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# ...and the school board election winners are:



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Elisa Diaz - San Bernardino



Ray Abril Jr. - Colton



Dr. Henry Mercado - Redlands



Felix Diaz - Victor Valley

# Martinez accepts Santa Clara post

Bob Martinez, Director of Mental Health, County of San Bernardino, has resigned to accept the position of Director of Mental Health in Santa Clara

Mr. Martinez issued the following statement: "I have submitted my resignation to the Board of Supervisors and will begin my new employment on February 1, 1990. During my stay in the Inland Empire, I have made many friends, both personal and professional. The Department of Mental Health has increased its services to better serve the County of San Bernardino. I am very proud of my staff who provide quality mental health, drug and alcohol services to the citizens of San Bernardino County. My family and I are very saddened by this move, however, I feel there is a need for me to face new challenges. The Inland Empire has been good for my family and we will truly miss the many friends and ac-



Bob Martinez, accepts post in Santa Clara County.

quaintances we have made during the 12 years that we were here."

Mr. Martinez has been County Director since 1980. He is recognized and respected throughout the State for his leadership in the mental health field. The Board of Supervisors recently awarded him a Commendation for Excellence in Management. In addition, the County Department of Mental Health has been awarded the State Commendation for Outstanding Performance during his tenure.

Within the last 10 years, the Department's budget has increased from 20 million dollars to the present 43 million. Mr. Martinez stated that San Bernardino County's population has increased dramatically within the last few years and this increase in funding has been necessary to meet the increased demand for mental health, drug and alcohol abuse services.

Other positions that Mr. Martinez has held are executive director, Patton State Hospital, hospital administrator, Camarillo State Hospital and other responsible administrative positions.

Mr. Martinez is actively involved in community and state activities. He is a member of the Kiwanis of Greater San Bernardino, a co-organizer of the Hispanic Roundtable and Patton State Hospital Advisory Board. He is actively involved in the California Conference of Local Mental Health Directors, being its chairman in 1986-87, (awarded outstanding president), CCLMHD - Minority Services Committee, chairman; CCLMHD - Criminal Justice/Mental Health Committee, chairman; CCLMHD - Budget Task Force and USC Mental Health Advisory Committee.

### EDITORIAL: Hispanic " power at the polls " shows in school elections, measures

The elections on Tuesday, November 7, produced a few disappointments and many good results.

Mr. Aurelio De La Torre came in fourth in a contest for three seats in the San Bernardino Community College School District. He lost to a relatively unknown candidate who did not campaign, refused to be interviewed and was dubbed the "ghost candidate" for his lack of participation in the college race. Lois Carson and Eugene Woods received a major share of the electoral vote. Mr. De La Torre has to consider future options in the forthcoming elections.

Mrs. Esther Murillo was unable to garner sufficient votes for her second bid to the Rialto Unified School District. She was fighting an entrenched establishment and in which planning will be a key component for future breakthroughs.

has four years to exert greater influence in the promotion of viable educational programs, especially for potential drop-

Mr. Raymond Cadena first bid for an elective position was successful, in that, his future goal to serve the community is established. His commitment and sincerity are commendable attributes and will certainly be recognized.

Mr. Felix Diaz, who as an incumbent in the Victor Valley High District, was successful in his bid for a second term. Two other incumbents were unsuccessful. The new Board will be able to implement new policies and programs which will be improvement over previous Board performance.

Mr. Hank Mercado's previous positive performance in the Redlands School District was reciprocated by the large vote for his re-election, which will entitle him to continue performing for the next term with the same sensitivity and professionalism.

Mr. Ray Abril, Jr.'s previous four terms as a community-oriented school board The election of Mrs. Eliza Diaz, who member for the Colton Unified School came in third in a race for four seats in District resulted in an astounding electhe San Bernardino School District tion result, which was immediately election, offered confidence that the behind a potential front runner. The citizens of San Bernardino felt that she large electoral returns for Mr. Abril was performing well on the Board. She will significantly impact major educational decisions on the Board, in terms of his accessibility to community input and administration accountability.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

# Election was more ... and less than met the eye

SUBMITTED BY: FERNANDO POE

#### Tuesday night's election returns may have held few surprises, but there was - for interested parties, much more behind the campaigns and their results than met the eye.

Best example of this is Elisa Diaz' apparently easy glide to re-election to her third term on the San Bernardino School Board. Her third place finish, just behind "newcomer" Linda Savage and incumbent Shelby Obershaw was predictable enough to those unaware of a highly orchestrated north end effort to "punish" Diaz for speaking up once too many times for her people. The "dump Elisa" movement found its perfect foil in County Government Apologist Ray Cadena with who Savage and Obershaw appeared to make common cause.

