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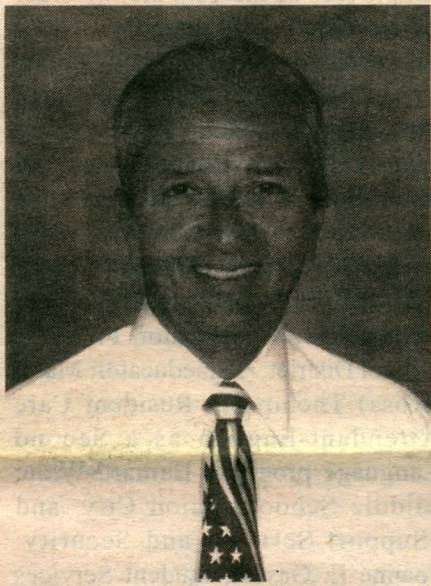
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MIKE SEPULVEDA NAMED ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION



appointment, Young said, "I worked with Mike in the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. He is an excellent principal, an excellent educational leader, and he will make a great addition to the RCOE leadership team."

Sepulveda began his teaching career in 1973 in the El Rancho Unified School District in Pico Rivera. He became Dean of Students at El Rancho High School in 1986, and Assistant Principal at Elsinore High School in 1990. He moved to Terra Cotta Middle School as Principal in 1991 and Canyon Lake Middle School in 2002.

Sepulveda has a bachelor's degree from Chapman College and a master's degree from the University of La Verne.

A member of the California League of Middle Schools, California Middle Grades Partnership, Riverside County School Leadership Participant, and has been a LEUSD Professional Learning Community presenter.

He was the LEUSD Principal of the Year in 1997 and in 2006, and was named the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Distinguished Administrator.

Kenneth Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, announced that Mike T. Sepulveda, currently Principal of Canyon Lake Middle School in the Lake Elsinore Unified School District, will join the Riverside County Office of Education as Assistant Superintendent, Student Programs and Services.

Sepulveda was chosen to replace Sandra Schnack, who is retiring at the end of June after 28 years at RCOE.

The Student Programs and Services (SPS) Division includes Alternative Education and Special Education programs.

Speaking of Sepulveda's

A GIFT TO AN IDEAL COUPLE



Pope Benedict XVI giving a Blessing of the Ill to Emilio Mendieta during a visit to the Vatican with family. Emilio is employed by the State Compensation Insurance Fund. Photo courtesy of the Brogdon family

The Mendieta clan and extended families celebrated their traditional Christmas in 2007 as did most families that enjoy this most important and spiritual time of the year.

This last Christmas holiday was special for Ray and Yolanda Mendieta, San Bernardino resident, when family members surprised the couple by presenting a special gift, a trip to Italy for their 40th wedding anniversary, including a specially decorated money trip and a memorial book with congratulatory comments on this special occasion in their life...

The trip had been planned for over a year with 14 family members to accompany the couple, scheduled for March 2008. The itinerary included Tuscany, Pisa, and renewal vows at the Church of Santa Susanna in Rome.

There were compelling reasons for the family to select this anniversary as a surprise for Ray Mendieta and his wife Yolanda. He has had many difficult times in his marriage, experienced by many couples, however, he has been able to overcome them with tenacious strength, the only one among the ten siblings.

He went through the war and experienced its aftermath. He was able to endure the negative employment elements of job downsizings, layoffs, and other job-related difficulties.



Ray and Yolanda Mendieta in their wedding in 1967. The couple celebrated their wedding anniversary in Italy with family members. Photo courtesy of the Brogdon family

His son, Emilio, was stricken with nose and throat cancer, treated with chemotherapy and radiation, which weakened his immune system, resulting in Guillain-Barre Syndrome. The parents, Emilio and his wife, Melissa bravely and spiritually dealt with the illness. A special reason for the family's trip to Rome was an audience with the Pope.

In Rome, the family received tickets for a session with the Pope. Emilio was escorted to a special reception area, and received the Pope's Blessing for the Ill.

In a telephone interview, Emilio said, "My wife and I were very appreciative to receive a special blessing from the Pope. Afterward, we were both so overwhelmed that we hugged and cried." Emilio stated that he is now able to walk without a cane. He is employed with the State Compensation Insurance Fund. He also expressed his appreciation to his aunt, Argie Brogdon. "She is always helping someone," he said.

"The whole family has been very supportive to give this gift to an individual who thoroughly deserves it. Of course, they say 'behind every prosperous man walks a good woman' and I don't take anything away from that saying except that this man is my brother," she said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR NEED NEW LEADERS

I have lived in Colton all my life, more than 52 years.

