Mariachi Divas pose with Best Regional Mexican Album award for "Canciones De Amor" in the press room during the 51st Annual Grammy Awards held at the Staples Center on February 8, 2009 in Los Angeles, California. Photo by Jason Merritt/Getty Images

On Sunday, February 8, artists and musicians in the music world gathered in Los Angeles to celebrate and witness the presentation of awards given to outstanding and talented musicians in every conceivable category of music.

The Latino population was overjoyed when an outstanding and talented group of Latina musicians, Mariachi Divas, won the 2009 Grammy Award for Best Regional Mexican Album for their latest CD "Canciones De Amor." They made musical history.

Cindy Shea, director of the Mariachi Divas, spoke proudly of the all-female group, "We are naturally thrilled in receiving this award. Every member of our group works very hard to perform professionally at every concert. They have given their all these many years and this award is the result of our group's effort."

Mariachi Divas made unique history in receiving an award in the category due to few all-female groups are organized to perform mariachi music.

An outstanding all-female mariachi group, Mariachi Reinas de Los Angeles has performed throughout the United States for over a decade and received recognition for outstanding concerts.

Cindy Shea founded the Mariachi Divas in 1999. The group is uniquely multi-cultural, representative of the varied women population of Los Angeles: Mexican, Cuban, Samoan, Argentinian, Columbian, Panamanian, Puerto Rican, Swiss, Japanese, Honduran, Peruvian, Tongan and Anglo. Shea states that "music is a way of uniting our cultural backgrounds."

Mariachi Divas have appeared throughout Southern California venues, including the Arrowhead Pond, Universal Amphitheater, Staples Center, Greek Theater, Santa Barbara Bowl, the House of Blues, 2005 Premio La Gente Awards, and the Shrine Auditorium for the Alma Awards.

The group has also accompanied artists including Joan Sebastian, Jenny Rivera, Marco Antonio Solis, Pablo Montero Graciela Beltran and Paulina Rubio, in addition to performing with the world-renowned Mariachi Vargas.

They have performed at the Tucson International Mariachi Concert, Las Cruces Mariachi Conference, Fresno Bilingual Mariachi Show, Annual Fiesta Continue on page 3

WASHINGTON, DC
Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) joined a bipartisan majority in the House of Representatives to support legislation that will create new jobs, rebuild America's infrastructure, make our nation more globally competitive and energy independent, and transform our economy for long-term growth. H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, passed with a 246 to 183 vote.

Prominent economists estimate H.R. 1 will create and save 3.5 million jobs, while at the same time investing capital quickly into the economy through targeted spending in infrastructure, nutrition and unemployment insurance programs. In addition, 95% of working families will receive an immediate tax cut from the proposal.

"3.5 million American jobs have been lost since this recession began," said Rep. Baca. "The problem is even greater in the Inland Empire, where we suffer from the fifth highest rate of foreclosure in the nation and have an unemployment rate above 10%. This economic recovery bill contains the right mix of targeted government spending and tax cuts to American workers and business - that will create 3.5 million jobs and get our economy moving again."

Of the $789 billion included in the package, $26 billion will be used by California to create new jobs in the areas of clean, efficient energy, science and technology, school improvement, and road and bridge modernization. In addition, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides the following critical investments:

- $120 billion for investments in infrastructure and science;
- More than $105.9 billion for education and training, and to help local school districts avoid the impact of state budget cuts;
- $20 billion increase in the SNAP program (formerly the food stamp program) - to ensure struggling American families will be able to put food on the table;
- $87 billion to help states maintain their health coverage for millions of Americans through the Medicaid program;
- $27.5 billion for highway construction; and
- $8.4 billion for mass transit and rail.

"After being handed a $5 trillion budget surplus, President Bush and his policies drove our nation into a deep recession and left our economy in tatters. This historic bill marks a new direction for America's economy; and can create over 8,000 new jobs alone in my Congressional District," Baca concluded.

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By Roberto Lovato

Looks like Napolitano's -and Obama's- version of "hope" and "change" on immigration means pressing down on the undocumented than immoral and inhumane. Such an approach begs the questions, "Where does "change" on immigration mean?