The Country Club scenario went like this: Savage's well-heeled drive would dove-tail with Obershaw's quiet insider's campaining, G. Keith Dolan could slip aboard while policemanincumbent Larry Neigel successfully fended for himself. Diaz and Cadena would split Hispanic votes while Butts and Frazier collected Black votes. Minority "third and fourth votes" were supposed to go to others like Savage and Obershaw. Obershaw/Savage voters were to "scatter" their third and fourth votes between Dolan and Cadena. Clearly, hundreds of Chicanos cast one-shot or "bullet" votes for Elisa and many Black voters voted for both Hispanics and both Blacks. Cadena's role as "spoiler" never took hold in the voting.



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The diminutive (that means really tiny) Elisa Diaz, had however, found most major sources of campaign funds had been closed on her early on. With Leno at her side, the little lady proceeded to put back together the coalition that put her in office eight years ago: East End and Highland voters, senior citizens who never stay home on election day, and Chicanos and Blacks who have most at stake in the future of public schools, but often leave the voting to Whitey. Diaz says she logged more miles in this campaign and spoke to more groups and individuals than in both previous campaigns put together. It showed results.

Cadena, on the other hand, ran like an incumbent board member, trying to sell the district's failed programs to a skeptical and finally unreceptive audience. Diaz emphasized some positive changes she had engineered, but more often promised to continue her fight to reform and rebuild public education locally. "I am in the system," Diaz said repeatedly, "but I am not of the system."

Diaz, a retired teacher, is often accused by fellow board members of "going over the line" that separates elected policy makers form those they hire to administer and teach. She says "I'll go as far as I need to go to keep my oath to serve the parents and children of the community - to offer through education some hope for a decent and fulfilling life for every individual."

Such thoughts and a framework of reform proposals Diaz has brought to its "mixed results."

the school board in recent years are in In the other local race of note: sharp contrast to the pro-bureaucracy, bland style of the board's other minority member - Hardy Brown. With some, Elisa has a reputation as a troublesome radical. What we may hear as a lonely voice of conscience on the board, others hear as a threat to their right to run our valley as they always have seen fit.

Cadena appeared to be the ultimate candidate to defend the school district bureaucracy having worked at every level of government. His message fell on deaf ears city-wide. People, even the few who voted, seem unwilling to buy a Latino defending a system that obviously is failing Latinos, Blacks and virtually everyone else.

Perhaps the best indication of the difference between Cadena - the loser and Diaz - the winner - is that on election night, Cadena headed for a suite at the Hilton to follow the returns; while Elisa Diaz after a full final day of campaigning, went home to cook for her volunteers and friends who would be coming by late in the evening.

Can a lone voice of reason and concern on the school board do that much good? Only time will tell. But without that single voice, that brilliant pair of eyes watching out for the children of our community, we'd be in desperate shape. The next time any of us sat down in our 3,000 square foot homes to play our grand pianos and celebrate our kid's success at Stanford, we just might strike a false note if we look hard enough at Tuesday's election and give thanks for

Less was obviously more - Community College Board Candidate Aurelio De La Torre was beaten by a school principal from Bloomington. The news here is that the principal, one Horace Jackson, is Black. Now, race was no issue here - because Jackson refused interviews, declined all photo opportunities and refused to appear anywhere on the campaign trail. The result: he carried such white voter bastions as Yucaipa and Redlands where Aurelio had mailed and campaigned (to no apparent effect.)

De La Torre, who was subtly "spanked" in print by the Sun political writer Harvey Feit for running a no-issues, no-nothing campaign; ran like an incumbent, defending again, as he often does, the very institutions that most need to be drastically changed to meet Chicano and human needs. If anything was learned here, in Jackson winning an open seat, it's that Blacks can win locally the first time by not showing their faces.

Hispanics can hardly "disguise" themselves -- the characteristics Z at the end or too many vowels in the name will alert the Anglo voter. In Aurelio's case, just using first names would not have worked either - too Latin. Perhaps the only solution is to run an out and out issues oriented campaign, letting people see and hear your ideas for reforming a college system badly in need of reform HINT - When all else fails: Tell The Truth.

### Brown lobbies for new federal building to be built in the Inland Empire

As the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) begins its 85 people and serves an area extending search for a new location for its Santa Ana office, Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (D-San Bernardino, Riverside, Ontario) has put in an early plug for moving the office to the Inland Empire. In a letter to the Regional Administrator, Robert DeMonte, Brown writes that HUD's quest for a larger building with better parking and greater access to the public could best be achieved in the Inland Empire.

