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California Latina Elementary Teacher Named
1992 California Teacher of the Year

Ms. Maria Azucena Vigil
1992 California Teacher of the Year

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bill Honig announced the selection of Ms. Maria Azucena Vigil as the 1992 California Teacher of the Year.

In making the announcement, Superintendent Honig stated, "Maria Vigil's selection as California Teacher of the Year is both timely and appropriate.

She is a terrific teacher and is on the front line of the most significant challenge confronting our schools today: the rapid increase of limited- or non-English proficient children."

Continuing, he said, "One out of four children in the primary grades in California is limited- or non-English proficient. Maria's kindergartners are essentially within that group. She provides a substantive academic grounding for her students by integrating instructions in mathematics, language development, science, art and physical education in which people use these areas of knowledge in the real world. The instructions are provided largely in Spanish, with a bilingual component to ensure a foundation of skills in which the students can build as they continue in school and expand their worlds.

"Additionally, Maria is constantly presenting workshops for Spanish-speaking parents on ways to help their children succeed in school, as well as developing family-centered programs." The selection process involved competing with 62 local teachers and 57 teachers statewide. The final steps in the process included individual observation and evaluation of teachers in their school's classroom setting.

Maria Vigil is the mother of seven and grandmother of fifteen! She is a bilingual kindergarten teacher at Las Lomas Elementary School in Orange County's La Habra City School District.

Stater Brothers Awards $25,000 to Colton Schools

In a ceremony at the Colton Joint Unified School District board room on November 21, the Stater Bros. Corporation donated $25,000 to the District for implementation of computer systems at the elementary level for math instruction and teacher's attendance recordkeeping.

Attending the ceremony are (L to R) board members Patricia Nix, Arlie Hubbard; board chairperson Ray Abril, Jr.; Jack Brown, president and chief executive officer, Stater Bros. Markets; Dr. Herbert Fischer, district superintendent; Dortha Cooley, Ruth Harris and Phyllis Zimmerman, board members.

Well Known Pioneer Latina Dies
Leaves Legacy of Pride in Nationality

Mrs. Elodía Rodríguez Neri: Her joy, charm, grace and spirit will be missed.

Mrs. Elodía Rodríguez Neri, 84, died on November 15 as a result of an accident in Tijuana, Mexico, while on vacation. Burial services were held on November 21, 1991.

Mrs. Neri was a long-time resident of San Bernardino, and the Rodríguez family has deep roots in San Bernardino. When she was seven years of age, Mr. Rodriguez and his family left their ranch in Mexico in 1914, as a result of the revolution, immigrating to the United States and settling in the San Bernardino area. Her father, Emilio, was a determined, literate, and political person of the old school, well known in San Bernardino for his involvement in community affairs. He became a role model for Mrs. Neri.

Educated in the local school system, Mrs. Neri was known for her great beauty, spirit and wit. She followed in her father's footsteps, opening doors for herself which, at that time, were unknown to young women! Married to Joe Neri in 1930, the couple was well-known for their active involvement in numerous social and business events in the Mexican community, and additionally for their financial contributions to many organizations and worthy causes. As active members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish which was then located on Pico street, the Neri's donated the first organ. The Neri family, with Don Celso Gonzalez (the father of Ben Gonzalez, former chief of police, and his brother, Lolo, also a retired policeman), were organizers of the Charrúas of San Bernardino, a Mexican horsemen association. The Neri's were known for their participation in parades with their mounts and charro dress.

The family operated Neri's Market on Fifth and Roberts Streets from 1931 to 1965. Mr. Neri passed away in 1964. Throughout her life, Mrs. Neri worked toward the betterment of her community. She was a member of the Light- house for the Blind, American Business...
Cal State, S.B. Vice President responds to university criticism

Publisher's Note: The Oct. 2, 1991 issue of Hispanic News carried a report from the Hispanic Coalition that was critical of the Cal State University System. The following letter from Cal State, San Bernardino responds to that criticism...

November 14, 1991

Mr. Graciano Gomez
Inland Empire Hispanic News
1558 W. Waterman Ave., Suite D
San Bernardino, CA 92404

Dear Mr. Gomez:

In the October 2 edition of your newspaper you published an article, "Hispanic Coalition Gives Failing Grade" to University of California and California State University," which contained misinformation about Cal State, San Bernardino campus's efforts to recruit and retain Latino faculty and administrators. Specifically, your newspaper report levies criticisms at the Cal State, San Bernardino, which "with a 24 percent Latino population," as the article states, "has only one Latina woman faculty member or four-sevenths of one percent of the total faculty." This report goes on to say, "In addition this campus has 69 administrators earning over $60,000 annually and none are Latina women."

