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THE WORLD REJOICES ON THE SELECTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

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STATEMENT OF BISHOP BARNES ON
THE ELECTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

I join with the world wide community in celebrating the election of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Benedict XVI, as Successor of St. Peter, Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

I know that the prayers of the Catholic Community of the Inland Empire and all people of good will of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties are with Pope Benedict XVI as he begins his service as Vicar of St. Peter to the Church and the World.

Given at the Pastoral Center, April 19th in the year of the Lord 2005 upon the election of Pope Benedict XVI as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

RODOLFO “CORKY” GONZALES DIES
1928-2005

We have lost a great civil rights champion, an inspirational leader, and one of LA RAZA’s founders, our beloved Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales. Corky lived his life with a passionate love for justice and la gente. He never wavered in his commitment to family, community, and la causa. We will remember him as the Great Chicano leader of the 20th century who led the crusade for justice and dedicated his life to that cause. We will miss him as we continue to celebrate his extraordinary life. Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with his family. Peace and blessings. Polly Baca, La Raza, Denver.

The following biography of Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales was written in 1988.

Rodolfo Gonzales, a political activist destined to take the lead, set the example, and inspired many people to choose his fight. “The Crusade for Justice.” Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales was born in Denver on June 18, 1928 to Federico and Indalecia Gonzales, the youngest of eight siblings. Corky’s mother died when he was two years old and his father never remarried but managed somehow to keep the Gonzales family together. The senior Gonzales ruled his household with a firm hand, tempered with love.

The children grew up in the tough eastside barrio of Denver during the devastating Depression. Rodolfo said, “Though the Depression was devastating to so many, we, as children, were so poor that it (the Depression) was hardly noticed.” Corky’s father had emigrated from Mexico to Colorado and often spoke to Corky about the Mexican Revolution, Mexico’s history, and the pride of the Mexican people. Thus leaving little doubt in Corky’s mind about his own identity - and possibly his destiny.

With the tremendous obstacles that faced Rodolfo from an early age, it is truly astonishing that he persevered in the Denver educational system to earn his high school diploma at the age of 16. The accomplishment is magnified by the fact that from an early age, Rodolfo worked in the best fields and at various other jobs that left little time for study. Corky attended many schools including schools in New Mexico and in Denver, graduating from Manual High School in 1944.

During his final year in high school, Corky worked hard to save money for a college education. With a keen interest in engineering, Corky entered the University of Denver, but after the first quarter realized that the financial cost was insurmountable. Rodolfo then pursued a career in boxing. An outstanding amateur national champion, Rodolfo became one of the best featherweight (125 lb) fighters in the world. Although Ring Magazine ranked Corky number three in the world, he never got a justly deserved title shot.

In the mid-1960’s, Rodolfo Gonzales founded an urban civil rights and cultural movement called the Crusade for Justice. Soon he became one of the central leaders in the Chicano movement and a strong proponent of Chicano nationalism. In the late sixties and early seventies, Corky Gonzales organized and supported high school walkouts, demonstrations against police brutality, and legal cases. He also organized mass demonstrations against the Vietnam War.

In 1968, Gonzales led a Chicano
supported the latest newspaper in the area. The first three years were very trying due to lack of experience in the newspaper business. The board met on a daily basis to resolve operational problems," Gomez said.

"Since the paper was started, the community at large has been served very well by writing articles of importance to the Hispanic community. We have achieved our goal of serving our community, who has responded and supported our efforts," stated board member Ray Abril Jr.

"IEHN has raised the level of awareness by publishing extensive articles on issues of education. Resources in the community and other data beneficial to our readers. Our investment in the IEHN has been rewarded with the full support from the community and recognition by many officials. We are appreciative of our close relationship with the community," said Henry Calderilla, retired San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY GRAND JURY

Volunteers for the 2005-2006 San Bernardino County Grand Jury are being requested, announced Peter H. Norell, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. These Grand Jurors will serve for the period beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

To be eligible for Selection a person must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United State and a resident of California and the County of San Bernardino for at least one year. Potential Grand Jurors are also required to possess sufficient knowledge of the English language, be in possession of their natural faculties, of ordinary intelligence, of sound judgment and of good character. By law, elected public officials are not eligible.

