Riverside Chapter To Host G.I. Forum 35th Annual State Convention, July 9, 10, 11, 12

The S.Sgt. Ysmael R. Villegas Chapter of the American G.I. Forum, Riverside, is hosting the 35th Annual State Convention to be held on July 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1992, at the Riverside Sheraton and Raintree Square Convention Center.

The State Convention is endorsed by the City of Riverside, Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Greater Chamber of Commerce, Vietnam Veterans of America and VFW Post 9223.

The Convention will consist of business meetings; procedural workshops; a seminar on fund raising techniques; and a press conference with press coverage. The program will also include multi-assignments as principal's designee, management support and kindergarten teacher.

Mr. Herrera stated, “During my growing-up years in Corona, I did a lot of reading about many subjects and was inspired to continue my education. I was also encouraged by my parents who supported my efforts to continue with a career in education.”

Graduating from Corona High, she attended Chaffey College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Redlands. She was a member of the Wilmington Historical Society and was a member of the American Legion Post 9223.

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For more information, contact Mrs. Herrera at (714) 774-8999 or Mr. Herrera at (714) 774-8412.

Call to mobilize the Latino Communities to stop dangerous INS high speed chases

Dr. Armando Navarro, Executive Director of the Institute for Social Justice, at a press conference held in front of the Immigration & Naturalization Services Office in Riverside on Friday, June 19th.

Dr. Navarro was referring to the incident where a U.S. Border Patrol vehicle was in a high-speed chase of another vehicle, whose occupants were alleged illegal immigrants, into the City of Temecula and as a result, the latter car hit a vehicle, struck two young people, the accident occurring in front of the Temecula High School. Six persons died as a result of the accident.

Speaking to a gathering of approximately 90 community persons, Hispanic elected officials, clergy and Hispanic groups from throughout the Inland Empire, Dr. Navarro stated that “the border patrol is out of control and their inventory procedures and implementation of discipline guidelines. Her teaching experiences include 12 years as a bilingual kindergarten teacher. Prior to her new assignment, Mrs. Herrera's administrative responsibilities included multi-assignments as principal's designee, management support and kindergarten teacher.

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Riverside Unified School District

Mrs. Margaret Herrera, first Hispanic woman school principal in Riverside

Mrs. Margaret Herrera, assistant principal at Jefferson Elementary School, made history when the Riverside Unified School District appointed her principal at Hyatt Elementary School. She is the first Hispanic female to be named principal in the 120-year history of the District.

“I am thrilled at being appointed principal to Hyatt. I am looking forward to new challenges and responsibilities. One of my goals is to raise the students’ achievement level and close the education gap that exist among the various ethnic groups,” she stated in an interview.

Mrs. Herrera is well prepared for her new responsibilities. She has been involved with the educational systems for 17 years, with experiences in coordinating Special Education and GATE Programs, Title VII budgets, bilingual inventory procedures and implementation of discipline guidelines. Her teaching experiences include 12 years as a bilingual kindergarten teacher.

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Seccombe Lake July 4th Program

Latino Peace Officers' Association Installation and Awards Dinner

Philip Marmolejo American Legion Post 650, Installation of Officers
San Bernardino City Unified School Dist. Superintendent Dr. Neal Roberts, was honored at a retirement reception after 32 years with the San Bernardino City Unified School District. Mr. Ayala served in various administrative directorships, including Support Services, Program Management, Categorical Projects, and Bilingual Education. He was a classroom teacher for 13 years. He has been actively involved with the Association of Mexican American Educators, Salvation Army, ACSA, and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Foundation.

Frank Ayala retires after 32 years with the San Bernardino City Unified School Dist.

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Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable Meeting, July 11
The Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable has scheduled a breakfast meeting at Casa Ramona, 1524 West 7th Street, San Bernardino on July 11, 1992 at 9:00 A.M. The breakfast meeting is sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

The main speaker is 1st Ward Councilperson Esther Estrada, current chairperson of the Inland Valley Development Agency and member of the San Bernardino Regional Airport Authority. The agencies are responsible for the development of Norton Air Force Base and airport facilities, respectively, after the base closure in 1993.

