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If you have read any local news recently, even just the headlines, you would know that there is a lot wrong in the city of Moreno Valley. In the past few weeks one councilman was arrested on suspicion of fraud and a day later resigned. In the past few months, federal agents raided the homes and businesses of the mayor and city councilmembers as part of a corruption investigation fueled by allegations of influence peddling, campaign violations, and political corruption. The citizens responded with a recall of the entire council. A school board member was found guilty of pimpsing, pandering, and insurance fraud. Then there was the resignation of the overpaid city manager and the economic development director. This week’s Point of View, written by a leader of the city’s concerned citizens advocacy group, outlines the many scandals and broken promises of economic growth and prosperity that have plagued the city of Moreno Valley in recent years.

But during the week of the mayor’s annual city address, where I anticipate he will not announce what the city really needs - his resignation from office as well as that of the rest of the city council - we thought we would highlight something that is right in the city… the quiet and effective leadership of the city’s public school superintendent.

Last month I had the opportunity to spend one week with 21 teachers and administrators serving the children of Moreno Valley Unified School District. They made up the entirety of our 16th Annual Underground Railroad Study Tour. Three years ago Superintendent Judy White sent three teachers, a year later a group of ten teachers and parents made the trek, this year 21. Why? “Because I have seen a profound change in people who participate,” she said to the group at our orientation meeting a few weeks prior to the tour. That profound difference has already yielded results when earlier this month over 500 parents of students who have been the hardest to reach, have the lowest test scores, and traditionally from the least engaged families met with school leaders, community leaders, and other education professionals to learn how they can access information that will help their children be more successful this academic year and for the rest of their academic lives.

It all starts with strong and visionary leadership, which is what the district has found in the quiet and determined efforts of Superintendent White. Like the educators who joined me last month, Dr. White is determined to transform the lives of the students in the district by transforming their educational experience. She has developed partnerships with parents, teachers, administrators, and staff and created new programs that involve the larger community and support student achievement. Yes, there is some good news in Moreno Valley just look in the classrooms of dedicated and determined teachers, the homes of engaged families, and the executive offices of a transformed school district.
Placement of Candidates’ Names for the November San Bernardino Ballot
Announced by Secretary of State

Last Thursday, Debra Bowen, California’s Secretary of State held a randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates will appear on the November 5th local election ballot for San Bernardino.

In accordance with the Election Codes the names of candidates on the ballot are arranged based on the randomized process. Staff members pulled the letters in a lottery-style drawing with witnesses from the public present.

City of San Bernardino
Primary Municipal Election
November 5, 2013

Order of Names on Ballot
Mayor
1 Richard T. Castro Retired Teacher/Coach
2 Draymond “Dray” Crawford City of San Bernardino Graffiti Removal
3 Matt Korner Start-up Founder
4 Chas A. Kelley Community Representative/Councilman
5 Rick Avila Contractor
6 Carey Davis Corporate Controller/CPA
7 H. W. Nickel Financial Analyst
8 Wendy J. McCammack Businesswoman/Taxpayer Advocate
9 Karmel Roe Real Estate Broker
10 Concepcion Powell Economic Development Consultant
11 Rikke Van Johnson Councilman/Small Businessman

City of San Bernardino
Primary Municipal Election
November 5, 2013

Order of Names on Ballot
Ward 1 Council Member
1 John J. Abad Retired Teacher
2 Casey Dailey Transportation Professional
3 Virginia Marquez Incumbent

City of San Bernardino
Primary Municipal Election
November 5, 2013

Order of Names on Ballot
Ward 2 Council Member
1 Benito J. Barrios Small Business Owner
2 Robert Jenkins Teacher/Council Member

City of San Bernardino
Primary Municipal Election
November 5, 2013

Order of Names on Ballot
Ward 4 Council Member
1 Fred Shorett Businessman/Council Member
2 Kathy Pinegar Property Manager
3 Anthony Jones Business Owner

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Moreno Valley Residents Rally To Support Recall Efforts and Protest City Council Actions

Story and Photos by Elliott A. Flowers

On Tuesday, August 20, over 50 angry demonstrators protested in front of the Moreno Valley City Council building with red and green shirts to signify not only their anger, but also the council’s greed. The people of Moreno Valley held their protest signs high as citizen after citizen spoke words of disgust toward the council and Mayor Tom Owings.

Several residents were there to protest the city’s plan to build a logistics conglomerate that the citizens of Moreno Valley believe to be unhealthy for the environment, citing that when construction starts it is estimated to bring over 1,400 trucks a day through the highways and streets of Moreno Valley. Longtime civic activist and local government watchdog Deanna Reader told the VOICE, “these trucks will destroy the roads more than they already are. And their repair will come directly out of the taxpayer’s pockets.”

The group is confident that their words and actions will not go unheard.

Chanting in unison under the guidance of Craig Givens, one of the leaders of the Concerned Citizens of Moreno Valley Advocacy Group, “What do we want...recall! When do we want it...Now!,” residents expressed their desire to see all current city council members removed from office and replaced with individuals more interested in public good than personal gain.

