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IN MEMORIAM OF THE CREW OF STS-107 High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untravelled sanctity of space.
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

When I must leave you for a little while
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
Please no not grieve and shed wild tears
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

RIVERSIDE LATINO NETWORK INSTALLS OFFICERS

Riverside Latino Network installed new officers for fiscal year 2003 at a special holiday breakfast at the Zacatecas Restaurant, Riverside. Pictured (1 to r) Nati Fuentes, director; Ofelia Valdez Yeager, director; Ana Monagas, past president; Alfredo Figueroa, president; Peter Benavedez, president-elect and Gloria Lopez, secretary. Not in picture, Marion Ruiz, treasurer. Latino Network is a community-based group that meets twice monthly at the Casa de Ninos, 4525 Victoria Av., Riverside, at 7:30 A.M. La-Net addresses critical issues affecting the Latino community and advocates solutions to responsible agencies.

BLANCO FAMILY ACHIEVES GOALS

Bianca Blanco plans to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara to become a psychiatrist.

In 1981, living in the Meadowbrook area of San Bernardino (a barrio in the city), Arthur Blanco set a goal to have his children obtain a good education and the opportunity for a better future in the world of work.

Fast forward to February, 2003, and Arthur Blanco sat in the IEHN office with a satisfied smile as he spoke of his daughter, Bianca Blanco's academic achievements.
BACA APPOINTED TO INFLUENTIAL HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House of Representatives Democratic Caucus announced today that it had appointed Representative Joe Baca (D-Rialto) to the highly influential Financial Services Committee.

The Financial Services Committee oversees issues related to banking, monetary policy, housing and home lending, and international lending organizations like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. It also deals with the complex regulations that manage complicated borrowing and insurance law. Arthur Andersen, Enron, and more recently Arthur Andersen fiascoes have been under the microscope.

“Providing working families with increased access to capital markets, investment opportunities and fair banking and insurance services will be my priorities on Financial Services,” Baca said. “As our community keeps growing we must make sure families can take advantage of financial opportunities to prepare for the future.

“Retirement, healthcare, higher education, prescription drugs, social security – these are the important things that working families must look at and plan for in the future, but they don’t always have access to the same opportunities that many wealthier families have,” Baca said. “Financial opportunities, whether they are found in accounts at our local banks in the purchase of new homes, or in investments in billion dollar multinational corporations, must be open to everyone who wants to take advantage of them.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR GRAND JURY

San Bernardino County is seeking candidates to apply for the Grand Jury for fiscal year 2003-2004. The appointment begins on July 1st to June 30th.

The duties of Grand Jury members are to investigate every department in the county government to ensure that an efficient operation is in place and tax dollars are effectively utilized. At the end of the fiscal year, the Grand Jury submits a comprehensive report on its findings and recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors.

The secondary responsibility of the Grand Jury is to review criminal charges against individuals and submit indictments. The Grand Jury is composed of 19 members who are chosen by lot, and work independently outside the county’s jurisdiction. The Grand Jury is a diverse group with different experiences, skills and knowledge. For information, contact the department at (909) 387-3820.

LULAC is very disappointed with NBC’s decision to air a new program called Kingpin. Aside from the fact that the program is violent, glorifies drug dealers and seems to have no social value, the program also reinforces negative stereotypes against Hispanics. Kingpin, which portrays Hispanics as drug dealers, murderers, and unapologetic American citizens, opens the door to more negative feelings toward Latinos in our community.

“As it is Hispanics are increasingly the target of hate crimes and racial profiling. We are concerned that this program will only add to this wrongful treatment,” said Hector Flores, LULAC National President. The program is aired at 10 p.m. when many children are still watching television and may lead many to associate Latinos with drug trafficking and other crimes. “The fact is Kingpin is a reflection of the values of NBC and not those of the Hispanic community,” states Flores. “The vast majority of Hispanics are law abiding, hard working, patriots and their story is rarely portrayed on television.”

While LULAC appreciates that the program increase Hispanic representation on NBC both behind and in front of the camera, this inaccurate representation of Hispanics ultimately hurts the community. “What is so difficult to swallow is that Latinos are rarely portrayed on television.” added Flores. In fact a study released by Children Now, a child research and action organization entitled the Fall Colors Report for 2001-2002, found that 63 percent of the major networks feature Latino characters on prime-time programs who are either criminals, service workers, or unskilled laborers.

“Now more than ever immigrants are placed under intense scrutiny by others in America. The last thing Hispanics need is a program like this that reinforces negative stereotypes and teaches people to hate Latinos.” added Flores.

We discourage corporations from advertising during this program hour. In addition, we are urging Hispanics to refrain from watching the program and purchasing products advertised on the show. “I don’t think corporate America wants to miss out on the Latino dollar, especially when our purchasing power is approximately $580 billion annually and growing.” added Flores.

