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NEW SAN BERNARDINO CULTURAL ARTS CENTER TO CELEBRATE OPENING

Downtown San Bernardino will welcome visitors to its newest attraction after the Arts on Fifth Center celebrates the opening of its cultural and arts site at 468 West Fifth Street on Saturday, January 26 with a Special VIP Fundraising Reception. Latinos in Hollywood, a special 142-piece photography exhibition, is scheduled to initiate the opening of the center. On Sunday, January 27, the center has scheduled an open house for visitors from throughout the area.

The Arts on Fifth is a partnership venture between the City of San Bernardino Cultural and International Affairs Bureau, Arts Council for San Bernardino County and Cal-State, San Bernardino Coyote Conservatory. "Our plans are to present the cultural heritage of our city and also the international culture represented by our many residents and visitors," stated Charles Bradley, the new director of the center and the city's current cultural affairs and sister cities director.

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SARA MARTINEZ TUCKER
Making a Difference in the Lives of Latino Students

Tucker immediately thinks, "This is what is expected, but what can I do to improve the process. improve the communication so that it's different...better."

Early on in her life, during her school upbringing in Laredo, Texas the former AT&T executive learned that doing only what was required was not going to be her lot in life. Her teacher, Sister Esther Lopez, made sure the young girl and her classmates were always challenged.

"Sister Lopez was rigorous in her expectations," remembers Tucker. "But it wasn't out of spite. It was out of concern that her students learn as much as possible."

Tucker has much in common with her former teacher, who she still keeps in touch with via email. Through her work with HSF, Tucker is giving back to her community by making a difference in the lives of many young students.

"More Latinos need to understand that if we are going to have a choice, education is the only thing that will give us the luxury of choosing what we want to be, what we want to do, and how we want to be remembered," adds Tucker.

Over the next decade the state will need to find 300,000 people to take on the challenging but rewarding job of teaching California's children. As an extension of ongoing recruitment efforts led by CalTeach (the California Center for Teaching Careers), the "Inspire a Future Leader. Teach" campaign is a statewide public education effort and international visitor program in Riverside, the City of Riverside, and the University of California, Riverside. The films will be shown at the Marketplace Cinema in Riverside on the 26th and 27th.

The opening reception for the RIFF will be held at the UCR/California Museum of Photography on January 25. Admission tickets to the event are $20 per person and $35 per couple. The kick off event will include French short films and live entertainment from some of the countries represented by the sister cities of Riverside along with champagne and desserts. Information number for the reception is (909) 683-6065.

Films challenge the way we see our world. In the spirit of furthering global connections through our sister cities programs, we feel that films will bring a short but meaningful picture of lives in other cultures and perhaps foster additional interest in these cultures, according to IRC president Dr. Harkeerat Dhillon chair of the Riverside International Film festival.

Cultural diversity is the overall theme of the film festival, as the idea was born out of the desire to showcase the countries and cities with which Riverside has formal international ties.

Films are expected from Japan, Korea, China, Mexico, India, France, Germany and Canada. Showings will start at 9 am and continue all day on January 26 and 27. RIFF reserves the right to make changes in film titles and scheduling without notice.

The purpose of the event is to explore the cultures of the countries with which we have ongoing relations, through the medium of film. Riverside International Council's (IRC) purpose is to foster cooperation in business, research, education, and cultural exchange with our partners abroad.

Cinema encompasses and translates for us the reality of a culture in all of these facets. To a story line and dialogue, a film adds the unspoken values of setting, costume, color, gesture and custom.

The festival is expected to attract viewers from all over Southern California and we are reaching out to students from surrounding colleges and universities. Special discounts for students will be offered.

For further information please contact: Walter Jansen, RIFF Vice Chair, (714) 735-7159 or Katherine Doyle, IRC Vice Pres. (909) 662-7911.
California Capital Cos., an Ontario-based business conglomerate, was awarded the RE/MAX Award (Home Ownership Participation for Everyone), Brokerage Division by the National Association of Realtors in Washington, D.C. in late 2001. The award was presented at a gala dinner that included a $10,000 honorarium.

The award was created in recognition of California Capital's work in a home ownership program that helps put more than 10,000 families into homes, according to company officials. California Capital was chosen for its work in a home ownership program that helps people buy their own homes. The company has grown into four companies with 740 employees in 11 offices in California and Arizona.