I want to set the record straight on both these counts. Five Latinas are among the 23 Hispanic faculty employed at Cal State, San Bernardino this year. They are: Lynne Diaz-Rico (Elementary/Bilingual Education), Barbara Flores (Elementary/Bilingual Education), M. Antonieta Gallegos-Ruiz (Foreign Languages), Mirta Gonzalez (Foreign Languages) and Dolores Tanno (Communication Studies). Additionally, we have one full-time instructor, Rosa Cruz in Advanced Studies, and numerous part-time Latina instructors.

Regarding administrators, you should be aware that two Latinas were appointed this fall to administrative staff positions: Lydia Ortega, as director of admissions and records; and Elsa Fernandez, who is the new director of international student services. Other Latinas serving in key administrative positions include the new Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, Louis Fernandez; the interim Vice President for Student Services, Juan Gonzalez; and University Librarian, William Aguilar. Currently, Cal State, San Bernardino employs 65 persons in administrative staff positions, 32 of whom are in the salary range cited by your newspaper.

Beyond the "numbers," I want to add further clarification to the university's efforts to attract talented Hispanic faculty, staff and students. For the past nine years, Cal State, San Bernardino has targeted recruitment information and advertising at the Hispanic media, both locally and nationally, to increase Hispanics' awareness of the opportunities available at this campus. At the same time, the university maintains statistical information about the available Hispanic workforce and student population and sets affirmative action goals from this data. The university's ability to engage Hispanics at all levels is reviewed systematically.

Indeed, the university's effort to recruit Hispanic students is perhaps its strongest suit because in each of the past five years, the percentage increase in the number of Hispanic students enrolling has outnumbered the percentage increase in the total student population. For instance, this fall the student population grew by slightly more than five percent, while Hispanic students increased by eight percent. Currently, 1,704 Hispanics are among our student population. This compares with 954 Hispanic students enrolled in the fall of 1987.

I realize that the report in your newspaper was generated by a statewide coalition and did not originate as a local story. I encourage you, however, to doublecheck such reports with us so that your readers may be accurately informed about minority recruitment efforts at our campus. My colleagues and I will gladly discuss affirmative action and educational equity issues with the citizens of our service area.

Sincerely,

Denis L. Hefner, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Cal State, San Bernardino
Lydia Ortega accepts challenge of new job merger

With the new merger of the university's Admissions and Records offices, Ortega's expanded responsibilities include overseeing the management of several existing operations, such as application processing, evaluations, transcripts, registration and records. She also will provide leadership in guiding her department's transition to an IBM computer system.

"I'm honored to be chosen to take on such a crucial position," notes Ortega, who says she views her promotion as an opportunity to "utilize existing resources to meet the challenges of a growing student population." She stresses that she plans to maintain a "service-oriented approach" in performing her expanded duties.

"I think we need to maintain this philosophy and not use the budget (reductions) as an excuse to cut services," she says.

Ortega earned her bachelor of arts degree in social science from Cal Poly, Pomona, where she began her student services career as a clerical employee in the Admissions Office. After receiving her degree, she was promoted to student services professional and subsequently assistant admissions officer. She joined the San Bernardino campus in 1987 as assistant director of admissions.

In addition to her management responsibilities at Cal State, Ortega chairs the university's Special Admissions Committee and serves on the International Student Advisory Group. She is a resident of Pomona, CA.

Lydia Ortega, Cal State, S.B.
Oversees Admissions & Records

A strong commitment to meet the needs of a growing student population is a top priority for staff employee Lydia Ortega, who recently received a promotion to director of admissions & records at California State University, San Bernardino.

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Lydia Ortega, Cal State, S.B.
Hispanic Women winners in Cal State, S.B. Scholarship Awards

Lori Aguilera

Four Hispanic women are among 17 students awarded $1,500 scholarships to pursue graduate study this fall at California State University, San Bernardino.

They are Christina Castro of Redlands and Lori Aguilera, Guillermina Garza and Maribel Garcia, all of San Bernardino.

Castro is interested in obtaining a master's degree in psychological counseling, with a long-term goal of earning a Ph.D. and teaching at the university level. In addition to her scholarship at Cal State, she was awarded a paid graduate student assistantship for the academic year.

Aguilera is pursuing a master's degree in health services administration, building upon her undergraduate degree in foods and nutrition from Cal State, San Bernardino. She currently works in the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program for the University of California Cooperative Extension office in San Bernardino County.

