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Let us Honor our Mothers on May 13

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GOVERNOR DAVIS APPOINTS
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
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Don Alvarez, a civil lawyer with 20 years experience, has been appointed as a San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge by Governor Davis. Alvarez is a partner with the law firm of Brunick, Alvarez and Battersby.

MARIE ALONZO, HIGHEST HISPANIC ADMINISTRATOR, RETIRES FROM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
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Maureen (Marcey) Ramirez, above, being sworn in as postmaster of the Bryn Mawr Post Office by Brad Smith (herrman, manager, Postal Operations, Riverside and San Bernardino County. Maureen (Marcey) Ramirez was sworn in on May 4th as the newest postmaster of the Bryn Mawr Post Office, replacing Dianne Tully, who recently retired. The post office is located at 26065 Newport Avenue. Ramirez is the first Hispanic female to become postmaster!

Maureen (Marcey) Ramirez, above, retired from the County of San Bernardino after 37 years of service and was honored at the San Bernardino Hilton by over 300 guests. Alonzo was the first Hispanic female to hold the highest position in the County of San Bernardino. Photo by IEHN

Dr. Carlos Cortez, UCR Historian Emeritus key note speaker at the California Chicano News Media at U of R function on May 19th

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In a school district, where our diversity is our strength, the San Bernardino City unified School District's number one purpose is to build tomorrow's community by maximizing the potential of each student and by providing them with the best education possible. Our commitment to meeting the individual needs of all students requires us to build upon our diversity to strengthen our instructional approach so students succeed, and our community thrives. The development of numerous programs and strategies aimed at student success, will enable us to achieve our goal.

The district is committed to embracing our diversity and has not only established a Diversity Committee, but is following their recommendations. Many of the recommendations were already in place in the District. However, we realize there is room for improvement in other areas. We've always believed in building a workforce that reflects the community. As we continue to build a staff and leadership team that reflects the diversity of our students, and understands their needs, we are confident that we will see improvement in the academic success of all students in our community.

Our commitment to building a strong community begins with the youngest of students. During this past school year we opened 15 new pre-school sites for children ages 3 to 5 years. By September 2001, we will have 30 preschools located on elementary school campuses. Every school in the District offers instructional support either before or after school. This includes 15 schools that offer the Children's After School Program for Success, eight middle schools with the 21st century grant after-school program, and intensive instruction for k-12 students. A new 21st Century Community Learning Center Federal grant has made it possible for nine elementary schools to offer after-school programs beginning in July 2001.

While our scores on the statewide SAT9 scores are not where we would like them to be, we have shown improvement. A total of $1.04 million in the Governor's Performance Trust money was given to 20 schools for meeting their API growth targets. And 719 high school students will receive $1,000 from the Governor's Scholarship program for scoring in the top 10% on the SAT9 exam. These are indications we are moving in the right direction. By setting high standards for student achievement, providing additional instructional support to reach these standards, and forming close partnerships with the community, we are supplying our students with the tools to be successful.

We have reached out to the community and accepted their support. Through a partnership with Arrowhead Credit Union, the City of San Bernardino, the Inland Congregations United for Change, and many service organizations, we have established eight homework centers to bring the educational support many of our students need to the communities where they live.

By forming educational partnerships with San Bernardino Valley College and California State University, we are establishing a K-16 education system supporting students from kindergarten through college graduation. All of the high schools currently offer courses from Valley College. The new Fast Track program at Arroyo Valley will enable future high school graduates to complete the requirements for an associates of arts degree at the same time they are earning their high school diploma.

The Board of Education supports the programs and projects the District is involved in. We are just a few months away from opening our 5th comprehensive high school, a result of the Measure A bond passed by the community in 1999, and the commitment from the Board to provide educational facilities equipped for the 21st century. The bond also made it possible to build a new library at Del Vallejo Middle School and 12 additional classrooms, and will help fund the purchase of Multi-Use rooms for 15 elementary schools. Plans are near completion for Cesar E. Chavez Middle School, Roger Anton, and Juanita Blakely Jones Elementary Schools.

We are dedicated to providing our students, parents and teachers with the skills they need to be successful in the 21st century. With a firm belief in our students, staff, and administrators, we are confident we can meet the high expectations set before us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

May 12 The Latino Peace Officers Association of Riverside and San Bernardino is presenting its 16th Annual Officer of the Year Awards at the San Bernardino Hilton, 285 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, with no-host at 6:00 PM. Tickets: $35 per person. For information call Mary Alice Romero at (909) 783-2477.

