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The Sinfonia Mexicana is presenting the Fifth Annual Merri-Achi Christmas Concert at the Historic California Theater, 562 West Fourth Street, San Bernardino, on December 14th, 2002, at 7:00 PM. Headlining the traditional Christmas program is the Mariachi Sol De Mexico de Jose Hernandez, the first mariachi group to be nominated for a Latin Grammy. The program also includes the Ballet Nacional de Las Americas and local artist Desiree Flores. Tickets may be purchased at the Sinfonia Mexicana Office, 468 W. Fifth Street, San Bernardino, tel. No (909) 884-3228.

Desiree Flores is scheduled to perform at the Fifth Annual Merri-Achi Christmas Concert at the California Theater on December 14th. Desiree Flores is a local multitalented singer and has performed for over ten years. Flores has been the opening act for Jose Feliciano, Jenny Jones Christmas Show, sang for Governor Gray Davis, Miss San Bernardino 2000 Pageant, and other opening acts. An outstanding student, she serves as student council president, an ardent athlete and a career goal of being a doctor. She takes lessons from Gwendoly n Roberts, Director of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News, on November 6th published a profile the Gents Organization on their 50th Anniversary. The organization is recognized for its involvement in the community and its numerous projects to aid the needy. Since its origin, the Gents has generated many leaders who have become the catalyst for the success of the organization. IEHN has profiled one of those leaders.

Colonel Joseph Rodriguez, a San Bernardino native and Congressional Medal of Honor Awardee, was parade marshal at the Veterans Parade in San Bernardino. The parade was sponsored by Juan Polio, Affiliates. Colonel Rodriguez, center poses with Councilman Joe Suarez and members of the San Bernardino Police Department. Juan Polio maintains a McDonald Museum on "E" and 14th Street, the original McDonald Drive Inn.
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE FIRST CELEBRATION OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

The City of San Bernardino and San Bernardino School District opened the First Celebration of Languages and Cultures at the Court Street Square on Saturday, November 9th. Although marred by heavy rain, performers were able to carry out their individual demonstrations.

Mayor Judith Valles proclaimed the City of San Bernardino as an official bilingual city and a similar declaration by the Board of Education and Superintendent Arturo Delgado for the school District.

Students from every grade level demonstrated their multilingual skills with poetry, posters, essays and speeches. The entries were displayed during the event. Students presenting speeches spoke in English, Spanish, French and Arabic.

Student representatives from Ramona-Alessandro Elementary, Lytle Creek Elementary, Palm Elementary, King Middle School and Arroyo Valley High School made presentations.

The Crime of Father Amaro Attacks “Every-thing We Hold Sacred”

Rarely do films offend so many as the blasphemous Mexican movie The Crime of Father Amaro that will soon be coming to cinemas nationwide. In response, the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) with its America Needs Fatima campaign is launching a massive campaign of peaceful protest against what it sees as blasphemous and anti-Catholic.

Press reports say that in The Crime of Father Amaro a priest has relations with a 16 year-old girl under a robe of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He then convinces her to have an abortion during which she dies. Other scenes portray priests involved with drug dealers and Communist rebels. “In another scene, an alley cat gobbles a Communion wafer spat on the floor by a churchgoer” reports latimes.com.

“The film seems to target everything we hold sacred,” says campaign director Robert Ritchie “Such a portrayal is outrageous and insulting to millions of Catholics and especially Mexican-American Catholics. Nearly 80,000 campaign members have been asked to sign and send protest postcards to Samuel Goldwyn Films, the movie’s American distributor. Postcards were also directed to The Los Angeles Times and Fox News, urging them to give fair and extensive coverage of the movie’s blatant anti-Catholic bias.

Plans for the second phase call for the participation of an additional 250,000 Catholics in the postcard protest. A film boycott and protests in front of theaters are also being prepared.

Mr. Ritchie is especially saddened by how Our Lady of Guadalupe is again the victim of blasphemy. “We organized a peaceful protest of over 1000 Catholics against the ‘Our Lady’ exhibit at the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe last year. I cannot understand why Our Lady of Guadalupe seems to be targeted so much hatred.”

The American TFP and its America Needs Fatima campaign is in the forefront of successful blasphemy protests nationwide. Its network of nearly 20,000 local activists play an important role in getting Catholics involved in making their voices heard. This network distributed millions of flyers protesting against the play Corpus Christi. The campaign also organized hundreds of local protests in front of theaters showing the movie Dogma.

