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March 7 Election Candidate Profile

Congressman Jerry Lewis, R-40th District, Incumbent

Jerry Lewis was elected to Congress in 1978 in a district that covers most of San Bernardino and Inyo Counties. He is the third-ranking Republican on the Appropriations Committee, chair of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Foreign Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, chair of the Select Committee on Intelligence, and Co-chair of the California Republican Delegation in 1996 and Co-chair of the total California (Republican and Democratic) delegation. He has secured funding for the I-15 and I-40, cancer treatment center at Loma Linda Hospital, Ontario International Airport, Santa Ana flood control and providing affordable housing throughout the United States. Lewis has led a successful drive to provide $82 million to colleges and universities under the Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), including San Bernardino County.

Congressman Gary Miller, R-41st District, Incumbent

Gary Miller was elected to the 41st congressional District in November, 1998 and currently serves as Vice-chair of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee, Aviation and Surface Transportation Committees and House Budget Committee. His priorities include the Alameda Corridor East Project, Ontario International Airport, Social Security and Medicare, prescription drugs for senior citizens, raising the minimum wage and enhancing quality education. He is a member of the American Correctional Association, NALEO, South Kiwanis Club, Health Service Agency Mental Health Advisory Board and AZLAN Community Services.

Latino Impact to Honor Congressman Joe Baca

The Latino Impact, a political action committee, is sponsoring a reception and dinner for Congressman Joe Baca to be held on February 25, 2000, at the Gents Community Center, 1402 Art Townsend Dr. San Bernardino (formerly Norton Air Force Base), with a no-host at 6:00 PM. “Congressman Joe Baca’s recent special election has elevated him into a position of political responsibility at the federal level and we must fully support his legislative agenda locally,” stated Ralph Hernandez, Jr., president of Latino Impact. “Our organization, in conjunction with his supporters, are honoring the congressman for his collective performance as assemblyman and state senator,” he said. Profile on congressman Joe Baca, see article on candidate profiles page 6.

The Latino Impact Committee was organized in 1989 by Dr. Armando Navarro and was reorganized in 1994. LIC has financially supported candidates at every level of the electoral spectrum, in addition to endorsing candidates.

A video presentation of Congressman Baca’s swearing in ceremony and an update on what is happening in Washington and his vision for the future for the Inland Empire will be addressed by the congressman.

Jerry Eaves, County of San Bernardino’s 5th District Supervisor, will be master of ceremonies. San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles has been invited as a special guest.

Key business leaders, community leaders and elected officials have been invited to participate in the event.

Sponsors for the event may participate as platinum ($1,000), gold ($500), with each level of sponsorship receiving special recognition. Admission for individual participation is $25.

Sponsorship participants may mail information and checks to: Latino Impact-Baca Dinner Event, P.O. Box 1078, San Bernardino, CA 92401. To RSVP or information, call at (909) 381-6259.

Proceeds from the event will help support Latino Impact Projects, including voter registration, voter education, candidate support and “get out the vote.”

Rodolfo Favila, D-41st Congressional District: Democratic candidate.

Rodolfo Favila was Ontario City Councilperson from 1992 to 1996, was co-chair of the Finance Committee and involved in the development of the Ontario Mills, Ontario Convention Center and expansion of the Ontario Airport Terminals. His goals for Congress are affordable healthcare, protecting the visibility of Social Security and Medicare, prescription drugs for senior citizens, raise the minimum wage and enhancing quality education. He is a member of the American Correctional Association, NALEO, South Kiwanis Club, Health Service Agency Mental Health Advisory Board and AZLAN Community Services.

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IEHN’s article on Jesse Ybarra, Page 3, on February 2, 2000 publication inadvertently omitted byline by Jessica Carney. We regret the error.
In August, 1996, John and Maria Chavez were strolling at the Carousel Mall attracting crowds with their quadruplets. Photo by IEHN.

On Sunday, February 12th, Johnnie, Jonathan, Justin and Joshua celebrated their fourth birthday with their proud parents, John and Maria Chavez and a host of relatives and their padrinos at a local pizza restaurant. The boys were happy and, surprisingly, very well behaved. The special occasion was that the four are quadruplets, born on February 12th, 1996, and the beginning of everything for their proud parents, John and Maria.

John and Maria Chavez were married after graduating from high school in January, 1989, and John enlisted in the Navy. The Chavez’s wanted to start a family, however, Maria couldn’t get pregnant. “This was very frustrating for us,” she said at that time, when the Inland Empire Hispanic News interviewed the couple after the quadruplets were born.

