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Congressman Baca announced plan to make schools safe

His School Violence Prevention Legislation Will Protect Students

Rialto - Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto), during a visit to Carter High School, announced that he will introduce legislation to halt the epidemic of violence that has plagued schools in the Inland Empire, throughout California, and across America.

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The National Center for Education Statistics conducted a study that documented just how pervasive and alarming the problem of school violence is. Among its findings in the year 2000:

- American students ages 12 through 18 were victims of more than 2.7 million total crimes at school.
- Nationally there was 239,000 serious violent crimes at school, such as rape, sexual assault robbery, and aggravated assault. There were also 60 school-associated violent deaths.

The percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during one year was about 8 percent.

The percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who reported being in a physical fight on school property was about 15 percent.

Rep. Baca said, “I am here at Carter High School today because we must confront the problem of violence on campus, which has occurred at this school, and so many other schools. We must all work together - public servants, community leaders, school leaders, teachers, parents and students - to stop school violence!”

Baca’s legislation, known as the School Violence Prevention Act of 2005, requires the U.S. Department of Education to identify the problem of school violence.

The afternoon sun was hot on Friday, September 1, 2005, and the crowd continued to arrive at the baseball field arranged with a stage and array of chairs for the anticipated 500 plus to witness the dedication of a street to be named - Calderon Way - in the Fair Oaks Ranch housing development to honor the Calderon family, an established and well-known name in the City of Banning.

Fabian R. Calderon, a World War II decorated veteran, Maurice A. Calderon, Senior Vice President, Arrowhead Credit Union, and Marie Santa Cruz Calderon, City Clerk of the City of Banning, were recipients of the honor to receive recognition and admiration of a city, its residents and many in the Inland Empire.

Master of ceremonies Larry Sharp, President and CEO, Arrowhead Credit Union, introduced elected officials and dignitaries.

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Calderon Way-a tribute to family, tradition and dedication

The Latino Health Collaborative (LHC) has scheduled a press conference at the San Bernardino County Government Center’s Rotunda, 385 No. Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, on September 19, 2005, at 11:30 A.M., to announce the establishment of an organization with the mission to improve the health of Latinos in the County of San Bernardino. An information packet will be available to the press. The public is invited.

LHC is a consortium of 35 government, health, community-based organizations, and residents. LHC recently organized and has elected an executive committee under the auspices of a temporary committee.

We have established a working group of dedicated professionals and community persons to form an organizational structure to identify the health needs of the Latino Community and to plan goals and objectives to meet those needs. Data shows that disparities exist that cause death and other health issues among Latinos,” stated LHC co-founders Monica Benitez, Latino Issues Forum and Esther Jimenez, Health Department.

U.S. Census established that Latinos make the largest proportion of San Bernardino County’s population in 2002. Latinos are disproportionately affected by chronic health conditions such as diabetes and cirrhosis of the liver. In addition, Latinos are less likely to access mental health services and less likely to have health insurance compared to non-Latinos in the county.

For information on the LHC or press conference, call Monica Benitez at (909) 984-5414.

Latino Health Collaborative Schedules Press Conference

Hurricane Katrina disaster relief

The following agencies are accepting donations for the disaster areas as the result of Hurricane Katrina:

- American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. (800) HELP-NOW, or in Spanish (800) 257-7757. Donations online at www.arclandinempire.org or Red Cross, P.O. Box 183, San Bernardino, CA. 92402. For information call at (909) 888-1481. Volunteers are needed for local office work and for rescue and relief operations in Gulf Coast.
- Blood Bank - Type A and type B and type O critically needed. For donation and locations call at (800) 870-4484 or visit www.bbsbrc.org.
- Catholic Charities - to donate call (800) 919-9338 or visit www.catholiccharities.org. Mail donations to Charities, P.O. Box 25168, Alexandria, VA. 22313-9788. Parishes are asked to donate for next three weekends to benefit victims and famine relief. Sent donations to Missions Office, P.O. Box 1416, San Bernardino, CA. 92402.
- Salvation Army - to date call (800) SAL-ARMY or visit www.salvationarmyusa.org. To contribute, sent to Disaster Relief, P.O. Box 4857, Jackson, Ms. 39296-4857.
of Education to improve school violence prevention efforts and make sure that taxpayer money is being used to fund programs which have proven effective.

After noting the severity and prevalence of violence affecting American youth at school. Rep. Baca said, "The good news is that some school districts have developed effective remedies to reduce violence. We must make them available to everyone."

