Baca sworn-in as Congressman, Starts Duties, Votes on Budget, Assigned Committee

His political career began in 1979 as a San Bernardino Community College District Trustee, followed as State Assemblyman in 1992, a State Senator in 1998, and in November 19, 1999, he was sworn in as Congressman Joe Baca for the 42nd Congressional District!

Winning the congressional seat against Republican Elia Pirozzi with 51.7% of the total vote in a hard political race, Baca was able to overcome alleged negative publicity from his major opponent’s campaign headquarters.

"I stated from the very beginning that I was not going to get involved in negative campaigning and I stood on that premise," he said at the victory celebration at the Hilton Hotel in San Bernardino. Continued on page 4

Sinfonia Mexicana Society
Annual Christmas Holiday Fundraising - Mariachi Sol de Mexico

The Sinfonia Mexicana Society is presenting a Special Christmas Program fundraiser with the Mariachi Sol de Mexico, above, on December 12, at 5:00 PM at the California Theatre, San Bernardino.

Tony Bocanegra, President of the Sinfonia Mexicana Society, announced the Annual Christmas holiday fundraising program featuring the Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez, with the added attraction of the Mariachi Estudiantil del Inland Empire, on December 12, 1999, at the California theatre, San Bernardino. The program will begin at 5:00 p.m.

"Our previous annual Christmas fundraising event was very successful and many in the audience were very pleased with the performance," Bocanegra stated. "This annual event is, again, our fundraising effort to continue presenting the very best of Mexico's symphonic compositions and artistic talents to audiences in the Inland Empire."

The SMS was organized in 1985 under the auspices of the Inland Empire Symphony Association to promote classical music by Mexican composers and contracted with outstanding conductors to conduct the Inland Empire Symphony Orchestra, such as Abraham Chavez, Sergio Cardenas, Francisco Savin, Jose Guadalupe Flores, Eduardo Diazmunoz and world renown Enrique Arturo Diemecke, according to Bocanegra.

In 1988 and 1999, SMS was instrumental in arranging for the Orquestra Sinfonica Nacional de Mexico to perform locally.

The special Christmas performance by the Mariachi Sol de Mexico incorporates the traditional custom of posadas and music associated with the Christmas season.

The Mariachi Estudiantil was organized by Lou Herz with a grant from the SMS, and the unique youth group has gained recognition for their performances and are in demand throughout the area.

"The SMS committee has planned diligently for many months to bring a quality program to audiences in the area," the SMS committee has planned diligently for many months to bring a quality program to audiences in the area.

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The Inland Empire Symphony Guild is presenting its Grand Millennium Party, "AMomentinTime". Don't pay thousands of dollars to celebrate this evening. Join us at our party for $125.00 per person before December 1, and $150.00 per person course gourmet dinner, and dancing to one of Southern California's favorite Symphony Guild is presenting its Grand Millennium Party, "AMoment in Time". tie optional evening begins at 7:00 P.M. with cocktails, silent auction, four on December 31, 1999 at the Radisson Hotel ballroom, San Bernardino. A black
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The Inland Empire Symphony Guild Grand Millennium Party, A Moment in Time

Come celebrate with us at the most elegant affair of the year! Inland Empire Symphony Guild is presenting its Grand Millennium Party, "A Moment in Time" on December 31, 1999 at the Radisson Hotel ballroom, San Bernardino. A black tie optional evening begins at 7:00 P.M. with cocktails, silent auction, four course gourmet dinner, and dancing to one of Southern California's favorite bands, "Stir It Up". Guests can also watch as well as participate in "Dances of the Century". Don't pay thousands of dollars to celebrate this evening. Join us at our party for $125.00 per person before December 1, and $150.00 per person thereafter. For more information, please contact Chairperson Evelyn Hill at 909-882-0080.

Contact: Yoma Clewes (909) 864-0381, FAX (909) 381-5380. E.Mail sb-symphony@eee.org or http://www.eee.org/bus.symphony

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is celebrating Its twelfth year of publishing continued from page 1

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is celebrating its twelfth year of publishing a biweekly newspaper, a first for an English language publication covering a large portion of the Inland Empire, including the city of San Bernardino and cities from Redlands to Ontario and the City of Riverside including Casa Blanca and portions of the High Desert.