Additionally, Ms. Estrada is chairperson of the Redevelopment Agency's subcommittee for the Mount Vernon Corridor Redevelopment District. She will be presenting an update on the current status of the three area projects. Organizations and individual members of the Roundtable are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required. Call (714) 381-6259 or (714) 888-1733 for reservations or information.

$4 million for Ontario Airport access

Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (D-San Bernardino, Ontario, Riverside) announced today that the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee in the House of Representatives has approved an additional $4 million to improve ground access roads leading in and out of Ontario International Airport. The extra money should help the airport complete this project by the end of next year.

"This is good news for everyone using Ontario Airport," Rep. Brown said. "It will make it easier to drive into and out of the airport and reduce the congestion and traffic tie-ups which frequently occur under the present conditions."

The $4 million dollars, which is part of the FY 1993 budget, will be added to an additional $5.3 million already available this fiscal year, and should enable the airport to complete the ground access project by the end of 1993.

Ontario International Airport is critical to the ongoing economic growth of our region," Brown said. "These funds, coming in a year where money is very tight, represent a big win for our community."

The Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee also approved $2 million to build an air traffic control tower at Rialto Airport.

"Both the Ontario and the Rialto airports are crucial cogs in our rapidly growing area," Brown said. "Ontario Airport in particular has the capacity to absorb the region's tremendous growth, but it must be upgraded to be able to meet those needs smoothly and efficiently."

Brown is Chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, and is a senior member of the Agriculture Committee.

Seccombe Lake July 4th Program Set

SAN BERNARDINO - The City of San Bernardino and the Inland Empire Symphony Association are sponsoring a Fourth of July celebration at Seccombe Lake Park located at 547 North Sierra Way in San Bernardino. The day's activities will begin at 3:00 p.m. and continue through 9:30 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

Entertainment will run throughout the afternoon and evening, starting with the AAA Dixieland and Swing Band at 3:00 p.m. An "All Americana" concert is being sponsored by the Inland Empire Symphony Association from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., featuring conductor Frank Fetta. The San Bernardino Parks and Recreation Community Services Department will be sponsoring family games. Free balloons for the kids will be provided by San Bernardino Downtown Main Street, Incorporated. Food and beverage can be purchased at the event and picnickers are welcome; no alcohol please.

The evening's festivities will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. Call the San Bernardino Parks and Recreation and Community Services Department for further information at (714) 384-3233.
Riverside Chef is first Hispanic to be named Chef of the Year

RIVERSIDE, CA - Noe G. Lorenzana, C.E.C., A.A.C., executive chef for the Sheraton Riverside Hotel and the Riverside Convention Center, has been elected 1991 Chef of the Year by the Orange County Chef's Association Chapter of the American Culinary Federation. Chef Lorenzana is the first chef from Mexico ever to receive this prestigious award.

Chef Lorenzana was born in Mexico City while his father, a Mexican diplomatic official, was on assignment here in Southern California. He demonstrated from an early age his talent in preparing and presenting original and distinctive foods, and it was not unexpected when he left home to take his first culinary job as an apprentice in the kitchen of San Diego's Hotel del Coronado. He went on to earn a degree in High Culinary Art from the Culinary Institute of Long Beach and Cypress College. Chef Lorenzana was chef with the elegant Hotel Queen Mary in Long Beach, as well as the Hilton, Hyatt, and Marriott hotels, before coming to the Inland Empire where he is responsible for some half million meals annually from the kitchens of the Sheraton Riverside Hotel and the Riverside Convention Center.

"I can't think of anything I enjoy more than cooking and eating good food," Chef Lorenzana says. "I get real satisfaction from teaching others and sharing this rewarding experience."

His reputation among his peers has resulted in Chef Lorenzana being elected into the American Academy of Chefs. He is also a member of the American Culinary Federation, Chefs du Cuisine of California, International Food Executives, Southern California Inland Empire Chefs and Cooks Association and the prestigious Les Toques Blanches. He has also served as president of the Orange County Chefs Association.

"At the Sheraton Riverside Hotel and the Riverside Convention Center, the most important step in providing guests with memorable meals comes before the stove is turned on," he declares. "We accept only the finest, freshest ingredients, and that's the way it has to be if a chef really cares about insuring that his guests have first-rate dining experiences."

