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UNITY FORUM AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO TO PROMOTE CHICANO STUDIES

By Angela Vasquez

Music, dancing and laughter filled the Student Events Center on October 25 at a Unity Forum Town Hall Conference organized to promote and establish a Chicano Studies Department at California State University-San Bernardino.

Gilberto Esquivel, of KDF radio station and member of the National Alliance for Human Rights, was the Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment included Lalo Guerrero, famous artist and entertainer, Mariachi Estudiantes del Inland Empire and Son Real. All came, parents and their children, community activists, students, to show support for a Chicano Studies Department at Cal State.

M.E.Ch. A. of Cal State, San Bernardino and University of California, Riverside and the National Alliance of Human Rights organized the event. Several Latino organizations on campus were on hand.

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SINFONIA MEXICANA CELEBRATES 16TH ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Maurice Calderon, right, newly installed president of the Sinfonia Mexicana, presents his goals and objectives at the 16th Annual Installation of Officers at the San Bernardino Hilton. Seated at left is Rachel Clark, San Bernardino City Clerk and Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. Calderon is senior vice president of the Arrowhead Credit Union. Photo by IEHN

GOVERNOR DAVIS APPOINTS JOHN PACHECO TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Governor Davis announced the appointment of John Pacheco as judge of the San Bernardino County Superior Court. Pacheco is the second Hispanic to be appointed to the superior court level in San Bernardino since Don Alvarez was appointed early this year.

Pacheco, 48, a resident of Moreno Valley, is a partner with the law firm of Garza, Garza and Pacheco, which he joined in 1995. Previously he was a partner with the law firm of Rose, Klein and Marias in Ontario from 1984 to 1995. His law practice has been in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice.

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EDITORIAL
EDUCATION SHOULD CATER TO THE STUDENT POPULATION

With Hispanics reaching over 30 percent of the student body at California State University-San Bernardino, the development of a Chicano Studies Department at that campus is very logical and imperative. CSUSB currently offers only seven classes that deal with the Chicano experience.

A 17-member committee of administrators, faculty & students has been created at CSUSB to assess the different aspects and issues involved in the idea of establishing Chicano Studies Department at the school. The decision of the committee will have a dramatic affect on the Inland Empire, the CSU system and the state. The recommendation by the committee is expected by December.

CSUSB President Al Kargi has been progressive thus far in terms of reaching out and appealing to the Hispanic community. Todate, he has responded positively to the call for Chicano Studies.

The National Alliance for Human Rights is spearheading an effort to establish a Chicano Studies Department at CSUSB. The department would require a chairperson, faculty members and a facility. Related courses would be designed to give students the opportunity to select Chicano Studies as a major or minor. A master's degree program is also part of the proposal.

Headed by Armando Navarro, chairman of the Ethnic Studies Department at UC- Riverside, the organization submitted a 16-page proposal in May calling for a department that would combine "academic rigor with community participation."

He states that our students are being denied the opportunity to learn about themselves and the plethora of contributions that we have made as a people to this country. In addition he states "We are looking to develop a model that can be used at the community college level and the high school level."

The proposal recommends subject courses include regional music of Mexico, survey of Mexican philosophical thought and political organizations of the barrio and other related subjects. Since the Chicano influence is becoming more and more a part of every day life for all Americans, specialized studies can help bring about understanding among cultures and prevent prejudice within our diverse community.

Of utmost importance to many of the "older generation" is American-born Hispanics to learn about their history. "Chicano studies is a very positive, intellectual bridge to not only our community, but to the greater community," Navarro said.

So why is there such an effort about establishing Chicano Studies at CSUSB when there is an already flourishing program at UCR?

The key word is accessibility. UCR is very research-oriented and it is very expensive. CSUSB is much more accessible to our people and much more affordable."

The bill for one year at UCR is $4300; for CSUSB it is $1800. Admission requirements at CSUSB are also less stringent.

A recent development adds emphasis to the call for Chicano Studies.

Gov. Gray Davis signed AB 540, which qualifies long-term California students, regardless of citizenship, for in-state tuition status at the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State Universities (CSU).

This new legislation is designed to make college more accessible to high school graduates who do not hold legal residency status. Now, however, students may be exempt from paying non-resident tuition at the CSU and CCC.

