There is a lot at stake in this coming election on November 7, 2006. For years now, politicians—who have failed to create better schools, failed to secure economic opportunity for the poor, failed to provide a path to citizenship for immigrants—have counted on the fact that Latinos just don’t vote in big numbers. In the Inland Empire, a region with one of the largest Latino populations in the country, congressional representatives like Mary Bono, Jerry Lewis and Ken Calvert, who strongly support anti-immigrant legislation, count on Latinos staying home on Election Day.

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I. Education

There is no magic wand to fix education—but almost everyone involved agrees there’s a problem. Many citizens don’t realize they can choose who runs local schools by voting in local school board elections.

Why it matters to Latinos:

Schools with large Latino populations are almost always at the bottom when it comes to performance. Latinos continue to have high drop-out rates. The number of Latinos going to college is still minute compared to other groups.

How it’s local:

School board elections decide who will run the schools and how they will do it. In Moreno Valley, long time students-rights activist Victoria Baca is running for school board. She has pledged to address the low performance rates of Latino and immigrant students.

In San Bernardino, a district which is nearly two-thirds Latino, Joseph Turner, leader of the anti-immigrant group, Save Our State and his partner Alexus Ashley, are running for election.

Rather than address education issues, they said they will use the position to address immigration. In an e-mail to supporters in September Turner said: “I can assure you that I will use my position as an elected school board member to introduce, create and innovative solutions targetting our illegal alien problem.”

II. Immigration

The House of Representatives last year passed H.R. 4437, a bill to make felons of undocumented immigrants. Immigrant rights marches kept the bill from getting approved in the Senate but now legislators are trying to pass it. The House and the Senate approved the construction of a 700-mile fence along the border.

Why it matters to Latinos:

Without a path to citizenship, most Latinos won’t be allowed to vote in this country.

How it’s local:

Bono and Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona) both strongly support H.R. 4437. They both voted to build a 700-mile fence at the border. Calvert has said he “unequivocally opposes amnesty.” When two Border Patrol agents were found guilty and sen-
University of California, Riverside has a proposal for a full medical school that deserves the support of all Inland Southern California communities.

The school would be dedicated to serving the Inland Empire by training a diverse workforce of physicians and by developing innovative research and health care delivery programs that will improve the health of the medically underserved in the region.

It will not build its own hospital, but rather partner with regional hospitals and clinics for its students' residencies and rotations. It will focus on diseases and health issues specific to the ethnic and cultural groups that live in the region.

Statistics have shown that we already have a serious regional shortage of physicians and our rapid growth is making the problem even more serious. Studies show that the overwhelming majority of physicians establish their practices where they already have a serious regional shortage of physicians. This in turn affects the ethnic and cultural groups that live in the region.

The Hispanic community must establish their practices where they are served by physicians who share their same ethnicity and cultural values as their patients. Only 6 percent of current California physicians are Hispanic. UCR's School of Medicine goal is to increase the number of Hispanic physicians specifically in our region.

The nearly one third of UCR undergraduate students who are Hispanic can provide a valuable pipeline for achieving diversity in the School of Medicine. The campus FastStart Summer Academy already targets socio-economically and/or educationally disadvantaged students interested in health sciences, many of whom are underrepresented minorities. This intensive residential program enabled participants to pass gateway courses in chemistry, biology and mathematics at rates of 83 to 93 percent. UCR's current Medical Scholars Program facilitates student-to-student academic support for those interested in serving underserved communities in a health career. This can be a magnet for our Hispanic students to enter into science courses.

The school and its associated research also would have a profound impact on the area's economy. The Hispanic community must show wholehearted support for the proposal by filling out the endorsement at the top of the following webpage: http://www.medschool.ucr.edu/endorse.html.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News totally supports UCR in its endeavor to bring a medical school to the Inland Empire. Graciano Gomez, Publisher

Inland Empire Hispanic News

"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

John Quincy Adams

County of San Bernardino Registrar of Voters in coordination with the Bilingual Advisory Committee, and Cal-State, San Bernardino students launched the Early Voter Program at CSUSB to encourage students to vote. The students, faculty, and nearby residents were accommodated the opportunity for early voting at the Santos Manuel Student Union facility. The Early Voter Program was initiated by Gil Navarro, Dr. Tom Rivera, Associate Dean, and Registrar of Voter Department and community leaders, who had been meeting for over a year to initiate bilingual voting staff at the polls. The early voting at CSUSB including Supervisor Josie Gonzales, sponsor of the Program, Dr. Tom Rivera, coordinator, Registrar of Voters Kari Verjil, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters Terry Koaia, and college students. Photo courtesy of the Office of Supervisor Josie Gonzales

