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LIEHN awarded the Riverside School District's Volunteer of the Year in 1996. Since 1980, and was announced his candidacy for the Riverside Unified School District Board of Education. Dr. Armando Gonzalez-Caban, a 23 year Riverside resident, said that leadership is desperately needed at the school board level. "Current fiscal constraints call for new approaches to resolve our limited resources. The district’s resources must be leveraged collaboratively with county, state, and federal resources. And it is not currently being done," he said. His added concern is the fiscal structure of teachers salary in comparison with teachers in other districts.

Gonzalez-Caban sees a greater need in the collaboration between partners.

LATINA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN RIVERSIDE ENERGIZES EMPOWERMENT

Hispanas Organized for Political Equity (HOPE), a state-wide advocacy group, sponsored a weekend conference for Latinas at the Riverside Office of Education, co-sponsored by Latinas Women’s Forum of Riverside. The conference presented demographic issues on Latinas in the Inland Empire and workshop discussions on challenges facing the group in the political and social areas.

Latinas are statistically lower and/or higher, depending on the specific demographic to other groups: according to Angela Acosta, policy director for Hispanics Organized for Political Equality (HOPE). Acosta spoke at the Latina Leadership Roundtable at the Riverside Office of Education, sponsored by HOPE and Latina Women’s Forum of Riverside. HOPE is a California advocacy group that addresses political and social/ economic issues concerning Latinas at the local and state level.

Acosta addressed 45 invited Latinas from Riverside and San Bernardino to a weekend conference, reviewing statistical profiles of Latinas in the region. "Latinas represent a large segment of the Inland Empire population, and are growing more rapidly than any other ethnic group, therefore being of importance as a large comparative group.

In California, the Latino population is the largest minority group, with 32.4 percent and 37.8 percent in the Inland Empire. In terms of per capita income. Latinos in the Inland Empire fare below the state level at 37 percent. In the Inland Empire, Latinas have a greater percentage of home ownership at 58.9 percent compared...
CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK APPOINTS
WILLIAM (BILL) ROMAN TO VICE PRESIDENT

ONTARIO, CA - D. Linn Wiley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Business Bank, has announced the appointment of William (Bill) Roman to the position of Vice President and Banking Officer at the Ontario Airport Business Financial Center.

Mr. Roman has over thirty-two years of banking experience with an extensive background in administration, credit lending and business development. Prior to his appointment with Citizens Business Bank, Mr. Roman was Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager at Community Bank in Fontana, California where he specialized in developing banking relationships as well as development and management of commercial loan portfolios. He was formerly Vice President and Business Banking Officer at California Federal Bank in Glendale, California.

He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of California Los Angeles as well as a Graduate Certificate from the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Roman is active in the community and is a Board Member of the Rancho Cucamonga Rotary; and the YMCA. He is also a member of the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Roman served in the U.S. Army and is fluent in Spanish.

CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK APPOINTS
TERESA ROMERO TO VICE PRESIDENT

ONTARIO, CA - D. Linn Wiley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Business Bank, has announced the appointment of Teresa Romero to the position of Vice President and Credit Officer for Sanwa Bank where she managed the SBA loans.

Ms. Romero received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Sciences from the University of La Verne as well as General Banking Degree from the University of Nevada.

INLAND MEXICAN HERITAGE DEBUTS LIVING ON THE DIME
A VIEW OF THE WORLD FROM ALONG I-10

Robert Gonzalez fulfilled a decade-long dream when he presented the Inland Mexican Heritage (IMH) Project - Living on a Dome at a recent reception at the Arts on Fifth in San Bernardino with 50 representatives from cultural and community groups in attendance. Gonzalez spoke on his vision of documenting the history of early Spanish and Mexican settlers and in recent decades of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans that have settled adjacent to the 1-10. In the early stages of his project, he received funding and resources from the Redlands Smiley Public Library.

Gonzalez was successful in receiving a grant from the California Council for the Humanities that allowed his project to expand the research and documentation of the Mexican population adjacent to the I-10.

Mary Curtin, a representative of the California Council for the Humanities, spoke on their support for IMP and the value of preserving the history of the Mexican culture and traditions.

