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Yolanda Cabrera was recently appointed director of the Language Support Services Division for the Colton Unified School District. “I am very appreciative of my appointment by the school district, and will serve the district and our children to provide the very best education that they deserve to become successful students in higher education and in their career goals,” she said in an interview with the IEHN.

Cabrera has had a long and successful career in the Colton School District. Growing up in Bloomington, she became the family’s teacher to her five siblings, and not surprisingly, ferreptive of my appointment by the very best education that they deserve to become successful students in higher education and in their career goals,” she said in an interview with the IEHN.

Cabrera taught at the elementary level for 17 years at various elementary schools. “I enjoyed teaching these young minds and endeavored to give them valuable basics that would be helpful in their future. I also gave them many hugs,” she said emotionally.

In 1992, Cabrera was appointed director of the District Bilingual Division, with administrative responsibilities for Title VII grants. WASC accreditation team member, coordinated the state bilingual education compliance review; coordinated an investigation for the district with the federal Office of Civil Rights; initiated the first “Reading Buddy Program” in the district; and other duties related to bilingual education programs.

Cabrera was appointed principal of the McKinley Elementary School in 1997. She established an effective record as administrator and developed a close relationship with the community and local businesses. She has served on numerous committees and task forces related to bilingual education, and has been a vocal advocate for the needs of bilingual students.

Cabrera is a member of the California State Board of Education and serves on the California Bilingual Education Task Force. She has been recognized for her contributions to bilingual education and has received numerous awards and honors for her work.

Cabrera-Hometown Dedication to Education
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY FUNDING TO IMPROVE CRITICAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNTY WIDE

(San Bernardino County) — As part of its efforts to provide quality programs and services for young children and their families, First 5 San Bernardino Commission today approved $9 million in funding to support local community organizations. The funding will focus on improving prenatal care services, health care access and special needs programs countywide over the next three years.

"These investments will improve local services and help ensure our county's children are entering the world and being raised healthy," said First 5 San Bernardino County Executive Director Richard Jarvis. "It also provides First 5 San Bernardino with the opportunity to work more collaboratively and effectively within our communities, which is priority for the Commission."

In March and April, First 5 San Bernardino conducted community meetings for the purpose of engaging local residents, parents and community-based organizations in discussing funding area priorities. More than 15 community meetings throughout San Bernardino County's six regions were held, and more than 400 residents participated. Such Community feedback guides the Commission to target funding toward improving prenatal care, health care access and special needs programs countywide.

Organizations and individuals interested in applying for the community funding opportunities up to $100,000 annually are encouraged to attend the workshop.

- Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - Programs for Children with Special Needs:

The workshop will be held from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the Clarion Hotel, 295 N.E. Street in San Bernardino. To request a space, please call 386-7706. To obtain a copy of the application, please visit, www.first5sanbernardino.org. Applications are due by Friday, July 21, 2006.

"From the beginning of this process we have listened to the concerns of families and used our resources to help address their needs," said First 5 San Bernardino Commissioner and County Supervisor, Josie Gonzales. "Their input has helped us to identify specific programs and services they need and value. We are taking a significant step today as we work with the community to provide these specific programs and services countywide for families with young children."

As part of its goal to improve local child care, the Commission also voted to approve $800,000 in funding to support its 2nd annual Make a Difference Day (MADD) efforts. The funding will be used for new playground equipment for seven selected child care sites countywide.

For more information about the workshop, community or MADD funding opportunities or other First 5 San Bernardino programs, please call 386-7706 or visit www.first5sanbernardino.org.

First 5 San Bernardino

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. First 5 San Bernardino, in partnership with 47 contracted service agencies, provides a variety of programs and services designed to promote support and enhance the early development of children prenatal through age 5 in San Bernardino County.

SAN BERNARDINO Fourteen San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools(SBCSS) Regional Occupational Program (ROP) students were recognized with awards and scholarships at a regional competition on May 9.

The students were recognized at an event held at the San Bernardino Elks Lodge No. 836 and sponsored by the California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs Inland Empire Chapter.

Fifty ROP students from Baldy View, Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa and SBCSS were represented. Scholarships ranged from $20 to $150. Students were judged on their employability applications, resumes, interviews and portfolios reflecting ROP course skills in eight categories.

"We are proud of every ROP student who participates in this competition," said Mark Lyons, director of SBCSS ROP. "Each of these students has demonstrated qualities that lead to success."

Judges were impressed with the entries. "The caliber of student was incredible," said Lorraine Velarde, district director for Assemblyman Joe Baca Jr. "The students amazed me, and I was impressed with every student I interviewed," said Peggy Cranford of Elks Lodge No. 836. Gold medal and $150 scholarship winners from SBCSS ROP were:

Mersades Medley of Arroyo Valley High School for home economics education, child development and family services.

