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Documentaries and Photographs Describe Border Life *Program to be Presented at Central Library on Dec. 12*

SAN DIEGO – Laura Castañeda, an award-winning journalist will present a 30-minute program of untold stories from our border region. “Stories de la Frontera” features the work of a team of talented journalists and photographers. Sharing the bill is “Escondido Stories,” a Tu Voz TV! documentary comprised of four hard-hitting reports about the Latino community in North County, shot and edited by local migrant youth.

“Stories de la Frontera” unveils an exclusive look at Pulitzer Prize photos that capture the life of a young Honduran boy destined to find his mother in the United States. “Stories de la Frontera” takes you to the scene of “Hells Alley,” a tough neighborhood south of the border where young children are exposed to life, most children only see in movies. It also shows how two businessmen are cashing-in on the Mexican coffee craze.

“There are hundreds of untold stories in this thriving border region,” said Castañeda, it is her intent to unearth them and share the rich folklore and culture that comes with living at this cultural crossroads with this and other future programs.

The Media Arts Center San Diego’s Tu Voz TV! project focuses on public health, education, politics, and history with “Escondido Stories”:

- “For Our Health”: Student producers look at the health care crisis in North County: the lack of access, language and cultural barriers that affect both doctors and patients in the Latino community.
- “Going the Distance”: North County faces an educational dilemma. Almost seven out of 10 Latino youths drop out of high school. This film exposes the problems, the reasons why, and what possible solutions can be reached.
- “Politica”: is an investigative documentary about the Latino community and politics in the City of Escondido. Student filmmakers reveal the lack of Latino representation on the city council and school boards. They also discover that Latinos comprise more than 40 percent of the city’s population.
- “Nuestra Historia: The History of Latinos in Escondido”: Escondido has long been a geographical region with a high concentration of Latinos as residents. Yet most of the history written down about this region overlooks the Latino community’s presence and contribution to North San Diego County. This documentary looks at how two local historians are trying to establish the history of Latinos in Escondido using available

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resources including one-on-one interviews (oral histories), library collections, and personal collections of memorabilia.

The films will be shown Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public. Ms. Castañeda and a teen producer from Tu Voz will be present to answer questions.

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