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MARGARET HILL APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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SAN BERNARDINO, CA - Margaret Hill, who was the interim assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, applied for and was named to serve as Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, County Superintendent Herbert Fischer announced.

Hill has held the position of interim assistant superintendent with County Schools since July 2006. "Margaret has had a long and successful career in education, and County Schools is extremely fortunate to continue to have an administrator with her credentials to serve the students and districts in San Bernardino County," Fischer said.

Hill, who began with the County Schools in January 2006 as a special assistant for the county superintendent, spent 32 years in the San Bernardino City Unified School District.

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DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON CLUB OF SAN BERNARDINO INSTALLS OFFICERS

Democratic luncheon Club of San Bernardino recently installed its officers for 2008. (front row, 1 to r) Leighton Jayasakera-trustee, Nancy White-president, Fran Givers-vice president, Vickie Wilson-secretary, Gil Navarro-parliamentarian. (back row, Ladd Seekins-treasurer, Mark Shepherd-trustee, and Mark Alvarez-second vice president. Not in photo, Sara Garcia-trustee. The Democratic Luncheon Club is one of the largest in San Bernardino County, and meets on Friday noon at the Carousel Mall.

Photo by IEHN

MEL ALBISO-COLTON MAYORAL CANDIDATE

Mel Albiso, a Colton resident whose family has resided in the city for five generations, recently announced his candidacy for mayor in the forthcoming recall election to be held on June 3rd 2008.

"I am running for mayor because I strongly believe that changes are desperately needed at city hall to rebuild the bond, respect, and trust between city government and our citizens," he stated in a prepared statement, "We must begin spending our tax dollars on programs our citizens want and need. City hall must be redirected to start listening and working with the community to improve the quality of life for every Colton resident."

Albiso further commented that with the economic situation affecting the citizens and businesses, city hall must revise its directions to keep utilities affordable, stabilized public safety, and prioritize to build new affordable senior citizens housing facilities.

"It is essential for the city to ensure an economic base, and become sensitive to the improvement of the business environment, stimulate new business development and encourage existing businesses to stay in the city," he said.

A graduate of Colton High School and San Bernardino Community College, he received a B.S. in Business Management and M.A. in Human Resource Management from the University of Redlands. An Army Veteran, Albiso has over 30 years of government experience: Deputy Labor Commissioner-State of California; and Assistant Superintendent for Human Services with the San Bernardino School District.

He is currently a Colton Joint Unified School District board member and guest lecturer on Human Resources at Cal-State, San Bernardino and University of Redlands; and previously volunteered with the 62nd Assembly District’s Education Committee; Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino (president/scholarship chair); Public Administration Advisory Board-CSUSB); San Bernardino Community College District’s Chancellor Advisory Committee; Arrowhead United Way, Inland Empire Employment Roundtable Association (president); Colton City Planning Commission; and other civic youth/sports, scholarship groups, fundraisers for the needy, and many others.

“My ultimate goal as mayor is to re-build community trust and respect, be united in our efforts for a safe city and business vitality, and avail the city resources and services to every resident.”

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WHY EDUCATION MUST BE FULLY FUNDED
By Arturo Delgado, Ed.D.
Superintendent, San Bernardino City Unified School District

Imagine someone saying to builders who are designing and building a super highway that they are making great progress but that the next funding allotment for construction will be cut significantly. By the way, the mandate is that they cut construction will be cut significantly. In similar ways, California’s educational community is being asked to do more with less.

In the last few months, we have heard a great deal about how Governor Schwarzenegger’s proposed budget will create great hardships for the educational community across the state. We are hearing that as a result, most of the actions by school districts include laying off of hundreds of administrators, teachers, and support staff. Besides the effect this has on the lives of our employees and their families, little has been said concerning the impact this has on the hundreds of thousands of students whose classrooms will become overcrowded and whose services will be curtailed or limited due to cuts in personnel. These proposed budget cuts come at a time when school districts are building great highways of educational progress and at a time when funding sources are critical to the continued success of our students.