Richaun Tremble of Rialto High for health occupations/health science and medical technology.

Silver medal and $100 scholarship winners were:

Estivaliz Cuartango of Eisenhower High for industry and technology/transportation.

Bronze medal and $50 scholarship winners were:

Morgan Acacio of Rim of the World High for arts/media/communications and entertainment.

Raymond Cormier of Rim of the World High for information technology/office occupations.

Jose Contreras of Silverado High for public services/service occupations.

San Bernardino County Supervisor, Josie Gonzales.

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San Bernardino, CA 92404
ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION, MUSICIAN SAMMY HAGAR JOIN FORCES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BURN CENTER

Musician and former San Bernardino County resident Sammy Hagar is partnering with the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) Foundation to raise funds for the Inland Counties Regional Burn Center at ARMC.

Proceeds from the sale of special charity tickets for Hagar’s concert on June 3, 2006 at the County of San Bernardino’s Hyundai Pavilion will benefit the Burn Center, a nationally acclaimed, 14-bed unit offering comprehensive burn care for children and adults of all ages. The Burn Center, which has provided burn care to area residents since 1977 when it was opened at the old San Bernardino County Medical Center, is the only major burn unit serving the four counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, Inyo and Mono.

Proceeds will assist the Burn Center in its efforts to fund a local burn camp for children who are recovering from the traumatic effects of burn injuries, and to purchase special medical equipment necessary to treat burn injuries.

Burn Center charity concert tickets can be purchased online at www.sbcounty.gov or www.kcalfm.com.

“We are excited about the wonderful opportunities that this special partnership with Sammy Hagar will provide us,” said ARMC Director and Chief Executive Officer June Griffith-Collison. “We are committed to providing the residents of this area with quality health care, which includes the specialized burn care that our Burn Center provides, and Sammy’s willingness to assist us in this effort helps to solidify that commitment.”

A former resident of Fontana, Hagar for years has enjoyed tremendous success both as a solo musician and member of several bands, including Montrose and Van Halen. With Hagar as their lead singer, Van Halen produced four multi-platinum albums and several number 1 hits.

Those of us who are healthy should make commitments like these to help others who are less fortunate,” said Hagar. “I feel that this is the least we can do; it is an opportunity handed to me as a responsible, privileged person and this is the easy part of the job.

“Hagar is also the founder and owner of his very own line of premium tequilas as well as his Cabo Wabo Cantinas, one located in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and the other in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Hagar and his current band, The Wabos, plan to release a new album soon titled “Livin’ It Up.” Hagar’s upcoming tour, also titled “Livin’ It Up,” is scheduled to begin with the June 3 San Bernardino Show. For more information on Sammy Hagar and complete tour listings please visit www.redrocker.com.

HISPANIC CAUCUS CALLS ON HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO PASS CLEAN RENEWAL OF VOTING RIGHT ACT

Washington, DC — Congressman Charles Gonzalez, Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) Task Force on Civil Rights, and Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez, the CHC’s leading member on the Voting Rights Act, issued the following statements as the House Judiciary Committee began its mark-up of the “Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.”

“I appreciate the careful consideration of the House Judiciary Committee, and in particular the work done by both the Committee’s Republican and Democratic leadership, as we begin the mark-up of this critical piece of legislation,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “The protections granted by the VRA have been recognized, valued and renewed by leaders from both parties for decades. I look forward to continuing the bipartisan commitment to civil rights that has driven the renewal of the VRA over the last four decades.”

“The Voting Rights Act has been one of the most important and effective civil rights laws in our country’s history,” said Congresswoman Sanchez. “The Act’s temporary provisions, including the language assistance provisions in Section 203 and pre-clearing requirements in Section 5, protect the rights of tax-paying citizens to participate in the electoral process. It is important that we pass a clean version of this bill that reinforces the meaning, protections, and legacy of this landmark civil rights law.”

The Voting Rights Act was first passed in 1965 and last renewed in 1982. Key provisions are set to expire in 2007, including Justice Department pre-approval of changes to voting procedures and language assistance to voters in certain jurisdictions. The bipartisan reauthorization will renew these provisions for 25 years.

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) is comprised of 21 members of Congress of Hispanic descent. Since 1976 the CHC has been addressing the needs of the Hispanic community in all areas of American life.

For more information on the CHC, call (202)225-2410.

www.congress.gov/chc/
FAMILY OF FOUR RECEIVE DEGREES
AT CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The Crafton Hills College 2006 Commencement ceremony was an especially memorable event for the Molino family, four of whom graduated together, including Alex, 49; his two daughters, Natalie, 22; Elizabeth, 24; and his son Silas, 25.

