President Barack Obama

They all went to Washington, people of all ages, different racial and political backgrounds, an estimate of over two million souls made the ultimate pilgrimage to personally observe in a two mile-long sea of humanity as Barack Obama, a son of a white woman and a Kenyan father, took the oath of office as the 44th president of the United States, as people world-wide watched on television or heard on radio, observing the peaceful transition of power in a truly democratic government.

How many in America and throughout the world ever dreamed that this moment was the ultimate goal to fully accomplish an act of finality in a democracy where "they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character," is a monumental accomplishment in the political history of the United States. This act, in itself, was not a major moment in his speech.

In an inaugural address, considered to be one of the foremost among presidential speeches, Obama initially spoke of a crisis and a nation at war, "our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare a nation for a new age."

He continued to state about the indicators of crisis-health care too costly, failed schools, ways we use energy- "a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable."

"On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord."

Obama spoke of the rejection of the policies and values of his immediate predecessors and a return to the American traditions of virtues of hard work, fair play, tolerance and sacrifice for the common good. "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

Thunderous applause occurred intermittently during his speech, and in the final moment of his presentation received a tremendous roar of approval. In the minds of millions this was an emotional historical experience - the newly sworn president transmitting a ray of hope for the future of our nation.

President Barack Obama

Riverside Latino Network (LaNet), a 501-C-3 non-profit community organization, installed its 2009 board at its second bi-monthly meeting at Casa de Niños Child Care Center, after an election at the first meeting of the year.

Jerry Lopez, Riverside County District Attorney, senior assistant district attorney, performed the swearing-in ceremony of the incoming board of directors: Art Alcaraz, president, Patricia Reynolds, past president, Raquel Lopez, treasurer, Andrea Guevara, secretary, (board members) John Martinez, Collette Lee, Alfredo Figueroa, Alejandro Torres, Adolfo Saldana, Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Maria Yeager, and Juan Omar Ramirez. Not in photo: Rebeca Diaz, Marilyn Martinez-Flores, Ph.D., Ralph Nuñez, and Francisco Sola, installing officer.

2009 Latino Network Executive Board: (front l to r) Raquel Lopez, treasurer, Patricia Reynolds, past president, Art Alcaraz, president, Andrea Guevara, secretary, Board members (back l to r) John Martinez, Collette Lee, Alfred Figueroa, Alejandro Torres, Adolfo Saldana, Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Maria Yeager, and Juan Omar Ramirez. Not in photo: Rebeca Diaz, Marilyn Martinez-Flores, Ph.D., Ralph Nuñez and Francisco Sola.

In 1993, a group met to formally petition the Riverside College District to appoint Andres Soto to its Board of Trustees. The petition failed, however, the group, as Latino Network, representing education, civic, business, and governmental agencies, continued to meet as a viable group to address critical issues affecting the Hispanic community in Riverside County.

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RETURN OF THE NATIVES

SALT RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, Ariz. — Nearly 50 years ago, a Pima native took a Greyhound bus from this sun-roasted redoubt of Indian land to the winter chill of Washington, D.C., to witness the first day of a young American presidency.

"When he came home, my father was so excited because John Kennedy was president. I couldn't stop talking about that."

Next week, Diane Enos will make the same trip, along with hundreds of other American Indians who hope that Barack Obama's inauguration will bring the wind of possibility to Indian Country.

In less than a week's time, the Great White Father will be black. Amidst the euphoria and stirring of fresh ideas, there remains some suspicion.

"He's still a politician and I'm still an Indian," said Sherman Alexie, the National Book Award-winning writer, a Spokane and Coeur d'Alene native.

They all look like treaty-makers to me," said Alexie, paraphrasing the native musician, John Trudell. "I guess that's the puzzling and I suppose lovely thing about Indians' love of Obama. Many have suspended their natural suspicion of politicians for him.

So often, they are invisible, these first Americans, or frozen in iconic images of the past. We see them in Curtis prints and Remington poses, or hear something attributed to them in New Age spiritual circles. Cool, Indians.

And then a new casino opens off the interstate or a pottery exhibit is unveiled, and we realize: ah yes, they're with us still.