Similar to a Grand Jury involves an average of 3 to 4 full working days per week. Compensation is $25 per day plus meals and mileage associated with service. The regular meeting place is located in San Bernardino.

The County Grand Jury is charged by the California Penal Code to investigate all aspects of County, city and special district government, and to hear information on certain criminal investigations. All communications to the Grand Jury are confidential and the Grand Jury responds to all signed citizen complaints.

Concerned and interested citizens can telephone (909) 387-3825 to request an application, may pick one up in person in Room 200 of the County Courthouse at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0243, or may request an application in writing from this same address. Applications are also available at the various district Court offices throughout the County. Applications can also be downloaded from the Grand Jury’s webpage at www.sbcounty.gov/grandjury.

Applications will be accepted through April 29, 2005.

SINFONIA MEXICANA SPONSORS "CONCIERTO PARA LAS MADRES"

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, Sinfonia Mexicana has scheduled three outstanding concerts for the remainder of 2005.

The annual “Concierto Para Las Madres” will be held at the historic California Theatre of Performing Arts on Saturday, May 7th. Headlining the program is Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, commonly recognized as "el mejor mariachi del mundo," the best mariachi in the world. Soprano Florencia Tinoco, accompanied by the Mariachi Champaña Chamber Orchestra directed by Maestro Jeff Nevin, will open the festive yearly celebration that honors mothers.

Sinfonia’s anniversary symphonic concert on Saturday, October 15th, features the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Jeff Nevin and Maestro Harvey Sollberger, artistic director of the orchestra. Soprano Monica Obregón and Tenor Jose Medina are featured vocalists and will sing pieces by Maria Grever, Agustin Lara and Juan Gabriel. Music by famed composers Silvestre Revueltos, Carlos Chavez, Blas Galindo, and Jose Pablo Moncayo played in Sinfonia’s first exciting concert in 1985, will again be played by the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra. For this particular concert, Sinfonia is seeking sponsors for the Arts for Student Enrichment and the Senior Abrazo Programs which allows seniors and students to attend free of charge and is offering a 20 percent discount to patrons who have attended or have prepaid tickets to another season concert.

The last concert of the year is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th and is the annual Christmas Celebration, “Merri-Achi Christmas.” Featured is Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez and the colorful and exuberant Ballet Pacífico Dance Company Special guest will be soprano Florencia Tinoco singing the sounds of Christmas.

The wonderful 2005 anniversary concert season is a “thank you” to the community for supporting Sinfonia’s efforts to bring the best musical concerts and artists to the San Bernardino area.

Call Sinfonia Mexicana at (909) 884-3228 or toll free 1-866-687-4284 for further information. Our website is www.sinfoniamexicana.com.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be accepted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1650 N. Rimpel Drive, Suite 200D, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 for the following:

G2005-07 Automated Gas Chromatograph System for the Specification & Measurement of Volatile Organic Compounds within Ambient Air Closing Date: 5/30/05 10:00 a.m. Contact: Dr. Aaron Katzenstein (909) 396-2219

G2005-09 Ambient Sulfur Dioxide Analyzers Closing Date: 5/30/05 2:00 p.m. Contact: Tom Parsons (909) 396-2235

Q2005-10 Gas Disulfide System with Humidification Capability Closing Date: 5/30/05 2:00 p.m. Contact: Tai-Ching Hu (909) 396-2179

Q2005-11 Exterior Building Cleaning and Window Washing Closing Date: 5/30/05 2:00 p.m. Contact Anna Hetton (909) 396-2061

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.

The RFQs may be obtained through the Internet at: http://www.aqmd.gov/rfp/

If you have questions or would like a copy of the RFP mailed to you, call the contact person.