BUCHANAN GETS UGLY - - AGAIN

Commentary, Cecilia Munoz-New America Media

Editor's Note: Pat Buchanan's latest screed asks white Americans to lock and load against the invasion of nonwhite immigrants. It's a call to arms, yet mainstream pundits treat it as legitimate debate. There is, after all, a call to arms, yet mainstream pundits treat it as legitimate debate, writes Cecilia Munoz, vice president for policy of the National Council of La Raza. Immigration Matters regularly features the views of the nation's leading immigrant rights advocates.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—After a quarter century as an immigrant rights and civil rights advocate, I shouldn't be surprised when the debate over our nation's immigration policy gets ugly. It's a regular feature of a difficult and often emotional issue.

Immigration is at the heart of who we are as a nation, and those of us who fear demographic change and newcomers, and who worry about what these "strangers" mean to our nation's future, have been a force in the immigration controversy for as long as the United States has been in existence.

But it still shocks me when the discourse take the form of unabashed bigotry and hatred, and I'm especially dismayed that so much of this ugliness is relayed on our airwaves, framed as legitimate debate. Look at Pat Buchanan's most recent book, "State of Emergency: The Third World Invasion and Conquest of America," for example. It's nothing new; he wrote a book just like it 10 years ago, as he was preparing his failed run for the presidency. His relentless focus on race and ethnicity makes the book less a treatise on immigration than a disturbing call to arms to white Americans in what he believes is an ongoing culture war with everyone else in this country.

Buchanan starts with immigrants, but it quickly becomes clear that his argument is a white nationalist one, a pessimistic view of an America unable to cope with diversity. The country he describes is one I don't recognize. It bears no resemblance to the rich, diverse and vibrant community that we are, a people capable of sharing values despite differences in skin color and heritage.

Buchanan is, of course, entitled to his view, even if it is inaccurate and wildly offensive. People have the right to buy his book and even agree...
HIV/AIDS in Latino Community Has Reached Crisis Proportions
New NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health Reports Findings

Washington, DC and Long Beach, CA - A new white paper by the National Council of La Raza-California State University Long Beach Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training (NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health), Redefining HIV/AIDS for Latinos: A Promising New Paradigm for it, describes how HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community notes that HIV/AIDS is a health issue affecting virtually every segment of the Latino population and calls for a "new paradigm" to address the issues. The paper was released during a telephonic news briefing today.

"One of every five people with HIV/AIDS in this country is Latino. While the proportion of new HIV cases among Whites has fallen 44% from 1993 to 2004, the proportion of Latino cases has increased 23% over the same period," said Liany Arroyo, Director of NCLR's Institute for Hispanic Health (IHH).

The white paper is based on an extensive review of scholarly literature; findings from the NCLR Latino Families HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment, which combined 121 in-depth interviews with HIV-positive Latinos and 18 focus groups involving 201 Hispanics in 18 sites in the U.S. over the 2000-2003 period; and the December 2005 Latinos and HIV Summit at the NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health, which brought together 250 scholars, practitioners, community-based organization staff, policy-makers, peer health educators, and others to share experiences and best practices in the field.

"Hispanics" disproportionately high rate of HIV/AIDS is largely a function of increased transmission of the virus through heterosexual contact, which has more than doubled among both Hispanic males and females within the past three years, and rapidly rising infection rates among Latino youth," noted Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, President of the AIDS Education and Prevention (AEP) Needs Assessment study, Director of the NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health, and author of the paper.

"Our interviews and focus groups with HIV-positive and high-risk Latino males and females confirm that among the most significant causes of the epidemic in our community is the complex interplay of traditional gender roles, machismo, stigma, and lack of access to culturally- and linguistically-relevant health care and information," stated Dr. Rios-Ellis.

