March, 2001, to elected officials, community groups and public at the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools conference room. The Report focused on the three areas he publicly stated when Long said RCOE is helping districts make emergency plans for dealing with blackouts, while providing fiscal advice on how to meet the emergency without additional assistance from the state. Long touched on his three focus areas he created when he took office in 1999: reading, service and community. Photo by IEHH

Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, delivered his Second Annual Status of Education Briefing Tuesday, March 20, 2001, detailing issues, including higher energy costs, affecting local schools and the programs the Riverside County Office of Education has created to help local districts and communities.

Calling his report "Building on a Strong Foundation," Long said the relationships developed between education, business and community leaders during his first two years in office will help Riverside County schools overcome obstacles and students become successful.

"Through our relationships, through our partnerships, we can all work together in this community called Riverside County to better serve our children," Long said.

Long said he and the superintendents of 23 local school districts in the county are working together to meet the challenges of the state's energy crisis. He said schools have been told that their energy costs may rise between 20 and 30 percent. He said RCOE is helping districts make emergency plans for dealing with blackouts, while providing fiscal advice on how to meet the emergency without additional assistance from the state.

Long touched on his three focus areas he created when he took office in 1999 - reading, service and community.

The Riverside County Reading Task Force, created 18 months ago, is continuing to focus attention on the importance of reading, a crucial building block for every student's education. The task force brought together educators, business leaders and community members to address the issue. There have been two "Run for Reading" events this year that involved more than 4,000 children and their parents. Each child received a free book in exchange for a pledge to read each night.

Long said RCOE is also taking the lead on Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome, which prevents students from reading effectively because of a perception problem. RCOE has trained more than 200 educators to screen children for SSS in local districts.

In the area of service to school districts, Long said RCOE has spent two years developing its new Galaxy System, a new computer system that allows districts to track their payroll, purchasing and personnel and meet new requirements for standardized accounting from the state. So far, five of the 23 districts in the county are on line with Galaxy.

To boost academic achievement, County Achievement Teams are working directly with 37 schools in the county. The CAT teams analyze how the schools operate and then create action plans for them to improve their delivery of services. Because of its success with CAT teams, RCOE has been chosen by the California Department of Education to become a state model and training center for CAT teams.

RCOE is also working to help instructional assistants earn teaching credentials; training early childhood and special education teachers to help children succeed; and partnering with the Economic Development Agency and the Coachella Valley, Perris and Elsinore school districts to support students in the Regional Occupational Program.

On safety issues, RCOE in March held its first Safe Schools Network, which brought together representatives from schools, police, court, district attorney and probation agencies to find better ways to keep students safe at school and in the community.

RCOE also sponsored the first-ever "Our Children" summit meeting on April 24. This meeting will bring together Riverside County educators, business and community leaders with those from Baja California, the group will discuss education issues important to officials on both sides of the border.

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Finally, Long said he had high hopes for the first ever "Our Children" summit meeting on April 24. This meeting will bring together Riverside County educators, business and community leaders with those from Baja California, the group will discuss education issues important to officials on both sides of the border.

Long said now that the basic groundwork and relationships have been forged in the county, he will push ahead with programs to benefit the 320,000 students of Riverside County.

"This is all about children," he said. "We have the foundation, a strong foundation. We are now building the house together in Riverside County."
Cosme Cordova standing beside his painting of the United Workers Union insignia at the opening of the Cesar Chavez Multicultural Art Gallery in Riverside.

The walls have been textured in a multitude of art courses and classes, representative of various cultures, particularly the art of Latin America and African cultures. Serve and learn courses for children will be free of charge. The art courses, available on Saturday, will have a sliding scale, free to the residents in need and minimal charges to those that have the ability to pay.

In addition, muralist Florentina Tavares, children art education specialist, will coordinate participants from RUSD, who are enrolled in multicultural learn and serve activities, to a long-term mural project that will be designed to encircle the entire base- ment. RUSD students enrolled in multicultural learn and serve activities will perform hands-on work on the project. Tavares will incorporate the philosophy of Cesar Chavez to inspire children in the development of creative, multicultural images and events and the inevaltual incorporation into the work of the Masters, Rivera, VanGough and Matisse.

The UC/EC Project, Office of Governmental and Community Relations, University of California Riverside, has been honored to be a designated recipient of the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning Grant through the California Commission On Improving Life Through Service, stated Ortega. "This project will ensure that the life, work and values of Cesar E. Chavez will continue to inspire all the residents in the region," she said.