"That I was able to graduate with my kids is terrific," said Alex, who signed up for college after deciding he wanted to change careers in midlife. "We've always been a close family, so it's neat that it worked out this way. I feel really proud of them."

Alex, who is earning a degree in business administration, credited his mom, Gloria Molino, for being their role model. Gloria earned her masters degree at the age of 50, and later worked at CHC for 15 years as a counselor and Spanish instructor.

"I'm so proud of them. I'm puffed up like one of those puffed up birds," Gloria said. "It's fun that we're all doing this together," said Natlie, who plans to transfer to the University of Michigan or San Francisco State in political science. "This sets an example for our children and grandchildren."

Both Natalie and Elizabeth, 24, recognized the importance of financial aid with helping them achieve their goal of attending college and being able to earn their associate degrees.

"We couldn't have afforded college without it," Natalie said. "I'm proud of my dad for going through Crafton in such a short time," said Elizabeth, who is considering taking a break then transferring to a four-year school to major in Spanish and possibly philosophy.

Silas, 25, was also proud of his dad. "It shows that age doesn't make a difference as long as you get it done," he said. "Besides my grandmother, we're the first to graduate in the family."

Silas, who plans to eventually earn a Ph.D. in history with a minor in religion, recognized the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) program with helping him succeed at college.

"Not only did it help me afford college, but the constant care and counseling sessions helped me keep my grades up," said Silas, who is married and has a young son. "College helped me realize my priorities, and having a family reinforced the importance of college."

Families and friends of the Crafton Hills College graduating class of 2006 packed the campus quadrangle for the event. There were 366 students eligible for graduation, of which 132 were men and 234 were women. The average age of the graduates was 29. The oldest graduate was 57 and the youngest was 18. The average grade point average for this impressive group was 3.11.
More than 25,000 Women Have Joined the Sister Study

Women's Role in Cancer Research Celebrated During National Women's Health Week

Research Triangle Park, N.C. - Since its national launch in October 2004, more than 25,000 women have enrolled in the Sister Study, a national effort to learn how our environment and genes affect the risk of developing breast cancer. According to researchers, women who participate in landmark cancer research like the Sister Study make a big difference in the health of future generations of women.

The Sister Study is conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), one of the National Institutes of Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“National Women’s Health Week is a good time to say thank you to all of the women who have participated in research studies in the past,” said Dale Sandler, Ph.D., Chief of the Epidemiology Branch at NIEHS and Principal Investigator of the Sister Study.

Through a range of questionnaires and samples from the participants, the Sister Study will take a detailed look at how women’s genes, and things women do, their habits, diet or daily life, can influence breast cancer risk.

Women in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, ages 35 to 74, may be eligible to join the Sister Study if their sisters had breast cancer. Women who join the Sister Study must never have had breast cancer themselves. The Sister Study is particularly committed to enrolling women in every state, and from all backgrounds, occupations, races and ethnicities, so that the study results represent and benefit all women. Enrollment will continue through September 2007.

“Although my sisters are breast cancer survivors, the battle against this disease is not over,” said Jean Peelen, a 64-year-old Sister Study participant. “One of my daughters, Jennifer, was diagnosed with breast cancer in December, and I have six granddaughters.” She adds, “I am compelled to do this so that researchers can find the causes of breast cancer before my granddaughters are endangered.”

The Sister Study follows sound, ethical research practices, and keeps all personal data safe, private and confidential. Women who join are not asked to take any medicine, visit a medical center, or make any changes to their habits, diet or daily life.

Organizations that are in partnership with the Sister Study include the American Cancer Society, the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health, Sisters Network, Inc., the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization.

Joining the Sister Study is fairly simple, can be done from home when it is convenient for women, and is available in English and Spanish. To volunteer or learn more about the Sister Study, visit the web site www.sisterstudy.org, or for Spanish visit www.estudiodehermanas.org. A toll free number is also available 1-877-4SISTER (877-474-7837). Deaf/Hard of Hearing call 1-866-TTY-4SIS (866-889-4747).

To learn more about National Women’s Health Week, an initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office on Women’s Health, visit http://www womenshealth.gov/whw/

CABRERA-HOMETOWN DEDICATION TO EDUCATION

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liaison with parents and teachers. Many teachers and parents remember her as a compassionate and effective principal.

Her services in the educational field have been recognized: San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools-Medal of Honor nominee; Outstanding Administrator; Riverside and San Bernardino Counties-Peace Leader School Recognition Award; San Bernardino County Community Service Award for Second Language Learners; Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino-Outstanding Educator Award; and Association of Colton Educators-Success Day Recipient Award.