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The Espinoza brothers story is inspirational as well, stated Cook. Their migrant workers parents had 12 children and their father built the family's first home, an adobe, in Colorado. "They themselves understood how hard it was for Hispanics to buy homes," said Cook.

The Espinoza brothers have come a long way since 1981 when the company was started with three employees. The company has grown into four companies with 140 employees in 11 offices in California and Arizona.

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The Latino market is still untapped by larger companies and that leaves plenty of customers for California Capital, Ponzell said. "The reason we have been able to grow is due to the market being so huge," he said.
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HCF'S 2002 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Hispanic College Fund (HCF) is currently accepting applications for its 2002 scholarship program from the Internet. The HCF's application is now available from its website at www.hispanicfund.org.

Every year the HCF receives hundreds of applications for its scholarship program. The scholarships are targeted to Hispanic students who wish to obtain an undergraduate degree leading to educational value for help children learn.

Every year we see a significant growth in the number of applications we must process. Says Idalia P. Fernandez, HCF's Acting Director. "Having the application online will help us automate the process and make it easier for interested students to apply." Thanks to a grant from MasterCard International the HCF was able to have its application designed and hosted by Embark. Embark provides a comprehensive online resource for students to research, prepare, apply for, and finance their college education. "The relationship with Embark made sense because we share the same customers - college students," Fernandez added.

MasterCard International has been a sponsor of the HCF since 1994. MasterCard's support has awarded over $100,000 for scholarships and projects like the HCF alumni survey and the application on line. "Having the application online I believe is timely and we are very grateful to MasterCard International and to Embark for making this happen," said Fernandez.


Apply online at www.hispanicfund.org

SHOW YOUR SMARTS WITH EDUCATIONAL GIFTS

There are several steps you can take to help the young people in your life along the road to a good education. Here are a few suggestions from experts:

• Reading—Read to your children both long before you think they can understand it and long after they learn to read themselves. Read to yousel as well. If your youngers see you enjoying books, newspapers and magazines, they'll see it as something they want to do.

• Writing—It's also wise to show them you like to write: letters, bread-and-butter notes, messages in the lunch box. To help them practice their penmanship, have your children write out the family shopping list, list the gifts they want for their birthdays and write their own thank you notes.

• Arithmetic: ask your child's help when cooking with measuring or adjusting ingredients. Have children determine what the bill will be when you shop or eat out.

• Recess. Give them something smart to play with. Perhaps the best gifts are educational materials, including toys, imaginative games, children's story books, children's activity books, science and nature kits, and arts & crafts. Uncommon items for every age, grade, and skill level can be found at Parent-Teacher stores. These items can stimulate learning using creativity and fun. The educational supply stores typically stock about 10,000 different items specially selected to help children enjoy a whole lifetime of learning. Products are selected based on quality, teacher and parent demand, value, packaging, and price. The stores specialize in merchandise that is not sold by mass market supermarkets and that has true educational value to help children learn.

The products are classroom-tested for effectiveness and safety and personalized, friendly service makes shopping convenient and easy.

You can locate a nearby Parent-Teacher store and learn more online at www.TeacherStores.com.

OMNITRANS INTRODUCES OMNILINK – A NEW WAY TO GET AROUND

SUN BERNARDO, CA

The new year will bring a new transportation option to the communities of Grand Terrace, South Colton and Chino Hills. On January 7, Omnitrans introduces its newest demand-response service, OmniLink, for a special introductory price of just $1.00 per ride.

OmniLink was created to give customers in the outlying areas of Grand Terrace, South Colton and Chino Hills better connections to Omnitrans' regular, fixed-route bus service. Special minibuses will provide curb to curb service for customers within the OmniLink service zone, and will connect with regular fixed-route service at designated points.

To use the service, customers will call OmniLink to make a reservation. Reservations can be made as many as three days in advance, or as little as a few hours in advance on a space-available basis. Customers who use the service three or more times per week also may qualify for repeater service, and make reservations by the month. OmniLink then will pick customers up at home or a location of their choosing, and drop them off at the curb in front of their destination.

OmniLink service will be available from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. For the first year of OmniLink service, Omnitrans will offer special introductory fares of $1.00 for regular fare and 50¢ for seniors; persons with a disability and students on the Chino Hills and Grand Terrace/ South Colton routes.