The vast majority of the HIV-infected Hispanic women who participated in the study were married or in stable relationships, and had no idea they were at risk. Even those who may have suspected their partners' risky behaviors felt "culturally-bound" from asking their partners to wear condoms, and those who did typically were refused," she continued. "The lack of gender and economic power among Latina participants made it difficult for them to negotiate when dealing with sexual and reproductive health issues. The multiple contexts of HIV risk in the Latino community were very complex, and multiple prevention strategies were needed to design and implement more effective ways to reach the Hispanic community. Time after time, Needs Assessment participants confirmed that they had not been exposed to any Hispanic-focused HIV/AIDS prevention education or media," stated Dr. Rios-Ellis.

"Fortunately, the research demonstrates that a new, family-centered paradigm shows great promise in reducing HIV/AIDS in the Latino community. By focusing on the traditionally strong family structure in the Latino community, we can empower both Latino males and females to protect the family unit from this health risk, while eliminating the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. Studies show that more empowered Latinas can have a significant impact on their mates' promiscuity to wear condoms, and are more likely to communicate with their children about sex. Meanwhile, by focusing on the man's traditional obligations to protect his family, this new paradigm could also use machismo as a key, rather than a barrier, to redefine gender roles in the context of HIV prevention," Dr. Rios-Ellis said.

"We need a new strategy that integrates new, family-focused themes with proven, tested approaches to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Latino community," asserted Ms. Arroyo. "Specifically, using science-based formative research, we can identify and test compelling messages to increase Hispanics' awareness of the disease and induce the behavior changes required. We can then deliver these messages through media-based social marketing -- the so-called 'air game' -- combined with a community mobilization strategy, using promotores de salud, or lay health educators, to conduct a complementary 'ground game.'

"We know that current strategies aren't working. This white paper gives us the critical new knowledge needed to design and implement more promising approaches. We call on all stakeholders in this effort -- government, the private sector, and our colleagues in the HIV/AIDS community -- to commit to addressing this critical issue in fighting this pandemic," Ms. Arroyo concluded.

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tenced to prison for illegally shooting Osbaldo Aldrete-Davila, a Mexican migrant, after Davila tried to surrender to them, Calvert said he was disappointed. "We should be committing Border Patrol agents," he said. "Not sending them to prison."

III. The War in Iraq

There is no way to vote for or against the war in Iraq. But Democrats and Republicans have said they see this election as a referendum on the war. Democrats, for the most part, have started to criticize the war, while most Republicans continue to support it.

Why it matters to Latinos:
The Pentagon spends hundreds of millions of dollars to recruit young Latinos to serve in the military. It searches what they wear, where they hang out, what kinds of groups they interact with, what the they read and what they watch on TV.

Francisco Suarez Del Solar, who started Proyecto Guerrero Azteca after his son Jesus Alberto Suarez Del Solar was sent to Iraq, has criticized the military's heavy recruitment of Latinos.

"Military service should serve as an option to those who are serious about their commitment in serving the country with arms," he says, "but for those who only seek to join the military service only to attain a higher education or for the simple reason of being more 'disciplined.'

Here is how:

U.S. Congressional candidates have a big say in the war. In the Inland Empire one of the major congressional races is between Rep. Mary Bono (R) and David Roth (D) in the 45th district. They are running against each other to represent the Inland Empire one of the major congressional races is between Rep. Mary Bono (R) and David Roth (D) in the 45th district.

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www.vote-smart.org will tell you exactly how your representative voted on all the major issues. The Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org, will tell you where each candidate gets his money. www.open秘密.org is specifically for California elections.

It outlines all of the propositions, issues and candidates on the ballot. For information on where to vote in San Bernardino County, you can go to http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/rev/general_info/default.asp or call 1-800-881-VOTE. In Riverside County, you can go to http://www.election.co.riverside.ca.us or call 1-800-773-VOTE Tuesday Nov. 7 is Election Day. There is a lot at stake -- but we can do something about it.

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."  
George Jean Nathan
IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS WITH AN AGING PARENT
By the American Counseling Association

For many people now in their 40s and 50s, an important issue now facing them is that their aging parents may no longer be able to care for themselves as they once did. Such situations can result in a variety of emotionally-laden decisions that require family discussions.

It can often be extremely difficult to discuss, never mind reach decisions, about issues such as where elderly parents should live, what health services are needed, the current financial situation, is there a current will, estate and power of attorney, or if it is needed, dental, medical, and life insurance.