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DORENE C. DOMINGUEZ APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL MUSEUM FOR THE AMERICAN LATINO

Sacramento, CA - Dorene C. Dominguez has recently been appointed by past President George W. Bush to serve as a member of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino.

"I am very humbled to have been selected for this tremendous honor," says Dorene Dominguez. "I am very passionate about our Latino Heritage and am excited about this opportunity to serve in this capacity." She continues.

Ms. Dominguez is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Vanir Group of Companies. Vanir Companies leads in the fields of real estate development, construction and

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NATIONAL WRITING CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH HEARING LOSS

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - High school students with hearing loss in 10th or 11th grade can use the power of words to express their feelings and win prizes in the fourth annual Rochester Institute of Technology Spirit Writing Contest.

Winners will have their choice of a $500 cash prize, or a scholarship to cover travel expenses to the Explore Your Future program at RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). EYF is a six-day summer career exploration program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students that gives them the opportunity to sample different careers as well as college life.

Entries will include creative writing such as a short story or poem, a short writing sample and a personal reflection.

Last year's winners were Lauren Aggen, of Algonquin, Ill., and Jamie Sloan, of Merkel, Texas.

Complete contest guidelines and entry information are available at www.rit.edu/NTID/WritingContestNR.

The deadline to enter is March 15, 2009. An awards program will be held at RIT in the summer. For more information on the contest WritingContest@ntid.rit.edu or call (855) 475-7695 (voice/TTY).

Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized as a leader in computing, engineering, imaging technology, fine and applied arts, and for providing unparalleled support services for students with hearing loss. More than 1,300 students with hearing loss from around the world study, live and socialize with more than 15,000 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y. campus. Visit: www.rit.edu/NTID.
Native Americans, the first to present November 1989 and is the first in the three-year term and ratified by the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents. Photo courtesy of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

WASHINGTON, DC – The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians announced the appointment of Vice Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena to the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) for a three-year term and ratified by the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents.

The National Museum of the American Indian was established in November 1989 and is the first in the country dedicated exclusively to Native Americans, the first to present all exhibitions from a Native viewpoint and the first constructed on the National Mall since 1987 through the contributions of tribal nations.

“I am honored to have been considered for this important appointment by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC,” Valbuena said. “The National Museum of the American Indian has an opportunity to serve a critical role in bridging the cultural divide between indigenous people and the rest of the world. It’s a wonderful place to learn about indigenous cultures and I look forward to contributing to its success.”

The NMAI is a part of the prestigious Smithsonian Institution and includes 25 members on its board of trustees and operating public museums in Washington.

“Vice Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena is precisely the kind of board member we need,” said Kevin Gover, Director of the museum. “With her leadership skills, knowledge of museums and other non-profits, she will contribute greatly to the museum’s mission.”

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ABOUT THE SAN MANUEL BAND OF SERRANO MISSION INDIANS

The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe established in 1891 as sovereign nation with the right of self-government. The San Manuel tribal community has continued to progressively maintain and enhance its unique form of governance – providing a better quality of life for its citizens through economic diversification, building infrastructure, maintaining civil services and promote social, economic, educational and cultural development. Today, the San Manuel tribal government has continued to pursue opportunities for future generations.

GREATER OVERSIGHT OF FERTILITY CLINICS AND COSMETIC SURGERY CENTERS

Medical consumer protection bill to be introduced in the coming days.

SACRAMENTO, CA - With recent revelations regarding the lack of regulatory oversight and requirements regarding fertility clinics, Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod (D-Chino) will introduce a measure that establishes accreditation standards and guidelines for the operation of these clinics.

The measure will also strengthen the current accreditation standards for the state's surgical centers to better protect the public because of the increasing number of surgical procedures being performed outside the walls of the hospital.

“It is alarming that the State of California has nobody watching out for patients who go to these fertility clinics or surgical centers. There should be a greater level of scrutiny over these clinics because of their increasing popularity,” said Negrete McLeod.

