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Hispanic News
Hispanic Round Table Provides Coordination

By Sonia D.T. Rodriguez

The Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable, a coalition of Hispanic, Latino organizations in this area was founded in 1985 to share information and coordinate activities during the year. This coordination allows the community to maximize their support for these many important functions, especially the fundraisers.

Since its inception in 1985, this organization has steadily grown and now is made up of 44 organizations who meet every two months. Organizations from Claremont to Norco belong to the Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable, whose membership dues are $50 a year.

"We have become a clearing-house for activities," said Bob Martinez, chairman for the organization. "The Hispanic Roundtable has started producing a calendar on a quarterly basis to list all the activities for the following three months. Anhe-

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PERSONAL PROFILE

By Sonia D.T. Rodríguez

As a West Side native who has lived at 531 Tijuana Street almost all her life, Esther Estrada is in touch with the people she represents as councilwoman of the 1st Ward. As a child, her maternal grandfather would read to her from La Opinion about the state of Latin America. "I knew all about the Allende family," recalls Estrada. However, at that age all she wanted to do was play ball she remembers. Estrada was also influenced by her mother Artemisa Estrada who was a very gutsy, assertive woman. "She encouraged me to consider non-traditional roles," said Estrada. In 1975 Estrada was first elected.

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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: Day of the Dead Commemorates Life

By SONIA D.T. RODRIGUEZ
Hispanic News Staff Writer

El Día de los Muertos or "Day of the Dead", one of Mexico's important holidays, is celebrated on Nov. 2, although in many parts of Mexico it is a month long observance.

The holiday actually begins the day before with All Saints Day when the souls of the dead return home to feast on their favorite foods. It is also known as the "Día de los Angelitos" or "Day of the Little Angels" when it is believed that the souls of children who have died return home. This fact takes on more significance when one considers Mexico's high infant mortality rate.

On November 1, church bells are rung delicately to remember the angelitos while the following day bells are rung vigorously to commemorate the adults who have died.

In some parts of Mexico, people will line up rows of candles from the altar to the street so that the soul will find its way home.

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Gifted and Talented Students given Opportunities to Expand Horizons

By SONIA D.T. RODRIGUEZ
Hispanic News Staff Writer

State of California found it to be in non-compliance because it did not have at least 23% Hispanic students enrolled.

There are a total of 10,880 Hispanic students in the school district which represents approximately 33% of the total student population within the district.

When the audit was done in the Spring of 1987, there were only 291 Hispanic students enrolled. There were 345 students representing an increase of 2% or a total of 18%.

The district had begun a series of outreach efforts to increase Hispanic participation and is now only five percentage points from compliance, however, it is fifteen percentage points from educational equity based on student population.

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Political Analysis

COUNTY POLITICS TO CHANGE

By Aurelio W. de la Torre

When Republican Senator H.L. Richardson (25th District) announced he would not seek re-election to the Senate, this and other recent developments started a chain reaction that will be felt for several years to come in our county politics.

County registration figures as of October 9, 1987 indicated that in the 25th Senatorial District, Republican voters outnumber Democratic by over 30,000 (51.6 Republican, 37.6 Democrats, and 10.8% decline to state). These statistics, plus the large size of the district, including part of San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties, and all of Inyo County, would make it improbable that a democrat could win the seat running against Bill Leonard, an incumbent Republican assemblyman, whose seat overlaps part of the 25th Senatorial District.

Democratic may be more successful in the 61st Assembly District, as the incumbent, Leonard runs for Richardson's seat. The 61st Assembly District includes most of the East Valley (Redlands, Yucaipa, Grand Terrace, and Loma Linda), Needles, Barstow, Apple Valley, the mountain areas (except Lake Arrowhead), part of the Highland and the Mojave Desert. 

Registration figures for the 61st Assembly District show 79,724 (49.6%) Republican, 66,822 (40%) Democratic and 14,455 (8%) declined to state. With this closer registration and indication of a possible hard fought Republican primary, a Democrat could slip in with a well organized campaign. If a blood bath does develop in the 61st Republican Primary, the nominee may not have the time nor the resources to recover by the general election five months later. A well financed, articulate Democrat could develop a campaign around environmental issues, including problems with solid and hazardous wastes. Planned growth, senior citizen needs, education, roads and transportation are issues, that with a progressive platform, could attract a Democrat to the 61st Assembly District.