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The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. LULAC is the oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health, and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide.

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ESPERANZA
The West Coast premier of "Esperanza," a unique and original musical drama will be staged at Inland Empire venue in March.

Southwest during the 1950s. The Esperanza drama recounts an unparalleled history of censorship, political discrimination and tyranny during a Cold War era labor dispute in a mining town. In a unique engagement, Esperanza will be performed in San Bernardino by the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra and directed by Ruth Charloff. They will perform original music score composed by David Bishop with the cast of the Euterpe Opera Company singing on stage. The libretto was written by Carlos Morton, and Bill Virches will be in charge of stage direction.

In 1951, abused Latino miners were compelled to stand up to the boss because of dangerous and unfair work conditions. As members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, they voted to strike against a giant mining company. At one point during the strike the miners' wives took the place of the men on the picket line. The women's bold acts took place during a time when gender roles were clearly delineated. This role switching inspired an award winning movie, "Salt of the Earth," produced by blacklisted Hollywood artists, and turned into a cult classic among students of labor, feminism, cinema and Chicano history. This exciting musical drama is a powerful portrayal of the struggle for human dignity and social justice — indeed, a poignant part of the American experience. Esperanza is co-produced by an exclusive collaboration of Sinfonia Mexicana in San Bernardino, Euterpe Opera Theatre Company based in Pasadena, and Chicoano Student Programs at UC Riverside. Ticket prices for the musical drama start at $10 for students and groups; $15 for seniors; and $20 for general admission.

For more information, call Mary Chavez or Tony Bocanegra at (909) 884-3228.

Department of Behavioral Health Seeking Volunteers

The County of San Bernardino, Department of Behavioral Health is seeking volunteers interested in co-leading support groups. Training is provided. Students, retired persons and bi-lingual Spanish speakers are interested. The Department is also seeking clerical/office volunteers for various clinics and programs. Bi-lingual Spanish volunteers are needed. Interested persons, please contact Tamara Parsons at (909) 837-4441.

The San Bernardino City Unified School District is Sponsoring a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Fair will be held at the San Bernardino Adult Education Building located at 1200 North "E" Street in San Bernardino.

For more information Regarding the Teacher Job Fair and to schedule an Interview, please call (909) 381-1228

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Coming to a theater near you...will be a new substance abuse and violence prevention media campaign sponsored by the Riverside County Office of Education and Riverside County Mental Health Department. This unique collaboration between the two agencies has produced a campaign that highlights prevention and support services offered by schools, said Jan Ryan, Liaison for School Safety and Risk Reduction at the Riverside County Office of Education.

They include messages that include "Riverside County Celebrates Parents - who expect great things from their children," "Riverside County Celebrates Teachers - who expect the best and show students how to get there," and "Riverside County Celebrates Friends - who expect the best of each other and give their best to friendships."

Parents, teachers and peers are critical support groups for teenagers, Ryan said. The messages promote positive prevention activities that are going on in schools, she said. They celebrate the strength of students, families and schools in Riverside County communities.

The slides appear on theater screens with other "previews" several times before each movie begins. They are being distributed to key theater locations throughout the county. Planning began more than 18 months ago. It is paid for from the Prevention Education Trust. The slides feature images of Riverside County students and teachers.

The Prevention Education Trust is funded by penalties assessed by Riverside County judges for drug and alcohol violations. It includes the Riverside County Office of Education, Riverside County Mental Health Department (Substance Abuse Office), school district coordinators, the county prevention coordinator and other community agencies.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Rialto Unified School District is requesting Statement of Qualifications from firms/individuals for construction management services for;

Category 'A' - A new middle school
Category 'B' - A new elementary school
Category 'C' - Various renovation projects throughout the District

As a minimum qualification, submitting firms must have completed the last five years, the construction phase of the appropriate category depending on how the SOQ is structured;

A. Two comprehensive California public middle schools
B. Two comprehensive California public elementary schools
C. Five California State Funded renovation/modernization projects

Submitting firms must declare in an attached cover letter, which category of projects the SOQ will address.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Rialto Unified School District is requesting Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for architectural services for;

Category 'A' - A new middle school
Category 'B' - A new elementary school
Category 'C' - Various renovation projects throughout the District

As a minimum qualification, submitting firms must have completed the last five years, the construction phase of the appropriate category depending on how the SOQ is structured;

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B. Two comprehensive California public elementary schools
C. Five California State Funded renovation/modernization projects

Submitting firms must declare in an attached cover letter, which category of projects the SOQ will address. All experience must be by the submitting firm. Experience by individuals or firms must be identified as such and will be considered at the District's discretion.

