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Diocese of San Bernardino
Office of the Bishop

"The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone." In these words from the Prophet Isaiah, taken from the first reading of the Christmas Midnight Mass, are reflected wars, poverty, injustice and a people, who had forgotten their God. We live in a similar world today. Countries and people are at war and in conflict, as they place their trust in armies and military hardware, especially nuclear armaments, to keep the peace. A world-wide economic crisis has brought unemployment, lack of food and housing. Many people do not live in freedom nor enjoy basic human rights. Communities are plagued by crime and violence. Need we go on!

The Prophet Isaiah is a prophet of hope. He tells us that a great light has shown that destroys hopelessness and oppression. He prophesied, long before the birth of Jesus, that “A child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon His shoulders dominion rests.”

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The University of California-Riverside announced the appointment of Dr. Armando Navarro as Assistant Professor in the Ethnic Studies Department, the appointment to be effective January 1, 1992.

In making the announcement, the following statement was issued to the Hispanic News: Dr. Armando Navarro will join UCR’s faculty as of January 1, 1992, as Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies, at which he will assume normal professorial duties of teaching, research and service. Dean Brian Copenhaver of UCR’s College of Humanities and Social Sciences said that "he looks forward to working with a person of Dr. Navarro’s very great talent, energy and experience."

Dr. Navarro has had a long history of public service to the Hispanic community since the mid-sixties. Raised in the barrio of Cucamonga (now known as Rancho Cucamonga) area, where he learned about poverty from first hand experience working in the fields with his father. Early in life, he made a determination that he would get an education, help the underdog and advocate for the betterment of the Hispanic community.

Graduating from Upland High School, he worked briefly in the agriculture fields, which was not his idea of his life goals.

He went into the service, attending officers training school at Fort Sill, receiving the rank of second lieutenant and was honorably discharged in 1968. He attended Claremont McKenna College where he earned an undergraduate degree and received a Ph.D. in political science at UCR. He has held professorships at the University of Utah, UCR, University of Redlands, Cal-State, San Bernardino, Pomona and Claremont-McKenna Colleges.

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The Spirit of Christmas Past

In 1934, hundreds of us youngsters were invited to a Christmas Party at the Redlands' Fox Theatre, sponsored by community organizations. As some people might be aware through actual experiences and others by reading history books, we were in the midst of the severest depression this country had experienced. At the party, we received small toys and a bag of candy which was all that many of us received for Christmas that year and not much of anything for several Christmases thereafter. Fortunately, our families were very close knit, being together at Christmas time with uncles, aunts and many cousins, sharing what little each family had in the way of food and delicacies and this to me, is what Christmas is all about: the spirit of family togetherness and sharing.

As we approach this day of Christmas, regrettably, we are in the midst of a severe recession, (some say its really a depression). Regardless, many men and women are out of work and we frequently hear the news of high incidence of layoffs in every industry throughout this nation.

Many families are experiencing the realities of being with less, even with less of the basic necessities of life. More importantly, at this time when our nation is in distress and when many families are in dire need, an invitation into our homes and families and the enjoyment of sharing what we are fortunate to have can bring us that feeling of what Christmas is all about: THE SPIRIT OF FAMILY TOGETHERNESS AND SHARING.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

NALEO Board Member, Pastor, becomes Arizona's first Hispanic Congressman

In a special election in Arizona's 2nd district held September 24th, NALEO Board Member Ed Pastor became Arizona's first Hispanic Member of Congress. Pastor defeated former Yuma County Supervisor Pat Conner and succeeds Democratic Rep. Morris K. Udall, who resigned May 4th due to failing health.

STRONG VALUE SYSTEM

Born in a blue-collar mining community, Pastor has long cherished traditional family values. At an early age Pastor demonstrated an active involvement in youth leadership and sports, while maintaining exceptional academic standing. He recalls the days when he had to work through school. His strong sense of family and loyalty to community involvement have been the hallmark of his distinguished career in politics.

Early evidence of this ethic emerged in 1974 when he managed his brother's election to Justice of the Peace. During that same year, Pastor simultaneously worked on Raul Castro's bid for Governor and in 1975 took a position within Castro's administration. In 1976, he ran for Maricopa County Supervisor and won. Pastor served as a supervisor for 15 years prior to taking his newest post as Congressman for Arizona's 2nd district.

