YEAGER is Administrative Liaison to the Awards Dinner at Riverside Community Annual Recognition and Scholarship Yeager were recipients of the prestigious community activities for over three decades. A UCR graduate and Superintendent-Riverside County Office of Education received the Esperanza Award for her commitment to community service in the Riverside and adjacent areas for over three decades. A UCR graduate and educator, Valdez-Yeager has performed leadership roles in the Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, a founding member of the Latino Network, elected to the Riverside Unified School District.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 15th

MELINA FLORES - COLTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE ACCEPTED TO MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Prior to graduating from Colton High School this year, Melina Flores applied for admission to UC Riverside, San Diego, Santa Cruz and Berkeley, Cal-State Campuses in Long Beach and San Bernardino and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). There was no question in Melina’s mind that MIT was her first selection, the university being one of the most prestigious and ranking seventh in the United States. Reviewing the university’s web page, the number of applicants for admission is over 10,000 on an annual year. There is a high competition for admissions and acceptance rate is low. Melina, in an interview with IEHN, said she and her mother wereContinue on page 6

LAURIS AND ELVIA BRAVO LIVE OUT THEIR DREAM

In planning for the future, Luis moved to the United States to seek employment, and settled in San Francisco. Raised in a tradition of hard work, he immediately found employment in a variety of jobs, from janitor, cook, and other jobs, but his goal was to eventually marry his long-time love, Elvia. In January, 1968, Luis and Elvia married in their home town of Magdalena de Kino. The newlyweds settled in San Francisco. As time passed, Elvia felt the loneliness of the big city and, more important, the distance to her close-knit family. She asked Luis if they could move closer to their home town. The couple moved to Fontana, where Luis’ parents and siblings had recently moved, and the geographical distance to Elvia’s family was closer. They bought a modest, middle class home in the centralized area of Continue on page 5

SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NAMES NEW CHANCELLOR

Dr. Noelia Vela, newly selected chancellor of San Bernardino Community CollegeDistrict, pending Board approval on June 26. Dr. Vela will succeed Dr. Donald F. Averill who is retiring June 30 after eight years with SBCCD and over 40 years in higher education. "The Board of Trustees has an opportunity this Thursday to bring an experienced community college leader to our district when we vote to employ Dr. Noelia Vela as our next Chancellor," said Board President Chuck Terrell. "Dr. Vela has demonstrated her ability to lead positions many of the assets Don Averill brought to the San Bernardino Community College District in the eight years he was Chancellor."

The plan is to welcome Dr. Vela to the district July 21, 2008 when she completes her work at Cerritos College. "San Bernardino Community
For years the Inland Empire Job Corps Center has been at the forefront of combating the dropout rate epidemic in our community and across the nation. Sadly, our forward progress may come to a screeching halt. The funding setbacks Job Corps has endured over the last few years have placed our centers in a precarious situation. Starting on July 1, 2008, Job Corps’ basic center operations budget will face a $127 million shortfall. This will equate to a loss of programs, teachers, student services and, quite possibly, center closings.

In California, 154,869 youth (1) are left behind by our education system at a cost of over $41,266,520 (1) to our state economy, we cannot afford to neglect these young adults. The urgency of maintaining Job Corps’ capacity is made greater by an economic downturn that will disproportionately depress the opportunities available to these youth. As we prepare for this economic downturn, we have a responsibility to shore up our community, we implore our government to recognize that investment protected.

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Respectfully,
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Business & Community Liaison
Inland Empire Job Corps Center
(909) 857-7127
Gomez.adan@jobcorps.org

(1) The Alliance for Excellent Education

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON WOMEN’S ISSUES

RIVERSIDE, CA – The deadline to register for the first public hearing on issues confronting women and families in Riverside County is June 16, 2008.

The County of Riverside Commission for Women’s all-day event on June 19 is seeking testimony from residents throughout the region to discuss obstacles and challenges faced by the women of Riverside County. Information from the hearings will help determine the Commission’s legislative agenda and recommendations for administrative action.

Speakers wishing to address issues impacting women and their families must complete a speaker sign-up form available on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.rivco.ca.us/events.shtml. Speaker registrations are due by 5 p.m. of deadline date. Time slots are limited for the event. Speakers are also encouraged to provide written testimony in addition to their oral testimony. Written testimony from those unable to attend the hearing is also sought.