For more information see www.tfp.org <http://www.tfp.org>

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property, John Horvat P.O. Box 341, Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331, Phone: 717-225-7147 tfp@tfp.org www.tfp.org
UCR CHANCELLOR FRANCES CORDOVA RECEIVED OVERWHELMING RECEPTION

Testimonial speakers pose with UCR Chancellor Frances Cordova at a reception at the Riverside Convention Center. Left to right: Martin Martinez, Director; Reynaldo J. Carreon M.D. Foundation; Dr. Elsa Valdez, Cal-State, San Bernardino-Professor of Sociology; Dr. Carlos Velez-Ivanez, Director; Ernesto Galarza Applied Research Center; Amanda Trujillo, Chair, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan of UCR; Manuela Sosa, UCR Chancellor's Chicano/Latino Advisory Committee; Chancellor Frances Cordova and Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Assistant to the Superintendent, Riverside Office of Education, Mistress of Ceremonies. Photo by IEHN

PLANT A SEED OF HOPE IN THE HEART, MIND, AND SOUL OF A CHILD THIS HOLIDAY

The spirit of giving continues to brighten this holiday season through your toy donations for at-risk children in our community. Donate one or more unwrapped toys at one of the many countywide Toys for Tots box locations in San Bernardino, Redlands, Colton, Rancho Cucamonga and Highland. If you live in the East end of the County, visit our toy donation sites at Arrowhead Credit Union park formerly Stampede Stadium, Pharaoh's Lost Kingdom or Shaver Auto Center. In the Westside, visit us at Mountain View Chevrolet of Upland. These are just a few of the many convenient sites from which Children's Fund is collecting toys. Your generous donation of just one toy can make all the difference in brightening a child's life this holiday season.

The Children's Fund, in celebrating its 14th Annual Celebration of Giving in conjunction with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign, is committed to making this Christmas season a success for children at risk in our community. Serving as a volunteer or making a monetary donation are two invaluable ways for you to participate in achieving that goal. Many helping hands are still needed for gift packaging, setting up warehouse displays, inventorying and price checking. Contact Children's Fund at (909) 387-4949 for further information or to sign up today!

The Children's Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring at-risk children in our community due to abuse, neglect, poverty, abandonment, or circumstances receive adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, and an equal opportunity for social development. 100% of all funds directly benefit the children in our community.

For more information contact: Bonnie O'Connor (909) 387-4949.
How secure is your job? In today's economic environment, it's a question more and more workers are facing. A weakening economy, corporate downsizing, and numerous company mergers or acquisitions have meant that countless workers have faced, or soon may face, the unexpected loss of their jobs.

One result has been a large increase in job insecurity, the stress and anxiety that workers feel regardless of how well they're doing their jobs. Even though your job may not be actively at risk, it's not unusual to feel more insecure as you read the latest business news.

Job insecurity has many negative effects. Even if job insecurity is only perceived, research shows this insecurity increases stress levels and causes health issues, often more than an actual job loss.

Job insecurity results in feelings of grief and loss, powerlessness and anxiety: It can lead to poorer health, marital discord and increased family problems. In a community facing wide-spread job insecurity, the general, community-wide anxiety of the economic impact of large scale job loss can be very real and significant, affecting how people act and look to the future.

While you can't change the overall economy and most other factors leading to increased levels of job insecurity, there are things you can do to better cope with the stress job insecurity can bring:

**Take a proactive stance in your career.** Career advice books have a variety of names for it, but it boils down to taking an inventory of your skills, interests, values, and lifestyle and life roles. The advice is to stop focusing on a specific job title, but instead begin to view your career as a portfolio of skills that can be utilized in a variety of workplaces.

Be flexible and creative. Look for new ways to utilize the skills and experience you have accumulated. Today's organizations seldom provide a career ladder with clear advancements and assurances of lifetime employment. Responsibility for your career is now yours. Determine what is important to you in your life and career. Consider the possibility of different industries and/or relocation. In the current workplace, one must be more willing to make geographic move.

**Look for, and try to fight, irrational thinking patterns.** If job insecurity is increasing, many individuals will begin the practice of what therapists call "catastrophizing," "magnifying," and "awfulizing" the situation. This simply means making things worse in your mind than they actually are in the real world. Losing your job might cause real problems, but it also could be a great opportunity to move to a better area or find a more rewarding career. You can fight job insecurity by watching for the negative messages you may be giving yourself and replacing them with more rational and positive self-talk.

