Richardson Prep Hi: California Distinguished School Again

In 1990 Richardson Prep Hi in San Bernardino was selected as a California Distinguished Middle School, one of only a few middle schools in the state to receive this award. The next year Richardson was invited to compete as a National Distinguished School. This year Richardson Prep High has been named to the California Distinguished School list again.

In a letter to Richardson Principal Edith Krache, State Superintendent of Instruction Bill Honig says, "Your selection was based upon the continued high performance of your students on their California Assessment Program test scores and your school's success in achieving its Quality Indicator targets." Quality Indicator targets are high standards set by the state for distinguished schools-high test scores, a rigorous curriculum, parent involvement, good attendance, to name a few.

Times have changed for Richardson. Prior to the 1970's, Richardson was primarily attended by minority students and was considered to be one of the weakest schools in the San Bernardino City Unified School District.

Rudy Castro loses battle with cancer

Rodolfo "Rudy" Castro, executive director of the San Bernardino Community Service Department (CSD), died on Saturday, April 4, 1992 after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Castro, Rudy, to many of his friends, was appointed head of County's poverty agency in 1977. CSD, under the management guidance of Rudy Castro, gained an area-wide recognition for goal development and implementation of numerous poverty programs targeted toward low-income citizens and youth.

In 1979, Rudy Castro suffered the loss of a kidney as a result of cancer. In 1989, the cancer reappeared and spread to his kidney and lungs and eventually, it spread to his brain at a time that he was receiving radiation treatments. During that interim period, a conflict developed between Rudy Castro and Health Net, a health maintenance organization, which refused to pay for interferon chemical treatments, which were effective against kidney cancer. Simultaneously, the HMO canceled the health coverage of CSD personnel.

Loma Linda Health Plan, a HMO, agreed to pay for the interferon treatments and provide health coverage for CSD personnel.

Rudy Castro sued the HMO and won a settlement which he used to eliminate his mother's mortgage and pay her car off. He, additionally, increased a scholarship fund at Riverside Community College, the educational institution he attended after high school.

Throughout this total health ordeal, Rudy Castro continued to manage CSD, and the poverty programs which he felt were so essential toward aiding the poverty-stricken population. He went on sick leave in the latter part of 1991.

On March 5, RCC named Rudy Castro "1992 Alumnus Of The Year." Although he was very weak and unable to rise, he continued to advocate to young Hispanics the advantages of continuing their academic education at the college level.

The life story of Rudy Castro has been published in many newspapers. He was born in Banning of Mexican Cahuilla Indian descent. Although the family lived in extreme poverty, he strived toward a higher education and struggled to earn money to attend RCC after graduating from high school.

He was so poor that teachers would periodically offer him clothing at the col-

Limited in size to around 500 students, Richardson is small enough to make a family atmosphere possible where students are known individually and supported by the entire staff. Seventh graders are enrolled through the district's Educational Options program: seventh graders are accepted on a first come, first served, basis during a registration period.

While academics are a very important part of campus life at Richardson, students also participate actively in the middle school sports program for the district. Students have been very successful in a number of countywide activities such as the Optimist Oratorical contest and the Science Fair. Last year the writing of six students was included in the American Poetry Anthology which usually publishes adult writing only.

Teachers have been recognized for excellence locally and in state and national competition. The Richardson PTA was one of nine PTA's in California to be recognized for excellence-out of a possible 3,783 units. The School's Site Council is a parent/teacher/student group that advises the administration on all aspects of the curriculum and school programs.

Richardson operates under the watchful eyes of its two top administrators - Edith Krache, principal and Morgan O'Dell, vice principal. Before her assignment to Richardson in 1990, Mrs. Krache had held both teaching and administrative posts in the district. She taught at Bradley, Cypress, Alessandro, and Mt. Vernon Elementary Schools and later became a resource teacher at Monterey Elementary. This assignment led to her appointment as principal at Monterey. Another promotion took her to the top spot at Serrano Middle School before she accepted the position at Richardson. Mr. O'Dell, another experienced administrator, was assigned to his job at Richardson in 1989. Both leaders are extremely proud of the outstanding record of accomplishments amassed by students and teachers at Richardson Prep Hi.