The elegant gallery event was attended by the Honorable Ronald Lovernidge, Mayor, City of Riverside, Councilman Ameal Moore, RUSD Board Member, Dana Kruekenberg, University of California staff, city personnel, children and community at large.

Over 45 works were displayed at the event, which also hosted the work of Cesar Chavez' photographer, Victor Alemán and local artist Berni E. and "Cosme." Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine and "Orgullos" provided information and display tables.

Beginning April 10th, the art activities will be held in the basement of the Cesar Chavez Community Center, a multi-service agency in the heart of the Eastside of Riverside.

The Center's basement was renovated by UCR/UECC AmeriCorps members and VISTA 2000/2001 Team. "Over a 6 weeks course prior to the event, UC/EC members dedicated an accumulation of over 300 hours of community service to make the Center a reality. We are very proud of their performance," said Ortega.

The walls have been textured in a faux glaze technique and paint wash as a means of preserving the historic value of the Cesar Chavez Community Center. The colors of cobalt blue, sky blue and red trim brings forth vibrancy to the Center.

The Project is contemplated to of-
The 14th Annual Tomás Rivera Conference
Wednesday, April 11, 2001

THE 14TH ANNUAL TOMÁS RIVERA CONFERENCE

Vicente Fox
President of Mexico

Ernesto Ruffo
The University of California, Riverside is celebrating the 14th Annual Tomás Rivera Conference. The Rivera Conference was initiated to pay tribute to the life of the late Dr. Tomás Rivera, an American poet, writer, and higher education administrator at the time of his death. Each year the Tomás Rivera Conference focuses on cutting edge issues of interest to the Chicano/Latino community and the two nations that share their passion. This year's theme, "Mexico: A Democracy in Transition" will focus on the complete overview of the political landscape of Mexico. At the same time, the United States also chose a change in the course of governance. With the new census data proving what most have already known, the increase of Hispanic population will play a major role in the future of our state and the nation.

With this in mind the conference has assembled a prestigious list of internationally known political economic and journalistic experts to present the first 180 days of the new Mexico-USA hopes and challenges. The conference will begin at 1:00 PM with registration, and a welcome by Ms. Concha Rivera, Tomás Rivera's widow, and Dean Patricia O'Brien, with opening remarks by Dr. Eliud Martinez. Presentations will begin at 2:30 PM with "A NATION OF OPTIMISM & UNCERTAINTY" by Dr. Lorenzo Meyer, "FIRST 180 DAYS OR THE END OF THE ERA" by Roderic Ai Camp and Dr. Kevin Middelbrook, and "CURRENT U.S. AND MEXICO RELATIONS" by Lic. Ernesto Ruffo and Alfredo Corchado. The evening program will begin at 6:00 PM with Laura Diaz as Mistress of Ceremonies and special keynote speaker Elena Poniatowska. Ms. Rivera will present the scholarships to college-going students.

Laura Diaz

Elena Poniatowska Amor

Lorenzo Meyer Cosio

Ernesto Ruffo

Any business, resident, researcher, and student who are interested or dependent on the stability of our neighbors south of the border, cannot miss this opportunity to interact with the guest speakers and honored guests.

Lorenzo Meyer Cosio, When he speaks, Presidents of Mexico listen and so do the international press. He received his Ph.D. in International Relations from the prestigious El Colegio de Mexico and a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Chicago. Since 1970, he has been a professor at the Centro de Internacional Studies at the Colegio de Mexico. A leading candidate for Fox's Secretary of State, he was offered to head Mexico's Elections Department. He declined because of its political charge and his image as a non-partisan expert.

Ernesto Ruffo, is Fox's Secretary for Border Relations. He was governor of Baja California from 1989-95 for Fox's center-right National Action Party. He was Mexico's first opposition governor.

Professor Roderic Ai Camp joined the Claremont McKenna faculty in 1998, after teaching at Tulane University since 1991. He has served as a visiting professor at the Colegio de Mexico and the Foreign Service Institute. He is a frequent consultant to national and international media, including the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio, and BBC. The author of numerous articles and twenty books on Mexico, his most recent publications include: Politics in Mexico, the Decline of Authoritarianism.

KR. Kevin Middelbrook, Director of the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD; Adjunct Professor of Political Science. Research projects: "Political Cleavages, Conservative Parties and Democratization in Latin America." He received his M.A. and Ph.D. From Harvard in Government.

Alfredo Corchado, Belo's Dallas Morning News Chief reporter for the Washington D.C. and Mexico City Bureau and first American reporter to interview President-elect Fox. He also covered the recent Bush visit to Mexico.