The demonstration started an hour before the city council was scheduled to hold their first study session since fellow councilmember Marcelo Co was arrested, charged with fraud, and resigned from his council position.

For more information on the recall effort visit facebook.com/SaveMoVal or email SaveMorenoValley@hotmail.com.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Every day, cancer patients struggle to find transportation to a hospital or doctor’s office; the American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to fill this role.

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed for the Society’s Road to Recovery program. Drivers use their own car to pick up patients who need a ride to treatment, and return them safely home after their appointment. This gift of time ensures that patients get the life-saving treatment they need.

The Road to Recovery program offers flexible hours and free training to all volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, please call the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 anytime, or visit www.cancer.org.
16 Riverside Youth Recognized For Completing Writing & Arts Program

Riverside

On Thursday, August 15, sixteen young men and women from Riverside were recognized for their successful completion of The Write of Your Life, a 10-week writing and arts program created by Women Wonder Writers. The graduates, ages 13-22 year old residents from Operation SafeHouse and Plan-It-Life Group Home, gathered at D’Ceasaro Pizza in Riverside for a dinner sponsored by Plan-It-Life.

For the past 10 weeks, the students met once weekly at California Baptist University (CBU) with WWW Instructors Raymond Hernandez, Tyler De Trinidad and Tabitha Leonard, all who are CBU students. The program was overseen by CBU Sociology Professor Marilyn Moore and WWW Co-Founder Nikki Randolph. At the graduation, the students received certificates of completion, a copy of their self-made videos “I Am” and “I Will,” and listened to a motivational speech by Professor Moore, whose story embraces resilience and survivorship from a childhood of harrowing abuse and unimaginable hurdles. Professor Moore’s message to the young people is that, “there is a positive after every negative.”

Through the 10-week program, the students journaled extensively, completed a short story about themselves, wrote poetry, and participated in art projects motivating them to let go of their troubled pasts. “This program impacts youth in many different ways. If they are going through a crisis or just trying to better themselves, this program is perfect for them. We hope the graduates will take what they have learned into real life situations,” said Instructor Raymond Hernandez. Raymond and the other instructors will be continuing their education at CBU this fall and continue to be involved with WWW.

Women Wonder Writers (WWW) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit life skills is a mentorship organization reaching “at-risk” youth and young adults, ages 12-22 years old. For more information on upcoming events, visit WomenWonderWriters.com.

BEAUTYGRL.COM’S Jennifer Geisman Named Fearless Fashionista Blogger

Los Angeles

Self-proclaimed beauty and fashion junky, Jennifer Geisman, creator of BeautyGrl.com, has been selected as the voice of a new fashion and lifestyle blog, Fearless Fashionista, for four local Southern California retail centers, owned and managed by General Growth Properties (NYSE: GGP). Geisman uses her witty, sophisticated fashion sense to pen trendsetting blogs for Galleria at Tyler, Glendale Galleria, Northridge Fashion Center and Otay Ranch Town Center. Fearless Fashionista is a fashion and lifestyle blog which launched August 13 at 52 GGP shopping centers in 18 metropolitan areas nationwide.

With more than 20,000 followers, Geisman and BeautyGrl.com tap into what is on every fashionista’s covet list as well as brings an abundance of style expertise to the table. Known for her quintessential eye for fashion and up and coming styles, Geisman offers readers of Fearless Fashionista insights of local trends, the area’s unique fashion sensibility and regional style to offer pertinent and relevant tips and advice.

Fearless Fashionista will provide customers with insider access to beauty, fashion and dining events, exclusive sneak peeks and more.


Change Begins With You
San Bernardino

In today’s society minority communities are in a state of distress and suffering tremendous devastation from the effects of poverty, inferior education, drugs, violence, gangs, crime and mass incarceration without rehabilitation. Men have been removed from the community causing the diminishment of male leadership and forcing the collapse of the familial infrastructure. The quality of life in minority communities has been relegated to dilapidated living conditions and the environment is not one that is conducive to success. Our youth have absorbed the brunt of the consequences of the above actions and consequently they have been stripped of hope, faith, dreams and success is out of reach for many of them. In light of all of the factors listed above we consider the minority communities to be in a state of emergency and we acknowledge that an immediate response is paramount.

In response to the state of emergency that exists in the socioeconomically challenged communities, concerned men and woman have collaborated and given birth to a new movement. They have named this movement S.T.R.E.E.T.S., which is an acronym for Shepherds Training Reasoning & Encouraging Everyone Towards Success. This movement is the beginning of what they hope will become a national movement to restructure the dynamics of the ghetto and the perception of mainstream America towards members of that community.