Richardson is located at 455 South K Street in San Bernardino.

Women of Achievement
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Editorial: Rudy Castro

Throughout his lifespan of 49 years, Rodolfo "Rudy" Castro fought many furious battles against poverty, social and educational barriers and he won a few, but on April 4, 1992, he lost the battle against a vicious foe, cancer. Many friends and acquaintances know the "RUDY CASTRO STORY". And many of us (older generation) can relate to these privations, discriminations and multiple barriers which were prevalent at the time. Rudy was growing up in Banning. He once told this writer that as a youth, he thought that being poverty-stricken was a way of life!

However, Rudy was motivated to forge ahead beyond the horizon of his environment and seek a better life and opportunities through the process of higher education. At RCC, he had the dual-struggle to get an education and overcome financial drawbacks, (with the help of his professors who, perhaps, saw the determination of this young man). He continued his education at Cal Poly-Pomona, Harvard and Oxford University!

Rudy had the option to go into a lucrative position with his educational background, but he opted to utilize his total skills and talents to work in projects which would aid other people who were, in fact, experiencing the identical barriers he had experienced as a youth.

His accomplishments, as a result of his education, experience and commitment, were manifested through the effective and professional service that the Community Service Department provided to the public during his tenure. He leaves a legacy that exemplifies those attributes which are so essential for achieving life's goals: determination, discipline, resourcefulness and continued self-improvement coupled with a humanitarian attitude toward our fellow beings.

The documentation of Rudy Castro's life would be commendable in order that it be shown to the world (and especially to our young people) as the epitome of a role model and the accomplishments that can be achieved in our society.

RODOLFO "RUDY" CASTRO is resting after fighting these many life's battles.

SBVC Job Fair/Career Day

SAN BERNARDINO - Looking for work?

Come to San Bernardino Valley College on Wednesday, April 29, when 100 employers from the communities and surrounding areas will be talking up career opportunities. Job Fair/Career Day is sponsored by the college's Career Center and Job Placement department, which regularly keeps listings of employment opportunities for not only the student population, but for the community as well.

Call Wildman at (714) 888-6511, Ext. 1174, or Thurmon W. Burson, Career Center coordinator, at Ext. 1674, for details.

Orange Show News

SAN BERNARDINO, CA - Attention connoisseurs of show competitions!!! The time has arrived to begin preparing your wares, handicrafts, and artistic expressions for upcoming contests at the 77th annual National Orange Show, May 15-25.

The Show's competition guidebooks are available and free to the public by calling (714) 888-6788, or write: National Orange Show, 689 South "E" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92412.

The guidebooks contain all the prize and entry information contestants will need including categories, divisions and classes of competitions, rules and entry forms. Deadline for returning all entry forms is Thursday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m.

Competition categories will include home arts, juried art show, junior still exhibits, junior livestock, 4-H and FFA, citrus exhibits, small animals, flower and garden show, and a hobby show.

For further information, contact the Exhibits Department of the National Orange Show at (714) 888-6788, Ext. 419.
Esther Estrada

By Sonia D.T. Rodriguez

As a West Side native who has lived at 531 TJiijana Street almost all her life, Esther Estrada is in touch with the people she represents as councilwoman of the 1st Ward. As a child, her maternal grandfather would read to her from La Opinion about the state of Latin America.

"I knew all about the Allende family," recalls Estrada. However, at that age she wanted to do was play ball she remembers. Estrada was also influenced by her mother Artemisa Estrada who was a very gutsy, assertive woman.

"She encouraged me to consider non-traditional roles," said Estrada. In 1975 Estrada was first elected to the San Bernardino City Council after a recall election and served for six months on the council where she helped approve the 5th Street and Mt. Vernon Ave.

Women of Achievement

Marta Macias Brown

The Black Voice of the Inland Empire, at its 8th Annual Women of Achievement Luncheon selected Marta Brown as one of the recipients for Women's History Month.

