CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE SWORN IN AS CALIFORNIA'S 45TH LT. GOVERNOR

Cruz Bustamante, right, was sworn in as the 45th lieutenant governor, and the first Hispanic for over 140 years, by Assembly Member Mervyn Dymally. “Celebrating one California” was the message Bustamante delivered as he encouraged residents “to unite now more than ever to deal with the state’s economic difficulties.” Photo courtesy of the Lt. Governor’s Office.

S. B. DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE RAMOS TO PROPOSE NEW PROGRAMS

Mike Ramos was sworn in as San Bernardino County’s District Attorney, right, by Superior Court Judge Kenneth Barr witnessed by Congressman Jerry Lewis, at center, and a packed audience at the County Board of Supervisors board room. In his first press conference several days later, Ramos discussed the newly formed unit, the Prison Lifer Hearing Unit, headed by Deputy District Attorney John Ferguson. The new unit will oppose the release of prison inmates prosecuted in the county with a life sentence with the possibility of parole. Ramos also named Marilyn Kimball, Victim Services Manager, to be on the executive staff and coordinator of victim services. In relation to the media, Ramos stated that “I recognize that a good relationship is mutually beneficial. The media helps us keep the public informed as to what we’re doing, and we will assist the media in getting the facts.” Photo by IEHN

S. B. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Herbert Fischer, right, was sworn into office by Tom Rabone, chair of the county school district, for a second term, witnessed by wife, Sheryl Fischer, at right of Fischer, and over 100 elected officials, educators, business and community supporters. Fischer spoke on the state’s budget deficit and its direct effect on the county schools and district schools. “We will be required to work and think differently to get the job done,” he said. Fischer also spoke on the progress in grades during the past four years, however, he said, “the goal will be harder to meet in the next few years due to the budget crisis and greater expectations.” Fischer referred to the Virtual Hi-Tech High Program as advancement in technology field for high school students. He was unopposed in his bid for reelection.

S. B. SHERIFF GARY PENROD SWORNED FOR SECOND TERM

San Bernardino Sheriff Gary Penrod, left, was sworn in office by Superior Court Judge by Steve Ashworth before a full audience at the Radisson Convention Center. Penrod, who was unopposed in his reelection, thanked the public for their support, including the sheriffs posse, citizen patrols and other volunteers and praises the department’s personnel for their commitment. Penrod stated that the department has been prepared for security against terror activities, and added that all categories of crime detection have improved.

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CRUZ M. BUSTAMENTE SWORN IN AS CALIFORNIA'S 45TH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Bustamante Will Work for a Stronger, Unified California

SACRAMENTO - Cruz M. Bustamante took the oath of office, calling for the State of California to create more living-wage jobs. "The best social service that the state can provide is a decent job that pays the bills," Bustamante said.

Newly-elected Assembly Member Mervyn Dymally, the first African American to be elected as Lieutenant Governor of California, administered the oath of office in the State Senate Chambers.

During the ceremony, Bustamante outlined his goals for the next term and pledged to put California "back on track." "I plan to roll up my sleeves and work closely with county, state and federal leaders from both sides of the aisle to strengthen California," said Bustamante. "Solving the state's problems will take leadership, as we embark on a new chapter in our state's history. It will be up to all Californians to do their fair share to make our state strong again."

"Celebrating One California" was the message Bustamante delivered as he encouraged residents "to unite now and as Chair of the Commission for Economic Development, he will focus on ways to create jobs that pay well and offer benefits, and as Chair of the State Lands Commission, he will fight to protect and preserve the state's waterways and other natural treasures.

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10th ANNUAL NOCHE CULTURAL  
- UC RIVERSIDE

Chicano Student programs of UC Riverside presents the 10th annual Noche Cultural on Saturday, January 25, 2003. The event is an evening of variety entertainment for the entire family. Doors open at 6:30pm with show to begin at 7pm in the University Theatre.