The San Bernardino City Unified School District has seen consistent gains in our test scores over the course of the last several years on the Academic Performance Index (API). The fact is that when the scores were first reported, 85 percent of our schools were scoring in the 500 or lower ranges out of a possible 1,000 API points. Today, we have reversed those percentages, with 86 percent of our schools now scoring in the 600, 700, or 800 ranges and one school now even in the 900 range. The San Bernardino City Unified School District is one of six unified school districts in the entire county that has shown consistent test score growth over the course of the last four consecutive years. The growth of these scores has everything to do with the outstanding work and efforts of those that the budget cuts now force us to identify for reductions based on the Governor’s budget.

In San Bernardino, we have also instituted effective support programs that are helping us move in the right direction relative to dropout rates, college-going rates, student safety, music programs, graduation rates, and vocational education. If the governor’s proposed budget remains unchanged, local school districts will be required to make cuts that will hurt the educational progress of our children. This is not the time to detract our support for education. This is the time to make education the state’s top priority and demonstrate a strong resolve and commitment to the reforms that have been put in place. This commitment will have generational consequences for the educational super highway that will determine the future success of our community.

San Bernardino City Unified School District is the sixth largest in 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).

Letters regarding the Democratic Club call Nancy White at (909) 793-6229.

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Visitors welcomed.

Following is a schedule of speakers:
March 28 Jonathan Abraham, Candidate for 38th Assembly District
April 4 Tim Prince, Candidate for 41st CD
April 11 Bob Minick, Retired
Political Advisor, Birds and the Bees
April 18 Joseph J. Dean, Post 112
Commander American Legion,
Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall
April 25 Carl Wood, Candidate for 41st CD

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Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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The conferences are conducted in Spanish and all sessions are free of charge to low-income Spanish speaking families. Questions regarding the conference is an excellent way to honor Cesar Chavez’s memory and legacy.

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Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Letter to the Public

Dear Friends:

On March 31, we will celebrate the 81st birthday of a great American, the late labor leader Cesar E. Chavez. Millions of Americans are still inspired by his immortal motto: “Si, se puede—Yes, we can.” Cesar’s positive attitude, indomitable spirit, and tireless efforts helped California farm workers win union representation and fair labor contracts after years of struggle.

Born on March 31, 1927, Cesar Chavez began his life on a small farm near Yuma, Arizona. When his family lost the farm during the Great Depression and moved to California, Cesar at age 10 became a migrant farm worker, laboring in fields and vineyards.

Cesar Chavez’s early experiences gave him the determination to create an organization to ensure protections for farm workers. This organization developed into the United Farm Workers of America, the largest farm workers union in U.S. history. As union president, Chavez worked to promote fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and decent working conditions. Thanks to his leadership while the struggle for fairness and justice continues, thousands of farm workers today are able to live their lives with respect, dignity, and a decent wage.

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I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear, knowing what must be done does away with fear.

— Rosa Parks

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The conference is free, but limited to 100 people. It will be held at the Riverside County Office of Education Conference Center, 3939 Thirteenth Street, Riverside. Please enter at the corner of 12th and Almond streets.

Breakfast will be provided, but not childcare. Please register by calling Maria Jimenez at (951) 826-6894.

The Latina Women’s Health Forum is committed to providing health conferences with resource materials free of charge to low-income Spanish speaking families. The conferences are conducted in Spanish and all sessions are interactive.
**THE LEAST AMONG US**  
**By Irma Montoya**

Voice for America’s Families campaign. At our Town Hall meeting on International Women’s Day, we heard the story of Senora Maria Fernandez, who worked in a Farah factory for 25 years before the plant closed due to NAFTA. She fell into a deep depression when she was unable to find another job. With the help of La Mujer Obrera, she was able to open her own home day care business, and many other similar situations.