Marta Marcias Brown, is a native of San Bernardino, and received her degree from San Bernardino Community College, California State University, and University of California Riverside.

She has been active in community affairs since the sixties. In 1968, she became the founding Publisher-Editor of the El Chichano newspaper.

Upon graduating with a degree in Sociology, Brown, continued to help people as a community education coordinator for the Human Resources Agency. She helped to increase the number of minority foster parents.

She worked with senior citizens at the Agency on Aging, establishing a newsletter. She left that position to work with minority students at the University of California. She was successful to outreach to the students.

In 1980 she joined the staff of Congressman George Brown, where she serves as Assistant District Adminstrator.

Brown has been active in many organizations: Inland Educational Foundation, Kwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, Casa Ramona, and Kids Against Crime.

Inland Empire Events

The Association of Hispanic Faculty and Staff at Cal-State, San Bernardino is having its 7th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet and Dance on Saturday, April 25, 1992 at Cal-State, San Bernardino Upper Commons with social hour at 6:30 p.m. dinner at 7:30 p.m., program at 8:15 p.m. with music by the Latin Society. Tickets are $25, dancing only is $10. For information call Mary Moya at 880-5099 or Tony Vichles at work 880-5069 or home at 825-2277.

The Inland Empire Puerto Rican Association is presenting its Easter Teen Dance on Saturday, April 18, 1992, at the Indian Hills Country Club, 5200 Clubhouse Drive, Riverside, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Adult music by Orquesta Caribe and teen music by DJ. Tickets for adults are $15 and $5 for teens. Persons wishing to purchase tickets may call W. Garcia at 737-2476, J. Vegera at 782-8064, V. Davila at 630-2649, Chico at 873-2963 or Taty at 823-0044.

The American G.I. Forum is holding its 1992 California State Convention in Riverside on July 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1992. The City of Riverside, Riverside, is convention host. Scheduled events include golf tournament, ladies award dinner, queen coronation/scholarship and luncheon, with President Bush tentatively scheduled as speaker. Last day will be a farewell fiesta. For additional information, call Tony Esquivel, convention chairperson at (714) 785-4195 or home at (714) 687-2511.

The Riverside Film Festival, in conjunction with UCR-California Museum of Photography-UCR Library and Riverside Arts Foundation are presenting "From Dream to Prophecy to Reality", a carnival of Latino Filmmakers on Thursday, April 30, 1992, at the Fox Theater at Market and 7th Streets, Riverside. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. with Aztec Dance performance, films, panel discussions and reception. For information contact Helen Sanematsu at (714) 787-4787.

The Mexican-American Scholarship Association, Beaumont-Cherry Valley, is seeking contestants for its First Annual Pass Area Menudo Cookoff which will be held on May 16, 1992 at the Seward Park, Beaumont. Menudo event starts at 7:00 a.m. Other events include Latin Jazz Ensemble, St. Mary's Ballet Folklorico, mariachis, and special entertainer, "Lalo Guerrero. Contact persons are Peggy Toledo-Little at (714) 769-9534 or Margarita Alcantar at (714) 845-2812.

In continuing the year-long celebration of the 650th Anniversary, the San Bernardino Valley College is taking on a Mexican accent with a series of events. On April 21, 1992, Frances Bermud, Cal-State, San Bernardino, will present a lecture, "Aztec Culture On the Eve of the Spanish Conquest." An Hispanic Art Exhibit will be opened on April 28. Light Shade of Brown, a rap group, will perform on May 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the South Dining Room. Pre-admission is $6.50 from MECHA members and $7.50 at the door. Folklorico Dancers will be performing on May 5 at 11 a.m. in the Greek Theatre. On May 6, Dr. James Sandos of the University of Redlands, will speak in the Liberal Arts building 100 on "The Franciscan Treatment of California Native Peoples and the Canonization of Father Serra."
UCR Tomas Rivera Conference Set Fri., April 24

By Tina Villarreal

Edward James Olmos

RIVERSIDE- Edward James Olmos, director and star of the new film "American Me," and Dr. Harry Pachon, director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, will be the keynote speakers at the fifth annual Tomas Rivera Conference Friday, April 24, at the University of California, Riverside.