During that time, I have learned many important things that anyone who inspires to lead our great city needs to keep in mind.

First, Colton is a family city. We may have internal disagreements but like a family, we don't like it when outsiders attack anyone of us or try to tell us what is best for us.

Secondly, we are a proud city and even though we will take our share of criticism and unflattering comments from one another, we consider derogatory name calling and put downs from outsiders as an attack on all of us and we will respond accordingly. Lastly, but equally important, we are a city that doesn't hesitate to stand up and fight to make changes, when changes are necessary.

So why a recall and why would I run for mayor?

First, our city family is under siege by the current leadership which is brining in outside interests that will make millions by exploiting ill-fated ventures like the so-called Super Block. The current leadership has put our city in a financial crisis with plans to borrow millions. They are planning to spend our future tax collars and

raise utility rates and other fees to make a few outside millionaire developers richer, while leaving our children and grandchildren with catastrophic debt. We know we don't need more commercial retail space when we cannot fill existing vacant buildings in Cooley Ranch, downtown Colton and other areas of the city.

Secondly, how dare our current city manager (who refuses to live in Colton) and assistant city manager (who is mayor of Fontana) refer to our family as "urban idiots." To compound the insult our mayor defends the action. How dare these two outsiders backed by the mayor, ignore our senior housing needs, attack our neighbors and businesses with eminent domain, unwanted annexations, moratoriums and other heavy-handed tactics until they are forced to sue the city, sell, move or close their doors?

The fact is, the current leadership has no viable plans to create or pay for housing for our seniors and no functional chamber of commerce, which has resulted in us losing more than 10 percent of our business tax revenues we need to pay for city services.

As a proud veteran of the armed services, I will fight for our city. I will not run away, I will not retreat and I will not abandon our city. I am not intimidated by any thugs out of City Hall or any of the unscrupulous and dishonest tactics they have employed and will continue to throw my way. These efforts only strengthen my resolve and convince me more than ever that a change is needed and needed now.

MEL ALBISO
Colton

LAURA KLINGENSMITH-DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT-NAMED CALIFORNIA CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Kenneth M. Young congratulated Laura (Lori) L. Klingensmith from the Desert Sands Unified School District who has been named a California Classified Employee of the Year.

Klingensmith is an Administrative Assistant at Andrew Jackson Elementary School in Indio.

"Lori represents the 17,000 classified school employees in Riverside County who do exemplary work in support of students and their achievement," Young said. "We salute her for this great honor to now represent the many fine school employees statewide."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell named a total of six outstanding school employees as California's 2008 Classified School Employees of the Year, the inaugural year of the recognition program.

Klingensmith was nominated in the Office and Technical Services division.

"California's 285,501 classified school employees perform important functions that are critical to our

schools' and students' success. These employees are truly essential. We cannot operate our schools without them," said O'Connell.

"The Classified School Employees of the Year award was established to acknowledge and honor the significant contributions made by these talented and dedicated school staff members," he said. "I'm pleased that our state's classified school employees are receiving the recognition they so greatly deserve"


Other 2008 Classified School Employees of the Year are, by order of classified staff category: •Child Nutrition: Anna Julian, Food Service Lead Cook, Stacey Nutrition Center, Huntington Beach, Westminster School District; •Maintenance and Operations: Cheryl Spurgin, Lead Custodian, Wildwood Elementary School, Yucaipa; •Transportation: Edward (Eddie) Cooper, Vehicle Maintenance Coordinator, Fullerton School District; •Paraeducator: Maria (Rosa) Thompson, Resident Care Attendant-English as a Second Language program, Barnard-White Middle School, Union City; and •Support Services and Security: Joanne E. Gaylor, Student Services Assistant, Bernard L. Hughes Elementary School, Modesto.

Each of the winners underwent a local and state review process. Applications were reviewed by job category experts: local educational agency administration, employee job-like groups, California Department of Education who reviewed the candidates on the basis of at least five years of service in their nomination category.

Candidate evaluation was organized around four themes: work performance, school/community involvement, leadership and commitment, and service above and beyond.

O'Connell will formally honor the six award recipients on May 19 at a gala recognition luncheon in Sacramento. The luncheon coincides with California's observation of the Classified School Employee Week, May 18-24.

The California Classified School Employees of the Year Award is sponsored by the California Department of Education in partnership with the California School Employees Association, Service Employees International Union, California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, Association of California School Administrators, and business and industry organizations.