Garza, a two-time winner of the scholarship, seeks a graduate degree in social work and looks forward to a career "assisting children, families and members of our community. Due to my bilingual skills, I can effectively intervene and take beneficial action steps for those people who need assistance; to help empower and provide adequate resources." She hopes to teach at the university level, too. Garza also was awarded a paid graduate student assistantship at Cal State for the academic year.

Garcia also is interested in working as a counselor, which stems, she says, from the nurturing family in which she was raised. "I come from a family of five, and I am the second child to attend college," she reports. "I have had the love, support and encouragement from my parents. I was brought up believing I had a special gift in which I could help people." Garcia is working on a master's degree in educational counseling.

Kathleen Crivello and Sylvia Deporto-Plick of Moreno Valley are among 17 students awarded $1,500 scholarships to pursue graduate study this fall at California State University, San Bernardino.

Crivello, the first in her family to obtain a college education, is working on a master's degree in social work. In addition to studying at Cal State, she is involved in many volunteer activities, including literacy tutoring at Romona Elementary School and working to encourage Moreno Valley High School students to go on to college.

Deporto-Plick is pursuing a master's degree in education counseling. In addition to her scholarship, she has been awarded a paid graduate student assistantship at Cal State, San Bernardino for the academic year. She also works as a case manager for developmentally delayed infants.

The graduate scholarships, awarded annually, are part of a California State University system program to increase opportunities for minorities, women in the sciences and the disabled to go on to Ph.D. programs, explains Dr. Julius Kaplan, dean of graduate studies and faculty research at Cal State, San Bernardino. Both Crivello and Deporto-Plick are Chicanas.

Cal State Professor, Dr. Barbara Flores Elected Head of National Council of Teachers of English

Dr. Barbara Flores, professor of elementary/bilingual education at California State University, San Bernardino, has been elected chair of the Elementary Section of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of English at all educational levels.

During her two-year appointment, Flores will serve on the NCTE's Executive Committee, where she will represent over 12,000 Elementary Section members. In addition to committee work, Flores will chair two spring conferences and oversee a monthly language-arts journal.

"The NCTE sets a vision for the future of the teaching of English in this country," says Flores. "I look forward to working with colleagues across the nation to make this vision a reality."
HISPANIC ELECTED OFFICIALS IDENTIFY  
**National Latino Issues**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - High dropout rates, unemployment, and access to higher education are the top three issues that Hispanic Elected Officials (HEOs) identify as the most important ones facing the Hispanic community in 1991.

In a recent national survey conducted by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), HEOs were asked to rank the importance of issues facing the Hispanic community. Figure 1 shows the various issues that all HEOs nationwide ranked as relevant to their local communities. Interestingly, in comparison to past years that NALEO has conducted this research, unemployment in 1991 surfaces as a top concern facing the Latino community's civic leadership. NALEO's national survey of more than 4,000 HEOs at the local, state and federal level, resulted in a 20 percent response rate.

"NALEO's survey reveals two key factors. First, there are issues of common concern facing Latino leaders throughout the country. Second, unemployment, for the first time, has surfaced among the top three issues that the Hispanic community face in 1991," says NALEO Director Harry Pachon, Ph.D.

By consensus, education is the issue of highest concern for HEOs, regardless of state or region of the country. However, the study shows that New York and other states HEOs rank drug abuse among Latinos as another issue of concern for their communities. Housing is also identified by Florida and New York.

**High Drop-Out Rate of Latino Youth**

According to the 1991 NALEO's survey on issues facing the Hispanic community, the high drop-out rate surfaces as one of the top three issues identified by HEOs.

While total population levels registered an average 6.82 unemployment rate during the last 5 months, Hispanic unemployment rates show an increase for the same period, reaching a record level of 11.1 percent in September 1991 and most recently 10.6 percent in October 1991. A year ago - September 1990 - unemployment rates for Hispanics registered at 8.5 percent.

**Unemployment in the Hispanic Community**

Unemployment in the Hispanic community is the second issue in order of importance as ranked by HEOs. For the first time since NALEO began its national survey (1987) unemployment figures highlight the critical situation that Latino high school students face. While the total population reports a completion rate of 81.0% for 1989, Hispanics only register a 55.9% completion rate for the same year. High school completion rates for Latino students have remained at approximately the same level for the past 15 years.