Olmos was nominated for an Oscar for his portrayal of Chicano math instructor Jaime Escalante in the popular 1988 film "Stand and Deliver." Representing the Hispanic Education and Media Group, Olmos will discuss the organization's Latino School Dropout Project as well as his new film, which examines the phenomenon and implications of the Mexican Mafia.

Pachon will discuss the potential voting power of Latinos and the impact of that strength on issues important to Latinos.

UCR Tomas Rivera Conference Set Fri., April 24

Peace and Dignity Journeys Celebrate 500 Years of Minority Survival

By Tina Villarreal

Calpulli Incorporated and a nonprofit community-based organization Libreria Del Pueblo, Incorporated in San Bernardino are part of a regional committee to coordinate a run called the Peace and Dignity Journeys that will begin simultaneously from Anchorage Alaska and Argentina and will end in Mexico City on October 1992.

After 500 years of European influence, indigenous nations as well as representatives of the Black, Latino, and Asian community will be trekking their way through northern, southern, and central America to celebrate the quincentenary anniversary of minority survival in the Americas.

"This event will provide an opportunity for all peoples to come together and learn from one another," said Ron Cervante, spokesperson for the Peace and Dignity Committee.

The afternoon session will examine Chicano/Latino and Media Group, Olmos will discuss the organization's Latino School Dropout Project as well as his new film, which examines the phenomenon and implications of the Mexican Mafia.

"For 500 years people of color have been marginalized by poverty, racism, and a disenfranchising educational system." "The need to create dignity, peace and understanding is vital." "This event is trying to do exactly that."

"Our story as an oppressed population is one opposite of the ones found in the history books in school"

Community volunteer runners will begin in August of 1992, and will sprint their way across California and into Mexico.

"We hope to get as many communities involved with the run as possible. We have contacted leaders from the Black, Asian, and Latino community to invite them to participate." Recent attention focusing on the historical facts of the landing of Christopher Columbus raises an eyebrow to the sugar frosted hero we all came to learn about in the history books.

"Our story as an oppressed population is one opposite of the ones found in the history books in school."

"The history books say that Columbus is someone to admire, but, how can I do that after being educated on the genocide he created upon his arrival to the Dominican Republic i.e. the new world, said Cervante. "Because, we know he never found or landed in America." "Historical facts don't lie," said Ernestina Villarreal, Calpulli Community Organizer. However, this run isn't a political statement on what a jerk Columbus was. It's only a way to create unity for our communities, to learn and share the spiritual ways of our ancestors.

"Medicine men of many nations have been looking forward to this event because it is something that their great, great grandfathers told them to expect," said Cervante. "It's a turning point in history for all indigenous nations and other disadvantaged populations."

Connecting runs from San Bernardino, Vernon, Agua Caliente, Blythe, the Cahuilla reservation in San Rosa and the Torres-Martinez reservation in Cochella will be joining the main run as part of alternative routes.

Doctors, nurses and/or other health professionals are encouraged to participate for medical assistance during the run.

Also needed are runners and other volunteers to assist in the coordination of the run and fundraising events. Committee meetings are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. at 739 N. Mount Vernon in San Bernardino. For more information contact Ron Cervante at (714) 888-1800.

Pictured Left to Right Jerad Woody, II, SB, Ron Cervante, Committee Member, Ernestina Villarreal, Community Organizer, Melvin Dukas, 9, S.B.
Seniors

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EAVES: ELDERLY OFTEN BEST SERVED IN THEIR OWN HOMES RATHER THAN NURSING HOMES

Bills would expand Multipurpose Senior Services Program

SACRAMENTO - Two measures aimed at allowing senior citizens to be cared for in their homes instead of being forced into nursing homes cleared the Assembly Human Services Committee Wednesday. Authored by Assemblyman Jerry Eaves (D-Rialto), Assembly Joint Resolution 62 and Assembly Bill 2642 were approved by the committee on a 6 to 0 vote.

