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Delgado Selected to Lead San Bernardino City Schools

Dr. Arturo Delgado
SBCUSD Superintendent

The Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources of the San Bernardino City Unified School District is the Board of Education's choice for superintendent of the District. Dr. Arturo Delgado takes over from Dr. E. Neal Roberts, who retired on June 30, 1999.

Dr. Marlin Brown, Board president, said Delgado brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new assignment. The Board and I have agreed that with his extensive background in education and in our District, Dr. Delgado is the right person to guide us into the next millennium. He has been leading our Human Resources division for two years and has brought us through an extremely rough time of recruiting and hiring new teachers. Because of San Bernardino's size, class size reduction has hit our District especially hard, but Dr. Delgado has never wavered from the task of finding us the very best teachers available.

The new superintendent says he is looking forward to the opportunity to lead the tenth largest school district in California. "Among large urban districts, San Bernardino stands out as a good example of what can be done with hard work and determination. Our recent test scores are a good example of that. Although, historically, students from districts like ours aren't expected to do as well on standardized tests, I'm delighted that San Bernardino has kept up with districts throughout the state. Yes, of course, I see room for improvement, but we have made an extremely fine start," Delgado says.

From his first assignment as a teacher at Baldwin Park nearly 20 years ago, he has come up through the ranks, serving as an assistant principal, principal, coordinator and assistant superintendent in the Alvord Unified School District. He was educated at East Los Angeles City College and California State University, Los Angeles, receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees. He earned his doctorate in Education Management from the University of La Verne.

The new superintendent was selected from a field of 29 candidates after the District instituted a nationwide search last March to replace Roberts.

Summer Residential Program at UCR Gave High School Students a Taste of College

Forty-nine high school juniors and seniors have been designing and building robots and studying ways to reduce air pollution in a five-week residential program at the University of California, Riverside to help students prepare for college and stimulate their interest in science, mathematics and engineering.

The MESA (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement) Summer Program, was scheduled to run through Friday, July 30, also included academic courses in algebra, pre-calculus, chemistry and physics, as well as workshops on such topics as career exploration, word processing, goal setting and time management. The students have taken several field trips to investigate careers involving in-depth knowledge of math, science and engineering; for instance, they have visited a firm which designs and builds robots.

Riverside County Community Action Plan Meets in Palm Springs

Education, government, corporation, non-profit organization, community leaders and elected officials completed a three day conference recently held in Palm Springs for first ever Riverside County Community Action Planning concept in which conference members finalized 90 day and annual community action planning projects for the county.

The goal of the conference was to bring community leaders from every sector of the county into a single location and discuss and analyze the most critical needs in the county and formulate solutions, via community action plans (CAP), to improve the quality of life for Riverside County residents, said Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, in his initial talk to the conferences.

Throughout the conference, the 180 conferences participated in a series of workshops where discussions centered on vital issues affecting the general population. Issues were identified into subject areas and conferences organized into task forces based on those issues, focusing on the development of community action plans on 90 and yearly time frames.

Every task force incorporated identical themes into their plans: focus on youth; build families and communities; embrace and celebrate diversity; communicate and form relationships; and share and connect resources.

"These leaders generated high quality action plans," Long stated. "Throughout this process, commitment and caring was exhibited in their plans. The families of Riverside County will be the beneficiaries of their quality efforts."

In the forthcoming year, a CAP task force plan to create county youth centers where information on drug and alcohol abuse prevention can be disseminated; others will put forth efforts to bring new ideas for making transportation more accessible for people in need of those services.
Throughout his life, Congressman Brown was a voice for Civil Rights for all Americans. "In the Legislature, I have fought for equal educational opportunities. A good education is part of the 'American Dream.'"

"Under Congressman Brown's direction, our nation continued to lead the world with historic breakthroughs in science. Closer to home, he and I worked on an economic development plan for the conversion of Norton Air Force Base.

"In the legislature, I pushed to narrow the 'digital divide' that threatens to create two classes of citizens...those who are prepared to meet the challenges of our computer driven new economy and those who will be left behind."

"I believe that the Congress of the United States must invest more time improving health care, protecting Social Security and stopping drug abuse."

"In the Legislature I fought for real HMO reform, wrote tougher drug laws and protected Supplemental Security Income for the elderly and disabled."