This will undoubtedly increase the already considerable enrollment of Hispanic students at CSUSB since the requirement to pay higher tuition will be lifted.

"Kids who grew up and graduated from high school here should not be priced out of a future," Davis said.

The bill also authorizes the CSU trustees to waive or reduce tuition rates for full-time foreign students of exceptional scholastic ability and prior scholastic achievement.

What this will mean for the San Bernardino CSU campus is an even greater influx of Hispanic students, and needless to say, a greater demand for Chicano Studies.

If the initiative is successful, CSUSB will be the ninth in the 23-campus system to have a department of Chicano Studies.

The recommended model emulates the Chicano Studies department at Cal-State Northridge, which began in 1969 and has grown into the fourth-largest department on campus with 25 full-time faculty members. Students finish the program to become politicians, teachers and activists.

Myra Landers, who has graduated from CSUSB, is currently pursing a master's degree in Chicano/Latino studies. "Her success in this area should inspire my generation to carry on where she left off."

Myra worked on the record with

sister pop label Buena Vista Records, which released her English album "Miracles," in June 2001. Since then she has made her television debut on ABC primetime special "Disney's Hot Summer Jams" and has enjoyed a summer hit on The Disney Channel Channel with its version of the Motown classic "Dancing in the Street/Bailando En La Ciudad." The Spanish track will be the theme song for The Disney Channel's upcoming series "Kick It Up!"

"We are thrilled to be working with Myra," says Jay Landers, Sr. VP, A&R for both Walt Disney Records and Buena Vista Records. Landers, who has overseen numerous recordings with such legends as Barbara Streisand and Celine Dion says of the young singer, "Putting it simply, she has that quality which separates the good from the great. She's the real thing."

"Recording my first album was a dream come true," says 15-year-old Myra, and recording it now in my first language - Spanish - is very exciting for me and my family." Myra's debut Spanish Album "MILAGROS" was released on October 30, 2001 on Hollywood Records. The album is a Spanish version of the singer's self-titled English debut, and features the first single "Siempre Hay Milagros" ('Miracles Happen'), the theme song from the summer hit movie "The Prince's Diaries" on Walt Disney Pictures.

Myra is the debut artist signing with many of the best songwriters and producers in music today: Guy Roche & Shelly Peiken (producer/writers for Christina Aguilera’s "What a Girl Wants"); Diane Warren (hit writer for Celine Dion, Aerosmith, Ricky Martin, Faith Hill, LaReen and countless others); Narada Michael Walden (Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey); Keith Colen (Prince, Madonna); Pam Shayne (writer for Christina Aguilera’s "Genie in a Bottle."); Dream and Jessica Simpson) and much in demand production team The Matrix (Christina Aguilera) have all contributed their noted talents to the debut recording.

Myra continues, "I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to learn from all these really great people. We’ve worked hard and I can’t wait to get out there and perform these songs."

"About two years ago, I wrote my dreams and goals down on a piece of paper," says Myra. "I always wanted to be a singer. I have four brothers and sisters, and my parents have always encouraged us to value hard work and to believe in our dreams. I’m so thankful that my Mom and Dad have been there to guide me. I still have that same piece of paper and I’ve added a new goal: to give something back to everyone who inspired me to pursue my singing."

For more on MYRA, visit her web page at www.Myrafan.com.
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION KICKS OFF NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

ONTARIO – The Alzheimer’s Association Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Chapter will kick off National Alzheimer’s Disease Month this November with a calendar of special events, including a book signing and discussion by Brenda Avidan M.A., author of “Where’s My Shoes” and “Finding the Joy in Alzheimer’s” and a free two hour workshop “A Caregiver’s Workshop: Creating Partnership with Your Doctor When the Diagnosis is Alzheimer’s Disease or a Related Illness” presented by Kathleen Hairston, Director of Programs/Services, Alzheimer’s Association Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Chapter. Since 1983, November has been National Alzheimer’s Disease Month. This special month raises awareness of Alzheimer’s disease highlights people with the disease and their families and emphasizes the importance of finding treatments, preventions and a cure.

The Alzheimer’s Association Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Chapter will sponsor the following events and activities for families, caregivers and the public during November.

