was always determined, tirelessly driven and had conquered many challenges, and touched hearts and minds through his teaching excellence, selfless commitment to others and great generosity.”

He retired from California State University, Long Beach and awarded Professor Emeritus status. In addition to CSULB, Martinez also served as consultant for the Aerospace Corporation and Rockwell International, a member of the Institute for Professional Education, the Mathematical Association of America, and Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists.

Due to his love of statistics, Martinez, for many years, was active in the American Statistical Association, served a term as president of the Southern California chapter, sponsoring video workshops and helping with Career Days.

In 1997, Martinez was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award and the Mayfield Teaching Award. In 2003, he was the Grand Marshal of the Natural Science Graduation at Cal State University, Long Beach and speaker for the Latino graduation. One of his former students thought so highly of him that he established an annual $1,000 scholarship at CSULB in Martinez’s honor.

In 1971, Martinez was appointed by Governor Reagan to serve on the Commission for Teacher Preparation. This appointment led to a lifelong effort to gain better teachers for Latino students. A deeply spiritual man, Martinez always shared what God had given him, his close friends remarked. To this end, one of his many generous ways that affected the lives of students was by volunteering hundreds of hours to tutoring and encouraging them. He bestowed two annual scholarships for engineering students at CSULB, and donated HP calculators to students at CSULB and Colton High School.
When the First World War officially ended June 28, 1919, the actual fighting had already stopped the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the previous year. Armistice Day, as it was known, later became a national holiday, and in 1954 (the year I graduated from high school), the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans of all wars.

The only veteran of that war, "the war to end all wars," I ever knew was my father's step-father Benjamin Armijo, from New Mexico, an old man who seldom spoke and whom I would see wearing his cap of The American Legion. (He was also Republican.)

"The war to end all wars" was anything but that and when I was not much more than five, three of my uncles on my mother's side (Roberto, Armando, Enrique) went off to fight another war, the Second World War.

I missed my uncles and remembered them by their photos on my grandmother's home altar, very handsome in their uniforms; in the endless rosaries and litanies the women in the family regularly met to pray; and in the three blue stars that hanged in the window.

My uncle Roberto, tio Beto, did not last his second year; he came home and ulcers and los nervios, nerves, were mentioned. My uncle Armando, tio Pana, in the Infantry division or the Cavalry Division, served in the Pacific Theater, and General is a name that in some way sticks in his history. My uncle Enrique, tio Kiki, the youngest, in the Airborne Division, the "Screaming Eagles", served in the European Theater and parachuted into the taking of Germany.

After that war ended, they came home, tio Pana into a hospital, sick with malaria which affected him throughout the rest of his life; tio Kiki with a malady in the soul not so easily diagnosed, hidden in his quiet humor, gentle ways. All my uncles were gentle men, in all senses of the word. And Beto, Pana, Kiki spoke not at all about their experiences of war in spite of my curiosity and questions which they diverted with a little joke or change of subject. What they had seen, felt was apparently not to be spoken and the family sensed this and respected their reticence. Neither of them joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars that I ever knew of.

The Korean War "broke out", as they say, as if it were acne, not long after. But as for me, I have never fought in any war, though I joined the U.S. Navy upon graduating from El Paso High School to become a Hospital Corpsman and obtain the GI. Bill with which to enter Pre-Med studies upon my discharge; two of four years in the Navy I spent in the Marine Corps with the rank of Staff Sergeant. The Korean War had already ended. And though I served closely enough to it to be given the Korea Defense Service Medal and am legally a veteran and eligible to join the VFW, I never did nor do I intend to.

If I consider myself veteran of any war, it would be of the Viet-Nam War, not because I fought in it, far from it, but because I struggled against it. (I counseled conscientious objectors, picketed recruiting offices, marched in the streets.) The war veterans I have most intimately known are from that war, many, if not most, wounded and ill in body (from bullets, shrapnel, agent-orange), wounded and ill in the soul (terror, guilt, shame, hatred putrefying their dreams, tainting their loves.)

