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## Delgado Selected to Lead San Bernardino City Schools



**Dr. Arturo Delgado**  
SBCUSD Superintendent

The Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources of the San Bernardino City Unified School District is the Board of Education's choice for superintendent of the District. Dr. Arturo Delgado takes over from Dr. E. Neal Roberts, who retired on June 30, 1999.

Dr. Marlin Brown, Board president, said Delgado brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new assignment. The Board and I have agreed that with his extensive background in education and in our District, Dr. Delgado is the right person to guide us into the next millennium. He has been leading our Human Resources division for two years and has brought us through an extremely rough time of recruiting and hiring new teachers. Because of San Bernardino's size, class size reduction has hit our District especially hard, but Dr. Delgado has never wavered from

the task of finding us the very best teachers available.

The new superintendent says he is looking forward to the opportunity to lead the tenth largest school district in California. "Among large urban districts, San Bernardino stands out as a good example of what can be done with hard work and determination. Our recent test scores are a good example of that. Although, historically, students from districts like ours aren't expected to do as well on standardized tests, I'm delighted that San Bernardino has kept up with districts throughout the state. Yes, of course, I see room for improvement, but we have made an extremely fine start," Delgado says.

From his first assignment as a teacher is Baldwin Park nearly 20 years ago, he has come up through the ranks, serving as an assistant principal, principal, coordinator and assistant superintendent in the Alvord Unified School District.

He was educated at East Los Angeles City College and California State University, Los Angeles, receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He earned his doctorate in Education Management from the University of La Verne.

The new superintendent was selected from a field of 29 candidates after the District instituted a nationwide search last March to replace Roberts.

## Summer Residential Program at UCR Gave High School Students a Taste of College

Forty-nine high school juniors and seniors have been designing and building robots and studying ways to reduce air pollution in a five-week residential program at the University of California, Riverside to help students prepare for college and stimulate their interest in science, mathematics and engineering.

The MESA (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement) Summer Program, was scheduled to

run through Friday, July 30, also included academic courses in algebra, pre-calculus, chemistry and physics, as well as workshops on such topics as career exploration, word processing, goal setting and time management.

The students have taken several field trips to investigate careers involving in-depth knowledge of math, science and engineering; for instance, they have visited a firm which designs and builds

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## Riverside County Community Action Plan Meets in Palm Springs

Education, government, corporation, non-profit organization, community leaders and elected officials completed a three day conference recently held in Palm Springs for first ever Riverside County Community Action Planning concept in which conference members finalized 90 day and annual community action planning projects for the county.

The goal of the conference was to bring community leaders from every sector of the county into a single location and discuss and analyze the most critical needs in the county and formulate solutions via community action plans (CAP), to improve the quality of life for Riverside County residents, said Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, in his initial talk to the conferees.

Throughout the conference, the 180 conferees participated in a series of workshops where discussions centered on vital issues affecting the general population. Issues were identified into subject areas and conferees organized into task forces based on those issues, focusing on the development of community action plans on 90 and yearly time frames.

Every task force incorporated identical themes into their plans: focus on youth; build families and communities; embrace and celebrate diversity; communicate and form relationships; and



**Dr. David Long, Riverside Department of Education Superintendent, addressing conferees at the recent Riverside Community Action Planning Conference held in Palm Springs. Photo by IEHN.**

share and connect resources.

"These leaders generated high quality action plans," Long stated. "Throughout this process, commitment and caring was exhibited in their plans. The families of Riverside County will be the benefactors of their quality efforts."

In the forthcoming year, a CAP task force plan to create county youth centers where information on drug and alcohol abuse prevention can be disseminated; others will put forth efforts to bring new ideas for making transportation more accessible for people in need of those services.

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UCR's MESA Program has conducted a summer class for 49 students from Riverside County to be exposed to science, math, chemistry and physics. Picture above is a math class conducted by Dr. Pam Clute, professor of math at UCR. Photo by IEHN

## Senator Baca Campaigns for Congress

State Senator Joe Baca (D-San Bernardino) issued the following statement: "Congressman George Brown was a great man with an unrivaled record of public service. He will never be replaced, no matter who runs in the upcoming Special Election.

"But despite our collective loss, the law requires that Governor Davis call a Special Election. He has.