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S.B. DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON CLUB

San Bernardino Democratic Luncheon Club of San Bernardino meets at noon on Fridays at Democratic Headquarters, 136 Carousel Mall (near the central glass elevator-lower level). Questions regarding the Democratic Club call Nancy White at (909) 793-6229. Visitors welcomed. Following is a schedule of speakers:

- May 16 Paul Gilbert, Newport Beach Democratic Club, on Propositions 98 and 99
- May 23 Dark for Memorial Day
- May 30 Congressman Joe Baca, 43rd Congressional District
 - Tues. June 3 Vote!
- June 6 Leonard Hernandez, Regional Manager and Ellen Asher, Youth Services Manager, Lewis Library and Technology Center, Fontana Library
- June 11 Exec Board Meeting, 2nd Wed eve at 6:30 pm at Marie Callendars 800 E. Highland Ave. SB
- June 13 Henry Hardy, Toastmaster, *Why the Seas are Boiling Hot*
- June 20 Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter, 62nd Assembly District

Club website: www.sbdems.com

POST-WAR SUICIDES MAY EXCEED COMBAT DEATHS

(Bloomberg) — The number of suicides among veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan may exceed the combat death toll because of inadequate mental health care, the U.S. government's top psychiatric researcher said.

Community mental health centers, hobbled by financial limits, haven't provided enough scientifically sound care, especially in rural areas, said Thomas Insel, director of the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He briefed reporters today at the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting in Washington.

Insel echoed a Rand Corporation study published last month that found about 20 percent of returning U.S. soldiers have post-traumatic stress disorder or depression, and only half of them receive treatment. About 1.6 million U.S. troops have fought in the two wars since October 2001, the report said. About 4,560 soldiers had died in the conflicts as of today, the Defense Department reported on its Web site.

Based on those figures and established suicide rates for similar patients who commonly develop substance abuse and other complications of post-traumatic stress disorder, "it's quite possible that the suicides and psychiatric mortality of this war could trump the combat deaths," Insel said.

Post-traumatic stress disorder, known as PTSD, is the failure to cope after a major shock, such as an auto accident, a rape or combat, Insel said. PTSD may remain dormant for months or years before it surfaces, and in about 10 percent of cases people never recover, he said.

Difficult to Predict

"We don't yet know how to predict who is going to be the person to be most concerned about," Insel said.

The Pentagon didn't dispute

Insel's remark.

"The department takes the issue of suicide very seriously, and one suicide is too many," said spokeswoman Cynthia Smith in an e-mail.

The department has expanded efforts to encourage soldiers and veterans not to feel stigmatized if they seek mental health treatment, Smith said.

Soldiers who'd been exposed to combat trauma were the most likely to suffer from depression or PTSD, the Rand report said. About 53 percent of soldiers with those conditions sought treatment during the past year. Half of those who got care were judged by Rand researchers to have received inadequate treatment.

Failure to adequately treat the mental and neurological problems of returning soldiers can cause a chain of negative events in the lives of affected veterans, the researchers said. About 300,000 soldiers suffer from depression or PTSD, the report said.

Treatment Options

Researchers aren't sure whether it's appropriate to treat such patients with selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, a class of medications that include Prozac, and other antidepressants, Insel said. His institute is examining that question and novel treatments for PTSD, including using so-called virtual reality technology. The psychiatric association reported last week that a survey of 191 military members and their spouses found 32 percent said their duty hurt their mental health, and six in 10 believed seeking treatment would damage their careers.

More than 15,000 psychiatrists are attending the professional group's meeting.

To contact the reporter on this story: Avram Goldstein in Washington at agoldstein1@bloomberg.net.

14TH ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY MEDICAL HEALTH CLINIC

The 14th Annual Free Family Health Clinic will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lytle Creek Elementary School, located at 275 South K Street, San Bernardino, California 92410. This free clinic is for people who do not have health insurance or the means to pay for health care.

The clinic will be providing free medical services including: dental services; internal medicine; women and children's medical health care; ear, nose and throat medical services; blood sugar and cholesterol screenings; alternative medicine and acupuncture.

This event will be staffed by medical professionals, staff and volunteers from the Tzu Chi

Foundation Free Clinic.

This international foundation, founded in 1966, has been providing medical care services worldwide for over 40 years, and has been servicing the Inland Empire for the last 13 years.

For more information about the organization please visit their web site at www.tzuchi.org.

This year the Tzu Chi Foundation will be partnering with the San Bernardino City Unified School District, Lucky Farms, the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, the Mexican Consulate Office, and other community organizations.

