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New Generation of Latino Candidates could lead to Historic Election



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by Rhashad Pittman

STOCKTON -- The upcoming June 5 primary election and Nov. 6 general election could be historic for the local Latino community. For the first time, Latinos from San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties, if elected, could represent every level of government: city, county, state and federal.

Latinos have launched campaigns for City Council, Mayor, County Supervisor, State Assembly and even Congress. Among the candidates, which include many newcomers, are

Jose Hernandez for Congress, Xochitl Raya Paderes for State Assembly, Anthony Silva for Stockton Mayor, Moses Zapien for Stockton City Council, and Daniel Padilla for Stanislaus County Supervisor.

A number of Latino candidates are already serving in elected positions, including Carlos Villapudua, San Joaquin County Supervisor for district 1, Virginia Madueno, mayor of Riverbank and Sara L. Cazares, board president of the Stockton Unified School District.

"We're on the cusp of change with the political landscape of the future," said Hernandez, a first time candidate. "And I'm excited to be a part of it."

In a region that is 40 percent Latino and growing quickly, significant representation in government could reflect a new era of unprecedented political power in the northern Central Valley. Although local leaders are quick to point out that even if Latinos were elected at every level it would not reflect the percentage of Latino residents in the region.

The ideal scenario would be to have the portion of Latino representatives equal to the portion of Latino residents in the area, they said. Nevertheless, no one can dismiss the significance of what could take place this fall and the impact it could have on region.

"We're going in the right direction," Hernandez said. "We still have a long way to go, but we're going in the right direction."

Serving in a political office at any level these days is a daunting task with

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Nueva Generación de Candidatos Latinos Puede Crear Elección Histórica

Por Rhashad Pittman

STOCKTON – Las elecciones primarias del 5 de Junio y la elección general del 6 de Noviembre pueden ser históricas para la comunidad latina local. Por primera vez los Condados de San Joaquín y Stanislaus pudieran ver Latinos en puesto de elección en todos los niveles de gobierno: ciudad, condado, estado y federal. Latinos participan en campañas políticas con la intención de ocupar puestos en el consejo de la ciudad de Stockton, alcaldía de Stockton, Asamblea Estatal e inclusive el Congreso. Los candidatos

latinos que aspiran a ocupar un puesto en el condado de San Joaquín incluyen a: José Hernández (Congreso), Susan Eggman y Xochitl Raya Paderes (Asamblea Estatal), Carlos Villapudua (Supervisor Condado de San Joaquín), Anthony Silva (Alcaldía de Stockton) Theresa Velazquez y Moses Zapien (Consejo de la ciudad de Stockton) y Daniel Padilla (Supervisor Condado de Stanislaus). Muchos Latinos ya ocupan alguna oficina entre otros Carlos Villapudua quien es supervisor del Condado de San Joaquín Distrito 1, Virginia Madueño Alcalde de la ciudad de Riv-

erbank, Sara L. Cazares, Presidenta de la mesa directiva del Distrito Unificado de Stockton. Los mismos candidatos no recuerdan de alguna ocasión en que se haya registrado tal cantidad de personas de este origen en el proceso político. Hernández, quien es la primera vez que participa en una contienda política menciona: "Estamos en la cúspide de cambio dentro del paisaje político del futuro." "Yo, en lo personal estoy muy emocionado de ser parte de este cambio."

En una región que es 40 por ciento Latino y que crece más a cada día,

una representación signficante en el gobierno puede reflejar una nueva era de poder político sin precedente en el norte del Valle Central. Lideres locales comentan que si todos estos lideres latinos fueran electos aun así no representarían la proporción del cuarenta por ciento de la población Latina que reside en esta área. El escenario ideal sería el de contar o tener un porcentaje de Latinos igual al de los residentes del área. Aun así, no se puede dejar pasar por alto el significado de lo que pudiera suceder este verano y el impacto que

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Chairman of CHCC Roy M. Perez earns Honorary Degree

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. – The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce (CAHCC) congratulates its Chairman Roy M. Perez for receiving the Honorary Doctorate Degree of Humane Letters from San José State University. Since 1963, the university has awarded only 23 honorary degrees. On Wednesday, Perez become the twenty-fourth recipient in San Jose State University's history to be conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree.

San Jose State University President Mohammad H. Qayoumi stated "to be considered for an honorary degree, nominees must be "distinguished in their fields and must have demonstrated intellectual and humane values that are consistent with the aims of higher



education and the highest ideals of the person's chosen field." Through an analytical process, the Board of Trustees recognizes the excellence and exceptional achievements of the nominated candidates."

"If I have learned anything, it is

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Sus Finanzas Organization to Hold Free Financial Literacy Workshop

by Rhashad Pittman
-- While sitting on the patio of a local restaurant one recent Friday, investment banker Leandro Vicuna enjoyed a glass of Chardonnay and reflected on a day's work.

Earlier that morning, Vicuna had closed a \$5 million investment deal. In the afternoon, he watched 30 hard working men and women graduate from his nonprofit organization's financial program.

"This has been a good day," he said, slowly nodding his head.

In addition to being a full-time banker, Vicuna serves as executive di-



rector of Sus Finanzas, a Stockton-based organization that provides financial education to local families. Through the organization's efforts, numerous families have become more economically stable.

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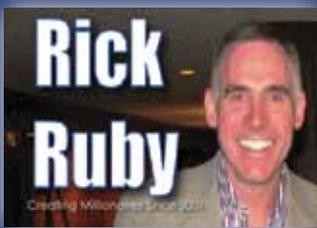
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Latino Times Loses One of its Family Members to San Jose State – Congratulations

by Julia Barnes

When you first meet Rhashad Pittman, you are amazed by his calm, cool, collective demeanor and may view him as being in a reflective state of mind. But rest assured that beneath the cool exterior and as a gifted journalist, Rhashad's creative juices are constantly churning and he is indeed reflecting on creating the next great story that will engage and delight all who have the pleasure of reading his work.

For the last 4 ½ years, Rhashad Pittman, has been an integral part of the Latino Times Family working as Freelance Reporter dedicated to bringing Latino Times readers the best in class reporting. Rhashad, has penned countless articles on a variety of topics that have ranged from highlighting local Political Leaders to focusing on Small Business ownership as well as the challenges faced by Migrant Farm Workers.

His significant contributions over the last few years have made him an invaluable member of the Latino Times Team and, it is with sadness that we announce that Rhashad will be leaving us this month for a new opportunity as the Publication's and Community Coordinator at San Jose State University. There he will continue to impact a huge number of students in his new role.

Although, we are sorry to see Rhashad leave us, we are excited that he is

pursuing his goal of continually bettering yourself and your position in life to achieve your ultimate dream. This dream was instilled in him at a very young age by his parents and grandparents.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri and the oldest of three brothers, as a young man, Rhashad was not only inspired by his Mother, a Paralegal and his Father, an Elevator Mechanic but by his Grandfather as well all of whom emphasized the importance of education. "They kept me going" he reflected, "What is important is to focus on one goal and strive for that goal, recognizing that things take longer than you may think, but never giving up. Focus on one day at time".