But no matter how many hundreds of women Mujer Obrera can help, there are hundreds of thousands more just one organization can’t help. The crisis on the border has brought a tidal wave of new poverty cases, especially for low-income women and their families. Skeptical readers may wonder if such poor women did something wrong to bring these hardships on themselves. But no one can call them lazy, as they work very long hours. Their hard work is simply less rewarded than others.

What about immigrant status? In fact, both the women mentioned above all have legal status in the U.S. True, many women who come to Mujer Obrera are undocumented. But this does not give employers the legal or moral right to cheat them.

All women in Texas share a fierce dedication to their families. But too many of the next generation are being raised in families without enough income to provide a steady home and nutritious food.

A majority of us may vote for a woman president, but will we forget the woman who sewed her power suit? We will be judged by how we treat the least among us. By this standard, our society, despite women’s astonishing progress, continues to fail.

Irma Montoya, a former garment worker, is the Executive Director of Mujer Obrera, an economic development organization of Mexican immigrant women in El Paso. Irma Montoya can be contacted at 915-533-9710 or IrmaMontoya@mujerobrera.com

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**CSUSB FUNDED FOR UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM TO BOOST LOCAL COLLEGE-GOING RATE**

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – After an absence of nearly four years, Cal State San Bernardino has restored its federally funded Upward Bound program to help prepare local high school students to attend college.

Following legislation signed by President Bush in 2007, CSUSB has once again been funded for the program, which targets students from families who might not otherwise have the opportunity to continue their education after high school. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Cal State San Bernardino has been funded $2 million to support two Upward Bound programs. Each is for $250,000 per year for up to four years. The programs are in the Rialto and San Bernardino school districts. Three specific high schools are participants in each district, including Rialto, Carter and Eisenhower high schools, and Arrowhead, Pacific and San Bernardino high schools in San Bernardino.

An orientation session for students from the six schools and their parents was held Saturday, March 29, at CSUSB.

Primarily aimed at ninth grade students by guiding them through the steps they need to take to get to college, the program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Through classroom instruction and tutoring, students build their academic skills in English and math, along with laboratory sciences, composition and foreign languages.

“It’s important for high school students to know they have the opportunity to go to college and to start thinking about their path to get there, beginning in the ninth grade,” said Robert McGowan, CSUSB associate vice president for enrollment services.

Upward Bound is part of the federal TRIO programs, an educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes six outreach and support programs targeted to serve and assist low-income, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs. Cal State San Bernardino also is federally funded for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement program and the TRIO Student Support Services Student Assistance in Learning (SAIL) program.

For more information, contact the CSUSB Upward Bound office at (909) 537-5023. For more information about Cal State San Bernardino, contact the university’s Office of Public Affairs at (909) 537-5007 and visit http://news.csusb.edu.

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**LA MISMA LUNA (UNDER THE SAME MOON) SETS RECORD**

"Under the Same Moon" broke the record for the biggest opening of a Spanish-language film (under English subtitles) in the U.S., grossing $2.77 million from 266 locations.

"Under the Same Moon," distributed by the Weinstein Co. and marketed by Fox Searchlight, easily beat the previous record for a Spanish language picture, Lionsgate’s "Ladrón que roba a ladrón," which bowed to $1.6 million.

Indie studios reported that the film, which opened Wednesday and has earned $2.5 million, succeeded with two different audiences. The film had the highest per screen average for the weekend with $10,414 and was #10 overall in just 266 theatres.

"It played like a very commercial film in Latino communities and showed some real strength in art arthouses," said Fox Searchlight President Peter Rice.

Harvey Weinstein added that he thought a careful rollout in arthouses could lead the film to do as well as Miramax’s 1990 release "Cinema Paradiso," which earned almost $12 million, while staying strong with Spanish speakers.

The film also opened this past weekend in Mexico as the #2 film, where it grossed $1.7 million and had the biggest bow this year for a local title, the 6th biggest opening ever.