Pre-registration is suggested. Please call Anna Valerio at (909) 388-6382.

DEMOCRATS TOUT SHIFT IN HISPANIC VOTING IN FLORIDA

BY BETH REINHARD

Hispanic voters registered as Democrats have overtaken Hispanic Republicans in Florida, signaling a trend that, if it continues, could have far-reaching implications for the 2008 election and U.S. foreign policy.

Until now, the politically influential, mostly Republican Cuban-American community in Miami-Dade made Florida the only state in the country where, among Hispanics, Republicans outnumbered Democrats.

April voter registration statistics show 418,339 Hispanic Democrats statewide, compared to 415,068 Hispanic Republicans and 345,108 registered with neither party, according to a Florida Democratic Party analysis of state data. The state provides registration data sorted by party and race to the public only in the month before an election.

The growth among Hispanic Democrats is striking. Since January 2006, when the state began identifying voters as Hispanic, Democratic registration has increased

18 percent. Hispanic Republicans grew by only 2 percent, while Hispanic voters choosing neither party are up 14 percent.

The trend reflects a fierce competition between the two major parties for the Hispanic vote, which could represent as much as 15 percent of the electorate in 2008. Florida Democrats are touting their expanding influence in the Hispanic community, while GOP officials say their registration and get-out-the-vote drives will be more aggressive than ever this year.

"There are a few states where the Latino vote is going to be critical — definitely Florida, as well as Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Nevada — and those are going to be battleground states in the national scope," said Lindsay Daniels, a strategist at the National Council of La Raza, a nonpartisan Hispanic advocacy group.

Both demographic and political shifts are fueling the increase in Hispanic Democrats in Florida.

NEW LEADERSHIP AT NATIONAL HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AGENDA (NHLEA)

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLEA) just announced the results of its election of new officers:

- **John Trasviña** (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund) - Chair
- **Gabriela Lemus** (Labor Council for Latin American Advancement) - Vice-Chair
- **Alma Morales Riojas** (MANA) - Secretary/Treasurer
- **Janet Murguía** (National Council of La Raza) - At-Large Member
- **Ronald Blackburn Moreno** (The Aspira Association) - At-Large Member

The NHLEA is a coalition of more than 20 of the leading national Latino advocacy organizations, founded in 1984. The organization publishes a biennial Congressional scorecard on Latino issues and a Latino Public Policy Agenda every presidential election year. The National Institute for Latino Policy (NILP) is a member.

EDWARD MONTANA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The public is invited to the Edward Montana Scholarship Event To be held at a Pirate's Den on May 17, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm with a feast of chile verde, barbacoa, rice, beans and salad bar.

Admission: \$12 or two for \$20

Directions to join the crew: from San Bernardino, take I-215 south, exit Washington/Mt. Vernon, turn left on Washington.

Approximately ½ mile, turn left into Mediterranean Ranch and follow signs.

For information contact Pam at (909) 831-8252 or Lydia at (909) 888-810

Note: scholarship to be awarded to a Pacific High School student.

AVID SENIORS, SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS TO BE HONORED

SAN BERNARDINO CA - A record 2,531 Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) seniors representing 76 high schools from Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino (RIMS) counties will be honored at a recognition ceremony at the University of California, Riverside.

Among the students to be honored will be 43 seniors who will receive scholarships from UC Riverside; Cal State San Bernardino; the RIMS AVID/Dollars for Scholars scholarship program; the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation; the College Access Foundation; and QuestBridge.

AVID is an international education program that began in San Diego and targets students in the academic middle who have a willingness to work toward college acceptance. Typically, AVID students are the first in their families to attend college, and many are from low-income or minority families.

RIMS AVID is one of 11 regional programs set up in California. This year's graduating seniors in RIMS AVID reached the following goals:

- Eighty-five percent have been accepted to at least one four-year university (2,149 seniors);
- Twenty-nine percent have been accepted at least to one UC school (561 seniors);
- Twelve percent have been accepted at least to one private college or university (305 seniors);
- Five percent have been accepted at least to one out-of-state college or university (125 seniors).

The following students earned scholarships from Cal State San Bernardino: Priscilla Arvizu, Lakeside High; David Gomez, Colton; Said Gonzalez, Paloma

Valley; Dyanne Jordan, Granite Hills; Jessica Luna and Yolanda Murillo, Perris; Duyen Pham and Kelly Ramirez, Rialto; and Lucia Torres, La Sierra.

The following students earned scholarships from UC Riverside: Melissa Abadilla, Santiago, and Kameron Black, Temescal Canyon.