As candidates file for the senate and assembly seats, other political moves will be available. In the future, look for Colton Mayor Frank Gonzales as a potential regional elected official. Other include Joe Baca, if successful for a 3rd term on the San Bernardino Community College Board. Water Board member, George Aguilar can be another candidate for higher political office.

Another significant change in Democratic politics is the recent court ruling that allows county committees to endorse candidates in partisan primaries. Democratic office holders must soon develop a closer relationship with local organizations. As the assembly district or face losing an endorsement to a democratic challenger in the primary election. Also, if the county decide to allow partisan endorsements in local elections (school boards, county and mayor races) changes will occur in Democratic holds, such as the City of San Bernardino, as more Democratic candidates are elected.

Lastly, AB 2382 sponsored by Assemblyman Jerry Eaves and signed by the Governor will change procedures for electing Democratic County Central Committee members in San Bernardino County effective with the election in June 1988. Before Hispanics had to compete for 7 seats in the 65th Assembly District. The district included high concentrations of Hispanics in West San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana, and Ontario. In effect, this was gerrymandering most of the county's Hispanics into one district. The new law will separate those pockets of Hispanics in three districts.

This important change will insure a more representative election of Hispanics to the Democratic County Committee in San Bernardino.

Aurelio de la Torre is Chairman of San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee. By California Election Code, the committee has charge of party campaigns in San Bernardino County and performs other duties and services for the party as it deems to be for the benefit of the party. Mr. de la Torre is also Director of the Veterans Affairs for the County of San Bernardino.

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Hispanic Link

Undocumented Goblins Leap U.S. Border

By L. Houle Gutierrez

In most U.S. towns and cities, Halloween is an orderly procession of young, costumed children dressed in elaborate costumes and toilet mode, small and large, climbing across the fence and using the hood of his vehicle as a springboard. When you park your patrol car down the street and you are on the border with Mexico, it is something different. Very different.

Actually, there are two Nogaleses. There is Nogales, Ariz., with its population of 20,000. And there is its Mexican sister, Nogales, Sonora, with 12 times that population.

The two communities are separated by a huge "cut-proof" chain-link fence, which remains uncut for nearly four days after its installation long ago. Beyond our city limits, the fence gives way to the international fence, which remained uncut for nearly four days after its installation long ago. Beyond our city limits, the fence gives way to the international fence.

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**PUBLIC SURVEY**

**How did your pueblo observe Dia de los Muertos in Mexico?**

**Francisco Meneses**  San Bernardino

In Mexico, people will visit the gravesides of their relatives. They take flowers and clean the gravemarkers. At the graveside, they will pray a rosary for the deceased. Some even take favorite food or music to offer their loved ones. This is a form of remembrance, a celebration of the deceased’s rest.

**Grettty Sangueno**  San Bernardino

The older people in Merida would prepare tamales, atolle and champurado to place at the altar they would erect. This altar would also sometimes include the dead person’s picture. They would decorate the altar with roses and violets.

**Ana Alvarran**  Fontana

My family will take flowers to the cemetery and say a mass. My mother, who lives in San Antonio, Jalisco, would make candies, capirotada, sweet rice, even a bread in the form of a body. She would put this food in her best dishes in the kitchen as an offering.

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**Dia de los Muertos: An Old Custom From Mexico Still Alive**

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Altoz are constructed out of wood or cardboard and decorated with flowers, candles and photographs of deceased relatives or friends. People will often pray for the dead in front of the altar. Also, the favorite foods of the deceased are placed atop the altar. Chocolates, fruits and candy are put out for the children and tamales, sweet potatoes, mole, beer and wines for the adults.

In Michoacan and the northern region of Mexico City, families order different kinds of sugar candy, depicting objects that the deceased desired such as hats and boots, horses, furniture and cars. Candy in the shape of skulls with the names of the dead inscribed on them are also used.

Additionally, people will go to the cemetery where their relatives are buried and celebrate the holiday. Often, they place the dead’s favorite food and drinks on the grave, then sit down and dine.

"Dia de los Muertos is an important day because it demonstrates the people’s attitude and addresses death in a way different from how the Anglo culture views death," says Karen Boccalero, a Franciscan nun and director of Self Help Graphics in East Los Angeles. Self Help Graphics over the years has provided exhibits, lectures and special events depicting the cultural tradition of Dia de los Muertos.