Under current practice, many school districts are not fully informed about successful efforts to reduce, and prevent, violence. Meanwhile, the federal government is awarding funding for some programs that have failed to shield students from violence.

Baca summarized some of the successful strategies for preventing school violence, including training student and staff to both prevent and respond to crises, developing appropriate and effective disciplinary policies and security procedures and holding community summits to focus on school safety and the problems of gangs and bullying.

Attending the press conference were County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Herbert Fischer, Rialto School Superintendent of Schools Edna Herring, Colton Chief of Police Ken Roulon, Rialto Police Department Lt. Joe Cirolo, representatives from State Senator Nell Soto, Assemblyman Joe Baca Jr. and school district representatives and law enforcement officials from San Bernardino County. Present also were school and community leaders, activists and concerned residents participated in the event.

Surrounded by community and school leaders, Rep. Baca closed his remarks by reassuring the assembled students "We care, and we are here to help."

CHILDREN'S NETWORK TO HOLD CONFERENCE

"Young children, Adolescents, and adults: the at-risk chain reaction

The Children's Network has scheduled a conference on September 21 & 22, 2005 at the Ontario Convention Center, 2000 Convention Way, Ontario, CA with registration at 7:30 on Wednesday. Keynote Speaker Jerry Moe, director, Children's Programs at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, CA with topic: From Risk to Resilience.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA -
The City of Rancho Cucamonga, Rancho Cucamonga Police Department, and the Freedom's Flame Foundation invite the community to a September 11th Memorial Remembrance. A one-hour ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2005, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rancho Cucamonga Civic Center, located at 10500 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga.

September 11th Memorial Remembrance Ceremony - The Memorial Remembrance Ceremony will honor members of the Port Authority, Police Department, and Fire Department of New York who died in the line-of-duty on September 11, 2001. Several local honor guards, including the Memorial Honor Detail #18 of the Riverside National Cemetery, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard, and the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District Honor Guard will pay tribute to these men and women.

The Ceremony features special guest Bill Spade, a FDNY firefighter, and who will share his remarkable story of survival during the tragic World Trade Center attacks. Assigned to Rescue Company 5 in Staten Island, Bill assisted evacuees in Tower One until he became trapped himself. Steel from the World Trade Center and the remains of FDNY Ladder 152 fire engine will also be on public display courtesy of the Freedom's Flame Foundation.

The public is welcome to attend this public ceremony in honoring and pay tribute to those who perished in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Parking will be available in the Civic Center parking lots beginning at 7:30 a.m.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, 41 Port Authority, 23 New York Police Department and 343 FDNY personnel died at the World Trade Center.

For more information on the September 11th Memorial Remembrance, please contact Kelley Larson, Public Information Officer, Rancho Cucamonga Fire District, at (909) 477-2770, ext. 3008.

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I.E. HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS AWARDS CEREMONY

The Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 49th Annual Awards and Mega Mixer at the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino, Highland. The following awards were presented:

Community Service Award, Organization of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year.

Organization of the Year: Hillwood Investments-Alliance California, John Magness senior vice president.

When Norton Air Force Base closed in 1994 a serious economic gap was created in San Bernardino and the region. Blight, job losses, and an overall economic decline soon followed. The Inland Valley Development Agency was established to find solutions to rebound the local economy. A solution was established with the formation of a partnership with Hillwood Investments- Alliance California, Hillwood.

Hillwood, a Perot Company in Texas, is one of the few real estate companies with the development expertise and experience that encompasses diverse products, including arenas, high-rise condominiums, offices, single-family residential communities, distribution centers, regional malls, mixed-use urban developments, call centers, hotels, golf courses, airports, intermodal rail yards, corporate campuses and major air facilities.

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Community Service Award: Albert Okura at left is Gabriel Ramirez.

Albert Okura began his restaurant career at 19 at a Burger King in Harbor City, California, earning $1.35 per hour. He was later promoted to supervisor due to his interest in the job and hard work ethic. He later expanded his skills during his tenure with Del Taco.

Okura, at age 32, was ready to venture into the restaurant business. His uncle owned a vacant restaurant in Ontario and suggested starting a char-broiled restaurant. Okura called his friend, Armando Parra, to help in starting the restaurant. Parra suggested that the future was in rotisserie cooking. In addition, Parra invented a marinade sauce with the objective of "enhancing the natural flavor of the chicken."

In January 1984, the first Juan Pollo opened with day's sales of $165.12. In order to control the cost during the first year, Okura worked extremely long hours seven days a week, paying himself $2.25 per hour and living in a trailer behind the restaurant.