Pastor's active involvement in local, state and national Hispanic organizations have earned him numerous awards in recognition of his accomplishments and leadership in the Hispanic community. Pastor cites his proudest achievement, undertaken as a public citizen, as the creation of a Latino scholarship fund at Arizona State University. For every dollar raised, ASU makes a two dollar matching contribution. The scholarship fund has helped nearly 600 Latino students pursue their careers in higher education.

EAGER TO MEET NEW CHALLENGES

"My constituency will now get the opportunity to see me on a national scene advocating for improvements in education, health care and affordable housing. I look forward to serving my constituents and at the same time give them the sense that they have been involved in our nation's efforts at improving their quality of life."

With assignments to the House Education and Labor Committee as well as the Committee on Small Business, Pastor states that he hopes to serve in Congress for a period of time long enough to make him more effective in terms of holding a leadership position. "I want to make a difference in solving some of today's problems. This body can still do some great things and I hope to join them in doing great things."

Pastor holds caucus memberships in the Hispanic Caucus, the Human Rights Caucus, the Arts Caucus and the Caucus for Women's Issues.

Attending the University of Arizona, he received B.S. in 1966 and J.D. in 1974. Mr. Pastor and wife, Verma, are the parents of Yvonne and Laura. The family lives in Phoenix, Arizona.
Los Padrinos names four new board members

In making the announcement, Los Padrinos director Tim Gergen stated that the new board members' volunteer efforts and their respective areas of expertise would greatly enhance the overall youth programs and their operations.

Dennis Palmer is chief executive officer of the San Bernardino Valley YMCA. Mr. Palmer has a wide experience in community and youth services, and knowledgeable in the area of resource availability.

Jack Fisher is a lieutenant in the Sheriff's Department and is stationed at the Yucaipa Sub-station. Lt. Fisher had previously served on the Los Padrinos Board of Directors. He is involved in community work and volunteers in numerous youth projects.

Douglas Rowand is president of Rowand's Resources. He is a current member, past president and treasurer of Highland Senior Center. In addition, he serves on the board of directors of Bethlehem House, an agency aiding battered women and their families. His main area of support will be for the Los Padrinos Family Group Home, a program that provides a family setting and in-depth counseling for six court-referred youth.

Rich Holmer (no photo available) is director of the Fontana Recreation and Community Services. Mr. Holmer developed and implemented the "City of Colton/Los Padrinos Early Intervention Program, which was designed to prevent youth from involvement in gangs, drugs and negative peer pressures. The program was used as a model for future Los Padrinos programming.

Mr. Gergen further stated, "We are very appreciative of these gentlemen's volunteer efforts for the youth of our community."

Los Padrinos is currently celebrating 20 years of service to youth. The organization has various programs for youth counseling, shelter care programs and crisis intervention services. The programs are operated in five major cities, four school districts serving over 2,000 youth on an annual basis.

Los Padrinos is located at 909 North "D" Street, San Bernardino. Persons wishing further information may call at (714) 888-5781.

Dr. E. Neal Roberts, superintendent of San Bernardino City Schools, congratulates Gary Nunez, a top student at Martin Luther King Middle School.

Yes, There are good kids!

Merry Christmas

from the

Inland Empire Hispanic News
Si Se Puede
Born in the 1960's, 50,000 students later in 1991 the Center for Employment Training (CET) is still going strong.

The Center for Employment Training (CET) implementation of an initial training program concept in October, 1967, in which training the most needy and placing of graduate students in viable jobs, is still operational in 1991. The CET program was, in actuality, the result of the 1960's Civil Rights Movement when innovative training programs were funded to train the multitude of men and women who were in the untrainable and unemployment ranks.

"SI SE PUEDE," Giteral translation: it can be done) was, and still is, the slogan which inspires young and old to train for the workforce against overwhelming barriers. The proof of the pudding, so to speak, is that over 50,000 students have been trained, according to CET's publicized data.

CET is the brainchild of Father Antonio Soto, Ramona Sarinana, Russ Tershy, and others in the barrios of San Jose, California, where the slogan was "Sal Si Puedes" (get out if you can), where poverty and lack of employment opportunities were prevalent as a result of language and economic barriers. The program was modeled after a "grass-roots" job training program developed by Rev. Lion Sullivan-Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) in Philadelphia. (To date, Soto and Sarinana are on the board of directors and Tershy is executive director.)

