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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PRESENTED
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN
PROCUREMENT AWARD FOR 2003

Rix Skonberg presents the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2003 to Aurelio De La Torre, Director of the San Bernardino County Purchasing Department. Background, (left to right) Supervisors Patti Aguilar, Bill Postmus, Chairman Dennis Hansberger, Paul Biane, Clifford D. Young.

Mr. Rix Skonberg, Chapter Chair for the Inland Empire Purchasing Group presented the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2003 to the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors and Purchasing Department during the February 10, 2004 Board meeting. Purchasing Director Aurelio W. de la Torre thanked the Board of Supervisors and County Administrative Office staff for providing the support and environment to the Purchasing Department to constantly improve internal and external procurement systems to provide the best services to its customers and the public.

In 1995, the National Purchasing Institute (NP) established a program designed to recognize the achievement of organizational excellence in public procurement. For the third year in a row, The Purchasing Department has been selected to receive this award jointly presented by the National Purchasing Institute, Inc., the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers (CAPPO), Florida Association of Purchasing Officers, and the Institute for Supply Management, Inc. (ISM). This award is based upon an extensive rating system and is presented only to those organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement practices.

The County Purchasing Department received high marks for its continuous improvement program, automation, utilization of electronic commerce, professional certification, and environmental purchasing policy. A total of 100 awards were given nationally in 2003, 31 of those in California, with San Bernardino County one of only eight counties in California to receive the award.

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Joe Baca
Gloria Negrete McLeod
David Roa Pruitt
Sylvia Robles
Dennis Kottmeler
Martin Valdez
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Mark Alvarez
Lynda Gonzalez
Juan Lopez
Gil Navarro
Joseph Navarro
Lillie M. Houston
Mark R. Shepherd
Nancy Ruth White
Timothy Prince
Carol Robb
Viola DeLeon Munoz
Jesus E. Munoz, Sr.

HISPANICS MUST VOTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The primary election on March 2nd will be critically observed by local, state and national political leaders to determine what impact Hispanic voters, their numbers and voting patterns had in the aftermath of election. The more than 35 million Hispanic population representing 13% of the national population, and increasingly growing, is a prize in the political competition at every electoral level.

Recent census figures reflect Hispanics, mostly Mexican immigrants, growing in numbers in the southern, Midwestern and eastern area of the country. These numbers represent future voters.

By 2010, the number of Hispanic voters is expected to swell from six million to 10 million. This is power by sheer numbers, power by cultural influence, and the most important criteria, power by political clout. Candidates see this power and act accordingly.

The question is, do we, as Hispanic voters, see the mighty power of the vote that affects politicians, legislation, policies and economic and education empowerment that can address solutions to meet our direct needs? If we, as Hispanic voters, (individually and as a bloc) continue to be oblivious to the political reality of the power of the vote, the Hispanic population, as the largest minority group

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

in our nation, will be denied the opportunities that are available to the more politically active groups.

On March 2nd, we as voters are given an opportunity to determine our future.
Ventura Gutierrez, right, national coordinator for Bi National de Alianza Bracero Program, spoke on the ongoing advocacy for the braceros' right to deducted wages during the implementation of the Bracero Program in the United States. At left, Father Patricio Guillen, co-director of the Libreria del Pueblo and Eva Loera, local coordinator for BNAB. Photo by IEHN

Jose Jesus De Anda crossed the United States border at Calexico in 1949 and was immediately sprayed with DDT to ensure that he did not have any diseases. De Anda was part of the bracero program initiated by the United States and Mexico from 1942 to 1964 to alleviate worker shortages during World War II and decades later.

"Thousands of us worked picking oranges, lemons and low-stooling work for 16 hours or more all over California and getting paid 75 cents an hour. Sometimes when we would try to stand up, foremen would curse us, telling us to continue working and sometimes would beat us. This happened all the time," De Anda said in Spanish, becoming very emotional (They treated us like animals, without human feelings). De Anda, an American citizen living in Rialto and former bracero residing in the region gathered in a meeting at the Libreria del Pueblo, a community-based organization serving immigrants in the Inland Empire, to hear the latest update of negotiations between the Bi Nacional de Alianza Bracero Program (BNAB), an international group advocating for braceros interests, and the Mexican Government.

