Second Annual Ramona Elementary School Reunion

Many emotional hugs and greetings were observed among the 527 persons attending the Second Anniversary Ramona Elementary School Reunion held on Saturday, October 7, at the Radisson Hotel in San Bernardino.

The former alumni and their guests reminisced of school and family relationships of long ago when they attended Ramona School (now the Casa Ramona) in the Westside of San Bernardino. The school, segregated for Mexican-American children, was built in 1926 and was closed in 1975 as a result of the 1932 Earthquake Act (INHN published a history of Ramona Elementary School on the alumni’s first reunion—in November, 1994).

Many families settled in the west side of San Bernardino, the men working in the Santa Fe shops and their children, thereafter, continued to live in the area. The activities centered around families, church, school and community. Only a few of the original families continue to live in the area.

Albert Gomez, an alumnus and the reunion’s master of ceremony, briefly reviewed the history of Ramona School. He later introduced Lee Lund, a teacher at Alessandro Junior High School, who had an impact on students attending Ramona School. Lund was presented a medallion award for his contribution to the neighborhood schools.

The highlight of the reunion was the recognition of four Ramona School alumni who achieved career excellence or commitment to community involvement. Dr. William Aguilar, Cal-State, San Bernardino Vice-President for Information, Resources and Technology, introduced and read each of the recipient’s background and Ralph Velasquez, Recognition Chairperson, presented the Medallion Recognition Award.

Sarah Gomez-Erlach
Gomez-Erlach attended Ramona School (class of 1935), Alessandro Junior High and graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1941. She received an AA from San Bernardino Valley College School of Nursing, a BS in Public Health and Nursing from the University of California, Berkeley and MS in Public Health from the University of Minnesota.

Gomez-Erlach nursing experience included civilian and military service. Entering as a cadet nurse, she rose to the rank of full colonel, became chief nurse of two reserve hospitals and worked at the second Hospital Center and Hamilton Air Force Base. She was also consultant to nine hospitals and retiring from the military service in June, 1982.

As a civilian, Gomez-Erlach worked at the staff and management level in the Health Service, including development and implementation of health services for over 75 clinics serving the Migrant Farm Workers. She has also been instrumental in the development of legislative efforts to assist these clinics.

Ramona School Reunion recipients of the Medallion Recognition Award are Sarah Gomez-Erlach, Dr. Theodore Murguia, Frank Murguia and Celedonio (Cell) Saavedra.

S.B. Co. Central Credit Union to host Hispanic Chambers Mixer
San Bernardino County Central Credit Union and the Inland Empire Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Coalition have planned a Regional Chambers of Commerce Business Mixer on November 1, at the San Bernardino County Central Credit Union, Sierra Way Branch, 421 North Sierra Way, San Bernardino from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

Every Hispanic-owned business in the Inland Empire have been invited to attend the function. Persons in government, education and related businesses are encouraged to attend, support and expand their network.

The IEHCCC is a regional organization of nine Hispanic business groups in the Inland Empire. Meetings are held monthly to discuss business activities and expand communication linkages between businesses in the Inland Empire.

SBCCCU has had a history of recognizing the important economic impact the Hispanic market has in the Inland Empire and has implemented corporate strategic goals to serve this market.

Persons planning to attend are requested to RSVP at (909) 881-3355 ext. 127.
Commentary

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Misinformation and False Accusations

An Editorial by Leonard A. Goymerac

Tax Moore of Redlands Association uses the technique that even obvious lies in print or heard, if repeated enough, become imprinted in the mind and become believable.

The cover sheet Redlands Association used to collect signatures for Measure H (at the time called Redlands Growth Management Act of 1992) listed assumed benefits of the measure was from the beginning to the end all obvious misinformation without factual support.

"Take back control of your town," the cover sheet begins with. It doesn't say "Take back control of your town to the voters". The council members are publicly elected. They listened to the voters and the voters elected them for what they stand for. When four members of the council vote together, doesn't it overwhelmingly represent the voice of the voters? Bill Cunningham's lone "No" doesn't demonstrate that "your town" lost control of the city hall.

Cunningham was elected with only a few hundred votes ahead of the newcomer in his won district, where the members of Redlands Association live. In no way his "No" represents the voice of "your town".

A few lines down in the cover sheet, it says "Developers are now negotiating to build up to 11,800 apartments". The number used by Redlands Association (presumably by Tex Moore and Cunningham) is obviously miscalculated for a purpose. The understanding between the attorneys representing the city and the property owners is not more than 800 in total. And they are not apartments. Even if it were 11,800, it would take over 30 to 40 years to reach the number. It's a sad commentary for the number. It's a sad commentary for the city's revenue, are contrary to the professional analysis of the impact of Measure H by professionals in marketing, economic development, job creation, and city finance.