"Seven weeks from now voters will be faced with the decision of who can best represent San Bernardino County in the United States Congress.

"No doubt, there are a number of good candidates. I think I am one of them.

"Congressman Brown was a voice for all people.

"Congressman Brown led our nation's opposition to the war in Vietnam. I served as a paratrooper during that era and, while I didn't see combat, I remember thinking that every Member of Congress should be supporting the war.

"In hindsight, Congressman Brown taught me and an entire generation that love for our country means that there should always be room for debate before young men and women are put in harm's way. And no one showed more respect for the men and women in the Armed Forces than George Brown.

"In the Legislature I have tried to live what Congressman Brown believed... our veterans must be honored and cared for.

Throughout his life, Congressman Brown was a voice for Civil Rights for all Americans.

"In the Legislature, I have fought for equal educational opportunities. A good education is part of the 'American Dream.'

"Under Congressman Brown's direction our nation continued to lead the world with historic breakthroughs in science. Closer to home, he and I worked on an economic development plan for the conversion of Norton Air Force Base.

"In the legislature, I pushed to narrow the 'digital divide' that threatens to create two classes of citizens...those who are prepared to meet the challenges of our computer driven new economy and those who will be left behind.

"I believe that the Congress of the United States must invest more time improving health care, protecting Social Security and stopping drug abuse.

"In the Legislature I fought for real HMO reform, wrote tougher drug laws and protected Supplemental Security Income for the elderly and disabled.

"Two weeks ago our nation lost a voice. We lost Congressman George Brown. Last week we lost the voice of a new generation. We lost John F. Kennedy Jr.

"In the weeks that follow, I will run a campaign for Congress that honors both of their memories and the ideals that their lives embodied."

## Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC OFFICES OF THE FORTY-SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA TO REMAIN OPEN TO SERVE AND ASSIST CONSTITUENTS

Washington, D.C. The Washington, D.C. office and the district office of the Late Honorable George E. Brown, Jr. will continue to serve the people of the Forty-second Congressional District of California under the supervision of the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Representative Brown died July 15, 1999.

Staff members of Representative Brown remain on the House payroll under the supervision of the Clerk of the House to receive and undertake constituent casework, to help in handling business with the departments of the executive branch of the government, to provide general status information and pending legislation and to offer other general constituent services provided by House offices.

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House of Representatives, said that Washington D.C. office and the California district office are presently open on a daily basis to accommodate congressional

business.

Under House rules, the Clerk manages the offices when a Member dies, resigns, or is expelled. This authority which does not include voting representation, continues until a successor is elected to fill the vacant seat. This the third vacancy of the 106th Congress; nine such House vacancies of sitting Members occurred due to death or resignation in the 105th Congress.

The Washington office is located in 2300 Rayburn House Office Building, telephone (202) 225-6161. Mail addressed to the Office of the Forty-second Congressional District of California, Washington, D.C. 20515, will be delivered through the internal house mail distribution system.

The district office is located at: 201 North "E" St., San Bernardino, CA 92401, telephone (909) 383-1233.

Requests for further details should be directed to the Office of the Clerk (202) 225-7000.

## Leader of Chicano Movement Visits Riverside on Aug. 5

Organizations at the University of California, Riverside are sponsoring a reception and book signing for Dr. Jose Angel Gutiérrez, one of the principal leaders of the Chicano movement, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at Zacatecas Hall, 2472 University Ave., Riverside.

Dr. Gutiérrez, along with César Chavez, Reises Tijerina, Corky González and many others, helped to shape the Chicano movement of the 1960s and '70s. His activism included co-founding MAYO (the Mexican American Youth Organization) and La Raza Unida Party (RUP), the political party that took control of Crystal City and their areas of South Texas.

Today, he is a practicing attorney and a professor of Political Science at the University of Texas. He is the author of a memoir called, "The Making of a Chicano Militant: Lessons from Cristal."

He will appear in Riverside sponsored by the Hispanic Bookcase, a Riverside book store, as well as several UCR based organizations: the Department of Ethnic Studies, Chicano Student Programs, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) and the Ernesto Galarza Public Policy Research Bureau.