This year’s line up includes a performance by Raelene Aguilar, a local 13 year old solo artist whose credits include performances with Jose Hernandez’ Mariachi Sol de Mexico and auditions for the Selena movie. Los Alacranes, the pride of San Diego’s Chicano music landscape bring nearly three decades of musical history. Self described as “Southwest-Chicano-Mexican-Barrio folklore”, the group released their critically acclaimed CDs, RisingSouls (1999) followed by Picando (1998). The duo ensemble of Esteban Ramon and Miguel Lopez delivers a lively program of songs and instruments while performing music of Mexico and South America. Their music is authentic, crisp and syncopated. The release of their first CD entitled, “Festival Latino,” show casing their unique style has made them popular throughout Southern California.

Making their 10th appearance will be the local familia, Los Romero’s Mariachi Sol de Mexico with a family act including songs of the Americas and their own very special renditions of romantics ballads.

Admission is $9 general/$7 students. Parking is $5 per car. Directional signs on campus lead to the theatre. Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is recommended.

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S. B. SHERIFF GARY PENROD SWORNED FOR SECOND TERM

The Latino Peace Officers Association, Inland Empire Chapter, were guests of San Bernardino Sheriff Gary Penrod at the swearing ceremonies at the San Bernardino Radisson Hotel. LPOA is a 25-year law enforcement group in the Inland Empire to enhance and support the interest of Latino law enforcement officers. LPOA recognizes law enforcement officers at an annual dinner ceremonies. Photo by IEHN

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The Riverside County Children and Families Commission (RCCFC) launched the distribution of the Kit for New Parents at Eisenhower Medical Center’s Hanson Birthing Center in May 2002. The launch was in conjunction with the Fifth Annual Infant/Toddler Conference where keynote speaker Bruce Perry, M.D., Ph.D. shared his research on how childhood experiences change the biology of the brain and thereby, the health of the child.

The focus of the conference helped to highlight the Kit that was developed in response to early brain research. The brain research shows that the child’s brain develops most dramatically during the first three years of life; therefore, what parents and caregivers do during those early years makes a profound impact on the rest of a child’s life. The Kit for New Parents is a comprehensive package of important resource information and tips to help parents raise children who are healthy, learning and ready to reach their greatest potential. Available in English and Spanish, The Kit for New Parents contains six videos narrated by prominent child development experts and celebrities such as Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Dr. Antonia Novello, Le Var Burton, Jamie Lee Curtis, Gloria Estefan, Andy Garcia, Edward James Olmos, Phylicia Rashad, Rob Reiner, Cristina Saralegui and Maria Shriver. Topics include the importance of the early years, child care, safety, health and nutrition, discipline and early literacy and incorporate practical ideas to help parents prepare their children to reach their greatest potential in school and life. The Kit also includes a series of parenting brochures, a baby book, and a resource guide to connect parents with local services along with educational items specific Riverside County.

Local educational items include the book, “Let’s Get Ready to Read”, provided by the Riverside County Office of Education Literacy Committee, electrical child safety pugs with the RCOE Children’s Services Information & Referral number for child care assistance along with informational brochures on “Kaitlyn’s Law”, immunizations, local referral information and a guide to Social & Emotional Development developed by the Riverside County Department of Mental Health Children Services.

“Our ultimate goal is to get a Kit for New Parents into the hands of all new parents in Riverside County. The Kit is a powerful tool for parents, family members and caregivers committed to giving children the best start in life,” said Executive Director Carolyn Wylie.

“Kids do not come home with an instruction manual, but we hope this Kit will serve as a valuable resource for parents during their children’s early years,” said Connie Beasley, Prop. 10 Commissioner, “Riverside County’s parents and caregivers will now have the opportunity to benefit from the work of scholars, researchers and others dedicated to creating strong, healthy families.”

GOLIN/HARRIS INTERNATIONAL
By Kirsten Clausen

Women often put their own health care needs behind that of their families’. As a New Year’s reminder, and to mark January as National Cervical Cancer Month, please consider the attached article on women’s health in 2003 offered by Dr. Susan Love, Highlight includes:

- Recently, a vaccine has proven successful in preliminary clinical trials for the viral strain responsible for about half the cases of cervical cancer. This is especially important for Latinas as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported that they develop cervical cancer almost twice as often as women in other groups.
- Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT), once the mainstay of prevention for postmenopausal women, has been found to possibly cause heart attacks, strokes and breast cancer.
- Heart disease is the biggest killer of American women. Yet a long used drug to combat heart disease, digoxin, may not be as safe in women as it is in men. If you are interested in the article, please contact:

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The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation is proud to announce that Los Angeles has been selected to host the first day of issuance of the commemorative United States postage stamp honoring Cesar E. Chavez on April 23, 2003, the 10th anniversary of the civil rights and farm labor leader’s passing.

