Today in downtown Los Angeles, over 1 million people demonstrated in support of immigrant rights. This was the largest demonstration in the history of California. March organizers announced from the stage that the crowd was over 1 million. Univision and other Spanish-language television reported that up to 2 million people marched. The Los Angeles Times, reflecting police estimates, gave the march 500,000.

"The March 25 event is now credited as the largest demonstration in California and the spark for a wave of marches and rallies that brought millions of people to the streets across the country for several months. It was the start of a movement that permanently shifted the debate on immigration reform."

Los Angeles Times

This spring’s massive immigration-rights protests, which drew more than half a million white-shirted, chanting marchers downtown March 25 and packed another several hundred thousand along Wilshire Boulevard on May 1. Organized in opposition to legislation sponsored by Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-Wis.) that would have ratcheted up penalties for entering the U.S. illegally and for assisting or hiring undocumented workers, the marches were the biggest political rallies that any American city outside of Washington has seen since the Vietnam era.

Los Angeles Times

**CONGRESSMAN JOE BACA CELEBRATES 60TH BIRTHDAY**

Friends of Joe Baca are honoring Congressman Joe Baca on his 60th birthday on Friday, January 26, 2007, at the National Orange Show-Valencia Room, 689 South "E" Street, San Bernardino, CA. social hour: 6:00 pm; dinner: 7:00 pm.

San Bernardino County Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales will give the welcoming address.

Tony Plana of ABC “Ugly Betty” is master of ceremonies for the evening. RSVP is requested; contact Natalie or Jeremy at (909) 889-8888 for reservations, e-mail at friendsfbsb@verizon.net, or visit at www.workingjoebaca.com.

**ENJOY CANTO BELLO CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 11, 2007 AT THE S.B. ELKS**

**THE BEST PHOTO OF 2006**

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This is to announce upcoming events for the Democratic Luncheon Club of San Bernardino. DLCSB meets at noon on Fridays now at Democratic Headquarters, 136 Carousel Mall (near the central glass elevator) in San Bernardino.

Thank you for publishing our speakers. If you have any questions, please phone Nancy Ruth White at (909)793 6229.

I will update you as we have more events to report.

Jan 26 - Peter M. Emelue, Paralegal with Inland Counties Legal Services.
Feb 2 - Danielle Hilder, Manager of Community Affairs for Planned Parenthood, "Chocolates for Choice".
Feb 9 - Mel Albiso, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources-Classified (SBCUSD) San Bernardino City Unified School District.
Feb 16 - Allan Rowland, Director, County of San Bernardino Dept. of Behavior Health.
Mar 10 - (Saturday Noon) Installation Banquet. Save the date!
A new Democratic Congress and Senate have quelled the terrorism fear mongers inside the Executive branch - at least for now. Surely they will soon resume with similar threats, especially about Iran, but before it begins, "We the People" need to seize the moment for some collective soul searching as a nation. We need to objectively reflect back upon that horrific event that has become the Pearl Harbor of the baby boomer generation - 9/11. And rather than dwell on what happened, we need to focus on "why".

Few want to actually confront the ugly truth, much less admit it. It is far more comfortable and even convenient to become the proverbial ostrich who buries his head in a hole to avoid the painful realities of life. When it comes to 9/11, we have become a nation in denial and here's why...

Over the last five years, "we the people" have been herded like sheep into frenzy of revenge - to find, punish, and kill anyone and everyone we can remotely link to the 911 tragedy. Very few of us, including the media questioned the motives, explanations, or "evidence" presented by our leaders, because we were too focused on retribution.

And while we were all distracted by the war mongering rhetoric about those invisible weapons of mass destruction, and fabricated "nuclear Iranian threats" we were also diverted away from the most important issues and questions of all. Even to this day, one American Senator or Congressman has had the courage to publicly ask "Why did this happen?" or "Why do people so far away hate America so much?" or more to the point: "What is the root cause of terrorism?"