Ventura Gutierrez, coordinator of BNAB, briefly gave a historical perspective of the bracero program. The program allowed approximately 2.5 million Mexicans to work primarily in agriculture and the railroads. Under the program agreement, 10 percent of worker's wages would be deducted and transferred to Mexican banks, to be deposited in individual accounts for braceros to collect later. Many of the Mexican banks have since been restructured and operate under new names.

Gutierrez stated that between $500 to $1 billion dollars is owed to braceros, according to a federal lawsuit filed in San Francisco in 2001. To date, the Mexican Government has failed to distribute the funds.

The irony of the situation for many decades was that braceros were unaware that a percentage of their wages were being deducted. Efforts to negotiate with the Mexican Government have been ongoing for many decades. Recently, thousands of braceros confronted President Vicente Fox at his ranch in Guanajuato on February 7, demanding the deducted funds owed during their participation in the bracero program.

Progress has been made, according to Gutierrez, whereby Mexican officials have concurred to provide medical services to approximately 800,000 braceros or their descendants. Approximately 20% of those braceros reside in the United States. A future meeting with the officials is planned later in February. Gutierrez is optimistic that negotiations with the Mexican Government can expand to specific programs for braceros and their families.

"Many braceros have been waiting for decades for a rightful share of their earnings," Gutierrez said. "This situation has to be resolved or else there is going to be a political wave of protest."

Jose Jesus De Anda has also waited to be justly rewarded for those benefits and for his contribution to the war effort.

Sylvia Ann Robles
For 63rd State Assembly
District

American Dreams are about having a decent job with good pay and benefits, providing for your family and educating your children, enjoying life at a park, library or beach and knowing you are safe from crime, fires or floods. Our American character is about maintaining high hopes and a vision for the future.

✓ I will work to keep and increase manufacturing jobs.
✓ I will work to make sure all children receive the best education.
✓ I will work to reform state/local government.
✓ I will work to bring California back from fiscal crisis.

Paid for by Sylvia Robles for State Assembly ID#1260512
PROPOSITION 55 PROPOSES TO FUND NEW BUILDING AND NEEDED RENOVATIONS AT CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO

On March 2, California voters will have the opportunity to consider Proposition 55, the 2004 education bond measure designed to fund $12.3 billion in construction and repairs at public schools, community colleges, and the California State University and University of California systems.

For Cal State San Bernardino, Proposition 55 would provide $48,696,000 for a state-of-the-art College of Education building, and help fund the purchase of equipment for the new Science Annex building, the science building and for the second building of the university's Palm Desert Campus.

Proposition 55, which requires a simple majority to pass, would authorize the sale of statewide general obligation bonds to fund repairs and new construction of classrooms and laboratories, earthquake retrofits and technology upgrades. Repayment of the bonds is guaranteed by the state of California and will be completed over 30 years.

The California State University and the University of California each would receive $690 million from the passage of Proposition 55, and the California Community Colleges would receive $970 million. The majority of the funds raised—$10 billion—would be distributed among public schools serving kindergarten through 12th grade.

"Sixty percent of CSU's facilities are more than 30 years old and need renovation," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. Proposition 55 would refurbish many of these buildings and upgrade them to meet earthquake safety requirements.

For Cal State San Bernardino, the College of Education building would be the first for the college, which consistently ranks among the top tier in the 23-campus CSU system in providing credentialed teachers. The College of Education now shares space across campus with the university's four other colleges. It is crucial there be enough lecture and lab space and faculty offices to fulfill the CSU's primary responsibility of preparing the state's teachers.

Proposition 55 also would provide $1,480,000 in equipment for the university's Science Building, which is being renovated with funding provided from the passage of Proposition 47 in 2002. The measure would also provide $2,556,00 in equipment for the new Science Annex building and $1,382,000 in equipment for the second building of the university's Palm Desert Campus. The building is currently under construction.

California State University, San Bernardino serves the Riverside-San Bernardino counties of Southern California. Founded in 1965, the campus offers more than 70 traditional baccalaureate and master's degree programs along with a wide variety of education credential and certificate programs to a student body of 17,000. To help meet the needs of its enormous service area throughout the vast Inland Empire, the university established the branch campus in Palm Desert that serves more than 1,000 students in the desert communities of the Coachella Valley.