"These two bills are aimed at letting California expand the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) from six thousand clients served annually to twelve thousand," Eaves said. "Created in 1977, the MSSP is designed to allow frail, older persons to receive cost-effective, in-home care, instead of forcing them into more expensive, institutionalized nursing home facilities," Eaves continued.

"From a human standpoint, I think it's obvious why we should be caring for people in their homes instead of in institutions, if it's at all possible. From a strictly fiscal point of view, caring for someone in the MSSP costs about $900 less per person, per month, than nursing home care," Eaves noted.

AIR 62 urges the federal government to grant the Department of Aging's request for a new three-year waiver, and to grant the Department's request to expand the program from 6,000 to 12,000 persons served. AB 2642 asks the state to provide the needed matching funds to facilitate the expansion of this worthwhile, money saving program.

"This is the type of 'preventive government' that we've been advocating for years. There's no reason to spend precious state dollars to put people into nursing homes when we have the option to provide them with better care at home and do it in a more cost-effective manner," Eaves concluded.

These measures are supported by the California Senior Legislature and the San Bernardino office of the AARP. The bills will be heard next in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

FACT SHEET

ASSEMBLY BILL 2642

* This bill would instruct the State of California to allocate an additional, to-be-determined, amount of money to fund the expansion of the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) from 6,000 clients served to 12,000 clients served.

* Expansion is contingent upon the Federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) approving a California Department of Aging request for a waiver to use Medicaid funds for this program and the addition of a to-be-determined amount of money in federal funds, matched dollar-for-dollar with state funds, to expand the program.

* Created in 1977, the aim of the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) is to avoid the inappropriate placement of frail, older persons in nursing facilities, and to foster independent living in their own communities.

* The goal of maintaining frail older persons at their maximum level of independence and in their own homes and communities has been a primary area of focus for this department since 1984 when the Governor's Seniors' Initiative for California was passed. This Initiative called on the Department of Aging to take the lead in establishing a system of services that vulnerable persons could use at the community level to assist in maintaining their independence for as long as possible.

* The MSSP began with eight sites in California in 1977. Today, there are 22 sites throughout the state with the ability to serve 6,000 clients at any given time, or a total of 8,941 unduplicated clients annually.

* The Department of Aging and the California Senior Legislature estimate there are over 30,000 seniors in California that would benefit from this program.

* According to the California Department of Aging, the average cost per month for a client in the MSSP was $1,038, compared with the average nursing home cost of $1,919 during the 1989-90 fiscal year.

* The Torres-Felando Long-Term Care Reform Act of 1982 (Chapter 1453) provides for the conditional continuation of the MSSP, as long as it proves to be cost-effective and the State can obtain federal authority to fund it through a Medicare Home- and Community-Based Care Waiver. The MSSP is funded by the State of California and the federal government on an equal basis.

* The last waiver expired on June 30, 1990, and since then, the MSSP has been continued through a series of 90-day extensions approved by the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

* On April 16, 1990, the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Aging submitted a Renewal Waiver request to continue the MSSP for California at the levels approved for the previous three fiscal years. The effective dates of this new waiver request are from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1995.

* On October 18, 1990, the Department of Aging also transmitted an MSSP Expansion Waiver request for review to the State Department of Health Services to increase the currently approved caseload of 6,000 to 12,000.

* Assembly Joint Resolution 62 (Eaves) calls on the President and Congress to approve the requested waivers and provide the much-needed additional funding.

* Assembly Bill 2642 (Eaves) calls on the State to provide the needed matching funds to expand the program, provided that the federal government grants the aforementioned waivers needed to expand the program.

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UCR College Fair Set For Friday, May 1, 1992

RIVERSIDE - University of California, Riverside will host one of the largest college fairs in the West Coast on Friday, May 1. Representatives from more than 130 colleges and universities throughout the nation are expected to participate.

High school and community college students can learn first-hand about colleges and universities at "College Mania -- Unlocking Academic Adventures" from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the UCR campus.