Rudy Murphy, Director for the commission of the Californias for Governor Gray Davis' office. This commission is focusing on the economic and environmental issues that tie our interests along the border.

Elena Poniatowska Amor, is of Polish and Mexican descent. After being schooled both in Mexico and the United States, she began her literary career as a journalist with the daily Excelsior in 1953, and has since been contributing articles, essays, and chronicles to other major newspapers such as Novedades, La Jornada, El Financiero, El Dia, El Nacional, and The News. Poniatowska has lectured widely in Mexico and in the United States and has made presentations at Oxford, Cambridge, Heidelberg, Munich, Frankfurt, Cologne, Paris, and Lyon. As a visiting professor she has taught at universities in Texas and Florida, as well as at Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Cornell, and the University of California at Berkeley, Davis, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles and Stanford. She is the first woman to have received Mexico's National award for journalism.

Laura Diaz, co-anchors ABC's "Eyewitness News" at 5:00pm & 11:00pm. Ms. Diaz is also an award-winning reporter, and co-host of the highly respected "Vista L.A."

During her career at ABC7, Ms. Diaz has covered some of the city's most historic and compelling stories, including the First Interstate Fire, the L.A. Riots—where she and her camera crew were threatened at gunpoint—and the Northridge Earthquake.

Ms. Diaz has been honored many times for her excellence in reporting. In 1992 she won the L.A. Press Club Award for spot news reporting of the L.A. riots and in 1996, was awarded the prestigious Emmy Award for excellence in science and environmental reporting for "VISTA L.A."

Ms. Diaz is a first-generation Mexican-American and is active in the Latino community. Her national honors include "The 1993 Woman of the Year" by the Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation. She was listed as one of the top 100 Women in Communications by Hispanic USA Magazine.

Ms. Diaz is a true local success story. The daughter of immigrants, she was born in Santa Paula, California, where her parents labored in the fields. When Laura was 4, the family moved off the farm workers' camp to Santa Clarita. It was here in Northern Los Angeles County where Ms. Diaz was raised. She graduated from William S. Hart High School and is a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in English.
Yolanda Townsend Wheat, National Credit Union Board Member, was a guest of honor of the San Bernardino Credit Union at a dinner at the San Bernardino Hilton. Pictured with Townsend Wheat is Shirou Kunihira, Redlands developer. Townsend Wheat, a San Bernardino area native, visited area elementary schools, Cal State, San Bernardino and the new Mount Vernon branch of the Arrowhead Credit Union, commended the financial institution for its commitment to establish needed financial services in San Bernardino’s Westside.

National Credit Union Administration Board Member Yolanda Townsend Wheat was the featured speaker during an intense day of activities honoring her in her hometown of San Bernardino. Wheat was particularly impressed during her visit to the new Arrowhead Credit Union branch in the Mt. Vernon area of San Bernardino. The busy branch was of particular significance to Wheat who had been working to get a financial services facility back into an area which had been without a financial institution for more than 15 years. “Arrowhead Credit Union has made a significant commitment to a community and its members in desperate need of the financial services,” Wheat said, “and as evidenced by the level of activity, the community is demonstrating its commitment to Arrowhead Credit Union.”

“Because Mrs. Wheat is a native of San Bernardino, this is more than a visit but in many ways a homecoming for someone who has worked diligently to help strengthen her native community as well as credit unions throughout the nation,” said Maurice Calderon, a senior vice president for Arrowhead Credit Union.

“We all agreed and understood the importance that the branch could have in helping spark economic development in the largely Hispanic and African-American community,” Calderon said. “Close to 1,500 of our members live near the location, so it’s an added convenience for them.”

“We were delighted that Mrs. Wheat visited our branch since she played an integral role in our efforts to bring it to this community,” said branch manager Charlie Gabriel.

Wheat, a San Bernardino native, accepted an invitation from Arrowhead Credit Union to return to her community to drop by the new branch and to visit several schools which are part of Arrowhead CU’s adopt-a-school program, a five-year-old community outreach effort which matches local schools with financial institutions to introduce students to basic monetary principles.

A stop at Ramona Allessandro Elementary School gave Wheat the opportunity to deliver a message to a group of kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school students. “Each day it is important that you try your hardest and do the best you can do,” Wheat encouraged the students. She told the students, “You may not always succeed the first time you try, but working hard will make a big difference in your lives.”