It is the policy of the AQMD to ensure that all businesses including minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, disabled veteran-owned businesses and small businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for and participate in AQMD contracts.

SCAGM Procurement Unit 04/06/2005, 04/22/2005 CNS-801444#
SERRANO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SAN GORGONIO
HIGH TAKE SECOND PLACE AT
DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Serrano Middle School and San Gorgonio High took second place at the State of California Military Department Youth Programs Drill Championships held March 19 in Los Angeles.

Serrano and San Gorgonio are two of eight schools in the San Bernardino City Unified School District to participate in the California Cadet Corps program. The program uses military-style training to promote academic achievement, good citizenship, and leadership skills.

Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales

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Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales was an organizer of the Annual Chicano Youth Liberation Conference, an ambitious effort to create greater unity among Chicano youth. The first conference in March 1969 produced a document, “The PLAN ESPIRITUAL DE AZTLAN (THE SPIRITUAL PLAN OF AZTLAN),” which developed the concept of ethnic nationalism and self-determination in the struggle for Chicano liberation. The second Chicano Youth Conference in 1970 represented a further refinement in Corky Gonzales’s efforts toward Chicano self-determination, the formation of the Colorado Raza Unida Party.

During this time Corky and his wife, Geraldine Romero Gonzales, raised a family of six daughters and two sons, Nita, Charlotte, Gina, Gary, Rudy, Joaquin, Cindy, and Valerie. All their children remain in Denver and continue to carry on Corky’s fight with his guidance. Corky is proud of his family, especially the twenty-four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Recently celebrating his fifty-sixth wedding anniversary, Corky attributed his closeness and strength of his family to his beloved wife, Geraldine, who has been his most enthusiastic and ardent supporter.

In many ways, Corky Gonzales has greatly influenced the Chicano movement. His key to liberation for the Chicano community is to develop a strong power base with heavy reliance on nationalism among Chicanos. His contributions as a community organizer, youth leader, political activist, and civil rights advocate have helped to create a new spirit of Chicano unity.

Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales’s life has been a collage of challenges that have been met and overcome. He has never wavered in his commitment to enhance the lives of his people in this country, to change what is not fair, what is not right. As long as there are injustices, double standards, racism, apathy, Corky’s dedication, loyalty, and love of the struggle against these diseases of society will serve as an inspiration for all people to act.

In his column in the Denver Post of January 6, 1988, Tom Gavin wrote, “He’s grizzled now, and gray, but he stands tall. Corky Gonzales does, and taller still, Rodolfo “I am Joaquin Gonzales. The one was a pretty good boxer, the other is a leader of men.”

I AM JOAQUÍN

By Rodolfo “Corky” Gonzales

I am Joaquin, lost in a world of confusion, caught up in the wheel of a stringy society, confused by the rules, scorned by attitudes, suppressed by manipulation, and destroyed by modern society. My father has lost the economic battle and won the struggle of cultural survival.

I have endured in the rugged mountains of our country. I have survived the toils and slavery of the fields. I have existed in the barrios of the city, in the suburbs of bigotry, in the mines of social snobbery, in the prisons of depression, in the muck of exploitation and in the fierce heat of racial hatred. Now the trumpet sounds.

The music of the people stirs the Revolution. Like a sleeping giant it slowly rears its head to the sound of trampling feet. Clarioning voices. Mariachi strains. Eucalyptus explosions. The smell of chile verde and Soft brown eyes of expectation for a better life. And in all the fertile farm lands, the barren plains, the mountain villages, smoke smeared cities, I am Raza! Mezicano! Español! Latino! Hispano! Chicano! or whatever I call myself, I look the same. I feel the same. I cry and sing the same. I am the masses. I am the masses of my people and I refuse to be absorbed. I am Joaquin. There is great but my spirit is strong. My faith unbreakable. My blood is pure. I am Aztec. Prince and Christian Christ. I SHALL ENDURE!

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

MARCH FIELD MUSEUM
FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

The March Field Museum requests sealed bids from contractors for sidewalk and related improvements throughout the museum aircraft display area.