May 13 The Gents Organization Annual Mothers Day Tendencias will be held on Sunday, May 12th at the Gents Community Center, 1462 Art Townsend Dr., San Bernardino, with program starting at 1:30 PM, with Bailes de Artes, Folklorico Cultural, Mariachi Halcones and Westside Latin. Dinner served from 2:00 to 5:00. Prices for oldest mother, youngest grandmother, mother with most children. Admission: adults-$12.50, children 5 to 12-$5 and under 5 free. For ticket information call 825-662-8, 683-6305, 828-3988 and 802-2480.

May 14 The Riverside County Children and Families Commission has scheduled the regular meeting at 2020 Iowa Avenue, Ste 101, Riverside, at 1:30 PM. For information call at 909 996-9800.

May 17 The California Youth Authority has scheduled a major recruitment drive at its Career Development Center, 5501 University Park Drive, San Bernardino-Upper Commons, 805 University Park Drive, Colton, CA. 92324.

May 19 The American Legion Post 650 4th Annual Golf Tournament and Banquet is scheduled at the San Bernadino Golf Club on Fair at the Hemlock and Stark Correctional Facility, 15180 Euclid Avenue, Ontario, starting at 10:00 AM. Attendees include correction officers, medical professionals, teachers and teaching assistants. Staff and volunteers will be available. For information call Don Arriaga at 1-866-466-4cya.

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The Silva family, taken in 1971. Left to right, first row: Hilaria Grau, Catalina Silva, Maria Isabel Azios, Yolanda Samaro, Mrs. Francisca Silva, Mary Silva (deceased). Second row, (1 to r) Sylvia Smith, ZenaIda Mendoza, Mr. Francisco Silva (father). Back row, (1 to r), Fernando Silva, Victoria Silva, Virginia Tirado (deceased), Maria Elena Silva, Elisa Macias, Beatriz Felipe, Defina Avila and Francisco Silva, Jr.

Francisca Silva sits in her comfortable big chair in the living room of her modest home in the heart of the San Bernardino Westside Barrio, surrounded by pictures completely covering every inch of the walls. There is a good reason for all the pictures. Francisca Silva is the mother of 17 children, 45 grandchildren, 51 great-grand children (two on the way) and 25 great-great grandchildren (one on the way).

In an exclusive interview with the IEHN, Mrs. Silva was very vocal about her life and the lives of her children and grandchildren, speaking in Spanish and English.

"My father was Chilean and a revolutionary fighting with Pancho Villa and my mother was a "soldadera" alongside my father. I was born on August 18, 1913 in the State of Sonora (she is not aware of the area or town). When the war was over, my father and mother had to move to the United States because all of Villa's revolutionaries were being killed. The family came to California and picked the harvest. I grew up in Central California. I met Francisco Silva in Modesto and we were married in Fresno in 1928."

During the depression, work was scarce and the family now included two children. Mr. Silva decided to move to Juarez, where 14 more children were born. The family returned to the United States, settling in San Bernardino in 1956.

The Silva family worked the harvests throughout California. When at home in San Bernardino, the whole family pitched in and worked at different jobs, sustaining themselves comfortably. Silva was born in the United States. "All of my children were hard workers because that's how they were taught," Mrs. Silva said very proudly.

The family increased to a total of 17 children, which included 13 girls and 3 boys. One of the boys, Ernesto, passed away in 1944 at six months. Mrs. Silva was asked the usual question regarding family discipline.

"My husband was a very nice person, but he was very quiet. I took on the job of family disciplinarian and I was very hard on all my children. I taught each of the oldest girls to take care of their sisters and brothers and I made each of them responsible for the rest. And I also did not let my children have friends."

One of the daughters, Hilaria, said that because of the lack of outside contacts, the family became very close and always socialized together. "We learned to do many things for ourselves including learning to cook big meals for the family," she said. Mr. Silva joined the labor union, however, due to his shyness he was bypassed for many jobs. "I would pay union dues and my husband did not get jobs. One day I met the union official and told him that I paid my husband's dues and he didn't get work. So I told him what he could do with his job," she said with a big smile.

Eventually, family members worked on permanent jobs and others received higher levels of education. In 1964, Federico decided to join the Marines. "I told my son and pleaded with him that he had an obligation to the family. He still wanted to join. My husband and I signed his papers. He was killed in Vietnam in December of 1965. This was a terrible time for me and my family. He was so young."

Mr. Silva passed away in June 16, 1991 at age 83.

As a result of her son's death in the service, Mrs. Silva was eligible as a Gold Star Mother, except that she was not a citizen. "I decided to become a citizen and all my children that were born in Mexico also became citizens. This was very nice for all of us." The sons and daughters have had different professions: teachers, teacher aides, school personnel, beauticians and an attorney. Currently, five of the daughters have retired, two daughters have passed away.

A tradition that is rigidly followed is that the daughters get together with their mother at her house every Wednesday and discuss a lot of family business. Mrs. Silva still does the cooking with the help of her daughter, Hilaria.