Completing the round of school visits was California State University at San Bernardino where she met with the school’s president, Dr. Al Karnig, and faculty members of the Finance Department to discuss the role of credit unions in the financial marketplace.

A reception was held in Wheat’s honor which included a number of presentations recognizing Wheat’s contributions to the credit union movement during her five-year tenure as an NCUA Board Member. Presenters included Larry Sharp, President and CEO, Arrowhead Credit Union, Richard M. Johnson, President and CEO of WesCorp Corporate Credit Union, and Marta Brown, widow of the late Congresswoman George Brown (D-CA).
Hispanic-Ownned businesses in the United States totaled 1.2 million firms, employed over 1.3 million people and generated $186.2 billion in revenues in 1997, according to a report released today by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

Hispanic-owned firms made up 6 percent of the 20.8 million nonfarm businesses in the nation and 1 percent of the $186.2 trillion in receipts for all businesses.

The largest number of Hispanic-owned firms (1 million) were sole proprietorships, unincorporated businesses owned by individuals. C corporations, all legally incorporated businesses except for Subchapter S corporations (whose shareholders elect to be taxed as individuals rather than as corporations), numbered 78,500. But C corporations ranked first in receipts ($71.8 billion) among all Hispanic-owned firms, the report showed. C corporations were included in the Hispanic portion of the Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises, source of the data, for the first time in 1997.

Four states, California (336,400), Texas (240,400), Florida (193,900) and New York (104,200), accounted for 73 percent of the firms owned by Hispanics. Seven out of 10 Hispanics reside in these four states.

New Mexico had the highest percentage of firms owned by Hispanics, 22 percent; 5 percent of that state's business receipts were from Hispanic-owned businesses. Texas ranked second with 16 percent of the state's firms owned by Hispanics. These firms accounted for 3 percent of all of Texas' receipts; Florida was third, with 15 percent of its firms being Hispanic-owned and 4 percent of its receipts coming from Hispanic-owned firms; California was fourth, with 13 percent Hispanic-owned businesses and 2 percent of the state's total receipts coming from Hispanic businesses.

Among Hispanic groups, Mexican-owned firms, 472,000 or 39 percent. "Hispanic Latin Americans," a write-in category, was second, with 287,300 businesses or 24 percent of Hispanic firms, and other Hispanic-owned or $20,700 receipts; Cuban-owned firms 125,300 or $26,500 receipts; Puerto Rican firms 69,700 or $7,500 receipts and Spaniard 57,200 or $16,900 receipts.

For 2 percent, had sales of $1 million or more. Receipts per firm averaged $155,200 for Hispanic-owned firms compared with $410.66 for all U.S. firms, excluding publicly held corporations and firms whose owner's race or ethnicity were indeterminate (e.g., mutual companies whose ownership is shared by its members).

The survey data also show that 18 percent, or 211,900, of Hispanic-owned firms had paid employees. These firms accounted for 85 percent of the total Hispanic business receipts; while wholesale firms accounted for 3 percent of total Hispanic-owned firms, but 22 percent of gross receipts.

The number of Hispanic firms, excluding C corporations for which prior comparable data are not available, increased 30 percent from 1992 to 1997, compared with a 7 percent increase for all U.S. firms.

Receipts of Hispanic-owned firms rose 49 percent, from $77 billion in 1992 to $114 billion in 1997, compared with a 40 percent increase for all U.S. firms of the same type over the same period.

The report, 1997 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises: Hispanics, presents data for Hispanic-owned businesses by size, type of business, geographic areas (states, counties, metropolitan areas and places) and specific ethnic groups.

The data were collected in a sample survey and are subject to sampling variability, as well as nonsampling errors. Sources of nonsampling error include errors of response, nonreporting and coverage.

Business / Youth

Wednesday, April 11, 2001

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

By the American Counseling Association

School Counselors play a vital role in the education of your child. They are the professionals in schools who are educated and trained to work with students in terms of human development, career choice, college or university choices, and to assist them in dealing with some of the "problems in living" and relationship issues that come their way. Yet few people understand the education and preparation that these professionals must have to be certified as School Counselors.

In all states, school counselors are certified by the State Department of Education. Most states require a school counselor to have an undergraduate degree in either elementary or secondary education from an accredited college or university and to meet the requirements to become certified as a teacher. A few states also require from 3 to 5 years of classroom teaching experience to be a School Counselor.