• Alzheimer’s Mini Conference for Healthcare Professionals, November 15th from 2-6 p.m. at Somerford Place, 1319 Brookside, Redlands
• “Handling the Holiday Blues” presented by Kathleen Hairston Director of Programs/Services Alzheimer’s Association Riverside/San Bernardino Counties
• Professor Brenda Avidan M.A., author of “Where’s My Shoes” and “Finding the Joy in Alzheimer’s” will attend and sign copies of her book at the Senior Center, 250 N. Third, Upland.

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The Riverside, Inyo, Mono, San Bernardino (RIMS) Teachers Recruitment Center hosted an open house for the community in the Cooley Ranch area of Colton. Pictured above (l to r) Deborah McKee, office specialist II, Liz Ayson, recruitment technician, George Cole, RIMS Teacher Recruitment Center Director George Roberts Jr., technology specialist and LaSonya Pitts, project specialist.

**COLTON** - The Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino (RIMS) Teacher Recruitment Center hosted an open house in October to give prospective teachers and community members a look into its endeavors to recruit 2,100 qualified teachers for the region within the next year.

**In what is being called the largest recruitment effort in the state’s history, the center is one of six created to provide recruitment assistance to school districts across California. The state has a current need for more than 25,000 teachers, with projections showing a shortage of 300,000 teachers in the next 10 years, according to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.**

**If the governor’s goal is to have a qualified teacher in every classroom that fits their needs through counseling and placement services offered at the center.**

Prospective teachers attend an information forum on teaching positions in the RIMS counties during an open house at the Teachers Recruitment Center under the auspices of the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. Photo by IEHN

**The open house was sponsored by SBCSS and county offices of education for Riverside, Inyo and Mono counties. The RIMS Teacher Recruitment Center is located at 965 South Mt. Vernon Ave., Suite L, in Colton. For more information, call the center at (909) 554-1940.**

**The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, November 29th, 2001.**

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Dr. Herbert Fischer, Superintendent, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

Once again this year, schools in San Bernardino County made impressive scores on California’s measure of school performance, the Academic Performance Index (API), and outpaced state averages in terms of growth.

Eighty-three percent—or 294 of the 354 schools in the county that reported API rankings—saw increases in scores versus the statewide average of 74 percent. Seventy-two percent of schools countywide met their schoolwide API growth targets versus 64 percent statewide. An additional 51 percent—or 182 county schools with APIs—are eligible for performance awards, compared to 48 percent statewide.

Another noteworthy highlight is that the countywide API average continues to increase at 649, up from 629 last year and 608 in 1999. While countywide averages are still behind the state average of 683, our growth has been greater than the state’s and we need to stay on course.

Clearly, San Bernardino County schools are meeting the accountability challenge.

I see the role of the County Schools Office as providing leadership and support to assist districts with their student performance efforts. We continue to highlight successful academic improvement models that research shows increase overall student performance. We have turned particular attention to schools identified as underperforming and are implementing a number of strategies to support their staff and students. We’ve also brought national leaders in school reform to the county to meet with district superintendents, teacher associations, and district staff.

Kati Haycock from Education Trust and Gerald Anderson, former superintendent of Brazosport Independent School District in Freeport, Texas, are two experts who have met with us to share their research and proven methods. Their work focuses on closing the achievement and access gap for all students. A number of districts in our county have adopted their models and are embracing a no excuses approach to improving academic achievement for each and every student.

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By Herbert R. Fischer, Ph.D., Superintendent San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

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Arrowhead Regional Medical Center staff nurses Dan Rowland and Andy Blair are in Washington, D.C. to provide relief for nurses at Washington Hospital Center who have been treating victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Rowland and Blair arrived in the Nation’s capital and reported for work. They were expected to remain at the Washington Hospital Center for approximately 12 days.

Rowland and Blair were sent to Washington, D.C. as part of the CA-2 San Bernardino Disaster Medical Assistance Team (San Bernardino DMAT) at the request of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).

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

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

John F. Kennedy
GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES BENEFITS FOR UNINSURED WOMEN WITH BREAST OR CERVICAL CANCER

Governor Gray Davis today announced federal government approval of California's request to provide Medi-Cal health care services to poor uninsured women diagnosed with cervical or breast cancer.

"This expansion will save the lives of hundreds of California women by quickly providing them with the medical care they need," Governor Davis said.