Many of his associates predicted that Juan Pollo would fail in the business. He, however, kept the long working hours, improving the quality of the ingredients, and learning the secrets to producing exceptional tasting rotisserie chickens.

In August, 2005, the 34th restaurant in Hemet was added, and an annual sales revenue of over $17.5 million.

Okura is also owner and curator of the McDonald Museum in San Bernardino. Last year, Okura bought the town of Amboy in the Mojave Desert with cash payment.

Okura has shared his success in the restaurant business by helping others, and over the years has donated his time and the museum space for local events and donated thousands of meals for local fundraising functions.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Ray Choiselat at left is Gabriel Ramirez.

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CALDERON WAY—A TRIBUTE TO FAMILY, TRADITION AND DEDICATION

Sgt. Fabian Calderon, father of Maurice Calderon, and decorated World War II veteran. Calderon flew 30 missions over Europe and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Calderon was a strong role model for Maurice Calderon, his son. Photo courtesy of the Calderon Family

Philip Marmolejo Post 650, American Legion, posted the colors. Marie Alonzo, Chair, Board of Directors. Arrowhead Credit Union, lead the flag salute. Dana Merola sang the National Anthem and Rev. Tom Burdick, Diocesan Vicar Forane, gave the invocation.

Congressperson Grace Napolitano presented a resolution of recognition to Calderon. Elected officials or their representatives also presented resolutions of recognition: Senator Barbara Boxer, Congressman Joe Baca, State Senators Bob Dutton and Nell Soto, Assemblymen Bill Emerson, Joe Baca Jr. and John Benoit.

Mexican Consul Carlos Giralt-Cabrades presented a special plaque of recognition, and banners designating "Calderon Way" was presented by Banning Councilperson Brenda Salas.

Sharp, speaking for Congressman Jerry Lewis, who was unable to attend, spoke of the long friendship between the Congressman and Maurice Calderon. "Congressman Lewis and Maurice have had a close friendship and a very productive working relationship for many decades," he said.

The Philip Marmolejo Post 650, American Legion, presented the colors during the dedication ceremonies honoring the Calderon Family. The Post was organized in 1949 in Redlands by World War II veterans of Mexican descent. Photo by IEHN

The Calderon family has deep roots in the City of Banning. The Calderon family, including Maurice Calderon, his family, and decorated World War II veteran, Mrs. Calderon raised the children while her husband served in the Air Force during World War II. Photo by IEHN

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Neltie Calderon, Mother of Maurice Calderon, listens intensely during the ceremonies honoring the Calderon family. Mrs. Calderon raised the children while her husband served in the Air Force during World War II. Photo by IEHN

“My new Caucasian friends influenced my thinking and the motivation to learn. I lived in a bi-cultural world, one of a new environment and another with the many friends that I had grown up with. This dual cultural experience has stayed with me to the present, and has given me the ability to live between two worlds.”

He attended Banning High School and continued to be a studious student and getting good grades. Coupled with good academic records, Calderon also played football, becoming All-Riverside County Lineman.

He credits his motivation to succeed to his uncle, Alberto Lopez, and Lalo Garcia, a friend of his father. “They taught me the nobility of work, the importance of having a job and performing well and respecting others,” he said.

The dropout rate for high school students of Mexican descent was exceedingly high. This was due to minimal Mexican family economic status and low working wages for the family members, and dire need for family members to work, including the young men and women, to support the family structure.

Calderon and Dorothy Rivera, his future wife, graduated in 1959. There were 60 Mexican students in the freshman class, and all had dropped out except these two students. The two students thereafter married.

Young Calderon was unable to find opportunities in the City of Banning and he joined his father in the construction trade, while his wife, Dorothy, worked at the local bank.

He worked alongside his father as a hod carrier, a backbreaking job. He, however, learned from his father about pride in working with your hands, and the responsibility to support your family.

Calderon learned fast about the job and soon became a plasterer. “During our daily travel to the work place, my father and I had many discussions and I learned from him, and further appreciated his dedication and sacrifice to his family. I also was able to ask many questions on his involvement in the war,” he said. He learned extensively about World War II, and importantly, his father’s loyalty and dedication to America, and his role in the war, facts that would later become the catalyst for a future publication.

“During the early part of their marriage, Dorothy encouraged me to get more education and to begin a banking career. I enrolled at San Jacinto Community College and working full time. It took me three years to complete the college courses,” he said. “At work, my friends Santos Santa Cruz and Truitt Spigner would do my work while I studied. I am grateful for their help.”