In other states, an undergraduate degree in a field such as Child Development is also acceptable. In addition to the undergraduate degree and, in some cases, actual teaching experience, a Master's degree in Counseling is required. School Counseling Master's degree programs must be accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) to meet certification requirements in virtually all states. Either accreditation body guarantees that the graduate has appropriate coursework and supervised experience in virtually all states. Either accreditation body guarantees that the graduate has appropriate coursework and supervised experience in understanding and working with children and youth.

The importance of having such a professional in the school is two-fold. First, all educators agree that you cannot teach children if you cannot reach them. Barriers to the child's education come in many forms. While many of these barriers may seem insignificant in adult terms, they are very real for the child facing them.

An example might be that sometimes kids, especially elementary age children, feel as though "no one likes me" if they are not in the most popular crowd of students. Such insecurities are a normal part of growing up and do affect the learning process. The school counselor can help a child see that not being popular with particular students. Specific groups of students is not the same as "nobody likes me." If a child is struggling with these self-concept issues at school, it can certainly affect his or her academic performance.

There are also significant issues in the development of a child's self-concept, especially around the age of puberty and early adolescence. This is when children begin to develop an identity of their own, apart from that of their parents. Peers become even more important and a middle school or high school student is more likely to confide in their friends than any adult, including parents. This state of development requires special patience and understanding, along with a great deal of skill on the part of the parent.

This is another point where School Counselors can be helpful, both to the child and the parent.

School Counselors do not tell a child what to think but rather assist him or her in learning how to think. School Counselors help students develop the skills necessary to make decisions and solve problems in a responsible way. To do this, a myriad of tools are available to School Counselors.

Assessment instruments that will help with career decisions, information on colleges and universities that offer specialty programs in the area of the student's interest, and scholarship information are only a few of the most popular and most familiar tools. But School Counselors are also trained to assist with personal problems and in helping teachers and parents evaluate the seriousness of the difficulties and situations a child may be facing. The School Counselor can also serve as an excellent referral source to further mental health counseling assistance if needed.

Parents should take the time to get to know the School Counselor who works at your child's school and to understand their services he or she can provide. The special training and experience School Counselors have to offer can be a valuable asset for any parent trying to raise a healthy, happy, well-adjusted child.

Pass Democratic Womens Club Monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events and also a guest speaker on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, at 10:30AM, at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1750 W. Ramsey, Banning. Cost $8.50.

For more info call (909) 769-3916
Has Your Child Been Tested for LEAD POISONING?

Lead can be found in...

- Paint in houses built before 1960, and in the dirt around these homes
- 25% of San Bernardino County housing is pre-1960.
- Imported and decorated dishes or homemade pottery
- Jobs or hobbies that involve lead - remodeling homes, soldering, ceramics, removing old paint, stained glass, radiators, batteries, shooting ranges, scrap metal, etc.
- Home remedies - Asarco, GTA, and Payloolah

Children with lead poisoning can have trouble learning in school and may have behavior problems, as well as other health problems. If your children are one or two years old, you should get them tested for lead poisoning. Also, have your children tested if they are between the ages of one and six years and have not been tested for lead before. A blood lead test is the only way to know if your child has lead poisoning.

The Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program offers free physical exams to those who qualify, and these exams include free blood lead testing. Medi-Cal and other health insurances cover the cost of a blood lead test. If your child does not have health insurance, he/she could qualify for free services. Call the Child and Adolescent Health Program: 1-800-722-3777.
CHC PERMANENTLY INSTALLS 33 NATIONAL FLAGS IN CAFETERIA FOR MULTICULTURAL DAY

Flags representing 33 different nations were permanently mounted high on walls of the Crafton Hills College (CHC) Cafeteria Wednesday to celebrate the college's first annual Multicultural Day. Individual students representing different countries proudly carried the flags forward to be hoisted and placed in flag holders above the cafeteria's tall windows. A Native American student, who had heritages representing the respective nations were invited to carry the flags. A Native American student, representing the original Americans, proudly carried the United States flag. At the end of the ceremony, both sides of the cafeteria, as well as the back wall, were lined with flags.

Colorful flags representing 33 different nations were permanently mounted high on walls of the Crafton Hills College (CHC) Cafeteria this week to celebrate the college's first annual Multicultural Day.

The flag ceremony was the main event of Multicultural Day, which also featured a band, various food booths, and guest speakers. The theme of the event, sponsored by the CHC Student Senate was "Celebrate Diversity."

CHC Student Senator Lawrence Duncan, who played a major role in organizing the event, introduced each national flag to the audience while in individual students proudly carried the flags forward to be hoisted and placed in flag holders above the cafeteria's tall windows. When possible students who had heritages representing the respective nations were invited to carry the flags. A Native American student, representing the original Americans, proudly carried the United States flag.