Inland Empire Hispanic News recommends this film for all audiences. A sensitive scenario brings tears due to the core story of a young son and his mother separated by the U.S. border, and the struggles and suffering to unite under difficult situations. Currently showing at local theaters.
CSUSB ALUMNA-LOIS CARSON-HONORED AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Sylvia Alcantar, longtime Redlands resident, is a retired realtor after 25 years in the realty business. She worked with several realty firms: Century 21 in Mentone, Century 21 with Carl McHenry, and with University Realtor with broker Lillian Miller as personal assistant and property management manager prior to her retirement.

Alcantar has been actively involved in civic and veteran-related activities for over four decades. A primary interest has been with the Phillip Marmolejo Post 650 American Legion Auxiliary Unit since 1970. She served as Auxiliary president for four terms. Continuing her interest in the Auxiliary’s mission, Alcantar served as the American Legion 25th District Auxiliary President from July 1994 to July 1995. During her presidential tenure, one of her goals was to motivate Junior Auxiliary members within the District to attend and participate in Junior Auxiliary State Conference. At the State Conference, 21 members of the 25th District Junior Auxiliary attended. At the present time, those Auxiliary members are current active members involved at the district and local auxiliary units. She currently serves as the District’s auditor and advisor and previously served as district chaplain.

Alcantar served two years on the City of Redlands-Annual September Fiesta Committee; St. Mary Catholic Church-Alter Society secretary; Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce Ambassador (5 years); Redlands Recreation Commission (4 years); Casa de la Vista Senior Housing (two years), Southwest Voters Registration-Get Out the Vote; and others.

She has been recognized for her community voluntary services: Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce-Member of the Year-2006; Senator Bob Dutton-Certificate of Service; Assemblyman Bill Emmerson-Certificate of Community Service; Congressman Joe Baca-Certificate of Dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sylvia and Richard Alcantar have been married for 44 years and parents of three daughters, Cathy Marquez, Sherrie Rexendez, and Jennifer Alcantar. The Alcantars are grandparents to 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The oldest grandchild, Jason Marquez, has served two tours in Iraq with the 101st Airborne. He is currently stationed in Alaska and will be leaving in September for the 3rd tour in Iraq.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY EDUCATORS SELECTED FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

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The honorees, along with the 2008 Riverside County Teachers of the Year and inductees to the Hall of Fame, will be recognized at the Celebrating Educators Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on May 20 at the Riverside Convention Center, 3443 Orange Street, Riverside.

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Administrator of the Year (Certificated): Diana M. Aselier-Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support Services, Alvord Unified School District
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NATIONAL WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT-CONTINUED

A family portrait of the Yeager family: Luis Yeager, a private attorney, Ana Valdez-Yeager, a high school teacher-Sequoia High School, and Marisa Valdez-Yeager, MTA's attorney-San Bernardino County's Public Defenders Office, Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, Chief Government Relations Administrator, Riverside County Office of Education, Lay Yeager, an elementary principal, Teresa Valdez-Yeager, high school teacher-Sequoia High School, and Marisa Valdez-Yeager, MTA's attorney-San Bernardino County's Public Defenders Office. Photo courtesy of the Yeager family.

The (Valdez) Yeager family members are involved in various professions: father Lay Yeager is an elementary principal, mother Ofelia Valdez-Yeager is Chief Administrative Liaison-Riverside County Office of Education, son Luis Yeager is an attorney, daughters Marisa and Ana Valdez-Yeager and Teresa Valdez-Yeager are profiled in this publication.

MARISA VALDEZ-YEAGER
The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is a major agency in Southern California with an extensive collaborative network system with government agencies at the local, state and federal levels. Since 1997, Marisa Valdez-Yeager has been MTA's Government Relations Administrator, and chief liaison with federal officials, California Legislature, Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, cities and associated agencies, on transportation legislation, policies, services and ongoing projects. She also is charged with legislative preparation and implementation, administrative reporting of legislative briefs and matrix, representing the agency before legislative bodies, monitors the government relations department web page, among myriad of related responsibilities.