All testimony will be compiled and presented to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors with recommendations for action. In addition, a report will be made available to the public following the hearing.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Robert T. Andersen County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street at the Board Chambers, located in downtown Riverside. For more information, contact Jana Roush at (951) 955-1110 or visit the commission’s Web site.

Originally established in 1976 as an advisory board to the Riverside County Commission for Supervisors, the County of Riverside Commission for Women seeks to improve the status of all women by ensuring opportunities for each woman to develop to her full potential. In support of this mission, the Commission for Women identifies problems, defines issues and recommends policies and procedures to the County Board of Supervisors regarding, but not limited to, women and health, the workplace, family, education, violence, law and society.

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 Nancy White at (909) 793-6229.

Visitors welcomed.

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Following is a schedule of speakers:
June 13 Henry Hardy, Toastmaster, Why the Seas are Boiling Hot
June 20 Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter, 62nd Assembly District
June 27 Carol Robb, SBCCCC Chair, and Election Day Women's Night
July 4 Dark
July 9 Exec Board Meeting, 2nd Wed eve at 6:30 pm at Marie Callenders 800 E Highland Ave, SB
Club website: www.sbdems.com
CSUSB TO BESTOW HONORARY DOCTORATE TO LARRY SHARP

"We're very pleased to bestow this degree on Larry Sharp," said Cal State San Bernardino President Albert K. Kambio. "He represents the very best in our local business community, in terms of energy, acumen, integrity and commitment to the larger good."

Sharp has led the ACU for 25 years. In that time the credit union has increased membership by more than six times, to the current level of 168,000. ACU's assets have grown more than twenty-fold to nearly $1.1 billion.

In 2000 he was named "Business Leader of the Year by the San Bernardino Sun. He serves as chair of the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation Board, and is past president of the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 2007, Sharp was named chair of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership. He has also served as vice chair of the Enterprise for Economic Excellence, a cooperative venture among government education and business leaders.

Sharp has a long connection with Cal State San Bernardino, including receiving his master's degree in business administration in the college's first executive cohort program in 2003. He has supported the college's programs and facilities, and in 1998 received CSU-SB's Arrowhead Distinguished Chief Executive Award. He was commencement speaker in 2004 and currently serves on the Dean's Advisory Board for the university's College of Business and Public Administration.

10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL LATINO BOOK AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

In recognition of the many positive contributions being made to Latino literature by publishers and writers worldwide, Latino Literacy Now, created the Latino Book Awards in 1999. Due to the dramatic increase in recent years in nominations of literary works from Mexico, Central and South America and Spain, the title of the awards was changed to the International Latino Book Awards in 2006. The 2008 awards were presented during BookExpo America on May 29, 2008, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. These awards honor literary excellence in a variety of categories. Latino Literacy Now is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes literacy and literary excellence within the Latino community.

In addition to these book awards, Latino Literacy Now also awards the Latino Literacy Now Lifetime Achievement Award for publishing excellence and, in association with noted actor, director and community activist Edward James Olmos, hosts the Latino Book & Family Festival series to be held in 2008 in Houston, Los Angeles and Chicago. Since 1997 over 700,000 people have attended the 42 Festivals. For more information on the awards and festivals go to www.LBF.US.

The entire awards list is on the www.LPNews.com website.

BACA MEETS WITH LATINO, AFRICAN AMERICAN, ASIAN AMERICAN LEADERS IN CONGRESS

Tri-Caucus Meets to Discuss Job Training, Other Issues of Importance to Communities of Color

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) met with Members of the Congressional Tri-Caucus to discuss issues of importance to minority communities, including funding for necessary job training programs for America's minority youth. The Tri-Caucus is composed of 73 Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). Congressman Baca serves as Chairman of the CHC in this 110th Congress.

"Adequate funding for job training programs is critical for our nation's youth to move forward in the 21st century economy," said Rep. Baca. "One week's worth of funding in Iraq would pay for training programs for millions of individuals in the United States. It is long past time our leaders re-examine our nation's priorities and put America back on a course of equality for all."

The Tri-Caucus is led by Rep. Baca in his role as Chair of the CHC, Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick as Chair of the CBC, and Rep. Mike Honda as Chair of the CAPAC. The Tri-Caucus has been actively working in the 110th Congress to promote issues of importance to minority communities everywhere, such as eliminating poverty, protecting civil rights, and ensuring adequate education and healthcare for all Americans. Issues discussed at the meeting included job training programs, health disparities, immigration reform, voter identification laws, and the 2010 Census.