The Committee for Fair Representation extends its appreciation and thanks to every citizen that supported the recent passage of MeasureQ. This is a positive event for the Citizens of Redlands.

Tony Martinez, President Committee for **Fair Representation** 

The Santa Ana HUD office employs from Orange County, across the Inland Empire and into the desert. About 50 percent of the office's business is in San Bernardino County, and 35 percent is conducted in Riverside County. Only 15 percent is in Orange County.

"My interest in locating federal facilities in the Inland Empire will not end with the HUD office. Population growth in the inland areas will require the federal government, and specifically the General Services Administration. to look inland as it locates federal offices. Such moves will help to solve the jobs and housing imbalance, if even in a small way, and will help reduce the traffic problems in the Los Angles and Orange County communities."

Brown is a senior member of the House Committees on Agriculture and on Science, Space, and Technology, and chairs the Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture. He is also a member of the congressional Office of Technology Assessment executive board.

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The major electoral accomplishment in the Inland Empire, and for that matter, the State of California, was the passage of Measure Q in the City of Redlands! This initiative will enable the City to be divided into five council districts, allowing the citizens of each respective district to elect a representative to the city council. This accomplishment was the result of many hours of research and planning and hard campaigning by a dedicated group who named themselves the Committee For Fair Representation by District. The political impact is that after 101 years of self-rule by a specific social-economic group, city governance is to be accomplished by representation from every segment of the community. This is a positive electoral decision, in that, the citizens may be motivated to become more fully involved, and therefore, more aware of the politics and administration of the city government. The Inland Empire Hispanic News

congratulates the elected officials and commends the Committee for Fair Representation by Districts for a job

well done.

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# S.B.County seeks PIC applicants for vacancy

San Bernardino County Private Industry Council Vacancy

Board of Supervisors Chairman Barbara Cram Riordan announced today that the County of San Bernardino is seeking persons who are interested in serving as members of the Private Industry Council. The Private Industry Council is a group of business, education, labor and community leaders who provide policy guidance on employment and training programs for eligible San Bernardino County residents. The Council assists local businesses by training new employees and participating in certification for federal and state tax credit programs. It is responsible for developing the County Job Training Plan, as well as independent monitoring, evaluation, and oversight of the job training programs.

The County of San Bernardino is seeking applications for individuals to represent community based organizations and the private sector in all areas of the County. Private sector representatives must be owners of a business concern, private sector executives with substantial management or policy responsibility, or chief operating officers of a nongovernmental employer. The private sector representatives must be selected from nominations submitted by general purpose business organiza-

Members of the Private Industry Council should be prepared to attend monthly board meetings and to participate in subcommittee meetings related

to evaluation and policy guidance of the job training programs. Members receive no compensation; they are reimbursed for allowable expenses. Applications for membership will be accepted until November 20, 1989. All applications must be accompanied by a letter of nomination from a general purpose business organization or community based organization. Private sector representatives nominated for appointment will remain on a list of prospective members for five years. For further information, contact Deborah Barmack at (714) 387-4825.

### Free GED and Basic **Education Courses**

SHU-Project Redirect is offering GED Preparation and Basic Education Instruction at no cost to eligible individuals. A \$50.00 per month stipend, child care and transportation assistance are other services offered depending on eligibility.

These courses are designed to enhance an individuals labor market competitiveness through the attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma and/ or improvement of reading, math and language skills.

To be eligible, an individual must be a San Bernardino County resident, between the ages of 16 to 21 and low income. For more information, contact SHU-Project Redirect at 824-5350.

# should apply to UCR in November **Priority Application Filing To UCR**

College bound high school seniors

Begins Nov. 1

RIVERSIDE -- High school seniors interested in attending the University of California, Riverside in fall 1990 should file their applications during this November.

The priority application filing period for prospective freshmen is Nov. 1-30. UCR, like other University of California campuses, may stop accepting freshman applications at the end of Novem-

UCR will consider all applications filed in November.

Applications are particularly encouraged from students of underrepresented

Applications are available at local high school and community college guidance offices. They are also available at the UCR Admissions Office, 1120 Administration; phone (714) 787-4531. Scholarships and waiver of application fees are available to qualified stu-

dents. Also available is assistance

completing applications.

For more information on the admissions process or to receive assistance, phone the UCR Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (714) 787-4531.