At the end of the ceremony, both sides of the cafeteria, as well as the back wall, were magnificently lined with flags. The 1997-98 CHC Student Senate, under former CHC Student President Eva Dawkins, purchased the flags, and the current CHC Student Senate bought the flagpoles. There are plans to add more flags over the years.

"We are blessed here in Southern California with a rich diversity of people," said 2000-2001 CHC Student Senate President and former Marine Dave Phillips to the students after the flag ceremony. "We have so much to learn from each other if we will open our ears and listen. Do not just hear, but truly listen. It is only then that we see that our differences are small compared to what we have in common."

Phillips noted that technology has advanced extremely quickly, yet socially "we are still children."

"It is time that we mature and embrace the ideas of people like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, and Rosa Parks, because only then will their dream be our reality," he said. "The time has come to awaken and lead humanity to its next age, a world where a person's character is not judged by the color of one's skin, but by the integrity of the individual."

"I see on the horizon a world where there are many voices and one person," he said.

CHC President Gloria Harrison expressed pride in the students for their time, effort, and thoughtfulness in organizing such a special, moving ceremony.

After the flag ceremony, the CHC American Indian Association (AlA), a club comprised primarily of Native American Students, presented Harrison with a plaque recognizing her for her support of the CHC AlA. Every March, the CHC AlA sponsors a three-day Native American Gathering Pow-Wow at the college to raise funds for student scholarships.

The flags displayed in the CHC Cafeteria are in alphabetical order, Afghanistan, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United States, United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe.

GOVERNOR DAVIS ANNOUNCES $50 MILLION GRANT TO IMPROVE HEALTH OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Davis Hails Grant at Fresno Rally with Mexican President Vicente Fox

On the second day of a two day tour across California, Governor Gray Davis and Mexican President Vicente Fox attended a rally in Fresno with Californians of Mexican descent and Mexican citizens who live and work in California.

At the rally, Governor Davis announced that the California Endowment, one of the state's largest health foundations, has pledged to provide $50 million to develop programs to significantly improve the health status of California's agricultural workers.

The Governor praised the Foundation for their commitment. "This is an historic investment," he said. "It will go a long way toward ensuring that farmworkers get the health services they deserve."

There are at least 12 million people of Mexican descent living in California. This is a source of pride for us," Governor Davis continued. "President Fox and I are both committed to ensuring that everyone holds the keys to prosperity."

The Governor also noted that over the last two years, Mexico has become California's largest trading partner.

Later, the two leaders traveled to Los Angeles where they visited a school, attended a town hall meeting with business leaders, and participated in inaugurating Internet2, a high speed Internet link connecting all CSU and UC universities with Mexican universities. Later in Santa Ana, the Governor and the President opened a new Mexican trade center.

Governor Davis served as host to President Fox on the president's first foreign trip since his inauguration.

Governor Davis has made improving relations with Mexico a priority of his administration. Within his first 30 days as Governor, Gray Davis became the first California Governor in six years to visit the Republic of Mexico. Then-Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo returned the good will later that year with a visit to California, becoming the first Mexican president to visit the California State Capitol and address the California Legislature.
The shooting of two teenagers at Saniee, California on March 5th highlights once again the failure to effectively deal with students' behavioral problems. Andy Williams, the shooting suspect, told friends he was planning to shoot up the school, but they thought he was joking. Two boys even searched him when he came to school on that Monday morning.

The education system's methods of handling violence in schools is not working. In the last three years 41 people have been killed in school shooting incidents.

The statistics of teenage crime are quite startling:
Every 4 minutes a child is arrested for an alcohol-related offense. Every 4 minutes a child is arrested for a violent crime. Every 4 minutes a child is arrested for a drug offense. Every 4 hours a child commits a suicide.
The 8.5 million children living in California make up more than 10% of all the children in the US. One in ten of the kids referenced above will be in California and a shooting in a California school was bound to happen.

In the Columbine High School shooting spree in 1999, both teenage boys responsible for the shooting. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebke, had undergone "anger management" programs and Harris had been taking a psychiatric drug. Twelve students and one teacher were killed and 23 others wounded before the two boys shot and killed themselves.

On May 21, 1998, 14-year old Kip Kinkel went on a wild shooting spree at his Springfield, Oregon, high school that left two dead and twenty-two injured. He was taking psychiatric drugs and had been attending "anger management" classes.