“My calling as an educator is a labor of love and compassion to educate our children now as as strong as it was 31 years ago. I have been rewarded by the achievement level of many of my previous students who also have been successful in their world of work and personal lives.”

Dave Long

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Re-Elect June 6, 2006
Latino Network is the first recipient of the Esperanza Award at the 18th Annual CCNMA Scholarship Event at Riverside Community College-Norco campus. Pictured above are representatives of the LaNet executive board. LaNet is a non-profit group in the City of Riverside, meeting twice monthly, with members discussing issues and events, and a central information center for the community. Photo by IEHN

The California Chicano News Media Association-Inland Chapter (CCNMA-IEC) celebrated its 18th Annual Scholarship Dinner at the Riverside Community College-Norco Campus.

This year’s scholarship recipients were Brooke Anne Self, Juan Saucedo, Nicole Reed, and Mai Thai. CCNMA-IEC also presented their prestigious Esperanza Award to the Riverside Latino Network, and Robert Gonzales Vasquez, Redlands Historian.

Keynote speakers at the evening outside function were Journalists Yvette Cabrera, and Minerva Canto, authors of the Orange County Register’s award-winning series “Women of Juarez.”

Scholarship Recipients:

Brooke Anne Self is a 17-year old senior at Granite Hills High School in Apple Valley and sports editor of the school paper, the Cougar Chronicle. She will attend BYU-Idaho to major in communications, and a career goal in broadcast journalism or special anchorwoman. He spends reading and writing, and with family and friends.

Juan Saucedo, born in Mexico and first generation college student, attends Riverside Community College-Norco and involved in the college newspaper, the Norco Voice. He plans to attend Cal-State, Fullerton, major in journalism and communications. Saucedo has been a tutor in the Puente Program—a college-prep program helping Hispanic students to improve their writing and reading skills.

Nicole Reed—a Lawrence E. Young Scholarship recipient, is a junior at the University of San Diego and a cheerleader. While volunteering at radio station KPFK 90.7FM, she became proficient with Cool Edit, a program for summer internship at all networks in Los Angeles.

Mai Thai is editor—in-chief of the Ontario High School Jag-Wire. She became involved with journalism due to following current events and reading the newspapers. Mai is captain of the school’s tennis and swimming teams, watching Oprah and listening to the music of Josh Groban. She plans to attend Pomona College, and a career as a freelance journalist and a minority activist.

Esperanza Award Recipients:

Latino Network: The Latino Network was organized in 1993 by community activists Ofelia Valdez Yeager, Robert Nava, Raphael de la Cruz and others, holding breakfast meetings at “My Brother’s Place, a restaurant adjacent to the Riverside City Hall.

The initial meetings were to discuss a vacant position to the Riverside College District, and to strategize on plans to support the candidacy of Andy Soto, a widely known community activist. The goal for a successful Soto appointment was largely due to the rapidly increased Latino population, and his appointment would, in fact, be the second Latino trustee in the history of the college district to represent that segment of the population.

The campaign to appoint Soto to the college board failed, however, the group decided to continue the breakfast meetings and invite the community to attend and discuss issues and events facing in the community, and

FOURTEEN COUNTY ROP STUDENTS EARN REGIONAL RECOGNITION

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scholarship winners were:

Victor Hernandez of Rialto High for industry and technology/transportation.

Rachel Lawson of Barstow High for health occupations/health science and medical technology.

Stephanie Marquardt of Lucerne Valley High for information technology and office occupations.

Dulce Valenzuela of Yucca Valley High for marketing, sales and service.

Isaac Whisner of Rim of the World High for public services/services occupations.

Heather Wolken of Victor Valley High for home economics education, child development and family services.

Brandon Yeaton of Rim of the World High for arts/media/communications and entertainment.

Working in the community and standing up for working families is an important value of mine. That is why I am running for State Assembly.

Family is important to me and as you work hard to provide for your family, I will work tirelessly to serve you.

I will be honored to have your vote on June 6th.
The Latino Network (LaNet) has become a successful forum since its first meeting 13 years ago. Changing share in information and experiences.

The permanent breakfast venue has been established at Centro de Niños on Victoria Street, initially offered by Director Nati Fuente.

The non-profit group has expanded with a board of directors, and an open agenda to discuss issues affecting the Hispanic community, including education, city, county, and state governmental actions, economic activities, and a myriad of other subjects. LaNet also has become a central information forum for business, government and non-profit groups. Members and the public attend to discuss concerns, opinions, and seek solutions on critical issues, and hear scheduled keynote speakers. LaNet also supports various viable health, education, and community action and leadership groups.