"Two weeks ago our nation lost a voice. We lost Congressman George Brown. Last week we lost the voice of a new generation. We lost John F. Kennedy, Jr."

"In the weeks that follow, I will run a campaign for Congress that honors both of their memories and the ideals that their lives embodied."

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

- Hispanic Bookcase has relocated at new address: 1345 University Ave., Suite E, Riverside (nearest cross street: Iowa), business hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:30 to 6:00 PM. Ph. no. (909) 82-0049.

August 21
- Sociedad Progresista Mexican, Inc., announced its Annual Scholarship Dinner/Dance at the KSJ Hall, 18339 Arrow Blvd., Fontana from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Luna Tropical Orquesta will provide music from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Tickets: $14 per person/ dinner. For information call (909) 822-3265.

August 28
- Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine/City of San Bernardino-Main Street Inc. sponsoring First Annual Caliente Music and Food Festival at Court Street Square, San Bernardino. Special dishes by area restaurants; music by Latin jazz artists and other entertainment. For information call (909) 786-1385.

September 10
- Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is hosting Legislative Luncheon at UCR Riverside Extension Center, 11:30 AM, with State Attorney General Bill Lockyer as keynote speaker. The luncheon is commemorating 20th anniversary of the chamber. Sponsorships for the event are available, For further information call at (909) 340-3906.

Leader of Chicano Movement Visits Riverside on Aug. 5

Organizations at the University of California, Riverside are sponsoring a reception and book signing for Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez, one of the principal leaders of the Chicano movement, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Zacatecas Hall, 2472 University Ave., Riverside.

Dr. Gutierrez, along with Cesar Chavez, Reies Tijerina, Corky Gonzales and many others, helped to shape the Chicano movement of the 1960s and 70s. His activism included co-founding MAYO (the Mexican American Youth Organization) and La Raza Unida Party (RUP), the political party that took control of Crystal City and their areas of South Texas.

Today, he is a practicing attorney and a professor of Political Science at the University of Texas. He is the author of a memoir called, "The Making of a Chicano Militant: Lessons from Crystal."
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Washington Mutual Names Adrian Rodriguez to Post

LOS ANGELES - Washington Mutual has appointed Adrian Rodriguez first vice president and manager of corporate Communications, overseeing the company’s California and Texas regions.

Rodriguez was formerly vice president of Corporate Communications for Home Savings of America which was acquired by Washington Mutual last year.

In his new post, Rodriguez will serve as the company’s primary spokesman in the Southwest. He will also manage the bank’s public relations and media relations activities surrounding the integration of the Home Savings franchise into Washington Mutual and help the company build brand awareness among the regions’ burgeoning Hispanic community. Rodriguez is based in the company’s downtown Los Angeles office located at 1000 Wilshire Blvd.

“Adrian brings more than 12 years of financial public relations experience to our Washington Mutual team,” said Bill Ehrlich, senior vice president of Corporate Communications. “His knowledge of these consumer markets and solid relationships with key local journalists make him a real asset to our company as we seek to increase awareness of our company’s products, services and community outreach efforts throughout the region.”

Bradley students receive Presidential Academic Awards

Mr. Trevor Daley, representative from U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein’s office and Ms. Linda Jenkins, representative from the Mayor’s office with Stephanie Bolanos, Diana Cerrillo, Leticia Lopez, Tim Gloudeman, Rene Solano, Vanark Hong, and Michael Saravia Presidential Academic Award honorees.

Seven Bradley Elementary students were honored to receive Presidential Academic Awards at the school’s recent awards and promotion program. The honored scholars are Stephanie Bolanos, Diana Cerrillo, Leticia Lopez, Tim Gloudeman, Rene Solano, Vanark Hong and Michael Saravia.

Before presenting the awards, Santosh Trikha, principal of Bradley, read a letter of congratulations to the students from President Bill Clinton. The awards are given annually to students for outstanding academic achievement and are part of the President’s education awards program. Also attending the awards presentation were parents, Linda Jenkins, representing Mayor Judith Valles, and Trevor Daley, local representative for Senator Diane Feinstein. Daley and Jenkins toured classrooms after the awards program.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO SUCCESS!

Bustamante Praises UC Merced Chancellor Selection

SACRAMENTO — Lieutenant Governor Cruz M. Bustamante today announced his strong support for the selection of Carol Tomlinson-Keasey as the first chancellor of University of California, Merced.