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CRY-ROP SET TO HOST 10TH ANNUAL CAREER INFORMATION DAY 2009

REDLANDS, CA — The Transition Partnership Project and the California State Department of Rehabilitation in collaboration with WorkAbility I hosts the 10th Annual East Valley SELPA Transition Partnership Project Career Information Day on Friday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 12:45 a.m., to be held at the Redlands-Yucaipa-Colton ROP, 1214 Indiana Court, Redlands, 92374.

For information call at (909) 793-3115, ext. 106.

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Josie Gonzales, Supervisor for San Bernardino's 5th District was sworn in today as the newest member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Governing Board.

Josie Gonzales will represent 16 cities in San Bernardino County on the AQMD Board.

Josie Gonzales represents central San Bernardino County on the Board of Supervisors and was elected to that post in November 2004 and re-elected in 2008. Prior to being elected 5th District supervisor, Gonzales spent seven years in public service with the City of Fontana, the last six of those as a City of Fontana Councilmember. She also served as the Chair for the Fontana Redevelopment Agency and was the Chair for the Fontana Downtown Revitalization Task Force.

Her priorities include improving air quality and developing smart growth opportunities in the region.

In 2006, Gonzales initiated a countywide campaign called Healthy Communities to promote exercise, nutrition and the development of walkable communities. As a result of that project, seven San Bernardino County cities — including the cities of Fontana, Rialto and San Bernardino which are part of her supervisorial district — have developed or expanded their Healthy Cities program to help residents make healthy lifestyle choices. She also helped secure a $10 million state grant for the expansion of the Santa Ana River Trail.

In 2007, Gonzales was instrumental in developing the County's recently approved illegal dumping ordinance. Her colleagues on the Board of Supervisors approved her proposals to use surveillance cameras and a $25,000 reward program to increase the effectiveness of the ordinance.

Last year, a national crime-fighting organization honored Gonzales as "County Supervisor of the Year" for her work developing the anti-illegal dumping program. This month the Women's Transportation Seminar Inland Empire Chapter presented Gonzales with its "Woman of the Year" award, acknowledging her promotion of regional transportation projects that increase mobility and safely accommodate growth in the Inland Empire.

Gonzales currently serves on 29 boards, committees and commissions. She is chair of the Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County (First 5) and the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center's Joint Conference Committee. She is also a member of the San Bernardino County Homeless Coalition and the Inland Valley Development Agency.

The lifelong resident of San Bernardino is also a successful small business entrepreneur. With her parents, she owned Mexico Lindo restaurant in Fontana that proudly served the community.

Senator Barbara Boxer announced her membership in the Democratic Hispanic Task Force at the 111th Congress, there are 45 members of the Task Force, the largest since it was founded 20 years ago. This year, Senator Robert Menendez will serve as the Chairman.

While the Hispanic Task Force is not new to the Senate, its growth indicates the growing importance of Latinos in the legislative and government process. Latinos make up a growing part of the electorate in California and in the nation. Boxer said. She further stated that addressing the issues of concern by Latino voters includes the areas of job creation and strengthening the health care system and schools, very important to every citizen in our nation.

She intends to be a very active member in the Senate Democratic Hispanic Task Force. If there are issues of importance that citizens would like to relay to me, I encourage them to contact my office," Boxer said.
SB COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DELIVERS 2009 INAUGURAL STATE OF EDUCATION ADDRESS

SAN BERNARDINO, CA — Resolving the California budget crisis with San Bernardino County schools and districts bracing to take an economic hit of $500 million over the next 17 months is paramount to ensuring the long-term academic success of the county’s 428,000 students, said County Superintendent Gary Thomas in his inaugural State of Education Address.

“For our local districts, these are heart-breaking mid-year reductions,” Thomas said in his address. “They take the form of teachers, classified, art, music and sports programs, after-school tutoring, librarians and related services for students. Districts are left with no other choice than to plan for the worst.”

The state budget was one of several highlights of Thomas’ speech, which also focused on academic progress, closing the access and achievement gaps and reducing dropout rates.