Join them at 1003 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92404 on Saturday August 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to engage in food, fellowship and a much needed discussion regarding the strategy to restructure our communities.
Rep. Negrete McLeod Holds Field Hearing In Fontana

Rep. Gloria Negrete McLeod (D-Chino) recently held a field hearing on veterans’ issues in the City of Fontana. Veterans and their families filled the City’s council meeting room to capacity as panelists from local, state, and federal governments, as well as representatives from non-profit organizations, testified before Rep. Negrete McLeod.

“We need to find out how to provide a more coordinated approach in supporting veterans in the Inland Empire,” said Negrete McLeod. “With different government agencies providing different services to veterans, individual cases can fall through the cracks. This field hearing was an opportunity to find out what is being done at the state and federal levels to ensure accessibility to services for every veteran.”

Panelists included representatives from the Veterans Benefits Administration, CALVET, & San Bernardino County Veterans Affairs Department who spoke about the various issues facing veterans in the Inland Empire which include: homelessness, mental health, job training, among other issues discussed in the field hearing. Veterans and community members spoke at the conclusion of the hearing.

“I appreciate all veterans who shared their stories and input on how the community and both the state and federal government can better serve this population,” explained Rep. Negrete McLeod. “As servicemen and women return to their communities, the biggest challenge facing veterans is the ability to support themselves and their families. Today’s hearing was a step in the right direction for creating proactive and substantive steps in better serving the veteran population.”

Rep. Gloria Negrete McLeod
WASHINGTON MARCH WAS FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the famous March on Washington – Aug. 28 – Americans will recall Dr. King’s famous “dream;” many can recite entire passages of his historic address.

But it’s worth recalling the full meaning of that dream. The March on Washington was a march for justice. And the Civil Rights Movement transformed the country — gaining equal access to public accommodations, outlawing racial discrimination in employment, securing and protecting the right to vote with the Voting Rights Act.

But the 1963 March was titled “March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.” Economic opportunity was at its center. As a key organizer of the march, A. Philip Randolph, president of the Negro American Labor Council, put it:

“We have no future in a society in which 6 million Black and White people are unemployed and millions more live in poverty. Nor is the goal of our civil rights revolution merely the passage of civil rights legislation. Yes, we want all public accommodations open to all citizens, but those accommodations will mean little to those who cannot afford to use them.”

But for jobs and economic opportunity, the March on Washington remains unfinished 50 years later. Nearly one-half of all African-American children live in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty. Nearly three-fourths attend majority minority schools, often scarred by the “savage inequality” of public funding. African Americans are still two times more likely to be unemployed than Whites. Affordable housing remains beyond reach. Adequate public transport to allow access to jobs has declined, not improved. And in our inner cities and barrios, clean water, sound sewage, healthy food and good parks grow rarer.

The 50th anniversary must revive the movement to address this unfinished agenda. Only now the stakes are even greater. A majority of babies born in the United States are now children of color. In three decades, more than half of our population will be people of color, according to U.S. Census projections. By 2050, Bureau of Labor Statistics projections estimate that 42 percent of our workforce will be African American and Hispanic (today that figure is 27 percent). Diversity is our reality. We cannot afford to write off a majority of the next generation and still prosper as a great nation. We will educate and engage the children of all races or we will suffer continued decline.

We have made great progress since 1963. American apartheid in the South was outlawed. Overt racial discrimination is against the law. No longer must African Americans move to the back of the bus.

But the agenda of economic justice remains unfinished. The demands of the marchers in 1963 resonate today: full employment, affordable housing, equal and excellent public education, a minimum wage the equivalent of $13 an hour in today’s terms. We argued in 1963 that removing the shackles from the impoverished African-American minority would lift the nation. Now the challenge is to provide opportunity to all children, including the children of color who are America’s future majority.

Dr. Martin Luther King taught us that “Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.” In this time of extreme inequality, equal opportunity will not be bestowed by the privileged; it must be demanded by working and poor people. Working and poor people, across regions and religions and race, must come together to transform our national politics and priorities.

The 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom provides the opportunity to revive the full breadth of Dr. King’s dream and the full scope of the challenge to reach it.
What is going on in Moreno Valley?

By Craig R. Givens, Concerned Citizens of Moreno Valley Advocacy Group

The entire Moreno Valley Council is facing a recall effort. The effort is being led by the Concerned Citizens of Moreno Valley Advocacy Group, whose mission is good governance in the City of Moreno Valley.

Concerned Citizens started the recall effort after the entire city council was targeted by the Inland Empire Joint Task Force as part of an investigation into political corruption and influence peddling. All five council members and their political backer’s (Iddo Benzeevi) homes and businesses were raided by the Inland Regional Corruption Task Force, which includes the district attorney, FBI, IRS, and U.S. Attorney’s office. Some searches were conducted under federal warrants. Others were performed through Riverside County District Attorney’s warrants. There are allegations of campaign violations, fraud, influence peddling, and other potential charges of corruption. Highland Fairview is one of several companies operating in Moreno Valley operated by local land developer Benzeevi who had a hand in constructing the Skechers distribution center and has proposed to build the World Logistics Center and a medical corridor on the eastern end of the city. In addition to this chain of events, city manager Henry Garcia (with a $430,000 salary per year) has resigned under suspicion, as did economic development director Barry Foster.