Armando Navarro, chairman of the Ethnic Studies Department, said the theme of the reception is "Revisit the Chicano Movement Era." In an earlier review of Gutiérrez' book, Navarro called it "provocative, insightful and extremely revealing...His candid portrayal of his life as a militant activist is a major contribution to the study of Chicano politics."

Dr. Carlos Vélez-Ibáñez, professor of Anthropology at UCR and the director of the Ernesto Galarza Public Policy and Humanities Research Bureau, will speak at the event. (909) 787-4577.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

• **Hispanic Bookcase has relocated** at new address: 1345 University Ave., Suite E, Riverside (nearest cross street-Iowa), business hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:30 to 6:00 PM. Ph. no. (909) 82-0049.

### August 21

• **Sociedad Progresista Mexicanos, Inc.**, announced its 'Annual Scholarship Dinner/Dance at the KSKJ Hall, 18359 Arrow Blvd., Fontana from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Luna Tropical Orquesta will provide music from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets: \$14 per person/ dinner/dance. For information call (909) 822-3265.

### August 28

• **Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine/City of San Bernardino-Main Street Inc.** sponsoring First Annual Caliente Music and Food Festival at Court Street Square, San Bernardino. Special dishes by area restaurants; music by Latin jazz artists and other entertainment. For information call (909) 328-1385.

### September 10

• **Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** is hosting Legislative Luncheon at UCR Riverside Extension Center, 11:30 AM, with State Attorney General Bill Lockyer as keynote speaker. The luncheon is commemorating 20th anniversary of the chamber. Sponsorships for the event are available. For further information call at (909) 340-5906.

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**Washington Mutual Names Adrian Rodriguez to Post**

LOS ANGELES, - Washington Mutual has appointed Adrian Rodriguez first vice president and manager of corporate Communications, overseeing the company's California and Texas regions.

Rodriguez was formerly vice president of Corporate Communications for Home Savings of America which was acquired by Washington Mutual last year.

In his new post, Rodriguez will serve as the company's primary spokesperson in the Southwest. He will also manage the bank's public relations and media relations activities surrounding the integration of the Home Savings franchise into Washington Mutual and help the company build brand awareness among the regions' burgeoning Hispanic community. Rodriguez is based in the company's downtown Los Angeles office located at 1000 Wilshire Blvd.

"Adrian brings more than 12 years of financial public relations experience to our Washington mutual team," said Bill Ehrlich, senior vice president of Corporate Communications. "His knowledge of these consumer markets and solid relationships with key local journalists make him a real asset to our company as we seek to increase awareness of our company's products, services and community outreach efforts throughout the region."



**Adrian Rodriguez**

Prior to joining Home Savings in 1995, Rodriguez held vice president positions at Bank of America and Security Pacific National bank, where he managed public relations activities in Southern California.

Rodriguez graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 1986, earning a bachelor's degree in communications. The 35 year old Los Angeles native is also a graduate of La Puente High School. He is a member of the Los Angeles chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and the Latin Business Association.

**Bustamante Praises UC Merced Chancellor Selection**

SACRAMENTO — Lieutenant Governor Cruz M. Bustamante today announced his strong support for the selection of Carol Tomlinson-Keasey as the first chancellor of University of California, Merced.

"I am pleased that the University of California Board of Regents approved Carol Tomlinson-Keasey as the founding Chancellor of UC Merced," Bustamante said.

"She is a natural choice, and I look forward to working with her to make UC Merced the most technologically sophisticated educational facility across the nation. She has been involved in UC Merced from the very beginning, and she has shown a commitment to making our new university a model for educational excellence."



**Carol Tomlinson-Keasey**

Tomlinson-Keasey's selection was announced by UC President Richard Atkinson at today's meeting of the UC Regents in San Francisco. The Regents approved her selection, and she as-

sumed the post August 1. Tomlinson-Keasey, 56, served as the UC's vice provost of academic initiatives in the Office of the President. She is a psychologist who has been a longtime UC faculty member and administrator.

**Bradley students receive Presidential Academic Awards**



Mr. Trevor Daley, representative from U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein's office and Ms. Linda Jenkins, representative from the Mayor's office with Stephanie Bolanos, Diana Cerrillo, Leticia Lopez, Tim Gloudeman, Rene Solano, Vanark Hong, and Michael Saravla Presidential Academic Award honorees.