He graduated with honors. “Getting this education gave me an opportunity to expand my visions to other careers,” he said.

He applied for a job at different banks and was turned down, and a...
little discouraged. He then applied at Redlands, Federal Bank and was hired as teller by Bob Kahl, bank president. He became an outstanding professional and an asset to the bank. In two years, he was appointed assistant branch manager in Yucaipa, and later manager of the Beaumont branch.

Calderon’s work ethic, dedication to serving the bank’s clients, and involvement in the community was recognized by his superiors, and progressively promoted to branch administrator, senior vice president, chief administrative officer and bank community relations officer.

After a 27-year tenure, and confronted with changes in bank administrations and acquisitions, he resigned and accepted a position with Arrowhead Credit Union.

His current position as senior vice president includes a myriad of responsibilities: frequent trips to Washington and Sacramento conferring with legislators, coordinating with Mexico on the money wire transfer service, expansion of credit union opportunities, and other business activities. His involvement in numerous community groups and sponsorship of worthwhile programs is known throughout the region.

Calderon has received national, state and local awards and recognition for his community involvement and generous contributions to cultural and civic organizations.

Remembrance of his father’s impact on his personal character, values and concepts of life rekindled a long-lost love for his hometown hero.

In April, 1995, Maurice Calderon completed exhaustive research on his father’s participation in World War II and published a soft-cover book, IN SEARCH OF MY PAST - Fabian Reyes Calderon - FATHER, PATRIOT, HERO, depicting an in-depth history of the 381st Bomb Group, an invaluable document dedicated to his beloved father and the air crew.

The following excerpt is from the introduction of the book:

The wind gently stroked the trees as it raced through the sprawling branch of the sturdy old trees. The sun shone brightly and warmed the upper slope of the Banning Cemetery. There, a weathered headstone reads: Fabian R. Calderon California TSGT ARMY AIR FORCES WORLD WAR II DFC - AM Dec. 22, 1920 Aug. 21, 1972.

I stood at my father’s grave marker and recalled the many stories of courage that moral could never tell with the inscription TSGT (Technical Sergeant) ARMY AIR FORCES - WORLD WAR II DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) and AM (Air Medals). These initials were shorthand for a period of time that tested an entire generation of young man. My father was one of them.

Marie A. "Toni" Calderon
Maria A. "Toni" Calderon, City Clerk for the City of Banning, is a tenured employee since 1984. Appointed city clerk in June 1995, Calderon ran for the office of City Clerk in November 1996 and was successfully elected. She was reelected in 2000 and 2004. Her added responsibilities include Secretary to the City Manager and City Council.

Calderon was raised in Palm Springs, attending Cielo Vista Elementary School, Nellie N. Coffman Junior High School, and a graduate of Palm Springs High School. She attended College of the Desert, receiving an AA in Secretarial Science, and a Certificate of Completion in Professional Development Program for Continuing Education for Elected Officials; and currently a member of the City Clerks Association of American and International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Calderon’s grandparents were Abraham and Neives Santa Cruz, who lived in Banning for over 50 years. Santos Santa Cruz, her father, was born and raised in Banning, and later, he and her mother, Bonnie, moved to Palm Springs.

“I always remember visiting my grandparents on Nicolet Street regularly, and on special occasions. My grandmother’s beef soup and homemade tortillas were my favorites.”

Calderon met her husband, Fabian, through Maurice Calderon, who worked with her father, and were “compadres,” and through her Aunt Percy Calderon and Uncle Chino Rivas. They were married in October 1972.

The couple have two daughters, Christina Calderon, a senior citizen’s recreation supervisor, and recently received a BA in Criminal Justice from Cal-State, San Bernardino and Regina Santana, married to Saul Santana, and grandparents of Audriana, 8, and Isaac, 2. She received a Medical Office Management degree and is employed by Vision Professional.

Her community involvement included: Mexican-American Scholarship Association (1974-1998), Banning High Schools Sports Boosters, Banning High School Band Boosters, Soroptomist International (president 2003), and United Methodist Church secretary.

“I am proud to be part of this family, my mother-in-law Nettie, my late brother-in-law Stanley Calderon and his family. Through our dedication and civic involvement, I hope that we can continue to make Banning a great place to live, and we are especially proud of this dedication to the

Maurice Calderon, left, is presenting a Resolution of Recognition by Banning Mayor John Machisch, with Banning Councilperson Brenda Balas, participating in the presentation. Photo by IEHN

Calderon family.