Alfredo Figueroa, a civil rights activist and historical archivist, spoke on the history of the Indian tribes in Blythe and Sonora desert. (IEHN is scheduling a review of the book of the history of the Sonoran tribes by Alfredo Figueroa in a later publication).

"Our staff is working full speed to document individual and community profiles along this geographical and natural freeway. This will give us a historical perspective of the people, traditions and demographics of the early and present residents of these important areas," Gonzalez stated.

Dedicating his talents and history degree, Gonzalez has worked for a decade on a full time basis on interviewing individuals, collected and documenting their personal histories, collecting photographs and paraphernalia, principally concentrating in the Redlands area. In the early stages of his project, he received funding and resources from the Redlands Smiley Public Library.

"This is the basis for designing the project, A View Of The World Along I-10. We intend to continue our project at full speed to document individual

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Elmy Bermejo, president of HOPE, addressed the Latina Women's Conference on issues facing Latinas and encouraged conferees to volunteer in community groups and political activities. Photo by IEHN

Latinas have large business ownership in the state at 33.2 percent and a strong percentage of growth since 1997, a significant positive trend. Acosta stated, however, that Latinas have limited representation in political offices. “For a large representative group, Latinas should pursue greater influence in public offices where policies are adopted and issues of importance are discussed.” There are fourteen elected Latinas in San Bernardino County and seven in Riverside County.

Maria Figueroa, Riverside Community College trustee and Teresa Parra, San Bernardino City School trustee spoke on their experiences as elected officials.

Both stated that getting involved in their communities at the grass root level, joining local service groups, non-profit community-based organizations, is the start in the right direction. Women with career goals of seeking elective offices should seek appointments on advisory boards at the city and county level, where issues are discussed and recommendations are submitted to higher levels. Latinas are often challenged on their ability to perform at the community level and must overcome those perceptions.

Parra said that Latinos must also overcome a machismo culture of women's roles and stand as role models for young women.

HOPE is scheduling a series of workshops throughout California to interrelate with Latina activists and distribute the resources that are available, said Mary Rosas, HOPE senior vice president.

HOPE President Elmy Bermejo strongly stressed the importance of voting, especially in the forthcoming October 7 recall election. Bermejo stated that an important item, Proposition 54 will be on the election ballot. The ballot measure, sponsored by UC regent member Ward Connerly, if approved would prohibit the collection of demographic data on racial groups. The data is frequently used for statistical reports, health, social and economic formulas to determine needs and funding formulas. Bermejo cited examples of Latina teen pregnancy and other health data essential for determining need. “This would make community organizations like HOPE ineffective,” she said.

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**Wednesday, August 13, 2003**

**JUAN CARLOS LUNA- OUTSTANDING CSUSB STUDENT**

Juan Carlos Luna has many acolytes to write into his resume. A former recipient of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, Luna has completed his MA in Education with an emphasis on Language Literature and Culture at Cal State, San Bernardino, and has received a number of awards: the Outstanding Student Leader of the Year, Outstanding Graduate Student for the College of Education, the Hall of Fame for Delta Sigma Chi Co-ed, the Apple Grant for promoted new events such as "AS! Movie Nights" and "Welcome Back Yotes." He served as CSUSB Associated Student Incorporated vice president for two years.

**DR. ARMANDO GONZALEZ-CABAN CANDIDATE FOR RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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ents, students and teachers. The key for the success of the student is the involvement of the parent in every facet of education system. "We must encourage parents to bring the interest of family into each child's school environment," he said.

Gonzalez-Caban received a BA and MA from the University of Puerto Rico and a Ph.D. from Cornell University. Before joining the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service as research economist in 1980, he was assistant professor at the University of Puerto Rico. Currently, he is adjunct professor of Environmental Economics at UCR, and has previously served as a consultant on forest services for many South American countries under the sponsorship of the International Development Agency and visiting professor at the International University of Andalusia, Spain.