I am leery of being asked to honor veterans of almost any war, except as I honor the suffering, the being of every man or woman who ever lived. I am sick of "patriotism" behind which so many soundbites hide. I am sick of war that has stained almost every year of my life. Especially now, in the midst of yet another unjustified, immoral, illegal, untenable, cynical, cruel war our nation wages in Iraq. I am impatient with fools who ask whether I "support our troops."

What does it mean to "support our troops"? What is a troop but a herd, a flock, a band? What is a troop but a group of actors whose duty it is not to reason why, but to do and die? In the years I served in the Navy and Marine Corps as a medic, I never took care of a troop; I took care of men who had been wounded and hurt, who cut themselves and bled, who suffered terrible blisters on their feet from long marches, who fell ill sick with high fevers. If to support means to carry the weight of, keep from falling, slipping, or sinking, give courage, faith, help, comfort, strengthen, provide for, bear, endure, tolerate, yes, I did, and do support all men and women unfortunate enough to go to war.

Troops, I do not. If to support means to give approval to, be in favor of, subscribe to, sanction, uphold, then I do not. The decision to make war is not theirs to make; troops are what those who make the decisions to war use for their own ends, to kill and be killed, not for the sake of the men and woman who constitute the "troops."

I honor veterans of war the only way in which I know to honor: with compassion; with respect; with understanding for how they were/are used, misled, indoctrinated, coerced, wasted, hurt, abandoned; with tolerance for their beliefs and justifications; with efforts to see that their wounds, of body and of soul, are treated and healed, their suffering and sacrifice compensated. I never refuse requests for donations to any veterans' organization that seeks benefits and services for veterans. I honor veterans, men and woman; not bands, not troops.

If you look to my window on this day, the flag you will see hanging there will be the rainbow flag of peace. It hangs there in honor of every veteran of any war of any time or place. Indoors, I will light a candle and burn sage; recommit myself to the struggle for justice and for peace. Such is the only way I know in which to honor the veterans of war, military or civilian.

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MOE ESTEVENE-INLAND EMPIRE OUTSTANDING LATIN MUSIC LEADER HONORED

By Damian Estevene

Moe Estevene, Latino Society band leader, is celebrating 36 years leading one of the foremost dance bands in the Inland Empire. Estevene organized the band in 1971 and has entertained thousands of audiences throughout Southern California. Photo courtesy of the Estevene Family

On October 7, 2007, family, Latin music aficionados, long-time friends, band leaders and their music groups assembled at the Gents Center, San Bernardino, in a surprise reception to honor Amador "Moe" Estevene, longtime leader of the 'Latin Society Band'.

Moe, as he is known by many, was surprised at the over 400 well-wishers, and flabbergasted at the fact he was unaware that for many months, his wife, Wanda Estevene and many in the music business collaborated in the planning for the occasion of honoring him for the many decades of entertaining the public.

A slide presentation reviewed the life of Moe, and many of his friends roosted him and revealed many anecdotes of his past and the many activities with friends, and especially with his close-knit family.

Amador "Moe" Estevene, born on December 19, 1943 in Globe, Arizona, the 10th in a family of 11 children. He spent his early childhood in the small town playing along the creek and admiring his older brothers. He recalls with fondness his brothers sitting around the front porch enjoying one another’s company while playing the guitar and singing. It was during this time that young Amador realized how music played an important role in bringing happiness to people.

Moe grew up admiring the music of Elvis, Ritchie Valens, Ricky Nelson, and Little Richard. When he was seven he left Globe and moved to San Bernardino to be with his sister Margaret and grandmother.

At age fifteen while playing the guitar in front of his house, he was approached by Donny Vasquez with an offer to join his band. Moe jumped at the chance and for the next three years he played with Donny & the Bilangos. When he was sixteen, he bought his first Fender electric guitar and amplifier with saving earned in his room during his free time. 1964, he took his guitar and amplifier with him and continued to play in his room during his free time. During his last year in Hickam Field, Hawaii he was asked to join a vocalist group called the Fascinations. The trio sang while Amador played the guitar.

The group played for various officers’ clubs and opening acts for musical talents like Patty Paige and Nancy Wilson. In August, 1968, he was discharged and returned to San Bernardino.

On October 2, 1968, Moe was hired by the City of San Bernardino Redevelopment Department.