A public celebration will be held in downtown Los Angeles to honor Cesar’s tireless work for justice and equality for all people through service to others. Leaders in the community, politics, labor, business, and the arts will join the Chavez Foundation, the Chavez family and the United States Postal Service for the event.

“The first day of issuance celebration in Los Angeles will mark a significant and historic moment in our nation’s history,” said Andres F. Irlando, Executive Director of the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation. “The Chavez commemorative stamp will provide Americans from all walks of life the opportunity to learn about Cesar’s vital legacy and his work for positive social change.”

A decade before Cesar founded the UFW in 1962, he became a community organizer for the most prominent Latino civil rights organization of that time, the Community Service Organization (CSO). While working for the CSO, in the late 1950s, Cesar lived in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, where he organized voter registration drives and community empowerment initiatives. Los Angeles later proved to be a strong base of support for the Farm Worker Movement and played a key role in generating national support for its initiatives. Today, Los Angeles is home to the Chavez Foundation and continues to be a powerful and diverse force in helping the Foundation advance Cesar’s legacy for future generations, through contemporary programming.

On April 24, the stamp will be available in postoffices across the United States.

For more information about the first day of issuance, periodically visit the Foundation’s Web site www.ChavezFoundation.org. The Foundation will post an announcement with more detailed event information prior to April 23.
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHES OUTREACH PROGRAM

Riverside Community College Office of Economic Development is launching one of the most aggressive and creative outreach and awareness marketing and public relations programs. RCC, working closely with the Altek Media Group, developed a bold and innovative approach through a public and private sponsorship. The marketing and outreach campaign will highlight their programs such as, international business development, technology training, corporate contract training, government contracting assistance and ACT Centers. With the recent educational cut backs, this is a tremendous display of partnership between public and private companies.

The new outreach campaign includes a 30-minute info-documentary on the programs, 30 second PSA's and an interactive multi-media video CD-ROM. The companies are supporting this campaign by utilizing their leadership by supporting the continuing education RCC OED programs offer.

Unlike most sponsored programs these companies will receive a true ROI for their support by receiving extensive marketing and public relations exposure through the promotional tools being developed. RCC enlisted the help of the Altek Media Group not only to develop the marketing and outreach program, but also to help secure the sponsorship support for this campaign. Currently over 50 percent of the sponsorships have been secured with only a few remaining. If companies are interested in taking advantage of this unique opportunity they can contact Dr. Gall Zwart, RCC Office of Economic Development at 909-788-2520 or Dwight Cromie, The Altek Media Group at 909-781-8624.

EISENHOWER GRADUATE, STEPHANIE CALVILLO, RECEIVES CARL'S JR. SCHOLARSHIP

Stephanie Calvillo has been selected to receive a $1000 scholarship from Carl's Jr. through the Company's La Estrella Latina de Carl's Jr. Scholarship program. Carl's Jr. awarded 20 university-bound Latino high school students.

Calvillo, who graduated from Eisenhower High School in 2002 with a 4.07 Grade Point Average (GPA), was enrolled in three advanced placement classes, and six honors classes. She was a member of the girls softball team, Co-President of the Key Club, member of the golden Eagle Marching Band and graduated as co-salutatorian with highest honors. She currently attends UCLA and her goal is to go on to medical school and specialize in oncology.

"I'm delighted that Stephanie was selected to receive this scholarship. She was an outstanding student at Eisenhower High School, and I wish her every success as she continues her studies at UCLA," said Armand Messer, principal of Eisenhower High School.