Bid packages are available at the March Field Museum, located at Interstate 215 and Van Buren Blvd. interchange, Southeast corner, adjacent to March Air Reserve Base.

ALL BIDS AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS SHALL BE SUMMITTED IN DUPLICATE.

This project is federally financed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR Part 57) and subject to certain requirements including Department of Federal Housing, compliance with Section 3 Affirmative Action Requirements. Executive Order 11246 and others. The aforementioned is described in the “Special Federal Provisions” section of the Bid Document.

This is a federal assisted project and the Davis-Bacon Fair Labor Standards Act will be enforced. The applicable wage determination for said project is the one published 10 days prior to bid award. Wherever there is a State funding involved, the higher of the two (Federal and State) wage decision prevails.

Pursuant to the Labor code, the Museum Foundation has also obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, the determinations of general prevailing rates of per diem wages believed to be applicable to the work, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar purposes, as set forth on schedule which is on file at the March Field Museum and which will be made available to any interested person upon request.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16, 2005 AT 3:00 PM at March Field Museum to enable prospective contractors to clarify additional details considered pertinent for the evaluation prior to the bid submittal date, and to review bidding requirements.

Bid closing date and time shall be simultaneous with the bid opening. BID OPENING SHALL BE JUNE 16, 2005 AT 3:00 PM AT THE MARCH FIELD MUSEUM.

The March Field Museum Foundation reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or technical defects as the best interest of the Foundation may require. The March Field Museum Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Wednesday, April 20, 2005
HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL - Sears, Roebuck and Co. (NYSE S,) announced that its subsidiary, the Community Revitalization Fund, Inc. (CRF), will invest $1.5 million in a new National Council of La Raza (NCLR) program called “From House to Home Strengthening Families and Maintaining Homes.” The funding to NCLR is part of a $6 million effort to expand the reach of the Sears American Dream Campaign (SADC), the philanthropic umbrella for all of Sears’ community outreach in Hispanic communities.

“From House to Home” was created by NCLR, the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S. aimed at serving the needs of Latinos address the gap in services and education for new homeowners. The program focuses on three major areas: improving the long-term financial stability of low-income Latino families, generating research findings on the needs of Latino homeowners, and developing new strategies to help Latinos outfit and maintain their home. Latino families in seven cities across the country will benefit from the initiative during the next two years.

“Hispanics are one of the fastest growing groups of homeowners and we know that these families often need help and guidance in the homebuying process.” Stated Janet Murguia, NCLR President and CEO. “But just as important is knowledge about how to maintain your home and potentially leverage it for building other assets and greater wealth.”

Hispanic Outreach Program
Latinos purchased more homes in the final quarter of 2001 than in any quarter in the preceding five years. According to the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies, Latinos will comprise as much as 40 percent of all new homeowners during the next 20 years. Although Latino homeownership rates have increased, they still lag well behind the national rate. Some factors contributing to the homeownership gap include lack of consumer education, lack of industry outreach to the Latino market and distrust of the mainstream housing market by Hispanic families due to complex home buying procedures. “From House to Home” will address some of those critical factors and will focus on post-purchase issues such as upkeep, maintenance and leveraging a property for financial gain.

“The Sears American Dream Campaign aims to reach all Americans with the help and assistance they need to build and maintain strong families, homes and communities,” said Robert J. O’Leary, Sears senior vice president of public relations and government affairs. “By partnering with NCLR, we are certain that we can reach Hispanics with culturally relevant and meaningful information that will enable them to meet their goals. We want to provide Hispanic families, an important Sears customer, access to the services and information they need to live the American dream.

ARMC OFFERING VARIETY OF CPR CLASSES
Colton, CA, April 14, 2005: The ARMC Department of Education is holding pre-registration for Heartsaver CPR and Family & Friends CPR classes to be held in April, May and June. All classes are open to the public. Heartsaver classes are for individuals seeking certification for adult, infant and child CPR with AED training. Family & Friends classes are for those who wish to learn important lifesaving skills but do not need certification. Participants will learn basic skills needed to assist a victim of cardiac arrest and choking.