In a prepared statement to the IEHN, Maurice Calderon stated, “I will treasure the moment that has come to me on the occasion of naming the street, Calderon Way in the City of Banning. This gesture has brought great honor to my family, the community, and me. I thank all that were present at the ceremony, and grateful for their support on this special event in my life. I want to thank my family for all their support throughout these many years.

I especially want to thank my wife, Dorothy. I would not have been able to accomplish the many successes in my life without her. She has been my co-partner-in-life in all that I do. She has been on the sidelines making sure that things go right and cheering me on. Her presence beside me throughout these many years has been the inspirational spirit that has reinforced my hopes and dreams and realities of life. I am very blessed and appreciative of her.

The event was a reflection of my life. It was a mixture of my early, middle and present life, and a mixture of people that I have met, from the Hispanic, Anglo, African-American, Indonesian, Asians and other groups who were present in support of me.

“This myriad of groups illustrates as to what can be accomplished by working together beyond the viewpoints of others. Their voices are very precious and sacred. “I am very grateful for the opportunities that I have received and with the expectation that I will continue to serve many in the future.”

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The assemblage of natives than became a mob. Fueled by such words, the people let out a war cry and lifted their torches menacingly towards the night sky.

"Will you defend your rights as true patriots? Long live our Lady of Guadalupe! Death to bad government! Death to the gachupines!"

Then the men followed the priest down towards hidden cellar below the rectory. He took an axe and broke through the wooden planks. Underneath the wooden debris lay another cache of muskets and ammunition.

After the weapons were passed around, Father Hidalgo's new "army" was on the march or rather on the rampage. The insurgent army, now turned into a vengeful mob, slaughtered and pillaged nearby towns such as San Miguel, Colaya, and finally the state capital of Guanajuato.

At the Guanajuato granary, called the Alhondiga, the royalist and other survivors of the pligale stood their final ground until the insurgent army made their way into the fortified granary and slaughtered every last survivor. Hidalgo left part of his army at the Alhondiga and went over to Morelia to claim more victories. Eventually, the priest would meet his defeat and be captured.

But of course, the Spaniards would retaliate severely. By then most of Father Hidalgo's occupying army had already fled or deserted leaving only innocent townpeople of Guanajuato. A royalist officer, called the Count DeLaCadena, nevertheless he was given an order to prepare for a mass execution.

As the church bell tolled the "death knell," a humble Franciscan friar came out to offer up his own "grito" of mercy.

"These people have committed no crime," the friar said. "Suspend the order for the execution. I beg you in the name of the Lord who will on the last day ask for an account of the innocent blood that will be spilled here." The count, heeding to the words of Padre Belaunzaran, suspended the order of executions.

This account of the early uprisings for Mexican Independence is, of course, familiar to every Mexican person dead or alive. At first with Hidalgo's unexpected Grito de Dolores, the wars for independence began to have social implications that some promise of justice and improved economic conditions for the Indians and mestizo peasants, but Spanish creolos-Spanish born in the New World were at first reluctant to support such a revolution.

Eventually, Hidalgo and his other rebels were captured and executed, burning with their headless corpses any hope of uplifting the peasant's social conditions. In order to make the move towards independence more attractive to the Creoles and other conservatives factions, a royalist officer called Agustin de Iturbide, who first fought to defeat the insurgents, decided to turn the table and join the other side. His price for traison was the first crown of Mexico.

What actually occurred as a result of the wars of Independence was the replacement of one bad government for another. Ituribe's reigon, fortunately, only lasted a year. The promises of the Grito De Dolores has been forgotten as Creolos replaced Spanish "Gachupines" in state offices and other responsibilities of power.

Although Father Hidalgo set the path for independence on September 16, 1810, eleven years later the conservative, wealth forces of the new nation put a crown on Ituribe's head making him the Emperor Agustin I. Meanwhile, the rotting decapitated heads of Allende, Aldama, and Father Hidalgo swung in cages from poles outside the ruined remains of the Alhondiga in Guanajuato whose motto was to become "dondé la vida vale nada" (where life has no value). Another chapter in Mexico's history was about to be written.
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CITY COUNCIL HONORS HEROES WHO PERFORMED LIFE SAVING CPR

SAN BERNARDINO – Mayor Valles and City Council members join San Bernardino City Fire (SBFD) in presenting certificates of appreciation to three heroes who performed life-saving CPR on a heart attack victim at Costco-San Bernardino.