It started as a small training center to serve the largely Hispanic residents of East San Jose. An initial gift of $75,000 from the Archdiocese of San Francisco and a small cottage were the humble beginnings of what has become a recognized name as a viable training school(s) throughout the Southwest. The original 15 students quickly expanded to larger classes and in 1968, it was necessary for OIC-CET to expand the program and move to larger training quarters. In June 1969, 300 men and women were trained and placed in private industry.

As the demand for training additional "grass-roots" people became more evident, more training schools were implemented in other towns adjacent to San Jose. In 1972, CET received its first Department of Labor funding for emphasis program to retrain farmworkers in Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties. Currently, CET receives DOL retraining funds for farmworkers in 18 counties, it being the largest farmworker training program in the nation. In 1976, by mutual consent, CET and OIC ended its affiliations. CET has continually praised OIC and Rev. Sullivan for the guidance given the program in its early years.

Emil Aparicio
Center Director
Hector Palacios
Counselor/Job Developer
Micaela Martinez
Office Manager
Trini Padilla, (Right), Counselor
Lead Welding Instructor
Carlos Geloera, Counselor, Shipping and Receiving

The expansion and success of the program can be measured by its existence, with California having 22 sites, Arizona having one each. As governmental social programs, CET has had to implement programs, such as immigration and other social programs as the need is recognized, assisting the poor in becoming productive members of society located in San Jose.

In 1986, CET became the first community-based training Council for Noncollegiate Continuing Education. CET's Region 3 Administrative Office is located in the OIC director. Region 3 has seven training centers: Escondido, Bloomington and San Diego. Courses in each training center demand.

In Bloomington, the training center director is Emil Aparicio. GED, welding and shipping-receiving (warehousing) courses are offered. Specific programs offer stipend, transportation and other educational programs are provided by Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) for farmworkers and immigrant programs.

The Bloomington center has a successful 90% job-placement rate. Persons wishing further information regarding CET programs should call (714) 877-3838 or Riverside center at (714) 785-0876.

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Student operates fork lift in shipping and receiving department.
Employment Training

The program can be measured by the number of training sites now in operation: Arizona has three, Utah two and Nevada one. Formermental social programs diminished in serving the target population, such as child care, food stamp distribution, as the need is recognized. However, its focus has remained in active members of society. Currently, the corporate office is seeking to become accredited by the National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Education.

The office is located in the City of Riverside with Greg Doonan as regional manager. The office has five centers: Escondido, Indio, Ontario, Temecula, Riverside. The number of training sites varies according to the local job market needs. ESL, civics, citizen preparation, and reading (warehousing) courses are offered for qualified candidates. There is also job training and other educational benefits. Funding for local CET programs is provided by the Joint Transitional Employment Partnership Act (JTPA) and DOL funds migrant and seasonal workers.

In each training center, CET places active members of society in a job, with a 90% job-placement record. Interested in learning more about CET programs may call the Bloomington center at (714) 785-0876.

Metallic balloons can be hazardous when they come in contact with Edison power lines. Because one balloon can cause the line to short, resulting in power outages that can affect thousands of customers. A downed line can also threaten life and property. So here are some common sense tips to help make for safer ballooning. Keep metallic balloons indoors, and hold onto them with both hands when you are outdoors. Don’t remove the string weight—it’s illegal. Don’t bundle metallic balloons. Never release them outdoors. If a balloon does become tangled in a power line, do not attempt to retrieve it yourself. And never use metallic string. Always keep these important safety precautions in mind. Because the dangers involved with metallic balloons are not just full of hot air.

Southern California Edison

In shipping and receiving training class.
With the Christmas buying season winding down, citizens are being warned imme-
diately before and after Christmas. Sheriff Williams said, "Let such a responsible
means are common sense and can be
house, said Sheriff Williams, and all
should be used if possible. Many of the
means are common sense and can be
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house, said Sheriff Williams, and all
should be used if possible. Many of the
means are common sense and can be
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"Get to know your neighbor," the
sheriff said. "Let such a responsible
person know when you're going to be
gone, especially if you plan an extended
trip over the holidays."