After four years, Maria went to the doctor and began treatments. John was later discharged from the Navy and immediately begin working for GAF in Fontana. Maria was eventually told by the doctor that she was pregnant and after taking an ultra sound test, discovered that she was having twins.

Everyone in the family was overjoyed at the prospect of twins, Maria said. A second ultra sound test later indicated that Maria was having triplets. John was “happy”, more or less. When Maria was scheduled for a third ultrasound test, John decided to be present in the event that another surprise announcement would come forth. After the test, the doctor announced the (good) news: the Chavez’s were going to be the parents of quadruplets!

At that time, Maria said, “all our family were thrilled beyond description”. Maria was later interned in the hospital for over five months and delivered the quadruplets in the seventh month by cesarean on February 12, 1996.

The quadruplets were baptized at St. Adelaide Church with David and Yolanda Graribaldo, as godparents. Pictured (right to left, oldest to youngest) is Johnnie, Jonathan, Justin and Joshua.

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Quadruplets Celebrate Their Fourth Birthday

Chris Perez Band Receives Grammy Nomination

Band’s critically-acclaimed debut album, Resurrection, nominated for Best Latin Rock/Alternative Performance

BURBANK, CA (January 5, 2000) - Hollywood Records recording artist the Chris Perez Band has been awarded a Grammy Nomination for Best Latin Rock/Alternative Performance. This distinguished nod from music industry professionals recognizes the band’s debut album Resurrection as one of the preeminent recordings released in the Latin rock genre this past year. The Grammy Awards will be held in Los Angeles on February 23, 2000.

Since the release of Resurrection in May 1999, the Chris Perez Band has scored an impressive track record for their first album and first year as a touring artist. Media raved about the bilingual album, Top 40 and Latin radio embraced the album’s singles, and major highlights by VH-1, ABC, Univision and Telemundo thrust the band into the limelight. As a headliner on the first ever national rock en espanol Witch’s Tour and the supporting artist for sold-out tours with Mana and the John Popper Band, the Chris Perez Band played to thousands of fans across the U.S.

A gifted musician and respected leader in the Latin music world, Chris Perez grew up in urban San Antonio in the 80’s and was drawn into the world of pop-Tejano, where he landed a gig as the lead guitarist with Grammy-winning Selena y Los Dinos. Since Selena, Perez spent the last four years writing music and laying the groundwork for his return to contemporary rock. The resulting album, Resurrection, is a blend of classic American guitar-rock and power-pop, fused with Latin rhythms. The album’s bilingual approach to music reflects a daily reality for the more than 30 million Hispanic-Americans in the United States.

Chino Doctor Returns to Practice in Hometown

Doctor Robert Lopez, a graduate of Don Lugo High School, Chino, has returned to his hometown to practice obstetrics and gynecology after an absence of many years. Returning to his hometown is a way of giving back to the community that gave him so much.

After an absence of almost a decade, Robert Lopez, has come full circle. The 1984 Don Lugo graduate has returned home as a women’s medicine specialist, certified in obstetrics and gynecology. The 34-year-old M.D. opened his own practice on Central Avenue in Chino in November. He said it’s his way of giving back to the community that once gave so much to him.

Lopez was born in 1965 in the small town of Curimeo, Michoacan in Mexico. After only a couple months, he moved to the United States with his family, where they worked in the agricultural lands as migrant workers. They eventually found permanent work within the vast agricultural and dairy preserves of the Chino Valley, which ultimately became home for the Lopez family.

Lopez was educated in the Chino School District, starting at Gird Elementary, then Ramona Junior High and eventually became the first in his family to graduate from high school in 1984. He received his Bachelor’s Degree of Science from Irvine University in only three years. His hard work paid off when he was accepted to one of the nation’s top medical schools, University of California, San Francisco. After completing his residency at Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Pasadena, he made his way back to Chino where he has spent the last two years working under Dr. Thomas Lee, before starting his own practice.

"This is home for me and my family. Chino’s a great place, I grew up here, and this is where I want to raise my children," he said. "I realize I am going against the grain by starting my own practice but it won’t be the first time."
Dr. Susan Rainey Wins Prestigious CSLA State Alioto Award

Dr. Susan Rainey, Superintendent of the Riverside Unified School District, was awarded the prestigious Robert F. Alioto Instructional Leadership Award by the California School Leadership Academy.

The award is given to one outstanding superintendent in the state each year. It removes superintendents who demonstrate their commitment, and ability to provide the type of courageous leadership needed to ensure instructional excellence.

