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IMPACTO 2000 PLAN PRESENTED TO SALINAS

Mexican President Backs Bilateral Efforts

Assemblyman Eaves to host Women/Minority Business Procurement Conference October 11

Assemblyman Jerry Eaves is hosting the First Annual Women/Minority Business Conference at the Inland Empire Hilton in San Bernardino on October 11, 1989 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"We have a power packed agenda!" says Assemblyman Jerry Eaves. Willie Brown, Speaker of the Assembly will be the key-note speaker at the conference luncheon. Brown recognized for his oratory and wit is the most-sought-after public speaker in California politics. Brown will give you his insight into his views on the women/minority owned business climate.

Major contracting companies and government agencies exhibiting are bringing "live contracts" and sealed bids" with them. Oscar Wright, California Small Business Advocate, Richard Nelson, Executive Director, Office of Small Business, Stim Suzuki, Chief, Office of Small and Minority Business and Edmundo Lopez, Chief, Office of Civil Rights, Caltrans are slated to share their expertise in finance and procurement with conference attendees. These experts can give you the "know how" to get your contract.

High level procurement officers from private industry such as Southern California Edison, General Telephone Company and Southern California Gas Company have been invited to host a workshop on what it takes to do business with them. Local governments See EAVES, Page 2

By DAVID SEDENO

TIJUANA, Mexico - President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, saying he wanted future generations of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans to speak with pride about Mexico, has welcomed a proposal creating a bilateral commission to deal with problems facing Latinos. IMPACTO 2000, a San Bernardino-based coalition, presented Salinas on Thursday with a plan that would create cooperatives to deal with commerce, education, immigration, culture and health care on both sides of the border.

There are about 20 million Latinos in the United States, including 62 percent of Mexican descent, said Dr. Armando Navarro, executive director of the Institute for Social Justice in San Bernardino who coordinated the visit with Salinas.

He said by the year 2030, 20 percent of California's residents will be Latino. IMPACTO officials will meet with Mexican officials in Mexico City in October to begin hammering out part of the plan, Navarro said. He hoped most of the framework for the bilateral commission would be in place by mid-1990.

"The Mexican-American community is emerging as a force and as a power, but we're still talking about potential power and not about actual power," he said.

"We still have a lot of problems, but we're beginning to structure and develop projects that are going to help us in our political empowerment, especially economic empowerment," Navarro, a political scientist, said.

Salinas, who was on a three-day tour of Baja California that ended Friday, told the 300 delegates during a meeting that his country was undergoing changes and he wanted to continue his country's bonding with the Mexican-American community. He said he would direct governmental agencies to begin working on Mexico's side of the proposal.

"We have a good relationship with the U.S. government and the Congress and an especially harmonious relationship with the Mexican-American community," Salinas said.

"We will continue that relationship with the future generations of Mexican-Americans because of the love we have for this extraordinary country of our fathers and forefathers and because we want our children and grandchil-

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Puerto Rican Help Needed Now!

Carmen Garcia, President of the Inland Empire Puerto Rican Association, announced that money contributions are being accepted for aiding the people in Puerto Rico that lost homes and possessions as a result of hurricane Hugo. Contributions can be sent to Inland Empire Puerto Rican Association, P.O. Box 1325, San Bernardino, CA 92402 or contact Tati Lozada at 823-0043

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dren to also speak about it with pride, compassion and emotion," Salinas said. Salinas also talked about his country's attempts to stop corruption and the flow of drugs to the United States. He said that his young administration is trying to revamp its economy to keep workers in Mexico. "If they do have to work as laborers in the United States, I want to stress to the consulates they have to ensure their countrymen's rights are not being violated," Salinas said.

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The current issue of the Inland Empire Hispanic News profiles Mr. Florentino Garza, long-time attorney in San Bernardino.

Mr. Garza is one of the most respected attorneys, not only in the Inland Empire and Statewide, but throughout the country and internationally. He is an outstanding legal expert on personal injury.

He has been president of several prestigious legal associations and leader in the legal community. Opportunities for high judicial positions have been offered to him.

Adding to the legal practice, Mr. Garza is in demand to chair organizations, committees, causes or fundraisers. He is frequently requested to speak at functions and is involved with his community.