It was at the early age of 16 when Rhashad wrote his first poem and realized that writing was what he was born to do because he so enjoyed "loving the flow of the words and telling a story". From that point on Rhashad never looked back and continued to pursue a career in Journalism and as a Communication's Specialist.

Upon graduating from the University of Missouri in St. Louis in 2002, he went onto attend the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California at Berkeley. From there, Rhashad landed a position as the Staff Writer at the Stockton Record, Manteca Bureau, covering City Council, City

Affairs and Crime.

Desiring to expand his horizons, in 2006, Rhashad became the Media Relations Coordinator at the University of Pacific, managing UOP's news and social media outlets. Subsequently, in 2007, Rhashad came to Latino Times as a Freelance Writer where over the last few years we have all benefitted from his inspiring articles.

When asked about his experience at Latino Times, he stated, "It has been a great enjoyment writing for Latino Times. I loved the people that I met in the community. I loved the fact that I was embraced by the Latino community and welcomed with open arms."

Rhashad went onto add, "This has been a great opportunity and the staff has been very supportive as well. I also want to thank Andrew who even though I am not Latino, took a chance on me and could have received a lot of potential backlash, yet still gave me this opportunity to write for the newspaper. I have been so fortunate to see this publication blossom and flourish and have continued success and growth."

Latino Times Founder and Publisher, Andrew Ysiano, also shared similar sentiments as he reflected on Rhashad's tenure and relayed, "It has been an honor to work with Rhashad. He is one of the most talented writers that I have had the pleasure to come to know. I think that I turned him into a part



Latino Times writer Rhashad Pittman

time Latino in the process and wish him the best because he is the best."

In his new position as the Publication's and Community Coordinator with San Jose State University, Rhashad's goal is to continue to learn, grow and contribute to San Jose State's outreach providing better opportunities and enhancing the overall program for all students.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom for aspiring writers or young people in general he was eager to encourage by saying, "Get rid of all of your negativity in your life because life is already hard enough; even if it is someone that you really care about. Never give up on achieving your

dream, because just when you are about to give up, it will happen."

Rhashad, on behalf of everyone at Latino Times, thank you for your amazing dedication over the past few years and know that you will always hold a special place in our hearts. We wish you much success in continuing to achieve your dreams and your many new adventures on the horizon. Vaya con dios.

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Hispanic Families and the Earned Income Tax Credit

by Andrew Ysiano

Many hard-working Hispanic families are missing out on thousands of dollars each year at tax time. The IRS estimates that one in four people who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) fail to claim it when they file their taxes, leaving that money on the table.

With less than two more weeks before this year's income tax filing deadline on April 17, time is running out to take advantage of this important credit. The EITC can keep as much as \$5,700 in your pocket and there is a new easy way to find out if you qualify, so it's important to learn more about what the tax credit is, who it applies to, and how you can find out if you are eligible.

The EITC is a tax credit that provides a financial boost for low-wage workers, especially those raising children. In order to claim the EITC, you must be under the age of 65 and have earned no more than \$49,078 in 2011. Unlike many other tax credits, the EITC is refundable, which means that if the amount of the credit is more than the taxes you owe, you will get a refund for the rest of the credit, putting money directly into your pocket.

The EITC was designed to both reduce poverty and encourage work. Because taxpayers put 97 percent of their refunds back into the local economy, it also improves the health of communities across the country. Just this year, the EITC has helped California taxpayers including a young couple in need of car repairs, parents sending their daughter to college for the first time, and a single mom who wanted to invest

in her growing small business. Many new citizens have also used their EITC refund to finance immigration costs for others in their family or send money back to relatives in their home country. In the current economy, it is more important than ever that all American families take advantage of this significant tax credit.

The easiest way to see if you qualify is by using the new EITC Finder mobile application on your smartphone. Available in English and Spanish, the app asks a few simple questions like, "Are you married or single?," "How many children do you support?," and "How much money did you earn last year?" The app then determines whether or not you should qualify for the EITC and estimates how much you could get back from the IRS and your state.

The app also tells you how you can easily claim the EITC by preparing and filing your taxes with one of the free products offered through the IRS Free File program and 22 state Free File programs. Free File is an innovative partnership between the IRS and multiple private companies that lets people across the country prepare and file their taxes for free, using brand-name software.

And thankfully, you don't need much more than common sense to claim the EITC by filing your taxes online. Recently, three women at a domestic violence shelter who learned about the EITC and Free File while taking an economic empowerment class taught themselves how to complete their taxes for free—and then used their refunds to get their fami-



lies back on their feet. Like them, if you can use a computer, then preparing your own taxes with Free File is easy and quick. Just gather the tax forms sent to you by your employer (like a W-2) and your bank (IRS Form 1099). The software will walk you through some of the same basic questions as the app to collect the information necessary to prepare your return. While it may seem daunting at first, you could be finished in as little as 15 minutes and save hundreds of dollars.

Everyone struggling to cover rent,

groceries and utilities knows that every penny counts. With little time left in tax season, now is the time to make sure that you and your loved ones are getting all the money you deserve. Learn about the EITC and take advantage of Free File to claim it today by downloading the EITC Finder app from the App Store, Android Market, or the Amazon Appstore. If you don't have access to a smartphone, there is also an online calculator available at <http://tinyurl.com/eitccal>. You can also learn more about Free File at freefile.irs.gov or taxprephelp.org.

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04/22: Stockton's 24th Annual Earth Day Festival. Victory Park, 11:00am – 4:00pm

04/27-29: 27th Annual Asparagus Festival, Downtown Stockton Waterfront

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05/04: El Concilio's Annual Latina Luncheon. Stockton Golf & Country Club, 3800 Country Club Blvd. 11:30am-1:00pm. Call 209-644-2600

05/04: Carlos Mencia at the Bob Hope Theatre. 8:pm Call 209-337-4673

05/05: Latino Times 6th Annual Cinco de Mayo Wine Festival at Watts Winery. 17036 N. Locust Tree Rd, Lodi, CA. 12Noon – 6:pm Free Event.

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“Cerca del 60 por ciento de las personas sin seguro de salud en California son latinos y nos alegra ofrecerle a la comunidad latina un recurso confiable con una variedad de información sobre cómo navegar nuestro complicado sistema de salud”, dijo Carmella Gutierrez. “Nuestro sitio Web en español ofrece información lingüística y culturalmente apropiada sobre cómo acceder a opciones de servicios de salud asequibles y muchos otros temas de importancia para la comunidad latina”.

La gente puede visitar el sitio en español en www.calpatientcare.org y elegir la opción “Español” en la parte de arriba de la página. Para acceder a la base de datos de recursos de salud gratuitos o de bajo costo, las personas pueden hacer clic en el botón azul a la izquierda, titulado

“Busque Servicios Gratuitos o de Bajo Costo en Su Área”. Después de ingresar información básica para la búsqueda, como ciudad o condado y categoría de recurso, los californianos pueden obtener una lista completa de prestadores y programas locales de salud que ofrecen atención primaria, y servicios dentales y de salud mental para las personas sin seguro médico o con seguro insuficiente.