But, while such discussions with an aging parent may be difficult and frustrating, they are necessary. And there are ways to approach such talks that can make them less prone to disagreement and more apt to lead to desired results:

• Talk in statements that use "I" rather than "you." Talk about "your feelings" about an issue, rather than taking the position that whatever you believe is correct while your parent's views are simply wrong.
• Pick a good time and place for important conversations, one that will make your parent mutually trust. But don't make your parent feel he or she is always being ganged up on.
• Respect your parent's right to argue and disagree.
• Accept that reaching necessary decisions may take time. See initial discussions as door openers, chances to get things started.
• Don't dominate the discussion. Listen to your parent's views and ideas, especially when the subject involves major decisions.
• Don't try to be judgmental. It takes time for an aging parent to accept the inevitable. Dictating to him or her "has" to be is only opening the door to a stubborn fight.
• Realize that your job is to offer advice and support, not demand how things "must" be.

It's emotionally difficult for parent and child when an aging parent can no longer handle everything on his or her own. Holding effective discussions on changes to be made can be much more productive, and far less traumatic, than simply trying to dictate decisions. If extra help is needed, seek out a counseling professional who specializes in geriatric issues.

The Counseling Corner is provided as a public service by the American Counseling Association, the nation's largest organization of counseling professionals. Learn more about the counseling profession at the ACA web site: www.counseling.org.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Community Development and Housing intends to present the following proposed substantial amendment to the 2006-2007 Action Plan:

Consolidated Plan

Each year since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are for eligible projects in the unincorporated communities and 13 cooperating cities. These cities are Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley.

To receive the 2006-2007 CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the County prepared a Consolidated Plan. The final Consolidated Plan and Action Plan was submitted to HUD on May 31, 2006 for funding approval. This notice is hereby given to invite the public to submit written comments on this proposed amendment.

Public Comment

Those individuals wishing to express their views on this substantial amendment may be present and be heard at the Board of Supervisors meeting or by submitting written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92408, attention Ms. Kelly Berry, Clerk of the Board. The packages containing the written original response to RFQ and five (5) copies must be marked with the firm’s name and “THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF A 13,000 SQUARE FOOT AIRPORT MAINTENANCE FACILITY” in bold letters. Such responses to RFQ will be received until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 28, 2006. Copies of the RFQ packet may be obtained from Owner’s Office located at 294 South Landen Way, Suite 1, San Bernardino, California 92408 at the Airport’s website at www.sbdairport.com under “RFPs/Bids.”

The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men.”

Lyndon B. Johnson
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 Vietnam, 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
WASHINGTON – College is getting priced out of the reach of more Latino students, according to a new report released by the Campaign for America’s Future today. The full cost of college for one year at a public university now consumes one third of America's Future today. The full cost report released by the Campaign for America's Future co-director Robert Borosage and League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Executive Director Brent Wilkes on a conference call with reporters to release the new report and to call on Congress to take steps to make college affordable and ensure that deserving Hispanic students are not priced out of college.

The report details how rising costs, stagnant incomes and flagging public assistance are pricing college out of the reach of more Latino students. And that is why it is particularly unjust for Latino students who are a direct expression of the conservative commitment to dismantling Government. From college to health care, conservative contributions made by the student loan industry giants Sallie Mae and Nelnet to each member of Congress based on their voting record. "Congress must restore the real value of federal aid by cutting the student loan interest rate in half and re-investing in the Pell Grant Program. Only then, can we begin to help students overcome debt burden and realize their dreams of going to college."

The new report documenting the rising financial barriers to higher education includes a record of key college affordability votes along with a letter grade for each member of Congress based on their voting record. The report also documents campaign contributions made by the student loan industry giants Sallie Mae and Nelnet to each member of Congress.

The new report finds that with tuition costs rising far faster than inflation, real wages still stagnant, federal assistance shrinking and states cutting back institutional support, millions of students are therefore foregoing college, dropping out, or incurring serious debt. "The cuts in student loan programs aren't an accident," said Robert Borosage, co-director of the Campaign for America’s Future. "They are a direct expression of the conservative commitment to dismantling Government."

From college to health care, conservatives argue that "You are on your own," but for Latino students with the good fortune of being born to privilege, this is shutting the door on opportunity, at great cost to this country.

"Education is the key to a better life and success," said Rep. Solis on the call. "For most Latino students college affordability and financial aid are the determining factors when making decisions about their college education."