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will speak about their small business plans as well as update you on the current business climate.

This event is being co-sponsored with the Alliance of Latino Business Associates and General Telephone Company.

Obtain tickets by contacting Rebecca Gill or Wes Jefferson of Assemblyman Eaves office at (714) 820-1902. A fee of $20.00 will be charged to cover the cost of lunch and conference. All participants must pre-register for the conference as demand for tickets is expected to exceed supply.

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Canto Bello Chorale Concert set for Sunday October 8th - Sturges Center

The San Bernardino Canto Bello Chorale has announced that there is a concert scheduled for 5 p.m., Sunday, October 8 at the Sturges Center for the Performing Arts, 8th and "E" Street San Bernardino. Tickets are $10 General Seating. There will be no reserved seats.

The Canto Bello Chorale will celebrate the heritage of Mexican music with a concert of traditional and modern Mexican music featuring the well known, Southern California, Mariachi UCLATLAN. Included in the performance will be traditional folk songs and waltzes by Mexican composers, samples of more contemporary Mexican music and arrangements by chorale director Refugio "Emie" Gomez. "There is a beautiful heritage in Mexican music that should not be lost," says Gomez, "this concert, "Recuerdos - A Mexican Musical Mosaic," is our tribute to this wonderful musical legacy." Gomez is equally enthusiastic about working with Mariachi UCLATLAN, which is widely acclaimed as one of the best mariachi groups in Southern California. Gomez feels that, "No tribute to Mexican music would be complete without acknowledging the influence of the mariachi." Also on the program will be the dance group, Grupo Folklorico California, under the direction of Ross Ana Carrasco.

For further information and ticket reservations call Canto Bello Chorale at 825-0589 or Sturges Center at 384-5415.

The San Bernardino Canto Bello Chorale is presenting the popular "Recuerdos" concert in the San Bernardino area due to public request and number of people who missed the previous performance in April 1989, according to Chuck Bradley, President Canto Bello Chorale.

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Fiesta Del Charro - The Farmers Fair at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds will host a Fiesta Del Charro (Mexican rodeo) at 2 p.m. on October 15, closing day of the fair. In addition to gate admission prices, there is a fee of $5 for adults and $3 for children required for arena events. For additional information about the fair which runs October 6-15, call (714) 687-4221.

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The contributions to the Arrowhead United Way are well spent. Volunteer allocations committees review agency budgets, visit program sites and make sure Arrowhead United Way funds help agencies assist those in need. And, Arrowhead United Way works with over 3,000 local volunteers to keep administrative costs to a minimum. In fact, 84 cents out of every dollar contributed to Arrowhead United Way is returned directly to community service programs.

Our growing community has many human service needs. It is our civic responsibility to lend assistance. Arrowhead United Way supported services help our families and individuals by making possible the expert care needed when critical situations arise. Those receiving help are often our co-workers, friends, neighbors or relatives. Some of us may now be getting help or have gotten help, from a local Arrowhead United Way agency.

This system of varied services provided by Arrowhead United Way agencies strengthens our community by making it a better place in which to live and to work. Arrowhead United Way agencies are meeting the needs of the Hispanic community by providing specific services compatible with our needs.

Research indicates that there is a high rate of diabetes and cancer among Hispanics. Two local Arrowhead United Way agencies, the American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society are partially funded by our contributions to Arrowhead United Way.

The American Diabetes Association offers peer support groups to diabetic youths, adults and their families and offers patient, professional and public education. This agency even offers a special Summer Camp for Type I diabetic youths. For more information on services provided by the American Diabetes Association, call 370-1054 or 788-4840.

Another Arrowhead United Way supported agency, the American Cancer Society provides various services to cancer patients and provides educational programs for the general public as well as for health professionals. This agency also funds research seeking causes, cures, and prevention of cancer. To learn more about their services call 824-2724.

The Salvation Army, San Bernardino Corps, also serves members of the Hispanic community. This agency provides emergency family services for crisis intervention, operates the Hospitality House homeless shelter and provides emergency disaster services. Their phone number is 888-1336.