On May 27, 2005, off-duty Emergency Care Assistant (ECA) Erika Greenhow stood in line at Costco-San Bernardino, waiting to pay for her purchases when Bruce Kubert passed out in front of her. Greenhow, took Kubert’s vital signs, found him unresponsive, with no pulse. Seventy-three-year-old Kubert had suffered a heart attack and was in extreme medical distress. Greenhow requested an emergency telephone call to 9-1-1 and took charge of the situation.

Greenhow, with the assistance of Costco employee-Amy Reed completed three rounds of Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on Kubert. They used a “pocket mask” from a first-aid kit, given to them by Costco employee-Edward Walton. Walton completed the last round of respiration on Kubert. Minutes later SBFD paramedics arrived, continued medical treatment and transported Kubert to Loma Linda University Medical Center. July 2005, Bruce Kubert was released from the hospital. He had survived his near fatal heart attack.

The combined efforts of Erika Greenhow, Amy Reed, and Edward Walton were extraordinary and worthy of commendation. Early CPR and defibrillation within the first 3-5 minutes of collapse, plus early advanced care can result in high (greater than 50 percent) long-term survival rates. The value of early CPR by bystanders is that it can “buy time” by maintaining some blood flow to the heart and brain during cardiac arrest. Mayor Valles, City Council members, and SBFD extend a sincere thank you to Erika Greenhow, Amy Reed, and Edward Walton for their initiative and willingness to get involved. All are assets to our community.
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FOR MILLIONS WITH DIABETES, SERIOUS COMPLICATION GOES UNDIAGNOSED, UNTREATED

According to a new national survey by the American Diabetes Association (ADA), while the majority of people with diabetes experience symptoms associated with diabetic neuropathy (nerve damage), only a small minority have been diagnosed with this condition.

Diabetic neuropathy is a serious complication of diabetes that leads to sensation of pain and/or numbness, tingling or "pins and needles" in the feet and hands. In addition, according to study findings, a staggering 56 percent of patients have never even heard of the condition.

This lack of awareness is unfortunate for the 18.2 million people in the United States living with diabetes. With symptoms that can be incapacitating, the pain of diabetic neuropathy typically worsens at night and many people experience difficulty sleeping. The nerve damage can make a person extremely sensitive to even the lightest touch, and simply wearing socks or having a foot touch a bed sheet can cause pain. Often interfering with daily functions and activities, people with this condition may have difficulty walking, working or socializing. Diabetic neuropathy is a major risk factor for foot injury, infection and amputation.

Left untreated, diabetic neuropathy always progresses. Fortunately, there is good news. With proper attention, management and treatment, diabetic neuropathy can be prevented or delayed. Awareness is the first, critical step in taking care of yourself and preventing serious consequences.

That's why the American Diabetes Association has embarked on an awareness campaign to educate people with diabetes about the possible onset of diabetic neuropathy, the seriousness of this complication, symptoms associated with this condition, and the important fact that there are things people can do to prevent, reduce or manage these symptoms.

As part of the campaign, ADA has developed a patient "pocket checklist" that allows people with diabetes to review a list of symptoms then take this list to their healthcare providers for discussion. For more information or to receive your free checklist, call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-342-2383 or visit www.diabetes.org/neuropathy. This free checklist has been made possible through an unrestricted educational grant from Pfizer Inc.

Students in the San Bernardino City Unified School District have again made steady progress on state standardized test scores.

Results of the California Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program show that more San Bernardino students are scoring at the proficient level, the achievement level called for by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

All elementary schools in the District improved in math and 35 of 41 elementary schools made gains in English-Language Arts. Similarly, all middle schools improved in English-Language Arts and all but one boosted math scores.

Superintendent Dr. Arturo Delgado is pleased with the growth.

"We're proud of the results," Delgado said. "They can be attributed to the hard work of our teachers and administrators. But, we also recognize that more work lies ahead."

While the District's high schools also improved student learning this year, additional collaboration between teachers, parents, and school staff is needed to ensure that more students reach proficiency and excel toward advanced levels.

Greater student achievement is expected in the coming years as the District moves forward with implementing the recommendations brought forward in a recent Curriculum Management Audit. In addition, the Blueprint for Success continues guiding the District toward academic achievement by creating smaller learning communities and bilingual-biliterate schools, among other efforts.

This year nearly 45,000 District students participated in the state's testing program, which includes the California Standards Tests and the California Achievement Tests in 2004, 44,189 District students took the tests.