“I am pleased that the University of California Board of Regents approved Carol Tomlinson-Keasey as the founding chancellor of UC Merced,” Bustamante said.

“She is a natural choice, and I look forward to working with her to make UC Merced the most technologically sophisticated educational facility across the nation. She has been involved in UC Merced from the very beginning, and she has shown a commitment to making our new university a model for educational excellence.”

Tomlinson-Keasey’s selection was announced by UC President Richard Atkinson at today’s meeting of the UC Regents in San Francisco. The Regents approved her selection, and she assumed the post August 1. Tomlinson-Keasey, 56, served as the UC’s vice provost of academic initiatives in the Office of the President. She is a psychologist who has been a longtime UC faculty member and administrator.
Please Help Us Save Our Sons

The following article is a plea from two separate families who each has a child in critical need of heart transplants. The families are urging the public to aid in locating heart donations.

*My name is Brenda Currie. I was born on July 8, 1999, in Vancouver, DC, Canada. I was born with hypoplastic right heart syndrome with several other complications. I was flown down here from Vancouver Children's Hospital when I was one week old. The David Foster Foundation is sponsoring my mom and dad so they can be here with me. I need a new heart soon so I can grow up and play with my big brother.

*My name is Samuel Marty. My parents discovered in May that I would be born with a fatal condition called hypoplastic left heart syndrome. They decided to move to Loma Linda so I could receive a heart transplant from the most experienced surgeons at the best medical center. They moved from Kennewick, Washington, in the middle of June and I was born on July 2. I've been waiting for a new heart for over three weeks, and my mommy and daddy are really worried.

If the worst should happen, and either of our sons dies waiting for a donor heart, we are committed to donating their healthy organs to help save other infants who may need them.

Brian and April Currie or Steve and Becky Marty may be contacted at the Community Relations office at Loma Linda University Medical Center at (909) 558-4149.

Graduation Celebrates Accomplishments

COTTON - A graduation ceremony Thursday celebrated the accomplishments of 22 alternative education and homeless students who successfully completed the Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA) Summer Youth Employment Training Program.

The students, all in education classes operated by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, attended school each morning and worked afternoons. A total of 120 hours of work experience was required to complete the JTPA program.

Employers in the summer program for the students included the Child Development Services Department of SBCSS, the Education First school that provides education for homeless students; San Bernardino County Department of Public Social Services, and Rialto Unified School District.

Eleven of the students were offered additional work experience time where they were currently assigned. One of the students landed a full time job at Rialto Unified as a result of his participation in the program.

The ceremony took place at the SBCSS office located at 1060 East Cooley Drive, Colton.

Ortiz Named Tournament Umpire

After 27 years umpiring Little League games, Rob Ortiz of Colton may have the most challenging assignment yet as he was named one of eight umpires from California to serve as an official in the upcoming 1999 Western Regional tournament.

Ortiz began his career as a baseball umpire in 1972. By 1975 he was umpiring Little League baseball. Often better known as "Blue," Ortiz has officiated everything from Little League to high school and college games, including All-Star games.

He joined District 21 umpires in 1984. Since then, Ortiz has umpired district, sectional, division and Junior Western Regional tournaments. And while as an umpire not everyone might approve of every call he makes, the players seem to respect him.

Ortiz received a rousing chant of "Rob, Rob" as he arrived at Pico Park in Grand Terrace to umpire a girls' softball game.

He has an eye for the game, but his skill was honed as he graduated from Little League Western Region Umpire School. Ortiz's experience in baseball has him working most weekends and even volunteering his time.

Currently he umpires with Grand Terrace Little League at Pico Park in Grand Terrace. Ortiz began working with the league umpiring while league games were still played at Municipal Park on Mt. Vernon Avenue in Colton. He has also managed two major league All-Star teams in district play.

The 1999 Western Regional Tournament will start Aug. 10, and continue for two weeks. Fourteen teams from western states and Hawaii will be in San Bernardino for the event. Ortiz is one of eight umpires from California who will officiate at the tournament with six umpires from the other states.

When not in his blues, Ortiz works for the San Bernardino Water Department in the service section. He has been with the department for 15 years.

His daughter, Nicole, played softball for Grand Terrace and at high school. His son, Trevor, also played baseball and was an All-Star with the Little League.
Dennis Lopez appointed first Director of MESA Schools Program at UC-Riverside.