The deadline for submitting the Statement of Qualifications is 2:00 P.M., March 13, 2003.

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Bianca's outstanding academic achievements includes recognition by the International Baccalaureate Program (full candidate, with participation in theory of knowledge and creativity), National Honors Society, CSF (lifetime member), Governor's Scholarship Award (received twice), Press Enterprise/Cal-State, San Bernardino Scholars Award, Honor Guard (three years) and Golden State Examination Recognition (biology & Spanish). School-related activities include Peer Leadership, Unity Forum, Teach the Teachers, Cajon High School Youth Development Team and MeCHA.

Bianca feels strongly about community involvement. She has committed over 500 hours of community work in various governmental agencies, including: Our Lady of the Assumption Church, youth groups, juvenile hall and a myriad of other activities. She has attended the World Youth Day in Toronto and the Chicanos/Latino Youth Leadership Conference in Sacramento. Her recognition awards have included Board of Supervisors Community Service, California State Assembly Youth Make a Difference (twice), California State Senate Certificate of Recognition and U.S. Senate Volunteer Service.

Arthur Blanco, who recently received his B.A. from Cal-Baptist University, stated, "My wife, Debra and I have been truly blessed with our daughter, Bianca, she has been a great joy in our lives." The Blanco family has achieved their goals!

Bianca Blanco plans to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara to Pursue her goal of becoming a psychiatrist.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News congratulates Blanco on her academic achievements and commends the Blanco parents on the strong support and involvement in their daughter's education.

County of San Bernardino
Department of Economic and Community Development

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on February 25, 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 County's 2003-2004 Housing, Community and Economic Development Needs Identification Report and 2003-2004 Citizen Participation Plan.

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 be used for the following purposes:

1. Developing programs to provide decent housing and suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
2. Developing a viable community with the capacity to develop an expanded economic base.
3. Increasing the supply of low- and moderate-income housing.
4. Assisting in the rehabilitation of substandard structures.

The CDBG funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and thirteen (13) cooperating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Mountain Center, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the "County Consortium."

In 1995 HUD combined the HOME, ESG and CDBG programs into a single grant application process. As part of the grant application, the County is required to submit a document that addresses the strategies and priority needs for using the three grants over a five-year period. This document is called the Consolidated Plan. The County adopted its second five-year Consolidated Plan on April 18, 2000. That Plan covered the 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 fiscal years. As part of preparing the first year of the five-year Consolidated Plan, the County gathered information on the community housing and economic development needs in the localities covered by the County Consortium. The Needs Identification Report was developed from information gathered at twenty (20) Needs Identification Forums held in cooperating cities and unincorporated communities throughout the County during the Fall of 1999, from information received from County departments, agencies, and other jurisdictions.

The updated Needs Identification Report will be presented for public comment and for review by the Board of Supervisors at the February 25, 2003 public hearing. The February 25, 2003 hearing is the first of the two HUD required hearings on the Consolidated Plan. The proposed Consolidated Plan will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a second hearing to be scheduled for April 1, 2003.

Also, as part of the grant application process under HUD regulations, the County must develop a Citizen Participation Plan to address how the public can become involved in the development of the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan. The proposed Citizen Participation Plan update for FY 2003-04 also will be presented at the February 25, 2003 public hearing. The goals and objectives of the proposed Citizen Participation Plan will closely follow prior year plans that were previously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT For a period of thirty (30) days, beginning on February 11, 2003 and ending on March 12, 2003, the public is invited to submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130.

If you challenge any decision regarding the above proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on these substantive 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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VIGIL PROTESTING WAR TO BE HELD FRIDAY IN SAN BERNARDINO

A candlelight vigil opposing the possible war on Iraq will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Martin Luther King Jr. statue in front of San Bernardino City Hall.

The statue is symbolic because King had opposed the war in Vietnam in the 1960's said Armando Navarro, founder of the National Alliance for Human Rights who is coordinating the protest.

He doesn't know how many will turn out. The protest in San Bern­ardino will co-incide with other anti­war demonstrations happening nation­wide this week.

Navarro said the vigil comes at a "critical junction" as the Bush Ad­ministration and the media are focusing on the war against Saddam Hussein.

For more information, call (909) 787-4577 ext 11826.

My wife and I are so proud of Bianca. When growing up, she de­voted a lot of time to studying, get­ting good grades and being active, and she never strayed from that schedule," he said.

Bianca, a 12th grader at Cajon High School in San Bernardino, is a multi-talented student and high achiever with a 4.5 weighted GPA, and active in school and a myriad of extracurricular activities.