Además de la información sobre prestadores locales de servicios dentales y de salud, CPC también ofrece información sobre el manejo y control de las enfermedades crónicas, cómo obtener seguro médico, información actualizada de la Ley de Atención Médica Asequible (ACA) y enlaces a organizaciones y enlaces útiles.

Estadísticas recientes de la Casa Blanca muestran que los latinos representarán aproximadamente 28 por ciento de los 32 millones de estadounidenses sin seguro de salud que se proyecta obtendrán cobertura médica bajo la ley ACA. Una de las metas del sitio en español de CPC es

asegurar que los latinos en California puedan tener acceso a información y beneficios actualizados y fáciles de entender sobre la nueva ley de salud.

Anualmente, Californians for Patient Care ayuda a más de 50,000 californianos a identificar servicios asequibles de salud en sus comunidades a través de su sitio en inglés, y se espera que ese número crecerá significativamente con el lanzamiento del sitio en español.

“Dado que hay cerca de 8 millones de personas sin seguro en California, es claro que más personas necesitan conocer los recursos gratuitos o de bajo costo en sus comunidades, que es la razón por la cual estamos lanzando una campaña estatal de anuncios de servicio público en televisión (PSA) en inglés y español”, dijo Gutierrez. “Queremos que todos los californianos sepan que independientemente de sus circunstancias económicas, hay lugares donde ir para recibir la atención que necesitan, cuando la necesitan”.

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Organización "Sus Finanzas" Organiza Taller de Educación Financiera

Por Rhashad Pittman

STOCKTON – Leandro Vicuña, banquero de profesión disfrutaba de un momento de descanso sentado a la mesa de un restaurante y pensaba en las actividades de ese día. Durante la mañana había cerrado una inversión por 5 millones de dólares. Por la tarde de ese mismo día vio graduarse a 30 personas en su programa de educación financiera impartido por la agencia non-profit. "Este fue un buen día" nos comentó. Además de trabajar como banquero, Vicuña es el director ejecutivo de "Sus Finanzas," una organización localizada en Stockton y que provee educación financiera a las familias locales. Por medio de los esfuerzos de esta organización muchas familias han logrado la estabilidad financiera. Sus Finanzas, es una organización non-profit que cuentan con una mesa directiva y todo el personal es voluntario, se enfoca en combatir las practicas financieras de las compañías que cambian cheques y que prestan dinero por adelantado sobre el cheque de pago de los

trabajadores. La organización recibe apoyo económico de Bank of the West, F&M Bank y Wells Fargo. La ciudad de Stockton también participa en este proyecto.

Comenta Vicuña "Estamos en el negocio de combatir los malos hábitos financieros y educamos con buenos hábitos financieros a aquellos que más lo necesitan." Para ayudar a las familias, Vicuña ha lanzado una pelea financiera en contra de las compañías que cambian cheques y de otro tipo que abusan financieramente especialmente de los latinos de bajos ingresos cobrándoles mucho por los servicios así como altas tasas de interés. Los inmigrantes indocumentados y trabajadores que no tiene cuenta de cheques o de ahorros son el principal blanco de estas compañías. "Estamos tratando de educar a estas personas para que no usen este tipo de negocio, comenta de nuevo. Después de descubrir la falta de reglamentos para los negocios que cambian cheques, que prestan adelantado sobre los sueldos y los que ofrecen un retorno rápido de dinero

sobre los impuestos Vicuña decidió usar su experiencia tanto de banquero como legal para ayudar a otras personas creando "Sus Finanzas," en febrero del 2011. Sus Finanzas ofrecen un curso de capacitación que dura siete semanas con reuniones semanales y en donde se les ofrece educación financiera y manejo del dinero. Si completan el curso y ahorran una parte de sus ingresos Sus Finanzas aportan una cantidad igual a la que ahorraron hasta por \$250 dólares. "Nosotros no regalamos nada," comenta Vicuña "Nuestros participantes tiene que ganarse lo que les damos.

El día 6 de Mayo, Sus Finanzas organizará un taller de educación financiera en el Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium, localizado en el centro de la ciudad de Stockton. Los participantes aprenderán sobre finanzas y otros recursos valiosos. El evento empieza a las 10 a.m. es gratis y abierto a todo el público. Los participantes serán elegibles para el programa que les empareja la cantidad de dinero

que ahorren, servicios de preparación de impuestos, preparación de impuestos atrasados, servicios para los propietarios de casa, prevención para evitar perder su casa, servicios de testamentos, seguros y bancarrota. Todos los servicios son gratuitos. Adicionalmente de proveer ayuda financiera, Sus Fianzas continua con el legado del padre de Vicuña, el Dr. Guillermo Vicuña, un dentista de Stockton que proveía y organizaba ferias de salud para miles de familias del condado de San Joaquín durante los años 80's y 90's Leandro Vicuña recuerda cuando que cuando era niño le ayuda a su padre a pasar flyers en las iglesias locales para dar a conocer los servicios disponibles. "No tenia de otra" menciona. "Soy una persona que le ha servido al publico desde que tenia cinco años de edad."

Para más información o para reservar su lugar en el taller de ecuación financiera llame al (209) 470-1250, email leandro_vicuna@yahoo.com, o visite nuestro website www.Susfinanzas.org.

Election

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the region facing such tough economic issues, including high unemployment, a potential Stockton bankruptcy and an area recovering from a foreclosure crisis - not to mention rising crime, low performing schools and struggling businesses.

"I think it speaks to people's willingness to serve their communities during these difficult times," said two-term Stockton City Councilwoman Susan Eggman, a candidate for State Assembly. "Now is not the time for the faint of hearts."

Latino candidates in the hunt include a number of candidates new to politics, including Hernandez, a former NASA astronaut. The French Camp native is running for U.S. House of Representatives, hoping to represent California's 10th District seat.

Hernandez is by far the most high profile candidate and perhaps posses the most compelling story. He went

from working in the fields of the Central Valley alongside his family to becoming a NASA astronaut. The hometown hero said he is running for office because Washington, D.C. has not done enough to address the critical issues in his district.

"If things are going to change," Hernandez said, "it's up to us to make the change."

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podría tener en la comunidad. "Vamos en la dirección correcta," enfatiza Hernández. "Tenemos un largo camino que recorrer pero vamos en la dirección correcta" El servir en un puesto de elección es un trabajo muy difícil en estos tiempos ya que la región enfrenta muchos retos entre otros alto desempleo, recesión económica, la bancarrota potencial de la ciudad de Stockton y la

crisis inmobiliaria – eso sin mencionar un incremento en la actividad criminal, escuelas con rendimiento académico bajo y negocios que luchan por mantenerse a flote.

Eggman, quien lleva dos periodos y forma parte del consejo de la ciudad de Stockton y es candidata a la Asamblea Estatal comenta, "Creo que eso habla de la voluntad y la intención de

la gente en servir a sus comunidades" "Este no es el tiempo para personas de carácter débil." Los candidatos Latinos en búsqueda de puestos políticos incluyen al Astronauta José Hernández. El originario de French Camp quien aspira a un puesto en el Congreso de los Estados Unidos, en caso de ganar representaría el Distrito Congressional 10 que incluye la parte sur del Condado de San Joaquín y la totalidad del Condado de Stanislaus. Hernández es el candidato de más alto perfil y con

una historia personal sobresaliente ya que de trabajar en los campos agrícolas del Valle Central junto con su familia se convirtió en astronauta de la NASA. El héroe local dice que esta buscando llegar al congreso porque actualmente Washington, D.C. no ha hecho lo suficiente para resolver los problemas ni toma mucho en cuenta la problemática que enfrenta este distrito. "Si queremos que las cosas cambien depende de nosotros que cambien." Comenta finalmente el nativo de French Camp.