The following students earned scholarships from the RIMS AVID/Dollars for Scholars scholarship program: Amanda Burnfin, Jurupa Valley; Matthew Cao, La Sierra; Diana Campos, Bloomington; Melissa Diniz, Chaparral; Cristina Estrada, Middle College; Jacob Faucher, Ramona; Samantha Foster, Murrieta Valley; Mariah Klusmire, Bishop Union; Joel Mandujano, Paloma Valley; Jose Mendez, Perris; Edgar Najera, Pacific; Megan Perez, Kaiser; Ray Sabala, Colton; and Vi Thai, La Sierra.

The following students will be honored as Gates Millennium Scholars: Robert Machada, A.B. Miller; Joel Mandujano, Paloma Valley; and Catalina Ramirez, Kaiser.

The following students will be honored as Dell Scholars: Raisa Arreola, Rialto; Kourtney Bell, Eisenhower; Tami Bi, Arroyo Valley; Briyit Carbajal, Arlington; Edgar Castro, Desert Mirage; Samantha Clements, Murrieta Valley; Rebeca Delatorre and Michelle Ta, Rancho Verde; Jennifer Garcia, Centennial; Destiny Hattabaugh, Banning; Angel Marin, Moreno Valley; Yesenia Rojas, West Valley; and David Verduzco, Middle College.

Donnie Douangchak of La Sierra will receive the College Access Foundation scholarship, and Noriel Luna of Kaiser will receive the QuestBridge scholarship.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, SAN BERNARDINO-TO DEDICATE HOUSE ON 36TH AND E IN SAN BERNARDINO

SAN BERNARDINO CA- Harold and Rosemary Ray and their three daughters will become owners of a new home at 495 W. 36th Street on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at 2:00 pm.

On ground that was broken and blessed last May, in a house that was framed by the San Bernardino City Firefighters last October and worked by volunteers on Saturdays and sub-contractors during the week, the Rays will be given the keys and a hearty welcome.

The Rays have completed the required 500 hours of sweat equity. One or both of them have been at the house every weekend. "It's truly been a labor of love," says Interim

Executive Director Tom Rennard. "We've had a perfect safety record and Construction Manager Tim Garcia has given heart and soul to see that it was done right. The city, congregations and donors have been most supportive."

Recognition will be given to the firefighters, volunteer crew, contractor and outstanding volunteer of the year Dan Direen. Mayor Morris, who was instrumental in starting the local chapter, will be presenting the home to the new owners. The public is cordially invited to the dedication.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization dedicated to

BACA SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION LEGISLATION

Bill Includes Baca Amendment Promoting In-Person Housing Counseling

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) responded to the housing crisis that is at the center of the current recession, and backed key legislation that will assist Americans who are in danger of losing their homes. The American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 was approved by the House of Representatives with bipartisan support.

"Owning a home is part of the American Dream. Unfortunately, tens of thousands of Californians are on the brink of losing their grip on this dream and becoming the next victims of the housing crisis," said Rep. Baca. "The problem is even worse in the Inland Empire, which ranks second in the nation in overall rates of foreclosure. Today's legislation can help keep more families in their homes, and begin to bring an end to this crisis."

The American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 will provide mortgage refinancing assistance, which will help keep families from losing their homes and protect neighboring home values. The plan also expands programs run by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) that will allow borrowers in danger of losing their homes to refinance into lower-cost government -insured mortgages they can afford to repay. In order to qualify for refinancing and a new government

backed mortgages, lenders and mortgage investors will be required to take a loss and borrowers must share any profit from the resale of a refinanced home with the government.

"Too many American families have fallen victim to the predatory lending practices that dominated much of the home mortgage market the past few years, including 4,500 families from my own Congressional district in 2008 alone," commented Rep. Baca

The housing crisis has had a significant impact in California. Currently, one in 22 homeowners is projected to lose their homes to foreclosure over the next two years. Homeowners who do not lose their homes have also been hurt by the crisis. The Pew Charitable Trusts estimates that 64% of all California homeowners will feel the ripple effects of the housing crisis. The crisis could also cost state and local tax bases \$107 billion.

The American Housing Rescue and Foreclosure Prevention Act also includes an amendment offered by Rep. Baca, that promotes free outreach to borrowers in default and foreclosure through counseling agencies and encourages more in-depth service through in-person counseling. The amendment was unanimously agreed to by the House Financial Services Committee last week.

build, renovate, and advocate for simple, decent affordable housing in the greater San Bernardino Area and around the world at a no-profit and non-interest charges on its loans.

