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HISPANICS CELEBRATE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Catholic Church in San Bernardino was overflowing with parishioners as they honored La Virgen de Guadalupe with prayers and singing las Mahanitas with mariachi music and singers on December 12 at 5:00 A.M. La Virgen de Guadalupe revealed herself before (Saint) Juan Diego in 1531. The bishop was finally convinced on the apparition of the Virgen and built a church at Tepeyac in the City of Mexico. The Virgen de Guadalupe is honored throughout Central and South America.

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S. G. HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CELEBRATES 4TH ANNUAL BANQUET

Valenzuela commented on the growth of industries, businesses, and housing in the Cities of Banning and Beaumont; the business group helping new businesses and supporting existing businesses.

Keynote speaker UCR Professor Dr. Armando Navarro spoke on the political and social history of the Hispanic population of the United States. "Positive changes have occurred, and our population has grown since then, producing areas of concern, including organizing collectively at the political level," he said. "We, the Hispanic, have a ways to go to empower our own destiny."

SGPHCC honored outstanding leaders at the event: Latino of the Year-Maurice Calderon; Latina of the Year—Brenda Salas; Latina of the Year—Marie Calderon; Community Advocate of the Year—Claudia Perreira; Non-Profit Organization of the Year—Cancer Federation; Journalist of the

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FRANK del OLMO

Commentaries on His Times

Publisher's note: The following book review on the late Frank del Olmo, editorial page editor for the Los Angeles Times, illustrates outstanding editorials by the nationally recognized journalist and civil rights activist. IEHN is appreciative of the book, "Frank del Olmo", presented by Mr. Frank Quevedo, Southern California Edison—vice president for Equal Opportunities.

Los Angeles Times journalist Frank del Olmo wrote with courage and a determined voice about issues, events and people of his times. This book presents 90 of his most memorable columns, culled from 450 commentaries he authored. His voice was prematurely quieted with his death of a heart attack on February 19, 2004.

The essays of del Olmo, the nation's most influential columnist on Latino affairs, help us understand politics and policies from Los Angeles to San Salvador. See his gutsy stand against Gov. Pete Wilson's use of divisive Proposition 187, his laying to rest the cliche of Latinos as the "sleeping giant" and his expose of civic shenanigans in the tiny city of Maywood.

In the last decade, del Olmo became the first and most prominent newspaper commentator writing regularly about the growing national epidemic...
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Oliva was elected to the city council and served for six years. That experience in city government was one of the motivational factors in his election to the office of mayor, a significant accomplishment at that time for a Mexican-American in the City of Colton. After his tenure in the city council, Oliva became constable for the city.

A major achievement for Oliva (and Mexican-American veterans) was the founding of the Fidel Hernandez American Legion Post 754 in the City of Colton, co-founder of MAPA and Congress of Community Clubs, and several youth groups. He received the lifetime award from the Fidel Hernandez American Legion Post 754 and PTA, among many others.

Oliva was the catalyst for establishing a vision, setting higher goals for his community, developing the leadership and organizational structure to achieve those goals and importantly, to break the political and economic barriers that had previously existed for many decades. Other civic groups that followed in the city emulated the political models previously set by Oliva and his co-participants.

Our young generation must become cognizant of the struggles that were experienced by many individuals that fought the civil rights battles. They created the path to our current political successes, said Ray Abril, Jr., a former Colton School District Board of Education Trustee.

Pasqual Oliva was one of those pioneers who fought those battles for the right to participate in the political process.

He is survived by his children Duane, Randy, Gerri, Debra, and Deidre, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Erica Quevedo, a university graduate, is volunteering in a mission to help the people in Uganda, Africa to further their education and greater awareness of life. Quevedo must finance the trip and is seeking financial contributions from the public in the region. Photo by REN

One always has a sense of pride in their community and where you hail from usually has a large impact on whom you become. Erica Quevedo has an Inland Empire resident for nearly all of 23 years. A graduate of Eisenhower High School, Quevedo has contributed to the community through various community service organizations.

Being the first of her family to graduate from college, Quevedo has known what it is like to struggle to attain a life-long goal.

Her newest life conquest turns its sights to the distant continent of Africa where she plans to volunteers for eight months. The commitment will take place in the destination of Uganda where a high mortality rate has been attributed to a lack of education and awareness. When asked why she wanted to volunteer in Africa, Quevedo responded, “I am volunteering through a non-profit agency called Student Partnerships Worldwide. It is an organization that was created in the efforts to mobilize the youth of our world to use their energy, creativity, and knowledge to take an active role in international development, particularly in third-world countries. I chose this organization because I believe that daily we have the power and responsibility to make a positive contribution to our world and I believe that we can never be too young to start.”

Quevedo is solely responsible for raising the $7,000 it takes to partake in the venture. Volunteers are not compensated for their time and are expected to produce the monetary necessities for their eight-month quest to better the world. “It is never easy ask...
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO HISPANIC EMPLOYEES ALLIANCE AWARDED TEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Education/Scholarship Committee of the Hispanic Employees Alliance (HEA) of San Bernardino County awarded ten scholarships at their annual scholarship luncheon on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the San Bernardino Community College District (Community Conference Room).