Perez

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that we can be kind, without being weak; we can be generous, without feeling as though we've been leveraged; we can love our country for the opportunities this remarkable democracy provides," said Perez. "We can dare, we can challenge, we can be proud, we can love our neighbor, we can pray for a strong, healthy and safe

society; we can begin each day developing strategies to lift up those who want what we have been given."

Coming from humble beginnings, Perez worked in the cotton and apricot fields with his brothers and sisters, earning 10 cents a day. The tireless and honorable work Perez and his fam-

ily endured gave him the strength and endurance to achieve great successes. Perez is now the President and CEO of RMP Strategies Inc. an advocacy and public relations firm, and is the chairman of California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce..

"I am a product of the fields. I was not born to wear robes," said Perez. "The fact that all of us are here together is proof enough that we are all dream-

ers. We want a world of thoughtfulness and hope."

"We are proud of Roy and congratulate him and his family on this great honor that has been bestowed upon him," said President and CEO of CAHCC Julian Canete. "Throughout his life, he has been a hard worker. His zeal and determination has helped him accomplish many victories for the Hispanic community."

Workshop

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of Stockton also is supportive of the organization, he said.

"We're in the business of curing bad financial habits," Vicuna said. "We're instilling good financial habits to those who need it most."

In the process of helping families, Vicuna has launched a financial fight against check cashing and other related businesses, which he says prey on low income Latinos by charging exorbitant fees and high interest. The businesses' primary targets, he said, are illegal immigrants and workers who do not have

a checking or savings bank account.

"We're trying to educate people so that they do not use these businesses," Vicuna said.

After discovering the lack of regulations for check cash businesses, advance payday lenders and tax refund lenders, Vicuna decided to use his financial and legal background to help others by starting Sus Finanzas in February 2011. Sus Finanzas provides a seven-week course on financial literacy and money management at no cost to the participants, who meet weekly. If they

complete the program and put a portion of their earnings away in a savings account, Sus Finanzas matches their contributions up to \$250.

"We don't give handouts," Vicuna said. "Our participants have to earn what we're giving them.

On May 6, Sus Finanzas will hold a one-day financial literacy workshop in downtown Stockton at the Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium where attendees will learn free financial tips and about valuable resources. The event starts at 10 a.m. and is free and open to the public.

Attendees will be eligible for a monetary matching program, tax preparation services, back-tax preparation services,

home ownership services, foreclosure prevention services, estate planning services, insurance services, bankruptcy services – all of which are free.

In addition to providing financial help for families, Sus Finanzas is also continuing the legacy of Vicuna's father, Dr. Guillermo Vicuna, a Stockton dentist who provided and arranged free health services for thousands of families in San Joaquin County in the 1980s and 1990s.

For more information, or to reserve a seat for the financial workshop, call (209) 470-1250, email leandro_vicuna@yahoo.com, or visit at www.Susfinanzas.org.



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OddsMaker Makes Marco Rubio the Favorite to be Mitt Romney's Running Mate

By Kevin Derby

Florida's U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio is the favorite to be Mitt Romney's running mate, according to Paddy Power, the largest bookmaker in Europe, which released odds on the veepstakes on Wednesday morning.

After Romney's sweep of three primary contests in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin on Tuesday, Paddy Power is ready to concede the nomination to the former governor of Massachusetts and look to the general election against President Barack Obama.

"Romney's latest victories have put him in a very strong position and, with his focus now turning to Obama, I wouldn't be surprised if he already had his running mate in mind," a Paddy Power spokesman said.

Rubio, who endorsed Romney last week, ranks as the overwhelming favorite from Paddy Power with 2-1 odds. Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, also a Romney backer, garners 5-1 odds. Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico is also in the mix with

11-2 odds. So is U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, despite his father -- U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas -- remaining in the nomination race. Paul gets 15-2 odds. U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, who backed Romney last week and is best known for leading the House Budget Committee, garners 9-1 odds, while another Romney supporter -- Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia -- is a 10-1 underdog.

While he has exchanged fire with Romney during the campaign, presidential hopeful Rick Santorum, the former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania, remains alive in the veepstakes with Paddy Power giving him 20-1 odds. U.S. Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio and Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina get the same odds from Paddy Power to be on the Republican ticket. So do two leading Republicans who opted out of running for president -- Gov. Mitch Daniels of Indiana and U.S. Sen. John Thune of South Dakota.

Paddy Power gave longer odds to two former governors who did

seek the Republican nomination -- Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota and Jon Huntsman of Utah. They're both 25-1 underdogs, according to Paddy Power. Three other potential vice presidential possibilities -- Gov. Bob By Jindal of Louisiana, former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire -- also stand with 25-1 odds.

Paddy Power set two of the leading Republicans in the South -- U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina and Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi -- as 33-1 underdogs to end up as Romney's running mate.

While they are still in the Republican presidential race, Paddy Power gave former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul little chance of winding up on the Republican ticket. Gingrich gets 40-1 odds, while Paul is a 50-1 underdog. Businesswoman Meg Whitman, a Romney supporter who was defeated by Jerry Brown in the 2010 California gubernatorial race, gets the same odds as Ron Paul to end up on the ticket.

Paddy Power also released odds on extreme longshots for the Republican ticket. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who was John McCain's running mate in 2008, is a 66-1 underdog for a repeat performance. It has not happened often, but losing vice presidential candidates have often re-emerged down the road. Thomas Hendricks was Samuel J. Tilden's running mate



on the Democratic ticket in the controversial 1876 presidential election. Hendricks would later emerge as Grover Cleveland's vice president after the 1884 elections.

After coming up short on the Whig ticket in 1836, John Tyler would become vice president in the 1840 elections and president when William Henry Harrison died after a month in office. Franklin Roosevelt, who would be James Cox's running mate in 1920 on the Democratic ticket that came up short against Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge, set his ambitions a little higher come 1932.

Palin is not the only Republican who gets 66-1 odds from Paddy Power. After his ill-fated presidential bid, Gov. Rick Perry of Texas earns the same odds. So does former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who backed Obama in 2008.