"Have them pick up the newspapers
for you, remove advertisements hung
on the doorknob and remove your mail
from the box on a daily basis," Sheriff
Williams said.

Two of the best ways to identify
property is by writing down the serial
number, brand name and model number
of the item on a list kept at home, while
also engraving a driver's license num-
ber on the property.

"If we cannot trace the number on a
computer, then our chances of returning
an item are remote, at best. We cannot
call the Social Security office to find
out the owner's name due to privacy
laws. On the other hand," he continued,"we do file information by driver's li-
cense numbers.

"You," Williams said, "and your
concerned neighbors are far more im-
portant in reducing crime at the neigh-
borhood level than any amount of law
enforcement involvement."

"Only by becoming involved at the
neighborhood level can we be assured
of a safe and secure environment."

Other burglary deterrents are those
that apply on a year-round basis, not
during festive times.

- keep doors locked when going next
door to visit for a minute.
- keep hinges cut to a level that
a person can't hide from street view.
- don't leave a porch light on during
the day since it may be an indicator
that the house has been empty overnight.
- don't invite strangers into your
house to make a telephone call for what
is described as an emergency, but make
the call for them. Once inside your
house, you may soon be a victim to an
assault or risk having your house
"cased" for a future burglary.
- don't hide a spare key under a mat
or above the door, but put it in a secure
place that only the family knows about.

Sheriff Dick Williams, has sworn
officers and the men and women who
are part of the Sheriff's Department
of San Bernardino County and who
want only the best for all those persons who
believe in the positive values of life.

San Bernardino Fire Department
Cold Weather Brings Fire Safety Warnings

Winter weather has finally arrived in
Southern California and the time has
come when we all start up our heaters
and light cozy fireplaces as part of the
holiday season. Yet this happy time of
year can turn into tragedy with families
suffering loss of property or life because
of unsafe heating. Fireplaces and heat-
ing systems make our homes warm and
comfortable during cold weather; but
they also are among the leading causes
of home fires because of unsafe practices
and use.

The San Bernardino City Fire De-
partment suggests that you follow the
safety tips listed below to keep your
family safe and warm during this holi-
day season.

- Chimneys should be cleaned and
inspected by a reputable professional
every year. Older chimneys should be
inspected for cracks or flaws that need
to be corrected. Fire can creep into these
small openings and spread quickly up
the walls.
- Furnaces should be thoroughly
cleaned of dust and lint before using.
Filters should be replaced at least once
a year.
- Fireplaces should have a protective
screen to prevent sparks from flying out
onto the carpet or furniture. Chimneys
should have a spark arresting device in
the fireplace to prevent sparks from
landing on the roof and starting a fire.
- Trim tree branches away from the
chimney area and remove dry leaves
and debris from the roof.
- Burn only wood or approved fire-
places in your fireplace. Make sure
that fireplace is designed to handle
full wood burning fires. Many fireplaces
are constructed just for false logs and
natural gas.
- Never burn paper, trash, pine cones/
needles, or Christmas trees in the fire-
place because they burn too fast and
are explosive.
- All gas fire equipment should be
adjusted properly to provide the best
service, with the flame being a bright
blue color. Your local gas company
will inspect and adjust your gas equip-
ment at no charge.

For more information contact the San
Bernardino City Fire Department (714)
384-5388.

NOTICES

A Latino Leadership Summit Meeting
has been scheduled on January 11, 1992,
at the City Council Chambers from
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of
developing plans for the political, social,
and economic agenda for 1992. For further
information call the Institute for Social
Justice at (714) 888-0207.

Gas Company offers evening service calls

Beginning today, utility customers can
schedule a service call from the local
Southern California Gas Co. office
in the evening, up to 8 p.m. This is the first
time the utility has offered evening service.

"Our customers have told us that
evening service would be a great con-
venience to them," noted Judi Bailey,
district manager, "And our employees are
prepared to provide this new, addi-
tional service offering."

Customers may schedule a service
call within the time block mentioned for
them: morning, afternoon or evening.
This applies to routine service,
such as lighting furnace pilot lights and
adjusting appliances. Safety-related
calls, such as gas leaks, are handled
immediately, anytime day or night,
weekends or holidays.