**California Teacher of the Year**

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*(the city is west of Brea and north of Fullerton)*

At the age of 30 she was inspired to enter into the teaching profession following her experience as a volunteer in the Head Start Program. Earning her baccalaureate degree and teaching credentials at the University of California, Irvine in 1971, she continued with postgraduate studies at Cal-State Fullerton from 1972 to 1989 and earned a Masters at Pepperdine University in 1986.

Born in West Virginia of a Spanish father, who was a miner, and Mexican mother, she spent three years attending schools in Mexico. Prior to teaching in La Habra, she taught in the Ontario/Montclair School District.

Ms. Vigil has presented workshop conferences sponsored by the National Association for Bilingual Education, California Association for Bilingual Education, Orange County Office on Education, La Habra City Schools and for numerous organizations. During 1974-78, she developed and presented a 33-program series on bilingual/bicultural education, titled Sonidos Mios, which aired on RETAC, Channel 58.

"Being named California Teacher of the Year is a great honor and a tremendous responsibility for me, and needless to say, has made my family very proud. This honor has put La Habra School District on the map," she said in a telephone interview. "This selection has focused and recognized teachers at the primary level, and more importantly, has recognized bilingual education as an important component, which is of great significance. Over the next year, I hope to excite people, particularly those with multiple language skills, about the prospect of teaching. Teaching and teaching-support activities need every dedicated and capable person that we can find. Between now and year 2000, California will be adding about 600 students to its schools every single day. That will be the equivalent of adding more than 3,000 new schools the size of Las Lomas Elementary where I teach. We simply must find the human and financial resources to meet this challenge."

"IF WE FAIL THE BURGEONING STUDENT POPULATION, IT IS INDEED WE WHO WILL SUFFER, WE WHO WILL LIVE OUR MID-LIFE AND RETIREMENT YEARS IN GROWING POVERTY, WE WHO WILL WEEP THE BITTEREST TEARS, SAYING, 'IF ONLY WE HAD DONE MORE...."
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Elodia Rodriguez Neri leaves a legacy - From p. 1

Women's Association, Mexican Chamber of Commerce, St. Bernardine's Pink Ladies and the San Bernardino-Villa Hermosa Sister City Committee.

The family bought a home on Eighth, west of Sierra Way in 1944 and were members of the St. Bernardine Parish. (Talk of civil rights. At that time, Mexican families were not sold houses other than in the Mt. Vernon Avenue area. After signing the papers, the previous owner was curious of Mrs. Neri's nationality. The previous owner was agast to discover she had sold her house to a Mexican and attempted to cancel the sale. Mrs. Neri refused to back out and the sale was not cancelled.)

Mrs. Neri was very proud of her Mexican heritage. She worked very diligently with organizations that continued to observe the traditions of Mexico, including yearly participation at the Placita Park on Mexican holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Neri had a daughter, Arminda Miller; two sons, Armando and Mario, who died in 1957; two grandsons, Michael and Mark Miller and two great-grandsons, Jared and Maxwell Miller.

Her grandson Michael in an eloquent eulogy reminisced about his grandmother's sense of human values in family, right and wrong, pride of nationality, artistic appreciation and thoughtfulness for others, especially a compassion for the needy. He continued, "She had a spirit of youthful joy, charm and grace which I will miss."

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Scoping Meeting
Improvements to State Route 91

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in a collaborative effort with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is conducting studies to investigate the effects of adding an additional lane in each direction to State Route 91 from Magnolia Avenue to Mary Street in the City of Riverside, a distance of about 6.6 miles. The purpose of the project is to provide transportation improvements by adding two lanes within the median of the existing freeway. The studies will involve the preparation of preliminary engineering plans, a Project Report, and an Environmental Document. The study limits are illustrated on the map above.

WHY THIS NOTICE?
A Preliminary Environmental Significance Checklist has been prepared and it has been determined that an Initial Study will be required. This notice is to inform you that a Public Scoping Meeting will be held and to invite your participation.

WHY HAVE THIS MEETING?
The purpose of the Scoping Meeting is to identify and discuss engineering and environmental issues. The public's input will help to identify these issues. The Scoping Meeting is the beginning of the environmental review process and it is an important way of collecting information about the project and determining the project's effects on the community.