The answers to these questions are quite ugly, but if you are a true American patriot, the truth, once confronted, is enlightening and provides a path to resolution of all the hatred and perhaps even peace in the world we must share with others.

First and foremost, we should all look around and notice that countries like Argentina, Norway, Austria, Singapore, Mexico, The Netherlands, etc. do not have to spend billions of their tax dollars fighting terrorism or send their children, husbands, and fathers off to die in bloody wars chasing down terrorists and so now the question becomes "Why not?"

Frankly, these countries do not have a history of invading, occupying or secretly fomenting revolutions in other sovereign nations. Their foreign policies are not confrontational, nor provocative, and they do not get their way in the world by becoming the biggest bully on the block who gets his way at the end of a gun barrel or economic extortion (aka "trade sanctions"). Likewise, these nations who live without fear of terrorism do not openly defy the United Nations, The World Court, or casually violate treaties whenever there is money to be made or lost (i.e. the Canadian softwood lumber case, SALT II Treaty, etc.). Most importantly, their governments do not attempt, much less force their "democracies" and cultures upon others as a "better way to live".

Their leaders certainly don't go on international TV and threaten, denigrate, and insult the leaders of other sovereign nations as our President does on a regular basis and as his father did as well.

Instead, they respect all cultures and leaders and find a quiet diplomatic way to deal with their differences.

Dialogue and diplomacy between the U.S. and our enemies have never been fully utilized since the 1960s. The American way has become the "or else" way recognized around the world.

But this arrogance alone is not what provoked 9/11 - it is just the underlying attitude of our current leaders that continue to fuel the flames of hatred and contempt that has even spread to some of our once greatest fans - the Europeans. We have let our "Superpower" status be misused and abused by a handful of greedy campaign fundraisers and their bought and paid for politicians whose own children will never see a battlefield. Our elected leaders could be respected and honored statesmen of the world yet this administration prefers the gun slinging, John Wayne swaggering cowboy approach to everything.

Machismo makes for great movies but not for world peace. Nobody likes provocations and ultimatums, yet that is what has emanated from the White House for the last six years, friends.

But getting back to 911, one only has to recall their childhood days and learning about that little "Golden Rule" - you know: Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.

It seems too many of us left it behind in our childhood even though it is far more applicable in world politics than on the playground at both socio-economic, and commercial levels. Just think for a moment, would any red-blooded American stand idly by while an American citizen was terrorized on their home territory by a foreign invader to depose our President by military force, reduce our cities and towns to smoldering ruins, take over Wall Street, Silicon Valley, and all of our oil wells and refineries.

Would we passively allow foreign soldiers to randomly break down our doors at 3:00am and traumatize our young children for life? And what if these foreign invaders killed over 30,000 civilians "by mistake" or tortured and humiliated those of us they imprisoned for resisting their imposition? What would we do?

Take it one step further and ask yourself how you would feel, and what would you do if you came home from the office one day and found your home destroyed by a "smart bomb" and bits and pieces of your charred children and spouse scattered all about?

The rage is compounded a hundred times by the fact these are innocent people, not soldiers, not politicians, but people just like you and I.

Without hesitation I think this happened in America, every one of us would arm ourselves to the teeth and fight to the death to expel the occupiers and seek revenge on those who killed our infants. We would be called "patriots" for our efforts, yet we let our government call the Iraqis "insurgents" for doing exactly what we ourselves would do. If someone killed your only child and wife, I too might strap on a bomb and hunt down the perpetrators. It matters not where these victims reside or what God they pray to, or what language they speak. Family is sacred in every culture around the globe and for almost fifty years, American for-
SOME REFLECTIONS OF THE "LATINO/BLACK CONFLICT ISSUE"
By John Brown Childs

Editor's note: The following article is a response to a previous article by Tanya K. Hernandez in the L.A. Times

By John Brown Childs

We of course should not ignore real lines of tension and must address those head-on. But to also ignore real lines of cooperation is no less damaging to the creation of effective strategies for progressive community based networks. In this sense the issue that L.A Times essay writer Tanya K. Hernandez raises about the need for "both sides" to come to grips with the problem is helpful but taken by itself it wrongly assumes a higher degree of homogeneity on "each side" that really exist. There are actually many facets to "each side" some of them positive, some of them negative with regard to cooperation.