The Award is named after Robert F. Alioto, the first executive director of CSLA. The organization is a collaboration between the California Department of Education, county schools offices, school districts, colleges, universities and educational laboratories focused on developing quality school administrators.

Rainey was honored for her support and leadership in CSLA programs both in the Charter Oak and Riverside Unified School districts.

Dr. Susan J. Rainey exemplifies CSLA leadership traits,” said Richard S. Martinez Project Director of the Riverside School Leadership Center. “Her student centered leadership is influential in the Riverside Unified School District, throughout Riverside County, and throughout the educational community in the State of California.”

Rainey accepted the award Thursday morning in San Francisco during the CSLA’s annual convocation.

“I am very humbled by this award,” she said. “I believe that this award is a reflection of years of work that I have done in several districts. I have been very fortunate over the years to work with dedicated and quality people, who together we have been able to accomplish some terrific things for education.”

Rainey became the superintendent of the Riverside Unified School District in 1996, responsible for the district’s 45 schools and other sites which are spread over 93 square miles and which share a $207 million budget.

Dr. Rainey’s postsecondary education includes a BA degree in history from the University of Redlands (1966), and an MA in history also from the University of Redlands (1972). In 1983 she received her Ed.D. from USC with a major in Educational Administration.

Dr. Rainey also holds a standard secondary credential as well as an administrative services credential.

Dr. Rainey began teaching in 1969 and moved quickly from middle school to high school as teacher and Director of Activities for Yucaipa High School in the early 1970s. In 1983, she appointed was to Monrovia High School as Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction, and then to Brea-Olinda High School where she served as Principal.

From 1982 to 1991 Dr. Rainey worked in the Hemet Unified School District, as Director of Personnel, and eventually to Assistant and Associate Superintendent with responsibility for the secondary schools and planning of new school facilities.

Immediately prior to accepting with RUSD, she served as superintendent of the Charter Oak Unified School District for seven years, and she also has served as an adjunct professor for Cal Poly Pomona.

Among her many awards for community and professional service, Dr. Rainey received the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award in 1996.

The Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) is a service agency supporting the county’s 27 school districts and linking them with the California Department of Education. RCOE has three missions:

• to provide administrative support to districts
• to operate student programs for almost 53,000 preschool, special education and Vocational/Regional Occupation Program students
• to provide professional training, support and resources for teachers, administrators and staff.

La comunidad estaba creciendo, pero lo que faltaba eran más opciones de trabajo; más habilidades que se estaban aprovechando. Ahora se corre la voz, ya están abriendo más negocios.

El Censo 2000 revela las necesidades de su comunidad con estadísticas que usan las compañías para decidir en dónde deben establecer su negocio. Por eso es importante. Además, el Censo es para todos, ciudadanos a no, y la ley asegura que es confidencial, nadie tiene acceso a su información. Cuando reciba el formulario, llévelo y envíelo. Hay que vencer el miedo, por el beneficio de todos.
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California Democratic 2000, Party Convention Endorses Local Latino Candidates

The California Democratic Convention marked the 150th Anniversary of the Democratic Party in California. The convention was held in San Jose, the Capital of the Silicon Valley, and it attracted some 3500 delegates from throughout California. A unique blend of creativity, energy and leadership was present throughout the conference as Art Torres, Chairman, convened the convention. Chairman Torres addressed the convention on Saturday morning, February 12th.

The convention endorsed the following agenda items: invest the California surplus to help communities improve public education with quality teachers, smaller classrooms, greater accountability, and modern schools; enact responsible tax cuts that support families and provide educational opportunity; make our communities safer by putting more law enforcement officers on the street and providing after school opportunities for our children; raise the minimum wages enforce equal pay laws for women in the workplace, and extend prosperity to California's economically underserved areas; and advance the growth of technology and fully realize the potential of the internet for all Californians.

The Democratic State Convention also endorsed the following Latino candidates from the Inland Empire: Congressman Joe Baca for 42nd Congressional District; Jose Acuna, candidate for the 80th Assembly District; Rodolfo Favila, candidate for the 41st Congressional District; Jose Medina, candidate for the 64th Assembly District; Gloria McLeod, candidate for the 61st Assembly District; and Ray Quinto, candidate for the 65th Assembly District.

In addition, The Chicano/Latino Caucus of the California Democratic State Party elected Jesse Valenzuela, Congressional Assistant for Congressman Joe Baca, as the Regional Vice Chair of the Inland Empire for the Chicano/Latino Caucus. The Inland Empire Region serves both Riverside and San Bernardino County. For more information on how you can become a member and involved in the Chicano/Latino Caucus and/or the California Democratic Party, please call Jesse Valenzuela at (909) 849-3929.