Self Help Graphics’ "made Dia de Los Muertos public," she says. "We gathered people together to celebrate it and re-educate ourselves." But this is the first time in about 15 years that Self Help will not conduct its annual celebration.

“We feel we have accomplished our goal and other people are now doing their own celebrations," says Boccalero. They include the Los Angeles Photography Center, 412 S. Parkview, which will celebrate Dia de Los Muertos from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 with an exhibition. The event is free. For more information, one can call the center at (213) 383-7342.

"Dia de Los Muertos allows one to better understand the Mexican culture in different ways, says Boccalero. First, it gives you a look at death and allows you to face it with a sense of humor. This reaffirms life by celebrating death. Then, it enables people to realize, "I am more than what you see here. I am a part of all those that have died before me."

You do not cry, you remember your ancestors and other people important to you that have died, in contrast to the U.S. culture that doesn’t like to look at the past or death.

Finally, by celebrating Dia de los Muertos, people realize that we all need each other. "We’re all going to die so we share a common bond," says Boccalero.

Not a bad philosophy to adhere to in a world full of conflicting values, cultures and interests.
Gifted and Talented Program (GATE) seeks to Increase Participation of Hispanics

GATE program students participate in accelerated studies and are encouraged to problem-solve.

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According to Elisa Diaz, San Bernardino School Board member, "One of the reasons for the small amount of Hispanics in the program could be that these students are not being pushed by their parents and because parents are not aware of this program."

To correct the latter problem Diaz noted that bilingual teachers are now going to schools with low numbers of Hispanic students enrolled in GATE and talking to the principals to increase participation.

Jerry Kasinski, District G.A.T.E. Resource Teacher for the school district is working on a joint program with the Bilingual Education Program, to inform Hispanic parents of the G.A.T.E. program. "We hope to produce a video to show to parents," said Kasinski.

Narciso Cardona, principal at Roosevelt Elementary School, stated there is a shortage of Hispanic teachers involved in the G.A.T.E. program and believes an increase would help in attracting more Hispanic students. Most Hispanic teachers are used for bilingual education, which is also very important, however, it is unfortunate that there are not many left for the G.A.T.E. program, stated Cardona. He also believes that parental input and participation is also very important when it comes to the selection of G.A.T.E. students.

At Roosevelt Elementary School there are just over 200 G.A.T.E. students and unlike the school district as a whole, it meets the compliance standards of the state with 49 Hispanic students representing 32.4% of the student body. According to Cardona, a student may be selected by their principal, teacher or at the recommendation of their parents. The student is then tested and they must score at least 120 on their I.Q. test. In addition, other talents such as musical and artistic abilities are considered in the evaluation.

At the elementary level, basic skills are introduced and presented at a greater pace and differential enrichment units are included. There is emphasis on open-ended learning, problem solving and critical thinking. At the intermediate level, the basic curriculum concepts of the elementary program are continued. Awareness of vocational choices, interpersonal skills, and the development of realistic healthy self-concepts are also stressed.

At the senior high school level, upper-class pupils (11-12) are scheduled into honors programs, academic preparation classes, post-secondary classes at local colleges, and individual study. "This year the G.A.T.E. program along with other special programs, was on the cutting block for the Governor. However, due to State Superintendent Honig's protection,

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Upon her return, she was approached to run again for the city council but declined taking place she felt she had been away for five years from the community. Estrada felt she needed time to re-establish herself and have people familiarize themselves with her work. Additionally, she wanted to put to work what she had learned when she was with M.A.L.D.E.F. She recalled that while in San Francisco she had received phone calls from people in the area who were concerned about then councilman Castafieda’s performance and image. During her visits to San Bernardino she met with Castafieda to remind him of the commitments he had made in 1977, but he was not too concerned.

Estrada met with Councilman Castafieda a number of times in 1984 and urged him to address several concerns such as his image problem, but according to Estrada he was still about it all. Finally in December of that year she threw her hat in the ring and subsequently won the 1985 election. Estrada believed that the people of the 1st Ward were sincere and honest and their elected officials should reflect that. Once she was elected, she sent building inspectors and policemen down to Mt. Vernon Ave. to start cleaning the area up. She is still working on cleaning up Mt. Vernon Ave.

