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M.S.S.W. in Social Work and M.A. from, San Diego State University. His professional membership includes the California Mental Health Directors Association (chair), Small Counties Committee, (chair), Minority Services Committee-Legislative Committee, chair.

Born in Los Angeles, Lopez was raised in the San Diego Area and graduated from Mount Miguel High School in Spring Valley.

His wife, Helen, is director of the Mexican Border Health Association, Imperial-Mexicali Valleys Bi-National Health Council, co-vice president and Mental Health/Substance Abuse Committee, chair.

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State Grant Means Over One Million Dollars a Year for Middle School Students

Prime Time Program

On Thursday June 17 Riverside Unified School District, Alvord Unified School District and the City of Riverside jointly announced their recent award of a grant provided by the State of California Department of Education. Over one million dollars will be received each year for a period of three years for the implementation of Prime Time (Partners in Riverside Investing in Middle School Education).

Prime time is an after school program geared at middle school students. All of the nine middle schools in Riverside will participate in Prime Time by providing educational and enrichment curriculum during the hours of 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday. The program will include tutoring, counseling, mentoring, and recreational opportunities for 1350 students throughout the City of Riverside.

The Prime Time Program promises to: Provide a safe, positive and learning atmosphere for students after regular school hours. Provide academic, personal enrichment, and development opportunities. Provide a creative outlet for students.

The success of the Prime Time Proposal is due also to the collaboration and commitment of several nonprofit and corporate partners including: AT&T Wireless, Laidlaw Transit, Youth Service Center, Riverside County Office of Education,YWCA, YMCA, University of California, Youth Education and Movement Program, Riverside Community College, California Baptist College, and Riverside County Office of Community Action.

What Prime Time Means to Riverside:

"This grant is just the beginning for children in Riverside as we begin providing comprehensive after school programs in our districts. Our doors will continue to be open after school hours...the Middle School sites is just the first step towards the concept of the lighted school house."

Dr. Susan Rainey, Superintendent, Riverside USD

Josefin Caenhola, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Riverside Unified School District, reviews the PRIME TIME Program that was awarded one million dollars each year for a period of three years to the RUSD and Alvord Unified School District. The Program will target middle schools for after-school activities.

"Prime Time will implement one of the five major goals of our Riverside Youth Action Plan, including Safe Places and Structured Activities. Our Community of Promise has again expanded its commitment to provide a Family Friendly City where children and youth live safely, grow and succeed."

Hon. Ron Loveridge, Mayor, City of Riverside

"The Prime Time after school learning program will be an asset to our students, families, and community. We are excited about the opportunities we can now offer to fill those critical hours from the close of each school day until 6:00 p.m."

"The long standing partnerships Alvor, The City of Riverside and Riverside Unified School District have developed and maintained for the past 13 years made this grant application successful and possible."

Dr. Damon Castillo, Superintendent, Alvord USD

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The Future has arrived...and with it the joy of dreams fulfilled

The Inland Empire Hispanic News has designated Jose and Maria Guerrero and Rosalio and Aurora Castro "Parents of the Year" for their hard work, dedication and encouragement to their children to acquire an education and achieve a better life. This is their story.

By Sandra B. Martinez

Jose Carmen Guerrero, 63, and Rosalio Castro Diaz, 72, have made a long journey—from the farms and fields of California, where their future did not seem too promising, to a future that has arrived. They come from the Mexican states of Jalisco and Michoacan, respectively. Jose Carmen Guerrero and Rosalio Castro are men whose long years of exertion is being paid off through the professional careers that their children now have.

Three years ago, nuptial ties between Cristina Guerrero, 34, and Rosalio Castro Jr., 33, united two families, combining great history, strong culture, and incredible talent. Cristina Guerrero is not practicing law at the moment, but is working as a U.S. probation officer in the city of West Covina. She attended the University of California, Irvine, followed by Arizona State Law School. Rosalio Castro Jr. graduated from University of California Riverside and continued his education at University of California Hastings Law School. He is now a criminal defense partner with Magnum, Castro and Associates in San Bernardino.

Jose Guerrero, Cristina's father, began to work in the fields of California since the age of 20, and remained working for the next 43 years. "I began working at the age of 10," he said with resounding eyes as he continued, "I came to the United States because there was great necessity for money in my home."

Like Guerrero, Rosalio Castro began to work with his father at the young age of eight, as a butcher and continued until age 22, before coming to the United States. One of the first things that my father taught me was to become a butcher, so I did it," said Castro.

Both Guerrero and Castro admit that it was hard to leave their land and family for the first time and come to a strange world without much ability to read and write. Guerrero was only able to complete first-grade, more years in school were not an option for him because his father needed another pair of hands to help provide food for the other eight in the family.

Similarly, Castro was not given the opportunity to continue his elementary education in Mexico and completed third grade. Work at a young age was not the only obstacle for Castro, the Mexican government, for unknown reasons, forbade education at that time. "I was a child and did not understand why I had to be taught in different people’s homes, the government did not allow us an education, and I do not know why," said Castro.