The service's Chino Hills service zone includes the Civic Center, Ayala High School, and the Chino Hills Marketplace, where customers can connect with Omnitrans Routes 65 and 72.

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Teacher's Job Fair

The San Bernardino City Unified school district is sponsoring a Teacher Job Fair On Saturday, February 23rd From 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The fair will be held at the San Bernardino Adult Education Building located at 1200 North "E" Street in San Bernardino.

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THE RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM PRESENTS ART COLLECTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK CULTURAL CENTER

Nineteen countries are represented in this important collection of original graphics on loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC to the Riverside Art Museum, 3425 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501, with exhibitions starting January 19, 2002 - March 9, 2002.

Rendered through numerous print-making techniques and created by such recognized artists as Jose Clemente Orozco, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, Rufino Tamayo, Jose Luis Cuevas and Roberto Matta, the Museum is fortunate to be able to bring this academically important exhibit of graphic art to the community.

Paralleling the Riverside Art Museum's own emphasis on the collection and exhibition of original prints, the IDB's collection of works on paper represent the most artistically and historically important part of their vast holdings.

Created in 1959 to support and accelerate the economic and social growth of its member countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, the IDB is an international financial institution that acts as a principal source of public financing for most Latin American countries. Since that time the IDB acquired various works of art to enrich the working environment of its headquarters and country offices. This exhibition represents only a small sampling of the IDB's extraordinarily diverse collection.

In 1992 the IDB established a Cultural Center that now serves as a site for varied cultural activities in Washington DC. The IDB's Cultural Center organizes programs in three main areas of activity: support of cultural initiatives at the country level, programming of visual arts, concerts and lectures for the regional community, and cultural promotion across the nation. It is this initiative to promote the creativity and culture of its member nations that served as the catalyst for the loan of Graphics from Latin America and the Caribbean, to the Riverside Art Museum.

The IDB continues to seek new acquisitions that reflect the creativity and multicultural and ethnic diversity of the Bank's regional and non-regional member countries.

Entry fee is $2.00 per visitor, museum members, students, children under 12 FREE. Mon.-Sat 10AM to 4PM. For further information call at (909) 684-7111.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF $4 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR CESAR CHAVEZ DAY PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO - Governor Gray Davis today announced that more than $4 million in grants will be awarded to 65 service projects across the state that engage California's K-12th grade students in service activities in honor of Cesar Chavez Day 2002.

"Cesar Chavez fought tirelessly for social change and worked to improve the quality of life for thousands of people," Governor Davis said. "In honoring his legacy, we encourage others to adopt his extraordinary commitments to community service."

Last year, Governor Davis signed legislation to observe the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning. On April 1, 2002, individuals business and community leaders, teachers and school children will unite in meaningful service projects that commemorate the legacy of Cesar Chavez and the principles he embodied.

The service projects awarded this year include a Maurice K. AIC in San Diego, where the AmericaCorps Grossmont College program will be working with elementary schools to engage them in a long-term community service-learning mural art project focusing on Chavez's values of multiculturalism and tolerance. The Orange County Cesar Chavez Day Initiative will give fourth graders in the county the opportunity to glean vegetables that will then be donated to local food banks. In Millville, Shasta County, 250 k-8th grade students will need nearly two miles of roadway around Millville with poppies and other native plants in a community beautification project. Other service-learning projects will take place around the State.

The Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning is the largest state appropriation to support national service in the country, and is administered by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV).

There are 65 community based organizations and educational facilities in California that received $4,156,602.00.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT DAVID LONG SEeks SECOND TERM

Dr. David Long has announced his candidacy for re-election as Superintendent for the Riverside County Office of Education.

Elected for his first term in January, 1999, Dr. Long had stated that he would prioritize his term with the improvement of student achievement, boost test scores, develop new and innovative safety programs through-out the county, improve reading as a building block for student advancement, among other priorities.

Within the last three years, student achievement in the county has been upgraded to 17 percent in reading and 37 percent improvement in math, as measured by the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR). Those figures are higher than the state's improvement of 12 and 25 percent in the respective subjects, according to Long.