The HEA Education / Scholarship Committee efforts are defined by its mission statement “Dedicated to the professional development, strengthening & advancement of HEA members via financial assistance for pursuit of higher education & career advancement”.

The spirit of giving continues to brighten this holiday season through your toy donations for children of special need in our community. Donate unwrapped toys at Children’s Fund 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue 2nd floor. County Government Center – San Bernardino County. Your generous donation of just one toy can make all the difference in a child’s Christmas. The Children’s Fund is dedicated to ensuring at-risk children in our community due to abuse, neglect, poverty, abandonment, or circumstances receive adequate food, shelter, clothing medical care, education, and an equal opportunity for social development. The organization is non-profit and all funds received directly benefit the children of our community.

The ten recipients for the 2005-2006 academic year are as follows: Adrian Atarid, Student-San Bernardino Valley College; Lidia Alcantar-Urbe, Office Assistant III-SBCO Juvenile Dependency Court; Rosie Bautista, Student-Cal State San Bernardino; Veronica Gonzalez, Office Assistant III-SBCO Department of Purchasing; Marcela Hill, Office Assistant III-SBCO Department of Probation; Liberty Moser, Student-University of La Verne; Ernest Rivera, Office Assistant III-SBCO Department of Behavior Health; Arnold Rocha, Staff Analyst II-Transitional Assistance and Anthony Xavier Segura, Fiscal Assistant-Facilities Management.

For information regarding the scholarship program please contact Tootsie Garcia at (909) 386-2937 or Linda Miranda at (909) 386-2917.

BRIGHTEN THE LIFE OF A CHILD THIS HOLIDAY

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of autism. Del Olmo takes us along his touching journey with his son, Frankie, whose 1995 diagnosis of autism spawned an annual column. Those 10 essays about the boy with the "soft, sweet smile and big brown eyes" were shared faithfully by Times readers with families all over the world via the Internet.

During a distinguished 33-year career at the Los Angeles Times, del Olmo rose from intern reporter to associate editor, the first Latino to be elevated to the paper's masthead of top editors. Through his work inside the Times newsroom and through his efforts inside professional journalism organizations, he helped improve media coverage of Latinos and other ethnic communities too often mis-portrayed or ignored.

His columns inform and bring context to complicated situations. He describes the importance of community grass-roots organizations, such as COPS in San Antonio and UNO in Los Angeles. He explains the wider significance of the successes of Latino community heroes, including farm labor leader Cesar Chavez, calculus teacher Jaime Escalante and pitcher Fernando Valenzuela.

As we read del Olmo's analyses and viewpoints, we also learn how his life's journey shaped his opinions. We get a glimpse into his humble upbringing in the barrios of the San Fernando Valley, we feel his distress over the tragic death of former Times journalist Ruben Salazar, we accompany him to Mexico and Central America to understand how conflicts there affect the U.S.

Del Olmo's columns, crafted during a 24-year period, are not limited to serious topics. An avid "Star Trek" fan, he mixes humor and serious reflection regarding the long-awaited appearance of Latino lead actors on the sci-fi TV series. He sings the praises of the East L.A. band Los Lobos when the rock musicians first taste crossover success. He advises us not to shed any tears about the changeover from football to futbol at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

This volume offers a combination of history, political assessment and stories of the famous and little known, providing in total a valuable guide to understanding del Olmo's—and our—times.

The Book's Co-Editors:
Magdalena Beltrán-del Olmo, wife of the late Frank del Olmo, is vice president of communications for The California Wellness Foundation. She formerly worked as a newspaper reporter and public radio producer.
Frank O. Sotomayor has been a Los Angeles Times editor for 34 years. He was co-editor of the Times' series "Latinos in Southern California" which won the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Public Service.

ROUTE 210 ROUNDUP
Wishes for a happy and safe holiday season!
San Bernardino Associated Governments would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. During this fun season, please remember that Route 210 construction is continuing in Rialto and San Bernardino. Please obey all signs and drive slowly through the construction zones.

SANBAG looks forward to completing local street projects near the new freeway early next year. Utility and road work on Highland Avenue, Riverside Avenue and Easton Streets is set to begin soon. This work will require temporary street closures. Notices will be sent to neighbors and businesses before the start of work.

For questions, call the toll-free project helpline:
1-866-HELP-210
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CELEBRATES 4TH ANNUAL BANQUET

Year-Charles Ferrel; Corporate Partnership of the Year-Morango Band of Mission Indians; Elected Official of the Year-Marion Ashley; Visionary of the Year-Al Lopez; Educator of the Year-Susana Mascias; and Cultural Entertainer of the Year-Escalante'leisters.

Maurice Calderon, vice president for community affairs at Arrowhead Credit Union and community activist, was born and raised in Banning. He was recently honored by the City of Banning as Citizen of the Year and a street was named “Calderon Way” in his honor.