Stay away from the water cooler. Often in situations of real or perceived job insecurity, rumors abound. Seek out real information from credible sources. Identify your own personal style of dealing with change. Some individuals find change exciting, others cower from it. While some individuals deal with change by talking about it, others prefer to seek out information, deny the change or intellectualize the change. Determine how you have dealt with change in the past to help you cope with current or future change.

Seek out support. Reach out to family and friends. Social support can help buffer feelings of anxiety and grief. Seek out career counseling. Professional career counselors can assist you in self-assessment, resume development, and job hunting. If you have been out of the job market for some time, a career counselor can assist you in finding a job in the current job market.

The key to dealing with job insecurity is to gain a sense of power and control over your career path. Self-awareness, flexibility and creativity are key. Keep in mind that you are not alone. The old adage “one door closes, another opens” is very true. Often, a job change results in new, and better opportunities for the future.

Additional information on career counseling is available through the National Employment Counselors Association (NECA) at www.employmentcounseling.org or the National Career Development Association (NCDA) at www.ncda.org.
Fred "Tato" Preciado poses in an early picture (date unknown).
Photo courtesy of the Preciado family.

Other young men in similar circumstances were also seeking a sense of belonging, and finding a common bond and mutual interest, founded Gents Organization.

The Gents were involved in many sports in the neighborhood and at the high school (San Bernardino High School). However, other gangs in the area forced the Gents to be more protective of each other and continually defending their "territory," a constant deterrence to the goals of the youth group.

As one of its leaders, Preciado was respected for his maturity and guidance, overseeing many of the club's activities and monitoring members' behavior. Deacon Joe Acosta, involved in forming a coalition of gangs in the mid-1950s, stated that he was impressed with the Gents, their strong sense of organization and their commitment to each other under Preciado's leadership.

Preciado and club members graduated from San Bernardino High School and each going their own way, some joining the service, others working at Santa Fe, Kaiser Steel and other jobs.

Preciado was always held in high regard by the Gents members. When any member married, Preciado was always invited to be part of the wedding party. The same was true for baptism, he was the padrino for many of the members' children.

In 1968, Preciado married Grace, a single mother of two children. He and Grace had two children, Lisa and Paul (which he named after his step father, Paul Chavez, who had a great influence on Preciado). The responsibility of a family was a challenge which he accepted. Working long hours at Kaiser, raising his family and when his step-father Chavez gave him a home in Fontana, he was inwardly grateful and became involved with his children.

He coached football during the season in San Bernardino, including former Gents members' sons, and including legendary Hall Of Fame Player Ronnie Lott and All American Mark Collins and many others. He also coached kids from Meadowbrook team sponsored by the San Bernardino Police Department.

He coached his daughters' softball team and his son's little league and football team in the Rialto's Pop Warner League for four years, which were the most successful for the team. A reunion in 1972 became the impetus to reactivate the Gents and with the help of Attorney Alan Selnick, incorporated and registered the group as a non-profit service group.

Simultaneously with his involvement with his family, Preciado became president of the Gents and held that position for many years, a tribute to his leadership and high esteem bestowed on him by his fellow Gents members. He established the group's vision of service to the community.

During his tenure as president, the Gents were involved in many community events, menudo cookouts, golf tournaments, dances and many other events. The group contributed toward scholarships, youth programs, individual citizen's needs and special programs.

Perciado, while still president in 1983, was diagnosed with a fatal liver disease. He continued working hard in order to give credence to the Gents for their commitment to the community until the very end. He passed away in 1985.

Preciado received many awards during his lifetime. County of San Bernardino and California State Assembly Awards, Los Padrones, G1 Forum Citizen of the Year, Booster of the Year, Fontana High School, CBS Hometown Hero, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties Citizen of the Year by the Institute for Social Justice, and a myriad of other awards.

Fred (Tato) Preciado left a legacy of selfless commitment to the communities that he served for many years. He is a role model for many in the community, the Gents, the youth and his family.

He lived to see his two oldest daughters graduate from high school, his daughter Mary get married and saw his first born grandchild, Carissa, who recently was accepted to Notre Dame in 2003 on a softball scholarship. His son, Paul, is a successful car dealer sales manager and his two sisters, Sylvia and Olive graduated from Cal-State, Los Angeles.

**LEGAL AND MARKETING WORKSHOP**

A workshop designed for people who plan to start a business or have recently established a business will be held Thursday, December 5, 2002, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, 1985 University Avenue, Riverside, California.