Seven Bradley Elementary students were honored to receive Presidential Academic Fitness Awards at the school's recent awards and promotion program. The honored scholars are Stephanie Bolanos, Diana Cerrillo, Leticia Lopez, Tim Gloudeman, Rene Solano, Varnark Hong and Michael Saravia.

Before presenting the awards, Santosh Trikha, principal of Bradley, read a letter of congratulations to the

students from President Bill Clinton. The awards are given annually to students for outstanding academic achievement and are part of the President's education awards program. Also attending the awards presentation were parents, Linda Jenkins, representing Mayor Judith Valles, and Trevor Daley, local representative for Senator Dianne Feinstein. Daley and Jenkins toured classrooms after the awards program.

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## Please Help Us Save Our Sons

The following article is a plea from two separate families who each has a child in critical need of heart transplants. The families are urging the public to aid in locating heart donations.

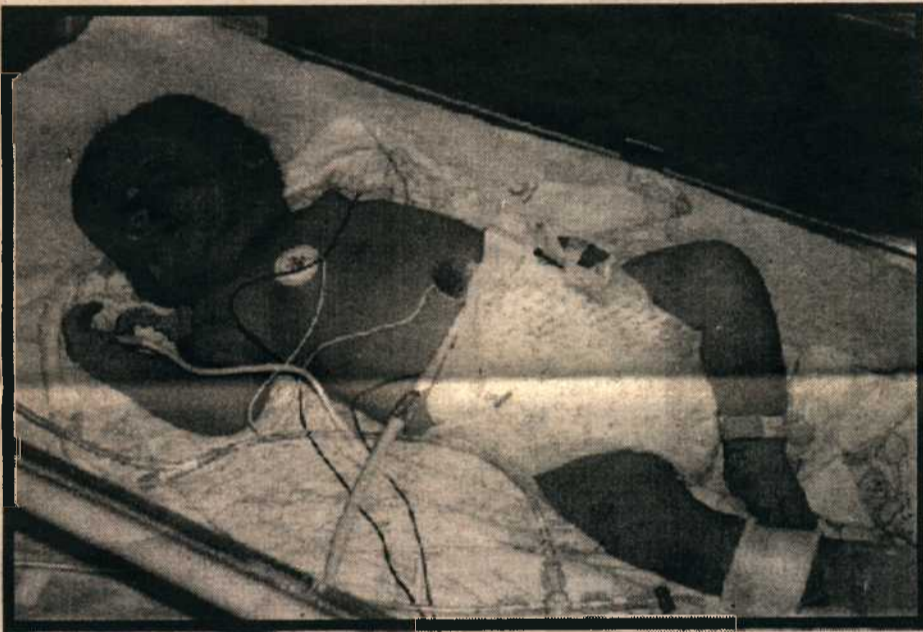
\*My name is Brenden Currie. I was born on July 8, 1999, in Vancouver, DC, Canada. I was born with hypoplastic right heart syndrome with several other complications. I was flown down here from Vancouver Children's Hospital when I was one week old. The David Foster Foundation is sponsoring my mom and dad so they can be here with me. I need a new heart soon so I can grow up and play with my big brother.

\* My name is Samuel Marty. My parents discovered in May that I would be born with a fatal condition called hypo-

plastic left heart syndrome. They decided to move to Loma Linda so I could receive a heart transplant from the most experienced surgeons at the best medical center. They moved from Kennewick, Washington, in the middle of June and I was born on July 2. I've been waiting for a new heart for over three weeks, and my mommy and daddy are really worried.

If the worst should happen, and either of our sons dies waiting for a donor heart, we are committed to donating their healthy organs to help save other infants who may need them.

Brian and April Currie or Steve and Becky Marty may be contacted at the Community Relations office at Loma Linda University Medical Center at (909) 558-4419.



Brenden Daniel Currie, born in July, 1999, above, is one of two babies at Loma Linda Hospital that are waiting for a heart transplant to survive heart disorders.



The parents of Samuel Andrew Marty, four weeks old, above, are asking the public to help in locating a heart for their son. Samuel is a patient at Loma Linda Hospital.