With Obama's rise, Indians have allowed themselves to dream — some, even to fall in love. He was adopted into an Indian family in Montana last May, given the name "Barack Black Eagle" by the Crow Nation.

When asked about immigration concerns in New Mexico, Obama pointed to a handful of elderly natives in the front row of a high school gym. "He said, 'The only real native people in this country are sitting right in front of me,'" recalled Joe Garcia, who is president of the National Congress of American Indians. "You should have heard the applause."

The epic struggle for natives has been to avoid getting washed away by the flood of dominant culture, where Indians make up less than 2 percent of more than 300 million Americans.

That, and the physical toll that losing this big land has taken on them. Indians are younger than most other Americans; suffer from higher rates of suicide, alcoholism, debilitating dietary problems.

The Pimas, who hold to this 52,000-acre homeland amid the prudery of sprawl of 4.2 million people here in the Phoenix metro area, have one of the world's highest rates of type 2 diabetes — a consequence of the rough adjustment from their world to one handed down by Europeans.

Presidents come and go. They promise to uphold treaty rights and appoint somebody to oversee Indian affairs who understand that history did not end when Custer fell to his hubris. It's ho-hum, usually, with a mournful shrug on the reservations.

But on the most recent Election Day, on the Navajo Rez, which spills into three states and is the size of West Virginia, high school kids held up Obama signs at intersections in the town of Window Rock, and cheered themselves hoarse as returns came in. "I feel very elated," said Joe Shirley, Jr., president of the Navajo Nation. "All of Navajo Country is out strong for Obama."

Shirley says nearly half of Navajo families heat their homes with wood they cut themselves, drink water hauled into their homes in barrels and light their rooms with kerosene lamps. Talk about stimulus: a billion dollars, one-seven-hundredth of what taxpayers are giving the financial institutions that caused the Crash of 2008, could bring much of Navajo land into the modern age, Shirley said.

But beyond the desire for urgent, fundamental infrastructure help, Indians look to Obama as a powerful narrative. People, who were subjugated, with near-genocidal brutality, feel a kinship with people who were first brought here in chains, even though Obama is an immigrant's son.

"There's a bond there," said Shirley. "Birds of a feather flock together. We try to teach that there are no impossibilities to Navajo people. His election speaks to the young especially."

Cynicism is the poison of so many young people. In Indian Country, where despair is often woven into the landscape, it takes hold even earlier.

So when Diane Enos, who is president of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, arrives in the festive capital next week she will have a teenage tribal leader with her.

"Obama's life has been a journey to find identity," she said. "That's the Indian struggle. And it starts with children."

On Inauguration Day, the capital will host the likes of Ludacris and Chaka Khan, corporate titans and political giants, and balls too numerous to count. Among the sea of Americans ushering in the president will be a small contingent of people who have clung to this country longer than any other. And for once - if only for a January moment - they will feel like they belong.
KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER SAN BERNARDINO SPONSORS TRADITIONAL ANNUAL CHILDREN TOY GIVEAWAY

In a decades-old tradition of annual toy give-away during the Christmas holidays, the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino planned an extraordinary event this year of ensuring that added toys, jackets, coats, and food were provided due to current economic circumstances. The event at the Mount Vernon Elementary School in the West area of San Bernardino on Saturday, December 20th, was attended by over 500 children and their families with Santa and Mrs. Clause (Henry and Dorothy Calderilla) and over 100 volunteers ensuring that each child was given toys, clothing, and Christmas goodies. Donors to the event were Juan Polio, Toys for Tots, Cardenas Market, San Bernardino School District, School Principal Luis Chavez, Colton School District, Mary’s Table, California School Employees Association, Kiwanis members (Juan Lopez, chair), CWA Local 9588, and Joe Lombardo and his friends and many local citizens. Photos courtesy of SBCUSD-Employee Relations Division

COUNTY MUSEUM OFFERS FREE ADMISSION

The public is invited to visit the San Bernardino County Museum on Sunday, February 1, with no admission fees. This free day is sponsored by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. Visitors will enjoy a special exhibit, “Hanging with the Museum, art by museum staff and volunteers,” and displays of specimens and artifacts that interpret local history, anthropology, geology, paleontology, and biological sciences in a regional context.