Benzeevi is no stranger to the Inland area even though he is from Los Angeles

From what is known from stories about Iddo in various newspaper articles written over 30 years, Iddo has made promises of thousands of jobs and massive development projects to the communities of Moreno Valley and San Bernardino that have failed to materialize with the exception of Skechers distribution center.

Promises of Jobs and Economic Development

Skechers distribution center – 2,500 jobs – produced 1 for Moreno Valley
Aquabella Wellness Campus $4.2 billion medical campus – 5,000 plus jobs
World Logistics – 20,000 jobs in the future
Aquabella project (55 and up resort community 3900 homes)
Moreno Highlands, 7,700 homes, a 600-acre business center, schools and nearly 120 acres of parks.
Moreno International Trade Center – (10,000 jobs) In April 1987, he and then-business partner, David Cohen, proposed building a 2,660-acre international trade center with a private airport in the area. The centerpiece of that project, begun in 1986, was a 10,000-foot long runway that could accommodate 747s, a massive intermodal cargo hub and designation of the area as a duty-free trade zone.

Political Involvement

Iddo Benzeevi has contributed hundred of thousands of dollars to Moreno Valley political candidates over the past several decades. The Highland Fairview Company also has become quietly involved in community affairs, donating $124,900 to help city leaders defeat two local ballot measures in the 2004 city election. The company also donated $20,000 to help pay for Moreno Valley’s 21st birthday celebration in December and Benzeevi also personally donated $5,000 to help revive the tennis program at Moreno Valley’s Valley View High School two years after it was eliminated. Benzeevi said the donations were meant to support “good community efforts,” not influence politicians.

Promises of Jobs and Economic Development

San Bernardino: Norton Air Force Base – 10,000 jobs

In 1990, proposed building warehouses and distribution centers, a high-tech research facility, as well as a sports center, an amusement park would be designed by George Lucas of “Star Wars” fame.

Benzeevi proposed a similar plan for the city of Moreno Valley several years ago, but it was nixed because of opposition from nearby March Air Force Base.

The city council approved 75 million dollars of infrastructure for Benzeevi’s Aquabella Wellness $4.2 billion medical campus, while suing March Life Care Medical Project because it would compete with his project if it were to ever happen giving Benzeevi’s track record of development over the last 30 years. Benzeevi is a land speculator.

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! 10,000s of jobs over decades, but no jobs except for 1 from Benzeevi’s projects.

The bottom line is that the city council of Moreno Valley is corrupt because it serves one man and not the citizens of Moreno Valley’s best interest.
**in the know**

**Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Summer Concert Series presents David Sanborn & Bob James with Steve Gadd & James Genus**  
**Friday, August 23**  
Join 94.7 The Wave all summer long at the 22nd Annual Summer Concert Series at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. Telephone (949) 360-7800 for more details.

**Jeffrey Osborne**  
**Friday, August 23, 9:00p**  
Location: Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa, 49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon, CA. Tel: 800-252-4499.

**Bloomington Community Fair**  
**Saturday, August 24, 8a-12p**  
Location: Truth Tabernacle Church, 18027 San Bernardino Ave, Bloomington. For more information: (909) 888-5040 or www.affordablebloomington.com

**Chris Botti at Thorton Winery**  
**Saturday, August 24, 3:00p – 7:00p**  
Location: Thorton Winery, 32575 Rancho California Road, Temecula. Email: info@thortonwine.com. Tel: (951) 699-0099.

**Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Summer Concert Series presents Trombone Short & Orleans Avenue**  
**Friday, August 30, 2013**  
Join 94.7 The Wave all summer long at the 22nd Annual Summer Concert Series at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. Telephone (949) 360-7800 for more details.

**L.A. County Fair**  
**Friday, August 30 – Sunday, September 29**  

**Chris Tucker**  
**Thursday, September 5, 6:30p**  
He has made a name for himself playing feature roles in hit films such as “Friday”, “Money Talks”, “The Fifth Element”, all three “Rush Hour” action-comedies, and most recently in the multi-award winning “Silver Linings Playbook” But Chris Tucker’s first love is “and always will be” standup comedy. He has been making others laugh since using humor as an attention-getting device at home, where he was the youngest of six siblings. Cost: $55.00 - $75.00. Location: San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino, 777 San Manuel Boulevard, Highland, CA. For more info, please call 1-800-359-2464.

**The Jacksons**  
**Thursday, September 12**  
Location: Pomona Fairplex, 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA.

**Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Summer Concert Series presents BWB – Rick Braun, Kirk Whalum & Norman Brown**  
**Friday, September 13**  
Join 94.7 The Wave all summer long at the 22nd Annual Summer Concert Series at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. Telephone (949) 360-7800 for more details.

**Riverside Mariachi Festival**  
**Friday & Saturday, September 20-21**  
On Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, 2013 the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will host the annual Mariachi Festival at Fairmount Park located at 2601 Fairmount Blvd.