## Graduation Celebrates Accomplishments

COLTON - A graduation ceremony Thursday celebrated the accomplishments of 22 alternative education and homeless students who successfully completed the Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA) Summer Youth Employment Training Program.

The students, all in education classes operated by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, attended school each morning and worked afternoons. A total of 120 hours of work experience was required to complete the JTPA program.

Employers in the summer program for the students included the Child Development Services Department of SBCSS, the Education First school that provides education for homeless students, San Bernardino County Department of Public Social Services, and Rialto Unified School District.

Eleven of the students were offered additional work experience time where they were currently assigned. One of the students landed a full time job at Rialto Unified as a result of his participation in the program.

The ceremony took place at the SBCSS office located at 1060 East Cooley Drive, Colton.

## TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

### EAT 5 FRUITS & VEGETABLES DAILY

- Drink a glass of 100 % juice - with any meal or snack.
- Add tomatoes/lettuce to your sandwich.
- Add canned vegetables to your soups or casserole dishes.
- Eat raw vegetables or fresh/dried fruit as a snack.
- Order a salad when eating out.
- Add vegetables to your rice or pasta dish.
- Serve fresh, canned, or frozen fruit as dessert.
- Use fruit as a topping for cereal, yogurt, or ice cream.
- Offer two vegetable choices with dinner each evening.
- Buy a variety of fruits and vegetables when you shop.
- Add fruit to milk and blend to make a smoothie.

### EAT 1 SERVING OF BEANS EVERY OTHER DAY

Stretch your food dollar by adding beans, peas, and lentils to meat dishes, soups, stews, and casseroles.

## Ortiz Named Tournament Umpire

After 27 years umpiring Little League games, Rob Ortiz of Colton may have the most challenging assignment yet as he was named one of eight umpires from California to serve as an official in the upcoming 1999 Western Regional tournament.

Ortiz began his career as a baseball umpire in 1972. By 1975 he was umpiring Little League baseball. Often better known as "Blue," Ortiz has officiated everything from Little League to high school and college games, including All-Stars.

He joined District 21 umpires in 1984. Since then, Ortiz has umpired district, sectional, division and Junior Western Regional tournaments.

And while as an umpire not everyone might approve of every call he makes, the players seem to respect him. Ortiz received a rousing chant of "Rob, Rob, Rob" as he arrived at Pico Park in Grand Terrace to umpire a girls' softball game.

He has an eye for the game, but his skill was honed as he graduated from Little League Western Region Umpire

School. Ortiz's experience in baseball has him working most weekends and even volunteering his time.

Currently he umpires with Grand Terrace Little League at Pico Park in Grand Terrace. Ortiz began working with the league umpiring while league games were still played at Municipal Park on Mt. Vernon Avenue in Colton. He has also managed two major league All-Star teams in district play.

The 1999 Western Regional Tournament will start Aug. 10, and continue for two weeks. Fourteen teams from western states and Hawaii will be in San Bernardino for the event. Ortiz is one of eight umpires from California who will officiate at the tournament with six umpires from the other states.

When not in his blues, Ortiz works for the San Bernardino Water Department in the service section. He has been with the department for 15 years.

His daughter, Nicole, played softball for Grand Terrace and at high school. His son, Trevor, also played baseball and was an All-Star with the Little League.

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**Dennis Lopez appointed first Director of MESA Schools Program at UC-Riverside.**



Dennis Lopez is the newly appointed director of the Math, Engineering & Science Achievement (MESA) Program at UC-Riverside. The state-wide program encourages minority high school students to enter math and science majors at the college level. Photo by IEHN

In June, 1999, Dennis Lopez was appointed as the first Director of MESA Schools Program at UC-Riverside. The MESA Program, a 25-year program in California, is designed to prepare students to enter math and science majors at the college level.

Lopez has a long career in higher education, having served as Assistant Director of EOP/SAA at UC-Irvine, has held administrative positions in Sacramento at California Postsecondary Education Commission, worked with MALDEF as State Policy Analyst/Lobbyist, and as National Census Director. He has also taught at Lehman College of the Bronx and Cal-State, Long Beach.

Lopez comes from the tough South-east San Diego area in a single parent family of eight children, he being the fourth and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1975.