"It is of vital importance that our nation's minority communities work together to bring about the change necessary to move America forward as one people," concluded Rep. Baca. "I am proud to work with my African American, Hispanic, and Asian American colleagues to advance the priorities of our communities. Only by working together will we fulfill our promise of justice and opportunity for every American, regardless of race, religion, or gender."

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ASSEMBLY MEMBER WILMER AMINA CARTER WINS RE-ELECTION BID TO STATE ASSEMBLY

District 62 State Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter (D-Rialto) defeated opponent Gil NAVARRO in a reelection bid Tuesday. I'm excited about returning to the State Legislature next year for a second term and serving my constituents here and in the state of California," said Assembly Member Carter, whose district covers Bloomington, Colton, Muscoy, Rialto and parts of Fontana and San Bernardino.

Carter received the endorsements of many local leaders, elected officials and labor, business and community organizations. She credits her win to her strong record on transportation issues that are important to her constituents here and in the state of California," said Assembly Member Carter, who also chairs the State Assembly Select Committee on Inland Empire Transportation Issues. "During my first term, we've succeeded in aligning the priorities of local leaders with our state's elected officials."

Carter said she will also continue her legislative work to increase access to higher education and Career Technical Education (CTE) opportunities. One of her bills, which the Governor signed into law in 2007 (Assembly Bill 428), requires schools to notify parents and students in writing of the A through G academic course requirements and how to access Career Technical Education courses. She is also authoring a bill this year to create a statewide master plan for Career Technical Education that will outline multiple tracks for students to get into career programs.

DURING HER TENURE AT PIMA Community College's Downtown Campus, Vela led and completed a physical and program transformation while growing its enrollment. Vela currently serves on the Boards of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the National Institute of Leadership Development and the National Community College Hispanic Council. She is a member of the Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Committee and serves on the AACC Global Education Committee.

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A native of Texas, Vela grew up in Chicago, received her bachelor's degree in business and master's degree in counseling from Illinois State University and her doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of San Diego. The San Bernardino Community College College District encompasses San Bernardino Valley College, Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, KVCR-FM/TV and the Division of Corporate and Economic Development.

San Bernardino Community College District has long been known for its excellence and I'm excited about the challenge and opportunity to take it to the next level of development," said Vela when contacted about her impending appointment. "The district has had and will continue to have a key role in the growth and future of the Inland Empire and I'm looking forward to being part of that."
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FONTANA that was non-integrated at that time.

Soon after arriving in Fontana in November, 1968, Elvia gave birth to Luis Jr., the first of three sons. Luis Sr., immediately began working at Snow Rock in South Fontana, later worked at Yeager Construction (now Skanska), and eventually at Pacific Rock Aggregates in 1972.

Elvia gave birth to Carlos in May, 1972. Thereafter, she started selling Avon products door to door, generating revenue for the family. In the process she established a network in the community.

In July, 1976, Elvia and Luis welcomed their third son, Sergio. Pacific Rock Aggregates, where Luis worked, closed its business and Luis started working for Holiday Rock.

Elvia believed very strongly in education, and although she had graduated from high school in Mexico, there was a strong need for her to be educated in the United States, a permanent home for the family. She was employed as a noon aide at Palmetto Elementary School, and later became a bilingual aide.

Elvia went back to school and obtained a GED and continued her education at Cal-State, San Bernardino. In 1998, at age 54, Elvia received a B.A Degree.

She taught at West Randall Elementary School in Fontana and currently teaches at Mt. Vernon Elementary School in San Bernardino.

The Bravo couple is active in their community. Luis, who retired in 2005, is an active member of the Gents Organization (a non-profit youth-oriented group) for 30 years, current sergeant-of-arms, and averages 25 hours a week in volunteer hours.

Elvia is also active in her church, where she teaches conversational English; an advocate in bilingual education issues and improvement of bilingual education.

Their three sons, according to the couple, have grown into mature family men. Luis Jr. is a patrolman for the California Highway Patrol, Carlos is a sales representative for a construction equipment company and active in community activities in Fontana, and Sergio is proprietor of Bravo Auto Glass.