Under the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer prevention and Treatment Act of 2000, Medi-Cal will cover the health care services of women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer after undergoing screening at a Breast Care and Cervical Cancer Detection Program, the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program, or Family PACT (Planning, Access, Treatment).

Women under age 65 who lack health care coverage and have incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or no more than $1,437 per month, are eligible for the program. Applications taken at the offices of an approved screening provider will be expedited to ensure that women receive treatment as soon as possible. Online verification of Medi-Cal eligibility will also be available to further expedite access to services. California joins 31 other states in offering the program California already offers eligible uninsured women over age 40 free clinical breast examinations and mammograms through the state-funded Breast Cancer Early Detection Program and the federally funded Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program.

The California Department of Health Services operates a toll-free phone line at (800) 511-2300 in six languages to help eligible women locate early detection services in their area.

MEXICAN CONSUL TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL "OHTLI" AWARD CEREMONY

Juan Jose Salgado, Mexican Consul, announced the 2nd Annual "Ohtli" Award Ceremony sponsored by the Mexican Consulate and El Centro Cultural Mexicano Del Inland Empire to be held at the Holiday Inn, 3400 Market Avenue, Riverside, Tuesday, November 20th with no-host at 6:00 PM. Cost is $40 per person.

The "Ohtli" Award is awarded by the Secretary of External Relations of Mexico to individuals of Mexican origin or descent who have distinguished themselves for their altruistic work on behalf of Mexicans residing abroad. The Award consists of a medal, a silver rose pin and a diploma.

Consul Salgado announced that Ofelia Valdez-Yeager has been selected to receive the Award at the annual event. Valdez-Yeager is Assistant to the Superintendent, Riverside County Office of Education. Previous positions held are Assistant to the Superintendent, Riverside School District; Administrative Assistant, Mayor of Riverside; education consultant to the Riverside County Office of Education; consultant/resource teacher for the Ontario/Montclair School District; bilingual/bicultural teacher; counselor for the Mountain View High School; Riverside School and other educational positions.

Valdez-Yeager's professional memberships include the California Association of Bilingual Educators; California School Board Association; Riverside County School Board Association; among others.

She is president of the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Latina Women's Health Forum; Riverside Community College Foundation: Junior League Community Advisor; Youth; and numerous, education, civic, health, international relations organizations.

The recognition committee is offering sponsorships for the program: full page-$200; half page-$125, 1/4 page-$75 and 1/8 page-$50. The sponsors are responsible for logos and text. Deadline date is November 14th.

For additional information call Victor Viruena at (909) 889-9808. Sponsorship information and checks to be forwarded to Mexican Consul, 293 N. "D" Street, San Bernardino, 92401.
Dr. Albert Karnig, president of Cal-State, San Bernardino, spoke at the Unity Forum. Karnig announced the formation of a task force of university educators and staff to study the feasibility of a Chicano Studies Department. The task force is scheduled to submit recommendations in December.

"A task force of university educators and Delta Sigma Chi are all here to show support," said Fermin Ramirez, Co-Chair of the Mexican Consul Office, 293 North "N" Street San Bernardino, and several faculty from Cal State Northridge's Chicano Studies Department, considered one of the largest most successful in California.

"I may have to move to Northridge to get my Master's degree in Chicano Studies," said Dee Ortega, Cal State San Bernardino student and member of MAPA. "I have so many Latinos in the Inland Empire, and there is no reason not to have Chicano Studies at Cal State."

Other highlights of the gathering included an invocation by Father Patricio Mayayo, a member of a musical group entertaining for the evening. Photo by I EH N

Other organizations in attendance were MAPA (Mexican American Political Association), Libreria del Pueblo, and several faculty from Cal State Northridge's Chicano Studies Department, considered one of the largest most successful in California.

"There are so many Latinos in the Inland Empire, and there is no reason not to have Chicano Studies at Cal State." said Armando Navarro, a member of the Chicano Studies Department and Dagoberto Fuentes, Cal-State Fullerton-Chicano Studies Department. Drs. Juana Mora and Mary Pardo, Cal-State, Northridge-Chicano Studies Department and Dr. Ada Rosa Riddell, University of California-Davis.

A question/answer session for all in attendance. "Very good turn-out. Anything that's going to help kids go to school and graduate is worth looking into," said university president Albert Karnig. "Only 30% of our university students are Latino, and that's not high enough."