Among those who attended the packed Sturgis Auditorium address were Jack O’Connel, state superintendent of Public Instruction, who introduced Thomas, and elected officials, educators and community partners.

In terms of per-pupil funding, California ranks 47th nationally without facing the task of more than $6.6 billion over the next 18 months. “Is that what the voters of this state want for their children? To be at the economic downturn, has severe consequences for our Californians, but the consequences to our schools will have a long-term effect.”

“If we are going to secure the future economy of this state and nation, an investment in our public schools is an investment we cannot afford to cut.”

The prospect of cuts clouds the momentum of student achievement that is being shown in the most recent data. In the state’s most Academic Performance Index (API) scores, San Bernardino County students made gains of 12 points to 716 on the annual measurement of academic progress. A record 28 schools in the county reached the state standard of 800 for API Growth scores.

“Ultimately, for student achievement to soar, the classroom teacher is the most influential factor,” Thomas said. “We can fight for school funding, have world-class standards, build better schools and buy more textbooks, but our efforts will be for naught if we do not have highly effective and well-trained teachers in our classrooms. I want to thank our teachers who everyday, step-by-step, are building our youth into successful, productive adults.”

In addition to the API Growth improvements, nine county schools were able to exit Program Improvement, an intervention program for schools who do not make their Adequately Yearly Progress for two consecutive years under the federal No Child Left Behind legislation. For the second consecutive year, San Bernardino County schools bucked the state trend with decreasing numbers of schools in Program Improvement status.

While there has been improvement in specific areas of the achievement gap — county Hispanic and African American students are significantly closer to White students’ proficiency scores in mathematics on the state Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) results than their peers around the state — there remains an overall persistent and troubling gap between under-represented students and their more advantaged peers.

“It is our students with the greatest needs that I fear will be most harmed by drastic budget cuts,” Thomas said. “They have the potential to exacerbate the access and achievement gap we are working so hard to address.”

Another concern is the high dropout rates in high school teamed with low college-going rates for county students. The one-year dropout rate for the 2006-07 academic year for San Bernardino County was 7 percent — above the state average of 5.5 percent. The four-year derived dropout rate for the county was 26 percent, compared to 21 percent statewide. High dropout rates translate into low college-going rates.

San Bernardino County ranks 12th from the bottom among California counties for those 25 and over with a high school diploma and 12th from the bottom among California counties for those 25 and older with a bachelor’s degree.

Finding solutions to reversing these trends has been the task undertaken by County Schools, particularly in support to low performing schools and districts to transform the whole system of a school from governance at the district level to directly affecting classroom practice.

Programs addressing these issues include:

• Principal Coaching to help districts grow their own administrators within their own teaching ranks, and supporting the growth of Professional Learning Communities

• Building on the successful work of the PROMISE Initiative, expanding the knowledge base of best practices for English Language Learners

• Because algebra is critical to students passing the high school exit exam and for college entrance, there has been an expansion of algebra I professional development for teachers to align standards, and increase relevance, rigor and success for students.

• Knowing that children in early childhood education and preschool programs start school prepared to learn and show greater success in school, County Schools’ KidsNCare program expanded this past year, providing child care superintendent/governance teams in county districts’ services for 7,000 additional children through CALWORKS contracts.

“In these very turbulent economic times for our state and our nation, we must make the absolute best choices on behalf of our children,” Thomas said. “These are sometimes difficult choices, but I am confident that if we work toward a common purpose, a common good, we can build upon our traditions of excellence, and all of our students will have the opportunity to soar to new heights.”
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ABRE LA INSCRIPCION A SU PROGRAMA EDISON SCHOLARS

ROSEMEAD, CA - Southern California Edison invita a los estudiantes del último año de la secundaria que planean asistir a una universidad de cuatro años a aplicar a Edison Scholars 2009. Este programa continúa con una tradición que data de casi medio siglo de otorgar becas a estudiantes con un gran potencial universitario.

"Invertir en los estudiantes y fomentar la excelencia en sus esfuerzos académicos son algunas de las iniciativas filantrópicas más importantes de la compañía", dijo Barbara J. Parks, vicepresidenta primero de comunicaciones corporativas de Edison International.