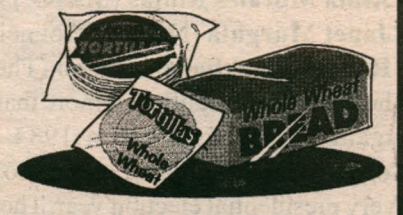
For information call Thomas G. Rennard, Executive Director at (909) 387-1176.

"A conception not reducible to the small change of daily experience is like a currency not exchangeable for articles of consumption; it is not a symbol, but a fraud."

George Santayana

Look & Feel Better

Try whole grains such as corn tortillas, whole wheat tortillas and whole wheat bread.



A message from California Department of Health Services funded by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Department of Public Health Nutrition Program Home Services System County of San Bernardino Project: IEN and the Nutrition Network Grant #09-05677

REMITTANCES FROM MEXICAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S.: HOW ARE THEY PERCEIVED IN MEXICO?

LOS ANGELES, CA — A major survey released by the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) today gauged Mexican attitudes on the impact of remittances sent by their co-nationals living in the U.S. Remittances are defined as moneys earned and sent back to family or other organizations.

The TRPI study revealed how positively these remittances from the U.S. to Mexico are perceived. In this groundbreaking study, a nationally representative sample ($N = 1000$, error margin $\pm 3.1\%$) of Mexican nationals were interviewed to determine the impact of immigrant remittances.

Findings:

- Remittances are part of the fabric of everyday life for many families in Mexico: 32% of the respondents have received one to two remittances in the past year; 35% have received three to five remittances; and 33% have received six or more.

- In the past, Mexican immigrants were sending remittances to family members on a person to person basis. Responses from the study show a trend toward remittance money benefiting beyond familial support. Remittances include support for economic, social and health programs as well as funding for economic development and non-governmental organizations.

- Around one-third of respondents are aware of groups and programs working to extend the productive impact of remittances. 34% indicate some awareness of U.S. based immigrant and Mexican hometown associations that send money back to communities.

- Concerns surrounding the remittance industry are evolving. 51% of respondents said that the most important factor when receiving money from the U.S. is that it arrives securely. For 17%, the most important factor is that the monies arrive on time while 16% stated that collecting the money easily was a factor. Thirteen percent (13%) cited the cost of the transaction and only

4% mentioned the exchange rate.

- 95% said that there are more choices now than five years ago regarding the number of companies available to receive a remittance.

"Mexicans in remittance receiving communities recognize the value of monies sent by their co-nationals in the U.S. in improving the qualities of Mexican life," said Rudy de La Garza, Ph.D., Vice-President of research for TRPI.

The World Bank estimates that over 24 billion dollars are received by Mexico, accounting for 3% of the country's GDP.

"The amount of monies these remittances represent is enormous," said Harry P. Pachon, President of TRPI. "For most countries in Latin America, remittances exceed U.S. foreign aid."

Questions regarding the survey and the study's findings, contact **Dr. Rudy de La Garza** via phone at (212) 854-2292 or **Dr. Harry P. Pachon** at (212) 821-5615.

About TRPI

Founded in 1985, the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) advances informed policy on key issues affecting Latino communities through objective and timely research contributing to the betterment of the nation. TRPI is an affiliated research unit of the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning, and Development and is associated with the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy at Columbia University. Website: <http://www.trpi.org>

TOP 25 LATINO NONPROFITS IDENTIFIED

Hispanic Business Magazine annually compiles a list of the 25 largest Latino nonprofits in the United States, based on their expenditures. The current list from their May 2008 issue reflects their 2007 revenue in parenthesis which totaled \$723 million in 2007):

1. **AltaMed Health Services Corporation**, Los Angeles, CA (\$89 million in 2007 revenues)
2. **The Aspira Association**, Washington, DC (\$62 Million)
3. **Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)**, Montebello, CA (\$62 million)
4. **Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC)**, Phoenix, AZ (\$66 million)
5. **La Clínica de la Raza**, Oakland, CA (\$48 million)
6. **Hispanic Housing Development Corporation**, Chicago, IL (\$47 million)
7. **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**, San Francisco, CA (\$37 million)
8. **AVANCE, Inc.**, San Antonio, TX (\$36 million)
9. **National Council of La Raza (NCLR)**, Washington, DC (\$43 million)
10. **Puerto Rican Family Institute (PRFI)**, New York, NY \$30 million)
11. **Urban Health Plan, Inc.**, Bronx, NY (\$31 million)