I suggest that it would be helpful as an initial step to pull together a working group on the subject of something like "Building on Latino/African-American Cooperation" so that we do not leave the issue in the hands of negativistic media syndicates that are too happy to highlight tension and to ignore constructive interaction.

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RIVERSIDE GROUPS ORGANIZE COMMUNITY FORUM TO DISCUSS POLICE PROCEDURES

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HACU: CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S BUDGET A MIXED BAG FOR LATINO STUDENTS AND THE COLLEGES THAT SERVE THEM

Sacramento, CA - While pleased overall with Governor Schwarzenegger's investments in higher education in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08 in California, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) also expressed disappointment with elements of it.

On the positive side, HACU applauds the Governor's continued commitment to Career Technical Education (CTE) and the community college system: the $52 million dollar investment in CTE and the backfilling of revenues caused by reductions in the community college fees will be a boon to the large number of Latino students attending California community colleges. HACU also looks forward to another year of fully funded equalization for the community college system. In addition, HACU is pleased that the Governor lived up to the compacts signed with the University of California and California State University systems.

On the other hand, Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cut funding for Student Academic Preparation and Education Programs. The Governor removed $7 million from the California State University System and $19.3 million from the University of California in academic preparation funds. These programs are essential to the academic success of many Latino students. Furthermore, HACU was disappointed that the Governor chose not to buy out the proposed fee increases that will hit CSU and UC students. The CSU and UC systems need the monies generated in order to continue to provide a world-class education to their students; however, these fees will cost UC students an added $104.7 million out of pocket and CSU students an additional $97.8 million. HACU hopes the Legislature will consider fully funding the needs of the higher education systems and buy out those fee increases.

"As the budget process moves forward, we hope the Legislature will recognize the importance of a world-class education system that is financially accessible to all students. We strongly urge the Legislature to fully fund the academic preparation programs at the CSU and UC systems, and to buy-out the proposed fee increases. Adequately funding public higher education is critical to the economic and social health of the state as well as to the personal and professional development of its citizens," said Antonio Flores, President and CEO of HACU.

HACU represents more than 450 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America and Spain. Currently, HACU has 96 members in the state of California and in September of 2005 opened a regional office in Sacramento to handle Hispanic higher education legislative and policy issues in the western region of the U.S. Although its member institutions in the U.S. represent less than 10% of all higher education institutions nationwide, together they are home to more than three-fourths of all Hispanic college students. HACU is the only national educational association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).

LAWMAKERS WANT MUSEUM TO SALUTE LATINOS' U.S. ROLE

WASHINGTON — Congress is exploring the possibility of building a national museum in the capital that highlights the historical contributions of Latinos in American society.

Legislation has been filed in the House and Senate that would create a commission to study the viability of a Latino museum, and create a public-private partnership to raise funds to build a museum.

"Although American Latinos have made and continue to make significant contributions to the culture and history of the United States, many of those contributions goes unrecognized in the official narrative," said Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-CA.

The 23-member commission would be made up of policymakers, experts and others. The museum would showcase artistic, cultural and historical contributions of Latinos in the United States.

Legislation has been filed in the Senate by Sen. Ken Salazar, D-CO, and Sen. Mel Martinez, R-FL. The House passed a similar bill in the last Congress, but the Senate took no action. Becerra said the bipartisan nature of the legislation would create enthusiasm and broad support for the bill.
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for a future school site in the district. Colonel Rodriguez was named Bing Wong for a future school of Honor for bravery and valor during the Korean War. Bing Wang, former restaurateur and community activist, has contributed over $290,000 in scholarships to San Bernardino school students.