Armando Navarro is coordinator of the National Alliance for Human Rights, the main advocating group for Chicano Studies at Cal State San Bernardino. Navarro is currently professor and chair at the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside. Navarro has been a Chicano activist for over four decades and has strongly advocated, and has fought, to promote quality education to the Chicano youth and a leader to bring Chicano Studies to San Bernardino. "We accomplished both of our goals by exceeding over 300 people to attend and getting a good cross-section of the community and students." Said Navarro, "The turn out of nearly 500, including students from all levels shows that we have the capacity to mobilize."
The Villasenor family saga reveals many of the universal joys and pains of family life, the sorrows that come with deep love and complicated relationships, and the immigrant angst associated with being regarded as an "outsider" in an adopted land. Through it all, the family persevered, buoyed by a private understanding of the thirteen senses.

Woven within the story of Lupe and Salvador is the ancient knowledge of the thirteen senses. Taught to the family by Salvador's mother, Doña Margarita, this mystical knowledge is believed to be the path to true enlightenment. Beyond the traditional five senses, the sixth and seventh senses, Balance and Intuition, come from our heart, the eighth and ninth senses, Harmony and Psyche, operate from the soul, while the tenth, eleventh and twelfth senses build upon these and show that magic and reality blur when a person is enlightened by the truth within themselves. The thirteenth sense, the most precious sense of all, is a shocking surprise that elevates us all to reimagine the true concept of living with love.

Together, according to Doña Margarita, the thirteen senses represent spiritual freedom and offer a chance to view life and the surrounding world with awe and wonder.

**THIRTEEN SENSES** is the product of hundreds of hours of recorded interviews conducted by Victor Villasenor with several members of his family. He masterfully recounts their lives, while keeping intact the folk voice of his Mexican-American heritage. But most importantly, Villasenor's oral history of his family is a reminder of what we as Americans, new and old, can learn from balancing our past, with present to make a better future. The book recounts an extraordinary tale one that is emblematic of journeys taken by many other immigrant families—of adapting to new surroundings; culture, and politics; of being regarded as one's own individual heritage, culture of dignity. A quintessential American immigrant story, exquisitely told by one of today's leading writers, THIRTEEN SENSES is destined to become a classic.

**VICTOR VILLASENOR** is the best-selling author of Rain of Gold. His acclaimed written works, as well as his inspiring lectures, have brought him the honor of a number of awards, including The Margot Albert Award for Literary Excellence, The Lab School of Washington Award for Literary Achievement in Spite of a Learning Disability, and the Colgate-Palmolive Abrazo Award, among others. The California cities of Santa Ana, San Diego and Los Angeles have presented him with honors and proclamations for his contribution as a Hispanic role model. Born in Carlsbad, California, he resides in Oceanside, California.

The Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce & the Ninos del Sol Cultural Arts Center are proud to present Victor Villasenor for a book signing & reading to be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2001 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Chamber & Centro's Open House, located at 24371 Sunnymead Blvd, Moreno Valley, (Behind 24375 Sunnymead-Angel Flowers)

**FINANCIAL AID MONEY THAT COULD NOT BE GIVEN AWAY**

This may sound strange, but there are times when governmental financial aid centers and scholarship organizations cannot find enough qualified applicants to give their money away to. One example of such an occurrence was recently reported in a Los Angeles Times article finding that in California approximately 1.7% of the total amount of money available from the state to help students pay for their college went unclaimed and thus was returned to the regular state budget to be spent elsewhere.

About two percent may not sound like a great deal, but in terms of real money, this is almost $35 million dollars. The state simply could not find enough qualified entering or continuing college students to apply for this free money.

So what is $35 million in terms of financial aid to help students afford college?

These unawarded funds would have paid for all tuition and dormitory costs for 1,000 students attending community colleges. These funds would have covered the tuition and book costs for 38,888 full time students attending community college.

**48,358 California college freshman students did receive some level of financial aid for the 2000-2001 academic year from the state because they completed the application correctly, submitted them on time and qualified. However, 30,000 applications submitted last year were rejected simply because they were sent in incomplete or with incorrect information. Another 50,000 were rejected because the information on the financial aid request application did not match information on the applicant's school records. It is not known how many applicants were rejected because they arrived after the deadline, but estimates run in the thousands.