Lopez said that he learned early in life that education was his only option to escape the poverty he experienced while growing up.

He received a B.A. in Comparative Culture-Social Science at UC-Irvine, an M.Ed. Administration, Harvard School of Education and completed his Ed. D. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy at Harvard Graduate School of Education, and will complete his dissertation, "Assessing the Impact of the Elimination of Student Affirmative Action in Freshmen Admissions at a Campus of the University of California" in mid-2000.

In reviewing his early life and total educational and professional opportunities, Lopez said that he added a second principal. "It is my strong belief that we can always give back to the community by expanding educational opportunities."

"I am very proud of my wife, Dr. Teresa Marquez-Lopez, who earned her doctorate in 1998 from Teachers College of Columbia University, and my children, David, 10, and Andrea, 4."

Lopez comes from the tough Southeast San Diego area in a single parent family of eight children, he being the fourth and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1975.

"I was not the best student in school, however, I was fortunate in having a mentor and role model in Dr. Ruben Carriedo, my counselor in high school, who was instrumental in encouraging me to concentrate in my studies and strive for a college career. He was responsible for my application being accepted at Irvine. He is truly a friend and I owe him a lot.

He was accepted at Irvine as a freshman under the EOP, "on a crest of opportunity" for Latinos, which today would be unlikely given with his high school grades and the competitiveness of UC admissions, Lopez remarked.

"My greatest role model and teacher was my mother. She taught me to have faith to find the strength and courage in facing challenges which I have accepted as a principal in my professional life. She raised eight children under the most difficult of circumstances and was the greatest inspiration in my life," he stated emotionally.

Dennis Lopez, director of UCR-MESA Program stated that his mother, Beatrice Lopez, (above) was his role model and teacher, responsible for giving him faith, strength and courage in facing the challenges of life and his greatest inspiration. Mrs. Lopez, a single mother, raised eight children.

Ruben Lopez and Anna Marie Acosta, 11th graders at North High School in Riverside, are highly motivated young students who applied for the UCR-MESA Program. The Program schedules summer intensive courses in math, science, engineering and motivational classes, with the ultimate goal of stimulating an interest for students to develop career goals in the math and science fields.

Lopez and Acosta, who are strongly supported by their respective families, stated having a definite interest in science and math at their high school and being MESA students gives them added skill on those subjects. And the MESA Program schedules highly skilled professors that lecture on a whole array of courses and workshops.

Lopez will enroll at UCR after graduation and has set a career goal on business and finance. Acosta has set her goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.
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**HEAD START REGISTRATION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY IS NOW IN PROCESS**

The Riverside County Office of Education is recruiting children ages 3-5 years for the 1999-2000 school year. Head Start is a free Part Day, Full Day, or Home Base educational program for young children of low-income families. The program provides supportive services, including medical/dental, mental health, nutrition, social services, and parent education. Head Start welcomes children with disabling conditions. For more information, please call 1 800 600-1800.

**White House Scheduled Campaign**

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, along with representatives from the media, Hispanic youth serving programs, foundations, and others, will participate in a White House meeting on Hispanic youth - hosted by the First Lady. At the long planned meeting, invited guests and participants will explore some of the challenges and opportunities Hispanic youth face. High-light some promising work currently underway to assist Hispanic youth, and announce new efforts to promote the achievement of Hispanic youth.

The Latino population is the fastest growing major racial/ethnic group in the United States. Currently, Latinos have the highest teen birth rate among the major racial/ethnic groups in the United States. And the teen birth and pregnancy rates for Latinos have not decreased as much in recent years as have the overall U.S. teen birth and pregnancy rates.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has taken a major outreach effort to Latino youth and families on the issue of preventing teen pregnancy. Part of that effort includes leveraging commitments from a variety of key media leaders to help focus the nation's attention on issues facing Latino youth, including teen pregnancy. A number of these media commitments will be announced.

"The rates of teen pregnancy and childbearing in the Latino community are of particular concern. With the help of the First Lady - and the dedication of a number of media leaders and others - we want to make sure that more Latino youth make adolescence a time for education and growth, not pregnancy and parenthood," said Sarah Brown, Director of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is a nonprofit, nonprofit organization whose goal is to reduce the teen pregnancy rate by one third between 1996 and 2005.