Nationally recognized mariachis, including Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, alongside the colorful dance steps of Ballet Folklórico performances will entertain guests throughout the event. Vendors will provide food and crafts that reflect the cultural diversity of this innovative festival. The festival will be held Friday, September 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department located at 6927 Magnolia Avenue, 2nd Floor, and all community centers through September 20. Pre-sale tickets are 2 for $25 or 1 for $12.50. On-site ticket sales will be available at $20 per person. Children 12 and under are FREE.

**Newport Beach Summer Concert Series presents An Evening with Chris Botti**  
**Friday, September 27, 2013**  
Join 94.7 The Wave all summer long at the 22nd Annual Summer Concert Series at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. Telephone (949) 360-7800 for more details.

Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Summer Concert Series presents Jesse Cook and Special Guest Friday, October 4, 2013 Join 94.7 The Wave all summer long at the 22nd Annual Summer Concert Series at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. Telephone (949) 360-7800 for more details.

Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Summer Concert Series presents Keiko Matsui & Hiroshima Friday, October 11 Join 94.7 The Wave all summer long at the 22nd Annual Summer Concert Series at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. Telephone (949) 360-7800 for more details.

Hyatt Regency Newport Beach Summer Concert Series presents Jeffrey Osborne Friday, October 18 Join 94.7 The Wave all summer long at the 22nd Annual Summer Concert Series at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach. Telephone (949) 360-7800 for more details.

Veteran Resource and Career Fair Wednesday, October 23 10:00a – 1:00p Location: Doubletree by Hilton, 222 North Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, CA. Contact: Shelley Griffiths at Shelley@thejobxchange.com or (949) 400-7563.

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Inland Empire

For two days, hundreds of potential homebuyers attended Wells Fargo’s CityLIFTSM event at the National Orange Show in San Bernardino in hopes of receiving $15,000 in down payment assistance. The CityLIFT program is a collaboration between Wells Fargo and NeighborWorks America’s local affiliate Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire. Potential homebuyers who were looking to purchase a home in one of the five qualifying Inland Empire cities of San Bernardino, Riverside, Fontana, Moreno Valley and Corona met with representatives from Wells Fargo and NHSIE to see if they qualified for a down payment grant.

One of the lucky grant recipients was San Bernardino resident Charles Thomas.

City of San Bernardino employee and Army veteran Charles Thomas and his wife Tye had thought about buying a home for years. With five young children under 9 years old, owning a home in the city where he works was a dream for Thomas. But every time they applied for a mortgage the answer was no, being turned down as recently as May of this year. Thomas became optimistic after hearing about the CityLIFT program on a local radio station and the potential of receiving $15,000 towards a down payment. Not quite sure where to start, Thomas stopped by the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage branch across the street from his work to see what steps he needed to take to qualify.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Consultant Tandi Smith sat down with Thomas and looking through possible options, included FHA and VA programs, and was able to get him pre-approved for a $150,000 home loan. With approval in hand, Thomas attended the CityLIFT event in San Bernardino on Friday August 9th and after an hour or so, received the news that he would be receiving a $15,000 grant towards the purchase of a new home.
“We are so excited! To be able to own a home where we can watch our kids grow up and be part of a neighborhood is a great feeling.”

Charles Thomas
City of San Bernardino Flex Operator and CityLIFT grant recipient

“We are so excited! To be able to own a home where we can watch our kids grow up and be part of a neighborhood is a great feeling,” said Charles Thomas, City of San Bernardino Flex Operator and CityLIFT grant recipient. “It's been a little crowded living with family for the past few years, but now that we have this grant and approval we can't wait to start looking at houses and find one to call home. This $15,000 is going to allow us to not only buy a house but get a jump start on saving for our future.”

Smith was onsite at the San Bernardino National Orange Show on the first day of the CityLIFT event to walk Thomas through the process and give him the good news that he was one of the many grant recipients who were awarded the 100% of the $4.8 million dollars in down payment assistance.

“With the Inland Empire being one of the areas most deeply affected by the country’s housing crisis, one of the most important things that will come from the $4.8 million in down payment grants awarded, will be the hundreds of new homeowners planting roots in this community,” said Celia Lanning, Wells Fargo’s Inland Empire regional president. “The CityLIFT program was created to help families who have been unable to purchase a home because they struggle with making the down payment or have to compete with investors. We hope to help address this issue by providing down payment assistance grants and homebuyer education to help local residents realize their dream of owning a home.”

In addition to an appointment to meet with a Wells Fargo Home Mortgage consultants and non-profit counselors, customers were able to take advantage of on-site homebuyer education and learn more about potential properties to purchase at the virtual affordable home tour. Customers who received a reservation still need to purchase and close on a property to receive the grant.