For more information, contact Cal State San Bernardin o's public affairs office at (909) 880-5007.
FRANK DEL OLMO, OUTSTANDING LATINO JOURNALIST, DIES

Born in Los Angeles on May 18, 1948, Del Olmo graduated magna cum laude from Cal-State, Northridge in 1970 with a B.A in Journalism. Starting at the Times as an intern, he became a staff writer specializing in Latino issues and Latin American affairs, editorial writer, deputy editor of the editorial page, Times-Mirror Foundation director and assistant to the editor of the Times, the last position placing him in the newspaper’s masthead, the first Latino listed among the top editors in a journalism career spanning 34 years.

During his newspaper career, Del Olmo was in demand as keynote speaker throughout the United States. He would sometimes describe in his talks of his early experiences as a reporter, seeing the discrimination and injustices committed against Latinos, and he and fellow journalists planning to correct those social attitudes and practices through the venue of journalism. He continued to write about the Latino issues continuously until the end, many of his colleagues said. He also received many invitations to speak on panels involving national and international issues. He was a frequent speaker in the Inland Empire area.

Del Olmo was known for caring about many young and aspiring journalists and went out of his way to help many of them secure entry-level jobs into the newspaper field, stated Times Editor John Carroll, in a Times article.

He shared with Frank Sotomayor, a Times colleague, the 1984 Pulitzer prize for meritorious public service for the series, “Southern California’s Latino Community.”

In 1998, he was selected to lead the Latino Initiative, a newspaperwide effort to improve coverage of the Latino community, the largest minority group.

Del Olmo was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, inducted into the National Association of Hispanic Journalists’ Hall of Fame, founding member of the California Chicano News Media Association, an Emmy Award winner for writing “The Wanted” a documentary on illegal immigration.

Del Olmo is survived by his wife, Magdalena, a son, Frank, who is autistic and daughter Valentina.
ELECT!
DAVID R. ZAMORA
County Board of Supervisors 5th District

• Lifelong Resident of San Bernardino County.
• Married over 27 years, proud parent of 3 daughters.
• Master of Public Administration Degree with over 20 years of local Government Experience.
• Endorsed by local firefighters and police associations.
• You deserve a County Supervisor who is honest, responsive and effective. I ask for your VOTE to build a better future for all our communities.

VOTE DAVID R. ZAMORA
for County Supervisor

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Elect DAVID ZAMORA
for SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD of SUPERVISORS

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According to the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), as of July 2003, 189 academic institutions in the United States have attained status as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). HSIs can be found in Arizona (10), California (54), Colorado (6), Florida (13), Illinois (8), Kansas (1), New Jersey (5), New Mexico (18), New York (11), Puerto Rico (39), Texas (34) and Washington (2). Some systems like the California State University, the largest university system in the nation, are well on their way to becoming an HSI system-wide. Of the 23 CSU campuses, nine have been identified as HSIs and others are on the cusp of reaching HSI status. System-wide, 24% of all students are Hispanic. As defined by the U.S. Department of Education an HSI is an institution with a minimum Hispanic undergraduate enrollment of 25% of the total student population is Hispanic. In addition, at least 50% of all students receive some form of financial assistance.

Is there something magical about 25%? Why not 15% or 30%? The point is that there is no substantive rationale or justification for this definition. This percentage is a carry-over of Title III, one can only assume that if it was good enough for Title III, it's good enough for Title V.

As in many other instances wherein the definition of race or ethnicity is concerned, it is one of self definition or self-reflection. It is understood that members of any group may opt not to identify themselves as members of that particular group. The end result is that most always the racial or ethnic composition of minority groups is under reported.

California, once again at the forefront of ethnic issues, is considering abolishing the long-standing practice of collecting racial/ethnic identifying information. A bill before the state legislature Prop 54: Racial Privacy Initiative would curtail this activity. Should this bill become law, how will California public institutions identify themselves as HSIs?

Undoubtedly, the biggest concern regarding the "25 Percent rule" is that it excludes virtually every major research institution in this country. The exceptions are the University of New Mexico and the University of Puerto Rico. Some HSIs have very small enrollments, yet a high percentage of their students are Hispanic. For example, one such college has an enrollment of 1,300 with 37 percent of those being Hispanic, for a total Hispanic enrollment of 481. Other institutions like UCLA and ASU, enroll thousands of Hispanics but do not meet the 25 percent rule.