The purpose of the Citizenship Day Fair, according to Dr. Tom Rivera, Chair of the Inland Empire Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP), will be to promote voter awareness, Get-out-the-vote, registered voters for the upcoming primary and general elections in 1996, and to provide citizenship information to the Latino community and other legal residents. The goal is to increase the number of registered Latino voters and others to mobilize a larger turnout of voters throughout the Inland Empire.

Qualified individuals will be on hand to provide voter registration and citizenship information free of charge.

Music, food, and door prizes will be provided by other cosponsors of the event, Congressman George Brown, Assemblyman Joe Baca Latino Lawyers' Association, and Kiwanis of Greater San Bernardino.

The Citizenship Day Fair Committee members include: Gilberto Esquivel, Emilio Amaya, Marielena Garcia, Jess Vizcaino, Tom Rivera, Graciano Gomez, Jess Varela, Ray Quinto, Juan Negrette,, and Veronica Martinez.

For further information contact: Radio Station KDFP (909) 784-4210, Libreria Del Pueblo (909) 888-7679; or Inland Empire Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (909) 384-1435.
Tashjian Appointed Assistant Superintendent

SAN BERNARDINO - Kegham S. Tashjian has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Administrative Services division at the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS), announced County Superintendent Barry Pulliam.

Tashjian, who has served as director of Pupil Personnel Services at Ontario-Montclair School District since 1993, began his new duties October 2. He also served as a school principal from 1988 to 1993 at Ontario-Montclair.

"We are pleased to have a person of Kegham's caliber join the County Schools office," said Pulliam. "He has a diversity of experience and is a visionary educator capable of making great contributions to public education in San Bernardino County. We're glad to have him aboard."

"I am absolutely delighted and excited about the opportunity to join the county Schools office," said Pulliam. "He has a diversity of experience and is a visionary educator capable of making great contributions to public education in San Bernardino County. We're glad to have him aboard."

He served as associate professor of education and director of credential programs in special education and pupil personnel services at Azusa Pacific University from 1981-84. He also was a professor of education and director of doctoral studies in educational administration and credential programs in special education and pupil personnel services at the university from 1984-88.

Memorial Monument dedicated to Oklahoma City bombing victims by Colton School's San Salvador Child Care Center

"We are gathered here today to dedicate this monument to the memory of the children who perished in the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal building on April 19, 1995," stated Victoria Van Norman, director of the San Salvador Child Care Center, Colton School District, in dedication ceremonies honoring the children killed in the tragedy.

"Our staff was particularly touched by this tragedy because many of us have spent over half of our own lives protecting, teaching and caring for children. We are dedicated to maintaining their health and safety. When we learned of the bombings-we felt helpless and wanted to somehow lessen the pain we knew others were feeling," she said.

The school staff thought of the idea and with the assistance of Brent Loomis, California Portland Cement, Manny Arrieta, Memorial Tablets, Al's Garden Art, Parent Advisory Council, Tomas Quiroz and Louis Arellano, the memorial was brought to fruition.

Mrs. Barries class sang a number of songs and Ruth Martinez read a poem written by Brian Armstrong in reference to the baby girl in the fireman's arms.

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Tobacco Use Reduction Now (TURN)

Joins with the public in the celebration of National Hispanic Month

“Expand our rich Hispanic heritage:”

The Mayas developed one of the most accurate calendars in the world.

The Mayas invented the first concept of zero in mathematics.

Guillermo González Camarena was the inventor of color television.

Oswaldo Cruz, M.D. (1872-1917) discovered a cure for malaria and small pox.

Walt Disney, Walter Elias Disney, whose real name was José Guisacio Zamora was the creator of 600 motion pictures.

Tomas Alva Edison (1847-1931), born in Mexico, invented electric light and the motion picture camera.

Ellen Ochoa, first Mexican-American woman astronaut.

Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers until his death in April 1993, was committed to improving the lives of farm workers.

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Dr. Theodore Murguia
Murguia attended Ramona School (class of 1937), Alessandro Junior High and San Bernardino High School (class of 1943) and served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945.

Murguia received a BA from Park College, Missouri, MS from Kansas State College, MA and Ph D from the University of Washington. His teaching experiences include San Bernardino City Schools, University of Washington, UC-San Barbara, San Francisco State University and later became department head, San Jose City College and Sonoma State College.

In 1973, Murguia became President of San Jose City College, retiring in 1984. Well known for his community involvement, Murguia was on the board of directors for the Mexican-American Community Services, YMCA, Independent Aging Program, United Way, Los Lupenos de San Jose and the Women’s Alliance.

He has been an educational consultant to the ministries of education for Israel and Mexico.