WHERE AND WHEN
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 1991
Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Open House
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Formal Presentation
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Questions & Answers
Place: Arlington High School Auditorium
2951 Jackson Street
Riverside, California

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?
You can review a copy of the Preliminary Environmental Significance Checklist at the following Public Libraries: 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. M-W and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. TH-SAT, 9556 Magnolia Avenue, 3561 7th Street and 4000 La Sierra Avenue in Riverside, or Caltrans Office at 3550 University Avenue, Suite 300, Riverside M-F 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING
If you cannot attend the meeting but have comments or questions regarding the study, please submit your written comments by November 30, 1991 to our engineering or environmental consultant:

ENGINEERING
Mel Placilla
Greiner, Inc.
Building 200, Suite 253
5225 Canyon Crest Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-6323

ENVIRONMENTAL
Kathleen Dale
Albert A. Webb & Associates
3788 McCray Street
Riverside, CA 92506

CONTACT
For more information concerning this project, please contact Mel Placilla (Engineering) at (714) 788-7746 or Kathleen Dale (Environmental) at (714) 686-1070. For more information on other State transportation projects in District 8, contact Caltrans at 247 W. 3rd Street, San Bernardino, CA 92402. (714) 383-4631.
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(714) 387-8304
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Requirements:
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Notice is hereby given that the City of San Bernardino Development Department has available for public review a draft specific Plan/EIR for the Mt. Vernon corridor located in the southwest portion of the City of San Bernardino: The Mt. Vernon corridor specific plan area, extends from 4th/5th Streets on the south to 9th Street on the north and includes all properties fronting Mt. Vernon Ave. The plan also includes properties east of Herrington Street between 5th and 6th Streets as well as properties fronting 5th and 6th Streets as well as properties fronting 5th Street from Mt. Vernon Avenue to Garner Avenue. The document is available for public review at the following addresses from date of notice until December 17, 1991:

- Development Department of the City of San Bernardino, 201 North "E" Street, Third Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401
- Feldheym Library, 555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92408

The public is invited to review and comment until 4:30 pm on December 17, 1991.

Comments may be addressed to:
Susan M. Morales, Development Specialist,
Development Department of the City of San Bernardino,
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Announcement Of
Public Open House
December 10, 1991
Update on I-215 Improvement Project

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in a collaborative effort with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), is conducting studies to investigate the effects of widening approximately 12 miles of Interstate 215 from the Route 60-I-215 Interchange in the City of Moreno Valley to Orange Show Road in the City of San Bernardino. The study limits are illustrated in the project map. The studies will involve the preparation of preliminary engineering plans, a Project Report, and an Environmental Document.

WHY THIS NOTICE?
On May 22 and June 4, 1991, the public was invited to participate in this project by attending an Open House and Scoping Meeting. This notice is to inform you that a third Open House will be held to provide you with updated information regarding the project and to once again invite your participation.

WHY HAVE THIS MEETING?
Engineering plans and right-of-way requirements for the Ultimate Alternative, as well as the Measure A/I Alternative, will be available for viewing. Project staff will be available to discuss engineering and environmental issues, right-of-way acquisition and construction, and relocation assistance programs. Copies of the Scoping Report for the project will also be available for viewing. The Scoping Report is a summary of the issues identified through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Environmental Document Notices, the agency and public scoping meetings, and responses to the project newsletter and newspaper advertisements.

The Open House is an informal meeting and there will be displays and handouts available. A presentation will follow the Open House. This meeting is part of an ongoing community participation program for the project.

WHEN AND WHERE
Date: December 10, 1991, Tuesday
Time:
5:00 to 7:00 pm Open House
7:00 to 8:00 pm Presentation
8:00 to 9:00 pm Questions
Place: University of California Riverside
The Commons;
Terrace Rooms A and B
Parking available in Parking Lot 16
(see map inset and follow the signs)

WHAT'S AVAILABLE
You can review a copy of the Preliminary Environmental Evaluation at the following Public Libraries:
25480 Alessandro in Moreno Valley, 9556 Magnolia Avenue and 3581 7th Street in Riverside, 555 W. 6th Street in San Bernardino, 656 N. 9th Street in Colton, and 22795 Barton Road in Grand Terrace. Copies of the Environmental Evaluation are also available at the offices of RCTC, SANBAG, and Caltrans.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING
If you cannot attend the Open House but have comments or questions regarding the project, please submit your written comments by January 31, 1992 to:
Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc
Engineering and Environmental Project Consultant
505 South Main Street, Suite 900
Orange, CA 92668
Attn: Nancy Ledbetter

CONTACTS
For more environmental information concerning this project, please contact: Jeff Bingham of PBQ&D at 714/973-4880 or David Parra of Caltrans at 714/383-6385. For engineering information, contact: John Beatty of PBQ&D at 714/973-4880 or Peter Chan of Caltrans at 714/787-7905. For information on other State transportation projects in District 8, contact Caltrans at 247 W. Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92402, 714/383-4631.