Due to the expanded family, a question was asked if the grandchildren asked for advice on problems facing them. "My grandkids come to visit me and I never give them advice. I still give my children advice and they have to solve their childrens problems."

On Christmas, the whole family gets together with Mrs. Silva and, needless to say, the living room is completely filled with presents. The same is true of special holidays and family celebrations.

"God has given me all these children and I have been happy to raise them so they can be good citizens. I have done my duty as a mother and feel that I have been a good role model," she said.

Assemblyman John Longville, spoke at the Villasenor Library, San Bernardino, on April 29th, to over 80 persons regarding the recent development on redistricting for the State of California. Longville, the chair of the Assembly Elections, Reapportionment and Redistricting committee, talked on the key criteria in redistricting for the State of California, which are based on the same principles used in the redistricting process. The criteria include voting age, communities of interest, and population. He encouraged individuals and groups to participate in the redistricting process and discuss ideas and concerns with legislators in the forthcoming public hearings to be held in various cities throughout California. A hearing is tentatively scheduled in San Bernardino on July 6th. Photo by IEHN.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, LOMA LINDA TO CELEBRATE NEW MILLENNIUM

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Loma Linda, extends an invitation to the public to enjoy its Annual Fiesta to celebrate the new millennium on May 19th and 20th at the church grounds, 10816 Mountain View Avenue, Loma Linda. The Fiesta is scheduled to begin from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The Fiesta will include food booths, games, raffles, family fun, and musical entertainment by the Mariachi Estrellas del Cielo under the direction of Lori Ordas. Multicultural dances and music will be performed by parishioners representing the diversity of the parish. For information, call the parish office at (909) 796-2605.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News presents the 2001 Mother Of The Year-Francisca Silva.
Baja California's Secretary of Education Lic. Ernesto Castellano, above, made a special appearance at the Bi-National conference. He spoke on the "historical first" summit and the importance to continue educational conferences and the interchange of information between Riverside County and Baja California to improve the educational needs of students in the two countries.

Photo by IEHN

The first-ever "Our Children Summit" held April 24 at the Riverside County Office of Education brought together educators from Riverside County and Baja California to discuss their two educational systems and how to better serve all students.

"We must do everything we can to better understand and educate the children we share," said Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools. "Baja California desires to prepare children for success in their country and ours."

More than 60 educational leaders from Baja California and 100 from Riverside County attended. The participants attended sessions during the all-day workshop conducted in both English and Spanish and using both Riverside County and Baja California presenters.

The Honorable Ernesto Castellano, Secretary of Education for Baja California, made a special appearance at the conference and in speaking to the large audience of educators, stated that the summit was "a historic first. However, it will not be the last meeting of its kind," he said. Castellano had to leave immediately after the conference to travel to Mexico City.

Carlos Cortez, UCR Historian Emeritus, was the keynote speaker. He spoke on his bilingual background and the similarities that many Hispanic students are currently being challenged in their school environment as he was in growing up.

The conference was organized into six workshops:

- Structure-similarities and differences in the structure of the two systems;
- Expectations and Curriculum-content on grade levels and promotion on student expectation;
- Cultural Characteristics of the Children-characteristics of children between two systems;
- Record Transfer System-sharing student data between two countries;
- At-Risk and Special Needs Children-bi-national transition of children requiring special needs programs;
- Snapshot of Best Practices-local districts presenting overview of programs for English language learners.

Participants from both countries commented on the outcome of the conference and discussions were held on information sharing and problem solutions for students attending schools on both sides of the border.

In a luncheon meeting, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools David Long, administrators and program managers spoke on the merits of the conference and planned for near-future meetings to develop concrete goals to organize a bi-national commission, development of bi-national academic programs and interchange of educators.

The Mexican Consul, Lic. Juan Jose Salgado and Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge both praised the conference and its participants as a positive development in the relationship between the two countries.

A business luncheon sponsored by Superintendent David Long for education administrators from Baja California was held to discuss future goals for the formation of a permanent Bi-National Commission to interchange educational programs, information systems and teacher exchange. Pictured (l to r) Juan Manuel Fregoso, Director de Educación, Carlos Franco, Participacion Social, David Long, Riverside Superintendent, Roberto Verdugo, Subsecretario de Educacion, Francisco Ramos Verdugo, Delegado en Tijuana, Héctor Barajas, Delegado de Tijuana, Jose Acosta, Delegado de Rosarito and Guadalupe Castro, Delegado de Tecate.

Photo by IEHN

A speaker from Riverside County conducting one of the many workshop sessions at the conference in Riverside.

Photo by IEHN

The planning and interpreting support team that worked on the Bi-National Conference recently held in the Riverside County Office of Education. Pictured (l to r) Jackie Avila, Olga Money, Socorro Vega, Ana Monagas, Tina Martinez and Antonia Zupancich. Not in picture: Ofelia Vazquez-Vaquer and Rick Peoples.