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CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS HELPING IN HURRICANE RELIEF
Volunteers Cautioned Against “Self-Deploying”

SACRAMENTO, CA - Thousands of Californians are asking how they can help relieve the suffering of people in the Southeast who are reeling from the devastation of Hurricane.” said Brian Bolton, Executive Director of Volunteer Centers of California. Bolton reports that Volunteer Centers throughout the state are receiving calls from people who desperately want to help but are not part of an established relief organization. The callers are being interviewed and referred to agencies like the American Red Cross and Salvation Army, where they can receive proper training and, perhaps, be deployed as part of that organization’s relief effort.

Volunteer Centers of California urge that people NOT travel to the southeast in an effort to help wherever they can. “These spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers can add to the chaos and suffering of the victims of this horrible disaster,” Bolton said. There are no hotel rooms, food, or water available for people who show up and are not affiliated with an active relief organization.

Bonnie O’Connor, Interim Executive Director Consultant for the Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire said, “If local citizens want to help, they can make a cash donation to Red Cross or one of the agencies leading relief efforts.” In addition, people are urged NOT to make or collect donations of food, clothing, or other material items. While the thought is generous, the reality is there is no way to warehouse, distribute, or manage small, individual gifts of materials across a four-state area.

People wishing to help should contact the Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire or another agency involved in disaster relief. Contact Leah at the Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire for more information at (909) 884-2556 or e-mail: prepared@yourvolunteercenter.org.

ASSEMBLY PERSON GLORIA NEGRETE MCL EOD HOLDS BREAKFAST CLUB

Assemblyperson Gloria Negrete McLeod has scheduled a continental breakfast club get-together to talk about issues impacting California from an insider’s perspective with John Chiang, Chair of the California State Board of Equalization on Friday, September 16, at 8:30 A.M. at the Ontario YMCA Conference Center, 215 West C Street Ontario. RSVP at (909) 621-2783 or Thomas.Deslauriers@asm.ca.gov.

September 16, 2005

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The Inland Empire Future Leaders Program for 2005 was finalized with 123 Hispanic 8th and 9th grade students from San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties participating in leadership training at Astrocamp in Idyllwild, from August 7th to August 12th.

Program goals are established to encourage students to stay in school, strive for academic excellence, become involved in school, church, and community, and ultimately graduate from college. To achieve these goals, the program focuses on building self-esteem, helping students gain pride in their heritage, teaching leadership skills, public speaking, and college admission requirements.

The Inland Empire Future Leaders Program started in 1985, and to date, over 2,500 students have participated in the program. Four-year follow-up surveys have shown that 99% of students attending the Program graduate from high school and 90% attend college.

The Program's success is due to the tireless, enthusiastic, and highly competent volunteer staff supervised by Camp Director Cynthia Olivo, Associate Director of Outreach, California State, San Bernardino. Program alumni Michael Montano and Rudy Monterrosa served as camp directors, and Fatima Cristera, Angel Soto and RC Heredia served as assistant camp directors, responsible for 40 former Future Leaders who volunteered their services to direct camp activities. Dr. Michael Silvas and registered nurse Florie Chacon led the six-member medical volunteer staff this year. Additionally, Latino Business Student Services to direct camp activities. Dr. Michael Silvas and registered nurse Florie Chacon led the six-member medical volunteer staff this year. Additionally, Latino Business Student Services to make 370 patients visits per year.

The 13,370-square-foot center will provide much needed access to medical, dental, and vision care for the working uninsured and underserved in the Arlanza area of Riverside. "We are committed to identifying and addressing the health care needs of those in our community who do not have access to quality care," said Chairman of the Board of Directors, Roger H. Ridley. "I believe our Foundation is making a significant impact on the health and well being of everyone in our community." Once a full capacity the center will be able to serve 45,000 patients visits per year.

Riverside Community Health Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that promotes and collaborates with other agencies to promote access to healthcare for Riverside residents. For more information, contact Leslie Muthschel, Executive Assistant/Development Associate at (951) 788-3471.

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Hollywood, as master developer of the former base, was involved in selling land to Stater Bros., which has evolved into a 160-acre headquarters and distribution center. Other high profile tenants include Kohls and Matell. The completed project is targeted to create a 500 acre redevelopment zone and created thousands of jobs to the area.

John Magness, senior vice president of Hillwood, is a key player in the project. A West Point graduate and former Black Hawk helicopter pilot, was awarded a Bronze Star for flying search and rescue missions over Somalia.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Real Estate Specialists-Redlands. Ray Choiselat.