Seeking a musical outlet he joined the Tony Cabral quartet. After a year, Moe organized his own band, and in deciding on the band’s name, he reflected that the style of music would incorporate the idea that anyone besides Latinos could enjoy the music.

The new musical group was influenced by cha-cha and bolero music in addition to the legendary music of Tito Puente and Rene Touzet.

In 1971, the Latin Society Band was formed with a singer, saxophonist, keyboard player, drummer, congas, timbales, and base guitarist, and the rest is history.

The band played every Friday night at the El Crescendo nightclub in San Bernardino. During his gigs at the El Crescendo Moe met his future wife, Wanda Matthews. After a yearlong courtship, they married on September 4, 1971, and moved to Fontana, where they raised their sons Vincent and Damian.

In 2004 Moe retired from the City of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency after 36 years. He is on a contractual basis as a consultant.

The Latin Society has two of the original members, Mike Coyazo and Dickie Vasquez, and has since expanded to fourteen members. In 2000, Latin Society released its first CD, "Inspired Tributes." On October, 2000, the Inland Empire Hispanic Image Awards designated the Latin Society Band "Entertainers of the Year." Congressman Joe Baca also recognized the Latin Society Band with a special resolution of "Outstanding Entertainers of the Year."

For 36 years, the Latin Society Band, under the dynamic and inspirational leadership of Amador "Moe" Estevene has become one of the most outstanding and popular Latin music entertainment group in Southern California, performing at myriad of functions and acquiring thousands of tremendously devoted fans of all ages.
The Medal of Honor is awarded only for the most uncommon acts of extraordinary valor. Of the 35,000,000 Americans who served in World I, World War II, Korea and Vietman, only 925 servicemen received the Medal of Honor; 526 posthumously.

"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, The men it remembers."

John F. Kennedy
Wednesday, November 14, 2007

ON VETERANS DAY-WAITING FOR EQUITY
By Rick Rocamora

In 1947, U.S. Marine Corps Major Austin C. Shofter wrote to Magdalena Duenas, "I can never repay you for all you did for me in Mindanao." Duenas assisted Shofter and nine other U.S. soldiers on a long trek to freedom after their escape from the David C. Olson Colony on the Philippine island of Mindanao. Under constant threat of recapture by Japanese soldiers, Duenas and other Filipino guerrilla fighters helped the Americans reach Misamis Oriental, where they were rescued by a U.S. submarine crew. When they returned to Australia, they told the world of the Bataan Death March and Japanese POW camps. Life magazine described it as a "tale of atrocity, murder and starvation." The escapes continued their military careers and retired with full benefits and recognition as U.S. veterans. We honor them every year.

Duenas, and the 200,000 thousand Filipinos who fought side by side with the U.S. soldiers as part of the U.S. armed forces in World War II were promised citizenship, and with it recognition of their service and veterans' benefits, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Congress renegotied on that promise. Forty-five years later, Congress passed the Immigration Act of 1990 allowing the Filipino veterans to apply for citizenship. Many became citizens, despite their advanced age, decided to live in the United States. They subsist on Supplemental Social Security Income and continue to wait for the veterans' benefits that they thought would come easily.

The Filipino Veterans Equity Bill (HR. 760 and S.57) is again pending before the Congress. The Rescission Act of 1946 gave nationals from 60 other countries veterans' status - but not Filipinos.

If they were singed out for exclusion. The pending bill will restore this status and bestow full honor and recognition on the Filipino veterans.

For those who died waiting, I will wait for them. They deserve justice, even after death.

Rick Rocamora, San Francisco Chronicle, is a documentary photographer who has covered the Filipino fighters’ day-to-day lives since 1992. He is working on "H-1B’s and Immigrant Entrepreneurs - America's Technology Lifeline."

"Life is struggle and struggle is life, but be mindful that Victory is in the struggle."

Inland Valley Development Agency
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - LEALAN NORTON WAY, HALATO AVENUE AND PERIMETER ROAD EDA GRANT NO. 07-49-06137

Prospective bidders are hereby notified that the Inland Valley Development Agency ("IVDA")/Inland Valley Development Agency and the Inland Valley Development Agency ("IVDA") will receive sealed bid proposals for the following project:

"Lealand Norton Way, Halato Avenue and Perimeter Road from Lealand Norton Way to just west of H Street, spanning approximately 0.6 miles"

The proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at IVDA's office, attention Clerk of the Board, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read.