One of his foremost advanced projects to better develop relationships among parents, educators and administrators in the county was the organization of the Riverside Community Action Planning Group, a consortium of students, parents, teachers, businesses, law enforcement officials and community leaders. The group meets on a yearly basis, forming task forces on various educational-related areas: safety, reading, academics, etc. Each task force worked throughout the year to achieve their respective objectives. At year-ending meetings, progress reports were submitted to the overall group.

Long also established the Riverside County Reading Task Force to focus attention on literacy, creating the first Reading Rallies in Riverside and formed the County Achievement Teams (CAT) to support school districts improve its curriculum.

The Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, under state educational laws, has fiscal responsibilities of the 23 school districts and specific state-mandated educational programs. The Riverside County Office of Education manages a $300 budget and has 1,600 employees.

Long is a long-time educator with 40 years of varied experience as teacher, principal, district superintendent and county superintendent of schools.

Long has been endorsed by congressional leaders, including Congresspersons Ken Calvert and Mary Bono, law enforcement groups and teacher associations.

CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE ACCESS PROGRAM

Do You, or Anyone You Know, Have Difficulty Using the Telephone

If so, you may be interested to know about the State program that provides telephone equipment and services, at no charge, to people who have difficulty using the telephone.

The California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) lends telephone equipment and services, at no charge, to those who qualify. To qualify for the CTAP, you must live in California, have phone service in your home, and must be certified by a medical doctor, or other authorized agents listed in the CTAP brochure, as having a permanent or temporary impairment.

The California Relay Service (CRS) relays calls between TTY (text telephone) users people that cannot hear or speak over the telephone) and non-TTY users.

Available equipment such as, TTY's amplified phones, large button phones, cordless phones, remote control speaker phones, alerting devices to signal in coming calls and much more.

The Speech to Speech Relay Service (STS) relays calls to or for people who are speech disabled.

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There is an Outreach Specialist in your area who can visit your facility, at no charge, to provide information, a staff in-service, training, or presentation about these Programs. To request a brochure, a presentation, or more information, contact the Outreach Department at 1-800-995-6833.

Ensure everyone in the State of California has access to the telephone - contact us now!

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CHILDREN'S LIVES IMPROVING, BUT MORE WORK NEEDED

The state of children and families in San Bernardino County is a story of mixed trends, showing that the efforts of partnerships to improve the lives of children are paying off, but much work needs to still be done.

The 2001 Annual Report of the Children's Network of San Bernardino County reports that the number of children and families on public assistance continues to decline, along with the child death rate, the infant mortality rate and the school dropout rate. However, a growing number of children are being steered toward the county's Department of Children's Services on reports of abuse and neglect, and a growing number of children are finding themselves in trouble with the law.

An array of partnerships and programs established through the County's Children's Network has been hard at work addressing major threats to the well being of the County's young people.

"Significant, positive outcomes for children and youth in San Bernardino County can only be achieved through partnership," said Children's Net work Officer Kent Paxton. "The Children's Network promotes and supports the partnerships.*

The latest two phases of the Riverside Receives Funds for Energy Saving Rebate Program have been hard at work addressing major threats to the well being of the County's young people.

The Net work was designed in 1976 by Judge Patrick Morris to study and coordinate children's services within the County. Partnerships established through the Network bring together the various County agencies that provide services to children, including Social Services, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Probation, the County Superintendent of Schools, and a host of others.

Components of the net work also include community organizations, businesses, the religious community to focus on policy solutions, delivery of services, fund-raising, legislation, childcare and child development and family support and preservation. One example of hard work paying off in a positive outcome for our County's young people was a dramatic drop in the number of child deaths.

Deaths among San Bernardino County residents aged 18 and younger declined from nearly 24 per 100,000 in 1990 to less that 13 per 100,000 in 1999, the most recent year for which statistics are available. Despite a sharp increases in the county's total population during the 1990s, the number of children killed in motor vehicle accidents steadily declined from 45 in 1990 to 30 in 1999, the number of children who drowned plummeted from 15 in 1990 to 5 in 1999, and the number of children lost to homicide dropped from 31 in 1990 to 16 in 1999.