### CAL STATE, S.B. **ENROLLMENT** UP BY 12 %

The official fall quarter enrollment at Cal State, San Bernardino is 10,886 representing a 12.29 percent increase over last fall's figure of 9,694. The figure was tallied on Oct. 18 which was the last day to drop classes for the fall

Cal State's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of 7,611.7 is a 3.19 pecent increase over fall 1988. The FTE count is a budgeting formula that converts all student courseloads into full-time proportions. This year's FTE enrollment reflects the adjustment in courseloads that students had to make as the university converted to four units of credit for Hispanic College Leadership Institute

# **SBVC Hispanic Delegates**



First Row L to R: John O. Castaneda, Oddie Martinez, Gilbert Rey, Norman Martinez; 2nd Row: Raymond Espinoza, Graciano Gomez, Tony Torres, Mark Trevino, Frank Coyazo, Aniceto Gomes, Lorenzo Falcon, Tony

### SBVC students headed for Glendale conference

Hispanic College Leadership Institute -- San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) students chosen to represent SBVC at the Hispanic College Leadership Institute (HCLI) in Glendale are (front row, left to right) Gilbert Ruiz, majoring in urban and regional planning; Libby Chavez, business administration; Ellisa S. Gutierrez, English and art; (back row, left to right) Sergio Morales, pre-medicine; and Jose Luis Lopez, telecommunications. SBVC counselors chose the five student representatives from approximately 30 students who participated in an essay contest. The students wrote about their respective leadership experiences, their involvement in the community, and why they wanted to attend the conference. The four-day HCLI begins October 26 and will focus on enhancing leadership skills, increasing self-awareness and self-esteem, and expanding understanding of the dynamics of leadershp and the systems in which they will work.

### CALIFORNIA VISION CARE PROJECT

# Free vision care offered to needy

State Senator Ruben S. Ayala (D-Chino) today announced his endorsement of the California Vision Project, a program designed to provide vision care to those who cannot afford care on their own.

The California Optometric Association and its participating optometrists through the Vision Project will offer free eye exams to the uninsured working poor, who earn too much to qualify for medical assistance programs, yet cannot afford health insurance or proper vision care.

The California Lions Clubs of Lions International will be providing additional care for those patients requiring services beyond basic eye examina-

For this project, over 15,000 frames and lenses will be donated by members of the Optical Manufacturers Association and the California Optical Laboratory Association.

Free eye exams and glasses will be given to both children and adults. Interested applicants should contact the Salvation Army office at 1-800-334-4800.

After filling out an application, the Salvation Army forwards the information to the California Optometric Association, which then assigns a doctor and time to each patient. As there are a limited number of spaces available, care is provided on a priority basis.

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# REDLANDS AMERICAN LEGION. PHILIP MARMOLE IO POST 650 40 years of commitment, voluntarism, community involvement and camaraderie

The Philip Marmolejo Post 650, American Legion, Redlands, California is one of the outstanding veterans organization in the State of California. In 1989, this distinguished veterans organization celebrated its 40th anniversary and many momentous memories were recalled as various celebrations were planned for this special occasion. The last 40 years has been one of members' commitment, voluntarism, community involvement and camaraderie. The current can house is an outstanding example of voluntary hard work.

The 326 (average) member organization was founded in June 22, 1949 when discharged Hispanic veterans from the Redlands and adjacent communities were discussing the possibility of forming a veterans group or joining the local veteran organization. The decision was made to organize a veteran organization composed of Hispanic members. Community leaders John Castaneda and Tony Ortega were the catalyst in developing the concept and goals and focusing on the need for veterans of Hispanic heritage to organize, create self-help services and identify the existing benefits which were available to veterans. The two Redlands residents performed the basic research and sought guidance from the existing American Legion Post 106.

Initially, there were 25 members recruited, as required by the Charter and Oddie Martinez was the first Commander. After much discussion, the name of Philip Marmolejo was recom-

mended. Marmolejo was raised in Redlands by his Godparents (he was known as Nate Almanza), was one of the first Hispanic enlistees and was assigned to the 161st Infantry Regiment. He was killed in the South Pacific and is buried in Bakerfield, California. The veterans group became known as the Philip Marmolejo Post 650, American Legion, (the Legion). From the onset, there was the problem of a meeting place and eventually one of the semi-permanent locations was a store front on Redlands Boulevard on the present site of the Redlands Mall parking lot!

The membership increased on a gradual basis as the idea of a veteran organization, with a total Hispanic membership, became a reality. The Legion became involved in numerous activities associated with veterans issues and causes and developed networking with other Posts in Southern California in order to advocate for direct benefits to discharged veterans.

The idea of a permanent clubhouse was a frequent subject of discussion and in the minds of the total membership, it became a priority. Frequent fundraisers were held and the Ladies Auxiliary was the single force in helping to establish a sizable building fund.