The free event is open to prospective college students and their parents. It is sponsored by the Western Association of College Admission Counselors and

Free Booklet: "Making Every Dollar Count"

Many agricultural workers and their families face financial problems aggravated by the current economic crunch. To help them get a better handle on their finances, the University of California has produced a free bilingual booklet, Making Every Dollar Count (Su Dinero Puede Rendir Mas).

The booklet, prepared by UC Cooperative Extension staff, is written in an easy-to-understand comic book format hosted by UCR.

College representatives will be in the UCR Compton Hall gymnasium during the fair to distribute information about their campuses and answer questions.

Students and their parents can attend workshops on a variety of topics, including the college application process, financial aid, community college opportunities, choosing a college major and the college-bound athlete. Sessions will also be conducted in Spanish.

A complete schedule of activities will be available at the fair. The workshops will be held at various locations on the UCR campus, located on University Avenue off Highway 60 in Riverside.

Students interested in attending should check with their counselors, as a number of high schools and community colleges are providing transportation to the event.

On-campus arrangement for the event are being coordinated by the UCR Division of Enrollment Management. For more information, phone John Shuman at (714) 787-5045.

Free Booklet: "Making Every Dollar Count" with wording in Spanish and English. Readers can learn how to set up a workable spending plan, ways to stretch available resources, how to manage when unemployed and gives information on community resources and agencies that provide help in difficult situations.

To obtain copies, direct requests to the Consumer Economics Program, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521, or call (714) 787-5241.
ICRC Holding Hispanic Art Festival

Inland Caregiver Resource Center (ICRC) will commemorate its first anniversary as an independent, non-profit agency by holding an Hispanic-American Art Festival on May 2, 1992 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Asistencia Mission in Redlands. Proceeds from the event will support ICRC's Respite Program and its new Hispanic Outreach Program.

ICRC began in 1985 as Inland Counties Resource Center under the auspice and sponsorship of The San Bernardino Community Hospital. In 1991, a new non-profit organization, named Inland Caregiver Resource Center, was formed to assume administration of the program.

The Caregiver Resource Center serves family members and concerned professionals involved in the care of brain-impaired adults in the four counties of Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono.

Services provided by ICRC include information, referral, family care planning, support groups, respite care and education and training. Primary financial support for the program comes from the California State Department of Mental Health.

However, support from the community is needed to augment the state funding. On its waiting list for respite services are over three hundred families who care for victims of Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's disease and other brain-impairing conditions. The Respite Program gives the family caregiver a much needed break from the constant demands of providing care.

Since 1985 over four thousand families have received help through the Center's comprehensive services. Over 90,000 hours of respite care have been provided.

ICRC's Executive Director, David W. Fraser, points out that since the program's administrative costs are fully covered by the grant, all funds raised through donations in the community go towards respite and other direct services to family caregivers. Fraser emphasized that the state decreased its funding level this year and no increases are anticipated next year. This will only increase the number of families waiting for help. In addition to the Respite Program, ICRC will be making special efforts this year to reach out and serve Hispanic-American families. The agency currently has staff to assist Spanish speaking families.

The Hispanic-American Art Festival will feature paintings by several Hispanic-American artists including Frank Martinez, a Los Angeles based artist whose works have been purchased by the Southern California Gas Company, Vidal Sasso, the University of California at Los Angeles, Espejo Magazine and the Smithsonian Institute. Paintings will be available for sale through a silent auction. The Canto Bello Chorale, under the direction of Refugio "Emile" Gomez, will perform selections of popular Mexican folk songs. There will also be refreshments. Tickets for the event, $15.00 per person/$25.00 per couple and directions to the Asistencia Mission can be arranged by calling ICRC at (800) 675-6694.

Marshall School Spanish Magnet Program


Students receive 40 minutes of Spanish Language instruction each day. Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science are taught in English. Spanish and English are used in the classroom. There is a bilingual tutor in each class. Children participate in a variety of intercultural activities that reinforce their study of different countries and cultures.