There have also been dramatic declines in the number of children and families who rely on public assistance. There were 79,251 children in CalWORKS families in January 2001, a 7 percent reduction from 2000. There were 27,123 families in CalWORKS in January 2001, a 32 percent reduction from 2000 and a 39 percent reduction from January 1999. However, statistics suggest that a growing number of children are threatened by abuse or neglect, or perhaps county residents have become more diligent about coming forward with complaints. In 2000, there were 50,030 children referred to the San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services, a 7.6 percent increase over 1999. However, the trend toward higher caseloads is decreasing. The number of children referred to Children's Services rose nearly 12 percent from 1998 to 1999. Also, the number of children booked into San Bernardino County juvenile detention centers has dramatically increased. In 2000, 6,174 minors were taken into custody -- a 25 percent increase from 1990 and a 45 percent increase from 1998. However, much of that increase seems to be the result of tougher policies enacted by the law and justice system. There was a 29 percent increase in the number of admissions based on probation violations and court orders, and a 40 percent increase based on special circumstances such as weekend stays.

Through its partnerships and collaborative efforts, Children's Network strives to reduce the number of families and children at risk in San Bernardino County. Copies of the complete 70-page report are available through the Children's Network of San Bernardino County, 365 N. Arrowhead Ave., Second Floor, San Bernardino, (909) 387-8966.

RIVERSIDE RECEIVES FUNDS FOR ENERGY SAVING REBATE PROGRAM

RIVERSIDE, CA -- Proving first hand that their Utility's rebate programs really do work, the City of Riverside received $295,884 from Riverside Public Utilities for taking advantage of a variety of the Utility's energy-saving rebate programs.

Since 1995, the City of Riverside has been upgrading its buildings and facilities to make them more energy efficient. Because they too are customers of Riverside Public Utilities, the city can take advantage of the Utility's programs. RPU received rebate applications for lighting, motors, energy management systems, variable speed drives, cooling equipment and air conditioning for 18 buildings including fire and police stations, 16 parks, the sports complex and center, the airport, libraries, the bus station and the water quality plant.

The latest two phases of the Riverside Building Facilities Retrofit Project will save over 3,899,660 kilowatt hours of electricity.

"The city has proved how easy it is to utilize these wonderful programs," said Utilities Director Tom Evans. "I would encourage all of our business and residential customers to look into these programs for themselves and take full advantage of the energy savings and rebates they offer."

Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility which serves over 96,100 electric and 63,500 water customers within the City of Riverside.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

RIVERSIDE, CA -- Blindness Support Services will conduct the Independent Living Skills Program at senior centers in Chino, Highland, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, and Yucaipa once a week for up to four hours a session.

This program is funded through Title 7, Chapter 2 grant administered by the California Department of Rehabilitation. This program offers FREE classes designed to help blind or visually impaired seniors adapt to their vision loss by learning ways to function independently in their daily activities.

Lessons will consist of money management, closet and drawer organization, telling time, telephone skills, independent shopping, kitchen organization, household cleaning, grocery shopping, meal preparation, and personal hygiene.

For more information about when the classes begin, please contact Erica Mackowen or Jennifer Beckett at (909) 341-8359 if you would like to participate in this FREE program or know of someone who is in need of this program.

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MIKE RAMOS IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S RACE

Mike Ramos, born and raised in Redlands, is a candidate for District Attorney for the San Bernardino County. "I believe my experience as an elected servant and as a prosecutor who is tough on crime, uniquely qualifies me to serve as the top law enforcement officer in San Bernardino County. As District Attorney, I will lead with the level of integrity, ethics, justice and professionalism that the public expects and demands. I will restore the office's working relationships with enforcement, governmental agencies and the community," Ramos stated in a prepared statement.

Ramos began his public career as a group counselor for San Bernardino County's Kuiper Youth Center and later as a probation officer until 1989. He was appointed deputy district attorney in 1989 and within the last four years, served in the major crimes unit, a division of the district attorney's office that prosecutes high profile death penalty and life without parole cases. "I have tried over 100 jury trials including fifteen homicides and five death penalty trials. My trial record reflects that I am tough on crime."

A 1976 graduate of Redlands High School, Ramos attended San Bernardino Community College for two years, and enrolled at the University of California, Riverside, receiving a B.A. in Sociology in 1980. He graduated from the Citrus Belt Law School in Riverside in 1988, and was admitted into the State Bar of California in 1989. Ramos and his wife, Gretchen, are the parents of Michelle and Michael.