The San Bernardino School District Board of Trustees, at its January meeting, voted unanimously to name future school sites Monterey II and Emmerton II for Colonel Joseph C. Rodriguez and Bing Wong, respectively, after receiving recommendations from the Superintendent's Naming of Schools Committee (SNSC).

The SNSC had a series of meetings for several months to submit names and also receive recommendations from the public for potential names for the two school sites scheduled to be built in the near future.

Other names considered by SNSC were: Pakuma, Esther Murillo, Leslie Harris, George Brown Jr., Marion Blackwell Davis, Graciano Gomez, Harry Brown, Dr. Mildred Henry; and Richard Roberds.

Richard Roberds

Joseph C. Rodriguez was born and raised in San Bernardino, where his family was well established for many decades. He attended local schools, graduating from San Bernardino High Schools and San Bernardino Community College. He entered the Army in the fall of 1950 and after training was sent to Korea in 1951.

Pfc. Rodriguez distinguished himself for conspicuous gallantry and action at the risk of his life when, as an assistant squad leader, he charged a well-fortified high enemy position of automatic weapons, small-arms fire and grenade attacks from five emplacements. He charged up the hill, and lobbed grenades into the first foxhole, continuing his run, he destroyed an automatic weapon emplacement with grenades, reaching the top of the peak, destroyed two more foxholes, and continuing his run, and he destroyed a remaining gun displacement and annihilated its crew and its defense stronghold.

For his bravery and valor, Rodriguez was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman.

Rodriguez married the former Rose Aranda of Colton in November 22, 1952. He remained in the Army and rose to the rank of colonel. He retired in 1980 after 30-year service and settled in El Paso, Texas. He was appointed Director of the Physical Plant at the University of Texas-El Paso, responsible for the construction and maintenance of facilities, retiring after 10 years.

Rodriguez passed away in November 1, 2005, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, San Bernardino. His widow, Rose, resides in El Paso. Their first-born, Charles Gary Rodriguez, graduated from West Point. He is presently the Adjutant General for the State of Texas, commander of the State Guard, Air National Guard, and was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General.

Laurence, the second son, is Vice President of Business Banking for Wells Fargo Bank in Reno, Nevada. The youngest is daughter Karen Victoria, a registered nurse, married to retired Lieutenant Colonel Sid Sharp, and home teacher for her children.

Mrs. Rose Rodriguez, in a telephonic call to the Inland Empire Hispanic News, commented on the naming of the school for Colonel Rodriguez.

"My family and I are very grateful and honored for the naming of a school after my husband, Colonel Rodriguez. He was very loyal to our country and supportive of our democratic way of life. He was also dedicated to our youth and spoke at many schools throughout the country to our young students about the value of continuing their education, respect for our country and to their parents.

Our hope is that his ideals will be a model for many of our young people.

Bing Wong was born in China in 1911 and came to the United States at age 13. He attended fourth through seventh grades in San Bernardino (he worked at a local restaurant washing dishes and scrubbing floors while attending the seventh grade).

In 1941, Wong started his first restaurant in a home on Highland Avenue. In 1956, he opened Bing's Cathay Inn on Highland Avenue, and the establishment became a landmark for many decades in San Bernardino.

Wong became active in many community activities, and was a member of the San Bernardino Rotary Club. His primary interest was the support of education and culture.

In 1957, Wong gave a scholarship for a graduating student at San Bernardino High School. In 1963, he founded the Bing Wong Scholarship Foundation, which initially provided two scholarships for each of the 50 schools in the San Bernardino City School District. Since then, the Foundation has awarded more than $250,000.

In 1998, Wong initiated a scholarship project for newborn children. The scholarship provides for $100,000 to be awarded to 36 newborn whose parents can match the funds to start a scholarship saving account.

Bing Wong has been an extraordinary benefactor of education in San Bernardino. In an interview in 1993, he stated, "I could never think of any alternative better to put money into than education."

Many in the community have commented that his example has spurred others to establish scholarship funds.