Prior to her current position, Valdez-Yeager was legislative assistant to Congressman Xavier Becerra in Washington, D.C.

Interest in political action, Valdez-Yeager has volunteered on national, state and local election campaigns: the Clinton/Gore Campaign, John Chiang for State Controller, Steve Clute for Assembly, Jose Medina for RCC Board of Trustees, Andy Melendez for Riverside City Council, among others. She was President of the Riverside Women's Democratic Club-2005-2007 and advisor for the Riverside County Young Democrats-2006.

She is a member of the Hispanics Organized for Political Equality (HOPE, 1997 to present), and the City of Riverside Human Relations Commission. Other activities include the Latino Network, Women's Transportation Seminar, International Relations Council-Riverside, Lambda Sigma Gamma, and American Public Transportation Association.

Valdez-Yeager received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California-Santa Barbara, and an M.A. in Public Policy and Administration from Cal-State, Long Beach.

Marisa Valdez-Yeager is fluent in Spanish.

ANA VALDEZ-YEAGER
Ana Valdez-Yeager was recently appointed Deputy Defense Attorney for the San Bernardino County's Public Defenders Office. She received a B.A. in Political Science, magna cum laude, from the University of San Diego (GPA 3.6/4.0, August, 2002), and J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law (GPA 3.9, September, 2004).

Her previous work experience includes: C.C.O.O. (Comisiones Obreros) internship as research analyst/ Spanish translator, Madrid, Spain, Riverside Community College-student activities assistant, Americorps-N C.C.C. including Habitat for Humanity, Arkansas Children's Hospital and Americorps National Service Program; Davidson/ Munday Consulting-public relations manager; and University of San Diego School of Law-California state agency legal research center.

She has been involved with the Lawyers Club Domestic Violence, Susan Komen Breast Cancer Walk, American Heart Association, Latina Women's Health Forum, Women's Law Caucus Fundraising, and Parkview Hospital.

She has been honored with the Study Abroad, Madrid, Spain, Presidential Scholarship, La Raza SBA Representative, Japan-Sister City Program, and the Dean's List.

TERESA VALDEZ-YEAGER
Teresa Valdez-Yeager is currently a high school teacher at Sequoia High School in Redwood City, California, teaching subjects covering world studies, government and economics, and advisor to the school's Key Club. She works with students from different backgrounds and various ability levels.

Valdez-Yeager has an extensive background in the teaching profession: facility coordinator/ counselor at Camp Kesem for children of parents with cancer; academic undergraduate advisor/ reading tutor at Stanford University; and student teacher at East Palo Alto High School.

She has worked as administrative intern with the Office of the Mayor-City of Riverside; student activities assistant-Riverside Community College; Overseas Studies Advisor/ research assistant; Martin Luther King Jr. Papers Project with Professor Clayborne Carson, City of Stanford.

Valdez-Yeager, in a comprehensive essay on her life's ambition decided to become a teacher at age seven. In later years, before and after graduating from Stanford University, and gaining extensive background in various teaching experiences, determined to extend her knowledge to high school students of various backgrounds. In her essay, she stated, "I value being able to be part of a process that helps student's education help themselves to make sense of their own lives. Good teachers have helped me define goals and given me the tools to achieve them. I am drawn to secondary education because of my desire to connect the contents I have grown to love with students on the verge of making their own history."

Teresa Valdez-Yeager is fluent in Spanish and Italian.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION HOSTING CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

Mr. Kenneth M. Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, has announced that the Riverside County Office of Education will host a special regional meeting of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing April 10-11, 2008.

The Commission historically meets in Sacramento, but this two-day event will allow the CCTC to hear comments from local school district officials, public officials, legislators, and members of the general public from the Riverside, Inyo, Mono, and San Bernardino area.