Our initial plan was to distribute the newspaper in the City of San Bernardino. However, with the tremendous interest in the newspaper, we immediately began distribution throughout the Inland Empire," stated publisher Graciano Gomez.

In the early part of 1987, a group of community persons decided to start a newspaper targeted toward the Hispanic population, with the primary goal of publishing positive activities, role models in education, business and other professions, area events and general local, state and national news relevant to said population, Gomez said.

Gomez further stated that the consensus of the group at that time was that area newspapers policy failed to reflect positively portrayed the Hispanic population, with the primary goal of publishing positive activities, role models in education, business and other professions, area events and general local, state and national news relevant to said population, Gomez said.

Gomez said that starting a newspaper was a big challenge for the group. None of us knew anything about newspapers and their operations and about business, but we determined that we would invest money and time, and determined that it would succeed," he said.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News board of directors was organized with Aurelio De La Torre, Arthur Milito, Esther Mata, Ray Abril Jr., Ray Neves, George Martinez, Jack Fitzgerald and Graciano Gomez. All are actively involved in the newspaper except George Martinez, Trini Gomez is the present office manager.

"We have consistently supported the objectives of promoting quality education for all students and involvement of parents, community volunteerism, economic development, political education and involvement"

"The general public has supported the board policies throughout these many years. We originally felt very strongly about what the role of the newspaper would portray to the public," director De La Torre said.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News has received over thirty awards for its community reporting, corporate involvement, and assisting community based organizations.

"The Inland Empire Hispanic News will continue to serve the Hispanic public in publishing positive and pertinent news and continue its participation in the community it serves," Gomez said.

Riverside Business Seminar

A seminar designed for people who plan to start a business or have recently established a business will be held Monday, November 8, 1999, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, 3985 University Avenue, Riverside, California.

Conducted by the Hemet Chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Association, this program will discuss by professionals on topics such as financing, business plans, record keeping, marketing, and legal aspects of business. The fee, which includes coffee, donuts and materials, is $30.00 per person. For additional information on this event or free business counseling from SCORE, contact SCORE at (909) 652-4390.

The year SCORE is celebrating its 55th year of service to America's small business community!

Enjoy a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving

The Publisher, Board of Directors and Staff of the Inland Empire Hispanic News

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is hosting its 7th Annual Procurement Opportunities Conference with over $2 billion in contracts available. The impact of these funds going to local businesses will have an extremely positive effect on our local economy," said Board Chairman Jon D. Mikels, Second Supervisorial District. It will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, 1999 at the Double Tree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Avenue, in Ontario.

The conference will be packed with contract bid opportunities from County Government, School Districts, City/Local government, and other public and private agencies. Over 70 exhibitors will be in attendance. It's a golden opportunity for those looking to expand their business in 2000 year," said Director of the Office of Small Business Development, W.B. Jefferson. It is a one stop shop for company profits.

Large bid opportunities down to small phone quote purchases will be available to be secured. There will be opportunities for all: large, medium, small, mom and pop, construction, professional, goods and services, auto parts, hardware stores, mechanic shops, etc. Every type of business should attend. "The board of Supervisors is bringing together all public and private agencies throughout San Bernardino County to start the 2,000 year with an economic stimulation to all our local small businesses," said Jefferson.

The cost is $15.00 per person. Registration will begin at 8:00 am. Networking Contract Opportunities with exhibitors are from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

For additional information, contact the San Bernardino County Office of Small Business Development at (909) 387-2186.
Cynthia Flores named Associate Dean of Cal-State, S.B., Coachella Campus

Cal-State, San Bernardino, announced the appointment of Cynthia Flores as Associate Dean of its Coachella Campus. Flores, an Imperial Valley resident with 25 years of experience in higher education, was instructor, advisor and assistant dean for student affairs, Cal-State, San Diego in the Imperial Valley Campus.

In her previous position, Flores was involved in the development of outreach programs, grants and establishing student services division.

According to Peter Wilson, Dean of the Coachella Valley Campus, "Cynthia brings a tremendous breadth of experiences and a commitment to students. Flores stated that she will be responsible for the daily operations at the CVC. The CVC was recently deeded 40 acres, parcel of a 200 acre plot of which the City of Palm Desert donated in 1994. A fund-raising campaign has been planned to raise the necessary funds for the construction of the college, the total cost being $6.5 million, half of that amount having been raised.