"He has made the community aware that there are needs that can be met. The name of Bing Wong attached to a school in our community would be an eloquent testimony to the impact that individuals can have on the education of the young."

REP BACA APPOINTED TO CHAIR AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE Will Lead Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA) was today appointed as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry as the Committee completed its organizing for the 110th Congress, finalizing its membership and subcommittees.

Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) praised Rep. Baca following the announcement of his selection as a subcommittee chair, saying "Chairman Baca brings great energy and experience to the subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. Under his leadership, I expect that the subcommittee will play an active role in developing the Farm Bill and ensuring the efficient administration of all USDA programs."

Rep. Baca said, "I am excited and honored to assume this leadership role. This subcommittee has important responsibilities including promoting nutrition and anti-hunger efforts that help residents in our local communities as well as nationwide."

"Chairing this subcommittee will also enable me to better address key concerns of my district and the Inland Empire including the national forest and wildfire prevention," he explained.

The Agriculture Committee will be especially busy this year as the Farm Bill must be reauthorized. This comprehensive legislation includes an array of farm programs and addresses food assistance programs, commodity supports and agricultural trade. Many provisions in the current farm bill, which was written in 2002, expire in September 2007.
TERORISM - GROWN FROM AMERICAN SEEDS?

Have we surrendered our integrity and public conscience to the oil Giants that sponsor our pols?

By Bruce A. Gorcyca-EDITORIAL

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ality as we all have just experienced in Iraq.

Most people do not realize that American troops have invaded and occupied more countries in the last fifty years than any other nation even the Soviets (i.e. Grenada, Panama, Haiti, El Salvador, Iraq, Kuwait, etc).

Americans killed more Iraqi civilians in the last four years than Saddam killed in his last decade of rule. As you read these very words, we have our troops in 89 countries around the world and less than half of those nations invited them. We are the only nation in history to use nuclear weapons against another country, yet our President regularly tries to dictate which other countries should “be allowed” to have them. Throw in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and how can we possibly expect anything else but contempt from the world?

It is now no secret that our own government has recruited and funded the campaigns of over a dozen ruthless dictators in the last half century (i.e. Somoza, Marcos, Noriega, Saddam, etc) and even a few terrorists like the Taliban and Bin Laden, who George Bush Sr. once called “freedom fighters” when they were trying to expel the Soviets from Afghanistan. But now that we have replaced the Russians as the occupiers, the “terrorist” label becomes more convenient. These waffling allegiances of ever-changing convenience do not go unnoticed in the world, and honestly, if you witnessed the events of the last ten years abroad as a Jordanian, Italian, Peruvian etc. could you possibly trust the American government?

We Americans may enjoy the luxury of modest wealth and technology, but we do not have a monopoly on intelligence. Politically we may even be one of the least astute people on this planet given our tolerance of the current status quo in America. It matters little that we call ourselves “liberators” if the rest of the world sees us as “aggressors”, “invaders”, and occupiers.

It is the public’s perception of reality rather than the actual reality itself that our politicians manipulate so well. “Imbedded” news crews are a great way to censor the news as even the late Peter Jennings pointed out in a CBC documentary.

While President Bush adheres to his “might makes right” policies, what little friends we have left in this shrinking world are being alienated by the scores. We have become a nation that is feared but no longer trusted nor respected - a dangerous scenario that breeds even more hatred and scheme to attack “the common bully”.

There is a way of course, to stop most of this hatred and restore some of the world’s lost respect and trust in America, but the solution is not one that would ever be easily embraced by our current administration.

It would require some simple but public acknowledgements and basic apologies to the people of Iraq and followed with restitution for civilian casualties and a sincere effort to rebuild Iraq back to its original modern glory and polished sheen. We must admit that our invasion of Iraq was a mistake based on misinformation and clearly tell the world that Iraq had no role in 911 as we now know to be true. Our government would have to open a dialogue with those whose hatred runs deep because Muslim law mandates that they “forgive all who seek forgiveness with a sincere heart”.