The year was 1974 in Guatemala, a shoeshine boy named Ray Choiselat was given the opportunity to begin a new life with his mother and sister during a mass immigration to the United States.

Choiselat and his family moved to Los Angeles, however, job changes in the city caused the family to move regularly. He graduated from Huntington Park High School in 1981.

Appreciative of the opportunities that the United States had given him, Choiselat joined the Navy at 17. During his ten years in the Navy, he was a welder on submarines. During his tenure in the Navy, he met his wife, Lupe. In 1990, he was recalled to duty.

Returning to the United States, he chose civilian life and his family. He worked for the railroad, and continued his education at San Bernardino Valley College. He received his real estate credentials at age 40, and decided on a career in real estate.

During his employment in corporate real estate, Choiselat felt that big corporations limited his ability to develop relationships with his clients. He developed his "blueprint for success," and with aid from a few trustworthy friends, started their own real estate firm.

Real Estate Specialist-Redlands opened for business in April 2004, following his blueprint for success and capitalizing on the record growth in the Inland Empire, he transacted millions of dollars in real estate sales. Thereafter, he was able to become an investor in a 26-unit residential housing development in Colton.

In April 2005, sales had accelerated very rapidly, and Choiselat was able to finance the purchase of the 25,000 square foot Historic, Messer Sanborn Building, built in Redlands in 1891.

Choiselat believes his faith, hard work and dedication to his family has given him tremendous blessings, including his daughter Michelle's acceptance to UC-Berkeley, and a new home in Redlands. His son is an expert in computer technology.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
Case No. 00-CV-6003 — Smith, et al. v. DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

TO: ALL AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND HISPANIC CONSUMERS who entered into

a motor vehicle through a retail installment contract, at any time between January 1, 1990 and the present,

and denies that any of its practices or policies violate the ECOA. DaimlerChrysler Services

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laws, including the ECOA, and that it prohibits discrimination on the basis of national origin, marital status,

religion, sex, color, race, age (provided the applicant has the capacity to contract), receipt of public

assistance benefits, or the good faith exercise of a right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

DaimlerChrysler Services has agreed to settle the Litigation as a compromise to avoid the time, expense,

and uncertainty associated with the Litigation. Capitalized terms in this Notice are defined in the

Settlement Agreement.

This Is Only A Summary Notice. You can go onto www.ECOA-settlement.com to review a copy of

the Settlement Agreement and all documents submitted to the Court in connection with the

Settlement, which contain further information about the Settlement.

The Settlement: If the Settlement is approved by the Court, DaimlerChrysler Services has agreed to:

(i) acquire or accept for assignment any Contract from any automobile dealership with a term of 60 months or

less if the APR is more than 2.5% above the Buy Rate; not acquire or accept for assignment any Contract from

any automobile dealer with a term of greater than 60 months if the APR is more than 1.25% above the Buy Rate;

(ii) provide a disclosure in Contract Forms prepared and distributed by DaimlerChrysler Services informing

vehicle purchasers that the Annual Percentage Rate may be negotiable and that the settlement may

thereby be the subject of a lawsuit; (iii) retain a substantial percentage of the finance charge; (iv) launch a

marketing initiative involving $75,000,000 in prepaid bills of credit to African-American and Hispanic

consumers over the next several years with respect to vehicle financing at participating Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep,

or Mercedes-Benz dealerships; (v) contribute $1.8 billion to fund certain consumer education and assistance-

related programs; and (vi) pay plaintiff's counsel's attorneys fees up to $7,500,000 and litigation-

related expenses up to $200,000. Because this Settlement resolves a claim for declaratory and injunctive

relief, there will be no compensatory damages paid to Class Members. You will be releasing all claims

for equitable, declaratory, and/or injunctive relief for decisions of the Court. You may, but are not required to,

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Plaintiffs' Co-Counsel:

DaimlerChrysler Services; Co-Counsel:

Stuart T. Rosenman
National Consumer Law Center
Attn: DaimlerChrysler
77 Summer Street, 10th Floor
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You must also file such papers, showing proof of service upon all counsel identified above, with the Clerk of

the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 50 Walnut Street, Room 4015, Newark, New

Jersey 07102, on or before the same day. Any Class Member who does not make an objection in the

Formal settlement is subject to court approval. If the Settlement is approved by the Court, you will no longer

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on October 6, 2005 at 10:00 am. (the “Fairness Hearing”), to determine whether the proposed

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For more information, or to obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement as described above, you can

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