Still another Arrowhead United Way supported agency meeting needs in the Hispanic community is Catholic Charities. Their services include: resources/outreach for emergency food, shelter, clothing, temporary housing and travelers aid. Catholic Charities also provides counseling, prison ministry, refugee resettlement, immigration services and juvenile drug/alcohol diversion. To learn more about the programs offered by Catholic Charities, phone 370-0800.

Located on San Bernardino's Westside is yet another Arrowhead United Way funded agency serving Hispanics. Services at Casa Ramona include a child development center, senior nutrition program and English As Second Language classes. They may be reached at 889-0111.

Arrowhead United Way agencies are meeting a wide-range of needs in our community. However, as our area continues to grow, demands for services by area residents will increase. Our help is needed to ensure that Arrowhead United Way agencies can continue serving those in need.

Arrowhead United Way's annual fund raising campaign on behalf of over 50 local health and human service agencies began on September 18, 1989. Every employer should allow Arrowhead United Way to conduct an employee campaign at their place of business. We should support Arrowhead United Way with a personal or corporate contribution which, in fact, is support to our community.

Many employers offer payroll deduction. Through this program, a small amount of money is deducted from your earnings each pay period and is donated to Arrowhead United Way. United Way then allocates these funds to local agencies. If we want to help ensure that Arrowhead United Way agency services are available if, and when, we or someone close to us needs help, we can do so by supporting Arrowhead United Way. This is an investment in our community.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News endorses the Arrowhead United Way.
Florentino Garza at his desk in law firm of Welebir, Lister, Garza and Macomber.

By: Eloise Gomez-Reyes
Former Law Partner

He was recently named as one of "California's Most Respected Lawyers" by the California Bar Association. Florentino Garza has over 30 years of experience in the practice of law and has successfully handled many cases - some cases of which other lawyers felt could not be won, and has accepted cases which require long arduous hours of extensive research into areas of law which were just developing.

In the early 1980's, Mr. Garza participated in the widely publicized case involving then City Councilperson Ralph Hernandez from San Bernardino, an election contest controversy. The case was won after 3 1/2 years and many countless hours of research and preparation. Court personnel who witnessed the trial continue to praise the expertise and dedication of Mr. Garza.

Another publicized case involved Frank Gonzalez, Colton City Mayor, who was sued for over a million dollars for libel and slander arising out of a mayoral race. Mr. Garza was successful in having the case dismissed by the superior court.

These are two examples of cases outside of the area of Mr. Garza's area of expertise, but they represent a sampling of his success in law.

Florentino Garza, formerly from Texas, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 1950. He continued his education at the University and received his Master of Arts degree in the fields of History and Government in 1952.

After teaching History at the University of New Mexico, Mr. Garza attended the UCLA School of Law and became an attorney in 1956.

He began his profession as a defense attorney, representing several firms and handling a myriad of cases. In 1961, Mr. Garza and his family moved to San Bernardino and joined a local law firm.

Since 1961, Mr. Garza has practiced law in San Bernardino, and in 1988, he left the area temporarily and was associated with a Los Angeles law firm. This was the first time in 26 years that Mr. Garza had practiced law with an outside firm. In April, 1989, he returned to San Bernardino and joined the law firm of Welebir, Lister, Garza and Macomber, continuing to specialize in personal injury.

During his absence, the community felt a great loss. He had long been considered a pillar in the legal community and a conscientious advocate and leader in the area.

Mr. Garza has long been involved in many legal and community organizations. In addition to serving as President of the San Bernardino County Bar Association in 1976, he has served as President of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, one of the most prestigious legal international associations for attorneys.

The Academy represents the top 500 trial lawyers of this country and, in addition, the top trial lawyers of other countries. The selection process is difficult, and very few attorneys are selected from each country. Mr. Garza was elected a member in 1970 and became its President in 1979.

In addition, Mr. Garza was elected as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1974, an honor accorded to the top 1% of the lawyers of each state.

He is also listed in the book entitled "The Best Lawyers in America," and was the only plaintiffs' personal injury attorney from the Inland Empire to be named.

From 1972 to 1982, Mr. Garza represented the State of Texas in the Howard Hughes case. As a result of his work, he received a citation from the State Attorney general of Texas and became an "Honorary Admiral" in the Texas Navy.