"I was not the best student in school, however, I was fortunate in having a mentor and role model in Dr. Ruben Carriedo, my counselor in high school, who was instrumental in encouraging me to concentrate in my studies and strived for a college career. He was responsible for my application being accepted at Irvine. He is truly a friend and I owe him a lot.

He was accepted at Irvine as a freshman under the EOP, "on a crest of opportunity" for Latinos, which today would be unlikely given with his high school grades and the competitiveness of UC admissions, Lopez remarked.

"My greatest role model and teacher was my mother. She taught me to have faith to find the strength and courage in facing challenges which I have accepted as a principal in my professional life. She raised eight children under the most difficult of circumstances and was the greatest inspiration in my life," he stated emotionally.

Lopez said that he learned early in life that education was his only option to escape the poverty he experienced while growing up.

He received a B.A. in Comparative Cultures-Social Science at UC-Irvine, an M.Ed. Administration, Harvard School of Education and completed his Ed. D. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy at Harvard Graduate School of Education, and will complete his dissertation, "Assessing the Impact of the Elimination of Student Affirmative Action in Freshmen Admissions at a Campus of the University of California" in mid-2000.

In reviewing his early life and total educational and professional opportunities, Lopez said that he added a second principal. "It is my strong belief that we can always give back to the community by expanding educational opportunities."

"I am very proud of my wife, Dr. Teresa Marquez-Lopez, who earned her doctorate in 1998 from Teachers College of Columbia University, and my children, David, 10, and Andrea, 4."



Dennis Lopez, director of UCR-MESA Program stated that his mother, Beatrice Lopez, (above) has been his role model and teacher, responsible for giving him faith, strength and courage in facing the challenges of life and his greatest inspiration. Mrs. Lopez, a single mother, raised eight children.



Ruben Lopez and Anna Marie Acosta, North High School 11th grade students are attending the UCR MESA Program, a pre-college intensive course on math and science for high school students in the County of Riverside.

**The High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**



The High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Installation of Officers banquet at the Ramada Inn, Victorville attended by elected officials and community organizations' representatives. Picture above are the new Chamber officers: (front row, l to r) Elena Castillo, secretary, Gloria Garcia, treasurer, Eva Serna, director, Jose Anaya, vice president, (back row, l to r) Manny Echavarría, director, Dennis McCann, director and James Coronado, president. Photo by IEHN.



Evangelina Serna, right, and Candice Casillas, left, queen and princess, perspective, are the 1999 representatives for the High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at civic and community affairs. Photo by IEHN

**Ruben Lopez and Anna Acosta, UCR MESA Students**

Ruben Lopez and Anna Marie Acosta, 11th graders at North High School in Riverside, are highly motivated young students who applied for the UCR-MESA Program. The Program schedules summer intensive courses in math, science, engineering and motivational classes, with the ultimate goal of stimulating an interest for students to develop career goals in the math and science fields.

Lopez and Acosta, who are strongly

supported by their respective families, stated having a definite interest in science and math at their high school and being MESA students gives them added skill on those subjects. And the MESA Program schedules highly skilled professors that lecture on a whole array of courses and workshops.

Lopez will enroll at UCR after graduation and has set a career goal on business and finance. Acosta has set her goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

## HEAD START REGISTRATION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY IS NOW IN PROCESS

The Riverside County Office of Education is recruiting children ages 3-5 years for the 1999-2000 school year. Head Start is a free Part day, Full day, or Home Base educational program for young children of low-income families. The program provides supportive

services, including medical/dental, mental health, nutrition, social services, and parent education. Head Start welcomes children with disabling conditions. For more information, please call 1 800 600-1800.

## White House Scheduled Campaign

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, along with representatives from the media, Hispanic youth serving programs, foundations, and others, will participate in a White House meeting on Hispanic youth - hosted by the First Lady. At the long planned meeting, invited guests and participants will explore some of the challenges and opportunities Hispanic youth face, highlight some promising work currently underway to assist Hispanic youth, and announce new efforts to promote the achievement of Hispanic youth.

The Latino population is the fastest growing major racial/ethnic group in the United States. Currently, Latinos have the highest teen birth rate among the major racial/ethnic groups in the United States. And the teen birth and pregnancy rates for Latinos have not decreased as much in recent years as have the overall U.S. teen birth and pregnancy rates.