"Therefore, it is disgraceful that the Republican leadership slashed federal student aid by $12 billion while college costs keep skyrocketing. At a time when our Latino students are being left behind, we need to work harder to make higher education more affordable and maintain programs that help students pay for college." Rep. Grijalva noted that across the country, the rising costs of attending a four-year public college coupled with the diminished value of the maximum Pell Grant have limited the college opportunities for many low income and Latino students. "Rather than helping the 1.8 million Latino students at degree-granting institutions, Republicans have made it harder to pay for college by cutting billions from federal student aid programs," said Rep. Grijalva. "Congress must restore the real value of federal aid by cutting the student loan interest rate in half and re-investing in the Pell Grant Program. Only then, can we begin to help students overcome debt burden and realize their dreams of going to college."

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Riverside, CA - The Riverside/San Bernardino Inland Counties Legal Services (ICLS) and the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association (IELLA) join forces with Pochteca Media to bring to the Inland Empire the Benefit Jam on November 19, 2006, to be held at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium. The outstanding show will help raise funds for these non-profit organizations to continue providing free legal services to low income persons in the Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Lending their talents to this cause, are well-known musicians, La Internacional Sonora Show and Tierra, as well as comedians Honest John, Greg Wilson, Willie Barcena and Eric Blake, who will also be the host of the evening’s festivities.

According to the 2005 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, population in Riverside County and San Bernardino County are below the poverty level, 14.2% and 14.7%, respectively. These organizations are in business to help those in this category to make use of their rights to legal services.

The mission of ICLS states, "Pursuing justice and equality for low income people through advocacy and community education, treating all with dignity and respect." The attorneys and volunteers believe this and take action to make it happen. They provide various services to these low income people across the Inland Empire focusing on these primary law practice areas: landlord/tenant, family law, public benefits, consumer, elder law, education, and health.

Through their free legal aid clinics, held in both English and Spanish, senior out reach efforts, and court assistance actions, they make many people more comfortable with situations they would not have been able to resolve otherwise.

In addition, IELLA aids individuals with family law, housing, consumer issues, free consultations, and preparation of documents. These legal services assure low-income individuals that their rights will be met.

The Benefit Jam will begin at 7 p.m. at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium located at 3485 Mission Inn Avenue in Riverside, CA. Tickets are now on sale: $22 for students with ID, $27 regular and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by phone at (714) 740-2000 or (213) 480-3232. Tickets will also be sold the day of the event for $27 for students, $32 regular. For more information or sponsorship inquiries, please contact Pochteca Media at 213-745-7717.

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UCR STUDENT RECEIVES ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND FELLOWSHIP
Aspiring teacher Irma Leanos is one of 25 undergraduates to receive fellowships from a nationwide pool

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Lynda Savage for School Board Committee ID #891014

RIVERSIDE, CA - UC Riverside fourth-year liberal studies major, Irma Leanos, 21, has received the highly competitive Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowship for Aspiring Teachers of Color for 2006-07.

These fellowships are awarded annually to outstanding minority undergraduate students in the arts and sciences wishing to pursue graduate degrees in education and to teach in American public elementary or secondary schools.

Leanos’ college studies concentrate on sociology with a minor in education. She is one of 25 students selected to the fellowship from a nationwide pool of 27 participating colleges or universities. Fellows can tap into as much as $22,100 to help finance graduate studies and internships over five years.

The current round of fellowships began over the summer and will continue until after the fellows have completed three years of teaching in the public schools. Participating institutions were selected on the basis of the overall quality of the institution’s undergraduate programs, its record of commitment to the education of minorities, and its stated goals to improve teaching in the public schools.

Leanos’ is an immigrant’s story, raised the first six years of her life in the small mountain town of El Carrizal, southeast of Puerto Vallarta, in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. At age 6, she came to California with her mother and four brothers to join their father and husband in Anaheim.

“I’m very fortunate to have parents who instilled in me the importance of education,” she said. When her frustration with learning English became an obstacle to attending school, her mother explained that the whole family was going through the same experience with her.

“She packed my lunch and sent me to school anyway,” Leanos said. “I never gave up on me because she believed that in spite of everything, I would get through it.”

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund fellowship seeks to call more attention to public school teaching as a fulfilling career and to provide new talent to those public schools with the greatest need of excellent minority teachers. The fellowship also seeks to retain these teachers and help them develop into leaders who will be agents for educational improvement.