When the California Lawyer magazine composed its list of California's Most Respected Lawyers in its September, 1989 issue, the only lawyer from the Inland Empire who was listed was Florentino Garza of Welebir, Lister, Garza and Macomber.

A few years ago, Mr. Garza was nominated by then Governor Jerry Brown to fill a vacancy on the California Supreme Court. After a thorough investigation, the Judicial Commission concluded that Mr. Garza was qualified for the position. Obviously, this is an honor only a few attorneys have shared.

He has received countless awards and acknowledgements for his services, skills and dedication. In 1987, he received the John B. Surr Award from the San Bernardino County Bar Association. This award is given to an attorney in the community who has best exemplified the high standards of the profession and administration of justice. "It has been blessed with an overabundance of awards for which I am grateful, but having been admitted to membership in the American College of Trial Lawyers and into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers were two of the greatest," Garza stated.

On the inscription of a plaque given to Mr. Garza by the International Academy of Trial Lawyers is the citation signed by the succeeding president and reads as follows: A man who leads the Academy with judgement and excellence and who personifies its goals and ideals. Advocate without peer, devoted husband, universally loved, conscience of his brother lawyers, highly respected by bench and bar. The International Academy of Trial Lawyers honors himself by expressing its appreciation for the outstanding leadership given by Florentino Garza, President - 1979.

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As the only Latino from the Inland Empire to acquire the name recognition and praise, Mr. Garza is considered one of the best role models for our youth today. He has been an inspiration to local attorneys as well as other community leaders.

When discussing the youth of today, Mr. Garza had some definite thoughts. "To be successful, young students today, as early as possible in their youth, must be awakened to the dreams and the possibility that those dreams can become realities. They must be motivated constantly to achieve whatever it is they seek to do in life so as to make them productive and happy.

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Mr. Garza knows of what he speaks. He came from a poor family in Texas. He and his two sisters and brother were orphaned at a very young age. His dedication, hard work and motivation to overcome social and economic barriers have brought to a position in society that few can hold. The community speaking about him talks not only about the great lawyer that he is, but also about the fact that he is such a gentle person and committed to his family.

He epitomizes the ideal Christian attorney who has acquired excellence.

Mr. Garza's wife, Regina, has been an enduring source of support to him. She has been a member of the Assistance League and Lawyers' Wives Association. They have three sons, Richard, a certified paralegal, who recently passed away; Tom, who is a Western State Law School graduate and is awaiting to results of the bar examination which he took in July; and Greg, who is a senior at UCLA, majoring in History and Political Science.

Tom's wife, Donna, is a Deputy District Attorney in San Bernardino and they have a daughter, Jenna Christina who is sixteen months old.

"My pride and joy rests with my granddaughter, Jenna," he said proudly. "Each generation must improve the quality of life for themselves and for their children, and in God's good time, we will no longer be denials a minority, but will actually have the genius of creativity and accomplishment which are special and unique to our Mexican people.

"I am very proud of my Mexican heritage. I look to the day when every Mexican-American will feel as proud of his or her Mexican heritage as we do our Irish, Jewish and Italian friends. And we will. I think if we really knew and understood the beauty of our language, the richness of our food, our music, religious feelings, of our strong family ties and our loyalty to country, we would recognize that these are qualities that should never disappear no matter how much we are assimilated into the mainstream of our dominant society."

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Polanco Y Reiner Piden Regulacion De Transmisores De Dinero

Demandando un final para los robos a los consumidores que envían dinero al extranjero, se unió al Asambleísta Richard Polanco (Demócrata de Los Ángeles), el Procurador General de Los Ángeles Ira Reiner pidiendo la eliminación de una esencia en la ley estatal que permite estos abusos.

De pie ante una compañía regular "transmisora de dinero" y al otro lado de la calle una que no es regular en la transmisión de dinero, el Asambleísta Polanco dramatizó los abusos que podrían ocurrir con una compañía no regulada.

"Hay historias innumerables de Californianos que han perdido cientos y algunas veces miles de dólares a transmisores de dinero insensibles que operan como ‘compañías de telégrafos’ con ninguna prohibición o vigilancia," dijo el Asambleísta Polanco. "Estas víctimas no tienen recurso legal.”