Robert Gonzales Vaquez is a cultural activist and documentarian of cultural identity of Mexican migration and development; and the issues of regional and ethnic identities. His research, documentation and photography collection of the Freeway and adjacent cities from Blythe to Pomona has been exhibit in numerous events in the Inland Empire.

Born in Redlands, Vaquez recently relocated to News Mexico with his wife and collaborator, Kathleen Case, and their daughter, Calli, to complete a film and book project on "Living on the Dime," a finalization of his project.

The California Chicano News Media Association-a non-profit group, organized a local chapter of professional journalists to provide guidance to Latino students that are pursuing journalism career and the advocacy for diversification of media newsmen at the state and regional levels.

Juan Saucedo, a CCMNMA scholarship recipient, and student at Riverside Community College-Norco. Photo by IEHN

Nicole Reed, a Lawrence E. Young scholarship recipient, and junior at the University of San Diego. Photo by IEHN

Anne Self Brooke, a CCMNMA scholarship recipient, and senior at Granite Hills High School, Apple Valley. Photo by IEHN

The Chapter has to date awarded more than $46,000 to students in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Many awardees have become professional journalists.

The Inland Empire Chapter members also extend their services to the San Diego Multicultural Journalism Workshop, a two-week intensive residential program consisting of newspaper, radio and television sessions.

The California Chicano News Celebrates 18th Annual Scholarship Event

Joe Dunn

Vota por Joe Dunn, Demócrata para Contralor de California, el martes 6 de junio.

Joe Dunn gano noticia para latinoamericanos quienes fueron deportados a Mexico ilegalmente en la década de los años treinta.

En el senado estatal, Joe Dunn lucha para mejorar educacion publica, hacer mas accesible el cuidado de salud y producir una economia robusta.

Para Contralor, vote JOE DUNN Demócrata.

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Wednesday, May 31, 2006

SOLIDARITY FROM BARRIO TO BARBERSHOP

By Laura S. Washington

In These Times

There’s no doubt that Mexican men and women—full of dignity, willpower and a capacity for work—are doing the work that not even blacks want to do in the United States,” Mexican President Vicente Fox’s comments last year to a group of Mexican businessmen ignited a political firestorm across the Americas. Fox also foreshadowed a powerful divide in the national debate over immigration reform.

He was defending Mexican immigrants, arguing they are hard-working, essential assets to the American economy. Some African Americans retorted that Fox’s declaration was racist and demeaning, and that ‘they’ are breaking our laws and taking our jobs.

There is esperanza. In February, a provocative museum exhibit opened in Chicago that is confronting Mexico’s racist past head-on.

‘The African Presence in Mexico’ opened in February at the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, the largest Latino arts organization in the United States. The museum is a cultural centerpiece of the largely Mexican Pilsen neighborhood on Chicago’s Southwest Side. The show traces the Mexican ‘Third Root’—what the museum calls the ‘missing chapter’ of Mexican history—500 years of African contributions to Mexican society and culture.

Africans were first brought in bondage to Mexico in 1519. On Jan. 6, 1609, Yangia, an African leader, founded the first free African township in the Americas. Since then, black Mexicans have made an indelible mark on the nation’s art, music, cuisine and culture.

The exhibit runs in Chicago through Sept. 3, and will later travel across the United States and Mexico. It is bolstered by an assiduous effort by Latino and African-American leaders to educate their constituents about common goals and identities. Yet staging the exhibit epitomizes the ambivalence about forging alliances among the African American leaders to the Illinois Appellate Court.

The polls must convince the people that it is in their urgent interest to resist the divisive race-baiting propaganda of the massive marches advocating for immigration reform. Mama delivered a 20-minute rant aimed at Latino immigrants.

Her voice dripped with disgust. ‘Those people are breaking the law. They have no right to be here. They are taking our jobs. They don’t even want to learn to speak English. We’re paying for their health care. And their schools. And they have the nerve to demand, demand that we give them citizenship!’

It was ugly. I tried to reason with her, but I couldn’t get a word in edge-wise. And Mom is not alone. In the heat of the ongoing debate over immigration reform, her sentiments are echoed in venues from black talk shows to the barbershops.

For once, the leaders may be ahead of the flock. Last spring Antonio R. Villaraigosa was elected the first Mexican-American mayor of Los Angeles since 1872 on the strength of a progressive black/brown coalition. He follows in the footsteps of Harold Washington, who was elected in 1983 as Chicago’s first black mayor by an alliance of blacks, Latinos and liberal whites.