The National Campaign has under-

taken a major outreach effort to Latino youth and families on the issue of preventing teen pregnancy. Part of that effort includes leveraging commitments from a variety of key media leaders to help focus the nation's attention on issues facing Latino youth, including teen pregnancy. A number of these media commitments will be announced.

"The rates of teen pregnancy and childbearing in the Latino community are of particular concern. With the help of the First Lady - and the dedication of a number of media leaders and others - we want to make sure that more Latino youth make adolescence a time for education and growing up, not pregnancy and parenthood," said Sarah Brown, Director of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose goal is to reduce the teen pregnancy rate by one third between 1996 and 2005.

## IEROC Classes for Section 8 Families

The Inland Empire Regional Opportunity Counseling is a program of the Volunteer Center of Riverside, a nonprofit organization. IEROC is a housing initiative whose goals are to expand landlord participation in the Section 8 program. The program also offers Section 8 families optional classes in such subjects as parenting, credit repair, resume writing and job interviewing. The IEROC program currently operates in Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

IEROC, in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Riverside, is offering a free seminar that will explain to

landlords the Federal Section 8 Rental Assistance. The seminar will cover both the Section 8 certificate and voucher programs, as well as explain the benefits of renting to Section 8 clients. Our guest speaker will be Tom Nielsen, a supervisor for the Housing Authority of Riverside. The seminar will be on Thursday, August 19th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, at the Salvation Army Center, located at 3695 1st St. Riverside, CA 92501, between Main St. and Orange St. entrance located on the South side of the building at 1st Street.

Interested participants please RSVP to (909) 686-4400.

## Riverside County Schools Win Grants

Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Dr. David Long announced that the Riverside County Office of Education has been awarded two major grants to tutor students and for school-to-work programs county wide.

The first grant, a \$300,000 Academic Volunteer and Mentor Service Grant was offered through the California Office of the Secretary of Education Gary Hart. The grant was offered on a competitive basis to all public schools in California. Sixty of 184 applicants received awards totaling over \$5 million.

Six hundred students who are in need of academic tutoring will receive services over a three year period, beginning on Sept. 30. Mentor volunteers will be recruited to work one on one with students and their teachers to improve academic achievement.

The Coachella Valley and the Perris and Jurupa areas have been targeted for help with the new grant. The program will focus on students enrolled in Special Education, Alternative Education (including Court/Community Schools and Pregnant Minor Programs), and several other county wide programs such as the Regional Occupational Program and Migrant Education pro-

grams.

The Riverside County Office of Education has also received a grant award of \$1,045,169 for the 1999-2000 Riverside County School to Career Partnership.

The grant will be shared by a consortium of 18 public school districts and four community college districts in Riverside County, from Corona to Blythe. The award will allow the partnership to continue its efforts toward ensuring all students are prepared for post-secondary education.

"School-to-Career" is an approach to education that links students, parents, schools, businesses, and labor to create a brighter future for all of California's youth. It's a new way of preparing students for entry into college and careers by making learning more relevant. Students taught in this manner do better academically, are committed to lifelong learning, and gain a better understanding of the skills needed to be successful.

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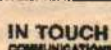
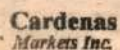
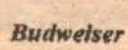
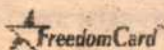
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## Summer UCR Taste of College from page 1



**Dr. Pam Clute, UCR's director of the Alpha Center and professor of mathematics and education, discussing basic math with area students in a MESA summer session at UCR. Dr. Clute was recently honored as Woman of Achievement by the Business Press. Photo by IEHN.**

robots for theme parks and tour the Scripps Institute scientific research facility.

Dennis Lopez, director of UCR's MESA Program, said the experience of living in a campus residence hall, tak-

ing courses on a university campus and participating in laboratory research exposes students to world-class research university and industry facilities. The experience will hopefully inspire them to excel in the highly competitive math and science-based majors in college and pursue careers in those fields, he said. The MESA Summer Program is funded by the state legislature and administered by UCR and the University of California Office of the President.

Students participating in the summer program are from school districts in Riverside, Corona and Palm Springs and were selected based on their academic achievement and interest in math, science and engineering. The UCR program is being coordinated by Keith Oddson, UCR associate dean of engineering; Linda O'Neil, director of special programs in the engineering college; Javier Hernandez, UCR director of Early Academic Outreach; and Roderick Smith, assistant director of Early Academic Outreach.

