The Latino Health Coalition, (LHC, formally the Hispanic Health Committee) was recently reorganized with Jose Marquez, Associate Executive Director, Inland Counties Health System Agency (ICHS), elected as chairperson and Graciano Gomez, Publisher, Inland Empire Hispanic News, elected vice-chairperson.

Mr. Marquez has been with the ICHS for 11 years and has held various health management positions. A graduate of Cal-Poly, Pomona, with a BS in Social Services, he is a member of several health organizations, including American Cancer Society, Inland Counties Health Center Board of Directors and San Bernardino County Department of Health-Directors Advisory Committee on AIDS. Mr. Marquez has been awarded the Outstanding Young Men 1986, Who's Who in California-1991 and Outstanding Volunteer of the Year-Riverside County.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Marquez said, "The Coalition's mission is to improve the health status of the Hispanic/Latino community in the County of San Bernardino. Short-term goal is to determine available health services and to have Latino community become aware of these services. The Coalition's overall objective is to become a viable vehicle and motivate persons to become more actively involved in health issues affecting the total community."

The LHC is a consortium of representatives from community groups and churches and the various state, county and private health/mental health agencies in the County of San Bernardino. The group has been addressing the Latino community's health issues, the area's health/mental health program resources and has planned future goals and objectives to meet the unmet health needs of the Latino Community.

Health officials are periodically invited to address the group to discuss critical health issues affecting the Latino public. As an example, Dr. Gary Euler, Epidemiologist, County of San Bernardino, recently spoke before the LHC regarding the recent measles epidemic. He reviewed the crisis and its effect on the public, especially the children and preventive measures taken to reduce the spread.

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Richard Solorzano, Hispanic Community Leader, dies

Richard Solorzano, 80, well-known long-time community activist and program manager, died of cancer on Thursday, July 18, in San Bernardino. Mr. Solorzano had retired eight years ago due to illness and several years ago was confined to a local convalescent home.

Born in Mexico, he immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1916 and was raised in Redlands. He became a citizen after joining the Army Air Corps in 1944. After his service discharge, he was employed as a supply officer at Norton Air Force Base.

Mr. Solorzano established the San Hidalgo Institute, a basic education and English-as-a-second language school, whose students were basically dropouts and immigrants. Becoming its president visited Mr. Solorzano in the convalescent home on several occasions and am sorry that many people had forgotten him. He was involved in many activities and was well known by a large number of prominent persons in high positions. He was very charitable and helped many people when they were in need. Since the very beginning that I became acquainted with him I've had the highest admiration and respect for his commitment to his people. I will always remember Mr. Solorzano."

He leaves his wife, Grace, sons Donald, Richard and Vincent and daughter, Cecilia, 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Wake services are at Montecito Mortuary on Tuesday, July 23 and funeral Mass at Our Lady of Rosary Cathedral, San Bernardino on Wednesday, July 24.

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Front Row L-R - Angel Cerventes, Ray Lara Jr., Nick Ramirez, Eddy Rainey, Christopher Gonzales, Leticia Ruiz, Monique Johnson, Robert Cervantes, and Jonathan Gonzales.

Middle Row L-R - Dejuan Roney, Ricky Hernandez, Dominic Tovar, Dave Hernandez, Mike Lobo, Jermaine Broussard, Jorge Ortega, Buddy Johnson, Gabriel Lobo, Varrick Minjares.


(Please see page 4 for more team photos.)
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Wednesday, July 24, 1991

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Budget Deal: "Something for everyone to hate"

Sacramento - "It's a budget deal that contains something for everyone to hate, but it's time to get the state of California moving forward again."

That's how Assemblyman Jerry Eaves (D-Rialto) describes the $55.7 billion budget package signed into law by Governor Wilson just prior to midnight on July 16th.

"This is a budget that was painful to vote for," said Eaves. "It visits pain on the poor, on the middle class, and now finally, on the richest one percent of Californians."

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Dr. Pete Carrasco Jr. extends practice, opens Colton podiatric office

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Dr. Pete Carrasco, Jr. announced the expansion of his Riverside podiatric medical practice to include a Colton office and has scheduled an open house on July 25, from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

"My family is well known in Colton and I am a 1979 graduate of Colton High School," Dr. Carrasco said. "Since there is no other Colton Podiatric medical office, I decided to practice here in my hometown where there is a need for this service."