Los Angeles, CA — The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S., hosted a briefing for members of the media to preview the upcoming NCLR Annual Conference which will take place July 8-11 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The briefing will be held in Lindsay Plaza in front of the Los Angeles Convention Center beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The NCLR Annual Conference, with an expected attendance of more than 20,000, is the single largest national event of the year in the Latino community. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will join with La Opinion Publisher and CEO and NCLR Board Chair Monica Lozano and NCLR President and CEO Janet Murguia to discuss the Conference’s return to Los Angeles and to announce the speakers, workshops, entertainment, and other highlights of this year’s event.

In addition, Murguia will discuss the recently taped NCLR ALMA Awards which will air on ABC on June 5.

MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA, MONICA LOZANO TO JOIN NCLR AT CONFERENCE PREVIEW

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Inland Empire HIV Council ANNOUNCES SUMMIT

Washington, DC — The Congressional Hispanic Caucus expressed its contempt for Republican budget priorities that continue to ignore the harsh economic realities millions across America are facing everyday. As the President signed into law tax cuts for the wealthiest, Members of the House of Representatives wait to vote on a fiscal 2007 budget resolution that makes atrocious cuts to critical services for working class people. The cuts, which greatly impact Latinos and other minorities, as many fall in the lower and middle-income bracket, include attacks on education, veterans’ services, and healthcare.

In addition, the budget resolution increases the deficit, offers no plan to bring the budget back to balance, and adds to the growing burden of the national debt, which even our children’s children will continue to bear.

"Under the President’s Administration and the Republican-controlled Congress, Latino families have seen their standard of living take a nosedive,” said Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva, CHC second vice-chair. "Today, more Latinos are out of work and living in poverty than when the President first took office. Mr. Bush talks a big game about helping Latino families - he even goes on prime time television to convince the nation to embrace us - yet he stands by a budget that continues to erode economic prosperity for Latino families and all hard-working people. Americans deserve better.”

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) is comprised of 21 members of Congress of Hispanic descent. Since 1976 the CHC has been addressing the needs of the Hispanic community in all areas of American life. For more information on the CHC, call (202) 225-2410.

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THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA BLASTS PASSAGE OF INHOFE ENGLISH-ONLY AMENDMENT

Washington, DC - The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S., today blasted passage of an "English-only" amendment offered by Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) which would deny a wide array of information and services to millions of U.S. citizens who are not fully English proficient.

"We were deeply disappointed that the Senate approved this mean-spirited, completely unnecessary legislation," stated Janet Murguia, NCLR President and CEO. "Supporters of the Inhofe Amendment claim that it will help people learn English and will unite our nation. The fact is, more than 90% of Americans already speak English. This amendment is so poorly conceived that it would cause serious harm to millions of Americans while not helping a single person to learn English."

The Inhofe Amendment could weaken the government's ability to provide information and services to immigrants and U.S. citizens alike. The amendment could make it more difficult for agencies like the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to respond to a pandemic flu, another hurricane disaster like Katrina, or a terrorist attack. The amendment could make it more difficult for schools to provide language services to children under the No Child Left Behind Act. The amendment could also place patients and health care workers at risk due to unnecessary miscommunication.

The Senate should be focusing on enacting legislation that solves our broken immigration system," continued Murguia. "Instead, the Senate has approved legislation that has nothing to do with immigration or with helping immigrants learn English."

Murguia concluded, "The Inhofe Amendment jeopardizes the broad support this legislation has earned, especially in the Latino community. We call on the Senate to reconsider this ill-advised proposal and keep the immigration debate focused on responsible, effective immigration reform rather than on ill-advised policies that harm Americans."

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION REPORT

Across America, organizations will join efforts to increase awareness of the short and long-term effects of teen pregnancy and early childbearing, and to acknowledge and promote effective teen pregnancy prevention program within their communities.

The good news is that rates of sexual involvement, pregnancy and births among teens have decreased across America in recent years; specifically, the teen pregnancy rate declined by 28% and births to teens fell by 21% between 1990 and 2000. In large part, these declining rates are attributed to effective teen pregnancy prevention projects that incorporate age-appropriate, accurate sex education and access to confidential reproductive health services. None-theless, the United States still bears the highest teen pregnancy and teen birth rates of the industrialized world, even though sexual debut is roughly equal among American and European youth (source: Advocates For Youth, 2005).

According to data provided by the California Department of Health Services Office of Family Planning, 60,000 teens give birth each year in this state. This amounts to one birth every nine minutes to a teen mother. While the national teen birth rate has declined, the rate among San Bernardino County teens remains higher than state and national levels.

In 2002 (most recently published data available), the national teen birth rate was 43 per 1,000 women ages 15-19; California's rate was 41 and the rate for San Bernardino County was 51 (sources: Advocates for Youth, 2005 and Office of Family Planning, 2006).