Photo by IEHN

I am very pleased with the outcome of the conference and the cooperation of the many districts and personnel from Riverside County and Mexicali. I felt a spirit of cooperation and success and most importantly, the passion that each individual displayed in participating in this first of a kind conference in the region.

Riverside County Superintendent David Long

Our Children Summit Draws Education Leaders from Riverside County and Baja California
MICHAEL RAMOS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY TO DA OFFICE

Michael Ramos, candidate for San Bernardino County District Attorney.

Michael Ramos, deputy district attorney in the San Bernardino District Attorney’s Office has announced his candidacy to the office of district attorney in next year’s election. “I am announcing my candidacy for that office in the upcoming election. This decision is based in large part on viewpoints expressed to me by fellow prosecutors, attorneys, members of law enforcement, elected officials, family, friends, and most importantly, citizens within the community. I feel that new leadership is mandated and encouraged by the support of individuals and their interest in my candidacy,” he stated in a press conference in front of the San Bernardino County’s Administrative Office.

Ramos, born, raised and educated in Redlands, attended San Bernardino Valley College, earned a BA Degree in Sociology at the University of California, Riverside, and a law degree from Citrus Belt Law School. He was admitted to the California State Bar in 1989. From 1980 to 1989, Ramos worked for the San Bernardino Probation Department while attending UCR and law school.

Since 1989, Ramos has worked in the career criminal unit, special assignments (including political corruption cases) and major crime unit. He has had over 150 cases including 5 death penalty cases.

In 1995, Ramos was elected to the Redlands School Board and was president of the board from 1997 to 1998. He is involved in the Redlands International Soccer, Redlands Rotary, Redlands Baseball for Youth, AYSO, Redlands Boys and Girls Club, and currently president of the Redlands Regional Occupational Programs.

Ramos was awarded the Victim Service Award from the County’s District Attorney’s Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Redlands Northside Impact Group’s Latino of the Year, MADD Prosecutor of the Year and Redlands Police Department Certificate of Appreciation. Ramos and his wife, Gretchen, are the parents of Michelle, 17 and Michael 13.

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MAY FESTIVAL DE COLORES 9 AT FELDHEYM LIBRARY GALLERIES

May Festival de Colores 9, a mixed media art exhibit, will be on display at the Norman F. Feldheim Central Library Art Galleries through June 30. This the ninth year that the Inland Empire Latino Art Association has presented the works of their members. The Participating artists are: Ernesto Colunga, Juan Exqued, Arturo Escamilla, Roberto Garcia, Alfredo Gutierrez, Bill Marquez, Rudy C. Ramirez and Sabino Zermeno.

The Norman F. Feldheim Central Library Art Galleries are located at 555 West Sixth Street in San Bernardino and are open Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, please call Linda Puett, Exhibition Coordinator, at 381-8215

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LT. GOV. CRUZ BUSTAMANTE SUES TO STEM ENERGY CRISIS, ACCUSES ENERGY CARTEL OF ILLEGAL PRICE-FIXING

Civil lawsuit is filed on behalf of California taxpayers, seeks reimbursement of billions

Lt. Governor Cruz M. Bustamante today filed a civil lawsuit against a cartel of five out-of-state power generators, alleging they have systematically engaged in a price-fixing conspiracy to manipulate California's electricity market to "extract" unlawful profits that are draining the state's treasury.

The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, was brought by Bustamante and Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews, D-Tracy, as private citizens on behalf of California's taxpayers. Named as the five core defendant companies are Dynegy Inc., Duke Energy, Mirant Inc., Reliant Energy Inc., and Williams Energy Services. Also named individually as defendants are the chief executive officers of each company.

The heart of Bustamante's 36-page complaint alleges that once the five energy generators gained strategic control over 19 gas-fired power plants in California, they engaged in unlawful trading practices to manipulate the market, eventually granting unrestrained monopoly power to set electricity prices in California.

This capacity to have unchecked power over prices led to the exercise of market power that now has California spending $70 million per day, and $2 billion per month for electricity.

"A cartel of five out-of-state generators has been holding us hostage through a practice of illegal and unfair price-fixing," Bustamante said in announcing the lawsuit.

"Their unlawful behavior is costing the state billions of dollars, a cost that is being paid directly by the taxpayers of California," Bustamante added. "With this lawsuit, we are drawing the line in the sand. We are seeking to hold the generators accountable and to force them to reimburse the state."

The suit alleges that the generators have violated the state's antitrust and California Business and Professions Code through anti-competitive, unlawful, fraudulent and unfair business practices.