In an interview, Carlos, the second son, stated that his father is the hardest working man he has ever known, thorough in his work skills, and has never complained about how hard he has had to work in his lifetime.

His mother, Elvia, he further said, is also hard working and dedicated to the teaching profession. "My parents are people with integrity and character. They have made an incredible impact in our lives, their sons. We have valued the lessons taught in our upbringing. They are an inspiration and our heroes, and an asset to our community," Carlos said.

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Kudos to Luis Bravo, Hispanic News ‘Father of the Year’ for making his dream come true of a better life for his family. We commend Luis and Elvia for being role models for their sons and their contribution to the community.

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MELINA FLORES – COLTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE ACCEPTED TO MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Melina indicated that her parents have been very supportive in her education from the very beginning and to the present. "Our family has had a good home environment and they have always been there for me." Her father, David Flores is from

the state of Nayarit, Mexico, and a project manager at an engineering and construction company. Her mother, Claudia Queen, is from the City of Mexico and after five years college courses earned an A.A. degree. She is a bilingual school aide. There is a

younger brother, Seth.

Melina said she was always in a learning mode while growing up. "I enjoyed studying and an avid reader, reading fiction besides my homework. I developed good study habits which were helpful in my classes. She has had a (grade A) since elementary school.

Melina enrolled in the Avid Program in the ninth grade. The Avid Program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is one of

the most successful programs geared for a student to enroll in college preparatory courses through the 12th grade. The outcome is an opportunity to be accepted in major colleges and universities.

Melina took AP classes in the 11th grade and three AP classes in the 12th grade and maintained a GPA 4.3. She was enrolled in the National Honorary Society, drama club, Troupers Club, Mock Trial-Academic Decathlon and a congressional page.

Melina will be the first in her family to attend an upper level learning institution, and a role model for her brother to emulate.

Melina will receive grants and scholarships for her first year. Her

board and room will be covered with work study.

Her career goal is brain and cognitive study, a combination of biology and physiology.

David Flores said, "I'm very proud of Melina and I'm glad that she is doing a positive step in her life."

Claudia Queen, said, "I'm very happy for Melina. Her accomplishments are a reward for all the hard work and commitment she has put into her studies."

Melina Flores said, "I am ready for new adventure in my future education."

Inland Empire Hispanic News congratulates Melina Flores in accomplishing a cherished educational award.

SENATOR GLORIA NEGRET MCLEOD HONORS MILITARY, SPONSORS VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

Organizations that provide services to veterans are invited to participate in a Veterans Resource and Information Fair hosted by Senator Gloria Negre McLeod and San Bernardino Valley College.

The Resource Fair is designed to provide resources and information for retired veterans as well as those returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans often face serious challenges from their experiences in the military and in their re-entry into civilian life, Negre McLeod said. "When I read that the Veterans Health Administration confirms that an average of 98 veterans per week – about 14 every day – commit suicide, I was shocked," Negre McLeod said. "The Veterans Resource Fair is an effort to help those who have served our country honorably. You always hear people say: Support the troops," this is our way of supporting them.

The San Bernardino County Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Hospital, Riverside National Cemetery, Helmets to Hardhats, 211 Information Services and Community Action Partnership are agencies who have signed up for the event.

Valley College will have a number of job training programs and various veterans groups with information about their organizations or veteran-related projects. Information about free or subsidized health programs will be available.

The Resource Fair will be held on Friday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at San Bernardino Valley College. To RSVP or for more information about the Veteran's Resource and Information Fair, contact the San Bernardino District Office at (909) 381-3832.

In May, Newsweek magazine ranked Cajon High and San Bernardino High Schools among the top five percent of public high schools in the nation.

Each year, Newsweek ranks the nation’s public high schools based primarily on the number of AP (Advanced Placement) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams students take and the number of graduates. This and other information is used to determine, in Newsweek's opinion, which high

District high schools, offer AP classes, in which students are expected to complete college-level assignments. AP exams are offered in 22 subjects ranging from chemistry and physics to English literature and Chinese language and culture.

For more information about Newsweek's list of the top high schools in the nation, visit www.newsweek.com/id/39380.
GOVERNOR APPOINTS AUGUSTIN JIMENEZ DUPUTY SECRETARY/GENERAL COUNSEL TO BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY

Since 1999, he has served as special counsel to the Secretary for the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Prior to that, Jimenez worked for the law firm Barbosa Garcia, formerly Barbosa Garcia & Barnes, as a partner from 1997 to 1999 and a senior associate from 1992 to 1997.