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13. **Casa Central**, Chicago, IL (\$18 million)
14. **Congreso de Latinos Unidos**, Philadelphia, PA (\$18 million)
15. **Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores**, Pasadena, CA (\$16 million)
16. **United Community Center/Centro de la Comunidad Unida (UCC)**, Milwaukee, WI (\$14 million)
17. **El Valor**, Chicago, IL (\$19 million)
18. **The Unity Council**, Oakland, CA (\$12 million)
19. **Latin American Youth Council**, Washington, DC (\$12 million)
20. **Asociacion Puertorriqueños en Marcha, Inc.**, Philadelphia, PA (\$11 million)
21. **La Casa de Don Pedro**, Newark, NJ (\$11 million)
22. **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)**, San Antonio, TX (\$11 million)
23. **Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children Services**, Los Angeles, CA \$11 million)
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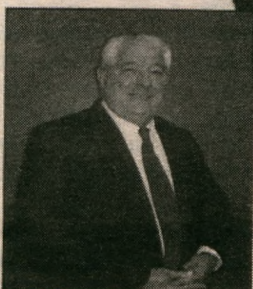
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INLAND EMPIRE LATINO ART ASSOCIATION

In 1985, Drs. Tom and Lilly Rivera invited Latino artists from the Inland Empire to exhibit their respective artwork at their residence in Grand Terrace. The experience to exhibit their art work to close friends opened an opportunity for artists to consider organizing as an artist group and continue to exhibit their extended art collection in various venues in the Inland Empire. This was the catalyst for the formation of the of the Inland Empire Latino Art Association (IELAA).

The philosophy behind this was to unite individual artists to achieve common goals:

- Peer support in resolving art-related problems;
- Exhibiting Latino artwork to the public, with the aim of exposing local Latino artistic talent, and establish an image among the public and artist groups; and
- To provide a positive role model for a young generation throughout the inland empire.

This year, 2008, marks the sixteenth year that IELAA have exhibited artwork at the Norman Feldheim Central Library in San Bernardino. The groups also have exhibited at the National Orange

Show, San Bernardino County Museum, San Bernardino County Government Center and Philippi Winery in Rancho Cucamonga.

IELAA was initially invited in 1993 by Gabriel Ramirez, California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, to exhibit their artwork at the Latino Book and Family Festival, a literacy program co-produced by the distinguished actor and community activist Edward James Olmos. The group have felt a sense of honor to be invited annually for the event.

This year IELAA exhibited a composite art collection at the Cesar Chavez birthday celebration attended by over 500 persons, and the Sinfonia Mexicana's Mothers Day Concert at the California Theatre in San Bernardino.

IELAA and San Bernardino Public Library's Board of Trustees are currently co-sponsoring an art exhibit-Mayo Festival de Colores at the Norman Feldheim Central Library, 555 W. 6th Street, San Bernardino. The exhibit will be shown for the month of May to June 30th, 2008. Eighteen Latino artists will be participating in the art exhibit.

For information, call Rudy Ramirez at (951) 5454-1723.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION TRAVELED TO VENEZUELA

National Alliance for Human Rights (NAHR) conducted academic sessions with government, political, and academic representatives of President Hugo Chavez's administration, and also participated in Caracas' "May Day" (May 1st—International Day of the Worker) Celebrations.

US/Venezuelan relations have been strained by differences in policy, according to Armando Navarro, NAHR Coordinator, the paramount mission of the delegation was threefold: (1) To establish an ongoing dialogue that will enhance the Mexicanos in the United States understanding of the divergent aspects of the Bolivarian Revolution; (2) To inform Venezuelans on the Mexicano and Latino's historical, political, economic, cultural, and social experiences in the United States; (3) To begin a process of developing collaborative educational programs; and (4) To ascertain ways of promoting amicable relations between the two countries.

"NAHR sought to strengthen its politics of togetherness with Latin America. Latinos, 47 million, are a powerful, viable, and vital political, economic, social, and cultural bridge and asset for the promotion of amicable relations between the United States and Latin America."

Navarro added, "The delegation was seeking support for NAHR's mobilization efforts for immigration reform, which will coincide with the November presidential elections."

The 13 member delegation was comprised of scholars, students, and community activists: Dr. Dennis Bixler-Marquez, University of Texas, El Paso, Dr. Augustin Chavez, California State University, San Diego (retired), Erika Grisel Espinosa, University of California, Riverside, Student/activist, Dr. Ignacio M. Garcia, Brigham Young University, Utah, Marianna Gonzales, NAHR Educational Projects/Programs Coordinator, Riverside, Daniel Flores Morales, community leader, Riverside, Dr. Armando Navarro, University of California, Riverside, among others.