In addition to the extension of its field
service hours, The Gas Company is also
expanding telephone accessibility to 24
hours a day, seven days a week. This
means customers can call anytime to
arrange for service, appliance adjust-
ments, pilot lighting or to make billing
inquiries.

The new service offerings are part of
a package of customer service en-
hancements recently approved by the
California Public Utilities Commission.
Details of additional new services will
be announced later.

Colton High School Students AIDS Benefit

Chalk talks, and Colton High School
students used plenty of it to create a
mural of Magic Johnson, who an-
ounced last month that he has con-
tacted HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Art Club members, led by seniors
Louis Lujano and Mike Grandaw, drew
the mural in front of the school's auditor-
ium on November 25 and 26 as a
tribute to the Lakers guard and others
infected with the disease.

The project coincided with the as-
sembly presentation of "Secrets" by a kid's
hang at the permanent comedy/drama
troupe on November 26.

Five actors presented skits based on
true stories of young people who con-
tacted the virus by not practicing safe
sex and by sharing needles. They also
taught the students that the best way to
avoid exposure is by not having sex.

Actor Scott Brotherton cautioned
students that AIDS is not just a disease
contracted by homosexuals. The fastest
rising infected group is straight teen-
agers, he said.

"The invincible teen population is
saying this can't happen to me."

After the second assembly, students
and staff members gathered to pay 25
cents apiece to autograph the artwork.

"HEAP provides one payment per
year for eligible low-income house-
holds. The amount of payment is based
on the number of people in the house-
hold, total income and the cost of energy.
The average payment is $58, and there
is a $27 minimum and $200 maximum," Leonard said.

Applications are mailed by the State
Department of Economic Opportunity
directly to categorically eligible persons
on a random flow basis. Thus, indi-
viduals receiving assistance in the form
of AFDC, SSI/SSP, Food Stamps,
Veterans' and Survivors' Pension ben-
efits should receive applications by mail.

Any eligible person who has not re-
cieved an application in the mail may
obtain one from Senator Leonard's
district office by calling toll-free 1-800-
282-4889. HEAP can be reached directly
at 1-800-433-4327, and the speech and
hearing impaired may call (916) 327-
6318.

NOTICES

WANTED: Applications are being accepted
for a Visiting Volunteer Bilingual Tutor (Spanish)
to teach basic English skills to immigrant resi-
dent adults and teenagers in the Programa
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The Sheriff’s Department Group conducts group testing quarterly. At that time applications are taken. The next test is to be announced. For more information contact the Job Hotline of the County’s Resources Department at (714) 387-5611.

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In an exclusive interview with the Hispanic News, he issued the following statement, "I want to thank the Latino communities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties for the tremendous support I received for my appointment as Assistant Professor to the Ethnic Studies at UCR. For me, the appointment does not mean a departure from my commitment of public service to the Latino community, it merely means that my approaches toward empowering Latinos and improving the overall quality of life will take on a more academic and scholarly dimension."

The Coors Brewing Company and its area distributors are assisting Navidad En El Barrio with the distribution of Christmas baskets for 18,000 needy families this holiday season. Inland Beverage Company is handling the distribution for community service agencies in the San Bernardino and Riverside areas. Inland Beverage personnel will deliver food baskets to the Redlands/Yucaipa Guidance Clinic Association in Redlands, the Community Settlement Association in Riverside, Casa Ramona Drop-in Center in San Bernardino, and the Corona Community Services Department in Corona. Coors and its distributors are providing the manpower and trucks to transport food and toys to 34 community service agencies in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The agencies will see that the food and toys are distributed to needy families within their service areas prior to Christmas. Navidad En El Barrio has provided Christmas baskets for more than 300,000 families throughout Southern California in the past 19 years. The program is funded by corporate sponsors and the annual Telethon, which was held Sunday, December 8 and broadcast live on KMEX-TV, Channel 34.

Officials from three Coors distributors plan their role in the distribution of Navidad En El Barrio Christmas baskets. Pictured, from left, are Mark James, Premium Distributing; Ray Rosas, Executive Director, Navidad En El Barrio; Bob Apodaca, President, Navidad En El Barrio; Troy Valdez, H&L Distributing; and Vince Yazaguirre, Inland Beverage.