On the agenda will be topics that include: Teacher Supply Report, Proposed to Establish a Single Subject Credential in General Science, Proposed Revised Induction Standards, and Report on Formative Assessment for California Teachers (FACT).

The Commission will meet from 9 a.m. - noon and 1-2 p.m. on April 10, and 9 a.m. - noon on April 11. The Riverside County Office of Education is located at 3939 Thirteenth Street in Riverside. Entrance to the Conference Center is at the corner of 12th and Almond streets. Parking is free.

A live webcast of the event will be broadcast by RCOE. The link is available at http://www.ctc.ca.gov/live.html.
Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Inland Empire Hispanic News

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY CELEBRATION IN REDLANDS

"I knew Cesar Chavez and marched with him, remembering him as a God-like man, a humble man, who suffered many ordeals," said keynote speaker, Father Patricio Guillen, a retired priest and director of the Libreria Del Pueblo, an immigrant assistance program in the Inland Empire.

"Chavez was a quiet, but tireless man, who was a leader in leading the field workers in strikes and a national boycott against the grape growers. He knew what the workers and their families went through while working in the fields, because he also experienced the same conditions," said Fr. Guillen.

Fr. Guillen said that Chavez and his union were involved in controversial activities by marching to the U.S. Mexican border and protesting the use of immigrants as strike breakers. The union also reported illegal immigrants to the immigration authorities.

Fr. Guillen said that in 1984, Chavez supported an immigration bill that included strenuous sanctions against employers hiring illegal immigrants.

"Chavez, however, was very sensitive toward the immigrants and their families, acknowledging their need for employment and a better life," said Fr. Guillen.

Fr. Guillen said that Cesar Chavez was one of the greatest civil rights leaders in history.

"Let us honor Cesar Chavez on his 81st birthday, putting into practice the rich legacy he has left us," said Fr. Guillen.

FORTY YEARS AFTER L.A. WALKOUT- SITUATION STILL GRIM

Forty years ago this month, I joined thousands of Mexican-American students who shocked the city of Los Angeles by walking out of the public schools. We marched through the streets of East Los Angeles to peacefully protest the racism and educational inequality we faced in the schools.

The walkouts lasted for a week and a half and captured national attention.

More than 10,000 students participated, including students from the predominantly African-American Thomas Jefferson High School in South Central Los Angeles who walked out in solidarity with us.

The walkouts were the first major mass dramatic protest against racism and educational inequality ever staged by Mexican Americans in the United States.

The Los Angeles walkouts ignited the emergence of the Mexican-American civil rights movement - which came to be known as the Chicano Movement - throughout the southwestern United States.

Three months after the high-school walkouts, I was one of 13 organizers who were indicted for conspiracy to "willfully disturb the peace and quiet" of the city of Los Angeles. At the time, I was a first-year graduate student and the president of my campus chapter of the United Mexican American Students. I was arrested in the early morning hours while hard at work on a term paper. The trauma my family and I were forced to endure during my arrest and my subsequent imprisonment was a life-changing experience for me.

We faced 66 years in prison if convicted of the conspiracy charges. It took two years for our conspiracy case to be decided by the California State Appellate Court. The court finally ruled that we were innocent of the conspiracy charges by virtue of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting freedom of speech. If that amendment did not exist, I could still be in prison today instead of teaching at the University of California, Berkeley.

But the walkouts - and the Chicano Movement they ignited - did not eliminate Latino educational inequality.

There are more Mexican-American teachers and principals in the Los Angeles city school district, but the dropout rate is higher than it was back in 1968. Nationwide, Latino students are the most segregated and have the highest dropout rate. And the majority of Latino students who do graduate from high school are not eligible for college admission because they have been academically ill-equipped.

In California, Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has cut the education budget by millions of dollars. His priority has been to build more prisons instead of more and better schools.