County of San Bernardino Offers Low Interest Home Improvement Loans

The Department of Economic and Community Development of San Bernardino County has low interest home rehabilitation loans at 3% interest. The lower interest rate makes loans affordable to qualified homeowners who otherwise would not be able to meet monthly payments at the current market rates. An example of a fully amortized 20 year loan would have payments as follows:

- $20,000 - $110.92 per mo.
- $25,000 - $138.65 per mo.
- $30,000 - $166.38 per mo.
- $35,000 - $194.11 per mo.
- $40,000 - $221.84 per mo.
- $45,000 - $249.57 per mo.

To qualify, the applicant must meet Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. In evaluating loan applicants, the Department of Economic and Community Development looks at gross annual income. The maximum gross income limits are from $26,450 for one-person household to $49,850 for households of eight or more.

The rehabilitation loan can be used for bringing the building up to community building standards and making needed repairs. The minimum loan is $3,000 and the maximum is $45,000. Improvements such as re-roofing, painting, electrical and plumbing are among the eligible work items. All work must performed by a licensed contractor.

This program is available countywide with the exception of the cities of Apple Valley, Chino, Fontana, Hesperia, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland and Victorville. Unincorporated areas surrounding those cities are eligible. For information regarding programs in non-participating areas, please contact the respective city.

For applications or more information, telephone (909) 388-0900 or write to the Department of Economic and Community Development, 290 North "D" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040. Funds are limited and will be prioritized in order of receipt of completed paperwork. Deferred payment loans are available to applicants who meet eligibility requirements.

Volunteers Wanted to Assist in Funding Decisions

Riverside, California (February 4, 2000)—United Way of the Inland Valley is actively recruiting volunteers to serve on Community Review Teams to assist with the distribution of unrestricted contributions raised in the recent United Way campaign. Last year over 70 volunteers served on United Way community review teams.

The community review process provides an opportunity for people to learn first hand about the problems facing our communities and the programs that are working to solve them. Volunteer training will be provided.

Review team members of all ages, races, ethnic populations and gender from communities within United Way's service area including Banning, Beaumont, Cabazon, Canyon Lake, Cherry Valley, Glen Avon, Jurupa, Lake Elsinore Valley, Mira Loma, Moreno Valley, Pedley, Perris Valley, Riverside, Rubidoux, the Temecula/Murrieta Valley and Wildomar.

For more information or to request a Volunteer Interest Sheet, please call Mary Ann Staider, United Way of the Inland Valleys at (909) 697-4711. Volunteer information must be turned in by Thursday, February 24.

Nursing Master's Degree Advisor Held 2/10/2000

Individuals interested in furthering their nursing education with a graduate degree are invited to an advisory session February 24 from 5-7 p.m. at Cal State, San Bernardino.

The university launched its newest graduate degree program in nursing this fall, notes Patricia St. Hill, coordinator. She'll be available to meet with prospective students in the Health and Physical Education Complex conference room 214.

More information on the master's program, which concentrates on community-based nursing with options in home or public health, is available from her at (909) 880-7238 or the department office at (909) 880-5380.

Remember the Census in March

Reader Beware!

This mystery is not for the faint of heart

Was it a spectacle from the past, some Aztec revenant that had inspired the "Black Widow" to kill her husband? Or did these chilling murders have more to do with the rights of property and inheritance, and mere greed?

In Lucha Corp's third and final installment to the Gloria Masasco Detective Series, Black Widow's Wardrobe, the intrigue is high, the questions are many and the answers lie in the sleuthing skills of one woman.

Who better than Gloria Masasco, that indomitable detective with a flair for Clairvoyance, to unravel this intricate and pulsing plot, which winds its way from an exotic Day of the Dead celebration in San Francisco to the even more exotic sites and customs in Mexico.

Part thriller, part exploration of myth and history, Black Widow's Wardrobe is a page-turner. For Corp, this novel has always meant activism. As a woman, a Hispanic, an immigrant and a mother, she has always found herself breaking down barriers in both life and literature. She is the author of Eudogy for a Brown Angel, winner of a 1992 PEN Oakland Josephine Miles Award, and the critically-acclaimed second installment to the series, Cactus Blood. Corp holds a B.A. in Comparative Literature from UC-Berkeley and an A.A. in World and Comparative Literature from San Francisco State University. Since 1977 she has been a tenured teacher in the Oakland Public Schools Neighborhood Centers Programs.