In California none of the University of California campuses qualify as an HSI. This means that the designation of an HSI is currently limited to non-research universities even though some research institutions may have a larger Hispanic enrollment than many HSIs. The result being that Hispanic students at research universities, cannot benefit in the same way as Hispanic students attending an HSI. Accordingly, it raises the question as to whether or not dual thresholds might better serve our needs. One based on percentages and the other on an absolute number of students.

Relatedly, one can ask why it is important that at least half of all students receive financial assistance? Does this suggest that one cannot have a minority experience without being financially deprived? Or, that in some obscure way minority and poverty are intertwined. Again, the point being that the 50% mark has no rational basis. It is quite simply a legislative line of demarcation. The most basic and important part of this discussion is that we really don't know what it means to be an HSI. Unlike Historically Black colleges and Universities, HSIs do not have a specific mission or purpose. HSIs were not built to meet the needs of Hispanics. Quite simplistically, they are the product of federal designation for purpose of allowing them to compete amongst themselves for sequestered dollars.

What is obviously missing here is the lack of institutional involvement in setting or establishing the definition of an HSI. The academy has been complacent and opportunistic in this decision. Only now are campuses seeking ways to fall within the definitional parameters of being a so-called Hispanic Serving Institution, but only as a means to garner additional funds. The desire to acquire more money is not in itself a bad thing. We are after all a capitalistic society. What is absolutely wrong is that we have not brought thought beyond the money.

Dr. William Aguilar is Vice President of Information Resources and Technology at CSUSB

I E HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS FRAUD PRESENTATION

Fraud Investigator Ethiem Lewis, to be speaker at I.E. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce informative business, education and networking Seminar. Ethiem has worked with the FBI, and local law enforcement agencies to solve cases in what has become the fastest growing white collar crime in the Inland Empire.

Check Fraud is one of the largest challenges facing Businesses and financial Institutions today. Learn what criminals and organized gangs are doing to make millions and reduce your earnings. During this seminar you will learn to identify:

• Counterfeit checks
• Stolen checks
• Counterfeit credit cards

Where: Sheriff's Headquarters, 655 E. 3rd St., 2nd floor, San Bernardino, Friday, Feb. 27, 2004 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Call the IHC C to RSVP by 2/26/04, at (909) 888-2188. A $10.00 donation is requested. (this is a catered event)

MARTIN VALDEZ
for San Bernardino County
Supervisor 5th District

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CHICANO/LATINO CAUCUS

The Chicano/Latino Caucus will sponsor a meeting for presidential candidate Congressman Dennis Kucinich and California State Senator Joseph L. Dunn at the Feldhyem Library (555 W. 6th St., San Bernardino) Sunday, February 28, 2004, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

11:00 AM – Senator Dunn on SB427
Topic: The deportation of United States Legal Citizens of Mexican decent to Mexico during 1930’s to 1950’s.

12:30 PM – Congressman Kucinich
Topic: United States corporate policy and its effect on Humanity.
SYLVIA ROBLES, 63rd ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE

She further stated that citizens are best served by local representation and pledges to work with all locally elected county and city officials regardless of partisan affiliations to get California out of the fiscal crisis and back to the work of creating jobs.

A county employee for 23 years, Robles said that her experience as a budget analyst for 12 years and field representative for former County Supervisor Barbara Cram Riodand will give her a greater insight in dealing with concerns in California.

Robles outlined four major areas of concern: the current budget crisis and fixing the structural problems of state and local budgeting; addressing the exodus of manufacturing jobs from California; implementing the "No Child Left Behind" Act; and governance in the 21st century.

Her previous activities included Congress for United Communities, San Bernardino School District's Bilingual Master Plan Development, San Bernardino Status of Women, California Social Services Advisory Board, California Congress for United Communities, San Bernardino Community College, B.A. in Business Management from the University of Redlands and M.A. in Public Administration from Cal-State, San Bernardino.

Robles said in a prepared statement that "she brings great skills and knowledge concerning public finance and what must be done to create a job and business revival in our state."