"It's one thing if you know you have a large drug problem and you try to deal with it though the community. Its another thing when there is gang-like or outright killings taking place on the main street of your community and very little being done to correct the situation," said Estrada.

With regard to the future of Mt. Vernon Ave., she is going to do everything she can to include Mt. Vernon Ave. as part of a redevelopment project area. However, because of the General Plan revision they are not in any position to recommend the creation of new redevelopment areas. According to Estrada the legalities of the present R.D.A. projects are currently under question. She would like to bring a redevelopment area up and down Mt. Vernon Ave. and maybe give Jess Flores councilman of the 3rd Ward something more south on Mt. Vernon Ave.

Councilwoman Estrada believes Ralph Hernandez had the right idea in the recent but unsuccessful recall movement, which is that Evlyn Wilcox should not be mayor.

According to Estrada, Wilcox is politically naive and is insensitive to the needs of minorities. The actual election of Wilcox was the voters total rejection of Robert Holcomb, not a mandate for Wilcox.

"For 14 years Holcomb ran the city with a tight rein and now with Wilcox there is mass confusion. People need direction and they need to be held accountable," said Estrada. The city needs good sharp leaders running the city or else there is a lot of time wasted which translates into money said Estrada. She emphasized the fact that there was a current infrastructure problem which was not being addressed.

"The end of the recall movement has given the mayor a false illusion that it is a mandate for her," noted Estrada. She believes the recall did not take off because it was not planned right. Estrada also strongly believes that it is more...
"Encuentro" Fetes Latino Educators At UC Riverside

The San Bernardino Chapter of the Association of Mexican American Educators and the California Association of Bilingual Educators, Riverside chapter were honored at a reception on October 13 at the University of California at Riverside.

This reception provided an opportunity to have a true dialogue and share commonalities in bilingual, bicultural education said Henry Vasquez, president of the A.M.A.E. chapter. President of C.A.B.E. Dr. Marisol Naso agreed stating that this was a first for the two organizations "un encuentro," a historical event.

Guest speaker for the event was Dr. Carlos Cortes who spoke on "Encuentro de Culturas". Cortes provided current demographics and anticipated growth patterns of the Hispanic population in the United States. Due to the future growth, Cortes stressed the need for expanded knowledge of languages, to understand the different cultures coming together because of the revised immigration laws, and finally that a civic commitment is necessary to accomplish this awareness. Vasquez and Naso said that the two groups will continue to meet and strengthen their collegial relationships. The meeting was conducted in both English and Spanish.

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In this election we are voting on three (3) separate topics the
San Bernardino Community College District
San Bernardino City Unified School District
Measure A
and in some areas the East Valley Water Measure

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Candidates' Statements

San Bernardino Unified School District

C. "Ed" Baumgarner

San Bernardino is a leader in education and continually strives to provide our students with the best education possible. My concern is the high percentage of high school drop outs. The ex-student becomes a liability to our community due to lack of skills and education - everyone loses. My goal is to work toward having the lowest percentage of drop outs in California. The students of today are our leaders of tomorrow, let's make sure they remain in school to everyone wins!

Hardy L. Brown

Our children will need experienced Board leadership to demand funding for new schools and required school supplies. As the Board's vice-president, member of various state-wide education committees, I will continue to work hard to influence the Legislators in Sacramento to pass needed education funding bills. As promised four years ago, our children's test scores have increased, local schools have received State and National recognition, teachers salaries have increased, there is greater parent participation, schools have been reopened, and there are consistent employee performance evaluations. I have also made a strong commitment to the District Affirmative Action Program, and the bi-lingual/bi-cultural programs I will continue to be accessible to those I represent and together work toward a brighter future for our children.

James E. McCambridge

I won't make you any exaggerated promises, what I will do when I'm elected to the School Board is use my over 20 years experience with the district to make the operation of our schools more efficient. I'll use my knowledge of school operation to eliminate waste and inefficiency so your hard earned tax dollars go for what they are intended for: OUR CHILDRENS EDUCATION! At present I'm chairman of the school's Personnel Commission. In the past I was president of the California School Employees Association (Chapter 183) and a member of the superintendent's budget committee.

San Bernardino Community College District

C.E. Tapie Rohm Jr.