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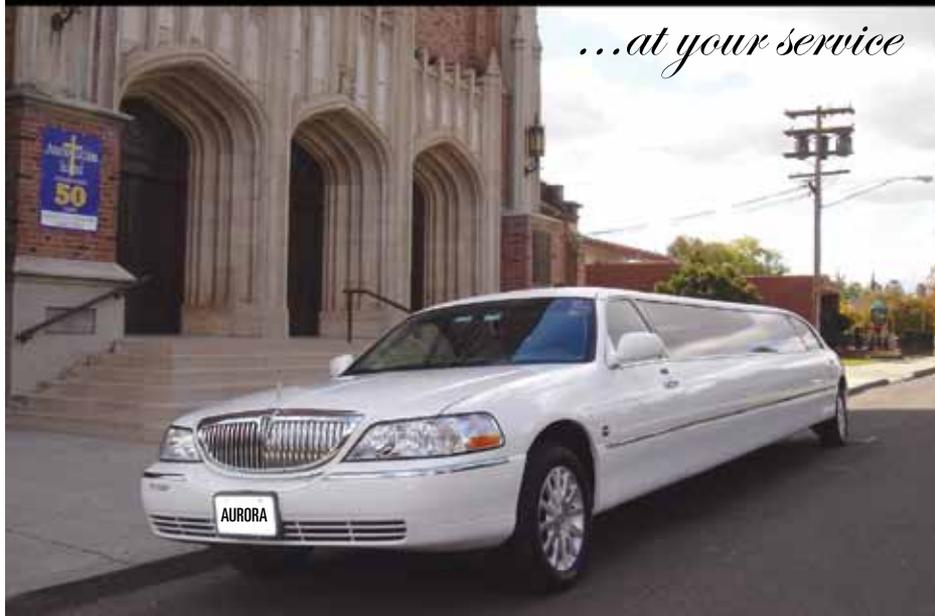


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ference in the state's focus and discuss key priority issues facing small business in California.

"The Legislative Conference provides an opportunity for Hispanic small business owners to be knowledgeable of the issues being debated at the State Capitol," said Roy M. Perez, Chairman of CAHCC. "Hispanic small business owners will have the opportunity to engage with legislators and other policy makers in a formal as well as a non-formal setting."

The Conference exposes participants to multiple learning experiences, networking opportunities and discussions on public policy. Participants will be able to hear perspectives from a variety of respected officials as well as have the opportunity to participate in Capitol visits and discuss with key policy makers, issues that are pertinent to the growth of Hispanic businesses and the economic future of California.

"We encourage Hispanic chamber leaders and small business owners to

attend this invaluable conference," said President and CEO of CAHCC Julian Canete. "The conference provides small business owners the ability to learn about legislation that affects their business as well as provides them an opportunity to express their opinions on relevant public policy issues."

For more information about the Legislative Conference, please visit the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce's website at <http://www.cahcc.com/>.

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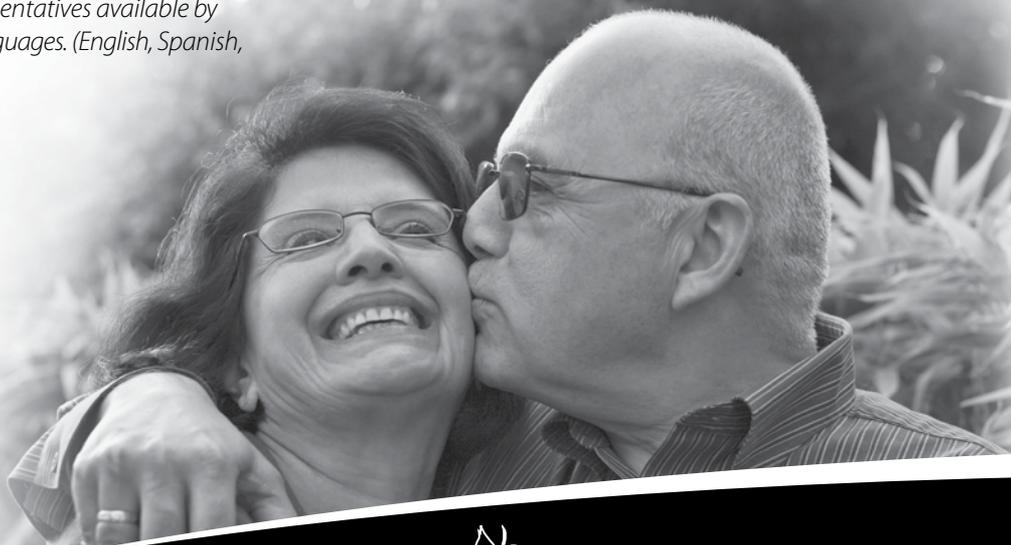
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Exodie Roe III, Legislative Assistant, Andrew Ysiano, Publisher Latino Times, Congressman Jerry McNerney and Julian Canete, CEO/President, California State Hispanic Chambers of Commerce after meeting with Congressman McNerney to discuss issues pertaining to the Central Valley. in his office at the US Capitol in Washington, DC while attending the 22nd Annual US Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Legislative Summit which had over 1000 attendees.

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Powerful Financial Workshop at Civic Auditorium May 6th

What better way to celebrate the first part of the Cinco De Mayo Parade then by bringing your family to the Civic Auditorium on May 6th at 10:00am to gain free financial tips and valuable resources designed to enrich your lives. It's a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to start this festive day by enjoying this high energy event provided by Sus Finanzas, a financial literacy non-profit organization.

In addition to Sus Finanzas bringing Rick Ruby, a nationally renowned financial speaker that has helped thousands of people throughout America make millions of dollars through his dynamic workshops, Sus Finanzas is offering free food, free beverages, free

prizes, music and more!

Who said you can't learn valuable education that leads to sustainable self improvement and have fun? Sus Finanzas knows you can. Inspired by the great success of Su Salud, a non-profit organization founded by Guillermo Vicuna, Sus Finanzas was created to continue the grass roots effort and momentum of uniting numerous volunteers to serve others without expecting anything in return. The spirit of making a difference through deeds not words is back!

The reason Sus Finanzas is hosting this engaging event is simple. Sus Finanzas doesn't ignore the financial hardships many of us continue to face every day. Rather than ignoring the

problems that impact the Hispanic, Latino and other underserved communities, Sus Finanzas addresses them head on with innovative solutions. Ultimately, the mission of Sus Finanzas is to ensure that you and your family experience a meaningful event and walk away with valuable tips and resources you didn't have access to before.

Fortunately, other organizations such as UOP, United Way, Bank of the West, F&M Bank, Wells Fargo, Premier Credit Union, California Human Development, California Partnership for Families, Visionary Home Builders, Neighborhood Works, El Concilio and more will be available at the event. It's truly a win-win for all to attend this event.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be eligible to receive our free monetary matching program, free tax preparation services, free back-tax preparation services, free home ownership services, free foreclosure prevention services, free estate planning services, free insurance services, free bankruptcy services and more. Seating is limited. So, we encourage you to reserve your seats now by calling 209.470.1250 or emailing leandro_vicuna@yahoo.com or visiting our website at www.Susfinanzas.org.

The beauty of this is that you have the opportunity to enrich your lives at this event and enjoy the afternoon festivities in the downtown Stockton parade. See you soon. Thank you!

El Concilio's Latina Luncheon

El Concilio's Latina Luncheon celebrates the contributions of women to our society and nation. This year, we are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker is Julia Amante, a noted fiction writer, who draws from her experience in detailing the struggle for identity, the importance of dreams and goals, and above all, love. Latina Style Magazine featured her as one who understands the ties that bind all families, regardless of culture and nationality. Come and listen to her story of how she overcame obstacles and barriers to become



the success she is today.