I have not seen any comprehensive research which shows that all the nation's state financial aid monies go unclaimed, but what I am aware of is that scholarship agencies, at local and national levels, regularly do not have qualified applicants. Agencies have the option of either moving the scholarship money not given out into the amount for the next year, or raising the scholarship level among those that did qualify for that same year. In fact, this actually happened to me when I was attending college. Five other students and I won a scholarship: one dropped out at the last moment, and the amount that he would have received was divided among those that also won and our scholarship amount was raised overnight. Boy, we were sorry that that other person dropped out but the reality was that we did appreciate that additional scholarship money we received.
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Pacheco received his B.A. from Azusa Pacific University and a J.D. from Western State University. The swearing ceremony will be on November 30th and will be assigned to the Superior Court at Joshua Tree. Born in Riverside, the family, father and mother and six children, moved to Bloomington where Pacheco grew up and attended school. He was the fifth child in the family.

In an exclusive interview with the IEHN, Pacheco spoke of growing up in a traditional Hispanic family with limited resources. “We were poor and my father worked very hard to raise our family. I remember very vividly what it was growing up with very little for us, but we managed.” he said. His father passed away at age 50.

Raised in circumstances that were challenging for a young man and achieving an education and successful law practice, Pacheco reminisced about a period in his life when he made a decision on his career goal. “At that time, there was no garbage collection in our area and each family had to periodically take their garbage to the dump. I went with my father to take our garbage to the dump and at an intersection, the brakes on our pickup did not work and we hit a cement truck. My father accepted the responsibility and for many years, he worked weekends to pay off the debt.”

Pacheco realized that if his father had legal representation and negotiated with the cement company, the debt and liability imposed on the family for those many years would not have been as great.

“Thereafter. I made up my mind at that early age that I would become an attorney and try to help poor families when these situations occurred, where legal advice and representation is necessary to avoid financial liabilities for those families that can least afford it,” Pacheco succinctly stated.

He is a member of: the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Inc., president-1990 to 1994, vice president-1986, 1987 and 1997; Consumer Attorneys of California; State Bar of California; San Bernardino County Bar Association (board of directors); Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association; Los Angeles Bar Association; Judge Pro Tempore-San Bernardino Superior Court; Pro Bono Arbitration Panel-Pomona Superior Court; Future Leaders of America; and many other community and legal organizations.

Pacheco is planning to continue being involved in specific social issues in the community whenever possible. He feels that judges should be more visible within their respective communities within the scope of avoiding conflict of judicial conduct.

“First of all, I am extremely honored that Governor Davis appointed me to serve in this county. I was raised in Bloomington and most of my family and friends live in San Bernardino County. I consider this county my home.”

“Being appointed to the bench will be a challenge that I am looking forward to. I hope that my past experience will help me in being a pragmatic judge”

The Inland Empire Hispanic News congratulates John Pacheco on his appointment as judge to the San Bernardino Superior Court.

BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCE WORKSHOP

A workshop designed for people who plan to start a business or have recently established a business will be held Thursday, November 15, 2001, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, 3985 University Avenue, Riverside, California.

Sponsored by the Inland Empire Chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Association, this program will discuss the business plan as an integral part of a business loan application. Most banks will not even discuss a loan until a business plan is presented. Learn about business plans, good record keeping practices and SBA-guaranteed loan opportunities.

The fee, which includes materials, is $20.00 per person. For additional information on this event or free business counseling from SCORE, contact SCORE at (909) 652-4390.
RECRUITING, RETENTION AND DIVERSITY
COMMISSION APPOINTED AT RIVERSIDE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

An independent commission of county citizens and civic leaders was appointed by Sheriff Larry Smith and Undersheriff Bob Doyle to help Riverside County Sheriff’s Department improve in the areas of recruitment, retention and diversity. The commission members, from all over the county, will spend the next year learning about the department’s human resources structure and suggesting ways to improve it.

At the September 26 meeting commissioners were sworn in and a chair and vice-chair were elected. They are as follows: Commission Chair Percy Byrd, Indian Wells; Commission Vice-chair Mary Figueroa, Riverside; Sylvester Bland, Riverside; Luke Madrigal, TemeCula; Quinta; Luke Madrigal, Temecula; Carl McPeters, Indio; Brian Nestande, Palm Desert; Michael Ocasio, Riverside; Phil Rizzo, Moreno Valley; Lee Simmons, Rancho Mirage and Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Riverside.