Dr. Rohm has a great appreciation and love for the Hispanic population in the San Bernardino area. While attending college, he was awarded by a Hispanic family who spoke nothing Spanish in their home. He believes and supports the bilingual program. Please notice that he is the only candidate with a Spanish statement on the ballot. He is concerned about the drop out rate of Hispanic youth from school. He wants to make changes and can only do this with your support. He has seven children starting at the age of 14 years on down. Vote for somebody who cares about your youth.

Richard Valdez

I believe I'm much more innovative in what I believe we need. I'd like to address the real issues. We've got to be able to manage the resources we have. I along with other candidates believe the primary responsibility for school children is the responsibility of the parents. They need to send their children to school to prevent drop outs. We need to go to kids and ask them why there is a drop-out problem. I believe parental pressure is causing a lot of problems. Parents are trying to live through their children - we need to loosen up. Bottom line is student morale. Kids have to start feeling good about themselves and their environment.

Louis E. Yeager

If elected I will bring to the Board many years of private business experience and a belief good schools are the strongest economic tool any community can possess. Our school system has the responsibility of educating all the young people in our community. This is a challenge requiring ingenuity, wisdom and a sound business like approach. The schools will be as good as their management team can make them and as strong as the community wants them to be - a strong community commitment is necessary for our schools to excel. The schools are doing many things correctly and have the tools to continue to improve - I would like to be part of that effort.

San Bernardino Community College District

Joe Baca

I am seeking re-election to the San Bernardino Community College, Board of Trustees because I believe the Community College District deserves the best possible leadership the community has to offer.

I have been totally committed to excellence, opportunity and quality education for all members of the Community College District. I have served intelligently and effectively for the past eight years and as President of the Board I have met the challenges and changes the Community College District has undergone. We initiated a marketing office which now reflects the growth in student enrollment and programs. Despite decreased funding, the right of all students to have an excellent academic and occupational preparation must be guarded. We must examine a broad range of programs and activities systematically and decide which are more important than others or which ones are of a higher priority in terms of student and community needs. The Community College Board is ultimately responsible to the taxpayers and the district it represents.

Seeking office to become an active participant in the overall planning and evaluation of educational and community activities of the San Bernardino Valley community colleges.

The primary concern of the Community College Board of Trustees should be to become more actively involved in a continuous process which will ensure:

1) adequate funding sources for a growing and diverse student population.
2) development of a plan to effect a collaborative effort between the Community College Board of Trustees and the Local District School boards which will assist students at both institutions.
3) faculty and the teaching processes be given the greatest weight in the promotion and tenure process.
4) faculty and staff be given every consideration available during salary and benefit talks with the administration.

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Crime Tips for Halloween
Sgt. Dan Hernandez
San Bernardino Police Department

Halloween is meant to be fun for children. However, there are some unnecessary hazards that can be avoided if a few common sense precautions are taken.

Before Trick-or-Treating
- Wear costumes that make it easy to walk, see and be seen.
- Use reflective tape (available at bicycle stores) on costume so people driving cars can see trick-or-treaters.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Use make-up or face paint instead of a mask. Masks can obstruct children's vision.
- Pick only streets that are well lighted and tell family which streets you will be on.
- Never go alone. Have an adult supervise or go with a group.
- Plan an alternate event such as a block party, church or school party.

During trick-or-treating
- Try to trick-or-treat while there is still light outside.
- Cross the street only at corners, not between parked cars or in the middle of a block.
- Stay on the sidewalks and if there is none, stay as far left as possible facing the on-coming traffic.
- Don't eat treats until they've been sorted and checked at home.

After trick-or-treating
- Throw away any candy or food that is not packaged, wrapped and sealed by a candy or food company.
- Notify police if there are any suspicious treats. These treats may have been meant to harm you or others.

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Business of the Week

A Business Set in Stone

By SONIA D.T. RODRIGUEZ
Hispanic News Reporter

One normally does not like to think about headstones and usually does not pay attention to gravemarkers except during visits to the cemetery. However, Manny Arrieta walked into Monumental Bronze, Inc, in 1979 and fell in love with the business. This is a trade people do with their hands from beginning to end, I see it through from inception to the final product," said Arrieta. In 1980 Arrieta joined Al Comau in partnership to the business and two years later bought out the business from Comau.

Comau originally ran the foundry called San Bernardino-Riverside Monumental Company off of Highland and Waterman and ended up owning the company and moving it to its present location off of Arrowhead on Benedict, where he changed the name to Monumental Bronze. Comau assisted Arrieta.