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Survey Shows Gore Leading Bush By A Wide Margin Among California Latino Voters

February 2, 2000) La Opinion, the country's leading Spanish language daily newspaper, has released key findings of a statewide political poll among California Latino Voters showing presidential candidate Al Gore leading George W. Bush by a wide margin.

The poll was released Jan. 28 in conjunction with the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) at one of the most significant presidential political forums attended by more than 120 statewide political strategists and community leaders at the USC Davidson Conference Center in Los Angeles. La Opinion invited the top political strategists from the four presidential candidates to address issues brought forth by leading national Hispanic organizations on the issues of education, health, and employment.

"Hosting a presidential political forum specifically to address issues important to Latinos indicates that our political process has come a long way. Candidates want to capture California have to grab the attention of the Latino voter," said Monica Lozano, president and COO of La Opinion.

The survey of 604 Latino registered voters shows Gore leads Bush by a 30 percent margin -- 56 percent to 26 percent. The poll contradicts some national polls that have indicated that Bush, the governor of Texas, leads the vice president among Hispanic voters.

La Opinion/TRPI poll surveyed only California Latinos. The poll clearly shows Republican candidates for Congress and the state General Assembly and Senate fared poorly (14 percent) against Democratic candidates (65 percent). Bush, who garnered 49 percent of the Latino vote in winning reelection for Texas Governor in 1998, is firing somewhat better. He is getting 26 percent of the vote against the vice president. And in a match-up against former New Jersey Sen. Vit Bradley, Gore's challenger for the Democratic presidential nomination, Bush loses only by four percent among Californians Hispanic voters -- 39 percent to 35 percent.

In the Republican primary, the poll finds Bush winning by a 58 percent margin -70 percent to 12 percent -- over Arizona Sen. John McCain.

Gore, according to the poll, leads Bradley by 57 percent -- 65 percent to eight percent -- in the Democratic primary.

In general, which party will you support in Congressional and Legislative elections?

Democrats 65%
Republicans 14%
Undecided 15%

Wilson Still Very Unpopular

The poll asked Latino voters whether they feel the Republican Party is recovered from the negative image of Wilson because of Bush's candidacy. Fifty-three percent said no and 51 percent said yes. The hostility toward Wilson, two years after he left office, is shown in another poll question which asks the Latino voters whether they felt positive or negative toward particular politicians. Seventy-three percent had a negative opinion toward Wilson. Only 16 percent had a positive feeling.

By contrast, President Clinton enjoys an 80 percent positive feeling among Latinos. Gore has 71 percent positive rating and a 16 percent negative rating. By comparison, Bush gets a 58 percent positive feeling and a 25 percent negative.

On issues, Latinos expressed a wide ranging set of views. California Latinos overwhelmingly feel support for universal health insurance (86 percent), strong gun control legislation (81 percent) and laws that facilitate legal immigration (79 percent) are important issues that will influence whether they support a candidate. These are issues that usually help liberal/Democratic candidates. But they also feel support for school vouchers (75 percent) and opposition to legal abortion (64 percent) are important issues that will influence whether they back a candidate. These are usually issues that help conservatives/Republican candidates. Ironically, despite the widespread publicity that the press has given to the fact that both Bush and Gore speak some Spanish, 51 percent of the Latino voters said whether presidential candidate speak Spanish is unimportant and will not influence their vote. However, 48 percent said it is important and will influence their vote.

The poll shows 59 percent of the Latino voters have received some information on Gore and 63 percent had received some information on Bush. Fourteen percent received a lot of information on the vice president and 45 percent received a little information. Twenty percent received a lot of information on Bush and 43 percent received a little information.

Most Latino voters have received little or no information on either Bradley or McCain.

Foreign-born Latinos depend largely (67 percent) on Spanishlanguage media for their political information. By contrast' native Latinos receive 62 percent of their political information from English television and radio stations and 67 percent from English newspapers.

The poll of 604 Latino registered voters was taken by phone and conducted between January 13 and January 17 and has a margin or error of plus or minus four percent.

Congressman Joe Baca Makes Alan Flores Citizenship Matter a Top Priority

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Soon after being sworn into office last November, Representative Joe Baca (D-Rialto) determined that bringing a successful resolution to the citizenship matter of West Point appointee Alan Flores would be one of his primary goals as a member of Congress.

Flores, the star athlete and scholar of A.B. Miller High School High School in Fontana, was accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point last year but was later rejected by the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) to help Alan in setting up meetings with the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) and to secure his financial aid that has made it possible for him to stay in school," Baca said.

Baca's Washington office has been pursuing solutions to Flores' citizenship case, including the possible introduction of legislation to grant citizenship outright or another legislative remedy.