He was elected to the Redlands Board of Education in 1995 and re-elected to a second term. His professional membership includes the California State Bar and the California District Attorney's Association.

Ramos has been endorsed by the following: Congressman Jerry Lewis, Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, retired Supervisor Barbara Riordan, National Latino Peace Officers Association, Central Labor Council-AFL-CIO, PORAC, SBPEA, San Bernardino (city/county)-Rialto and Redlands Professional Firefighters Association, retired Colton School Board member Ray Abril, Ben Benson-Carpenters Union/Local 944, nine county police officers associations, seven county school board members, nine law enforcement associations, seven city council members, etc.

Cal State, San Bernardino's Community Counseling Center offers help for depression, anxiety, working through life changes, relationship issues, eating disorders and other personal challenges. The confidential counseling is a service coordinated by the university's psychology department and runs only $10 per session. It also operates on a sliding scale. Graduate students in counseling psychology, overseen by Cal State faculty, are now taking appointments for day or evening sessions. The center offers one-to-one counseling for individuals from the community, says Ed Teyber, director of the program and a CSUSB psychology professor since 1979. While the center doesn't offer counseling for children, couples or families, it does give referrals.

For more information call the CSUSB Community Counseling Center at (909) 880-5569.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCRAMBLE AT MONTEREY COUNTRY CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT LUNG ASSOCIATION

The American Lung Association will be sponsoring the St. Patrick's Day Scramble golf tournament at the Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert on March 25 at 8:00 a.m. (registration begins 7:00). Proceeds from the event will benefit the asthma education programs and services of the American Lung Association.

The entry fee is $75 per golfer and covers golf and cart, range balls, lunch after golf, and chances for additional prizes. Always a favorite among tournament regulars, this private course offers tight, target golf with strategically placed bunkers and water hazards.

Directions: Take the Monterey Avenue exit from Interstate 10 and drive south four miles to the club.

For more information, call the American Lung Association office at 909-684-5864.

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DA CANDIDATE FRANK GUZMAN CELEBRATES OPEN HOUSE

Over 130 family, elected officials, democratic club presidents and supporters from throughout the county joined District Attorney candidate Frank Guzman celebrate the opening of his campaign headquarters at an open house, and scheduling a special trip to attend the opening was Senator Nell Soto and Assemblyman John Longville. Pictured above (1 to r) Gil Navarro, Roxanne Rios, Jesse Valenzuela, Doris Wallace, DA candidate Frank Guzman and Ray Quinto. Campaign headquarters address: 707 W. 2nd Street, Ste G, San Bernardino, CA 92401, tel. no. (909) 885-2100. Food and drinks were donated by the Cardenas Stores.

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SINFONIA MEXICANA PRESENTS NOCHE DE ALEGRIA WITH MAESTRO EDUARDO DIAZMUÑOZ

Sinfonia Mexicana Society announced the forthcoming Noche de Alegria (Night of Joy)—classical concert to be presented on Saturday, March 9, 2002 at the California Theatre of Performing Arts, 562 West Fourth Street, San Bernardino with Maestro Eduardo Diazmuñoz conducting the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra.

The Canto Bella Master Chorale and the Claremont High School Chamber Singers are featured, both groups conducted by E. Earl Williams II.

According to Tony Bocanegra, Sinfonia Mexicana director, the “joyful” program of Mexican classical music has been specially selected to appeal to young adults. Musical educational presentations will be scheduled at local schools to encourage students to attend the concert and develop an appreciation of classical music. The general public will enjoy a unique and culturally musical concert, said Bocanegra.

Maestro Diazmuñoz, currently music director and artistic advisor of the Baja California Symphony Orchestra, is an accomplished composer, pianist, percussionist and a gifted lecturer. He returns to San Bernardino to conduct the symphony orchestra after an absence of five years. He has conducted more than 70 orchestras in France, Spain, United States, Canada and Mexico, and is noted for having interpreted an extremely varied, extensive and rapidly expanding musical repertoire.

Canto Bella Master Chorale, organized by Ernie Gomez and Charles Bradley, is widely known in the Inland Empire and has performed for church groups, civic functions and has presented concerts for over two decades. The musical group is composed of local singers. Tickets are on sale for $20, $25 and $30, with discount tickets for seniors and students. For information, please call at the Sinfonia Mexicana Office at (909) 884-3228 or visit the Arts on Fifth Building at 468 West 5th Street, San Bernardino.