Not having an education sets limits, therefore Guerrero and Castro's only option was to trade playtime with marbles and tops, for enormous fields and a butcher knife. Their arrivals to the city of "el norte," the north, was with a popular program, Bracero. This program gave Mexican workers the opportunity to contribute to the U.S.'s flourishing prosperity with their labor.

Guerrero's experience begins in 1955, working for five years in the Imperial Valley, earning 2.5 cents per pound of cotton that he labored. By sundown his toil had earned him an average of $4.00. His stay here was only seasonal because he was a contracted worker with Bracero. Each season that Guerrero wanted to come to el norte, a $150/$200 "letter" was required to work. While he kept working, Mexicali, Baja California, became his residence, where his wife Maria Asuncion and his only child, Cristina, waited for his return.

After several jobs throughout different counties in California, the Imperial Valley became his permanent job. After his marriage with Aurora Castro Villecana and becoming the father of 15 born children, his motivation to work was even stronger. "My dream, as I began working, was to go back to Mexico, but I ended up staying here and bringing all my children by 1971," said Castro chuckling with pride.

For the next two decades, Castro continued working in a chicken factory as a butcher in Beaumont, California, where he continues to reside. The poultry factory he worked for was sent to several supermarkets such as Alpha-Beta.

Forty-two years of constant work was what Castro provided for the U.S. economy. Ten years ago Castro retired and is waiting for his 73rd birthday this August and for his 50th anniversary with his wife Aurora. In November Castro is also a United States legal resident.

I feel very proud of my daughter Cristina, I never thought she would make it this far. I always thought she was going to grow up, marry, and that was it," said Cristina’s mom with tears running down her cheeks and occasionally wiping them with her hand. Adding to this, her father said, "I have to admit that if our daughter has come this far, it has been all because of my wife, basically all I did was work, she was the one who took care of Cristina."

Likewise, the Castro family also has many reasons to be joyous of the three youngest boys of the family, are now professionals. Besides Rosalio Jr., Pablo Castro is also a practicing lawyer. He graduated from University of California, Los Angeles, and also continued at University of California Hastings Law School. The third of the three, Marcos, is a UCR graduate in philosophy and a current substitute teacher in Beaumont.

"We are very proud of all our children, they are very loving. Some decided to only work in high school, but all are great in their own ways," said the Rosalio and Aurora Castro.

Sandra Martinez is a third year UCR student majoring in medical science and minor in Spanish. Martinez, 20, is the youngest of three girls in her family and her career goal is to become a journalist.
In her dramatic new work, The Day of The Moon, acclaimed novelist Graciela Limon spins a mesmerizing story of forbidden love. A spellbinding account that spans the twentieth century, across the Southwest from Mexico to Los Angeles, beyond life and death and over the course of four generations of the Betancourt family - the harsh Don Flavio, who believes that mere chance could win one a fortune, but only ruthless-
ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER SAN BERNARDINO TO SPONSOR 11TH ANNUAL KIWANIS COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR, SUNDAY, JUNE 27

WHAT: Prevention is the cornerstone of today's medicine. In the spirit of health and wellness, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center will cosponsor the 11th Annual Kiwanis Comprehensive Health Fair as part of its ongoing effort to improve the health of the community.

The health fair offers a full spectrum of helpful health information and a variety of free health screenings. The health screenings are provided by a specialized physician or nurse so participants will receive accurate and useful information about their health. All screenings are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. More than 5,000 participants are expected to be screened throughout the day. Free mammograms will be offered to the first 150 women who register for an appointment.

Some of the free screenings offered include:

- Immunizations
- Diabetes Testing
- Dental, Vision, Hearing & Blood Pressure Check
- Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- Prenatal & Maternal Health
- Mental Health
- Nutrition
- Child & Adolescent Health & Safety
- TB Testing
- Cholesterol Testing
- Prostate Screening
- Fingerprinting for Children
- Family Planning
- HIV/AIDS & Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Tobacco Use Reduction
- Social Services
- Breast Self-Examination

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, June 27, 1999.
WHERE: Casa Ramona, 1524 W. Seventh St., San Bernardino, CA

CONTACT: Al Arizmendez/Trace Longo, Miller/Geer & Associates (562) 467-20
Rick Danzey, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, (909) 580-6338

NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE
Juanita Trujillo-Navar on June 10 officially took office as student trustee. She now represents the combined student populations of Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College as a non-voting member of the San Bernardino Community College District board of trustees. She lives in Del Rosa.

The Concilio for Spanish Speaking of the Inland Empire
Centro de Niños, of Riverside Graduation Keynoter

Bertha Barraza, keynote speaker at the Concilio for the Spanish Speaking-Centro de Niños, recently graduated with an MSW from the University of Southern California. Barraza came to the United States unable to speak English, enrolling in 9th grade. She continued her education at East Los Angeles College, Riverside Community College and University of California, Riverside. Her educational achievement was the result of family and community support.
McNair Program Funds Cal State $830,000
WASHINGTON - Congressman George E. Brown, Jr. (D-San Bernardino) announced that California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) has been awarded over $830,000 through the U.S. Department of Education's Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Grant Program. The McNair program is designed to increase graduate degree attainment of students from underrepresented segments of society. McNair participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds and demonstrate strong academic potential. Grants are awarded to institutions of higher education for projects designed to prepare students for doctoral studies. “CSUSB has developed a strong reputation for assisting disadvantaged students and I am proud that they have been successful in their second McNair grant,” said Brown. “It is vitally important that we encourage underprivileged students to take advantage of graduate education opportunities and help them achieve their full potential. Minority and low-income students continue to be sorely underrepresented in graduate education. Programs such as McNair are important in reversing this trend.”