"Earlier this week, I was honored to participate in the White House ceremonies to award the Congressional Medal of Honer to Alfred Rascon, a Hispanic-American who served in Vietnam," Baca said. "I was impressed when President Clinton remarked that one in five recipients of the Medal have been immigrants. "We should view Alan Flores just like Alfred Rascon who, when asked why he volunteered to join and go to Vietnam when he was not even a citizen, replied by saying, "I was always an American in my heart." Baca has met with Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera on at least three occasions since last December to discuss Flores' situation as well as other matters pertaining to Baca's Congressional district.

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Congressman Joe Baca was elected to Congress in a special election on November 16, 1999 and is the first Hispanic to serve from the Inland Empire. The District includes San Bernardino, Colton, Loma Linda, Rialto, Fontana and portions of Rancho Cucamonga. His is currently on the Agriculture and Science Committees. After being sworn in, Baca supported legislation to hire high-quality teachers, lower class sizes, increased after-school programs funding, low-performing schools accountability, increased police officers in the streets and public health infrastructure. Prior to his current tenure, Baca was elected to the State Senate, serving in the Rules, Veterans Affairs, Public Employment, Utilities, Local Government and Governmental Committees. in 1992, Baca was elected to the Assembly in 1992 where he distinguished himself by increasing funding and socio-economic programs to the Inland Empire. His elective tenure has included 13 years in the San Bernardino Community College District’s Board of Trustees. Baca has received numerous awards for his community and legislative services.

Rob Guzman, Republican candidate for the 32nd State Senatorial District.

Rob Guzman, 46, is the Republican nominee for the 32nd State Senatorial District Special Election Run Off, which will be held on March 7th. Rob is a local independent businessman. He serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Preferred Home Realty Inc., in Southern California. He also operates a job training company that educates and trains employees at the job site. Rob Guzman is a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles (1991-1995), Avila received a B.S. Degree in Mathematics and Political Science from the University of Colorado and 2 years of Legal Assistant Studies from the University of Rio Grande and 2 years of Legal Assistant Studies. Avila is a member of various Democratic clubs in the region, County’s Drug and Gang Task Force and Pomona Valley Latino Chamber of Commerce. Avila and his wife, Mary Anne, are parents of 8 children and 11-grandchildren.

Paul Vincent Avila, Denicrat candidate for the 61st Assembly District.

Paul Vincent Avila, member of the Ontario-Montclair School District, is a candidate for the 61st Assembly District. Retired from the California Employment Development Department and Department of Corrections (1991-1995), Avila received a B.S. Degree in Mathematics and Political Science from the University of Colorado and 2 years of Legal Assistant Studies. Avila is a member of various Democratic clubs in the region, County’s Drug and Gang Task Force and Pomona Valley Latino Chamber of Commerce. Avila and his wife, Mary Anne, are parents of 8 children and 11-grandchildren.

Gloria Negrete McLeod, Trustee for the Chaffey Community College District, is a candidate for the 61st Assembly District. McLeod is the mother of 10 children, grandmother of 22 and great-grandmother of two, has been active in educational, community and political organizations for many years. Among her activities: State Chair of the Latino Community College Trustees, County Drug and Gang Task Force, AQMD, County EEO Committee, Superintendent of Schools Advisory Committee, Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino and numerous other organizational activities. The Chino resident is married to a retired Los Angeles police lieutenant and received an AA from Chaffey College.
Assemblyperson John Longville, D-62 District, Incumbent

Assemblyperson John Longville was elected to the State Assembly in 1998. He chairs the Local Government Committee and member of the Transportation, Election-Redapportionment, Governmental Organization, Judiciary and Joint Committee on Prison Construction Committees. His main focus has been in transportation, economic prosperity and Education. Prior to his current tenure, Longville was Rialto Mayor 1987-1998, Rialto City Council 1978-1984, serving on SCAG, SC Regional Rail Authority, SBAG, Omitrans, and other local commissions. Prior to elected positions in Rialto, Longville served in the late Congressman George Brown's staff from 1973 to 1979, as field representative, press secretary, locally and in Washington, D.C. Longville has been recognized by numerous local organizations: League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce and others.