The inaugural MESA Summer Program at UCR is one of many efforts to reach out to improve the academic achievement of students, helping more young people prepare for college.

## ROP Partners with Construction Professionals

SAN BERNARDINO - Understaffed by some 4,200 workers, the Southern California construction industry is forming a partnership with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) Regional Occupational Program to train students in the construction trades.

The shortage estimate of qualified workers from the industry in Southern California comes from The Associated General Contractors of California (AGC), a trade association headquartered in Sacramento.

To address the shortage, AGC California and SBCSS ROP are in the process of developing a two year curriculum that will provide students with the opportunity to enter apprenticeships at a higher level with advanced skills. In addition to classroom instruction, the program will include field trips, guest speakers and on the job training.

Careers in the construction trade include electricians, carpenters, plumbers, masons, welders, painters, equipment operators, and welders, according to Larry Cooper, manager at ACG California, construction is one of the largest industries in the world.

"An exciting aspect of the industry is that it is now gender neutral with women integrated into all aspects of construction, from labor to management and ownership," said Donna McCoy, project manager for SBCSS ROP.

"Success requires students be proficient in subjects such as math, science and reading," said McCoy, "because

industry workers need to understand weights, measures, schedules, drawings, written manuals and directions."

McCoy noted entry level pay in the construction trades ranges from \$10 to \$17 per hour, depending on the job, employer and the skill level of the employee. Construction professionals at the high end of the salary scale with years of experience can earn \$32 an hour or more, she said.

"We are excited about this partnership with Associated General Contractors and the opportunity to prepare qualified, competent employees who will have unlimited career opportunities as a result of the training we are establishing," said Bob Ciauri, director, SBCSS ROP.

More than 100 Rialto Unified students participated recently in a SBCSS ROP Workforce Development Career Conference which featured more than 20 employers representing all construction trades. Martin Matich, chairman of the Board of Matich Corporation, addressed the students emphasizing the importance of math and computer skills as well as a positive attitude and the desire to work.

There were 16 school districts participating in the SBCSS ROP.

For more information, contact McCoy at (909) 387-4439.

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## Riverside County Community Action Plan Meets in Palm Springs Continued from page 1



**The resource and information sharing task force which developed an information sharing program for residents, organizations and agencies in Riverside County. The task force is part of ten task forces in the recent conference in Palm Springs attended by 180 leaders. Photo by IEHN.**

The CAP task force on sharing and connecting on information and resources will address the Board of Supervisors for support in the development of a central information system to be available to residents, community-based organizations and government and education agencies, thus sharing available information and avoid duplication of services.

This task force is preparing a county wide program that will use one toll free telephone system to link residents in need of aid with the correct social service or non profit agency.

**I like the idea of coming together and trying to resolve the needs of our communities.**

**Nancy Hart**

Others will identify available service agencies and the education task force will advocate and ensure that literacy and life time learning programs will be available for all the school districts and their students.

In all, ten task forces will be having future meetings to impediment goals and objectives of their respective plans.

**This is an exciting conference because it brings outstanding leadership to resolve problems and develop programs to meet our needs.**

**Tony Coggs**

The CAP task forces will be scheduling meeting on a monthly basis working on their plans and achieving the short and long term goals and objectives. They are also responsible for finding resources to achieve those goals. Conferences will be planned on an annual basis to review performance outcomes," said Long.

In the final day of the conference, Long addressed the conferees. "This conference is the beginning in an effort to bring together the communities of Riverside County and those leaders and residents with their talents and skills to identify trouble areas and critical issues and bring forth solutions for improving our quality of life, especially for our youth who will one day be our leaders of tomorrow."

The conference facilitators were Steve Zuieback and Sharon Keating of Synectics.



**Community leaders who attended the recent Riverside Community Action Planning conference in Palm Springs, in a group session discussing issues pertaining to their respective communities. Photo by IEHN.**



**Pictured above is part of the conferees attending the recent Riverside Community Action Planning Conference recently held at Palm Spring sponsored by the Riverside Department of Education. Photo by IEHN.**