We would not have to abandon our support for Israel, but our support for Israel could no longer be unconditional. It would have to be a fair and just alliance that compels Israel to be a good neighbor.

Diplomacy and perseverance would only prevail if we compel our government to stop exploiting and meddling in foreign lands, and withdraw our troops from lands where the local people clearly don’t want them. All of this would demonstrate a genuine will that just maybe, might be embraced and bear fruit.

Granted, it might take decades to undo all the hatred and emotional scars we inflicted upon these people, but is not a life without fear of terrorism in a relatively peaceful world worth the effort? If we continue on our current path of “big stick intimidation” policy it won’t be more than a decade before we willfully isolate ourselves in the world from even our most traditional allies.

Should the world really do as we say and not as we do? Indeed, America is a great country and superpower. But nobody appointed us as the world’s policeman or babysitter. Our real national interests should stop at our own borders and our troops utilized only in genuine national defense or clear threat of imminent attack. We have the security of nuclear deterrence so there is really no need for political arrogance.

Norwegians sleep safe, secure, and soundly every night, and so can we, if we choose to be a good neighbor in the world and actually abide by that Golden Rule principle, a simplistic solution? Perhaps. But we’d have to at least try to find out. Those who died five years ago at the World Trade Center would not want their deaths nor the sacrifice and suffering of their families to be in vain. As a civilized, intelligent, society, do we not owe them something more than just revenge? Do we want to leave our children a better and safer world, or shall we just keep our heads in the sand?

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**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES MORE THAN $350,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2007-08**

SAN BERNARDO, Calif. – The California State University Foundation has dozens of endowed scholarships available to students for the 2007-2008 academic year. Through the CSU Office of the Chancellor, more than $350,000 in scholarship funds are available to students who will be attending the university’s 23 campuses throughout California.

Students attending Cal State San Bernardino must submit their scholarship applications to the CSUSB financial aid office no later than March 7, 2007.

In most cases, California State University systemwide scholarships require that students maintain full-time status during the academic year in which the award is received. Eligibility is re-verified each quarter during the scholarship award period.

Applicants who have not previously received a CSU systemwide scholarship will be given priority over equally qualified applicants.

The 2007-2008 academic scholarships now being announced are:

- DALE M. SCHOETTLER SCHOLARSHIP—$5,500 scholarships are available for students who have overcome adversity, demonstrated financial need and have attributes of merit, in particular those with visual or physical impairments. Each eligible campus may submit up to two applicants.

- GREGSON BAUTZER UNIVERSITY FUND SCHOLARSHIP—two scholarships valued at $2,000 per academic year for four years are available for California Academy of Mathematics and Sciences students who only attend any CSU campus.

- GLEN AND DOROTHY DUMKE FELLOWSHIP—one $1,000 fellowship is available for a graduate student in public policy, American history, economics, archival management or government who conducts a research project on California in the CSU library/archival collections.

- CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS—ROBERT M. ODELL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—Four $1,600 scholarships are available for upper division undergraduate or graduate students in public administration at eligible campuses. The WILSON C. RILES EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP—four $1,000 scholarships are available for first generation college students enrolled in a CSU teaching credential program at eligible campuses.

- ANGELINA ALIBERTI RUGGIE AND LAWRENCE L. RUGGIE ENDOURED SCHOLARSHIP—two $1,250 scholarships are available for students studying the humanities at selected campuses.

Cal State San Bernardino financial aid office also has information about hundreds of other scholarships that are available for students who have overcome adversity, demonstrated financial need and have attributes of merit, including superior academic performance, exemplary community service and significant personal achievements. Campus presidents nominate one scholarship recipient per campus.

- NATHANIEL R. AND VALERIE DUMONT SCHOLARSHIP—six $4,000 scholarships are available for students with financial needs, especially those with visual or physical impairments. Each eligible campus may submit up to two applicants.