The Museum Store, open noon to 5pm, features unique merchandise that relates to museum collections and exhibits, including outstanding selections of books, learning toys, rocks and minerals, teacher resources, and gifts. The Exploration Station is open from 1 to 4pm.

The San Bernardino County Museum is at the California Street exit from Interstate 10 in Redlands. The museum is open from 9am to 5pm. The public is admitted free on Sunday, February 1, Parking is free. For more information, visit www.sbcounty museum.org.

The San Bernardino County Museum is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids are needed in order to participate in museum exhibits or programs, requests should be made through Museum Visitor Services at least three business days prior to your visit. Museum Visitor Services’ telephone number is 909-387-2669 ext. 229 or (TDD) 909-792-1462.

RIVERSIDE LATINO NETWORK INSTALLS OFFICERS

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areas of education, health, civic and social areas, among other issues. Latino Network incorporated as a non-profit in 2000. LaNet has continued to actively organized regional voter registration drives, youth/leadership forums, cultural events, fund drives, informational meetings, coordinated with civic groups to address issues affecting the general public, organizing cultural events, and advocating for educational programs to meet the needs of k-12 and college students.

Past President Patricia Reynolds, at the installation ceremony, reviewed the annual achievements during her tenure: •Leadership Institute-publication of The Searchers Series #1, Poetry Book and Leadership Institute Annual Conference; •Educational Summit-Africa’s Legacy in Mexico (We Are One People, Somos Una Gente); •Voter Registration Outreach; •Latina Women’s Health Forum Affiliation; • Community Building-MACP *The Group* and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; • Celebracion De La Mujer; • Cesar Chavez Memorial Breakfast; • Nuestra Navidad Breakfast Raised funds for Centro de Niños; • Speaker series; • Eastside School Forum; •Riverside Library Book Donation; • Hispanas Organized for Political Equality-conference participation/ youth leadership development; • Community Cultural Collaboration-Cinco de Mayo, Die de los Muertos, and Cesar Chavez 5K Run Walk; and Youth Education Motivational Program.

Newly elected President Alcaraz announced his goal for the forthcoming year is to recruit membership from every Premier Services Bank recognized Latino Network as the Business of the Year.
Sanjuana Vanessa Segovia and Jessica Ysdra Segovia, pictured above with mother, Maria Segovia, were presented with scholarships by the Association of Mexican-American Educators (AMAE) at the monthly bilingual breakfast at the San Bernardino School District’s Educational Support Center at the Carousel Mall. AMAE is a nation-wide group of educators and education-associated personnel that advocate for quality education for students, specifically Hispanic students. Photo courtesy of SBUSD-Employee Relations Division

**BACA VOTES FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY OF REMAINING TARP FUNDS**

Washington, DC – Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) joined a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives to pass legislation that sets necessary requirements, accountability, and oversight provisions for how the Treasury Department should draw down the remaining $350 billion in the Troubled Asset Recovery Program (TARP). H.R. 384, the TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009, passed the House of Representatives with a 260 - 166 vote.

H.R. 384 also includes three separate amendments authored by Rep. Baca. The amendments - which help to keep more families in their homes, provide essential protections from foreclosures for renters, and enable credit unions to receive TARP assistance - were approved last week for inclusion in the final draft of the legislation by the House Financial Services Committee, an exclusive committee on which Rep. Baca serves.

Rep. Baca stated, "My amendments can help to prevent homelessness among our most vulnerable families, while also decreasing the overall number of foreclosures, and ensuring more families and small businesses have access to the credit they need for survival."

The first amendment authored by Rep. Baca, in conjunction with Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN), focuses on tenant protections for renters living in foreclosed properties. It ensures that tenants can stay in the property for as long as the term of their lease (for up to 6 months), even if the property forecloses, while also mandating that renters must be given at least 90 days notice before they are asked to leave a foreclosed property. This prevents renters from facing sudden homelessness.

The second amendment authored by Rep. Baca, and co-sponsored by Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-San Bernardino) and Ken Calvert (R-Norco), allows the Treasury Department to take regional public-private partnerships into consideration when creating their loan purchase program.

The third amendment authored by Rep. Baca would enable credit unions to participate in the current TARP program and be included in government assistance in the calculation of net worth. This provision would ensure that credit unions receive the TARP assistance necessary to continue meeting their members' needs.