The delegation will prepare a report and disseminate to the public.

National Alliance for Human Rights is a network of leaders, activists, scholars and organizations committed to the promotion of human rights, social justice and political empowerment of the Latino community in the United States.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the San Bernardino International Airport Authority, (herein referred to as "Authority") has developed a proposed Overall Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of **5%** for FFY 2007/2008. The DBE Goal is applicable to DOT-assisted contracting opportunities scheduled to be awarded during the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. In accordance with directives issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), the Authority has implemented a wholly race-neutral DBE Program. The Authority's proposed Overall Annual DBE Goal and its rationale is available for inspection and public review for thirty (30) days following the date of this Notice, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday at our office located at:

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Comments will be accepted relative to the Race Neutral DBE Goal for forty-five (45) days from the date of this Notice. Comments can be forwarded to the Authority at the above stated address or to Ms. Patricia A. White, External Program Manager, Civil Rights, Federal Aviation Administration, 15000 Aviation Blvd., Suite 3025, Lawndale, CA, 90261.

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How to help Your Child Cherish Your Latino Values and Succeed in Today's World

By Carmen Inoa Vazquez, Ph.D.

The largest minority in North America, 38 million strong and steadily growing, Latinos are influencing every aspect of "mainstream" culture—from snack food trends to political campaigns. Yet, many first- and second-generation Latinos fear that life in the U.S.A. is creating spoiled, disrespectful children who will grow up with no sense of their heritage or its core values. To preserve the traditions and ethics of their ancestors, should today's Latino parents continue to assert their absolute, unquestionable authority, the way their parents did, even at the risk of alienating their bicultural kids?

We can strike a balance between cultures," Dr. Vazquez assures Latino parents, "helping our children thrive in North America without becoming totally assimilated and discarding their Latino heritage. But we can only do this if we are not unconsciously dominated by the past." "First and foremost," she stresses, "it is essential for Latino parents in the United States—and for their relatives and children—to understand and accept the fact that the rules have changed."

How can today's Latino parents instill an appreciation for revered standards of behavior without forcing them on their children and provoking rebellion? What does it take to raise well-adjusted, culturally flexible kids? To lead the way, Dr. Vazquez presents a realistic system, grounded in one of the most treasured of all Latino values: *orgullo*. Although simply translated as pride, this profound term does not connote arrogance. Instead, *orgullo* conveys self-respect and personal dignity—achieved and maintained by paying homage to beliefs and codes of conduct validated over centuries.

Inspired by *orgullo*, **PARENTING WITH PRIDE LATINO STYLE** gives parents a guiding framework and seven golden rules for a new way of childrearing:

1. **O:** Organize your feelings.
2. **R:** Respect your child's feelings.
3. **G:** Guide and teach your children do not dictate.
4. **U:** Update your media awareness often.
5. **L:** Love your child for who she or he is.
6. **L:** Listen to your child.
7. **O:** Open the communication channels—and keep them open.

Building on the foundation of *orgullo*, Dr. Vazquez explores its primary cultural practices: *respeto*,

with advice on looking at issues from a child's perspective; *familismo*, with strategies for keeping the peace with an *abuela* who believes in "the old way" of discipline; *simpatia*, with tips on fostering friendships with kids; and *obediencia*, with guidelines for setting appropriate and clear limits. Throughout, self-awareness quizzes, crisis-management exercises, and illustrative case studies covering common problems with toddlers, middle schoolers, teens, and relatives give Latino parents the critical insights and concrete techniques to relax their approach,

without compromising their Latino values—or letting their kids walk all over them. Comprehensive, sensitive, and practical, **PARENTING WITH PRIDE LATINO STYLE** is a welcome guide for the millions of Latinos struggling to create a bridge between their grandparents' ways and what's best now for their children in America.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carmen Inoa Vazquez, Ph.D., psychologist and first-generation Latina, is the founder of the Bilingual

Treatment Program Clinic at Manhattan's Bellevue Hospital, as well as the founder and director of the Institute for Multicultural Behavioral Health. She is also Clinical Professor in Psychiatry at the New York University School of Medicine and has served as professor at the City University of New York. The proud mother of two bilingual/bicultural young men, she lives in New York City with her husband.



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Five generations of the Albiso Family have lived in Colton. I graduated from Colton High School and San Bernardino Valley College. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Master's Degree in Management. I have been married for over 32 years and my child and grandchildren also live in Colton. I am a proud United States Army Veteran.

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