UCR’s Graduate School of Education (GSOE) has participated in the program since 1991 and Leanos’ selection brings the number of UCR awardees to 14. Leanos graduated in 2003 from Santiago High School in Garden Grove, Calif.

UCR undergraduate minority students in the arts and sciences who are in their third year and plan to pursue a graduate degree in education upon graduation are eligible to apply during fall quarter. Students must identify a mentor, a member of UCR’s faculty or staff, who will be responsible for assisting the fellow in planning a summer project, for providing supervision as needed during the final year of undergraduate study, and for offering career guidance.

For more information about the program or the orientations, contact Patricia Gill at (951) 827-3753 or by email at patricia.gill@ucr.edu.

The Rockefeller Fellowship for Students of Color Entering the Teaching Profession includes a $2,500 stipend for the junior year summer teaching project. During their senior year, fellows will pursue their educational interests through further study, research, or volunteer teaching. Following graduation, fellows will enroll in full-time one- or two-year graduate teacher education programs that lead to credentialing and a master’s degree in education. They will receive up to $16,000 for approved graduate programs. Upon completion of their graduate work, fellows will begin teaching in K-12 schools.

For those who have incurred debts in pursuing their undergraduate education, the Fellowships will assist with loan repayment of up to $1,200 annually for each of the first three years of continuous teaching.

Additional Contacts: • Yolanda Venegas, program coordinator

"Kids come first" "Their interests will always be my top priority."
ROUTE 210 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD CLOSURES

Throughout the construction of Route 210, several questions have been asked again and again. These frequently asked questions are:

Q: When will the freeway be done?
A: SANBAG anticipates that Route 210 will be completed by late 2007, pending good weather and no unforeseen delays.

Q: Will route 210 open in sections or all at once?
A: The remaining 7.25 miles of Route 210 are expected to open to drivers all at once, rather than in segments.

Q: Where will the on-ramps and off-ramps be?
A: Ramps will be built at Alder Avenue, Ayala Drive, Riverside Avenue and State Street. Once Pepper Avenue is extended north to the freeway, ramps will be built at Pepper after the freeway opens.

Q: Where can I get a freeway map or more project information?
A: Call the toll-free project helpline, 866-HELP-210 or visit www.sanbag.ca.gov. Telephone calls will be returned by the next business day. Information is available in both English and Spanish.

ARMC's TRAUMA CENTER RECEIVES FIRST-TIME VERIFICATION FROM AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Colton, CA - The Trauma Center at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) has earned Level II verification from the Committee on Trauma (COT) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), demonstrating that it has achieved the highest standards of quality care for injured patients.

Established by the ACS in 1987, the COT’s Verification/Consultation Program for Hospitals promotes the development of trauma centers in which participants provide not only the hospital resources necessary for trauma care, but also the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of all injured patients. This spectrum encompasses the pre-hospital phase through the rehabilitation process. Verified trauma centers must meet the essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance, as outlined by the COT.

ARMC’s Trauma Center earned verification for the first time and is now the only trauma center in San Bernardino and Riverside counties currently verified by the ACS.

"Earning verification from the ACS is a tremendous accomplishment for our Trauma Center," said Dr. David T. Wong, ARMC’s Chief of Trauma and Critical Care Services. "We strive to provide top care for all of the patients that we serve here at ARMC and providing outstanding trauma services is an integral part of that."

ARMC’s Trauma Center received verification after surveyors measured the unit against a benchmark of recognized standards contained in the ACS Resources for the Optimal Care of the Injured Patient manual. Survey teams are comprised of experienced trauma surgeons.

The Trauma Center at ARMC is among the busiest in Southern California, seeing more than 2,000 patients annually for serious to critical injuries. The unit, which has eight treatment bays, is staffed 24 hours a day by trauma nurses, with surgeons, emergency medicine physicians, respiratory therapists, radiology staff, anesthesiologists and other health care professionals available immediately to treat patients suffering from numerous types of injuries.

For more information call Jorge Valencia at (909) 580-6338.

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featuring performances by La Internacional Sonoro Show and Tierra, as well as comedians Honest John, Greg Wilson, Willie Barcena and Eric Blake, who will also be the host of the night’s festivities.

Tickets are now on sale for $35 and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by phone at (714) 740-2000 or (213) 480-3232.

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