Social impacts of teen pregnancy include the facts that teen mothers are less likely to graduate from high school; only one in five teen mothers receive support from the father; teen fathers are more likely to use drugs or engage in illegal activities; teen fathers suffer losses of earning power; and teen parents are less likely to give their children proper nutrition, health care and cognitive and social stimulation.

Additionally, children born to teen parents are 10 times more likely to live in poverty; more likely to suffer severe health problems and less likely to have access to medical care; more likely to drop out of school, have poor grades, have poor school attendance and are less likely to go to college; more likely to suffer from abuse and neglect; and sons born to teens are more likely to become incarcerated.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Reproductive Health Program offers four teen pregnancy prevention programs throughout the county: TeenSMART Outreach, Information & Education, Male Involvement Program and the Community Challenge Grant. All four projects target youth and young adults with goals of postponing sexual involvement, reducing teenage and unintended pregnancy and adverse outcomes, promoting, responsible fatherhood, and linking at risk youth and young adults with clinical services. The Reproductive Health Program also offers "Let's Talk," a parent education workshop designed to assist parents in talking with their teens about sex.

Reproductive health services currently include, but are not limited to: contraceptive education, TeenSMART counseling, and the promotion of abstinence or responsible sexual activity; reproductive health examinations for men and women which may include birth control, pregnancy testing and counseling; screening and treatment or referral for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, vasectomies; and special gynecologic clinics for evaluation and follow-up of abnormal PAP tests.

Anyone seeking reproductive health services may make appointments by calling 1-800-722-4777.

STATE SURVEY SEeks INPUT FROM VETERANS

The California Department of Veterans Affairs is taking steps to ensure that the state's 2.75 million veterans are aware of and receiving all of the veterans' benefits to which they are entitled. One step toward that goal is to survey veterans in hopes of identifying pockets of un-served or underserved veterans in our communities. The results will assist the makers in designing future outreach efforts.

The brief statewide survey will be available June 1 through July 28, 2006, at the California Department of Veterans Affairs website (http://www.cdva.ca.gov/) or by contacting San Bernardino County Veterans Affairs toll free at 1-866-4SB-VETS (1-866-472-8387). Veterans can complete the survey online or print a postage paid survey form to return to Sacramento. Both methods will be available June 1, through July 28, 2006.

For further information, contact San Bernardino County Veterans Affairs at 1-866-472-8387.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2006-2010 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2006-2007 ACTION PLAN

The Consolidated Plan contains HUD required planning, application, and reporting documents for the three grants. It addresses the County Consortium housing and community development needs, program strategies, and proposed projects. The Consolidated Plan has been developed under the county's Citizen Participation Plan adopted on March 14, 2006. It represents the collective views of residents from throughout the County, representatives of the 13 cooperating cities, numerous housing, health and social service agencies and organizations, and neighboring jurisdictions.

The HOUSEHOLD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS section of the Plan provides a community profile, assessment of housing and non-housing community needs, and analysis of housing inventory and market conditions. It concludes that: (1) Over 40% of all County Consortium households are low-and moderate-income, 2) There is a need for more affordable rental housing; 3) A third of the housing stock needs major repair; 4) There is a shortage of homelessness services and special needs housing; 5) Many neighborhoods require code enforcement, expanded public services, and public facility, street and water systems improvements; and 6) New and retained employment opportunities are necessary due to the growing population.

The Consolidated Plan also incorporates an ACTION PLAN to identify the programs and projects expected to be started or continued during the 2006-2007 year using HUD grant funding to address the priority needs. The HUD resources that the County anticipates receiving during the fiscal year 2006 period includes $8,188,539 in CDBG funds, $324,102 in ESG funds, and $4,275,809 in HOME funds (which includes $65,080 for the American Dream Development Initiative (ADDI) from (03A), for a total of $12,788,725. The County will use these funds to implement 177 activities and projects. In addition, an estimated $3,570,899 in program income will be received by the County during the program year. Program income will be used for HOME program projects and for CDBG activities including previously approved activities, administrative activities, and new loans under the business expansion, small business enhancement, micro-enterprise assistance, and residential rehabilitation involving loan projects. It is anticipated that over 95% of the funds available during the 2006-2007 program year will be used for activities to benefit low-and moderate-income persons. A summary of the programs and projects is listed for each grant.

HOME PROGRAM: In the cities and communities throughout the County Homeowner's Manual, the following affordable housing programs will be carried out: Rental Property Rehabilitation/Refinance Program at $100,000; Tenant Based Assistance Program at $1,000,000; Tenant Based Assistance – Security Deposit Program at $500,000; Homeownership Assistance Program at $100,000; Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Program at $500,000; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program at $4,275,809; Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program at $324,102; and, HOME Program Administration at $421,972, and development and closing costs of low-income first-time homebuyers through the ADI program at $63,080.