Sitting very comfortably and pro­jecting a confident attitude, Bianca stated, "I set my goal to be a good student and have been motivated to do the very best for myself and be a role model for others. Doing the very best for myself, I hoped would inspire other young people of my same back­ground to do the very best for them­selves by studying hard and achieve a good education," she said.

The youngest of three siblings, Bianca attended several local elemen­tary schools. "From the very begin­ning, I was motivated to do good in school. During middle and high school, I felt a great potential for me in this setting, I stayed focused on my education and involvement in my community." Bianca commended her teachers for receiving a good education at the middle and high school levels, how­ever, she said, when needing help in her homework, she relied on her peers. She also credits her parents for the support, encouragement and help in her homework during her school years.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

February 13" Thursday - Inland Empire Regional Coalition Children's 5 a Day - Power Play! Latino 5 a Day will be held at the Conference Center in the Riverside County Office of Education: 3393 13th Street, Riverside, CA 92501 Johnson Room. For information, contact Melodie Lopez (909) 387-6318, Leticia Salazar (909) 387-6851, Theresa Warren (909) 387-6326.

February 19" Wednesday - 12 noon, at Denny's Restaurant, The Cesar Chavez Monument Breakfast Committee will meet. Meetings open to the public. For information, call Jesse Valenzuela at (909) 885-2222.

March 9" - Saturday, 2 p.m. at the California Theater of Performing Arts, San Bernardino Valley Community Concert Association presents Violinist Eugene Fodor, whose artistry has captivated audiences for more than three decades. For ticket price, please call (909) 885-7969.

March 12" - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable will meet. Community groups and individuals invited to become members. Guest Speaker: Supt. Arturo Delgado. The Cesar Chavez Monument Committee & Cesar Chavez Monument Breakfast Committee will have the annual Cesar Chavez Birthday Tribute Memorial, $10 per person. For information or RSVP call: (909) 885-5777.

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**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board of Directors is soliciting candidates for two (2) appointments and their alternates to the SCAQMD Hearing Board: one Attorney Member and one Engineer Member. The terms of office for the incumbent members will terminate January 30, 2003. The Hearing Board is chartered under Division 26 of the California Health and Safety Code and operates independently of the SCAQMD and its Board of Directors. The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial entity vested with the authority to grant variances to companies and public agencies subject to SCAQMD rules, to revoke and suspend SCAQMD operating permits; and to issue Orders of Abatement. In addition, the Hearing Board has the authority to hear appeals regarding (1) the denial and issuance of SCAQMD Permits to Operate and Construct (including RECLAIM permits), (2) conditions imposed on Permits to Operate and Construct, (3) the denial and issuance of permits to conduct test and treatment works, and (4) the approval and denial of air pollution control plans, including Rule 207 - On-Road Motor Vehicle Mitigation Options submissions.

The Hearing Board meets three to four days per week (Tuesday-Thursday, occasionally on Friday), from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at District Headquarters located in Diamond Bar. Occasionally, the Board may schedule an evening or weekend hearing at a location other than District Headquarters when a matter has generated significant community interest. Hearing Board members receive $50,000 annually and will be required to meet at least three days each week. The Chair of the Board, appointed by fellow Board members, will receive $65,000 annually and will be required to be available four days a week. All members are compensated at the rate of $325 per day for days spent doing the work of a regular Member.

**HEARING BOARD POSITIONS** - Term of Appointment - Three Years

- Attorney Member Qualifications: Admitted to the practice of law in the State of California, with two or more years of practice, preferably with litigation experience.

- Engineer Member Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from an accredited college in chemical, mechanical, environmental, metallurgical, or petroleum engineering, with two or more years of practical experience, and preferably a professional engineer registered pursuant to the Professional Engineers Act (Chapter 7, commencing with Section 6700) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code).

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter detailing the relevance of their experience to the work of the SCAQMD Hearing Board to the Clerk of the Board, SCAQMD, 21865 East Dopyelle Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The cover letter with resume must be received by the AUD Clerk of the Board, no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, January 24, 2003. Letters and resumes received after the closing date will be returned to the applicant. The cover letter should also indicate if you would be willing to serve as the alternate position. Candidates invited for an interview may be required to submit the names of individuals who could provide professional references if contacted by the District. It is anticipated that these appointments will be acted upon by the District Board at its March 4, 2003 meeting. New appointees, unfamiliar with the variance process, will be expected to commence a paid orientation period prior to July 1, 2003 ($150/day up to 15 days).

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San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Mayor's State of the City Breakfast on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 7:30 a.m. at the National Orange Show. Mayor Judy Valles will be updating the community on the status of the City on economic development, crime, code enforcement, arts and culture, schools, and other areas of interest to residents of the city. Reservations are required to the Annual Mayor's State of the City Address. For reservations or further information, call the chamber office at (909) 887-7115. Cost is $30 per person.

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