Flores' future plans are to develop a student service division, offering counseling, psychological and career guidance services, in addition to outreach programs for students at the middle and high school levels.

Flores graduated from Brawly High School, received her A.A. in Psychology and English from Imperial Valley College, a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and M.A. in Education from the University of San Diego. She is currently in a Doctorate in Progress in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

NURSING MASTER'S DEGREE ADDRESSES COMMUNITY NEEDS

"A new master's degree in nursing with a clinical focus in advanced community-based nursing practice is now being offered at California State University, San Bernardino. The degree is the first public university nursing master's offering in the Inland Empire. The major addresses special needs in the university's service area, including ethnic and cultural diversity, a high incidence of poverty and unemployment.

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UCR School of Education Receives $2 Million

Mathematics and science teaching in elementary and secondary schools will get a boost as the result of two grants totaling nearly $2 million, given by the National Science foundation to Riverside School of Education.

UCR and Michigan State University are the only two institutions in the nation to earn two of the coveted grants. John Chernyavsky, NSF's program manager, said the awards will allow the examination of how school wide science changes impacts academic performance, as well as how technology can play a meaningful role in classroom instruction and the professional development of teachers.

UCR School of Education Dean Robert Calfee, along with Melanie Spiering, as associate professor of education at UCR, received a $394,112 grant for "Reading and Writing about Science: A Design-Experiment Strategy." Spiering will work with approximately 25 teachers in fourth through eighth grade classes in the Riverside Unified School District to improve the "engagement" of students with their science writing.

"We chose writing in science because it is increasingly critical for children headed for high tech majors in college to be able to analyze data and write research reports," said Calfee, who is a recognized expert in literacy. Prof. Spiering studies what makes students invest themselves in the creative process of writing, rather than just writing for the sake of completing an assignment. If the new techniques prove to be successful in those classes, they will be shared with other teachers in Riverside Unified, Calfee said.

Kathleen Metz, an associate professor in the School of Education, received $999,786 for a project called, "What Are the Needs of Young Children in Science?: She is working with Michael P. Hamilton, director of the James Reserve in Idyllwild, and Yvonne Poirier, a first grade teacher at Idyllwild School, to investigate the potential of young children's scientific inquiry.

"From my previous research, I am sure that the national curriculum guidelines currently underestimate what young children can do," Metz said. "Young children are capable of framing controlled experiments," she said. "They are capable of hypothetical deductive thought."

Her project incorporates writing, reading and mathematical concepts in the teaching of biological sciences, not only in recognition of the demands placed on California's teachers to spend most of their classroom time teaching literacy and math, she will train teachers, who in turn will work with children.

The federal funds were allocated in response to the "Report to the President on the Use of Technology to Strengthen K-12 Education in the United States," in which President Clinton's advisory panel of technology, business and education leaders urged that a significant federal research investment was needed, with a focus on educational technology.

"The interagency team has responded ably to the calls of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology to support interdisciplinary, rigorous, large-scale studies in precollege education," said Arthur Bienenstock, Associate Director for Science in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Baca sworn-in as Congressman, Starts Duties, Votes on Budget, Assigned Committee

After winning the congressional seat on election night, Baca was requested to fly to Washington the next day by Majority Leader Gephardt to vote on the upcoming federal budget. On arrival at the Capitol, Baca spoke to Gephardt and a day later, was sworn as congressman. He later voted on the $385 billion budget.

Back at the victory party, after thanking his supporters, Baca announced that every staff member at the local office would be transferred to the congressional office. State staff members would be assigned to the Washington office.

Baca adjourned for the year on Monday, November 22, which will allow Baca to organize his local office and have staff service the district and its constituents, which has been inactive for several months.

In a late dispatch last Saturday, Congressman Joe Baca was appointed to the Agriculture, and Science/Technology Committees.