At the national level, President Bush remains out of touch with the needs of Latino youth in the public schools in spite of proclaiming himself the "Education President." His "No Child Left Behind" law has not contributed to making the public school system better for Latinos and other youth of color.

Federal funding for public schools is grossly inadequate. Bush has yet to allocate funding for the development of a multicultural curriculum that can make the Latino experience - and that of other people of color - an integral component of public schooling. His priority is war.

The time has come for another round of student strikes against educational inequality. This time, however, students should be joined by all the teachers and administrators who share their concerns and are willing to demand that state and federal governments prioritize the educational needs of our youth instead of feeding the military-prison-industrial complex.

Carlos Munoz Jr. is a longtime activist and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley. He can be reached at pmproj@progressive.org.
EDUCATION MEDAL OF HONOR NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

SAN BERNARDINO - Forty individuals, businesses and organizations were nominated for the 17th Annual San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor in recognition of their contributions to public education in school districts throughout San Bernardino County.

Recipients of the Education Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Award will be recognized at a banquet on April 28 at the Etiwanda Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga.

Nominations for the Education Medal of Honor were made in six categories: Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteer; Volunteer in Action/Service Group; Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise; Partners in Education/Corporation; Excellence in Education/Education Professional; and Excellence in Education/Student Alumni.

The Education Medal of Honor program is sponsored by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBSCS), the San Bernardino County School Boards Association and the County Communicators Network.

2008 San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor Nominees

Central School District
Gary Anderson, territory manager, Lifetouch National Schools, Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise

Chino Valley Unified School District
Chick-fil-A Restaurant, Partners in Education/Corporation.

Colton Joint Unified School District
Katherine Garcia, teacher, Lewis Elementary School, Mary Garrison, teacher, Dan Morse, teacher, Bloomington Middle School: Excellence in Education/Education Professional category; Rotary Club of Colton, Volunteer in Action/Service Group.

Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program
Claudia Cooley, teacher, Greg DiGiovanni, teacher, Bonnie Farris, teacher, Becky Sharp, teacher: Excellence in Education/Education Professional category.

Fontana Unified School District
Philip Rue, teacher, Fontana Adult School, Jane Smith, superintendent: Excellence in Education/Education Professional category.

Helendale School District

Morongo Unified School District

Ontario-Montclair School District
Deanne Garcia and Robin Seayers, co-presidents, El Camino PSU, Volunteer in Action/Service Group.

Redlands Unified School District
Paul Barich, Emily Buecmann, Copo Middle School, Barbara "Bobbi" Cummings, Renee Carman and John Walsh, co-chairs for Committee on Measure J: Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteers; Cherry Bordeon, principal, Redlands Adult School, Denisse-Marie Morales, teacher, Redlands Adult School: Excellence in Education/Education Professional category: Robert Hodges, retired superintendent, Excellent in Education/Student Alumni; Larry Dodge, Excellence in Education/Student Alumni; Chuck Wilburn, owner, Shakey's Pizza, Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise.

Rim of the World Unified School District
Dean Gaton, PTA president, Valley of Enchantment School, Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteer.

School District
Richard Bryant, Pastor on Premises, Volunteer in Action/Service Group; Jamie Rios, bilingual/community research work, Excellence in Education/Education Professional; Doug Wilson, partner, Penn Hill. Properties/MBK Homes, Partners in Education/Corporation; Cheryl Brown, owner and editor, Black Voice News, Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise; Walker Corporation, Partners in Education/Corporation.

Silver Valley Unified School District
Ernst "Wally" Johnson, teacher, Excellence in Education/Education Professional.

Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District
Mary Drexler, PTA president, Dunlap Elementary School, Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteer; Bob Erickson, president, Yucaipa Valley Kiwanis Club, Volunteer in Action/Service Group; Beth Baker, owner, UPS Stores, Sue Gray, owner, Kopper Kettle Kafe, Richard Rios, attorney, Olson Hagel & Fishburn: Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise.

For more information, contact the SBSCS Communications Department at (909) 386-2413.

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