Upcoming Heartsaver one-day certification classes will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on April 22, May 20 and June 1, 2005. Cost is $40 per person. Family & Friends adult/child/infant CPR classes will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 28, May 16 and June 9, 2005. Cost is $16 per person.

All classes will be held in the Sequoia Conference Room, located on the first floor at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, 400 N. Pepper Ave., Colton. Pre-registration for all classes is required. To register or for more information, please call (909) 580-1200.

OMNI SAYS:
DO BUSINESS WITH US
FREE VENDOR WORKSHOP
Thursday, April 28, 2005
10 a.m. to Noon

Attention vendors, contractors, DBEs! Omnitrans is hosting a “HOW TO DO BUSINESS” workshop to teach you how to successfully compete for Omnitrans business. As the San Bernardino Valley’s award winning transit agency, we procure over $9 MILLION in goods and services annually. Come to meet our procurement staff, learn about our purchasing and contracting processes and add your firm’s name to our vendor list.

Location: 1700 W. Fifth St., San Bernardino
RSVP by April 25 to reserve your seat: 909-379-7305
**ASSEMBLYMAN JOE BACA JR.**
**SPONSORS ASTHMA CLINIC**

Please join Assemblyman Joe Baca, Jr to learn about programs for the early detection of childhood asthma at the First Annual Dia de Los Niños/Children's Day.

Saturday, April 30, 2005 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parque de Diversión Familiar de Fiesta Village, 1405 E. Washington Street, Colton, CA (off 215 Fwy in Colton).

Enjoy free Fiesta Fun Packs for your children including golf, two (2) attractions, and (24) pitches in the Batting Cages.

Have your children tested for asthma and receive useful information about asthma symptoms and prevention, and information on the Healthy Families and Healthy Kids Programs.

Protect your family. Learn the warning signs. The test is fast, painless and free.

For more information, please contact the District Office at (909) 388-1413

**Second Leading Cancer Killer Prevented with Regular Screenings**

HOUSTON, TX - The second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men and women, colorectal cancer, is also the most preventable, say oncologists at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston.

"Colorectal cancer is best prevented with regular screenings, preferably before symptoms appear," said Dr Garrett Lynch, professor and chief of the hematology and oncology section at BCM. "If colorectal cancer is detected early, it is highly curable."

Although there are many screening techniques available, Lynch says a procedure known as a colonoscopy generates the most comprehensive view of the colon.

"Most cases of colorectal cancer begin with small polyp like growths, known as polyps, that develop in the lining of the colon or rectum," said Lynch. "Unlike other screening methods, a colonoscopy evaluates the entire colon, from the lowest part of the rectum to the lowest end of the small intestine."

Although most polyps are initially benign, they have the potential to turn into cancer. Regular colonoscopies can detect polyps before they become cancerous.

The main risk factor for developing colorectal cancer is advanced age. For that reason, doctors recommend that individuals begin to get routine screenings at age 50. However, those at higher risk for developing the disease should begin screenings at a younger age. Such high risk factors include a genetic predisposition to the disease, and a family or personal history of colorectal cancer, colorectal polyps or inflammatory bowel disease. General risk factors include diets that are high in red meats, physical inactivity, obesity and ethnic background.

In addition to receiving regular screenings, recognizing the symptoms of colorectal cancer can also prevent problems from developing. According to Lynch, symptoms include:

- Abdominal pain
- Changes in bowel habits
- Changes in stool size, shape or color
- Constant need to have a bowel movement that is not relieved by doing so
- Rectal bleeding or blood in stool
- Weight loss
- Weakness and fatigue

"Although these symptoms may signify conditions other than cancer, it is important to discuss them with a physician," said Lynch. The earlier cancer is detected, the better the chance of survival.

Preguntas sobre la construcción o clausura de caminos de la Ruta 210?