Congressman Baca's election has created a vacancy in the 32nd Senate District. Assemblywoman Nell Soto has indicated a strong interest in running for the seat. Others persons include Maurice Ayala, former Senator Ruben Ayala's son, Fontana Mayor David Ehismann and Todd Tarun, recent resident of the area, coming from the High Desert.
Tobacco and Hispanic/Latino Populations

The Challenge in California

In California, the Hispanic/Latino portion of the population constitutes 28.6 percent of the state's total population with nearly 10 million men, women and children. That means the number of Hispanics/Latinos living in California is about the same as the total population of Michigan and greater than the total populations of 43 other states.

Smoking prevalence among California's adult Hispanic/Latino population is currently at 16.4 percent with men smoking at twice the rate of women. Smoking among this group's male adult population is at 20.9 percent while Hispanic/Latino adult females smoke at a rate of 10 percent.

Other California specific facts regarding tobacco use among Hispanics/Latinos:

- According to a 1996 survey, 10.8 percent of Hispanic/Latino youths (ages 12 to 17) smoked within the past 30 days. That is up from 7.1 percent in 1993.
- According to a 1996 survey, Hispanic/Latino households were more inclined to have a total ban on smoking in the home than any other ethnic group with 72.7 percent reporting such a ban. That is nearly 20 percentage points higher than in 1992.

The Risks Hispanics/Latinos

- The smoking rates nationwide for Hispanic women in the reproductive age group (18 to 44) have been creeping upward (16.9 percent in 1990 to 18.9 percent in 1992). Smoking during pregnancy in this group accounts for an estimated 20 to 30 percent of low birth weight babies, up to 14 percent of premature deliveries, and as much as 10 percent of all infant deaths.
- Although Hispanic/Latino men smoke at a rate that is twice that of the women, the lung cancer death rate among these men is nearly three times higher than among women.
- In 1990, 60.1 percent of Hispanic/Latino workers were exposed to secondhand smoke at indoor workplaces in California compared to only 9.7 percent in 1996. That is an 84 percent decrease.

Tobacco Use Among Hispanic/Latino Youths

- Youth who have only a few or no smoking friends are 55 percent less likely to take up smoking than those who say half or more of their friends smoke. The social surroundings of Hispanic/Latino youths have a great impact on whether or not they will take up smoking.
- The rate of smoking among male and female high school students is almost identical. In 1995, approximately one third of all Hispanic/Latino high school students were current cigarette users with the boys out smoking the girls by only two percentage points. Chewing tobacco use among Hispanic/Latino high school students was less than 5 percent.
- In 1997, more than a quarter (26.3 percent) of Hispanic/Latino male high school students said they have smoked a cigar in the past month, compared to 32.5 percent of white males and 28.1 percent of African-American male students. Only 8.4 percent of Hispanic male students used smokeless tobacco compared to 20.6 percent of white male students.

Targeting Hispanics/Latinos

- Studies have documented that tobacco companies advertise and promote their products disproportionately to ethnic communities. Cigarette products such as "Rio" and an earlier product named "Dorado" narrowly focus advertising and marketing specifically to target the Hispanic community.
- Hispanic/Latino and black neighborhoods have historically been exposed to significantly more tobacco and alcohol ads than white or Asian neighborhoods. Prior to recent outlawing of outdoor tobacco ads, tobacco billboards were most common in black neighborhoods, appearing at 2.4 times the citywide rate - with Hispanic/Latino neighborhoods close behind.

The need to counter pro-tobacco influences among California's Hispanic/Latino population is being addressed by a statewide network of community based organizations. A central office coordinates the efforts of this partnership. For more information, contact:

Hispanic/Latino Tobacco Education Network
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center
Institute for Prevention Research
1441 Eastlake Avenue, MS-44, Room 3407
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 865-0341

Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, Ph.D., MPH, MA
Dr. Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati is Assistant Professor for Research in Prevention Medicine at the University of Southern California. In addition, Dr. Baezconde-Garbanati directs the activities of the Cancer Information Service at USC's Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center (a joint collaboration with the Northern California Cancer Center)
Jacqueline Guerrero
UCLA Student, American Heart Association Student Research Program participant.

At age 4, when most children are finger painting or learning to tie shoe laces, Jacqueline Guerrero asked her mom lots of questions about childbirth. At age 7, she toted around Lennart Nilsson’s international classic “A Child Is Born” along with books by Dr. Seuss. Now 22 year old, Guerrero is dreaming of becoming a doctor and helping deliver hundreds of babies through a women’s clinic she hopes one day to establish.