Los individuos por todo Los Ángeles han sido víctimas de las compañías de telégrafos que acuerdan transmitir el dinero a un país extranjero, pero después cenan, llevándose el dinero. Hay otros ejemplos del dinero que llegan varios meses a más tarde o algunas veces nunca llegan. Estos abusos deben parar."

El Asambleísta Polanco pidió la aprobación del Proyecto de Ley de la Asamblea Legislativa 1461 el cual él presentó para asegurarse de estas compañías sean solventes y no retraen irrazonablemente de fracasen en enviar el dinero a otros países.

Legislación como resultado de caso Watsonville

El proyecto de ley está copatrocinado por una cantidad de legisladores que incluyen al Presidente Pro Tempore del Senado David Roberti y al Presidente de la Asamblea Legislativa Willie Brown.

El proyecto de ley está patrocinado por una cantidad de legisladores que incluyen al Presidente Pro Tempore del Senado David Roberti y al Presidente de la Asamblea Legislativa Willie Brown.

AB 1461 requerirá que estas compañías de telégrafos tengan garantía de tener bienes netos de al menos $250,000, y de estar licenciados por el Superintendente de Bancos del Estado. También requerirá que los registros apropiados de negocios sean conservados y presentados.

"Loas compañías honestas de telégrafos no necesitan temer o oponerse a este simple esfuerzo," dijo el Asambleísta. "Sus prácticas de negocios son aquellas las cuales protegen a los clientes de los robos. AB 1461 simplemente busca asegurar que aquellas compañías las cuales fracasan seguir las prácticas de negocios justas y buenas también fracasem en prosperar en California.

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The history of the Southwest Voter Registration Project

By: Tom Hannan

In the early 1970's William "Willie" Velásquez had witnessed first hand, as an organizer in the farm workers' struggle, that despite substantial representation in the population, Hispanics had very little political clout. With clarity of vision, Willie, as his friends knew him, viewed this powerlessness, not as a uniquely Hispanic problem, but as a distinct phase which every group of American immigrants had experienced. Viewing the Hispanic plight through this historical perspective, it became apparent that racial behavior could most effective be eliminated only by educating Hispanics in the art of political self-awareness. Willie initiated that process in 1974 by founding the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, a major and lasting effort to mobilize the Hispanic electorate through voter registration and education.

In fifteen years the SVREP has grown to be the largest, most effective and cost efficient organization of its type in the nation. It has coordinated over 1,000 voter registration and education campaigns to date, involving nearly 200 communities in 12 western states. Since 1976 Hispanic voter registrants have doubled in number (an increase of 95%) in California alone) and the number of elected Hispanic officials has increased dramatically. These increases have resulted from a method of registration and voter education which has proven so effective that many similar organizations have sought and received training from SVREP coordinators. Once civic leaders have determined a need for increased Hispanic and minority voter registration in their area, the SVREP Field Operations Department assists in organizing a coalition of representative community members. A proposal is drafted to outline goals and set a budget, and the coalition is assigned an SVREP liaison to assist them throughout the registration process.

By placing responsibility for success in the hands of local community leaders, two goals are achieved: community cohesion is reinforced in the team effort, but more important, it adds one more solid, permanent base to an ever growing network of national Hispanic political activity.

Increasing voter awareness is only one aspect of SVREP's efforts to achieve a politically active Hispanic electorate. The Organization also maintains a litigation department to address issues of institutional barriers which limit Hispanic participation in the democratic process. These barriers include gerrymandering - creating districts that divide potential blocks of voters - and "At-Large" election in which minority blocks are diluted in larger, non-minority districts. These practices are in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and of the 80 cases which SVREP has filed against such activities (some of which are still pending) none have been lost.

As late as 1987, the Aging Society Project of the Carnegie Foundation predicted that within 50 years Hispanics will represent a majority of the population in several southwest states. In anticipation of this finding, SVREP founded the Southwest Voter Research Institute in 1976. This independent, non-partisan institute researches Hispanic demographic trends and publishes the results in a series of handbooks and pamphlets for Hispanic leaders throughout the region.

In fifteen years this organization has developed into an interstate network serving hundreds of communities. Though there are still many barriers to overcome, SVREP has made much progress toward the creation of a politically mature Hispanic electorate.

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