This program is on DTrack. The first day of school is July 30, 1992, morning session Kindergarten. Incoming kindergarten students will be interviewed for English fluency.

Contact Alvinna Pawlik, Principal, at 882-3376 for a school tour and more information. Space is limited, so hurry!

College

Colton Library Tutorial Program

For 2-3 hours per week, you can help an adult learn to read and write. The Colton Public Library trains volunteers to become tutors for adults who wish to improve their reading and writing skills.

The next training workshop for volunteer tutors will be held on two Saturdays, May 2 and 9, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Fire Station #3 on South LaCadena Drive. Trainees must attend both sessions to receive certification.

We urge you to offer your time as a volunteer tutor. For more information and advance registration, please call 370-5170.

Fair Housing Month

Celebrate Fair Housing Month! Plan to attend this informative housing workshop for tenants, rental owners, homeowners, and Realtors to learn about your Fair Housing rights and responsibilities. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 1992 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Norman Feldheim Library, Kellogg Room A, 555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino, CA.

A well rounded program is planned by Inland Mediation Board with emphasis on housing discrimination and landlord/tenant rights and remedies. For more information call (606) 321-0911 or (714) 984-2254 or (714) 888-3763.

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Grupo Folklorico California directed by Rossana Carrasco will present regional dances from Mexico and will be accompanied by El Jalapa-Musica Veracruzana and Mariachi. Grupo Folklorico California was formed in 1983 and has performed throughout California: The International Mariachi Conference in Arizona and San Diego; Fort Worth, Texas and at the Capital in Washington, D.C.

Tickets will be $5.00 for general admission and may be purchased in advance. For further information contact Rossana Carrasco at (714) 883-0226, or (714) 885-7760, or write to P.O. Box 88, San Bernardino, CA 92402.

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- Nena's Restaurant, 642 N. "D" St., San Bernardino - 885-4161
- Lincoln Jewelers, 171 W. "H" St., Colton, CA - 825-6500
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The Pageant Committee cordially invites families to this Gala Event to support their favorite contestant and support their favorite Hispanic contestant. The Queen's Ball will be held following the pageant at El Rancho Rodriguez commencing at 9:00 p.m. sponsored by the Pageant Committee. All proceeds will go to next year's pageant's scholarships. Music will be by "Latin Flair" and Disco Show by Frankie & his Disco Machine. The Queen's Ball Tickets are available from Committee Members at $10.00 per ticket or you may reserve your tickets in advance at 888-3689.

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Once she was elected, she sent building inspectors and policemen down to Mt. Vernon Ave. to start cleaning the area. She is still working on cleaning up Mt. Vernon Ave.

As for the future of Councilwoman Estrada, she will continue to do the best that she can and live up to the expectations that people may have of her. Estrada feels a great sense of indebtedness to people who have helped, supported and worked with her. In addition, she has come to the conclusion that in this day and age one of the best positions to be in, in terms of political office, is at the local level where you can make the greatest contribution.

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le. After graduating from RCC, he received scholarships to continue his education by attending Cal Poly Pomona, earning a BA and Harvard Business School with an MBA. He later attended Oxford University to study advanced management techniques.

In July, 1990, he started the Rodolfo H. Castro Scholarship for Mexican-Americans at RCC with an endowment of $10,000. At that time he stated, "Twenty-five years has blurred the potential, and then given something back to your community."

His family consists of his mother, Lillian Diaz, two brothers, Theodore and James, four sisters, Cynthia Palacios, Martha Dowd, Jeannie Villarreal and Cathy Quiroz.

Rodolfo Castro was buried on Wednesday, April 8, 1992.

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"If the timing is right and the opportunity is there, the mayor's race would not be out of the question," confessed Estrada.

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The Inland Empire Hispanic News is publishing its CINCO DE MAYO SPECIAL PUBLICATION on April 29, 1992. Friends and business acquaintances who wish to salute the Hispanic public on this day of celebration may submit its salutary advertisements prior to April 22, 1992. For information regarding this special publication, please call (714) 381-6259 or fax (714) 384-0419.

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