THE "GIFT OF SIGHT" BENEFITED CHILDREN OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Served over 700 children from low income families

The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) in cooperation with the LensCrafters Foundation and the Los Angeles Eye Institute sponsored, "The Gift of Sight" that provided free eye exams and new glasses to the needy children in San Bernardino County. A total of 709 children, between the ages of 5-21, whose parents cannot afford vision insurance were screened and 529 received free eyeglasses. Two 40-foot Vision Vans were located at the Sheriff's Department, 655 E. 3rd Street, San Bernardino from January 12 to 16, 2004. "It is heartwarming to see the excitement of children seeing clearly for the first time. One child commented that he didn't know that the grass have blades on its sides," said Patricia L. Nickols, CAPSBC Executive Director. "Another child touched the face of one of the staff and said "I can see your face now!"

Over the past three years, the Los Angeles Eye Institute in partnership with the LensCrafters Foundation has provided vision screening to more than 30,000 children in Southern California and given free eyeglasses to 6,500 children who could not see well enough to read.

“We are very grateful to the eye doctors from the Inland Empire who volunteered their time to screen the children, The SB Sheriff’s Department, Laidlaw Educational Services, Cornerstone Church, Kraft Foods, Head Start School Districts, Housing Authority, community based agencies and non-profit organizations, all did their share to make this event a success."

For more information contact CAPSBC at (909) 891-3863 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/capsbc.
Dr. Clifford Young was appointed as interim 5th District Supervisor to replace Jerry Eaves' resignation from the Board of Supervisors. Young previously held the position of executive assistant for government relations and administrator for technology transfer at Cal-State, San Bernardino.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors recently appointed Dr. Clifford Young to complete the unexpired term of the 5th Supervisor District as a result of former Supervisor Jerry Eaves' resignation due to plea agreement on bribery.

Immediately following the appointment and swearing in ceremony, Supervisor Young said, "I'd like to thank my colleagues for the confidence they showed in me. It is my hope and desire to do the very best I can to represent not only the 5th District but the entire County of San Bernardino."

Prior to the appointment, Supervisor Young served as executive assistant to the president on government relations and administrator for technology transfer at Cal-State, San Bernardino.

Young has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and a tenured professor in CSUSB's Department of Public Administration, College of Business and Public Administration from 1989 to 1999.

"Dr. Young has a reputation as someone who is ethical, he is highly respected by those with whom he works, and he has demonstrated excellence in all of his pursuits. I hope he can raise the bar for all of us," Board of Supervisor Chair Dennis Hansberger said.

"While we had several applicants for this job, Dr. Young clearly had the most impressive credentials," said Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Bill Postmus. "He's an expert administrator and professor at Cal State, San Bernardino. He has extensive experience in government and the private sector. And he has been active in the communities within the 5th District."

Supervisor Young's term expires December, 2004, following the election of a 5th district supervisor in the general elections in November, 2004.
Mountainside areas that caused loss in county history in the past year: groups and department personnel are helping many families escape heavy rains that flooded mountain communities. "Our department’s resources were used to its highest capacity and its officers and deputies put forth many hours of overtime work in a coordinated effort to evacuate thousands of people from their mountain homes, and also helping many families during the heavy rains to escape the flooded areas. I think they did a tremendous job," Penrod stated, with the audience responding with a prolonged applause. The Sheriff Department recently passed its 150 years of operations, Penrod said, and is facing budget cuts along with other law enforcement agencies in the state. "I have frozen promotions and no additional hiring of personnel due to large cuts in our budget from the county, state and federal sources and in preparation for the next fiscal years, which will undoubtedly be worse. This action will avoid layoffs," he said.

Penrod said that the department’s mission is to fight crime. The county is one of the main areas for the production of methamphetamine, the main drug of choice for drug users. During the past year, 250 methamphetamine laboratories were busted and, he noted, the number is high, although there has been a decline in the production of methamphetamine laboratories. Penrod announced plans for relocation of the department’s aviation site from Rialto’s airport, a new training facility, a High Desert jail and a new crime laboratory and upgrading the Barstow station.

The Sheriff Department has a staff of 2,845 and a current 2003-04 budget of $284.6 million covering 20,186 square miles of unincorporated and contracted cities with a total population of 913,250 persons. There are ten substations and 14 contract cities within the department’s jurisdiction. Captain Robert Pepper is department undersheriff.