To support sustainable homeownership and advance neighborhood stability, the CityLIFTSM program looks to the future by delivering down payment assistance and financial education to homebuyers. To learn more about the program and see if you qualify, contact a local participating Wells Fargo Home Mortgage consultant or Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire at http://nhsie.org.
Moreno Valley Educators Retrace The Steps of Freedom Seekers Along The Underground Railroad

And Learn about one of America’s Great Freedom Movements

"I had no idea that so many White people risked their lives and the lives of their families to help the freedom seekers. Wow. That was an eye opener. The tour guides were awesome. It was very emotional to walk the path and stand in the safe houses."

"I felt honored that a few Maysville, Kentucky public figures – the mayor, county administrator, and state representative – showed up to eat with us. It was nice of them to thank us and welcome us."

For over 16 years, the BV Foundation has hosted regional educators on a tour of the historic Underground Railroad. Since its founding over 600 teachers, administrators, and other interested individuals have learned how to inspire students in their districts and classrooms utilizing this important history.

"I think we often learn history in a vacuum, learning dates and key figures, but never really..." continued on page 16
"The most powerful experience for me today was the combination of watching the Borderland movie at The Freedom Center, then walking the hill to Rankin House. As I walked, I had the images in my mind that I had seen on the screen. At one point I really had to slow down because the damp earth and the moss on the stones was so slippery. I thought about how slippery and difficult it would be to climb, but then I remembered that the top of the hill was not the end of a journey. That really drove home the determination of a people to get freedom."

"I can’t wait to show my students the video footage and photos of the site where Harriet Beecher Stowe witnessed her first slave auction. Knowing that a slave auction occurred on the steps I was standing on was a very reflective moment for me. It was a reminder of what I have known all along. Black people are strong. Black people endure."

"The site in Buxton was great. I have to admit I never thought I would be wearing a type of torture device that was used on slaves. I was shocked at how uncomfortable the device was. I was also shocked at how heavy the ball and chain was. It made my muscles twitch when I held it with one hand. Slavery was TORTURE."

"I think my biggest take away from today was the Underground Railroad experience at the First Congregational Church in Detroit. When it ended, my first thought was how powerful it would be for our students to experience this. I’m already starting to plot out how I’m going to recreate this at my site. I’d like to ask our wonderful art teacher to create the sets. For our conductors and safe houses, I want to pull from two groups of kids. Our clubs and programs have notoriously operated independent of each other in the past, but this might be a great project to pull them together."

"The connection between the past and present really puts everything into perspective. I really would like to take the personal accounts and put them into a presentation that will make it real, personal and understanding for my students."
having an in depth understanding about historical events connect to each other and how those events continue to impact our lives today," said an educator who went on the tour in 2012.

Founded by Assembly member Cheryl Brown, the tour has partnered with district officials in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, infusing common core social studies standards into the program, receiving national grants and awards, including the National Park Service’s Network to Freedom, and assisting teachers and students for generations to come.

For the past three years, Dr. Judy White, Superintendent of Schools for Moreno Valley Unified School District, has used the tour to educate and inspire teachers, administrators, and parents to use the tour’s focus on freedom movements as a renewed call to action, after seeing a change in educators who went on the trip in her former role at Assistant Superintendent for San Bernardino Unified.

The educators spent seven days traveling through Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, New York, and throughout Ontario, Canada learning from museum docents, local historians, and descendants of freedom seekers and abolitionists. Led by organizers Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds, Dr. Daniel Walker, and Kenny Morris, who is a direct descendent of noted abolitionist Frederick Douglass and educator Booker T. Washington, the tour was coordinated by Gloria Kenley of the Kenley Konnection based in Columbus, Ohio.
Over 500 Moreno Valley Parents Attend Conference on Parental Engagement

Moreno Valley Unified’s African-American Parents Association in partnership with MVUSD hosted over 500 parents at Vista del Lago High School before school started earlier this month. With the excitement of a new school year, parents were armed with great information on how to help their students be successful in school and stay motivated during the academic year. “It was a great showing of support to help our students,” said Micki Clowney, a MVUSD parent and one of the event organizers. Parents, working with staff and teachers, developed the idea after attending the Footsteps to Freedom Underground Railroad Study Tour three years ago. Because of their efforts, students are expected to have a great school year this year and many more to come.
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s/…Tracy L. Jotham

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s/…Julie Yonghwa Kim

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San Diego, CA 92108
San Diego County
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1701 Northfield Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
MICHIGAN/CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/1/2013

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s/…Ziad Kassab, on behalf of Guardian Angel Health Care, Inc.

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6067 Mountain View Ave.
Fictitious Business Name in violation of

This business is conducted by:

Corporation

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

LYNAE COSMETICS
5592 Mission Blvd.
Riverside, CA 92509
Riverside County
Jacquelinee Jane Barber
9428 Magnolia Ave.
Riverside, CA 92505
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Clerk D. SOLOMON
FILE NO. R-2013-07922
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER RIC 1308680
To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: RICOS RASPADOS

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s/…Eileen Dale Davinroy

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Riverside County

Michael Davinroy 18634 Hawsbury Dr. Riverside, CA 92508

Eliza Dale Davinroy 18634 Hawsbury Dr. Riverside, CA 92508

This business is conducted by: Married Couple

Registerant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name as of June 1, 2010.