"Habrá un número de estudiantes que el conocimiento y nuestro programa Edison Scholars ofrece a los estudiantes más meritorios la oportunidad de obtener una educación universitaria provechosa".

Los interesados en aplicar al programa Edison Scholars deben:

• Ser ciudadanos o residentes legales permanentes de los Estados Unidos
• Ser ciudadano o residente legal permanente de los Estados Unidos
• Ser de entre 12 y 18 años de edad
• Tener un promedio académico (GPA) acumulativo de 2.5 o superior
• Haber dado los exámenes SAT o ACT y completar las pautas de inscripción de la Universidad Estatal de California para cursos de ingreso según lo definido por el Early Assessment Program

• Planear ser un estudiante de la secundaria que planea entrar a la universidad

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GREATER OVERSIGHT OF FERTILITY CLINICS AND COSMETIC SURGERY CENTERS

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clinics under the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California and their approved accrediting agencies and require the establishment of standardized procedures and protocols to be followed in the event of serious complications or side effects from surgery and to govern emergency and urgent care situations.

Additionally, in an effort to educate the public about the qualifications of their chosen practitioners and the risk of cosmetic surgery, this measure requires health professionals to disclose their medical training and license, and for the Medical Board to post on their website a fact sheet regarding cosmetic surgery.

"What is disturbing is that cosmetic surgery can be performed by anyone licensed physician, who may not be trained in cosmetic procedures, and can be performed in settings with little oversight. Patients have the right to know if their physician has even been trained or board certified in the specialty he or she is attempting to perform," Negrete McLeod added.

SECONd HARVEST FOOD BANK SERVING RIVERSIDE & SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES RECEIVES $33,387.16 FROM MACY’S THANKS FOR SHARING CAMPAIGN

RIVERSIDE, CA - The Second Harvest Food Bank serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties announced that it has received a donation of $33,387.16 from Macy’s West Thanks for Sharing Campaign. The funds will be used to help provide food and groceries to the more than 250,000 hungry people served by the food bank each month.

"Thanks for Sharing program raised nearly $1.5 million dollars for Feeding America. The donation will be shared by 39 members of the Feeding America food bank network in the Macy’s West service, which includes California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Nebraska, Utah, Idaho, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Hawaii."

"This donation comes at a critical time for our food bank," said Tracylyn Sharratt, Director of Development and Marketing, of the Second Harvest Food Bank serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. "As the economy continues to worsen, we are seeing our existing clients needing help more than ever, and all kinds of new faces showing up at our food pantries — people who never imagined that one day they would need help feeding their families. We are extremely grateful to Macy’s West for their support and help."

For each $25 enrollment into the program, Macy’s donated $10 to participating local charities. As a thank you for enrollment, the customer received a Reward Card valued at 10% of all qualifying credit card pre-tax purchases made during the holiday shopping season. 100% of funds raised by this promotion are given to the local charities and donations stay in the communities where the contributions are made.

Feeding America was one of three charities benefiting in the Macy’s West service area. The promotion ran from September 21, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

RECORD-SETTING CHAFFEY WINS ITS FIRST COUNTY ACADEMIC DECATHLON TITLE

SAN BERNARDINO, CA - After finishing as the runner-up team in the previous four San Bernardino County Academic Decathlon competitions, Chaffey High School made sure it was second to none this year.

Chaffey posted the highest county score in the 26 years of the event to win the school’s first County Academic Decathlon title. The victory ended a four-year winning streak for Redlands High School, which finished second to Chaffey this year.

Chaffey defeated 28 other high schools from the county and advanced to the statewide Academic Decathlon competition March 13-16 in Sacramento.

The top five scoring teams and their point totals in this year’s competition were: Chaffey High (47,714 points) of Chaffey Joint Union High School District; Redlands High (39,716) of Redlands Unified; Rancho Cucamonga High (39,540) of Chaffey; Kaiser High (36,508) of Fontana Unified; and Arroyo Valley (36,056) of San Bernardino City Unified.