Connor's original hallmark is to increase the number of Hispanics who enter careers in government and policy related institutions. The primary goal of the HLOP is to increase the number of Hispanics who enter careers in government and policy related positions. The internships, which are all based in Washington, D.C. run from a minimum of four and one half months to a maximum of nine months and provide the fellows with a stipend of $1000. per month and transportation to and from Washington, D.C. Fellows are responsible for obtaining their own housing. Applications for the HLOP will be accepted through the end of November. Final selections will be completed by December 11, with internships beginning January 19, 1988.

Criteria for qualification in the HLOP includes high academic achievement participation in community activities, completion of college degree requirements, and/or enrollment in an accredited graduate school program. To apply for the program, all interested individuals must submit a completed application form, a brief resume, writing samples and a statement of objectives. For further information about the HLOP, or to obtain applications interested individuals should call the CHCI, Inc. at 1-800-367-5273.

Congressman Torres also invites internship candidates to contact his district office at (213) 695-0702 or (818) 961-3978.

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Winner Shana Renee Ramirez poses with Troy Johnson and Michael Damien. Ramirez was crowned on Sunday, October 25 at the first Miss Hispanoamericana Beauty Pageant at the Citrus Building of the Orange Show.

Raquel Carrillo, Lakeview, addresses audience Sunday night at beauty pageant.

Beauty Pageant: Photos by M. Ponce
test along with those of parents, who picketed in Sacramento, the program was spared," said Diaz.

The district is making progress to correct the imbalance. Hopefully more parents will hear the message and encourage their children to participate. Establishing school/parent partnerships seems to be the message.

 Estrada

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costly keeping Wilcox in office than recalling her.

As for the future of Councilwoman Estrada, she will continue to do the best that she can and live up to the expectations that people may have of her. Estrada feels a great sense of indebtedness to people who have helped, supported and worked with her. In addition, she has come to the conclusion that in this day and age one of the best positions to be in, in terms of political office, is at the local level where you can make the greatest contribution.

"If the timing is right and the opportunity is there, the mayor’s race or a supervisorial race would not be out of the question," confessed Estrada.

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on a pre-need basis because you would be paying for it now, as opposed to later. By buying pre-need, one also insures their loved ones will not be burdened with this responsibility.

ROUNDTABLE

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user- Busch, Inc. has sponsored the past three calendars and has agreed to continue their support," said Martinez.

For organizations who want to join the Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable and would like more information on meeting dates and times, call Bob Martinez at 387-7024, Graciela Gomez at 884-1649 or Esther Mata at 886-7423.

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There are many challenges facing the Community College System in California in general, all of which have an impact on our District. Of these, I view the establishment of a reliable, adequate and stable system of financing as the most important. It is absolutely essential in running a quality educational program that the management of that system know in advance how much financing will be available to it prior to the start of the budgeting process. Equally important is to arrive at a mutually satisfactory system of governance which restructures some of the local control lost by all districts as a result of Proposition 13. Finally, but of equal importance although of direct impact only to our district, is the selection of a new Chancellor. I believe that the selection of the Chief Executive Officer is the single most important decision that the Board of Trustees makes.

These three problems, as well as others, require immediate attention. I individually and our Board collectively is presently working on all three and will continue to do so. I believe that my background as a lawyer as well as my experience on the Board (I am the senior member) places me in a position to be helpful in the resolution of these problems.

One of biggest problems facing the San Bernardino Community Colleges as well as other community colleges is the uncertain levels of funding from the state. The governor and state legislature have not provided the leadership necessary to guide the direction of community colleges in the state for the past few years. Sacramento should not take full blame of the situation, there has been poor judgement in financial decisions from the Board and the District. Some of which is based on poor means gathering information and communication. My goal is to alleviate this communication problem that allows poor policy to be formed.

As a college student in the district, I have had several opportunities to see, hear, and experience results of the increasing lack of trust because of the lack of confidence in the administration and the Board of Trustees. The Chancellor must be a qualified individual willing to communicate and listen to faculty and staff. Also, have the best interests for the students and college in mind and most importantly have the integrity to do this job well. This may be an excellent opportunity to appoint a woman or a minority to the position. The community college should be a guiding beacon for both junior high and high school and should play a more active role in the 8-12 grade level. Particularly for those students who lack role models to follow and need to believe that education can work for them, such as minorities and the underprivileged.

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