Kiwanis Health Fair Received $1,000 contribution from Kaiser Permanente

Frank Reyes presents Susan Caulk of Kaiser Permanente with award for $1,000 check received to support the Kiwanis Health Fair. Left to right: Frank Reyes, presenter; Susan Caulk, Assistant Hospital Administrator, Kaiser Permanente; Ray Quinto, Health Fair Chairman; Kathy Flynn, President of Kiwanis of Greater San Bernardino.

CHP El Protector program reducing traffic deaths

CHP Officer Pete Barrera receiving a donation of 250 t-shirts from B.F.I. District Manager Richard Chilton with Joel Barragan (center) at the scene. Mr. Barragan is a highly respected and long-time employee of B.F.I.

The El Protector program was first introduced to the Inland Empire May 1, 1991. Since the introduction of the program Officer Pete Barrera has actively reached out into the Hispanic community with traffic safety issues. As a result of the program fatal statistics involving Hispanic surname individuals dropped in 1991 by an impressive 54%. In 1990, 124 Hispanics suffered fatal injuries compared to only 57 in 1991.

Numerous letters have been received by our Inland Division office commending Officer Barrera for a job well done. Some community leaders have also offered their assistance to our officer. Richard Chilton from B.F.I. Waste Systems donated two hundred and fifty "El Protector" t-shirts to the program.
Latino Peace Officers’ Association 7th Annual Installation & Awards

The awards ceremony was impressive with 24 law enforcement employees receiving recognition for outstanding service.

The Latino Peace Officers Association, San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter recently held its 7th Annual Installation/Officers of the Year Awards at the Maniko Hotel.

Keynote Speaker was H. Frank Dominguez, President of Vanir Industries. Installation Officer was Superior Court Judge Donald Van Luven.

Newly installed officers for 1992-93 year were President Ben Rudidoux; 1st Vice President Randolph Candelaria; 2nd Vice President Richard Amador; Secretary Margo Barboza; Treasurer Mary Cowell and Sergeant at Arms Dan Gutierrez.

Officers receiving awards for 1992 were:
- Correctional Officer Arturo Vela, California Institute for Women; Monica Padilla, San Bernardino County Coroner’s Officer;
- Lieutenant Steven Cabral, Colton Police Department;
- Corporal Mark Walters, Colton Police Department;
- Deputy Sheriff Timothy Salas, (Sheriff’s Medal of Honor) Riverside Sheriff’s Department;
- Officer Yvon Allen Layel, Redlands Police Department;
- Deputy Marshal Bruce Scholfield, San Bernardino County Marshal’s Office;
- Identification Technician Steve Fishburn, Fontana Police Department;
- Officers Mark Garcia and Mark Johnson, San Bernardino Police Department;
- Officer Randy DeAnda, Rialto Police Department;
- Officer Joe Martinez, California Rehabilitation Center;
- Officer Michael Caldera, Ontario Police Department;
- Senior Probation Officer Alex Candelaria, Riverside County Probation Department;
- Officer Patricia Arvizu, State Consumer Services Agency;
- Officer Merito Tira, Indio Police Department;
- Officer Alex Blanco, California Institute for Men;
- Corporal Francis Donlon, Fontana Police Department;
- Officer Richard Vasquez, California Department of Corrections;
- Officer Robert Garcia, California Department of the Youth Authority;
- Sergeant Lisa Malone, California State Police;
- Sergeant Betty Fitzpatrick, Perris Police Department;
- Officer Joseph Gutierrez, Upland Police Department.

The Ontario City Council is seeking applications for membership on a seven-member Ethics and Campaign Compliance Committee.

This committee will be charged with the responsibility of preparing a comprehensive code of ethics and rules of conduct for all Ontario public officials, elected and appointed, among other tasks.

Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk, City Hall, 303 East "B" Street, Ontario, CA 91764.

Deadline for filing applications is June 28, 1992.

Keynote Speaker
H. Frank Dominguez
Vanir Industries
Month of June is proclaimed "Tuberculosis Awareness Month"

The month of June has been proclaimed as Tuberculosis (TB) Awareness month in San Bernardino County as well as in California. Tuberculosis is a disease caused by a bacterium spread through airborne particles. Symptoms of tuberculosis may include a chronic cough, fever, fatigue, chest pains, night sweats and weight loss. Left untreated TB can result in permanent damage of the lungs and other body organs, and even death.