Please join El Concilio at our Annual Latina Luncheon at the beautiful Stockton Golf and Country Club, Friday, May 4, 2012 starting at 11:30am. This is an inspirational event geared toward motivating our community to recognize

the strengths and strive toward to our full potential. The proceeds from this event goes toward a scholarship program and is one of the most ambitious in San Joaquin Valley. For more information please contact asan@elconcilio.org or call (209) 644-2627 for reservations.

2012 Annual Cinco de Mayo Family Festival

El Concilio / Council For The Spanish Speaking is pleased to present the 2012 Annual Cinco de Mayo Family Festival to be held on Sunday May 6th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Weber Point Event Center located in Downtown Stockton on Center Street. There is an entrance fee of \$2.00 for adults and children 10 years old and older. There will be a children's area with a petting zoo, games, clowns, face painting and bounce houses! Visit the beautiful arts and crafts booths and the many informational booths regarding com-

munity resources and voter registration. Taste the wonderful flavors of Mexico in our food court! Best of all, enjoy local salsa and folkloric dancers, live music from your favorite bands all day long including Jazz, Mariachi and Banda! Gates open at 10 am for the entire family to enjoy this cultural experience.

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California Central Valley Latino Candidates Statements

Jose Hernandez Congress, District 10

Jose Hernandez was born in French Camp, CA, worked the fields in the San Joaquin Valley, helped invent mammogram technology to detect breast cancer, and realized his American Dream of flying a mission to space.

Now he is running for Congress to keep the American Dream alive for every family in California.

At a young age, Jose's parents instilled in him the values of hard work and education – and an unshakable belief in the American Dream. Jose held strong to those values, putting himself through college and graduate school, and becoming an engineer and scientist.

In Congress, he will focus on education – so that every Californian willing to work hard will have the opportunity to get a good job.

And as an engineer and scientist, Jose understands that we need problem-solvers in Congress, not people who go to Congress to argue. He'll focus on creating jobs in agri-business and technology, help small businesses, and put the middle class first for tax relief again.

Jose was proud to represent America as an Astronaut, helping invent mammogram, and raising five children with his wife, Adela – but wants to help restore the American Dream for his family and yours.

Xochitl Paderes State Assembly, District 13

My name is Xochitl Paderes and I am your candidate for State Assembly District 13. I grew up in Tracy, served our country in the US Marine Corps and graduated from San Joaquin Delta College. My grandfather, an immigrant, volunteered to serve in WWII before coming to the Central Valley to build a better life for his family. It taught me the importance of service to the community, hard work, and fighting for your community no matter how difficult the challenges we face.

In the US Marine Corps, I learned how to solve problems and get results in situations when the stakes couldn't be higher. While stationed at the Pentagon, I helped manage multi-million dollar programs to modernize our national security communication systems so our nation could fight the war on terror.

As a network engineer at the California Department of Fish and Game, I help coordinate multi-million dollar projects across several state agencies. My experience has given me a unique understanding and the skills needed to cut government red-tape, eliminate waste, and make government work better.

In the Marines we live by the motto, leave no man behind. The poor leadership and bad decisions of career politicians have left Central Valley families behind. It's time to bring a



renewed focus on Central Valley values and priorities to Sacramento. I would be honored to have your vote.

Anthony R. Silva Stockton Mayoral Candidate

Never knew his biological father. Mother Diance C. Pearce was a RN at St. Joseph before she passed away with Bone Cancer in 1993. Anthony's grandmother; June Westcott, who was also his mentor was a 1st grade teacher at Cleveland school during the "Cleveland school shooting." His grandfather George Westcott; also a teacher, died after suffering a heart-attack while performing on the stage of the Stockton Civic Theatre. Anthony's family has been in Stockton for decades. The Fishers' have had a "house moving business" in the area for years.

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4. Ask every CHURCH in this City to Adopt a Park and help with preventative maintenance. The faith-based community must step up and help us to keep kids and Teens off the streets.

Susan Eggman State Assembly, District 13

The first Latina to serve on Stockton's City Council, Susan Talamantes Eggman is running this year for the open seat in Assembly District 13, comprising Stockton, Tracy and Mountain House. Eggman would be the first Stockton resident to represent the area in Sacramento, a responsibility she is eager to take on.

"We need someone who understands this community to fight for us in the Capitol," Eggman said. A northern California native, Eggman is an army veteran, and is now a professor of social work at California State University, Sacramento.

Eggman ran for council first, in 2006, to redress a shortage of city services to her council district. Within her first term, four new community centers had been established. She also advocated for the reinforcement of a successful gang intervention program, and pushed a local hire ordinance, ensuring many of the jobs created by a new prison medical center will go to locals.

On the council, she successfully held off fiscal insolvency through four straight years of crashing revenues.

"Our challenges are significant, but I will meet them, and continue to make the right choices, however difficult, on



behalf of my constituents," she said.

Eggman wants to help Stockton develop toward an economy of the future, expanding into green industry and encouraging its agriculture. She also wants to bring a state university campus to Stockton, to improve educational opportunities and provide jobs. Her campaign has been endorsed by the California Latino Legislative Caucus, United Farm Workers, and labor leader Dolores Huerta.

Moses Zapien Stockton City Council - District 4

Moses Zapien, local attorney, will be running for City Council District 4. A Stockton native, Zapien worked in the District Attorney's Office and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club and the Board of Governors of the San Joaquin County Bar Association. He is also the former Chair of the Stockton Civil Service Commission. Zapien stated that, "While in office, I will focus on public safety, growing the local economy, working to ensure the city is fiscally responsible, and improving communication with our residents." Discussing his Mexican heritage, Zapien reminisced that "my grandparents immigrated to Stockton nearly a century ago with the dream of raising a family and providing them with opportunities they would have never had anywhere else. In the course of a generation, my family established local businesses in Stockton and laid deep roots." Zapien added, "It was Stockton that made their success possible, and it is a profound respect for this community that led me to run to get our hometown back on track."



Carlos Villapudua
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David Varela
SUSD Area 5

"Our community deserves better," Zapien emphasized. "I will bring the fresh perspective and effective leadership our city needs."

Theresa Velazquez Stockton City Council - District 4

Dr. Theresa Velazquez is a dance instructor, and business woman running for Stockton City Council District 4.



Velazquez graduated from the University of Phoenix, and holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management (BS), Master's in Business Administration (MBA), and a Doctorates of Management in Organizational Leadership (DM). Velazquez is a published author of a dissertation titled, "Health Issues and the Benefits of DanceSport."

Velazquez mission is to make Stockton safer, cleaner, and healthier. Promote literacy, promote animal adoptions, create jobs, and help homeless veterans. Green technology would create jobs, and new factories that manufacture windmills, and solar panels would employ many people. Restoring the Delta will make it cleaner to swim, and fish. Have more literary programs for children, teens, and adults at libraries. Have more animal adoptions to keep them safe. Prevent obesity and related illnesses by giving incentive, and offering dance fitness programs for employees of organizations to cut medical costs. Statistics indicated that in 2009 Stockton's total annual obesity costs \$333,673,729. Medical costs of obesity, and related illnesses are stifling businesses and organizations. There would be less crime, and investors will want to come to Stockton. Velazquez slogan is "Giving People a Voice!"