The selected contractor shall execute a contract with the Inland Valley Development Agency for the construction of improvements in accordance with EDA Financial Assistance Award Regulatory Requirements. Any questions shall be directed to Mr. Roberto Ramirez, IVDA, Senior Project Manager, Contract Services 294 S. Leland Norton Way, Suite 1, San Bernardino, California 92408, up to and including the date of bid opening. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier’s check or bid bond for ten percent (10%) of maximum amount(s) bid, not to exceed $100,000 per proposal. The proposal shall be authorized by Civil Code Section 6057.10. Said check shall be made payable to the Inland Valley Development Agency and when delivered with a proposal, shall constitute a guaranty that bidder will, if awarded, perform the work in accordance with the terms of said proposal. Each proposal shall include a contractor’s insurance coverage required by the contract has been secured.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to obtain from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate for per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work. Each proposal shall include a Labor Code Certification thereon; furnish contract contrast performance and payment bonds with a corporate surety or sureties satisfactory to the Owner, or equivalent substitution in lieu of bonds, each for not less than one-hundred percent (100%) of total bid price; furnish certificates of insurance evidencing payable in full all insurance coverage required by the contract has been secured.

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HISPANIC GROUPS FIGHT FOR GREATER REPRESENTATION AT UC-R'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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positions that are available.

The coalition presented the following information:

• There is no current full-time tenure track minority faculty at UCR-GSOE;
• California universities produce an average of 490 education doctoral each year with 472 residing in California;
• Nationally, between 1981 and 1998, there was a 111.1% increase in education doctorates earned by Chicano/Latinos;
• The Interim Chancellor’s data on GSOE indicates during last 20 years there was a 111.1% increase in full-time underrepresented ethnic faculty at UCR-GSOE; and a plan for a speaker series of top

The coalition presented a summary statement, noting: the lack of full-time underrepresented ethnic minority tenure track faculty at UC-R’s GSOE, and a critical issue and contradictory to current demographics. The statement further stated that in the U.S., minority’s account for higher number of degrees in education than in any other academic field. Yet, it said, UCR’s GSOE has failed to recruit tenure track full-time ethnic minorities when the demography of the Inland Empire and throughout California has seen a Hispanic influx as well as other ethnic communities in the last 40 years.


Additionally, UCR-CC/LAC has outlined an agenda for coalition members to demand change in the GSOE with the involvement of MALDEF in an advisory role.

In collaborative efforts, the coalition spokesperson stated that legislators and government agencies have been contacted including: Assembly member Joe Cota, Chair, State Latino Legislative Caucus and its chair, Congressman Joe Baca, and a complaint has been filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights against UCR-GSOE.

UCR-CC/LAC and coalition members have established an agenda and scheduled a series of meetings, according to Nina Delgado, UCR- CC/LAC chair. A diversity forum is scheduled on November 19, 2007, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at UCR Extension, the public is invited. A meeting is also scheduled at 5:30 pm; UCR-CC/LAC will co-chair the meeting with Acting Chancellor Robert Grey and Vice Provost Yolanda Moses. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting.

if you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worse kind of heart trouble.

Bob Hope
San Bernardino - Inland Empire Future Leaders Program (IEFLP) sponsored its 23rd annual conference with 131 Hispanic eighth- and ninth-grade students from San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles counties participating at the Desert Sun Science Center in Idyllwild on the week of August 5-10, 2007.

The program's goals are to encourage the students to stay in school, strive for academic excellence, become involved in school, church and community, and eventually earn a college degree. In addition, participating youngsters learned leadership and communication skills which were emphasized in combination with cultural pride workshops, says Dr. Navarro.

National Alliance for Human Rights inTend First Leadership Parliament

approved unanimously by all of Mexican political parties within the Congress on October 4-10, the Bi-national Parliament will convene Mexicanos leaders from both the United States and Mexico for the purpose of discussing issues of mutual concern and to develop strategic responses to them.