"With unemployment in my district as high as 10%, it is essential Congress acts to quickly shore up America’s credit unions. Congress created TARP to restore our economy and provide foreclosure assistance to those in need, not to subsidize banks," Baca concluded.

**AMAE PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO DISTRICT STUDENTS**

The Board of Education of the San Bernardino City Unified School District, on Tuesday, January 13, approved a plan to reorganize the District’s top administrators to strengthen the focus on student academic achievement.

Under the new streamlined administration, already in effect, there are five assistant superintendents instead of eight. Dr. Harold Vollkommer remains the assistant superintendent in charge of Human Resources-Certified. Dr. Paul Shirk will continue in his position as assistant superintendent of Data/ Research. Dr. Dayton Gillesland, former assistant superintendent of Educational Services, is now the head of Student Services. He takes over for Narciso Cardona, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Yolanda Ortega, assistant superintendent of Employee Relations, will also take on oversight of Human Resources-Classified. John Peukert will continue overseeing Facilities while also heading Maintenance and Operations. The five assistant superintendents will report to Deputy Superintendent Dr. Judy White, who is in charge of Academic Accountability, and Mel Albiso, who has been assigned to the newly formed position of associate superintendent of Administrative Services.

Mohammad Islam assumes the title of Chief Business Financial Officer. He will be responsible for Worker's Compensation and Employee Benefits, as well as his previous duties as the assistant superintendent of Business/Finance.

Superintendent Dr. Arturo Delgado crafted the reorganization plan to better adhere to recommendations made four years ago when the District underwent an internal, voluntary curriculum management audit.

"This reorganization is part of an intentional, strategic plan that will allow our School District to move forward with the best interests of students in mind," Delgado said.

"This new structure will allow our School District, and ultimately our students, to be more successful."

The new District hierarchy uses existing personnel to make the changes, which will save about $215,000 annually.

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The automotive program at San Gorgonio High School has earned certification from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), a mark that serves as an industry seal of approval.

The training program, which has about 90 students, is headed by teacher Brian Heaton, who began the certification process in earnest about three years ago. Heaton is a master certified technician.

NATEF certification, which is recognized for five years, means the program meets rigorous industry training standards in at least four major areas of industry specialty. Core areas include engine performance, steering and suspension, brakes, and electrical systems. The San Gorgonio High program was certified in five areas, the extra subject being air conditioning and heating. For students, it means the training they are receiving is current, industry

RIVERSIDE COUNTY DPSS SEEKS INPUT FROM THE "HIDDEN HOMELESS"

2009 count needs to include "hidden homeless" to help establish and guide public policy

County officials are looking for people who are on the brink of homelessness and living temporarily with friends or relatives. The outreach effort aims to include these hidden homeless population that has emerged with the economic downturn for the county’s Department of Public Social Services Jan. 28 homeless count.

The count measures homelessness on a specific day in the region and is used to allocate resources, said Ronald Stewart, manager for the county’s homeless programs. As demand for social services increases, it’s important to identify every resident that does not have stable shelter.

“This economic downturn is a unique point in history and we want to have a narrative on what happened to the people who lost their homes,” Stewart said. “It’s hard to identify these people, because many of them may not realize they meet the federal definition of homelessness, so we don’t know the magnitude of the problem.”

The identities of people who identify themselves as a hidden homeless will remain confidential. Callers will be referred to appropriate agencies for assistance in finding transitional housing, employment counseling, medical care, food banks and other services.

Homelessness threatens nearly 20,000 Riverside County residents who have limited incomes and now must deal with the economic crisis, Stewart said. With foreclosures at an all-time high, the homeless count offers an opportunity to capture the effect on the region.

The homeless count is conducted every two years. The 2007 homeless count was thwarted by the economic crisis, and a federal count found that 4,500 homeless men, women and children live on the county’s streets and in shelters on a given day. Eighteen percent are children and 32 percent are women. Of the total, 26 percent are members of families with children. National figures show that a third of homeless men are military veterans.

People who meet the criteria of a hidden homeless resident are urged to call the DPSS office in Riverside at (951) 358-5637. Deadline date for calls is January 28.