Gobiernos Asociados de San Bernardino tienen las respuestas...

Llame gratis a la Línea de Ayuda del proyecto:

1-866-HELP-210

Le devolverán su llamada el día siguiente.

¡Se habla español!

La Avenida Highland estará cerrada de noche durante mayo

La Avenida Highland estará cerrada de noche entre Avenida Riverside en Rialto y la Calle Mary en San Bernar­

dino para la explotación de la nueva Ruta Estatal 210.

La clausura estará en efecto de 8 p.m. a 5 a.m. y durará hasta fines de mayo. Los conductores deberán utilizar las calles Baseline, California y la Avenida Riverside como rutas alternas.

Esta sección de Highland ha estado cerrada desde el 11 de abril para realizar las líneas de servicio públicos subterráneas. La clausura continuará permitiendo que los camiones para la construcción y los vehículos de servicios públicos puedan cruzar la avenida.

Se les pide a los conductores que viajen de noche conduzcan con precaución cerca de las áreas de construc­
tión y seguir los señalamientos de desvío.

La Avenida Highland se cerrará de noche a partir de las 8 p.m. hasta las 5 a.m. y esto durará hasta fines de mayo.

**Questions about Route 210 construction or road closures?**

San Bernardino Associated Governments has answers...

Call the toll-free project helpline:

1-866-HELP-210

Highland Avenue to close at night through May

Highland Avenue will be closed at night between Riverside Avenue in Rialto and Mary Street in San Bernar­
dino for earthwork for the new State Route 210.

The closure will be in effect from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. and last until the end of May. Drivers should use Baseline, California Street and Riverside Avenue as detour routes.

This section of Highland has been closed at night since April 11 to reduce underground utility lines. The closure will continue to allow crews to conduct earthwork near the Vulcan Materials plant.

Motorists traveling at night are asked to drive carefully near the construction areas and to follow detour signs.

¡Se habla español!
On April 28, 1984, an unusually heavy rain cut short the inauguration ceremony of Tomás Rivera, the first Latino Chancellor in the University of California system. He never gave his inaugural address.

That address will be read in public for the first time at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2005, at UC Riverside during a day-long public celebration of the 25th anniversary of the inauguration called "After the Rain: The Legacy and Life of Tomás Rivera." Scholar who holds the new endowed Professor Juan Felipe Herrera, the long public celebration of the 25th anniversary of Tomás Rivera, the first Latino Chancellor in the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a mentor to Chancellor Rivera. A reception will follow at 6 p.m. in the UC Commons, before the 7 p.m. multi-media performance that includes video, music, and live readings by friends, family, and colleagues. It also includes the reading of the inaugural address. Carlos Cortés, a professor emeritus of history at UC Riverside, will narrate the evening performance, called "Tomás Rivera, Celebration of a Life."

The story of Tomás Rivera as told in his own words and those of his friends and admirers.

"This event builds on the Rivera Conference, held at UCR starting in 1987," said Concepción "Concha" Rivera, the widow of the late Tomás Rivera. "Twenty-five years ago the inauguration ceremony really hit some wrong notes. For instance, I was insured that day, and then the ceremony was rained out. However, the sun has come out now, and we can see Tomás' leadership and legacy. We have the perspective to see how much he accomplished in his life and how much he mattered to the world."

Other dignitaries who have received the Tomás Rivera Lifetime Achievement Award include former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros; United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta; James Erickson, a former vice-chancellor for Advancement at UCR; and Arturo Madrid, a professor at Trinity University and founding president of the Tomás Rivera Center, the nation's first institute for policy studies on Latino issues.

The daylong event is open to the public. The cost is $20 per person, although UCR students may attend without cost. There is seating available for 600 people at the conference and 250 people at the evening performance. RSVP is advised. To reserve call the Office of Governmental and Community Relations, at (951) 827-5184.

SAN GORGONIO HIGH TAKE SECOND PLACE AT DRILL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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San Gorgonio's platoon was the second-place winner in the senior division of the statewide championship. The 17-member platoon was led by freshman Cadet Sergeant Major Michael Mosley.