Marijuana and heroin also continue to be a drug of choice in the county. In 2003, the department was able to seize $6.94 million in drug money, of which $2 million was retained by the department.

The number of calls for 2003 in the department’s jurisdiction were 669,454, an increase of 2.95%. The summary arrest total for the same year was 25,911, an increase of 3.19.

Penrod was visibly disturbed by recent actions taken by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in its decision to stay the execution of Kevin Cooper on Tuesday.

Cooper was convicted of killing Doug and Peggy Ryen, their daughter, Jessica and houseguest Christopher Hughes, at the Ryen residence in Chino Hills.

Reading from a prepared letter submitted to the Court, Penrod stated that "while opposition by some to the death penalty is understandable and debate on the issue is healthy, I can think of no reasonable explanation for the 9th Circuit Court to suddenly lend new credibility to assertions and accusations that have been made and litigated repeatedly over the years by Cooper’s attorneys and others opposed to California’s death penalty.” He further stated that “it was offensive to the court’s willingness to lend credibility to accusations that the Sheriff’s Department investigators planted evidence when such accusations were accompanied by no shred of evidence and reported source of information and discredited by the FBI and California Department of Justice.”

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San Bernardino Sheriff Gary Penrod presents the Annual State of Department report at the Sheriff’s main station in San Bernardino. Photo by IEHN

An overflow audience of community leaders, sheriff special volunteer groups and department personnel heard Sheriff Gary Penrod present his annual state of department report, stating initially the department had experienced one of the worst disasters in county history in the past year: the devastating fires that threatened many of the mountain communities and its residents and the subsequent heavy rains that flooded mountainside areas that caused loss of lives and destruction of properties.

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A capacity audience and overflow into hallway of community leaders, sheriff volunteer groups and department personnel listen to Sheriff Penrod deliver the Annual State of Department report. Photo by IEHN

Bill Betterly longest serving volunteer in the Sheriff’s Rangers.

Manny Acosta listens attentively to Sheriff Penrod at the Annual State of Department report. Acosta is a tow truck business owner and supporter of the Sheriff’s Department community programs. Photo by IEHN
SINFONIA MEXICANA-NOCHE DE ALEGRIA COLOSSAL SUCCESS

Sinfonia Mexicana's production of Noche de Alegria with Maestro Jeff Nevin, Mexican soprano Florecia Tinoco and Fontana native tenor Daniel Hendrick at the California Theater was an outstanding success and appreciated enthusiastically by the audience.
ONTARIO POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDS CITIZEN'S ACADEMY CLASSES

Join your neighbors, friends and Ontario residents at the next Citizen's Academy, scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at the new Ontario Police Department main station located at 2500 S. Archibald Ave, Ontario from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The program lasts 13 weeks.

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Academy topics include the history of OPD, selection and training of personnel, patrol, use of force procedures, criminal law, and a comprehensive overview of the following Units: Forensics, Internal Affairs, Detective Bureau, Communications, Records, K-9's, Air Support, Traffic, C.O.P.S. (Community Oriented Problem Solving), Narcotics, Bikes, Gangs, and D.A.R.E.

Participants also have an opportunity to meet the Chief of Police and Command Staff. As an added bonus, class members are allowed to go on a ride along with a patrol officer and participate in a "sit-along" in dispatch. In addition, a tour of the new police facility will be included in the Academy. No physical activity is required of Academy attendees.

For more information or to request an application, contact Suzanne Thomas at (909) 395-2094.

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Joe's commitment and service to his community:

- NAACP Rialto/Fontana Chapter, Member
- Fontana Boys & Girls Club, Member
- Anger Management Class, Fontana Police Department, Coordinator
- Baseball Clinics in Rialto/Bloomington, Instructor
- Fontana Citizens Academy, Participant
- Academic Decathlon, San Bernardino County Schools, Judge
- Red Ribbon Week Committee, City of Fontana
- Sequoia Middle School Parent Project, City of Fontana
- Youth Violence Forum San Bernardino Valley College, Panelist
- Youth Accountability Board of San Bernardino and Fontana, Volunteer
- Little League Western Regional, Summer Counselor

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, March 2
Le agradesco por su voto este 2 de Marzo
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