Involved in PTA activities for many years, Gonzalez-Caban was president at Emerson Elementary School, University Heights Middle School and North High School. In 1996, he received the Riverside School District's Volunteer of the Year. His membership includes RUSD Superintendent's Round Table, Boundary Committee and Latino Advisory Committee. Other memberships include chairperson of the board of directors of the Concilio for the Spanish Speaking, a non-profit group providing child care for low and middle-income families, and treasurer of the Latino Mentor Program, a group that provides counseling to high school students to gain greater access to higher education.

Gonzalez-Caban has a daughter, who graduated from North High School and a son, attending that high school.

"We must meet the needs of our students in our age of technology and the world of work. The question is of leadership and priorities. Our students and community deserve better."

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL/QUOTATIONS**

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be accepted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21885 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 for the following:

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Bids will not be accepted from anyone not attending a mandatory bidder's conference. To obtain a copy of the RFP/RFQ refer to the following:

http://WWW.aqmd.gov/rfo/

If you have questions regarding this RFP/RFQ, please contact the person listed.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Riverside, has established an Overall Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal of 10% applicable to the Department of Transportation assisted contracts and that a Notice of intent to establish an Overall Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal of 10% applicable to the Department of Transportation assisted contracts is available for inspection for thirty (30) days following the publication of this Notice.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

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The City of Riverside proposed Overall Annual Goal and its rationale were developed in response to U.S. Department of Transportation's New Disadvantaged Business Program Final Rule (49 CFR Part 2) and are available for inspection for thirty (30) days following the date of this Notice. Comments will be accepted on the Goal for forty-five days from the date of this Notice.

Comments can be forwarded to the City of Riverside at the above stated address or to:

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LOCAL LATINA, JENNIFER BACA, ATTENDS CHICANO LATINO YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Jennifer Baca, daughter of Congressman Joe and Mrs. Barbara Baca, recently attended the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project in Sacramento. CLYLP is a 20-year long program to orient Latino youth in Chicano Latino history, civil rights, community involvement and leadership skills development. Baca, a 3.5 GPA, is a senior at Rialto High School, involved in school and community activities.

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Baca's academic background includes being a GATE student, advanced placement courses including calculus and other math courses, varied history courses, science and English courses. She also has a strong interest in school and community activities, including being a performer in the Inland Empire Youth Mariachi Group and volunteering in political and church activities.

According to Baca, the week's agenda included Chicano-Latino history, Mexican-American civil rights movement and its history, Cesar Chavez and his struggle for the farm workers, leadership skills, Latino art and culture, family culture and other Latino-Chicano related subjects. One of the scheduled days in the conference was attending the state capitol, learning how the state government is run and opportunities to meet elected and administration officials.

We were able to have meetings and evaluate what we learned in each of the workshops. These meetings helped us recognize the importance of our heritage and help us to think and develop what we want to do for ourselves," Baca said.

CLYLP was the brainchild of the late Robert Gracia, born in Ontario and residing in Riverside for many years. Gracia and other Chicano activists advocated the concept in the late 1960's and early 1970's of sending young Latino students from throughout California to Sacramento, orienting them with an in-depth agenda of Chicano history and exposing them to the management and politics of the state government. The concept then after became the basic format for what is now known as the CLYLP.

The competition for selection to the annual CLYLP is garded by students that excel in their academics, school and community involvement and recommendation of teachers and community leaders. Baca's academic background includes being a GATE student, advanced placement courses including calculus and other math courses, varied history courses, science and English courses. She also has a strong interest in school and community activities, including being a performer in the Inland Empire Youth Mariachi Group and volunteering in political and church activities.

"I really learned a lot at the excellent workshops and the professionals that conducted those workshops and most of all, the administrators that planned the courses. All of us asked a lot of questions about education, problems with gangs, teen pregnancy, politics, interrelations with adults and our peers, future careers and many other things that young people are faced with. They gave us good answers and we also came up with good solutions," Baca said.

"Most of all, we met people from all over California and had fun talking about our backgrounds and what we wanted to do for ourselves."

Baca, a 3.5 student, is planning to enroll at the University of California, Los Angeles and major in music and a secondary major in political science.

"What I learned at CLYLP was pride in myself about being a Latina, proud of my history, importance about people relationships and looking at things, getting an education and coming back to help in my community. This was a great experience for me in Sacramento."
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