Podiatry deals with foot and ankle medical problems including ingrown toenails, bunions, hammertoes, and warts. Dr. Carrasco, 30, specializes in sports medicine and surgery where the foot is concerned. Problems range from heel spurs, to shin splint - tendon inflammation - ad agit cycle abnormalities.

Dr. Carrasco is experienced in conventional foot surgery an that recently included laser surgical procedures. "Laser surgery is more precise and efficient," he said. "In addition, the procedure minimizes pain and trauma to surrounding tissues."

In 1983, Dr. Carrasco received a bachelor of arts degree in biology from the University of California at Riverside, then began medical school in 1984 at the California College of Podiatric Medicine, San Francisco, where he received a doctorate in podiatric medicine in 1988. He completed his professional residency at Circle City Hospital, Corona and began the Riverside practice in 1989.

His Colton office, 401 N. La Cadena Dr. will be open July 29. The office hours will be 2-6 p.m., Monday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday; 2-6 p.m., Wednesday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday. The Colton office phone is (714) 825-FOOT (3668).

Dr. Carrasco and his daughter Jacqueline 6, reside in Grand Terrace.

S.B. County Supervisor Bob Hammock Appointed to National Counties Board

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - San Bernardino County Supervisor Robert L. Hammock of the Fifth District has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties (NACO).

Hammock’s appointment was ratified by the NACO membership on July 16, during the association’s 56th Annual Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was nominated to the board by the County Supervisors Association of California.

NACO is the only organization representing county governments in the United States. Its goals are to improve county government, act as a liaison with other levels of government, present the county position on national issues and advance public understanding of the role of counties.

Members of the board serve one-year terms and represent the 48 states with operating county governments.

Holcomb names Chris Montanez to City PIC

Recently, San Bernardino City Mayor Bob Holcomb appointed Christopher Montanez to the Private Industry Council. The Private Industry Council is an organization of business and community leaders appointed by Mayor Holcomb to plan, direct and oversee federal funds received by the City to provide job training and employment opportunities to unemployed residents.

The Council strives to meet businesses’ need for a trained workforce. Chris Montanez is currently an Advertising and Marketing Executive for the Inland Empire Hispanic News.
San Bernardino Pony League winning teams - Continued from page 1

Second Place Team - Angels

Third Place Team - K.C.C. Spirit

Fourth Place Team - Guadalupe Spirit

Good Show - Athletics
An exhibit of recent works by award-winning, San Bernardino artist Anna Reyes is on display at the Norman F. Feldheym Central Library Galleries, 555 W. 6th St., San Bernardino, through July 31. The public is invited to a reception for the artist, Monday, July 29, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the upper gallery.

Anna Reyes' work is noted for its strong, aggressive message. The aggressiveness in Reyes' art suggests man's and woman's inhumanity to man, woman and child and an attempt to present the results of inhumanity, to cope with it, and finally to transcend it. Ms Reyes is the First Place winner of the Current Works '90 competition at the Feldheym Central Library, the San Bernardino County Museum Art Show, 1983 and the Fontana Art Association Modern Art Show, 1982. She participated in the Multicultural Exhibition of Inland Empire Artists, 1991. She has had solo exhibitions at the Villasenor Branch Library in 1990 and at the Fontana YMCA in 1987.

Ms Reyes studied art at California State University at San Bernardino, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena and Chaffey Community College.

For more information, please call Sylvia Alva, Exhibition Coordinator at 381-8215.

"Time Machine" now playing at Colton V.F.W. Clubhouse

Persons wishing to enjoy an evening of entertainment and music have an opportunity to listen to the "Time Machine" combo with keyboardist Jess Ledesma, guitarist Danny Leyves and vocalist Henrietta Reyes. The "Time Machine" is currently playing at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Clubhouse, 8th and Orange, Colton, on Fridays. The trio has a repertoire of ballads, Latin and current pop.

Leading the combo is Jess Ledesma, a 45 year resident of the area. He graduated from San Bernardino High School and attended San Bernardino Valley after a tour of duty in the Army.

His 30-year professional career in music has included playing with various groups in the Inland Empire, composing and arranging music and most recently, arranging with composer Daniel Rodriguez for recording artist Juanito Contreras.