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Princeton Review, Forbes Again Name CSUSB Among Best Colleges In America

San Bernardino

Two of the nation’s leading educational services companies have again recognized California State University, San Bernardino as one of the best universities in the United States.

The Princeton Review selected Cal State San Bernardino to its “Best in the West” section of its website feature, “2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region.” CSUSB is among just 124 institutions that The Princeton Review chose for its “Best in the West” list and one of only seven California State University campuses that were included at the Best Regional Colleges Web page at http://www.princetonreview.com/best-regional-colleges.aspx.

This marks the 10th straight year that the university has been included on the Princeton Review “Best in the West” list, which draws from 15 western states. In total, The Princeton Review named 643 colleges as regional bests throughout the country.

Cal State San Bernardino was also named to the 2013 Forbes ranking of “America’s Top Colleges” for the fourth consecutive year. The Forbes list ranks the top 650 of all colleges and universities in the United States, measuring the top 20 percent of all U.S. undergraduate institutions. CSUSB also ranked among Forbes top institutions in the West, as well as among the top four-year public institutions in the country.

The Forbes rankings were compiled in conjunction with the Center for College Affordability and Productivity from Washington, D.C., using five general categories: student satisfaction, post-graduate success, student debt, graduation rates and academic success.

“It is a major accomplishment and tremendous honor to be named among the best campuses in the nation, said CSUSB President Tomás Morales. “These kinds of affirmations are usually reserved for the leading private colleges and larger public universities, and we are very proud to be recognized among the country’s most outstanding institutions. Cal State San Bernardino truly is a very special place.”

The Princeton Review asked students to rate their own schools on several issues, from the accessibility of their professors to the quality of the campus food, and also to answer questions about themselves, their fellow students and their campus life. Comments from surveyed students are quoted in the school profiles on The Princeton Review website at www.PrincetonReview.com.

“We’re pleased to recommend these colleges to users of our site as the best schools to earn their undergrad degrees,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s senior vice president and publisher. “We chose these as our ‘regional best’ colleges mainly for their excellent academic programs. From several hundred schools in each region, we winnowed our list based on institutional data we collected directly from the schools, our visits to schools over the years, and the opinions of our staff, plus college counselors and advisors whose recommendations we invite. We also take into account what students at the schools reported to us. Only schools that permit us to independently survey their students are eligible to be considered for our regional ‘best’ lists.”

The Princeton Review website notes that: “Cal State San Bernardino’s motto is ‘Come here, go anywhere’ and undergrads certainly feel that sentiment rings true. The university provides a ‘great education’ that allows students to ‘discover amazing things about [themselves].’ CSUSB offers a substantial number of majors and students’ heap praise on the ‘well recognized business program’ as well as the ‘tremendous’ criminal justice program and ‘great’ nursing school.”

The Princeton Review also said that professors at CSUSB receive high marks. Students described their professors as “passionate” and “knowledgeable,” teachers here strive to “make sure the material is understood.”

Students are also grateful for the enthusiasm their professors bring to class. One junior said, “My professors bring a sense of humor to the classroom, which allows them to be a lot more approachable. They allow me to have fun while I am learning.” The student also said, “Professors want you to do well, and provide resources for students to make it

Grand Reopening of SBVC Business Building

Completely refurbished building offers new green-friendly, emergency, and meeting/conference features.

San Bernardino

After fifty years of faithfully enabling the development of this region’s leaders in business and industry, the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Business Building is about to reopen after a complete overhaul to prepare the Inland Empire’s next generation of leaders in technology, business, accounting and real estate.

First built in 1960, the San Bernardino Valley College Business Building closed in late 2011 for a $16 million complete overhaul.

The Business Building will host classes in Business Administration, Computer Information Technology, Accounting, Real Estate, the Mathematics, Business & Computer Technology divisional office, and more starting with the fall 2013 semester that begins this week.

Additional highlights of the facility include:

Conference Center – Aimed at establishing
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A math major says, “When a question arises, they [professors] are always willing to explain it thoroughly, so that all students understand.”

And one ecstatic freshman says, “So far my academic experience is far beyond what I had anticipated. It is more than great; it’s amazing.”

The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University and it is not a magazine.


For more information about The Princeton Review, contact Kristen O’Toole at (888) 347-7747 ext. 1405 or kotoole@review.com, or Jeanne Krier at (212) 539-1350.

For more information about Cal State San Bernardino, contact the university’s Office of Public Affairs at (909) 537-5007 and visit http://news.csusb.edu.