In 1951, the Legion became aware that the old Lincoln School was to be demolished or sold. The Legion bid on the building and was successful in its bidding price. After an indepth search for a suitable site, land was purchased on the present location at church Street,

which at the time was in the rural area of Redlands.

The Cruikshank Building Movers were contracted to provide the equipment and move the oversize building. Legionaires and other "volunteers" provided the manual labor. To the present time, labor, plumbing, plastering, painting, carpentry and finish work have been volunteered by Legionaries, residents and compadres. The majority of the materials has been "purchased".

The Legion Post is very proud of its involvement in the community and civic activities. Since 1959, a scholarships have been awarded to two high school students. In recent years, scholarships have been award to students at Clements Middle School. Numerous young men and women have been sent to Boys and Girls State at the University of California, Davis. Sports and scouting activities have been a priority for many years. Recently, it has been the main sponsor for the annual Mexican celebrations, which are very successful.

The Legion is involved in every phase of veterans activities at the local, district and state level since its inception. It has the most outstanding 12-men ritual team in the 25th District and is constantly in demand to perform locally and at the State level. The frequent request to perform at military events and funerals is attributed to the fine performance of its color guard and firing squad. Many volunteer hours have been devoted to visiting patients a the Jerry Pettis Veterans Hospital.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been an integral part of the Legion and supportive of Veteran's programs throughout these many years. In addition, the group has programs which relate to veterans' wifes and/or widows.

Pete Zavala, current Legion Commander stated, "I have been a Legionnaire for 29 years. The reason I joined was that Warren Atherton, a Legionnaire, was responsible for Korean War Veterans being able to receive G.I. benefits. I believe in veteran's organizing in order to mutually helping each other and the camaraderie that goes with an organization like ours. We work hard to be the best Post in the District. I am proud to be a Legionnaire."



Pete Zavala
Current Commander
Philip Marmolejo Post 650
American Legion, Redlands, CA

### **REDLANDS PHILIP MARMOLEJO POST 650 FOUNDERS**



First Row L to R: John O. Castaneda, Oddie Martinez, Gilbert Rey, Norman Martinez; 2nd Row Raymond Espinoza, Graciano Gomez, Tony Torres, Mark Trevino, Frank Coyazo, Aniceto Gomes, Lorenzo Falcon, Tony Ortega.



Gilbert (Bertie) Ray Charter Member, Post 650

# PROFILE: Gilbert (Bertie) Ray

Gilbert (Bertie) Rey is representative of a large number of long-time residents of Redlands who have deep family roots in this area of the Inland Empire. Born in Bryn Mawr, his growing up was typical of many Mexican-Americans living in the northside. He attended the old Lincoln School (located on Colton Avenue), junior high and high school.

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# "STAND AND DELIVER" TEACHER

# Jaime Escalante to speak at U.C. Riverside on Nov. 30

RIVERSIDE - Jaime Escalante, the high school teacher whose motivational skills inspired the movie "Stand and Deliver," will speak Thursday, Nov. 30, at the University of California, Riverside in an appearance benefiting scholarships and activities for minority students.

A dinner and keynote address by Escalante is scheduled for 6:30 pm in the Commons Cafeteria at UCR. A 6 pm reception will precede the event.

Tickets are \$30 per person and \$50 per couple. (The dinner and program is valued at \$10 per person, with the balance being tax deductible.) Net proceeds will support student scholarships and activities for underrepresented students at UCR.

Escalante, whose East Los Angeles high school students surprised educators with their success in advanced mathematics, will speak on motivating students to achieve in their studies.

The native of La Paz, Bolivia, emigrated to the United States in 1963 and earned a degree in mathematics and teaching credential at Cal State Los Angeles.

Escalante was hired as a basic mathematics teacher at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles in 1974. In 1978-79, he began his first Advanced Placement Calculus course and gradually improved the size and success of the school's calculus program.

In 1982, the Educational Testing Service, which administers the College Board's Advanced Placement program, had a dozen of Escalante's students

retake the advanced placement calculus test. His students passed the test a second time, removing any doubts about the Garfield High School program and leading to a succession of community awards for Escalante.

Escalante with financial backing from ARCO Foundation in 1983 established a summer program at East Los Angeles College where students study half-days and work half-day, receiving pay for their efforts.

Since 1984, he has helped produce educational videos at the Foundation for Advancements in Science and Education (FASE). FASE in 1985 established the Fund for Excellence in Education to assist Escalante in his efforts to raise money for educational work.

In March 1988, Warner Bros. released the critically acclaimed movie "Stand and Deliver," starring Edward James Olmos as Escalante, Lou Diamond Phillips, Rosana De Soto and Andy Garcia.