Ray Quinto, Retired Naval Captain, Democratic candidate for the 65th Assembly District

Ray Quinto served for 36 years in the Navy Medical Corps and Reserves, retiring with the rank of captain. He served as Medical service administrator and later as Chief of Research in the Veterans Affairs Administration, retiring after 27 years. Quinto has been involved in numerous activities throughout the Inland Empire for over 40 years, including the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Kiwanis Club, where he initiated the health fair, blood bank and dental services in Mexicali and several educational advisory commissions, including Cal-State, San Bernardino President's Advisory Committee. His main issues are quality family life, child care and senior citizens long term care, and a priority on quality education including pre-school, parent-teacher-student accountability, with an emphasis on crime and drug intervention programs. Quinto has an MA in Public Administration from the National University of San Diego. He has received numerous national and local awards: Congressional Excalibur Award, Kiwanis Club "Kiwanian of the Year", League of Women Voters Recognition Award, and numerous other awards.

Adolfo Mediano, Jr., Democratic candidate for the 65th Assembly District

from 1990 to 1999 and has participated in the Banning Youth Center, 1994 to present and youth baseball league, 1990 to present. He received a BA from the University of California, San Diego and ID from Western State University School of Law. Mediano's main issues are education, with emphasis on increased teacher salaries, safe school and reduced classes; safer communities with longer prison terms for violent and sexual offenders, lesser terms for others, increasing spending on treatment programs and rehabilitation resources and support for victim rights.

Free Tax Preparation Help Available

Free federal and state income tax help is being offered for low-income members of the community through a volunteer program sponsored by California State University, San Bernardino. Joan Kritzberg, professor of business law and coordinator of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, said student volunteers are trained in basic tax return preparation using materials provided by the Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service.

Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. "People need to bring their W-2s if they were employed, interest statements and any other income information, as well as social security cards for themselves and their children or other dependents," according to Kritzberg. "If they want to itemize deductions, they will need all the necessary information, such as tax bills, mortgage interest statements, medical expenses, charitable contributions, etc. If they received income tax forms through the mail, they should bring them, along with a copy of last year's tax returns, if possible."

English and Spanish-speaking volunteers will be available on the California State University campus on Wednesdays, February 9 through March 15, from 2 to 5 p.m., in Jack Brown Hall, Room 280. On Saturdays they will be present at the Feldheym Library, 555 W. 6th Street, San Bernardino, February 12 through April 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Kellogg Room A. The exception is Saturday, February 19, when the city library will be closed and the volunteers will be available at the St. Bernardino's meeting room at 545 N. F Street.

For more information, call Dr. Kritzberg at (909) 880-5714.

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Challenged Students Hispanic News

The San Bernardino Families for Youth Development Coalition held the 1st Annual Youth Recognition Awards Ceremony at the Gents Community Center, San Bernardino.

The event was organized by the San Bernardino Families for Youth Development Coalition, a consortium of parents, faith community service providers and community-based organizations, and endorsed by San Bernardino County's 3rd District Supervisor Jerry Eaves, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Herbert Fischer and People and Communities Changing Tomorrow (ImPACCT) Program.

The students, ages 12-18, were nominated by teachers, counselors and administrators from the East and West areas of the county who are challenged by severe risk factors which they are able to overcome by demonstrating their resiliency to improve academically. Students were required to have a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

Categories for which students were recognized included academics, community service, arts, business/enterprise, personal achievement, leadership and athletics.

Martin Valdez, Assistant to the County Superintendent, was the event organizer and worked with consortium members and nomination review board. Sandra Valdez is chair of the SBFYDC.

AARP’s Free Income Tax Assistance Program

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Statewide Latino Leadership Summit Set for Feb. 19 in Riverside

Latino leadership representing various segments of the community from throughout California will gather in Riverside from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 to discuss the need to increase Latino representation among students, staff and faculty at Californians universities and colleges.

The "Statewide Latino Leadership Summit on Higher Education" will take place at University Heights Middle School, 1155 Massachusetts Avenue, Riverside.

The road to college, or the university, clearly begins in our K-12 schools, and so the leadership group will be looking at creating success there, as well as in institutions of higher education, said Armando Navarro, chairman of the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside.

The Department of Ethnic Studies, the Ernesto Galarza Public Policy and Humanities Research Bureau, Chicano Student Programs and UCR MECHA are co-sponsors of the program.

Navarro said the summit will provide an opportunity to analyze the data about the numbers of Latinos within higher education, data he will bring to the summit.

While UCR has fared better in recruiting minority freshmen, Navarro said he wants to make sure that all the state's college campuses do as well.

For instance, the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, named for a former UCR Chancellor, noted that Latino freshmen made up only 10 percent of those admitted to UC Berkeley in 1999, a drop from 17 percent two years earlier. "We can't let that trend continue," Navarro said. We will draft a plan of action to increase those numbers.

"The Governor and the President are both talking about educational changes," he said. "This summit will be like a revival of the political action campaign of the 1960s, but in a much more conducive environment."