Competing squads and platoons are judged on their accuracy and precision in performing military-style drills. Middle school and high school cadets compete in different divisions.

Ryan feels the cadet corps program provides unique opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and improve their self-esteem. "Where else but in programs such as the California Cadet Corps can you find a 12-year-old leading peers in a challenging drill routine?" he said.

To help keep our electric customers cool, we're giving away free shade trees. And we've enlisted local nurseries - like Louie's Nursery - to help us.

Simply bring in the Free Shade Tree Coupon on the back of your March Public Utilities bill to Louie's Nursery, or one of four other participating nurseries, to receive your tree. For more information on our TREE POWER Free Shade Tree Promotion, call 826-5485 or visit www.riversidepublicutilities.com.
12 LOCAL EDUCATORS, SUPPORT STAFF HONORED WITH GOLDEN APPLES

Twelve education employees were honored Thursday March 24 during the 11th Golden Apple Awards dinner held at the Radisson Hotel in San Bernardino. The awards are sponsored by the San Bernardino Education Round Table. Formed in March 1988, the Round Table is a collaboration between the mayor of San Bernardino and the area's major educational institutions: San Bernardino City Unified School District, Valley College, and California State University, San Bernardino. The Golden Apple recognizes outstanding educators and support staff at all three institutions.

The four San Bernardino Unified Golden Apple recipients were nominated by their peers and selected for their dedication to students:

- Pauline Farhar, director of Enrollment and Placement Services, was honored for making a 20-year District goal a reality. She invested many long hours to establish a centralized enrollment facility for the District's elementary students.
- School Police Department Lieutenant Warren Craig has been with the District for 33 years. He supervises 24 sworn police officers in his efforts to ensure the safety of District students and staff.
- As a school nurse, Marilyn Sweitzer is concerned with the health of students. She teaches an asthma education program for students and families. She also helps teachers to better understand the needs of students with attention deficit disorder.
- Irene Bingham is a community resource worker at Inghram Elementary School. She has established a resource network to provide valuable support services for needy District families.

San Bernardino Valley College recipients were Dr. Diana M. Dusick, chair and professor of the Radio, Television, and Film Department; Teri Strong, associate professor of mathematics; Colleen Gamboa, payroll specialist for the San Bernardino Community College District; and Andrea P. Rosas, secretary I, Marketing/Public Affairs.

CSUSB honorees included Margaret Brasch, associate director of Recruitment and Sponsored Programs; Margaret Doane, English Department College of Arts and Letters; Raul Gonzalez, assistant coordinator, Recreational Sports; and Eugene Wong, professor of psychology, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

“SPRING INTO SAFETY: CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!”

Having smoke alarms in your home reduces your risk of dying in a fire by nearly fifty percent. Yet, three out of every ten reported fires in homes that are equipped with smoke alarms occurred because the smoke alarms were non-operational due to lack of sufficiently charged batteries, or simply no batteries at all. People may be unsure as to when they should change the batteries in their smoke alarms, but here is an easy way to remember: “When you change your clock, change your batteries.”

Smoke Alarm Safety: Smoke alarms provide an inexpensive and simple warning system for your family. The Rancho Cucamonga Firefighters would like to offer the following tips for smoke alarm installation and maintenance:

- Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.
- Mount smoke alarms on ceilings or high on walls.
- Test smoke alarms once a month, following the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Replace all smoke alarms after ten years, even those that are hard-wired or smoke alarms with “long-life” (10-year) batteries. Smoke alarm units with “long-life” batteries also need to be replaced when the alarm “chirps” or fails to respond to periodic testing. The batteries in these units cannot be replaced.
- Alarms that are hard-wired to the home’s electrical system should be installed by a qualified technician.

For more information, The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District offers free smoke alarms to low-income and senior residents in our community. For more information about the smoke alarm program, call the Fire District offices at (909) 477-2770.

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