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- 19 classrooms
- 6 computer labs

Under the direction of DLR Architects and project managers Kitchell/BRj/Seville, the facility was constructed using funds from the voter-approved Measure M Bond from 2008. Approximately 80% of the contractors and subcontractors utilized on the project are based in the San Bernardino/Riverside county region.
Dr. Judy White, Superintendent, Moreno Valley Unified School District

Dr. Judy White is an excellent example of a servant leader whose transformational approach has been recognized by numerous entities. Nothing better symbolizes her thinking of her role as Superintendent of Moreno Valley Unified School District, than her decision to greet students on the first day of school this year dressed as the superhero Superwoman. In an effort to encourage the 1,000-2,000 students who chose to stay home the first day of school, Dr. White joined other members of her staff in greeting students as their students’ favorite superheroes and storybook characters. The first day this year proved a success as more students attended the mid-week first day than in previous years.

Noted for her ability to break down traditional silos and walls to increase student learning, Dr. White has created a model of excellence built on collaboration. During the opening of a recent leadership summit welcoming teachers, administrators and staff “Back to School” for the 2013-14 school year, she remarked, “Moreno Valley Unified School District is a place where “Excellence On Purpose” is our way of life. This marks my 36th year in education and it is such a pleasure to serve and live in Moreno Valley. Our team of educators continues to embrace what is in the best interest of students. We celebrate a continued increase in student knowledge and understanding proved by increases in our students’ test scores, graduation rates and college going rates.”

What is your vision for success in the district?
Success, I believe, will be measured by each and every employee being adequately prepared to maximize learning for every student.

While student success is a continuous process, it is my vision to see each and every student thrive in mastering academic standards, developing the ability to apply their knowledge to real life situations and accessing the college and or career where they can be productive citizens.

Can you describe some creative programs you are developing for students and educators in the district to achieve the goals of the strategic plan?
The Moreno Valley Unified School District is looking forward to creative programs that will accelerate the achievement of our students and families. We are the recipients of two i3 innovation Grants that will focus on Families Going to College and Success for All in Math. Additionally, we are partnering with National University on “Project Moving Forward” and Brandman University to establish a demonstration school. AmeriCorps is providing five coordinators to recruit mentors that will work in conjunction with Sigma Beta XI to help all students with an added focus on the success of African American males. We celebrate that all of our schools have been adopted by at least three business, service, or faith community partners.

What is the biggest success that you are expecting over the next few years for the students of Moreno Valley Unified School District?
We are expecting to close the achievement gap.

Is there anything else you would like our readers to know about you as a leader?
Some people have nicknamed me the “history maker and stereotype breaker.” I am passionate and relentless about the success of all students. Embodying servant leadership and “excellence on purpose” is my approach to transformational leadership.
To the Customers of Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison’s decision to close the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) was necessary and in our customers’ best interests. Closing it was the best solution, when compared with the growing cost and regulatory uncertainty of trying to reopen the plant.

Now the process has begun of deciding how to best decommission SONGS safely and address the remaining costs. Southern California Edison (SCE) is vigorously pursuing recoveries from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, the company responsible for designing and manufacturing the faulty components that caused the SONGS shutdown. Likewise, SCE is pursuing insurance recovery for outage costs.

There may be costs that are not recovered from Mitsubishi and the insurers, and these could be significant. SCE is now participating in a process before the California Public Utilities Commission to determine just how these remaining costs should be addressed.

The U.S. system of providing electrical power is the least expensive and most reliable in the world. It is founded on the principle of attracting low-cost capital and sharing the system costs among all users. This is important because electricity is essential to modern life.

Utilities like SCE rely on attracting private capital in order to build the electric system. We are obligated to offer electric service to every person in our franchise service territory. Unlike other businesses that invest, produce and sell their products for whatever price the market will bear, our prices are set by our regulator, the Public Utilities Commission. Our rates allow us to recover our operating costs, without any mark-up or profit. We are also allowed to recover at cost our investment in system assets, over time. We earn our profit by receiving a reasonable rate of return on our invested capital, as determined by our regulator. These important and long-standing principles are called the “regulatory compact.”

Across America, these principles have been applied again and again to utility assets, including power plants. Many utility assets, like our 100-year-old hydroelectric system in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, last longer than the time required to recover the cost of the investment. Customers continue to benefit from these assets. Conversely, if a utility asset must be retired before the end of its expected life, the utility recovers from customers its reasonable investment costs.

The long-established principles of the regulatory compact must guide us as we work through the SONGS shutdown. More than 40 years ago, SCE relied on this principle to attract the billions of dollars from investors required to build SONGS. SCE’s customers have benefited from over four decades of affordable, emission-free energy.

The American utility system works because everybody is in it together. Everyone shares the benefits and the costs. These private investment and cost recovery principles have worked for decades, providing customers safe, reliable and affordable power. SCE’s position is that the costs associated with the shutdown of SONGS that are not recovered from Mitsubishi or through insurance should be borne fairly in accordance with these principles.

The process that is now under way before the California Public Utilities Commission will determine exactly how these costs will be addressed, and SCE is committed to communicating with its customers frequently and candidly throughout that process at www.songscommunity.com.

We pledge that we will work to develop a solution that ensures appropriate compensation from Mitsubishi and the insurers and fair treatment of both SCE customers and investors.