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LABOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS RIVERSIDE $2.2 MILLION TRAINING GRANT

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao has announced grant awards totaling more than $24 million under the H-1B Technical Skills Training grant program. Riverside County’s program is among nine programs nationwide funded under the grant to provide high-level training to employed and unemployed workers for jobs in occupations where skills shortages exist, especially in health care and information technology related fields.

In California, grants were also awarded to Sunnyvale’s NOVA Workforce Board and the City of Richmond.

The two-year grant will provide $2,231,600 to train approximately 850 Riverside County residents for jobs in the health care. The training will prepare workers for a broad range of positions along a nursing career ladder ranging from certification for assistive personnel to specialty training for registered nurses.

The program is the result of collaboration between the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and Riverside Community College, and will also include as partners the county’s Workforce Development Board, One-Stop Career Centers, the Healthcare Business Council, California State University in Fullerton, Loma Linda University, and seven area hospitals and medical centers which may also serve as future employers for those completing the training.

“H-1B Technical Skills Training grants are supported by user fees paid by employers seeking high skilled foreign workers under the H-1B visa program. The goal of the training grants is to prepare Americans for these same high skill jobs, reducing the dependence on foreign labor.

For more information on the grants and other federal job training information, please go to www.dol.gov

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RESPONDING TO THE PROBLEM OF CHILD POVERTY

Good news: the 2000 census reported overall poverty rates have declined.

Nevertheless, more than 31 million people in the United States live below the U.S. Government-defined poverty line (income of less than $17,650 for a family of four). Youth under 18 still experience the highest incidence of poverty. One out of every six American children lives in poverty. The child poverty rate is actually higher than it was in 1979 and the U.S. ranks higher in this category than most all industrialized nations.

Statistics show children living in poverty experience more health problems, often have problems in school and are more likely to end up in the juvenile justice system. What can be done?

One organization working to alleviate the conditions that perpetuate child poverty is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD, which is sponsored by the U.S. Catholic bishops and supported by an annual collection in all Catholic churches, specializes in permanently breaking the cycle of poverty rather than just treating the symptoms. It does that by providing grants to community-based organizations that help parents move themselves out of poverty and improve the living conditions for children. This year, the campaign distributed more than $10 million to 317 projects in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Many of the projects are sponsored by interfaith organizations that have banded together to solve community issues. The people being helped are actually helping themselves.

Children in Washington, D.C. learn about bicycle mechanics and safety after school and gain practical experience in bicycle repairs.

In Milwaukee, Wis., the Wisconsin Citizen Action Fund works with legislators and landlords to reduce exposure to lead paint in young children. More than 5,000 Milwaukee children suffered lead poisoning in one year, largely from flaking paint in aging homes inhabited by low-income families. Untreated, lead poison causes learning disabilities and physical impairment.

In Las Cruces, NM, the Colonias Development Council works to provide childcare for families where both parents work as seasonal employees.

“All of the projects assisted by CCHD grants aim to bring about permanent change at the local level,” said Father Robert J. Vasillo, CCHD executive director. “They promote employability and work to provide better housing, better childcare, and better nutrition. They are not just stopgap measures, but are designed to improve the quality of life for people of all ages,” he said.

To learn more about efforts to combat child poverty, visit the Web site at www.povertyusa.org.

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OFFERS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Clinical Social Work Department is hold semimonthly support meeting to assist those who have experienced the death of a friend or loved one. The meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Sequoia Conference Room, first floor, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, 400 N. Pepper Avenue, Colton.

The meetings will be held on the following dates:


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on January 29, 2002 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 2001-2002 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 available 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 reviewed 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, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purposes of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the “County Consortium.”

To receive the 2001-2005 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 2001-2002 Action Plan. On April 17, 2001, 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, 2001 for funding approval.

PROPOSED CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS: The following proposed amendments will substantially change the CDBG portion of the 2001-2002 Action Plan:

1. Cancel the Desert Sanctuary Domestic Violence Shelter Facility Acquisition Project, in the City of Barstow, as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $18,000 CDBG allocation to a new project to construct healing and cooling improvements to the Desert Sanctuary Outreach Facility, also in Barstow.