In California alone 298,000 children are prescribed stimulants, which the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) says can cause "psychotic episodes, violent behavior and bizarre mannerisms" when abused. "These drugs have been over-promoted, over-marketed and over-sold, resulting in profits of some $450 million annually," states the DEA.

In some of the nation's schools, up to 20% of the classroom are on these stimulants.

Dr. Peter Breggin, Director of the International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology at Bethesda, Maryland believes these drugs are not the answer. Until recently, no studies have systematically examined the rate of psychotic symptoms caused by routine treatment with stimulant drugs such as methylphenidate (Ritalin) and amphetamines (Dexedrine, Adderall).

Breggin says doctors who prescribe stimulant drugs often seem oblivious to the fact that they can cause psychoses, including manic-like and schizophrenia-like disorders.

"In my practice of psychiatry, I am frequently consulted about children who are taking three, four, and sometimes five psychiatric drugs, including medications that are FDA-approved only for the treatment of psychotic adults," said Dr. Breggin.

"The drug treatment typically begins when the children develops conflicts with adults at home or at school. In retrospect, these conflicts could easily have been resolved by interventions such as family counseling or individualized educational approaches."

Just such an approach is used at Genesys, a faith based community program started by Reverend Alfred Freidjohn of the True Faith Church in Compton, Los Angeles. Here violent teenage offenders go through a comprehensive program based on works of author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard. The program includes literacy, learning how to learn - a unique study method - communication skills mentoring and involvement in community activities.

"We have had over 50 kids through this program in the last few years," said Armando Elias, Coordinator of Genesys. "30 to 40 percent of them were on psychotropic drugs like Ritalin and Prozac."

The Genesys program has saved many teenage lives. Most of these youngsters were in gangs and involved in violent crime. "This program works," said Elias. "It has saved the lives of many teenagers. When they do this program and they learn to read, study and communicate, they stop being violent."

After the shooting at Littleton, Colorado, the Colorado School Board adopted a policy that standard educational methods must be used in preference to psychotropic drugs. Genesys is proof that this approach works.

While we have an education system that relies on "educational" use of psychotropic drugs, we have a powder keg just waiting for a spark.
...the worst stereotypes...[of contemporary Latin American art] have emerged, especially among European and North American audiences...[and the] notion that Latin American art of the twentieth century embodies an inherent surrealistic personality, accompanied by an exuberant use of color, has been the most widespread and most vexatious of these cliches." New York University Professor, Edward J. Sullivan

Displaying more than 180 works of art from 18 countries, by artists who have lived and worked in Latin America since World War II, Latin American Artists: A contemporary Journey is the inaugural installation of the Museum of Latin American Art's permanent collection. The exhibition presents a stimulating overview, encouraging the visitor to observe and learn about the myriad styles and influences present in contemporary Latin American art. Organized into regional sections, beginning with Mexico, continuing with Central and South America, and concluding with the Caribbean, the exhibition gives the viewer an opportunity to visually compare: artistic styles of emerging and established artists, aesthetic and sociopolitical themes, and artistic movements or tendencies between countries. Each section has an overview text panel discussing contemporary art in the countries within a specific region. Additional information on the artists is presented through individual biographies as well as by an audio-tour. Over the course of the next two years, the exhibition will be periodically rotated in order to display new acquisitions. Because MoLAA is an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, this exhibition also includes a long-term loan of art by contemporary Latin American masters from the collection of the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C. Nine pieces, by artists Fernando Botero, Joaquin Torres Garcia, Roberto Matta, Antonio Segui, and Rufino Tamayo were selected and approved for loan to MoLAA. Two paintings and a sculpture by each artist will arrive in time for the opening of Latin American Artists: A Contemporary Journey. The exhibit will be on display through April 15, 2001.

MUSEUM OF LATIN AMERICAN ART (MoLAA) PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL INSTALLATION OF ITS PERMANENT COLLECTION / MARCH 3, 2001 – JANUARY 2003

Newmark Elementary School, San Bernardino, celebrated Cesar Chavez Day on March 29th with speeches by students on the famous fighter who dedicated his life for improving farm workers conditions and their rights for social justice. Principal Sylvia Samaniego, mistress of ceremonies, introduced visiting dignitaries and students making presentations. Pictured above are first grade CAPS students singing the famous marching song "De Colores" (in Spanish) adopted by Chavez and marchers during the grape boycott and other strike activities. The highlight of the program was the review of the Cesar Chavez Garden site, where students can meditate about the philosophies and activities of the famous civil rights leader. Photo by IEHN