Robert Gardner Named New CSUSB VP for Administration and Finance

San Bernardino, Calif. - Robert W. Gardner, who has worked in higher education, served in many senior-level positions for a variety of federal agencies - most recently with NASA - will join California State University, San Bernardino as vice president for administration and finance on Feb. 9.

"I’m delighted that Bob Gardner will be joining us," said CSUSB President Albert Kang. "He comes to the university with an exceptional array of prior experiences, responsibilities and successes. Given his extensive background and expertise in financial management, especially during these challenging budget times, he has exactly the right skill set for the vice presidential role."

"I am excited about joining the leadership team at Cal State San Bernardino, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with that team to serve the university’s students, faculty and staff," Gardner said. "I have been impressed by everything I have learned about the university and what we will do all I can to contribute further to its accomplishments."

He replaces David DeMauro, who is retiring this month after serving at CSUSB since 1986, and as vice president for administration and finance since 1990.

"Bob follows David DeMauro, who has been a remarkable vice president for the past 18 years, leading the university on countless initiatives, many of which have won awards and helped the university to more than double its size in buildings and other facilities," Kang said. "He has simply been an outstanding administrator."

Gardner will oversee the university’s most diverse administrative division, including the departments of accounting, facilities services, financial operations, human resources, parking services, capital planning, design and construction, and university police.

He’ll also head the Foundation for Cal State San Bernardino, which handles university grants and contracts, financial management (including the university’s endowedowment) and sub-contractors for the Coyote Bookstore and campus food services.

Previously, he was with the Transportation Security Administration at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C., where he served as assistant administrator for finance and administration and an acting Financial officer from 2002-2005.

Gardner was the assistant commissioner for budget at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D.C., from 2000-2002, and was director of budgeting and strategic planning for the INS from 1998-2000.

He previously held several positions in public policy, management, finance and higher education at the Department of Veterans Affairs; deputy inspector general at the U.S. Small Business Administration; senior development officer in the Political Science Department at the University of Redlands; budget director for the Veterans Benefits Administration; assistant controller of the Drug Enforcement Administration; and budget examiner in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Gardner earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Redlands, a master’s degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University in New York. He and his wife Karen have three grown sons, Adam, Kyle and Nathan.

California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to Hold Mixer

California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC) has planned a Regional Networking Mixer to be held at the Ontario Doubletree Inn on January 23, 2008, at 5:00 P.M.

CHCC State Chairman Ken Macias has invited the regional Hispanic chambers of commerce and businesses to join in expanding networking liaisons among the business organizations. "We must encourage businesses to join us in forming a cooperative environment and organize to support each other in our business ventures," Macias stated.

The inland region includes the following chambers of commerce: Victor Valley, Ontario, Pomona, Corona, Riverside, Moreno Valley, San Gorgonio Pass and Lower Desert.

For information call Christopher Sandoval at (951) 315-0788.
POINT OF VIEW

LOS PADRINOS DID MORE THAN CLEAN UP

By Joseph Paul Lujan

I would like to thank the City of San Bernardino for the privilege of working for eight years as a youth leader at Los Padrinos.

In those eight years, I learned the great responsibility there is as a citizen and employee for this city. Los Padrinos had the privilege to work the triathlon at Cal State, San Bernardino, Route 66, Christmas parades, and community events with Operation Phoenix and help out at soapbox derbies, give a hand to the elderly who couldn’t clean their own yards, and provide trash pickup, curb appeal and graffiti remediation services.

At $9 an hour for eight years, I worked my best because this is my city. I want you to know that I worked from my heart. I will never forget the young men and women whom I mentored and encouraged. Some died, some failed, but most succeeded. I got to make good friends in all walks of life, cultures and races. A good percentage of our citizens appreciated and backed up Los Padrinos.

I respect my city leaders and honor their positions, but I still question the appeal and graffiti removal services. Some died, some failed, but most succeeded. I got to make good friends in all walks of life, cultures and races. A good percentage of our citizens appreciated and backed up Los Padrinos.

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To Mayor Pat Morris: Los Padrinos backed you up in anything you asked of us, to the best of our ability. We never questioned your directions, but I still question the appeal and graffiti removal services.