Specifically, the suit alleges that the defendants have combined to: (1) create or carry out restrictions in trade or commerce; (2) limit or reduce the production of electricity; (3) increase the price of electricity; (4) prevent competition in the making and sale of electricity; and (5) illegally control the price of electricity to the public and consumers.

The suit seeks to recover billions of dollars in overcharges imposed on the California Department of Water Resources, which was forced to buy electricity from the defendants after they "gamed the market" to raise prices. In addition, the suit seeks an injunction to prohibit these companies from engaging further in the unlawful activity.

In California, the energy generator cartel gained not only significant market presence but a strategic one. During a roughly 20-month period ending in April 1999, the five members of the cartel had purchased a total of 19 gas-fired power plants in 11 California counties—power plants that previously had been owned and operated by California utility companies before deregulation.

The defendants' ownership of these 19 power plants gave them control of critical supplies of California electricity. Under deregulation, the power to turn on the plants' generators is held by executives in the five core defendant companies. These companies used their control over the generators to extract billions of dollars of unlawful overcharges.

Acting in concert, the energy generators proceeded to engage in a "bid and hold" scheme designed to create false shortages of supply at crucial periods. Under the scheme the suit alleges, the companies bid to sell power at a certain price while withholding some power generation. That in turn forced the state to offer to buy power at a higher price to generate the necessary supply, the result being that all of the companies were paid at the last, highest bid price.

Another way that the cartel exercised market power to drive up prices, the suit alleges, was to jam the electric transmission lines with excess electricity, thereby overtaxing the power grid, and then insisting on substantial payment to reduce generation.

The suit alleges that the cartel falsely represented to the California public that they intended to create a competitive marketplace that would benefit consumers with lower prices.

"This conspiring cartel understands all to well that it has the power to set and command virtually any price it desires because it can squeeze supply, create a contrived shortage and then demand that we pay the price or the lights go out," said Bustamante and Matthews are being represented by two veteran litigators: Mike Aguirre, senior partner in the San Diego firm of Aguirre & Meyer, and Ray Boucher, a partner in the Beverly Hills-based firm of Kiesel, Boucher & Larson, LLP.

The lawsuit can be viewed on the Internet at the Lt. Governor's Web site at www.ltg.ca.gov.

MAUREEN (Marcy) RAMIREZ APPOINTED BRYN MAWR POSTMASTER

In 1976, Ramirez began her career as a clerk in San Bernardino and Redlands as a clerk in the mail processing center. In 1984, she was promoted to supervisor of the San Bernardino Computer Forwarding System.

Her various assignments included customer service supervisor in Colton and as officer-in-charge at Thousand Palms, Westmoreland, Mecca and recently in the Bryn Mawr branch.

In exemplifying exceptional professional performance, Ramirez has been the recipient of the Special Achievement Award for each of the past three years.

Ramirez is a member of the Hispanic Organization of Postal Workers (HOPE) and Diversity Advisory Council.

In an exclusive interview with the JBN, Ramirez stated, "I love my job, the people that I have worked with throughout my postal career and dedicated to give the best service to the public, our customers."
Dr. Tomas D. Morales, above, has appointed Vice President for Student Affairs at Cal Poly Pomona

CAL POLY POMONA NAMES DR. TOMÁS D. MORALES AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Tomas D. Morales, above, has appointed Vice President for Student Affairs at Cal Poly Pomona.

As Cal Poly Pomona’s Vice President of Student Affairs, a senior executive on the President’s Cabinet, Dr. Morales’ will be the leader of one of the university’s most involved and diverse divisions. Its branches include athletics, enrollment services and financial aid, public safety, student development and disabled student services, student support programs, student enhancement and housing.

Prior to working at CCNY, Dr. Morales served at State University of New York at New Paltz as the Assistant Dean of School of Education (1991-94), the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs (1987-94) and as the Director of the Office of Special Admissions and Educational Opportunity Program (1981-94). He also held administrative positions at SUNY Stony Brook and at Cornell University. His teaching experience includes courses at both CCNY and SUNY New Paltz.


Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) announced a $213,345 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department for anti-money laundering efforts. These funds are being provided under the U.S. Department of Justice’s Financial Crime Free Communities Support (C-FIC) Anti-Money Laundering program. Congressman Baca has been a strong supporter of Department of Justice programs like C-FIC.

The goals of the Department of Justice’s program are to provide seed capital for state and local counter-money laundering enforcement efforts, to assist in the development of programs and to encourage partnerships or collaboration among state and local investigators, prosecutors and regulators. "Crime is becoming more and more sophisticated every day. We must have the resolve to commit the resources necessary to fight crime with better tools, training, and technology," said Congressman Baca.