Christopher Mateo
State Assembly, District 1



Jose Morales
SUSD Area 3

Vote on June 5th Primary

Stockton Asparagus Festival Readies for its 27th Annual Event

Organizers for the 2012 Stockton Asparagus Festival have been hard at work finalizing plans for another year of entertainment and activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 27, 28 & 29.

Starting off the weekend on Friday at 1:30 p.m. is Rockin' Down the Highway, a Doobie Brothers tribute band, followed by the Grammy award winning All-4-One at 4:30 p.m.

Following the Michelob Ultra Great Spear-It Run Saturday morning and the Deep Fried Asparagus Eating Competition, at the Main Stage, American Idol finalist Bucky Covington at 1:30 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m., Restless Heart. At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Average White Band then at 4:30, Tower of Power.

Entertainment on the DeCarli Square Community Stage kicks off on Friday at 11:00 a.m. with The Advocates from Person Centered Services and concludes with Wendi Maxwell and Tres Hot Jazz at 5:15. Saturday

begins with the popular Caesar Chavez High School Mariachis and Show Choir at 10:00 a.m. The Mike Torres Band starts at 4:30. Stockton Bukkyo Taiko opens the DeCarli Stage on Sunday at 10:00, with the Latin Magic Band at 5:15 p.m.

Another highlight of the annual Best of the West Food Fest is the all new Chef of the Fest venue presented in the main hall of the Civic Auditorium. Preliminary competitions for amateur chefs will occur on Friday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., with a semifinal each day at 5:00 p.m. The final competition between winners will take place Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The Pro Chef Competition will pit the last two year's Charter House Chef Challenge winners against each other in a cook-off on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Another new twist this year is the enhancement of Velocity Circus. The truss structure will be 10 feet higher,



allowing more elaborate aerial acrobatic acts. On Sunday you can enjoy the musical antics of The California Repurcussions as they stroll the grounds. Then

there's Sea Lion Encounters, Skyy Dogs and Tyson the Skateboarding Bulldog and much more. Visit www.asparagus-fest.com for details

6th Annual Cinco de Mayo Wine Festival With Latino Times and Watts Winery

Join Latino Times and Watts Winery on Saturday, May 5th for a fun filled afternoon of wine tasting, food and music at Watts winery. Festivities start from Noon to 6:00pm and admission is free.

Watts Winery will be releasing their New 2009 Watts Dos Amores

for your tasting enjoyment that afternoon.

Be sure to stay for a comedy show with the popular Rick Pulido and Pete Munoz. Starting at 7:pm. Rick Pulido has worked with Cheech & Chong, George Lopez, Carlos Mencia to name a few. He was a

writer for the Tonight show with Jay Leno. He has been on HBO, CBS, PBS, SHOW TIME, COMEDY CENTRAL and many others. This is a great way to end the day with friends.

Tickets are \$15 for the show. You can place a Pre-Order dinner for

\$10. Food provided by Tin Roof BBQ. Dinner at 6:pm.

Watts Winery is located at 17036 N. Locust Tree Rd, Lodi, Ca. (Hwy 122 & Locust Tree Rd, Before Hwy 88)

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Anna Maria Chávez Selected Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of the USA

New York, N.Y.—Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) announced today that Anna Maria Chávez, who grew up in a small town in southern Arizona and rose to become deputy chief of staff to that state's then-Gov. Janet Napolitano, has been appointed to the top post at the iconic organization. Chávez is set to officially assume her new role at the Girl Scouts National Council Session/52nd Convention in November.

Chávez's appointment as the 19th chief executive of Girl Scouts, among the largest and most widely recognized nonprofits in the country, comes as the organization readies to launch a national celebration as part of its 100th anniversary designed to honor its legacy and create urgency around girls' issues. She will replace Kathy Cloninger, who is retiring after leading the organization for eight years.

"Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls with a trailblazing legacy that stretches nearly 100 years," said Chávez, who currently serves as chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas. "The country has never needed Girl Scouts more than it does today. What girls are accomplishing in Girl Scouting is inspiring. I have seen it firsthand in Texas, and I intend to tell that story far and wide. I'm eager to work with our partners across the country as the organization embarks on a new century of empowering girls to take the lead in their own lives and make a difference in their communities and across the world."

Connie Lindsey, National President of Girl Scouts of the USA, said: "Anna Maria is the right person at the right time for our organization. She has a tremendous track record, and her visionary leadership is going to be invaluable as we work to fulfill our mission to be the premier leadership experience for girls in ways that are relevant, engaging and meaningful."

Chávez was appointed chief executive of the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas in 2009 after serving as deputy chief of staff for urban relations and community development for former Arizona governor and current U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano. As deputy chief of staff, she promoted the governor's policies, programs and initiatives through coordination and partnership with city, county, and tribal governments, federal agencies and community organizations. In addition, she served as the governor's policy advisor to the Arizona Department of Housing and advised Napolitano on strategies for coordinating housing and economic development. Prior to being appointed as deputy chief of staff, Chávez served as Napolitano's director of intergovernmental affairs from 2003 to 2007. She also served as in-house counsel and assistant director for the Division of Aging & Community Services (DACS) at the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Chávez entered state government after serving as senior policy advisor to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater. Previously, she had been chief of staff to the deputy administrator at the



U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in Washington, D.C. Chávez also served as chief of staff for SBA's Office of Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development.

Chávez will take over as chief executive after a dramatic period of change for the organization. Cloninger has led Girl Scouts through a historic transformation designed to ensure that the organization delivers the best leadership experience for a new generation of girls whose lives—and the opportunities they face—are ever changing. The wide-ranging effort has included consolidating councils from 312 to 112, as well as developing a nationally consistent program portfolio for girls that includes a series of leadership journeys, or coordinated series of activities grouped around a theme, and a revamped system of badges and awards that align with the leadership program.

In addition, Girl Scouts in 2010 launched a national brand campaign, known by the tagline What Did You Do Today?, which is designed to inspire girls and adults to join Girl

Scouts in making a difference in the world. Girl Scouts is set to launch in 2012 its first-ever nationwide fundraising campaign that will extend over five years.

"What a testament to the kind of leadership we have within the Girl Scout Movement that we were able to select one of our own to lead our organization into its second century," said Cloninger, who acceded to the top post after nearly three decades of executive roles in Girl Scouting, including as chief executive officer of the Girl Scout Council of Cumberland Valley in Tennessee. "Anna Maria exemplifies the leadership qualities that we strive to teach all of our girls and she is going to be an inspiration to all girls and a strong advocate on their behalf."

Chávez grew up in a Mexican-American family in the small town of Eloy, Arizona, and later in Phoenix. She holds a law degree from the University of Arizona College of Law and a bachelor's degree in American history from Yale University. Bar admissions include the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, Arizona Supreme Court, and U.S. Supreme Court. Her husband Robert is a financial industry executive and they have a son, Michael.

Over the past 99 years, there have been 18 national CEOs. The first three were known as national secretaries and the next four as national directors. From 1935 until 2002, the title was national executive director. Since then, GSUSA's top post has been termed chief executive officer.