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REQUIREMENTS: Verification of high school graduation or GED certificate is due at the time of application; knowledge of principles, methods, and practices of first aid and routine emergency treatment; standard policies and procedures pertaining to student health services equipment, supplies, and terminology commonly associated with a student health facility; emergency service agencies within close proximity of the assigned school site; general office clerical procedures and automated record management, storage and retrieval systems; 40 WPM typing from clear copy; a valid California driver's license, and a current Standard Red Cross First Aid Certificate and CPR Certificate are required at employment; for bilingual: knowledge of written and oral Spanish. THE POSITION WILL BE OFFERED TO THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT CONTINGENT UPON PASSING A PRE-PLACEMENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and UPON RECEIPT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM BEING EMPLOYED.

Qualified applicants must file a District application on or before 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2001, at the Rialto Unified School District, 182 E. Walnut Ave., Rialto, CA. (909)820-7700, Ext. 422.

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Governor Gray Davis announced the first 250 recipients of the Governor’s Teaching Fellowship, a part of the Governor’s ongoing “call to arms” to encourage teachers to enter the teaching profession.

“I've always believed that the difference between an average school and a high performing school is great teachers,” Governor Davis said. “There is no higher calling, no contribution more valued than to become a teacher. That is our generation’s call to arms. The men and women who are receiving these fellowships have answered that call.”

In his second year in office, Governor Davis launched the most aggressive and most comprehensive teacher incentive program in the nation. The Governor’s Teaching Fellowship Program is an integral part of the Governor’s incentive program to help meet California’s need for 300,000 qualified teachers over the next decade.

The Governor’s Teaching Fellowship Program provides $20,000 merit-based fellowships to eligible candidates who earn teaching credentials and agree to teach in a low-performing school for four years. The fellowship will cover the cost of education and living expenses while students are enrolled full time to earn credentials at the California State University, University of California, or in independent college or university teacher education program, accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

“These future teachers are on the frontline in the war on mediocrity in our public schools,” Governor Davis continued. “They are investing their lives in our children. Now we are going to invest in them.”

The Teaching Fellowship Program is administered by the Chancellor’s Office of the CSU. It is responsible for establishing and conducting application and selection process, as well for monitoring fellows' progress through the completion of fourth year of their teaching obligation.

The Governor’s budget provides $20 million to ultimately provide $20,000 fellowships to 1,000 teacher fellows. The remaining fellowships will be awarded in the fall of this year.

FIRST LATINO FILM FESTIVAL SET FOR MAY

The first Riverside Latino Film Festival will be held May 4-5 at the Canyon Crest Towne Centre Cinema and at the University Theatre on the University of California, Riverside, campus.

Opening night the festival sponsored by the nonprofit Chicharron Inc., features “The Day Silence Died,” a Bolivian film directed by Paolo Agazzi that weaves a fable about a radio announcer whose broadcasts turn a town inside-out.


Bread & Roses” (USA 2000), a film by Ken Loach, will screen the night of May 5. Starring Adrien Brody, Pilar Padilla, Elpidio Carillo and comedian George Lopez, it focuses on the plight of immigrant workers.

Tickets are $5 each evening and for the afternoon of May 5. Evening tickets can be purchased in advance at the Law Office of Rene Pimentel at 4110 Brockton Ave. on weekdays. Tickets for the afternoon event may be purchased at the UCR box office at (909) 787-4331. Tickets will also be sold at the door as available.

For information call (909) 788-2250 or www.chicharroninc.com.

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**TEACHER JOB FAIR**

The San Bernardino City Unified School District is sponsoring a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The fair will be held at the San Bernardino City Unified School District's Board of Education Building located at 777 N. "F" Street in San Bernardino.

For more information regarding the Teacher Job Fair and to schedule an interview, please call (909) 381-1228.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given to Contractors for open bidding on the by-annual Agreement for the Maintenance of Traffic Signalized Intersections and various Flashing Lights throughout the County of San Bernardino.

The Agreement is for routine maintenance of 41 signalized intersections and 24 flashing lights and 26 street safety light locations. The Agreement covers the monthly fee for the itemized routine maintenance of the signals, and the extraordinary maintenance unit costs for the signalized intersections and the flashing/safety lights.

May 17, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline to accept contract proposals.

The contract is proposed for a two-year period.

A sample Agreement can be viewed on the County web site - www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/purchasing. Find Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement under Request for Proposals. The sample agreement can also be obtained at the Traffic Division of the Public Works Department, 825 E. Third Street - Room 115, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835.

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