To Councilman Tobin Brinker: In 2007, you came and rode with us for about four hours after lunch. When you came back you told my boss that you were impressed with the quality and quantity of work done. Los Padrinos was under the impression that you had no problems with how we were doing things and we thought you were on our side. Yet on Dec. 15 you said that taking the contract from us and giving it to the city would give the city more control over the quality of work. Why the change of opinion?

Since you understand the desperate needs among generation of youth, why vote against an organization that is established and helping shape the minds and future of this generation? I also read your biography, it sounds like you have a heart for the youth, but your vote against Los Padrinos did not benefit troubled youths.

To Councilman Dennis Baxter and Rikki Van Johnson: Your comments, opinion and statements were few and not negative, but the loudest statement was made when you voted no against Los Padrinos.

To Councilman Chas Kelly: You know what you were doing and now the people know what you have done.

Los Padrinos will not give up. I believe that only time will tell the truth about the 17 years that this organization was dedicated to this city.

Giving young people hope and saving lives was not measured in making good hamburgers or getting your money’s worth.

Joseph Paul Lujan is a youth leader who worked with Los Padrinos, which performed graffiti abatement duties for the City of San Bernardino before its contract ended Dec. 31.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO RECEIVE FREE DENTAL CARE AT THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY'S 20TH CLINIC WITH A HEART

Loma Linda University School of Dentistry's 20th Clinic With a Heart, providing free dental care to the community, will be held Sunday, January 25, 2009. Registration will be from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. A limited number of patients will be seen; and they will be provided a free cleaning, filling, or extraction.

No crowns or root canal treatments will be given. Children under 18 will not be treated without a parent or legal guardian present. For directions or more information, please call (909) 558-4551.

In past years, the response to “Clinic with a Heart” has been overwhelming. Hundreds of community members have received free dental care and treatments—ranging from simple fillings and cleanings to extractions and diagnoses of more complex dental problems.

In the late 1980s, Lutfi K. Bakland, DDS, who was at the time associate dean of clinic administration, encouraged dental student leaders to begin an early one-day free clinic for community people who could not afford dental care. He suggested the name Clinic With a Heart after a similar program, Doctors With a Heart, in which practitioners open their office for a day of free care.

SAN BERNARDINO - Some 70 students from Apple Valley and Yucaipa high schools will work with the San Bernardino County Sheriff Department's Scientific Investigations Unit to do a field study on blood pattern interpretation on Jan. 23.

The purpose of the event is to demonstrate real-world applications for trigonometry. The demonstration is made in partnership between the County Sheriff's office and County Superintendent of Schools Alliance for Education program.

The Alliance for Education partners with business, labor, education, government, faith-based and community leaders, who develop and demonstrate authentic applications of math in the workplace to students in the classroom or at business or industry sites.

The Scientific Investigations Unit will lead the demonstration of the field study on Jan. 23 at the County Sheriff headquarters at 655 E. Third St. The media is invited to attend.

- WHAT: County Sheriff's Scientific Investigations Unit field study with high school students
- WHEN: Jan. 23, 8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- WHERE: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Headquarters, 655 E. Third St. in San Bernardino

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High School Students to do Crime Investigation

Inland Empire Hispanic News.
RIVERSIDE COUNTY RECEIVES $1.82 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR HOMELESS/ HUNGER PROGRAMS

Riverside County will receive $1.82 million in federal funds for the homeless, almost double of last year's allotment. The additional funds come as social service agencies throughout the county experience a higher demand for their services amidst the economic downturn, said Ronald Stewart, manager for the county's Department of Public Social Services homeless programs.

"Stories of people losing their jobs and homes are becoming alarmingly common," Stewart said. "The funds will allow us to continue helping those in need, including residents who find themselves on the brink of becoming homeless for the first time in their lives."

The increased funding highlights a federal awareness of these new intermittent homeless population segments, Stewart said. Social service providers are increasingly seeing people who can't afford shelter but are not chronically homeless, and need help navigating the resources available to them.

DPSS will administer the federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds, which will become available late spring. A local board will determine which agencies will receive funding through a competitive process based on unemployment and poverty levels of the population served.