Escalante is currently working with FASE to raise funds to produce educational videos of his actual classroom calculus lectures to aid students and teachers. Later, an inspirational and entertaining series of videos on the application of higher mathematics to real-world situations will be produced for public television.

To make reservations for Escalante's presentation, make checks payable to UCR Foundation/Escalante, and mail to: Governmental & Community Relations, 3146 Administration Building,



### JAIME ESCALANTE

University of California, Riverside, CA 92521. For more information, phone (714) 787-5184 or (714) 787-4576.

Deadline to register for the event is Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Escalante's appearance is sponsored by: Chicano Student Programs, Black Student Program, Native American

Student Programs, Governmental and Community Relations, and School of Education, UCR; Riverside County Office of Education; Riverside Unified School District; San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; and San Bernardino City Unified School District. Corporate sponsor is Pacific Bell.



Mitch Chavez prepares for Holiday Fundraiser Bicycle Ride.

# Mitch Chavez will bicycle from **Hoover Dam to Colton Civic Center** for holiday needy children & adults

On November 19 and 20, Mitch Chavez years and racing as a Category 3 United Nevada, to the Colton Civic Center. two years. is to help less fortunate Colton area adults and children, who have little money to purchase food and exchange gifts during the holiday season.

All proceeds raised by Mitch's ride will go toward purchasing holiday baskets, toys, and gifts for low income Colton residents. The baskets will be distributed through the Colton Ministerial Association.

Mitch Chavez, a 1984 Colton High School graduate, is training for his ride by bicycling 275-325 miles a week by himself and with the Riverside Bicycle Club. He has been cycling for four

will bicycle from Hoover Dam, in States Cycling Federation cyclist for

Mr. Chavez' 270 mile, 18 hour journey For those who would like to insure a brighter holiday season for all Colton area residents, you may pledge a minimum of \$5 or 5¢ or more per mile. Pledge signup sheets are available at the following locations:

> Lawrence A. Hutton Community Center, 660 Colton Ave., Colton, CA.

Peter Luque Community Center, 292 E. "O" St., Colton, CA.

Colton City Hall, 650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton, CA.

Colton Public Library, 656 N. 9th St., Colton, CA.

For more information, please call 370-5086.

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### STAFF TOXICOLOGIST

The California State Department of Health Services is recruiting for Staff Toxicologists for immediate openings. An employment examination is scheduled for fall, 1989. The examination will be based 100 percent on interview. Telephone interviews are permissible. Vacancies exist in Sacramento, Emeryville, Berkeley, and Los Angeles. The areas of involvement will be environmental toxicology and risk assessment. The annual salary will start at \$50,748 - \$61,392. To qualify for the Staff Toxicologist exam, you must have a Doctoral degree in toxicology, biochemistry, pharmacology or a closely related specialty and three years of postdoctoral experience in toxicology.

Please send your resume to: State Department of Health Services Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 714 P Street, Room 442 Sacramento, CA 95814 **ATTN: Donna Rowe** For assistance or further information, call Donna, Rowe at (916) 323-2249.

### **ASSOCIATE TOXICOLOGIST**

The California State Department of Health Services is recruiting for Associate toxicologists for immediate openings. An employment examination is scheduled for fall, 1989. The examination will be based 100 percent on interviews. Telephone interviews are permissible. Vacancies exist in Sacramento, Emeryville, Berkeley, and Los Angeles. The areas of involvement will be environmental toxicology and risk assessment. The annual salary will start at \$38,304 - \$50,748. To qualify for the Associate Toxicologist exam, you must have a Doctoral Degree in toxicology or closely related specialty; or possession of a Masters Degree in toxicology or closely related specialty and three years experience, past the Masters Degree, in the area of toxicology; or certification as a Diplomate of the American **Board of Toxicology.** 

Please send your resume to: State Department of Health Services Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assesment 714 P Street, Room 442 Sacramento, CA 95814

**ATTN: Donna Rowe** For assistance or further information, call Donna Rowe at (916) 323-2249

### **LOW INCOME HOMES**

# Free weatherization offered

San Bernardino County residents with ices, the household must be receiving: limited incomes are able to have their homes weatherized FREE OF COST under an Energy Conservation/Weatherization Program administered by the Community Services Department of San Bernardino County. "The program is designed to assist the elderly (age 60 or over), handicapped and low-income renter or home owner benefit from weatherization measures and limited home repairs without 'a financial investment'," explained Joan Hunsaker, Energy Conservation/Weatherization Program Manager. "Under the Home Weatherization Program, CSD will install a variety of weatherization measures with the goals of conserving energy, improving thermal efficiency and reducing energy costs," she explained. CSD administers numerous weatherization contracts; some of the weatherization measures may include items such as: attic insulation, lowflow showerheads, weatherstripping, water heater blankets, duct wrap, caulking and other miscellaneous measures, when feasible. In addition, minor home repairs such as the replacement of windows and doors will be done, when necessary. Mobile homes also qualify for limited weatherization measures and minor home repair.