The Supreme Court overturned a previous decision by the Ninth District Court of Appeals in San Francisco, stating that court had committed an error in their interpretation of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The new decision by the Supreme Court gave federal immigration officials more power to deport immigrants with legal status for secondary roles in crimes, said one lawyer.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the proposed substantial amendments to the County’s 2006-2007 CDBG Action Plan listed below, and to solicit citizen comments regarding these amendments.

**BACKGROUND**

Each year since 1975, the Cal State University system has qualified to receive federal financial and community development grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are available to communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. In 2005, HUD renewed the County’s qualification to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME funds for Fiscal Years 2006, 2007 and 2008. The CDBG 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, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. For the purpose of these grant funds, this area is referred to as the “County Consortium.”

To receive the CDBG, ESG, and HOME grant funds, the County prepares a consolidated grant application. The 2006-07 consolidated application consists of the County’s updated 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan and the 2006-2007 Action Plan. On April 18, 2007, the Cal State University Board of Supervisors approved the proposed Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. Upon completion of the public review period and after all comments were received and considered, the final Consolidated Plan and Action Plan was prepared and submitted to HUD on May 31, 2006 for approval. The County’s 2006-07 application, which covers the County’s July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 Fiscal Year, was submitted to HUD on May 31, 2006.

PROPOSED CDBG, ESG AND HOME SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS: The following proposed amendments would substantially change the CDBG and HOME portion of the 2006-2007 Action Plan:

- Initiate a new project to install solar panels at the Barstow Senior Citizen’s Center, to increase energy efficiency and lower utility costs, utilizing $35,000 of CDBG funds from unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisory District.

- As a CDBG funded activity, the Hispanic Library Construction project, because other non-CDBG funds were used for that project, and reprogram the project’s $100,000 CDBG allocation to unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisory District.

- As a CDBG funded activity, the Miracle Center Heat/HAC/DooDoor Improvements project, because the center has not agreed to accept the funding, and reprogram the project’s $20,000 of CDBG funds to unprogrammed funds for the First Supervisory District.

- Initiate a new project to construct handicapped accessibility improvements to the Upland Firehouse Museum, utilizing $150,000 from the Walker/Eisen Building Handicapped Accessibility improvements project in Upland, and cancel the Walker/Eisen Building project as a CDBG-funded activity.

- Initiate a new CDBG-funded project to re-pave Newport Avenue from Grand Terrace Road to Interstate 25 E, utilizing $103,133 of CDBG funds to construct the Federal Equal Opportunity grant project for the Road Improvement Project, to re-pave a contaminated site in Grand Terrace, and cancel the future study phase project as a CDBG-funded activity.

- Cancel a CDBG-funded activity, the construction of kitchen improvements to the Temple Community Outreach Center in San Bernardino, and reprogram the project’s $67,075 to unprogrammed funds for the Fifth Supervisory District.

- Reprogram $15,000 of CDBG program income funds from the Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund (BusEx) Program to the existing Small Business Enhancement Loan Program to increase the funds available for small business loans.

- Change the scope of the HOME Program-funded “Multi-Family Rental Property Acquisition and Rehabilitation Loan Program” to “Affordable Housing Development Loan Program,” and delete the existing HOME Program-funded “Rental Property Rehabilitation/Refinance Program” and reprogram its current allocation balance of $1,600,000 to the “Affordable Housing Development Loan Program.”

ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT PROVISIONS: Items may be added or deleted from this list of Proposed Substantial Amendments at the Board of Supervisors hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

For a period of thirty (30) days beginning on January 15, 2007 and ending on February 13, 2007, the public is invited to submit written comments on these proposed amendments. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. February 13, 2007 cannot be considered in the preparation of the amended Consolidated Plan. Send comments to the County’s Department of Community Development and Housing (CDH) at the address shown below.

Those individuals wishing to express their views on these substantial amendments may be present and be heard at the public hearing or may, prior to the time of the hearing, submit writing to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0310.