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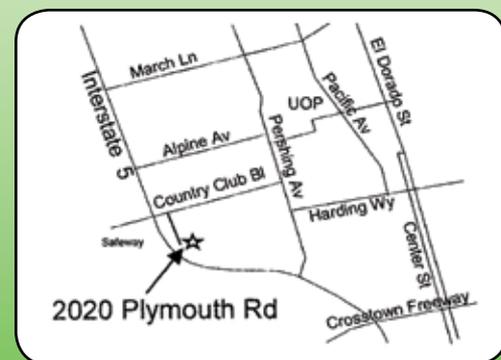
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Young Farm Workers Keep Cesar Chavez's Dream Alive

by Joaquín Magón - NAM

I never met Cesar Chavez. The opportunity to shake his hand or hear him speak in person is not one that I had. But I feel I know him. I identify with the dream he had and the struggle that continues today. It's been almost a year now since I began working with the United Farm Workers, and I have met farm workers and organizers who didn't even know who Cesar Chavez was until recently.

But they live the struggle that he and Dolores Huerta started. It is his dream, I know now, that we are fulfilling when we fight for the rights of others. That is the Cesar that those of us who never met him know.

So this is how I honor and remember Cesar Chavez, a man of great strength, passion, and intelligence. Not through a personal story about how I shook his hand; but, rather, through two of my fellow organizers who never met him either but know his dream, and are continuing the work he started.

Gustavo

Gustavo is a United Farm Workers organizer from Oaxaca who has worked in the fields for 18 years. He learned about Chavez in 1994 after Chavez had just passed away.

"I was in a town called Salinas and they didn't want to give me work. The foreman mentioned something about Cesar Chavez and I didn't know what he was talking about...By coincidence, and I remember this like it was yesterday, I was driving and I turned on my radio

and that was Radio Tigre I think was the name. They were announcing that Cesar Chavez had just passed away. I thought to myself, 'Wow, the foreman had just mentioned Cesar Chavez.' But I thought he was talking about Julio Cesar Chavez, the boxer. That's how I first learned about Cesar Chavez."

Gustavo, like many other workers from Oaxaca, has faced discrimination for being indigenous. He works hard for low wages, and barely makes ends meet. However, his smile is as eternal as his struggle.

"You look at the price of the strawberry box and you know that most of that money is going toward the boss. The money doesn't go toward the worker and it's not just us but our children. Sometimes it's embarrassing going out because your child will ask you for a toy or, you know, a childhood, or even food, and you don't make enough to give to them; sometimes it's best to not even go out."

He says that he knows now how things are. Before he wouldn't have raised his voice but now he says he knows that the workers deserve better.

"Those who don't dream will not achieve anything; much less if you wait for someone to do it for you. Chavez did many incredible things. He did a hunger strike. What I'm doing right now isn't at all easy. So I can't imagine how he did it. It's more than human what he did and I would love to be like Cesar Chavez."

Marichel

Marichel came to California from

Minnesota, a recent college graduate proficient in organizing students. But organizing farm workers is her passion. Like Chavez, she sees the disparities and inequality here and is working to do something about it.

"A lot of the people we are working with have historically been discriminated against, historically been relegated to living in poverty, and historically have been made to believe that they can't change this. And that's what we do every day is change it."

She fell in love with the UFW in 2007 when she did an internship with the Giumarra campaign in Delano organizing grape workers. After that she did not apply anywhere else. She had decided

to be part of the UFW.

"It was a life changing experience. It was just remarkable because you find heroes out there in the most humble people and it's a really beautiful thing...this is where the struggle is."

And in spite of the fact that she never met Cesar Chavez in person, she knows that he lives on in the farm workers she organizes.

"I see Cesar Chavez every day when I go into the office and I talk with the organizers. We see Cesar Chavez every time someone lifts up their flags in the air, when someone knocks on the door and talks with the worker and even in the happy face of a farm worker when we're making a change."



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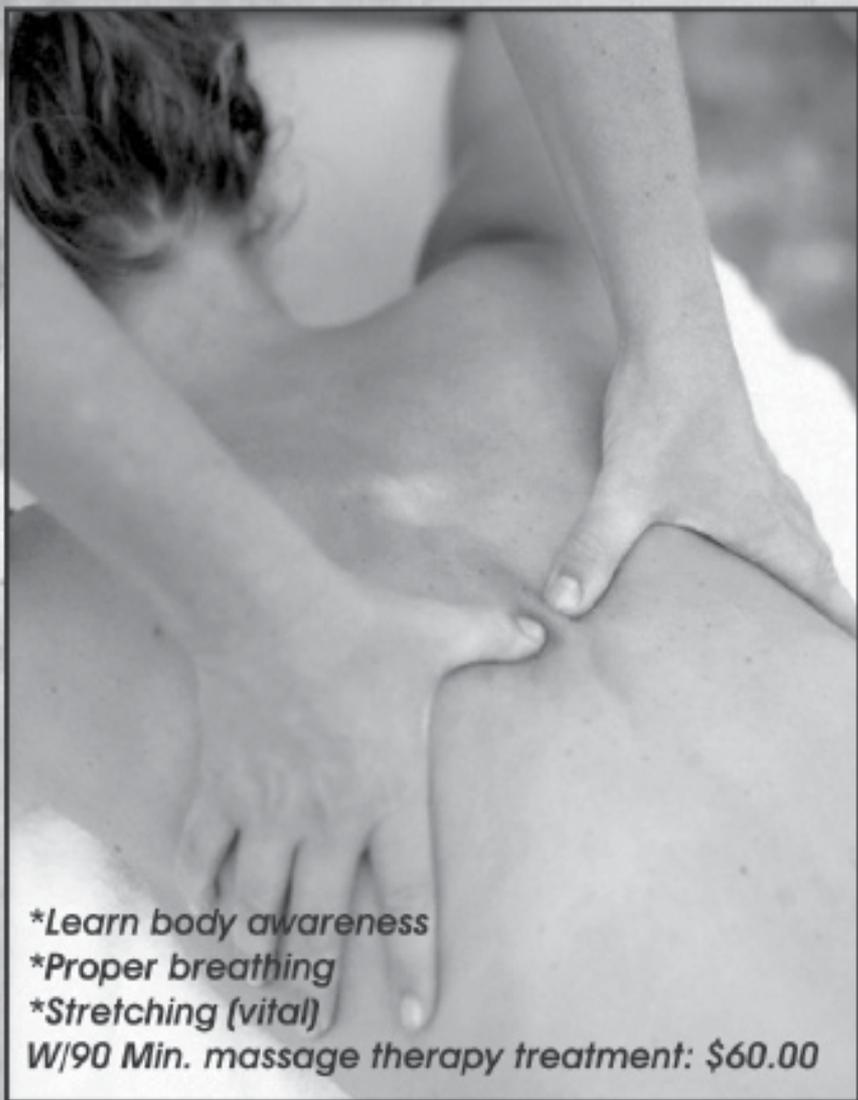
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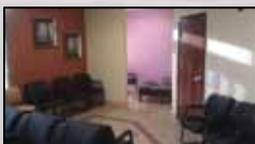
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- Quemaduras menores
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