Sponsored by the Inland Empire Chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Association, a practicing attorney will take you through the forms of business organization and discuss the pitfalls of each. Other topics of discussion will include contracts and leases and what to watch out for when signing your name. The marketing segment will include the whole marketing plan, including advertising, customer relations, pricing, and location and selling.

The fee, which includes materials, is $20.00 per person. For additional information on the event or free business counseling from SCORE, contact SCORE at (909) 652-4390.

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Persons attending a bidder conference should confirm their attendance by calling the contact person. Bids will not be accepted from anyone not attending a mandatory bidder's conference.

Persons interested in applying must register by calling the contact person.

If you have questions or would like a copy of the RFQ OR RFQ mailed to you, telephone the contact person at (909) 396-2479.

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**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

115 West Olive, Redlands, CA

Sunday, November 24, 2002, 1:00 PM

The Public is Invited to celebrate a Mass in Spanish, Reverend Bishop Gerald Barnes presiding.

**IN HONOR OF THE VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE**

Mass to be celebrated with LAS MANANITAS
Thursday, December 12, 2002 @ 6:00 AM

For information to these two events call: The Parish Office at (909) 793-2469

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GENTS ORGANIZATION AWARDS REYES FAMILY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Fatima Reyes, second from right, Rialto resident and owner of ArtFa Flowers, Bloomington, receives a plaque from the Gents Organization for contributing time and donations. At left is Frank Rodriguez, longtime Gents' member, Artemio Reyes, husband and owner of El Taquito, Colton and Tony Diaz, Gents' Center manager. The Reyes have contributed food, table flower arrangements and corsages for fundraising purposes on numerous occasions, without cost to the Gents. Diaz stated that savings in cost augmented the fundraising efforts of the Gents. The Reyes have two daughters, Helen and Mhalina, attending Riverside Community College and son, Artemio, an AVID student at Rialto High School. "We are very grateful to God and this country and want to give back to our community," stated Mrs. Reyes. Photo by IEHN

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- Stay put: If your employer allows it, simply leave the money in until later. Pro: It enables you to stay with investments with which you're familiar. Con: Your choices will be limited to those in the plan.
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- Lump-Sum IRA Roll-Over: A more economical alternative. Pro: Flexibility. Caution: It must be completed within 60 days of the withdrawal from your plan. Converting to an Annuity: Some plans allow you to convert some or all of your assets into an annuity. Pro: An annuity can provide guaranteed income for the rest of your life. Con: Choosing annuities wisely requires careful study. Take it Out in Installments: Some employers allow installment withdrawals. Pro: If you're happy keeping your savings in your employer's plan, this approach could be right for you. Con: You'll have fewer investment choices and less flexibility. Mix and Match: You can combine options for withdrawing your 401(k) money. Pro: This approach enables you to tailor a plan most suited to your needs. Con: Sorting all this out can be complicated. A Final caution: No matter how you take your money, don't forget that you must start withdrawing from 401(k) at 70 and a half.
**NOVEMBER IS ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

**ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE RESEARCH**

Ask almost anyone what they fear the most about getting older, and the answer is likely to be Alzheimer’s disease. While there are many disorders than can kill us more quickly, the slow course of Alzheimer’s carries a more terrible prospect. What we fear most about the deadly brain disease is that it destroys what we consider to be the most important part of ourselves – our memories and personality. Alzheimer’s disease seems to suggest that the heartbreaking effect on the loved ones who must spend years caring for us and the burden is almost unthinkable.

Unthinkable or not, four million Americans now suffer from Alzheimer’s disease, and if no cure is found by the middle of the century, that number will skyrocket to 14 million. Scientists continue to make headway in understanding Alzheimer’s delaying its worst effects and treating some of its symptoms, but so far none of this adds up to a cure. Meanwhile, the disease costs society an estimated $100 billion a year – a cost that will soar as our population ages, placing an unprecedented burden on the younger workers whose taxes dollars must finance Medicaid and Medicare.

**An Enzyme Sheds Light on Alzheimer’s Disease**

It has been known for decades now that in Alzheimer’s disease, the brain becomes riddled with sticky deposits of a protein called amyloid beta. These deposits are referred to as plaques. But scientists have been trying to answer a key question – are the plaques the result of the brain’s overproduction of amyloid beta, or are they caused by a breakdown in the mechanisms that metabolize the protein and eliminate it from the brain? The results of a recent study led by Dr. Michael Irizarry at Massachusetts General Hospital may provide an intriguing clue to help scientists solve the mystery.