In order to qualify for these free serv-

AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children)

SSI (Supplemental Security Income) SSP (State Supplementary Program)

Certain Veterans' Benefits OR

#### Household Income

Family Size	Less Than
1	\$8,970
2	12,030
3	15,090
4	18,150
5	21,210
6	24,270
7	27,330
8	30,390

Weatherization, under the Southern California Gas Company contract, allows seniors (60 and older) and the permanently disabled additional income (200% of Federal Poverty Guide-

Individuals who feel they qualify for the free home weatherization or who have questions regarding the program, are encouraged to contact the Energy Conservation/Weatherization Program at 686 East Mill Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0610, or telephone the office at 714/387-2314.

# Aclimatice su casa sin costo alguno para usted

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El programa es un plan para ayudar a personas mayores o incapacitados y a propretarios o inquilinos de bajo ingresos instalar las siguientes majoras de clamitacion del hogar sin gasto alguno:

- \* Aislamiento del atico
- \*Cinta selladora
- \*Calafateo
- \*Foro aislante en el calentador de agua
- \*Cabezales de regadera que ahorran agua caliente
- \*Aislamiento en los canductores de calefaccion/refrigeracion
- ciones

El total de los ingresos anuales de la familia en su hogar satisface los siguientes criterios

No. de personas	Los ingresos anuales de usted junto con los de su familia no llegan a:	Personas Mayores o incapacitados no llegan a;
1	\$ 8,970	\$11,960
2	12,030	16,040
3	15,090	20,120
4	18,150	24,200
5	21,210	28,280
6	24,270	32,360
7	27,330	36,440
8	30 390	40 520

Por cada miembro adicional de su familia que sobrepase de 8, agregue \$3,060 y para personas mayores o incapacitados \$4,080.

Personas que sienten que califican o para obtener mas informacion sobre el plan de Climatizacion, llame al 714/ 387-2314 o panga se en contacto con la officina del Programa Para Conservar Energia situado al 686 al este de la calle Mill, en San Bernardino.

Les hablo Rita Acueto, Secretaria, del \*Mas un numero limitado de repara- Departamento de Servicios Para La Communidad.

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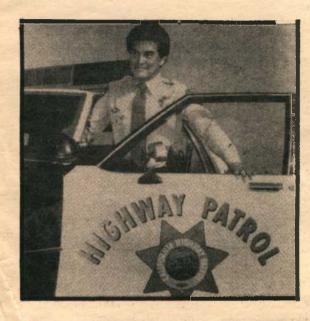
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# PROFILE: The Tony Melendez story

It was an unforgettable moment when, on September 15, 1987, he played his guitar for Pope John Paul II in Los Angeles. Born without arms, he performed a touching song entitled "Never Be the Same." And when the Pope approached him from the stage to kiss him in appreciation, it seemed to reflect the sentiments of the entire country.

"Never Be the Same" was an appropriate song -- for those few moments changed 25-year-old Tony Melendez's life and brought his unrestrained abilities as a guitarist into national attention. It seems a fitting place for a man who has spent his life putting personal confidence above personal handicap.

A "thalidomide baby" -- Tony was born without arms because his mother was prescribed the drug during pregnancy -- he and his family came to the Los Angeles area from Nicaragua so that he could be fitted for artificial arms. He wore them until he was ten, when he disposed of them. "I didn't feel comfortable," he explains, "I used my feet more."

Tony's proficiency with his feet extended to more areas than just day-to-day care. He remembers that "at first, I started playing push-button organ. Then in high school I began playing around with the guitar and harmonica." He also began writing his own songs.

Whether it was "playing around" with music or merely adjusting to a normal high school routine, Tony never let his handicap get in his way. "I was pretty secure in what I could do," he says.

It was in high school that he became deeply involved in the Catholic Church. "I went when I was a kid because my parents took me. I drifted away as I got older. When I was in high school, my brother kept saying, 'Come on, you've gotta go. It's great!' So I went again and made a lot of friends, and would end up changing my life in the process."

During this time, he considered becoming a priest but his inability to serve the Eucharist disqualified him. Nevertheless, he persevered in his church activities, using his talents as guitarist and composer in the services. Demand increased to the point where he was performing in up to five services on a given Sunday. It caught people's attention -- including someone with the group organizing activities for the Pope's monumental visit.