At the annual SGPHCC event, Maurice Calderon recognized special persons who have had an impact in his professional and community life:

Stanley Lewis
During the tumultuous years of late 1960’s, Banning residents had highly diverged views on the school system. A vacancy occurred on the school board. Mr. Stanley Lewis, board president, conducted interviews and on August 1968, appointed Calderon to the board, the first person of color selected in the history of Banning. Calderon acknowledged Mr. Lewis for his leadership, courage, and wisdom for a better Banning.

Philip Lamm
Philip Lamm excelled as a high school counselor. He and his wife, Marge, encouraged many youths to stay in school. Lamm helped Calderon and other students with college application. His agreement with students was their dedication to education and his role to develop financial packages. Many minorities enrolled in colleges, the first in their families to experience a higher education. The Lamm’s helped numerous students included Anna Escobedo Cabral, currently the Treasurer of the United States.

Carol Dominguez Avila
Carol Dominguez Avila was a gifted athlete, excelling in many sports in school. Her priority was family unit; growing up with an older mentally challenged brother. Her parents cared for her brother, a care facility never an option, until their death. Avila continued to care for her brother with respect, dignity, and honor. She and her husband now care for her sister, Lupita, who has a severe heart problem, endeavoring to prolong her life. Calderon and his brothers, never having a sister, would like a sister like Carol.

Dr. Anthony Avina
Dr. Avina and Maurice Calderon grew up in the barrios of Beaumont and Banning, and their friendship has endured to the present, in educational affairs, business dealings, and family. In their youth, they had high hopes and aspirations, and to date, have supported each other in their respective career ladders. They have attended UCLA football games since 1966. In one game, they noticed an old man pushing another old man in a wheelchair. Dr. Avina said, “Wow Maurice, look at that, we will be like them in a few years.” The eagle has landed; we have replaced those old guys, said Calderon. Their friendship, according to Calderon, gets better with age, with a foundation of respect, commitment, loyalty, and honor.

"Community College is changing my life." - Yolanda Urefia
Yolanda Urefia is a math major at Valley College and wants to apply her skills in the scientific field. She is a mother and a part-time student. "At first I was intimidated when I started college, but then I learned about all the possibilities at Valley and there's no stopping me now!"

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(The San Bernardino Community College District consists of San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa.)
A FEELING OF COMMUNITY FOR UGANDA
BY RIALTO STUDENT
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The Volunteer Center of Riverside County will be assisting in facilitating Christmas giving and receiving. Many non-profit agencies will be distributing Christmas baskets to families in need this season. The Volunteer Center of Riverside County will be acting as a clearing house to aid the agencies in equitable distribution of the Christmas baskets. The Volunteer Center of Riverside County has been performing this service since 1982.

If you would like to apply for assistance or make donations please call 2-1-1 Riverside County. 2-1-1 Riverside County is a free service for information and referrals regarding social services available in Riverside County. 2-1-1 Riverside County is available simply dialing the digits 2-1-1 from any land line phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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This project is federally financed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR Part 57) and subject to certain requirements including compliance with Section 3 Affirmative Action Requirements, Executive Order 11246 and others. The aforementioned is described in the "Special Federal Provisions" section of the Bid Document. Additional Information pertaining to the Federal Requirements is on file with the City of Perris Department of Community Development-Planning Division.

JOB WALKS WILL BE SCHEDULED UPON REQUEST BETWEEN DECEMBER 22, 2005 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2006 AT 2:00 PM TO enable prospective contractors to clarify additional details considered pertinent for their evaluation prior to the bid submit date, and to review City, and Federal bidding requirements. The meeting will be conducted at the Department of Planning and Community Development. Bid opening shall be simultaneous with the bid opening.

The City of Perris reserves the right to object to any and all bids and to waive any informality or technical defects as the best interest of the City of Perris may require.

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Spiritual Giving
A FEELING OF COMMUNITY FOR UGANDA
BY RIALTO STUDENT
The feeling that in that moment reveals the true purpose of life.

Erica Quevedo, a 20-year-old student from Perris, is seeking support for her education. Quevedo, who is a senior at Perris High School, is the first in her family to attend college. She hopes that her fellow community will give back to the community that has given her so much, said Quevedo.

Grateful for life’s gifts, Quevedo needs the community’s support. Readers interested in helping send a dedicated young student to serve the needs of a third-world country can do so by sending a check made payable to: Student Partnerships Worldwide, with the name Erica Quevedo and reference # 200638-UG in the memo and mail to Erica Quevedo, 713 East Margarita Road, Rialto, CA 92376. Readers may also donate online at: http://www.justgiving.com/erp/ericaquevedo

Quevedo explained why a life of service is vital to her character. "I was blessed to go to a University whose motto is ‘Freely ye Receive, Freely ye Give’ and challenged us as human beings to live a life of service," says Quevedo. "It is an extraordinary feeling when you give and make that connection with other human beings, a feeling that in that moment reveals the true purpose of life."
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