The scholarship program, in its fourth year, honors Latino students who are selected based on academic merit potential to succeed, educational and career goals and an essay about why he or she is a star in the community. The La Estrella Latina de Carl's Jr. Scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc. (CSFA). CSFA is a national, non-profit educational support and student aid service organization.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 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 2002-2003 CDBG Action Plan, listed below, and to solicit citizen comments regarding these amendments.

BACKGROUND: Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. In 1999, HUD renewed the County’s qualification to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. 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, Highland, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Rialto, Fortynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the “County Consortium.”

To receive the 2000-2003 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 2002-2003 Action Plan. On April 16, 2002, 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 May 31, 2002 for funding approval.

PROPOSED CDBG SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS: The following proposed amendments will substantially change the CDBG portion of the 2002-2003 Action Plan:

1. Cancel the St. Mary Medical Center Emergency Relief project in the City of Adelanto, as a CDBG funded activity, and reprogram its $2,641 CDBG allocation to Adelanto Unprogrammed Funds.

2. Amend the scope of the Theater 29 Facility Renovations project in the City of Twentynine Palms, from construction of handicapped access restroom and electrical improvements to parking lot paving.

3. Cancel the Lucerne Valley Senior Center Parking Lot Lighting Improvements project as a CDBG funded activity, and reprogram its $5,700 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisorial District.

4. Cancel the Barstow Code Enforcement program and reprogram its $10,926 of remaining CDBG funds to Barstow Unprogrammed Funds.

5. Cancel the Jordan Street Improvements project in the community of Bryn Mawr, as a CDBG funded activity, and reprogram its $7,560 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the Third Supervisorial District.

6. Initiate Literacy Education Services for 2002-2003 at the Loma Linda County Branch Library utilizing $5,000 from Loma Linda Unprogrammed Funds.

7. Initiate a new project for construction of storm drain improvements along the south side of Van Leuven Street from 340 feet west of Poplar Street to Orange Grove Street, utilizing $36,000 from Loma Linda Unprogrammed Funds.

8. Cancel the AK Smiley Library Historic Preservation Window Replacement project in the City of Redlands as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram its $30,000 CDBG allocation to the Mission Gables Bowl House Historic Preservation Re-roof project also located in Redlands.

9. Reprogram $181,694 of unspent CDBG funds remaining after completion of the Sun Avenue Street improvements project in the City of Redlands, to the Mission Gables Bowl House Historic Preservation Re-roof project at $116,690 and to the sewer and water main improvements project for the Redlands Family Services Association - Project Home Again Social Care Facility project at $65,004.

10. Initiate a new project to design and construct a 7,000 square foot senior citizens center at the northwest corner of Mentone Boulevard and Opal Avenue in Mentone, including a multi-purpose room, kitchen, resting rooms, and an outdoor exercise trail, utilizing $1,000,000 of CDBG program income funds from the Countywide Affordable Housing Acquisition Program.

11. Cancel the project for construction of restrooms, storage and meeting room facility at the Tri-Valley Little League Ball Park in the Town of Yuca Valley as a CDBG funded activity, and reprogram its $14,960 CDBG allocation to the Tri-Valley Little League Parking Lot project.

12. Combine the Hi-Desert Park Basketball Court, Picnic Shelter and other improvements project into the Hi-Desert Park Restroom and Walkways project by transferring $18,700 from the first project to the second project and by expanding the scope of the second project to include construction of a basketball court and picnic shelter.

13. Initiate a new project for construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters and match-up paving along Amherst Avenue and adjacent alley from the 10300 block to the 10500 block in the City of Montclair, utilizing $175,000 from the San Antonio Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization project in Montclair.

14. Cancel the Gents Organization Food Cart Meal Services project as a CDBG funded activity and reprogram its $8,000 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District.


16. Review the scope of the Countywide Housing Preservation - Repair Service for Seniors program from provision of one-time grants valued up to $5,000 to senior and/or disabled homeowners; to one-time grants valued up to $5,000 to low- and moderate-income homeowners who occupy their homes and whose households include senior citizens or disabled persons.

ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT PROVISION: 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 14, 2003 and ending on February 12, 2003, the public is invited to submit written comments on these proposed amendments. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. February 12, 2003 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.

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