2. Initiate a new project for construction of water lines in the Newmark Well Field area in the unincorporated community of Granite West, west of the City of Barstow, utilizing $75,000 of CDBG funds from the Countywide Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund (Bus-Ex) Program, and subject to co-funding and development agreement from the City of Barstow.

3. Cancel the Twenty-nine Palms Fire Equipment Upgrade Project as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $7,500 CDBG allocation to the Lucile Park Ball Field Lighting Project in the City of Twentynine Palms.

4. Cancel the Big River Fire Station Addition Project as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $27,000 CDBG allocation to the Earp Fire Station #2, Water System Improvements Project, and $8,500 to unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisorial District.

5. Cancel the Call for Life Help Center Pregnancy Counseling Services Program as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $3,500 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisorial District.

6. Cancel the San Antonio Park Handicapped Access Improvements Project, in the City of Upland, as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $100,000 CDBG allocation to a new project for construction of sidewalk and street improvements along Arrow Route from Roseda Avenue to Redwood Avenue in the unincorporated area of West Fontana.

7. Initiate a new project for Preliminary Design and Construction Engineering of walkways along Lake Drive from Straight Way to Lake Gregory Drive in Crestline, utilizing $25,000 of CDBG funds from unprogrammed funds for the Second Supervisorial District.

8. Cancel the United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) Off Road Wheelchair Program as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $693 CDBG allocation to the USARC Service Facility Construction Project located in the City of Big Bear Lake.

9. Reprogram $50,000 from the Housing Code Enforcement - Southwest Highland Program to the Ninth Street Sidewalk Improvements Project, also located in the City of Highland.

10. Cancel the Highland Library Rehabilitation Project as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $15,000 remaining balance to unprogrammed funds for the Third Supervisorial District.

11. Initiate a new project for installation of bleachers, park benches and related improvements at Texonia Park in the City of Redlands, utilizing $30,000 of CDBG funds from the Texonia Park Ball Field Improvements Project.

12. Cancel the Pet Spay and Neuter Services Program in the City of Yucaipa as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $3,000 CDBG allocation to Yucaipa unprogrammed funds.

13. Cancel the Yucca Valley Gateway Corridor Revitalization project as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $88,955 of CDBG funds and $75,000 of CDBG program income to the Yucca Valley Gateway Streetscape project.

14. Cancel the Yucca Valley Community Center Multi-Purpose Athletic Field Improvements Project as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram the project’s $165,067 allocation to the Hi-Desert Park Restroom and Walkway Construction Project in the Town of Yucca Valley and expand the scope of the Hi-Desert Park Project to include additional improvements.

15. Revise the scope of the work of the Morongo Basin Adult Health Services (MBAHS) Re-Roof Project located in the Town of Yucca Valley, to Re-Plastering of the Therapy Pool.

16. Initiate a new project for installation of an ice making machine at the Landers Association Community Center utilizing $3,000 from unprogrammed funds for the Third Supervisorial District.

17. Subject to approval by the Chino Hills City Council on January 22, 2002, initiate a new project for design and construction of storm drains, sidewalks and street improvements in the Los Serranos neighborhood, utilizing $662,772 of CDBG funds from Chino Hills unprogrammed funds.

18. Reprogram $110,000 from City of Montclair unprogrammed funds to the Essex Park Ball Field Improvements Project, located in the City of Montclair.

19. Reprogram new funds for the Essex Park Ball Field Improvements Project, located in the City of Montclair.

20. Initiate a new project for the County Office of Small Business Development to provide technical assistance to Emerging Small Business Enterprises (ESBE’s) utilizing $159,000 of CDBG funds from the Countywide Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund Program.

ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT PROVISIONS: 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 January 16, 2002 and ending on February 14, 2002, the public is invited to submit written comments on these proposed amendments. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. February 14, 2002 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 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.
AGE WISE PROGRAM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The County of San Bernardino, Department of Behavioral Health's Age Wise Program is seeking volunteers over age 55, for the Senior Peer Counselor Program. Volunteers are needed in the San Bernardino area. Volunteers will be trained to provide counseling and support to seniors in their homes or in community settings. Bilingual English/Spanish volunteers are in particular need. No prior counseling experience is required.

If you are interested, please contact Caroline Havert at 1-800-451-563 or 909-421-9470.

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