His awards include the Fulbright Lectureship from the University of Granada, Spain, Certificate of Appreciation as follows: the Israel Government, Eastern New Mexico University’s National Concilio of America, University of Texas, Seattle Community College and San Francisco College Board.

In addition, Murguia has received an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree from Park College and Honorary Associate Arts Degree from San Jose City College. He was inducted into the San Jose City College Hall of Fame.

His publications have been included in Hispanic and Journal of College Reading and Learning. Murguia has given major addresses and has participated in a number of panels from 1957 to 1984.

Frank Murguia
Murguia attended Ramona School (class of 1952), Franklin Junior High and graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1958. He has attended San Bernardino Valley College, University of Maryland and LaVerne University.

He served eight years in the United States Air Force and five years in the Air National Guard. A graduate of the Senior NCO Academy, he was discharged as a master sergeant, after serving in the Vietnam War.

Murguia was employed as a custodian for the County of San Bernardino in 1968 and in 1970, transferred to the Department of Social Services. Transferring to the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1974, he served in various administrative positions and was appointed director for the department in August, 1991. His department is responsible to ensure that veterans and their dependents receive the total services entitled to from the federal and state level.

He has served as president of the California Association of County Service Officers and vice-president of the California Association of County Service Officers.
Calendar of Events

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

The Democratic Luncheon Forum has scheduled the following speakers at the
Bon Appetito Restaurant, 246 E. Baseline Ave., San Bernardino, October 27
Mayor of Rialto, John Longville

October 21
St. John Bosco Church, Highland, are inviting friends to their Annual Harvest
Dinner/Dance and Fund-raisers at the Knights of Columbus, 1729 E. Baseline,
San Bernardino, from 5:00 to 12:00 PM. Proceeds to retrofit church building.
Music by the Latin Society. For tickets or information call at (909) 862-3680.

October 24
Ontario Chamber of Commerce First Annual Firefighters Recognition Luncheon
at Ontario Airport Marriott Hotel, 2200 East Holt Avenue, Ontario from 11:00
AM to 1:30 PM. RSVP at (909) 984-2458.

October 24 & 25
Tobacco Use Reduction Now (TURN) offering volunteer/advocacy workshops
at San Bernardino County Government Center, 358 N. Arrowhead Ave., San
Bernardino from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Agenda on advocacy skills, TURN services,
tobacco use hazards, tobacco industries tactics in ethnic communities. Register
before October 23 by calling 1-800-637-6653.

October 25
San Bernardino Sheriff’s Council’s special event, the Second Annual “Salute to
the Stars” Dinner at the National Orange Show, social hour at 6:00 PM and dinner
at 7:00 PM. Honoree is Sheriff Emeritus Floyd Tidwell, Attorney General Dan
Lungren will be keynote speaker. For tickets and information call (909) 383-3660
or pager (909) 512-5210.

October 26
Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Annual Dinner Fund-raising Banquet at the San
Bernardino Hilton, 285 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, no-host at 6:00 PM.
MC: Gilberto Esquivel, Radio KDIF, special guest Assemblyman Joe Baca,
keynote speaker Samuel Paz, civil rights attorney, music by Lalo Guerrero and
the Romeró. Call at (909) 369-3009 for RSVP by October 20.

*Organizations are encouraged to submit their activities to the Inland Empire
Hispanic News, 1558 N. Waterman Av., San Bernardino, CA 92404, at least one
month in advance.

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your health care needs, give us a call. We’d love to help.

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October's Child Health Month to Focus on Violence

Riverside - In an effort to counter the epidemic of violence aimed at children and adolescents, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the County of Riverside Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program are choosing violence prevention as the theme for Child Health Month 1995.

"Every 75 minutes, a child in our country is starved, beaten, shot or killed in some violent way," said Dr. Eileen Taw, Director of the CHDP Program, noting that violence is a growing public epidemic of violence aimed at children alone. Limit TV viewing to 1 to 2 hours per day.

"Violence permeates every aspect of our society," Taw said. "It is the responsibility of all of us to educate our children, and ourselves, about the consequences of violence and how to avoid it."

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Literature into Film

Elid Martinez

The arts dramatize human experience. A single novel or a film compresses many lives, time, and memories; makes life intelligible. Film director Severo Pérez accomplishes all this with his English-language film, And The Earth Did Not Swallow Him.

Recipient of many honors and awards, the film will be shown at the McCallum Theatre for the Performing Arts in Palm Desert (Tele. 1-619-340-6259), on Saturday, October 28, 1995, at 7 P.M.

Inspired by Tomás Rivera’s novel, No Se Lo Trago La Tierra, the film gives artistic expression to the hardships of migrant workers. Superb photography by Virgil Harper, excellent acting performances, setting, and dialogue - all endow the lives of migrant workers with human dignity and grandeur.