Serving as ex-officio members on the commission are Sheriff Smith, Undersheriff Doyle, and Mr. Pat McNamara, president of Riverside Sheriff’s Association.

“Part of the reason for the formation of the Commission stems from the findings of the 2000 Census, which shows that between 1990 and 2000, Riverside County’s Hispanic population ballooned by 82 percent. In contrast, the county’s non-Hispanic population grew by 14 percent during the same time frame,” said Sheriff Smith. “We think it’s important to take a look at the demographic makeup of our employees, so that we can try to mirror the communities we serve,” said Undersheriff Doyle.

In preparation for the monthly meeting, the department is compiling data to help identify racial and gender makeup of its 1,400 classified and 1,500 officers.

WHAT’S UP AT PRO?
Inland Agency-People Reaching Out Monthly Update

**Map Out Your Future with the Riverside Youth Consortium**
Are you currently looking to re-start school or do you know a youth who is 14-15 years old who is out of school and could benefit from re-enrollment assistance? If so, contact PRO to learn more about our WIA program for out-of-school youth. Youth will receive an individualized set of services to include: Educational Achievement, Leadership Development, Preparation for Employment, paid Internships and Counseling.

**Job Readiness Training Available**
PRO is offering Job Readiness Training for youth ages 14-17 seeking their first job. This four hour seminar is held in two sessions and is available by request at various sites in the community, schools or training facilities for groups of four (4) or more. Participants will learn how to complete an application, prepare for an interview and dress for success. A Certificate of Completion will be awarded for successful participation in both sessions. To schedule a class, please call our office.

**PEACE PROs**
Inland Agency is offering a program to help promote productivity, peace, health and well being. Peace PROs provides a forum for middle and high school students to learn and practice the skills of building peace and reducing conflict. As a PEACE PRO, the student learns to better cooperate, communicate, appreciate differences, express emotions appropriately, and resolve conflict. Students first master the skills of making peaceful choices in their own lives and then apply these skills to building a more peaceful community.

**It’s not too late to start.**
After school Volunteers Needed
Volunteers are needed to tutor in all subject areas to youth, grades 7th-12th in the S.P.O.T. (Student Place of Opportunity and Training) After school Program.

The SPOT meets daily at the Cesar Chavez Community Center (2000 University Ave., Riverside, CA 92507) ph: (909) 686-8945, fax: (909) 686-8528, Monday – Thursday 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Andrea or Dave.

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**NORTHSIDE IMPACT COMMITTEE PREPARING FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS**
The Northside Impact Committee is currently taking applications for their Annual Christmas Baskets for Low-Income Families Program. Applications are available at the following location:

SHU-Business and Education Institute,
1554 North Orange Street, Redlands, CA,
Monday thru Thursday from 10:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.

Application information phone number is:

(909) 798-4033.

Verification of Income is required
Areas served are: Redlands, Mentone, Yucaipa, Loma Linda, Bryn Mawr, Colton, and Highland.

For further information call Ed Flores (909) 798-7130.

Salute to the Route
Notice

Sunday, November 11, 2001 will mark the 51st anniversary of Armistice Day, also known as Veteran’s Day. It also marks the 75th anniversary of Historic Route 66. Salute to the Route will host a double ceremony at Plaza Park on Mt. Vernon in San Bernardino, as Plaza Park is located on Historic Route 66 and has the War veterans Memorial within the park.

The Schedule of events include:

- 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Custom lowriders and streetrods will “cruise in” to commemorate Historic Route 66
- 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Color guard – Arroyo Valley High School directed by 1st Sergeant Wayne Howard, ROTC Trainer
- Pledge of Allegiance – Esther Jimenez
- Invocation – Father Gomez from Immaculate Conception Church
- God Bless America – Judy R. Arnold
- Presentations – guest speakers
- 21-gun salute – VFW Post 6476
- Taps – Dr. Frank Peterson of Valley College & American Legion Post 421

Donations will be accepted to begin restoration of the broken wing on the Plaza Park War Veterans Memorial.

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For more information, please contact chairman Danny Flores Ph. No. (909) 887-2745.
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