Until that dream becomes reality, Guerrero, a fifth year senior at UCLA, is working at a research lab as part of the American Heart Association’s Student Research Program this summer. Guerrero was only one of six Latinos out of the total 180 students to apply for the program and the only Latina to win a spot on the program this year.

With recent news reports examining the lack of Latino doctors serving minority communities in California, Guerrero understands that as a physician she will be a rare commodity. She hopes her participation in the American Heart Association program will help set her apart from the thousands of talented students vying to get into medical school.

As part of the American Heart Association Student Research Program, students are assigned to some of the top institutions in the country to work under the direct supervision of biomedical scientists. The goal of the program is to encourage undergraduates to consider careers in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular research.

Guerrero said that she hopes more minority students apply for the program in the future. She said that students need to know that getting into medicine is very difficult and that any experience you can have is worthwhile. Guerrero added that succeeding in any field takes desire, hard work and the resolve to just do it.

It seems her example—Guerrero was the first in her family to attend college—has already played an important role in encouraging others. Her mother, who raised the family on her own and now wants to become a teacher, has enrolled at a California State University, as has Guerrero’s younger sister. Asked about her tenacity, Guerrero responds: “I just gained confidence. I realized I was like everyone else. Why put a barrier on myself? I can do it because I want to do it. Follow your heart and don’t give up... and that will lead to success.”

Students in the program receive a $2,500 stipend. Applications for the American Heart Association’s Western States Affiliate Student Research Program will be available October 1. For more information call (650) 259-6720.

Luis Miguel
Amarte es un Placer
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El popular artista volvió a tener otro reconocimiento de la R.I.A.A, por lograr la venta de más de 500,000 copias de su más reciente álbum Amarte es un Placer. Este es el álbum más vendido de Estados Unidos desde su lanzamiento el pasado 13 de septiembre en España.

Ha solo días de salir al mercado su más reciente producción discográfica Amarte es un Placer, el cantante mexicano Luis Miguel ha recibido un disco de oro otorgado por la R.I.A.A. (Recording Industry Association of America, por sus siglas en inglés), gracias a la venta de más de 500,000 unidades de este disco.

El artista que se reunió con la prensa internacional en España el pasado 13 de septiembre con motivo del lanzamiento mundial de Amarte es un Placer, debutó en el tope de las listas de ventas de Estados Unidos, puesto que ha mantenido por tres semanas consecutivas, según informa la prestigiosa revista Billboard.

Luis Miguel se encuentra en España donde dio inicio su gira mundial de conciertos La misma continuará por diferentes países entre ellos Brasil, Argentina, Chile, Puerto Rico y Estados Unidos, lugar que visitará el próximo año.

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Tobacco
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Center), and of the National Hispanic Leadership Initiative on Cancer: Unidos por la Salud. She is also the Director and Principal Investigator of the Hispanic/Latino Tobacco Education Network (H/LaTEN), housed at the Institute for Prevention Research and Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Lourdes Bazquez-Garbanati has a Ph.D. and an MPH in Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Masters in clinical Psychology from the University Catholic of Louvain, Belgium. She has worked in tobacco education among Hispanic population groups since 1989. In the last two years, she has directed a network of more than 800 organizations in California focusing on tobacco-free communities, health preservation and disease prevention.

We Give Thanks

Pacific Bell presents Sinfonia Mexicana with $12,000 donation

Pictured (left) is Mary Zaneski, left, Director, External Affairs, Pacific Bell, presenting a contribution of $2,000 to Tony Bocanegra, right, President of the Sinfonia Mexican Society. PAC Bell’s is one of the many contributors to the Annual Christmas Merri-Achi Fund-raising Concert to be presented at the California Theatre on December 12. Photo by IEHN

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Date: Tuesday, December 7, 1999
Time: 7:00 p.m. (In conjunction with a meeting of the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council (MAC))
Location: Aplla Park Community Center
18313 Valley Boulevard, Bloomington

We encourage you to participate in our citizens outreach effort. If you have any questions, or need more information, please call County ECD at (909) 388-0999 or (909) 388-0964.

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