I commend the Sheriff’s Department and the Department of Justice for this project. This grant will allow the Sheriff’s Department to establish a full time money laundering investigative task force that will work closely with the Inland Regional Narcotics Enforcement Team as well as the local District Attorney’s office. Regarding the impact this grant will have on fighting money launderers, Congressman Baca stated, "money launderers will be washed out of the Inland Empire."

THE SMOKING GUN

While "The Smoking Gun" is identified as a work of fiction at the conclusion of the piece, it accurately reflects the positions and posturings of the tobacco industry during the mid-1960's. Poetic license has been taken to present current data and cessation methods within the context of the presentation.

In 1961, the tobacco industry secluded a small group of smokers (without their cigarettes) in an isolated desert campground in San Bernardino County for a two-week study. The goal of their study was to observe how long it would take before the test subjects felt the tug of addiction, as well as learn about how they would try and cope with the situation. The results of the study and video footage were considered damaging to the tobacco industry and locked away. But now, nearly 40 years later, the footage and the accompanying incriminating commentary by tobacco industry executives has been discovered and developed into a 30-minute documentary by Tobacco Use Reduction Now (TURN). The result is a "Smoking Gun."

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Tobacco Use Reduction Now (TURN) program would like to invite you to the premiere showing of 'THE SMOKING GUN' and the Tobacco-Free Advocates Awards Dinner to be held at the San Bernardino Hilton Hotel, 285 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino on May 24, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP BY May 21 by calling 800-637-6653.

Funded by the California Tobacco Tax Initiative Proposition 99.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on May 15, 2001 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 proposed substantial amendments to the County's 2000-2001 CDBG Action Plan, listed below, and to solicit citizen comments regarding these amendments.

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, HUD renewed the County's qualification to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) programs for Fiscal Years 2000, 2001 and 2002. The CDBG 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, Munceer, Norco, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the "County Consortium."

To receive the 2000-2001 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the County prepared a consolidated grant application. The Consolidated Application was a part of the County's 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2000-2001 Action Plan. On April 18, 2000, the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors approved the proposed Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. Upon completion of the public review period and after all comments were received and considered, the final Consolidated Plan and Action Plan was prepared. The final Consolidated Plan and Action Plan was submitted to HUD on June 6, 2000 for funding approval.

PROPOSED CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS: The following proposed amendments will substantially change the 2000-2001 Action Plan for the CDBG portion of the County's 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan.

Reduce the Adelanto Community Center Improvements Project to $150,000 and reprogram the project allocation balance to the development of a new Adelanto target area park at $208,286; and the installation of new and replacement field lighting at Richardson Park at $150,000.

Reprogram $130,400 to the Barstow: Desert Avenue Storm Drain and Street Improvements Project and cancel the Kelly Drive and Yucca Avenue Cross Gutters Construction Project at $15,000; the Armory Road Sidewalk Improvements Project at $60,000; the Mountain View Sidewalk Infill Construction Project at $25,000; and the Grace/Belinda Sidewalk Infill Construction Project at $30,400.

Cancel the Main Street Murals as a CDBG funded project and reprogram its $3,000 allocation to Barstow Unprogrammed Funds.

Initiate a new program for Mobile Children's Dental Services to be provided by the Victor Valley Community Dental Service Program (VVCDSP) utilizing $7,500 from unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisorial District.

Cancel the Lenwood-Grandview Municipal Fire Station Rehabilitation Project due to the condition of the station, and reprogram its $22,400 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisorial District.

Determine that CDBG-acquired property at 9724 Avenue "E" in Hesperia is no longer needed for CDBG-eligible activities, so that it can be sold as surplus County property.

Cancel the Second District Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Perinatal Transportation Service, as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project's $2,000 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the Second Supervisorial District.

Cancel the Salvation Army Food Service as a CDBG assisted program at the request of the Salvation Army Redlands Corps, and reprogram the program's $2,000 CDBG allocation to Redlands Unprogrammed Funds.

Initiate a new program for Computer Equipment/Education Services to be provided by the City of Redlands at the Y-Alliance Teen Center, utilizing $30,000 from Redlands unprogrammed funds.

Cancel the Hazards of Belonging to Gangs - Youth Anti-Gang Outreach and Education Program as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram its $5,000 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the Fifth District.

Initiate a new project for reconstruction of sidewalk and patio surfaces, that have been uplifted by tree roots, at the Center for Individual Development (CID) facility in San Bernardino, utilizing $6,000 from unprogrammed funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District.

Initiate a new project for construction of facility rehabilitation improvements to the Al Shifa Health Clinic in Muscoy, utilizing $26,170 from unprogrammed funds for the Fifth District.