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM: In cities and communities throughout the County Consortium area, the following homeless assistance activities will be carried out: Cold Weather Shelter Services at $259,492, Homelessness Prevention Services at $33,000; Shelter Rehabilitation at $15,000, and, ESG Administration at $16,205.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM: The following types of projects and programs will be constructed or carried out in the cities and communities listed in each category. Specific project descriptions, locations, and allocations are listed in the proposed 2006-2007 Consolidated Plan (see Citizen Review and Comments below). A number in parenthesis appears when more than one project of that type is located in that city.


PUBLIC SAFETY: In cities and communities throughout the County Consortium area, the following public safety activities will be carried out: Crime Awareness/Prevention Services: Six projects totaling $39,000 in Barstow (2), Redlands, Town of Yucaipa, Yucaipa and the Fourth Supervisorial Districts. Senior Center Improvements: Three projects totaling $154,500 in Barstow, Highland and Town of Yucaipa. Senior Citizens Services: Twenty-six projects totaling $321,538 in Third (3), Big Bear Lake (2), Big River, Bloomington, Crestline, El Mirage, Highland (3), Hinkley, Joshua Tree, Lake Arrowhead, Montclair, South Mountain (2), Phelan, Phelan Hills, Redlands, Searles Valley, Town of Yucaipa, Victor Valley, West Fontana, and Wrightwood, and covering other unincorporated areas in the County. Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. Street Improvements: Four projects totaling $740,131 in Colton, Del Rosa, Murray, and Yucaipa. Street Improvements: Nine projects totaling $795,946 in Bloomington (2), Colton, Copper Mountain Mesa, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda and Montclair. Substance Abuse Prevention Services: Two projects totaling $24,750 in Montclair and in the Morongo Basin of the First Supervisorial District. Transportation Services: Two projects totaling $18,000 in Montclair and in the Morongo Basin of the First Supervisorial District. Water/Wastewater System Design Study: One project for $560,000 in Desert Youth Centers; Two projects totaling $35,000 in Victor Valley and the Second Supervisorial District. Youth Services: Twenty-seven projects totaling $253,066 in Adelanto (2), Barstow (2), Big Bear Lake (2), Bloomington, China (for Fourth District residents) and the First, Third, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. Community Housing Improvement Program, the Senior Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program, and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, at $1,058,800. Community Fair Housing Services: One Fair Housing Program at $84,900. Community Economic Development Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profit Business: These business development programs providing up to and estimated $350,000 of CDBG program income funds for business loans to create over 30 new jobs for low-and moderate-income persons. Community Tenant Landlord Mediation: One project for $19,600. Funding for the administration of the program will not exceed the statutory 20% maximum limit.

DISPLACEMENT

The 2006-2007 Consolidated Plan is available for public review and comment during a thirty day period from May 1, 2006 through May 30, 2006. Citizens comments regarding the 2006-2007 Plan may be submitted in the preparation of the Final Consolidated Plan and Action Plan. The comments will be considered at a hearing scheduled to be held on or about May 31, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the City of San Bernardino Department of Community Development and Housing, 290 North "P" Street, Sixth Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92404-0048, (909) 388-0600.

CITIZEN REVIEW AND COMMENTS

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Also the 2006-2007 plan can be viewed on the County's Internet Site at www County of San Bernardino, Department of Community Development and Housing, www.sbcountry.gov/eda/consolidatedplan.asp at the beginning of the Consolidated Plan description text. Printed copies of the 2006-2007 Proposed Consolidated Plan are available for public inspection and comment at the following County branch libraries: Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Bloomington, China, Colton Hills, Crestline, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Joshua Tree, Lake Arrowhead, Loma Linda, Lucerne Valley, Mentone, Montclair, Needles, Rialto, Running Springs, Trona, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, Wrightwood, Yucaipa and Yucca Valley. Copies are also available at Fullerton Library and Dorothy Ingram Library (San Bernardino), Smile Library (Rancho), Rancho Cucamonga Public Library, California State University San Bernardino Library, the Upland Public Library, and the Colton Public Library. In addition, copies can also be found at the city halls of the 13 cooperating cities listed above.

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The 2006-2007 Proposed Budget for the San Bernardino City Unified School District will be available for inspection from June 12, 2006 to June 20, 2006, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at The Board of Education Building, 777 North F Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410.

The 2006-2007 Proposed Budget Public Hearing for the San Bernardino City Unified School District will be held on June 20, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Board of Education, Community Room, 777 North F Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410.

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