In a paper published in the Archives of Neurology, Dr. Irizarry’s team reported their findings from a study designed to illuminate the role of a simple enzyme that clips amyloid beta protein into smaller fragments and is thought to help clear it from the brain. Referred to as BACE, the enzyme has long been suspected as a possible troublemaker. Proteins that are not shaped correctly due to faulty clearing out of the brain’s waste product are usually performed by enzymes – are useless to the body, and may aggregate in areas where they don’t belong.

Dr. Irizarry and his colleagues first developed techniques to screen brain cells. The BACE enzyme now will be the target of possible drugs designed to block its production or its actions in the brain. Blocking this enzyme could turn out to be the key to halting Alzheimer’s disease before it can run its brain-destroying course.

To find out more about Alzheimer’s disease or to learn how you can help, call the American Health Assistance Foundation at 1-800-437-2423, write to them at 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871 or visit their website at www.ahaf.org.

**JEHN will publicize Part II “Delaying Alzheimer’s Can Be Almost As Important as Prevention” on November 20th Publication.**
WITH TIME WE BECOME MORE OF WHO WE ARE

I have with my husband, which is the most nurturing and wonderful thing in my life at this point."

Allende reserves time for the grandchildren. She notes, "You can enjoy the grandkids in ways that you could not enjoy your own kids. When I was raising my kids, I was so busy working. I was young, I was confused. I didn't have any time. And, I was worried that something might happen to them."

As for the grandkids, Allende confesses, "I am the kind that spoils them rotten." She adds, "I don't try to teach them anything or overprotect them. I know at my age that you don't control anything. I'm not afraid for my grandkids. I have an incredible faith, a certainty that they will do fine, as I did, and as most people do."

Rather than feel we become better with age, Allende believes "we become more of what we are" and the best part of being 60, concludes Allende, is that "it is very liberating." She adds, "I don't care what people think about me. I am not shy. I just live a day at a time in a very joyful and playful way. I think that the next few years of my life will be interesting. But, they won't be better than the ones that I've already had. Somehow, one feels Allende's journey has only just begun.

THE ROAD TO VICTORY IS LONG AND HARD.
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CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO HOSTS CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Rosa Marta Zarate, co-founder of the Libreria Del Pueblo, is one of the keynote speakers at the Conference on Social Activism at Cal-State, San Bernardino on November 23rd.

Becoming more active in the community as a way of spurring social change will be the topic of a daylong workshop Nov. 23 at Cal State San Bernardino.

Organizers say a primary goal of the Activism Conference, sponsored by the university's Women's Resource Center, is to encourage students on campus to get involved in effecting social change, but the event also is open to members of the public who hope to improve their communities.

Admission is free to CSUSB students, faculty and staff (proof of ID required), and $10 per person for the public. People may register the day of the event. Parking at the university is $1.50 per vehicle.

The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Union Events Center and features three keynote speakers, Rosa Martha Zarate Macias, Chani Becman and Sonali Kolhatkar. All three have experience in efforts and organizations that aim to change society for the better, such as advocating for poor or victims of discrimination, or leading groups that work to improve the community as a whole.

Zarate Macias has dedicated her life to educating and empowering those who live in barrios. Particularly within the Latino community. She is the co-founder of San Bernardino-based Libreria del Pueblo, a non-profit organization for a number of programs that serve residents throughout the Inland Empire. Her group’s current focus is the Calpulli Project, which seeks to first add, develop and train community leaders by providing English classes, health and nutrition services and citizenship assistance. She is a veteran of social activism dating back to her childhood when she marched for worker’s rights with her father.

Becman is a community activist involved in several grass-roots groups in Riverside. A commitment to democratic participation is her primary motivation for becoming involved. She was the co-founder of the Inland Coalition for Peace in the Middle East (1991), the Inland Coalition for Peace and Social Justice. Women Enraged! and the Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability. She has also been involved with Riverside for Reproductive Rights, Solidarity and the Riverside Coalition Against Discrimination.

Kolhatkar is a writer and a morning talk show host on Los Angeles' Pacifica Radio station, KPFK, 98.7-FM, voicing her perspective on news and social issues. She is vice president of the Women’s Afghan Mission, a group that works in solidarity with Afghans to help improve health and educational facilities for Afghan refugees in Pakistan. Kolhatkar has spoken out about women’s rights and human rights in Afghanistan.