Reprogram $27,000 of program income from the Fifth District Affordable Housing Acquisition Program to the Los Padres Graffiti and Blight Abatement Service for use during Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Reprogram $5,000 of program income from the Fifth District Affordable Housing Acquisition Program to the Al Shifa Health Clinic Services Program in Muscoy for use during Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Reprogram $20,000 of program income from the Fifth District Affordable Housing Acquisition Program to the Option House Domestic Violence Shelter Services Program, for use during Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Reprogram $35,000 of program income from the Fifth District Affordable Housing Acquisition Program to the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) Tattoo Removal Program, for use during Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

Cancel the Gents Organization Family Center Air Conditioning Improvements Project as a CDBG funded project and reprogram the project's $10,000 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District.

Utilize $106,786 of Fiscal Year 1999-2000 unspent funds during Fiscal Year 2000-2001 to continue implementation of the Countywide SBA (Small Business Administration) Job Creation Program.

NOTE: Items may be added to or deleted from this list of Proposed Substantial Amendments at the Board of Supervisors hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: For a period of thirty (30) days beginning on May 1, 2001 and ending on May 30, 2001, the public is invited to submit written comments on these proposed amendments. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2001 cannot be considered in the preparation of the amended Consolidated Plan. Send comments to County ECD at the address shown below.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on these substantial amendments may be present and be heard at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130.

If you challenge any decision regarding the above proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised 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.

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 regarding this proposal. You may make your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately.

San Bernardino County
Department of Economic and Community Development
290 North "D" Street, Sixth Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040

FRED AGUIAR, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
Governor Davis appoints San Bernardino county superior court judge

In 1991, he was elected to the Board of Education for the Colton Joint Unified School District. He later served as its president for three years. Mr. Alvarez also served as president of the Rotary Club of Colton and as a member of the board of directors of the San Bernardino Arrowhead United Way. Mr. Alvarez earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Redlands and a juris doctorate degree from Loyola Law School. He will receive a salary of $133,051. Mr. Alvarez fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John W. Kennedy.

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The child's mother was not notified. Rita, who lived with her mother and uncle, broke into her grandmother's home to get money for drugs. He held Rita at knife point for an hour, before she couldn't be without her mother for a moment. Then, some months later, the child picked up a knife and held it against her sister.

Another recent incident, again involving a young child, had a very different outcome. Law enforcement officers, responding to a call, entered the home and found a two-year-old child, lying on top of her stabbed mother, sobbing. One of the officers took the girl upstairs, where her brother was. The officer spent several minutes telling the children in child's terms, step-by-step, what would happen — that an ambulance was coming, that their mother would be taken to the hospital, that they would go with their aunt in another car to the hospital and that after the doctors had treated their mother, they could see her. The children calmed down. They were given reassurance and predictability.

Important new research makes a compelling case that whether and how we care for the young witnesses and victims of violent acts is likely to make a profound and lifelong difference to them. Because of the expert training of the officer who handled the second incident, the needs of the child were addressed.

California Safe from the Start is an important new statewide project to highlight the revolution in science that has occurred just in the last several years on the impact of violence on a child's developing brain and subsequent behavior.

The Attorney General's Crime and Violence Center, along with our partners, hosted nine regional forums September through December 2000 to provide community leaders with the latest research on the effects of violence on early childhood development and its impact on the cycle of violence. The forums were also designed to assist communities in developing community action plans to identify children exposed to violence and develop effective methods for assistance.

Research reveals that, if not addressed children exposed to violence, especially repeatedly, can suffer from a persistent fear response. Dr. Bruce Perry, Chief of Psychiatry at Texas Children's Hospital, who has conducted extensive research on the impact of trauma on children's brains, told a Joint Legislative Hearing on March 7 that constant stress changes the ability of the child to learn abstract thought and impacts their relationships with people. These children can suffer disproportionately from increased depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress, anger, alcohol and drug abuse and lower academic achievement.

Now is the time to stop the cycle of violence. For further information on how to become involved with community efforts to rescue children from the devastating impact of violence, contact my Crime and Violence Prevention Center at (916) 324-7863 or visit www.safefromstart.org.

The San Bernardino School District grows by nearly two thousand students every year but only portable classrooms are brought in to accommodate them. SB 1043 authorized by Senator Nell Soto (D-Ontario) will provide funds to break ground on building two new schools next year. "I am excited to see this bill move along the process so we can get our children out of crowded classrooms and into an environment where they can learn," says Senator Soto. "San Bernardino City School District is one of the largest districts in the state and we are crowding nearly 18 thousand students into portable classrooms. That is not a positive learning environment."

Four new schools were approved under the Proposition 1A in 1998, but matching funds from the school district were required. In San Bernardino, matching funds will not be available. This bill allows the San Bernardino Unified School district to consolidate the Proposition 1A money to build two new schools rather than wait for matching funds and risk losing all four schools.

"Instead of waiting for full funding," says Michael Perez, Facilities Planning Director for the district, "this will allow us to build classrooms to use now for kids here now." SB 1043 passed through the Senate Education Committee today and now goes to the Appropriations Committee.