Teams were composed of nine students, three each from grade point average categories of “A” (Honors), “B” (Scholastic) and “C” (Varsity). There were written tests in the areas of math, economics, science, language/literature, music, art and social science. Students also wrote an essay, faced a panel of interviewers and gave impromptu and prepared speeches. In the Super Quiz, Chaffey took first place, followed by Rancho Cucamonga and Redlands.


Thanks for Sharing

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CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO RECOGNIZED AGAIN FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

San Bernardino, CA — For the third consecutive year, Cal State San Bernardino has been named by the Corporation for National and Community Service to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

In addition, the university is profiled in a 2009 publication, "Beyond the Books: A Guide to Service-Learning at California State Universities," as one of the nation's cutting-edge service-learning programs in higher education.

Both of these awards follow the December announcement that Cal State San Bernardino was selected by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation as one of 119 U.S. colleges and universities in its 2008 Community Engagement Classification.

"Our Honor Roll selection for the third year in a row is a national validation of CSUSB’s commitment to serve local communities," said Diane Podolske, director of CSUSB’s Community-University Partnership office.

Podolske said that last year, more than 1,600 Cal State San Bernardino students participated in the university’s 137 course selections that offered a service-learning component.

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

"During this time of economic difficulty, we are redoubling our efforts to build new community partnerships and mobilize student volunteers to assist those in need," Podolske said. "A current example of CSUSB’s outreach to assist the community is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the board of directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll, said: "We salute Cal State San Bernardino for making community service a campus priority."

The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

I offer heartfelt congratulations to those institutions named to the 2008 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. College and university students across the country are making a difference in the lives of others every day," said Molly Corbett Broad, American Council on Education president.

For more information about the Corporation for National and Community Service, go to www.national-service.gov.

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

ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER ANNOUNCES CAL GRANTS

Cal Grants are awarded by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to eligible California students to help pay for college expenses. The awards do not have to be paid back.

More than a quarter of a million Californians use Cal Grants to help pay for college each year. Cal Grants put college in reach for many financially disadvantaged students and can help them in achieving their dreams.

Cal Grant awards may be used at colleges and universities, such as the University of California and California State Universities, community colleges and independent colleges, and qualifying career training institutions such as technical schools, culinary academies and art institutes.

To qualify, California students must meet the necessary 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and other eligibility and financial requirements, and apply by the March 2 deadline.

A student looking for college aid is urged to sit down with a financial aid counselor at the college currently attending or is considering attending.

High school students must find out if their school will submit their verified Cal Grant GPA.

All this month, the California Student Aid Commission is sponsoring workshops that you can attend for free.

The locations include:

San Gorgonio High School - 6 p.m.
8 p.m.
Feb. 19, contact Angela Kouns at (909) 889-3439;
and New Hope Family Life Center - 10 a.m.
1 p.m. Feb. 28, contact Katrina Patterson at 909-496-8734.

To apply for a Cal Grant, students must complete two forms, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form.

Visit www.calgrants.org, attend a workshop, meet with financial aid counselors and share this information with friends and family members.

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Wednesday, February 18, 2009
S.B. DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON CLUB
San Bernardino Democratic Luncheon Club of San Bernardino meets at noon on Fridays at Democratic Headquarters, 136 Carousel Mall (near the central glass elevator-lower level). Questions regarding the Democratic Club call Mark Alvarez at (909)882 5819.

The following are scheduled speakers:
Feb 20 Gil Navarro, SB County Board of Education Trustee Area D, DropOut Rate and Achievement Gap
Feb 27 Hattie Inge, Black History
Mar 6 Laura Palmer, Project Manager, Children's Disaster Service
Mar 13 David Wilder, Consumer Advocate, Disability
Mar 20 Victor Quiroz, President DAW Local 230, Update on American Auto Industry and Labor
Mar 21 Saturday...Installation Banquet at noon, Elks Lodge on Elks Dr., San Bernardino
Mar 27 Carmen Nevarez, Member Cesar Chavez, Cesar Chavez, an Overview, and Quest for Justice of a Hispanic Teacher

S. B. Luncheon Club website: www.sbdems.com

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