Congressman George Brown is the Ranking Democratic Member on the House Committee on Science and is a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture. Throughout his career in Congress, Brown has consistently promoted education outreach programs for disadvantaged youth.

Los Angeles - Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. is donating $100,000 in support of a nation wide year 2000 census campaign spearheaded by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF). Hagase Contar! Make Yourself Count! is a multi-media outreach campaign aimed at informing Latinos about the year 2000 census and encouraging their participation. Anheuser-Busch, makers of Budweiser, Miller andamother brands, is co-sponsoring the TV ads promoting the censusthat will be aired for the next year. The campaign is a part of a country-wide campaigncoordinated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Fair Housing Supporters Recognized
The Fair Housing Council of San Bernardino County and the Inland Valleys Association of Realtors Equal Opportunity/Diversity Committee will host the Annual Fair Housing awards Luncheon on Thursday, June 24th at the Shandian Hills Golf Course Banquet Room in San Bernardino.

This year's honorees include Mike Teer, '99 President of the Inland Valleys Association of Realtors; Bob Bishop, Immediate Past President of the Inland Valleys Association of Realtors; Dorothy Bernardi, Century 21-First Choice Realty; Jerome Davis, Regional Vice-President of PNC Mortgage Corporation of America; Jaime Alvarez, Alvarez & Associates; and Cecilia Lowe, President of the San Bernardino Chapter of the NAACP.

HUD Fair Housing partnership agreements with the Inland Valleys Association of Realtors and the Building Industry Association of Southern California, and provides fair housing training to all housing providers in the Inland Empire. In addition, we provide education to all real estate licensees and assist consumers who have been discriminated against when seeking housing or housing related services.

Special guests will include Tom Honor of the HUD Los Angeles Civil Rights Division, and introducing Nelson Hernandez, Senior Community Builder in the Riverside, San Bernardino area for the HUD Santa Ana Homeownership Center.

The luncheon is open to the public. The cost is $25.00. For reservations please call 884-8056.

Hlav塜\t1Further in the 90's. Classes are $15/single and $20/couple. Classes begin July 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the YWCA, 8172 Magnolia Avenue. There are six classes to complete, and a certificate of completion is issued at the last class. Registration (909) 687-9922.

Prostate Cancer - Get the Facts
It may be uncomfortable to talk about, but prostate cancer is a disease with the potential to touch all men, their families and friends.

The facts. In this year alone, as estimated 179,300 new cases will be diagnosed in the United States.

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FINE ARTS GRANTS FOR SAN BERNARDINO
The City of San Bernardino fine arts grants applications for all fine arts nonprofit organizations in the City of San Bernardino will be available at the mayor's office, 5th floor of City Hall at 300 North D Street, on June 29 1999 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Health Fair

On Saturday, June 26, 1999 a health fair will be held at the Community Settlement Association, 4366 Bermuda Ave, in Riverside. We invite you and your family to spend the day from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm learning about health related topics. We will have FREE diabetes and blood pressure testing, FREE HIV/AIDS testing, and entertainment from Friday Night Live. There will also be FREE drawings for bicycle helmets, interactive-displays and children's activities.

This event is being sponsored by Community Settlement Association, Riverside County Department of Public Health HIV/AIDS Program, and the Riverside County Substance Abuse Program. For more information, please call (909) 686-6266.

The Concilio for Spanish Speaking of the Inland Empire- Centro de Niños

The Concilio for Spanish Speaking of the Inland Empire- Centro de Niños, a child care facility in Riverside, graduated 41 young students at its annual ceremonies attended by proud parents and adults on Thursday, June 17.

Bertha Barraza, Banning School District-mentor coordinator, was key-note speaker. Addressing the adults and specifically the day care graduates, Barraza stated that this was also a special day for her, due to recently receiving her MSW from the University of Southern California.

Speaking to the parents, she stressed the importance of the role of their children at this early stage in their lives. "Allow them to explore, question and express themselves. If your child says they want to be a doctor, reinforce them, give them confidence about their potential. Let us be who influence our children, so that they don't go out searching for other individuals who may influence them in other than our own values," she said.

At the end of the graduation ceremonies, parents and students enjoyed refreshments and picture taking.

Spanish Speaking of the Inland Empire Centro de Niños, of Riverside

The graduating class at the Concilio for Spanish Speaking-Centro de Niños Concilio in Riverside stand to receive applause from parents and guests at the annual graduation ceremonies. The 41 graduates are prepared to venture into the world of kindergarden to explore, question and express themselves. If your child says they want to be a doctor, reinforce them, give them confidence about their potential. Let us be who influence our children, so that they don't go out searching for other individuals who may influence them in other than our own values," she said.

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