Persons wishing to contract for music for any occasion may contact Mr. Ledesma at (714) 875-1562.
SACRAMENTO - Assemblyman Eaves (D-Rialto) announced that his AB 347, sponsored by the California Trucking Association, and requiring drivers of commercial trucks to be tested for drugs, passed out of the Assembly Floor by a vote of 60-5.

Under existing Federal Law, commercial interstate truck drivers are required to participate in pre-employment testing for drugs; periodic two-year testing (part of the Department of Transportation physical exam) and testing when reasonable cause has been determined by a qualified supervisor. However, the Federal law has no jurisdiction over in-state drivers - those drivers not crossing state lines. AB 347 will require in-state drivers to conform with the Federal regulations for drug testing. There is no provision for random testing.

"I see no reason why those drivers who are prohibited from driving interstate should not be held up to the same drug free standards simply because they do not cross state lines. AB 347 will ensure that California's roads are as safe as those in the rest of the nation," said Eaves.

"When studies show that one in every three truckers killed in an accident tests positive for at least one substance of abuse, it is time to erase the potential for such drivers to work in California. The bill now goes to the State Senate," concluded Eaves.

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San Bernardino - On Saturday, July 27th, the San Bernardino and Rialto Fire Fighters will once again be on the corners of Mill and "E" Street and Riverside Dr. and Baseline, respectively, lending their boots in an effort to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

The Fire Fighter Fill-the-Boot event is one of MDA's most successful fundraisers. Fire Fighters will volunteer their time from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday to collect donations to "fill their boots." San Bernardino and Rialto Fire Fighters have been actively involved in the Fill-the-Boot event since 1987. They have raised nearly $30,000 for the fight against neuromuscular disease.

Barbara Frank addresses minority leaders on Probation Department Goals

Ms Barbara Frank, recently appointed Director of Probation Department, County of San Bernardino, was guest of honor at Mata's Restaurant sponsored by the Inland Empire Hispanic News and Probation Department Hispanic personnel. Ms Frank addressed briefly to 27 Hispanic and African-American community leaders, outlining the department's future goals. At the speakers table were 3rd District Supervisor Barbara Riordan, Ms Frank, Aurelio Ricketts, Probation Department supervisor and master of ceremonies, 5th District Supervisor Bob Hammock and Armando Navarro, Director, Institute for Social Justice.
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AYALA ON BUDGET
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of my accident. However, Senator Roberti and my staff kept me fully informed regarding the negotiations between the two legislative houses and the governor," he said.

"I have to say that our present governor is more suitable to negotiate in good faith than the previous governor. He is a moderate and is able to deal with issues regardless of their (the issues) unpopularity, which was not the case with Deukmejian."

Senator Ayala stated that the deficit forced a compromise by reducing state services and increasing the income tax for individuals making between $100,000 and $200,000 and increasing sales tax on specific items. "I realized there was a need for severe action on services and tax increases, however, I felt that a sunset rule would have been appropriate when the economy would be in better shape."

The worker's compensation fund, the second major issue in which the governor and legislature compromised after long negotiating sessions. The governor's plan included that workers will not be able to file stress-related claims during the first six months of employment, which has been disclosed as being the period of time in which the majority of claims are filed.

"I wholeheartedly agree with making changes in the workers compensation laws. There is a tremendous number of abuses in the system now and actually 10% is a more reasonable number of job-related legitimate claims for compensation," Senator Ayala continued, "My priorities have always been on education and health. These are issues for which I cannot, in good conscience, compromise. As yet, education is of utmost importance for our young people. Health services, again, are necessary that they be available to our youth. A young person is unable to learn if he is in poor health. It is imperative that we continue these services."

HISPANIC HEALTH
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the epidemic. He also suggested the LHC would be valuable in networking through the various channels to inform the public of health services available for eradicating the disease. As a result, LHC members were able to develop a communication strategy and successfully reached a large number of the targeted population with instructions where clinics were located for inoculation.

The LHC is currently recruiting additional persons from the community and organizations to become involved in the group. "The LHC needs representatives from throughout the area to join us in this very important task of addressing the health needs of our community and informing the public of available health services," said Mr. Marquez.

Persons interested in becoming members or obtaining further information may call Mr. Marquez at (714) 825-7510 or Mr. Gomez at (714) 381-6259.