The conference is designed to create a dialogue and to include a cross section of the Latino community—from academics to activists, he said.

Registration is $10 for faculty, staff or community members and $5 for college students, which covers a continental breakfast, lunch and a packet of conference materials. Information is available 787-4577, ext. 1821 or 1822.

County Selected to Host National Conference

The National Association of Counties has officially announced the selection of the County of San Bernardino as the host-county and Workforce Development and Human Services Conference 2000. The conference will be held November 9-12, 2000 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario. The conference will draw upwards of 1,000 workforce development and human service professionals from across the country to participate in the three-day event.

"The National Association of Counties has honored us with their decision to bring the workforce development and human service conference here to San Bernardino County. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to showcase our county as a national conference destination", said Jon Mikels, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Mikels further stated that, San Bernardino County had participated in an intense and highly competitive bidding process to land the conference. Convention and tourism revenue is particularly attractive because it generates an increase to area coffers with little to no fiscal impact on area services.

For conference information or registration visit the National Association of Counties web site at www.naco.org or call the San Bernardino County Jobs & Employment Services Department at 1-800-451-JOBS.

Tax Assistance Available at University of Redlands

University of Redlands accounting students are available to prepare federal and state income tax forms as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and California Franchise Tax Board. Students were trained during the interim semester.

"Our target group is the elderly and low-income, but we're not limited to that," said adjunct professor Sonja McCart. Students, disabled and non-English speaking taxpayers also are encouraged to use the free program.

The service is available from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 23, at Hunsucker University Center lounge, 1200 E. Colton Ave. (Not offered April 5.) No appointment is necessary. Taxpayers must bring W-2 and 1099 forms and information about other income and deductions, a copy of 1998 tax returns and 1999 forms received in the mail. For more information, call (909) 335-5103.

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Four free training sessions will be provided in the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center and PEOPLE REACHING OUT on Tuesday, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2000. All sessions are held at the small Business Development Center from 4 p.m. and the instructor is Gil Padilla.

Youth who successfully complete all four training sessions will be eligible to apply for a Mini-Grant to begin their business. Grants up to $1000 will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Special guest presentations will be given to the following YOUTH Making Money graduates/entrepreneurs: Silvia Torres of Arts & Crafts by Silvia, Jason Galan (aka NOMAD Streetwear), Renaldo Aparicio and Kevin Kiley (aka IMPACT Clawning of Corona). These entrepreneurs range age from 17 to 20.

A class application/contract must be completed and received in the PRO Office by February 22, 2000 to participate. Attendance is limited.

For more information or to request a class application/flyer, please call Gloria Lopez at PRO 909-686-8946.

Help for Depression, Personal Growth

Confidential and affordable counseling is now being offered through the Community Counseling Center at Cal State, San Bernardino. For $10 per 50-minute session, the center helps clients work through depression, anxiety, traumatic life changes, relationship problems, and eating disorders, as well as work on personal growth. The center also allows payment on a sliding scale. Qualified university graduate students, supervised by Cal State faculty, are currently taking appointments. CSUSB psychology professor, David Chavez, is the center’s interim director.

Day and evening appointments can be made, and the center also gives referrals. For more information, call the Community Counseling Center at (909) 880-5569.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CA — Up to $3600 in cash prizes will be awarded March to the winners of Take 4, the fourth annual San Bernardino County Recycled Art Show, sponsored by the County of San Bernardino Waste System Division and Norcal/San Bernardino, Inc. “a public-private partnership.” San Bernardino County residents are encouraged to participate.

Take 4 focuses the spotlight on innovative ways San Bernardino County residents can turn refuse into art. The show will consist exclusively of artwork made from reused and recycled materials in six categories. Adult artists and youth 13 years and older are invited to enter the categories of Sculpture, Collage, Fashion/Accessory Photography/Imagery, and Youth/Adult Mask categories. Students in grades K-6 are invited to enter the Student Mask category.

The entry deadline is March 17, 2000. The show will debut at an Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday March 23 at the County Government Center in San Bernardino.

After a four-week exhibit at the County Government Center, Take 4 winning pieces will be displayed throughout San Bernardino County and other parts of California.

See entry packet for rules and details. For an entry packet or more information, contact Christine Cales, Program Coordinator, at 909-386-8664.
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Teachers Job Fair

The San Bernardino City Unified School District is sponsoring a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, February 26th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The fair will be held at the San Bernardino Adult Education Building located at 1200 North "E" Street in San Bernardino.

For more information regarding the Teacher Job Fair and what to bring, please call (909) 381-1228.

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February 28, 2000

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