From 1989 to 1991, he served as legislative analyst in the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst for the city of Los Angeles. Jimenez worked for the city of Seattle as an assistant city attorney from 1981 to 1987 and as a policy analyst from 1980 to 1981. He is a member of the Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy American Inns of Court.

The position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is $136,342. Jimenez is a Democrat.

S.B. COUNTY SCHOOLS SHOWS IMPROVEMENT ON MEDIAN 2007 API BASE SCORES

SAN BERNARDINO CA - San Bernardino County elementary and high schools have shown continued growth in their median Academic Performance Index (API) Base scores for each of the past nine years, according to data released today by the California Department of Education.

Elementary schools in the county have made the most improvement, increasing median API Base scores by 168 points after nine years of results.

The county API Base median has grown from 580 in 1999 to 748 in 2007, where 309 elementary schools were used to calculate the median figures.

"It's encouraging that county students are showing year-to-year gains, but there's still plenty more work to do in our classrooms so that every student is reaching his or her academic standards," County Superintendent Herbert Fischer said.

County high schools also have shown large increases in the median API Base, growing 131 points over the nine-year period.

More than 90 San Bernardino School District seniors earn special state diplomas

Ninety-four high school seniors in the San Bernardino City Unified School District have earned a prestigious Golden State Merit Diploma.

This special diploma recognizes high school graduates who have attained high honors or school recognition on six Golden State Examinations during their school career.

To be eligible for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma, students must be receiving a high school diploma from their school district and have earned high test scores on six qualifying state examinations on a variety of subjects, such as biology, chemistry, physics or an integrated science, written composition or literature, history, algebra, and geometry or high school mathematics.


From Middle College: Fabio R. Ibarra, Aida Lopez, and Jasmine M. Petro.

From Pacific: Carlos F. Almazuer Roche, Lindsay Garcia, and Torgi Souvannakouam.

From San Bernardino: Karen Barreira, Jessica M. Kircher, Trang T. Nguyen, and Miri Ramirez Lara.


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NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF SCOPING PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL SCOPING MEETING
CAlNEV PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT
JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The Bureau of Land Management, together with the County of San Bernardino, announces the extension of the public scoping period and an additional public scoping meeting for the Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the proposed Calnev Pipeline Expansion Project from Colton, California to Las Vegas, Nevada.

• An additional scoping meeting will be held on June 18, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Carter High School, Multipurpose Room, 2630 North Linnea Ave, Rialto, CA 92377.

• The public scoping period has been extended to July 1, 2008.

The BLM and the County are preparing the EIS/EIR to evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposed Calnev Pipeline Expansion Project. This project is proposed by Calnev Pipeline, LLC. Calnev is owned by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners the largest independent owner/operator of product pipelines in the U.S. As proposed, the project would require a right-of-way grant on lands managed by the BLM, the US Forest Service and the Department of Defense, a franchise agreement and Conditional Use Permit from the County, and appropriate permits from state, federal and local jurisdictions. Depending on the final routing, the project may also require an amendment to the BLM’s California Desert Conservation Area Plan.

The Notice of Intent and Notice of Preparation for the Calnev Expansion Project EIS/EIR were circulated for public review (60 days) from March 17, 2008 to May 17, 2008. The BLM and the County conducted four scoping meetings in Rialto, Victorville, and Las Vegas, Nevada in April 2008. During the public scoping period, BLM and the County received a request from the City of Rialto to extend the public scoping period for an additional 45 days and to host an additional scoping meeting in the Rialto area.

The meeting will be an open house format to allow the public to visit with BLM and County representatives. Written comments may be submitted to the address below, faxed to (760) 232-6099 or emailed to eseehafe@ca.blm.gov.

BLM Barstow Field Office
Attention: Edythe Seehafer
2601 Barstow Road
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The BLM and the County encourage your participation in this scoping process. Please contact Edythe Seehafer, Environmental Coordinator, at (760) 252-6021 or Carrie Hyke, AICP, Principal Planner, San Bernardino County, Advance Planning Division, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., First Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182, (909) 387-4371 to request additional information regarding the scoping meeting.

Your comments must be sent at the earliest possible date but received not later than July 1, 2008.