To register for the conference, contact the Women’s Resource Center at (909) 880-7203. For more information, contact either the Women’s Resource Center or CSUSB’s Public Affairs office at (909) 880-5007.

YOU COULD BE SOMEONE’S HERO

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL MARROW AWARENESS MONTH

Brave. Courageous. Fearless. That’s how most people would describe a “hero.”

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For more information visit www.riverside-ca.org or call 826-5557

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Riverside residents only
NO "CHARGE" FOR MISSION INN’S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
(25,000 expected As 2 Million Lights Switched on Amid Music & Other Festivities)

In keeping with an ongoing tradition, the public is invited at no "charge" to witness the lighting of more than 2 million bulbs that will wash the historic Mission Inn in Riverside, Calif, with dazzling excitement this holiday season. More than 25,000 spectators are expected to join Duane R. Roberts, "Keeper of the Inn," as he pulls the switch that will illuminate the nearly 100-year-old hotel thus creating Southern California's definitive "White Christmas."

Among the highlights of the Festival of Lights to be held on Friday, November 29:
- 6:30 p.m. - Roberts to flip switch bathing property in light.
- 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Assortment of festivities (e.g., live music, entertainment, animated characters come alive, dancers, etc.)

"This year's Festival of Lights will be the most elaborate ever attempted, and with it we plan to give Southern Californians their most memorable 'white Christmas' ever," remarked Roberts, a highly successful businessman and philanthropist whose vast holdings include the Mission Inn. "While you won’t find freezing temperatures or snowy landscapes, the holiday season in Southern California is a truly unique experience. On behalf of all of us at the historic Mission Inn, I invite everyone to kick off the holidays by gathering with family and friends and witnessing the beautiful spectacle of lights."

Among the musical groups scheduled to perform during Festival of Lights ceremony are the Riverside Concert Band, Folklorico Dancers, Salvation Army Brass Ensemble, Sweet Adeline's Choir, Calvary Temple Children's Choir, Inland Cities Harmony Express, Musical Munchkins, Dickens Carolers and the Ramona Madrigals.

The 238-room Mission Inn is a national historic landmark hotel located just 55 miles east of Los Angeles. The Spanish-style property has played host to several U.S. presidents, numerous celebrities from the worlds of sports and entertainment and thousands of others who have enjoyed its majesty and splendor.

Filled with more than $7 million of antiques and artifacts, the Mission Inn originally opened in 1903 and incorporates design elements from throughout the southwestern United States and several Mediterranean countries. The property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a State of California Historic Landmark. The historic Mission Inn is located at 3649 Mission Inn Avenue in Riverside. For more information visit http://www.missioninn.com.
Carlos Santana

His last album, Supernatural, sold 10 million copies. At 55, Carlos Santana is still one of rock-and-roll’s best guitarists and is at the peak of his career.

In a recent interview he explains that “being an adult and growing old depends a lot on your attitude.” He feels he has never stopped learning about music, his guitar, and life in general.

Santana has shown that there are no time limitations for change and growth in people. The success of his last album is an example of the great power he still has to attract an audience, 33 years after having been introduced at the legendary Woodstock festival.

The son of a mariachi musician, he began his career-playing guitar in the bars and restaurants of Tijuana. Thanks to his father, he discovered music and has not forgotten his humble background or the difficult times that he shared with his family. His life started to change when he left for San Francisco. In 1969 he signed his first contract with Columbia Records. From that moment on, his life was all music and fame.

His reunion with Clive Davis last year produced the enormously successful album, Supernatural, which has been enjoyed by millions of young people all over the world. The success of this album, made by two individuals whose combined age is more than 115 years, "presents once again how limited the world’s view is of what human beings can do in youth, middle, and old age," he concludes.

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Community College of the Air Force Offers Degree Programs

San Bernardino, Calif.—The Air Force is looking for young men and women who are interested in serving their country while earning a college degree, said SSgt. Tanisha Talley, San Bernardino Air Force Recruiting supervisor.

The United States Air Force has always recognized the positive effects of education on Air Force personnel and continually has established various programs to meet the needs of the Air Force, its personnel, and society as a whole.

One of the more notable programs is the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). The CCAF is the only two-year military educational institute and the only one serving enlisted personnel.

The college awards an Associate’s degree in applied science to personnel who successfully complete a degree program designed for an Air Force specialty.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and School (SACS) accredits the Community College of the Air Force. For more information on how to serve your country while earning a college degree, call SSgt. Tanisha Talley at (909) 885-2848 or (909) 885-9598.