The Pass Democratic Women's Club (PDWC) holds their monthly meetings the Third Wed. of each month, either a luncheon or dinner meeting. The next dinner meeting will be May 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, 2750 W. Ramsey, Banning. Guest Speaker will be Laurie Stainaker of the AFL/CIO Union. For reservations, please call Dolly at 909-769-3916.

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The County of San Bernardino Department of Economic and Community Development
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2001-2002 UPDATE TO THE 2000-2005 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

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 received their qualification to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) program funds for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002. The grants 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, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside have joined the County’s HOME Consortium, while continuing to receive CDBG and ESG funds directly from HUD. To receive the fiscal year 2001 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the county must submit a consolidated grant application under a five-year plan covering fiscal years 2000-2005 through 2004-2005. The document to be submitted is called the “Consolidated Plan.” On April 17, 2001, the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors approved a proposed Consolidated Plan. Upon completion of the Consolidated Plan update and after all comments received have been considered, a final Consolidated Plan update will be prepared. The final Consolidated Plan will be submitted to HUD on or about June 6, 2001.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN SUMMARY

The Consolidated Plan contains HUD required planning, application and reporting documents for the three grants. It addresses the County Consortium housing and community development needs, program strategies and proposed projects. The Consolidated Plan has been developed under the county’s Citizen Participation Plan adopted February 27, 2001. It represents the collective input of residents from throughout the County Consortium area, representatives of the 14 cooperating cities, numerous housing, health and social service agencies and organizations, and neighboring jurisdictions.

The HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS section of the Plan provides a community profile, assessment of housing and non-housing community needs, and analysis of housing inventory and market conditions. It concludes that: 1) Approximately 40% of all County Consortium households are low- and moderate-income; 2) There is a need for more affordable rental housing; 3) A third of the housing stock needs minor repairs and over 7,000 units are substandard but suitable for rehabilitation; 4) A need exists for home ownership assistance; 5) Homelessness services and special needs housing is important; 6) Many neighborhoods require code enforcement, expanded public services, and public facility, street and water systems improvements; and 7) New and retained employment opportunities are necessary.

A STRATEGIC PLAN is included to identify the priorities for allocating resources to meet priority needs. The strategies for addressing affordable housing, homelessness, special housing and community development priority needs are: 1) Increase affordable housing and assist house owners of greatest need by supplying the adequate supply of affordable housing; assist extremely low-, low- and moderate-income households; preserve the existing housing stock and rehabilitate units; develop a continuum of care system to reduce homelessness; and implement Neighborhood Initiatives Program; 2) Assist special housing needs by facilitating the development and rehabilitation of special needs housing; and, affirmatively further fair housing; 3) Support lead-based paint hazard reduction by coordinating public and private efforts; integrate lead hazard evaluation and reduction into housing programs; develop technical capacity; and, promote public health programs and education programs; 4) Assist Community Development activities that: meet a geographic priority need; leverage private investment; contribute to long-term public benefit; and, have a particular community or public urgency.

The Consolidated Plan also incorporates an ACTION PLAN to identify the programs and projects expected to be started or continued during the 2001-2002 program year using HUD program funding to address the priority needs. The HUD resources that the county anticipates receiving during the fiscal year 2001 program period includes $4,063,900 in CDBG funds, $208,212 in ESG funds and $2,469,500 in HOME funds. The County will use these funds to implement 188 activities and programs. In addition, the County is expected to receive $1,601,500 in property income during the year.

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Notice

The first year of the Consolidated Plan was 1981 and has been updated annually since then.

The 2001-2002 Proposed Consolidated Plan is available for public review and comment during a 30 day period from May 1 through May 30, 2001. Citizen comments regarding the 2001-2002 Proposed Consolidated Plan are welcomed. However, comments received after 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2001 cannot be considered in the preparation of the Final Consolidated Plan. Copies of the Consolidated Plan are available for public review at the offices of the County of San Bernardino Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD), 290 South “D” Street, Sixth Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92404-0040, (909) 388-0860.

Additional copies of the 2001-2002 Proposed Consolidated Plan are available for public inspection and comment at the following county branch libraries: Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Bloomington, Chino, Chino Hills, Crestline, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hemet, Hesperia, Highland, Joshua Tree, Lake Arrowhead, Loma Linda, Morongo Valley, Nipomo, Redlands, Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, San Bernardino, Upland, Victorville, Wrightwood, Yucca Valley and Yucaipa. Copies are also available at Feldheim Library (San Bernardino), Smiley Library (Redlands), Rancho Cucamonga Public Library, California State University San Bernardino Library, and the Colton Public Library. In addition, copies can also be found at the city hall of the 14 cooperating cities.
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