Congress made available $200 million in funding to support qualifying jurisdictions' social service agencies in more than 2,500 cities and counties nationwide.

THE WORLD WATCHES AS AMERICA ENTERS A NEW ERA OF HOPE

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The newly sworn president and his wife, Michelle, as tradition dictates, escorted former President Bush and Mrs. Bush to a waiting helicopter that would fly the couple to the airport and their final destination in Texas.

The presidential couple were guests of honor at a traditional luncheon at the Statuary Hall, the original chamber of the House of Representatives, sponsored by members of congress.

The couple walked during the inaugural parade for a short distance. They later joined family and friends at the University Theatre. Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is recommended.

For tickets and information call UC Chicoan Student Programs (951) 827-3821.

ANNUAL NOCHE CULTURAL AT UC-RIVERSIDE

Chicano Student Programs of UC Riverside presents the 16th Annual Noche Cultural on Saturday, January 24, 2009. The event is an evening of variety entertainment for the entire family. Doors open at 6:30 pm with show to begin at 7:00 pm in the University Theatre.

This year's line up includes a performance by Conjunto Tezocelome, a son jarocho group from Northridge, only a handful in Southern California, who has decided to continue the preservation of the beautiful folk music and dance traditions of Southern Veracruz. Also performing will be student group, Ballet Folklórico de UCR, with a performance representing various regions of Mexico.

Nationally and internationally recognized, Minerva Tapia Dance Group, created in 1995 in Tijuana, Mexico, which includes dancers from both Mexico and the U.S., will perform Danza Indocumentada and a fragment of Ellas Danzan Solas. Illegal Border.

Making their 16th appearance will be the local familia duet of Los Romeros with their own very special renditions of romantic ballads. Mariachi Los Gorriones de Sonora will be performing music from traditional Mexico.

Also performing, Los Alacranes, the pride of San Diego's Chicano music landscape that brings nearly three decades of musical history. Self-described as Southwest-Chicano-Mexican-Barrio folklore the group released their critically acclaimed CDs, Rising Souls (1999) followed by Picando (1998).

Admission is $10 general / $8 students. Parking is $5 per car in Lot 6. Directional signs on campus lead to the theatre. Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is recommended.

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**NEW TOOLS PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING FOR HISPANICS**

(NAPS) – There’s good news for those in the Hispanic/Latino community who have diabetes, as well as their families and the organizations that serve them.

A toolkit has been created that provides organizations with comprehensive and culturally relevant information and educational materials on diabetes and healthy lifestyle tips.

Each toolkit contains bilingual brochures, recipe samplers, posters and healthy lifestyle tip sheets. Community-based and faith-based organizations conducting outreach to Hispanic/Latino communities can order a free copy of the Adult Prevention Toolkit by calling (800) DIABETES.

According to Lurelean B. Gaines, M.S.N., chair of the American Diabetes Association’s National Latino Subcommittee, The American Diabetes Association provides a wealth of relevant information specifically for Hispanic/Latino populations, so health issues can move from personal or individual challenges to broader, community-based solutions.”

The Abbott Fund, the philanthropic fund of global health care company Abbott, collaborated with the American Diabetes Association and was the sole supporter of the project. “Chronic disease, including diabetes, is one of the global health challenges of our time, and we are very excited to be able to work with the American Diabetes Association on such an important effort,” said Catherine V. Babington, president of the Abbott Fund.

Diabetes is increasing at an alarming rate in the United States, affecting nearly 24 million children and adults across the country. This serious illness disproportionately affects Hispanic/Latino populations, which are nearly twice as likely to develop diabetes over the course of their lifetime as non-Hispanic whites.

If present trends continue, one in three Americans, and nearly one in two minorities, born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime.

In addition to creating and providing the toolkit, the American Diabetes association will also be hosting Feria de Salud Por Tu Familia, an outdoor Latino health festival in cities across the United States.

The events are designed to capture the elements of a festive street fair while communicating the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices for the entire Hispanic/Latino family. Elements of this event include music, dancing, cooking demonstrations, nutritional information and speakers on topics related to diabetes.

The association is targeting community and faith-based organizations with these special resources because these organizations play a critical role in providing important health information and services in Hispanic/Latino communities.

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