Although the agenda permits discussion on various issues, the Bi-National Parliament will focus primarily on three policy areas: (1) Immigration; (2) Prosperity; and (3) National Security and Defense of All Earned Rights. Other issues include the right to vote, the Iraq war, raids and deportation.

At the core of the three aforementioned themes will be to develop a bi-national plan of action that both delegates and Mexican Congress can support from a bi-lateral strategic perspective in an effort to address the escalating immigration crisis.

This crisis in the United States is evident by the absence of humane immigration reform legislation; increased ICE raids; and the continued passage of anti-immigrant initiatives, ordinances, and laws at all levels of government.

NAHR Coordinator Armando Navarro stated, "Understanding the gravity Mexicanos face in the United States with a growing Immigration Crisis, more than ever, we need to unify and secure support from Mexico in order to fend off the numerous attacks being made on our migrant communities."

Other members in attendance will be leaders of the March 25 Coalition, Gloria Saucedo, Alicia Flores, Senator Gil Cedillo and organizations that participated in the 1.2 million national day of action in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles delegation will submit proposals for the next national conference to organized a National Day of Action and a 1 million immigration mass mobilization for International Workers Day.

For information contact Armando Navarro, NAHR Coordinator, (951) 333-6819 or Maria Anna Gonzales, NAHR Education Projects and Programs Coordinator, (951) 743-7173.
The recent wildfires in the San Bernardino County mountains may have been all but extinguished, but they have left behind thousands of towering hazards.

Although they may look strong and stable, the virtually countless blackened evergreens killed by the fires could fall at any moment, killing returning residents and emergency crews, destroying the homes that survived the infernos, and damming up waterways, leading to deadly debris flows when the rains come.

That’s why the County of San Bernardino is leading a multi-agency effort to cut down the trees, and in many cases cause them to fall in such a way that they act to direct water away from communities and down the mountain into existing flood-control channels.

Crews from the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and Solid Waste Division have teamed up with Caltrans, Southern California Edison, the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service, and U.S. Forest Service Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) teams to immediately identify, cut, and remove blackened trees.

“"This effort is another example of how much better we have become in addressing disasters and dealing with the aftermath,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane.

Chairman Biane cited improved public communication, smoother evacuations, and speedier establishment of assessment and relief efforts as other examples of how the County of San Bernardino has improved how it deals with emergencies.

Southern California Edison crews have already begun removing blackened trees that threaten power lines and nearby homes. This is a top priority because downed power lines are a leading cause of wildfires.

County crews are also busy marking and removing trees and planning for disposal. Those plans include transforming destroyed evergreens from flood hazards into flood control tools.

Deadly post-fire debris flows often occur after blackened trees fall into streambeds and block flowing water. The water collects until the weight and pressure break the blockage, sending a lethal torrent of water, mud, rocks, and other debris barreling down the mountain.

By bringing the trees down along the banks of creeks and streams, crews can help improve the safe and steady flow of water during storms, said San Bernardino County Assistant Fire Chief and County Fire Marshal Peter Brierty.

The public can obtain information on the county’s other fire-related efforts by clicking on the disaster information link on the county’s website at www.sbcounty.gov.

Relief and recovery information is also available on the website, as well as by dialing 211 within the county, 1-888-435-7565 outside the county, and by visiting the county Fire Emergency Local Assistance Center (FELAC) at the Dome building at the National Orange Show Events Center, 689 South E Street, Gate 7 in San Bernardino.

The FELAC is a one-stop recovery center with more than 40 federal, state, local, public, and private agencies providing disaster recovery services. Agencies housed at the center will help fire victims with medical services, disaster aid, rebuilding assistance, document recovery, communications, employment, voting, and other recovery programs.
Sale Representatives Wanted

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- Board of Library Trustees
WARD 5
- Community Police Review Commission
- Commission on Disabilities
WARD 6
- Metropolitan Museum Board

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- Planning Commission
CITYWIDE
- Airport Commission
- Commission on Disabilities
- Human Relations Board
- Metropolitan Museum Board
- Parks and Recreation Commission

Application deadline is Monday, November 19, 2007, for March 2008 appointments. Riverside residents only. Visit www.riversideca.gov/city_clerk or call 951.826.5557

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