A work of art in its own right, the uplifting film And The Earth Did Not Swallow Him is a superior, faithful adaptation of the written word into cinematic spectacle, visualized memory, powerful images, memorable sound effects and music. The film’s artistic quality, like that of Rivera’s novel, is enhanced by infusions of poetry, corrido lyrics, oral history, and popular culture.

Rarely do the artistic visions of film directors and writers merge with such harmony.

Like Rivera’s novel, the film gives us a portrayal of the childhood of the artist. The main character Marcus, son of Texas migrant workers - like former Chancellor Rivera of UC Riverside - is an imaginative boy of twelve, a witness to unusual and everyday events that take place around him. For Marcus, childhood is a period of artistic apprenticeship characterized by curiosity, reflection, daydreaming, and storing up memories. Novel and film tell his family’s and his people’s storied hardships, sorrows, and sacrifices.

The film opens in a simple and yet in a most extraordinary way, with sounds that evoke childhood memories of the heart-of-chickens, crickets, achiachara, a dog barking far away. The boy Marcos is hiding under a house. ’The adult narrator’s voice tells us what the boy is thinking. This method of storytelling in many parts of the film, using the man’s voice off screen, gives an engaging, haunting quality to the film and to the portrayal of a memory-haunted adult Marcus whom we only hear and never see.

Price of admission is $5.00. For a fee of $1.50, advance credit card purchase of tickets is available through Ticket Masters, 1-714-740-2000.
People Reaching Out

Inland Agency's People Reaching Out (PRO) has begun its second round of mini-grants for 1995. Six programs supporting the PRO mission to reduce youth violence in the Riverside's Eastside community were awarded $8,400 in mini-grants.

The Committee awarded $1,500 each to the University Athletic Association's Coalition for Karate and Sports, the University/Eastside Community Collaborative Dance Group, and the Centro de Ninos Partners tutoring program. Riverside Peacemakers, a gang intervention/violence prevention organization, received $1,300, the University of California, Riverside's Chicano Student Raza Studies Program, was awarded $1,400, and PRO is part of the California Violence Prevention Initiative to reduce youth violence statewide. PRO is supported by the California Wellness Foundation and the Alliance Healthcare Foundation. For more information concerning PRO mini-grants, recipients, or other PRO activities, contact (909) 881-6131 & 6132 • FAX (909) 881-6133 • Ask for Joseph, Julie, Maryann or Tony

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Announces Openings

SAN BERNARDINO - Due to an anticipated increase in activity in the trade which may result in additional openings, the Inland Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Journeyman and Apprenticeship Training Committee has announced they will now be accepting up to 150 applications. This may present a great opportunity for women and minorities.

The program is a five-year apprenticeship for the air conditioning and refrigeration trade. Indentured apprentices work for employers while attending classes two nights each week during the school year (September through June.) First year apprentices generally receive $8.50 per hour plus fringe benefits.

 Requirements include a minimum age of 18 years, a high school diploma or equivalent, and knowledge of basic math. Applicants will be scheduled for a math test and an oral interview. Applicants may also be required to pass a drug test.

Interested parties are encouraged to make written application Monday through Friday, November 6 through 30 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Riverside Refrigeration, 1660 Linden Street, Riverside 92507 (no phone calls please.) Please note, the office will be closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 23-24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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X2971. EO/E M/F/DV.
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National Association of County Veterans Officers.

Murguia has coached Little League for over 11 years and Girls Soccer for six years. In the summer of 1989, he co-coached a girls soccer team that toured Denmark, Germany and England.

He is a member of the American Legion, American Veterans and GI Forum.

Celedonio (Cell) Saavedra

Saavedra attended Ramona School (class of 1937), Alessandro Junior High and San Bernardino High School. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946.

Saavedra has been credited with keeping thousands of youths off the streets and has been responsible for the involvement of hundreds of families and parents in their children's after school and weekend activities.

After his service discharge, Saavedra was captain and coach of the champion Mount Vernon Tigers Softball Team. Since then, he has been involved with the Little League, Catholic League, Pony League and Winter League.

His teams have won championships in the Pony Division Section and Guadalupe Division. In the Catholic League, his team won 11 championships, running out of competition as a result of their championship status!

The development of Guadalupe League Field was spearheaded by the GI Forum and through the efforts of Saavedra, along with other coaches. He sponsored and coached the Giants for 12 years and served as president of the Guadalupe League for three years. Todate, he continues to help maintain the field and coach for different teams.

Saavedra is a legend in San Bernardino's Westside. He has been inducted into the Southern California Hispanic Athlete Hall of Fame.

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Tashjian holds a doctorate of philosophy in education from the University of Southern California, where he also earned his master's degree in education. Tashjian has a second master's degree as well as a bachelor's degree from Haigazian College in Beirut, Lebanon.

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