If you challenge any decision regarding the proposed above proposal in court, you may be limited in raising those issues if you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral testimony at the public hearing regarding this proposal. You may make your written comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately.

**Count of San Bernardino**

Department of Community Development and Housing
290 North “D” Street, Sixth Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0046

Attn: Program and Compliance Section or call (909) 389-0859
HEALTH FAIR FOR TEENAGE MOTHERS AT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER-RIALTO

New Beginnings Community Services has scheduled a health fair on January 27, 2007 at the Senior Citizen Center, Rialto for young teenage mothers and other persons. Goal is to provide services and educate for all. The health fair will from 10:00 - 4:00 pm, with Information booths from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. There will be 3 different classes consisting of: Lactating/Breast feeding, Nutrition (Signs & Symptoms of Child Obesity), Alcohol and Drugs on the unborn fetus, smoking cessation, and dental care for babies and children (bottle syndrome decay the teeth).

For everyone attending the classes will received: stroller, diapers, breast pump, baby gifts. Free lunch to support health nutrition from 12:00 -1:00pra. For information call at 909 888-1387 or newbeainninQscs@vahoo.com.

UNIVERSITY OF THE INLAND VALLEYS

The San Bernardino City Unified School District is sponsoring a Teacher Job Fair

Saturday, February 24, 2007
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The fair will be held at:
San Bernardino Adult Education Building
1200 North "E" Street, in San Bernardino
For more information & to schedule an interview, please call (909) 381-1228.

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Call 909-884-8276 for application and requirements or visit our website at www.sanbog.ca.gov
Filing Deadline is 01/26/07 4:00 p.m., or until filled.

REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) y Southern California Edison (SCE) le invitan a la exhibición pública para aprender más del Proyecto de con Fiabilidad de Transmisión de Riverside.

Jueves, 25 de Enero, 2007
Vestibulo del Aeropuerto Municipal de Riverside
6951 Flight Road
Riverside, California
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Este proyecto propuesto incluirá construcción de líneas nuevos de 230 y 69 kilovolts (kV), mejoramientos a líneas de transmisión existentes 69 kV, una nueva estación secundaria de 230 kV, /ER3IDE y una estación secundaria de 69 kV.

Para más información visite a www.riversidepubllcutilities.com.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

$59,883-$76,502/yr

Plus excellent benefits

The Fifth Supervisorial District of the County of San Bernardino is seeking a qualified individual to represent the Supervisor in the communities located in the District. This is an unclassified contract position that reports directly to the Chief of Staff for the Fifth District.

The ideal candidate will be bilingual and possess exp working with community-based orgs and the media. This exp should include having served as a rep/ liaison for a govt’, private or bus org involved in community relations and/or activities. APPLY BY: 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2007

SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

$31,761-$40,560/yr

Depending on qualifications, plus benefits

The Fifth District Supervisor for the County of San Bernardino is recruiting for a Special Projects Coordinator to plan, direct and coordinate logistical and marketing activities related to the Fifth District in the County of San Bernardino. This is a contract position. The ideal candidate will be bilingual, have 2 yrs of recent customer/ constituent exp including working in a fast-paced prof environment and have exp as a secretary setting calendars, e-mailing, answering phones and taking notes. APPLY BY: 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 2, 2007

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UNITED WAY OF THE INLAND VALLEYS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SEED GRANT FUNDING

(Riverside-California) At their November board meeting, the United Way of the Inland Valleys Board of Directors allocated $37,714 in seed grant funding.

Seed grant funding, a one-time award, addresses issues in communities that have limited accessibility to health and human service resources, programs and services.

Interested 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit agencies in the communities of Banning, Beaumont, Cabazon, Cherry Valley, Jurupa, Mira Loma, Rubidoux, Glen Avon, Pedley, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Quail Valley, Wildomar, Moreno Valley, Perris, Temecula, Murrieta and Riverside, should submit applications on or before January 18, 2007 by 4:00 PM.

For more information contact Jeannie Miley, Vice President, Community Matters (951) 697-4711.

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