**IEROC Classes for Section 8 Families**

The Inland Empire Regional Opportunity Counselling is a program of the Volunteer Center of Riverside, a nonprofit organization. IEROC is a housing initiative whose goals are to expand landlord participation in the Section 8 program. The program also offers Section 8 families optional classes in such subjects as parenting, credit repair, resume writing and job interviewing. The IEROC program currently operates in Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

IEROC, in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Riverside, is offering a free seminar that will explain landlord’s Federal/Section 8 Rental Assistance. The seminar will cover both the Section 8 certificate and voucher programs, as well as explain the benefits of renting to Section 8 clients. Our guest speaker will be Tom Nielsen, a supervisor for the Housing Authority of Riverside. The seminar will be on Thursday, August 19th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, at the Salvation Army Center, located at 3695 1st St. Riverside, CA 92501, between Main St. and Orange St. entrance located on the South side of the building at 1st Street. Interested participants please RSVP to (909) 666-3143.

**Riverside County Schools Win Grants**

The Riverside County Office of Education has also received a grant award of $1,045,169 for the 1999-2000 Riverside County School to Career Partnership. The grant will be shared by a consortium of 18 public school districts and four community college districts in Riverside County, from Corona to Blythe. The award will allow the partnership to continue its efforts toward ensuring all students are prepared for post-secondary education.

School-to-Career is an approach to education that links students, parents, schools, businesses, and others to create a brighter future for all of California's youth. It's a new way of preparing students for entry into college and careers by making learning more relevant. Students taught in this manner do better academically, are committed to lifelong learning, and gain a better understanding of the skills needed to be successful.

Thirty-seven School-to-Career partnerships submitted applications, and Riverside County's was one of only two grant proposals in the nation that received a score above 90 points (out of 100).

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Another type of job opening is available for the position of Hispanic Community Analyst.

San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs is soliciting requests for proposals (RFP's) to select a provider of alcohol and drug prevention services in the west side of the City of San Bernardino. For further information, contact C. Haven Fearn at the Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs at (909) 421-9452.

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ROP Partners with Construction Professionals

SAN BERNARDINO—Understaffed by some 4,200 workers, the Southern California construction industry is forming a partnership with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) Regional Occupational Program to train students in the construction trades.

The shortage estimate of qualified workers developing in Southern California comes from The Associated General Contractors of California (AGC), a trade association headquartered in Sacramento.

The AEC Industry is one of the largest employers in the state, paying the average high school graduate between $10 to $17 per hour. A job in the construction trades ranges from $32 to $45 an hour or more, she said.

"We are excited about this partnership with Associated General Contractors and the opportunity to prepare qualified, competent employees who will have unlimited career opportunities as a result of the training we are establishing," said Bob Ciauri, director, SBCSS ROP.

More than 100 Rialto Unified students participated recently in a SBCSS ROP Workforce Development Career Conference which featured more than 20 employers representing all construction trades. Martin Match, chairman of the Board of Match Corporation, addressed the students emphasizing the importance of math and computer skills as well as a positive attitude and the desire to work.

There were 16 school districts participating in the SBCSS ROP.

For more information, contact McCoy at (909) 387-4459.

Riverside Conference Wednesday, August 4, 1999

The resource and information sharing task force which developed an information sharing program for residents, organizations and agencies in Riverside County. The task force is part of ten task forces in the recent conference in Palm Springs attended by 180 leaders. Photo by IEHN.

The CAP task force on sharing and connecting on information and resources will address the Board of Supervisors for support in the development of a central information system to be available to residents, community-based organizations and government and education agencies, thus sharing information and avoiding duplication of services.

This task force is preparing a county wide program that will use one toll free telephone system to link residents in need of aid with the correct social service or profit service agency.

I like the idea of coming together and trying to resolve the needs of our communities.

Nancy Hart

Others will identify available service agencies and the education task force will advocate and ensure that literacy and life time learning programs will be available for all the school districts.

In all, ten task forces will be having future meetings to impend goals and objectives of their respective plans.

This is an exciting conference because it brings outstanding leadership to resolve problems and develop programs to meet our needs.

Tony Coggs

Community leaders who attended the recent Riverside Community Action Planning conference in Palm Springs, in a group session discussing issues pertaining to their respective communities. Photo by IEHN.

Pictured above is part of the conference attending the recent Riverside Community Action Planning conference recently held at Palm Springs sponsored by the Riverside Department of Education. Photo by IEHN.