"Someone pulled my name out of somewhere and asked me to go to a meeting," Tony recalls. "I wasn't sure what it was." It turned out to be an audition and Tony was accepted. "I was real excited when I heard."

Excitement became nervousness and then jubilation when the Pope responded to Tony's playing with a kiss. He notes now that he wasn't sure how to react. "I was told not to move or the security might take me out, so I was very surprised when the Pope walked over and leaped off the two-foot stage to greet me."

Since then Tony has traveled around the country, making many television appearances including "The Today Show," "Good Morning America," "Geraldo," "CBS This Morning," "An All-Star Tribute for Joan Collins," and The World Series, where he sang the National Anthem for last year's fifth game. He has also received extensive print and radio coverage.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including special commendations from President Reagan, The State of California, Variety Clubs of America, Very Special Arts, and the City of Los Angeles, as well as the first annual Inspirational Hero Award by the NFL Alumni Associa-



### Tony Melendez

tion at Super Bowl XXIII in Miami.
A highly talented composer and musician, Tony has completed his first album, appropriately titled "Never Be the Same," and has begun work on an all Spanish LP, which will be released late this year.

Meanwhile, his life story will be released in both print and film in 1989: Harper & Row has just published his autobiography, <u>A GIFT OF HOPE</u>, and "The Tony Melendez Story", a made for television dramactic special from the Landsburg Company for NBC, is scheduled to air late this fall.

Despite all his new-found attention, Tony is resisting the siren song of stardom, hoping only to develop his musical career. "I don't feel like a celebrity," he says with a smile, "I just feel like me"

# PROFILE: Gilbert (Bertie) Ray

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As with many young people during that era, his education was interrupted due to the start of World War II. He was drafted in April, 1944, receiving his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. After basic training, he was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, where he received additional specialized training. He was sent to Italy, was involved in the battles of Appenianes and Po Valley. He was discharged in March, 1946.

After his discharge, he held various jobs, stating, "I was uncertain, in this point in my life, as to what career to select, I was trying to put my service experience to an advantage, but I sort of drifted."

He applied for employment and was accepted at Norton Air Force Base in 1951. After holding several jobs at Norton, he finally was appointed to a job which was compatible with his natural artistic talent. "I felt that I needed to take advantage of this artistic gift that I had, which would help me to earn a living." He continued his education in art, improving his artistic talent as a commercial artist and illustrator. Within a few years, Mr. Rey was instrumental in developing several important illustrations and publications, in which he received very favorable commendations.

He was promoted to Chief, Management Control Center, Ballistic Missile WorldWide. The unit was responsible for total publications in the Ballistic Division. He supervised a staff of 9 civilian and military personnel.

Mr. Rey applied, tested and was promoted to supervising art director in the

Inspector Generals Office, a position he held for 15 years. The responsibility included the supervision of a large technical and support staff. Additionally, his unit was responsible for the publication of 'Maintenance Magazine,' which is mandatory reading for Air Force's maintenance troops and NATO forces. The Unit received recognition for its work and Mr. Rey received numerous important commendations, one award which he is proud was "Outstanding Contribution to the Air Force." "I enjoyed working for the Air Force. I met wonderful and talented people. I'm thankful that I was able to contribute my efforts and talents toward our defense system," he said. He retired in 1983.

Mr. Rey has been very involved in the community. He is a charter member of the Philip Marmolejo Post 650, has held every officer position in the Post, including the commander. At the 25th District level, he has held the offices of historian, executive committeeman and is presently chairman of the steering committee. He has held the position of District's Public Relations Office for 28 years. He was the author of the history of the Legion, which was published and for which he received the 'Legionnaire of the Year' Award. He is currently writing a book on his wartime experiences.

He is married to the former Carmen Gonzalez of Colton, and they have 5 children, Gayle, Jeff, Gerald, Mary Lin and Mark, 4 grandchildren and 1 greatgranddaughter.

# Senate hearing on automobile insurance problems to be held in San Bernardino

State Senator Ruben S. Ayala announced today that a hearing to examine the rising cost of automobile insurance in California will be held in San Bernardino on Nov. 21 by the Senate Insurance, Claims and Corporation Committee.

Committee Chairman Senator Alan Robbins (D-Van Nuys) agreed to hold the hearing at the request of Ayala (D-Chino). "Among the areas to be examined is the rising cost of auto insurance, the state's assigned risk program and why Propositon 103 has not gone into effect," Ayala said.

The Senate hearing will be from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Board Room of the San Bernardino County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.

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