An individual with actual TB usually displays one or more of the symptoms of tuberculosis. However, an individual may carry the bacteria that causes TB without displaying any symptoms. In this case, the infection is said to be inactive. Inactive TB cannot be spread from one individual to another. Tuberculosis infection can be detected through a TB skin test, in conjunction with other medical procedures.

Individuals at risk for tuberculosis should contact their physician and discuss having a TB skin test. Remember TB can be prevented and cured with the proper medication and precautions.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Program offers the TB skin test for $8.00. MediCal is also accepted. The skin test must be read three (3) days after it is administered. For more information please call 383-3090.

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Colton High Students to Boys State

Two Colton High School juniors were named Boys State representatives by the American Legion Post 155.

Joe Leyva and Chris Arroway will attend the 49th annual session of Boys State in Sacramento this summer. They will form a mock government of state, county and city officials to set policies and discuss issues with representatives from high schools throughout California.

Leyva and Arroway were selected based on their knowledge and acceptance of the U.S. form of government, ability to relate to other students, sense of civic responsibility and willingness to share the results of their experience with other students upon returning.

GTE gives $5,000 to House of Ruth

Gary George, Program Affairs Manager for the Pomona Valley Division of GTE CALIFORNIA INCORPORATED presented a check for $5,000 to House of Ruth Executive Director, Barbara Hope.

The funds are directed to House of Ruth's Violence Prevention Program for School Age Children. Mr. George expressed GTE's commitment to social responsibility by supporting financial and volunteer assistance to local human service agencies which provide a positive effect on the quality of life in the communities they serve.

House of Ruth provides Violence Prevention Programs to School Age persons, ages 6 to 21, to break the cycle of violence before it begins, and to empower those already involved in violent relationships to escape.

The single major cause of injury to women is domestic violence. It is more frequent than rape, muggings, and auto accidents combined. 90% of felons convicted of violent crimes were raised in violent homes. Witnessing the violent episode of battering in their home reinforces the idea in children that violence is a means of resolving differences.

The House of Ruth Violence Prevention Programs present issue oriented topics which include the dynamics of domestic violence, what is abuse, child abuse, date rape, 12 signs of a batterer/abuser; myths and realities of rape and avoidance procedures; anger management; what services are available; and what to do if you or your family are in an abusive relationship. Programs are presented at schools free of charge. For more information on House of Ruth services, please call (714) 623-4364 or 24-hour Crisis Intervention Hotline at (714) 988-5559.

4-H honored with Univ. of California award for good work with county's youth-at-risk.

San Bernardino County's Cooperative Extension 4-H staff has been honored with an affirmative action award by the University of California for its powerful impact work with youth-at-risk in the county.

New outreach efforts by the 4-H staff have resulted in:

• A new Youth Justice Center 4-H club for young men incarcerated under the Probation Department.
• A new 4-H club at Bethesda House, a shelter for battered women and their children.
• 4-H programs at Shandin Hills Middle School, Cajon and Pacific High Schools, and San Andreas Continuation High School.
• Gardening programs reaching more than 300 developmentally disabled young people.
• The 4-H Farm Focus program to help acquaint city youth with agriculture and food production.

Working with the Children's Advocate Council and Children's Network has resulted in 4-H being asked by three school districts to become a part of a collaborative effort focusing on schools within the district with high-risk youth—large minority and low income student enrollment. The majority of these schools reflect an ethnic diversity greater than the county as a whole. Several are in high crime/gang/drug communities. The linkage with schools makes 4-H an equal partner in seeking state funding under California's "Healthy Start" program that focuses on "prevention education."

Cooperative Extension County Director Michael D. Trujillo says, "Getting high-risk youth involved in projects to learn the value of team effort, leadership and responsibility has not been an easy task. 4-H Program Leader Bill Siroyw, Assistants Jan Texera, Lorri Castro-Aguilera, and Rita Weiss, and support staff Jan Binks and Beverly Auld are to be applauded for this achievement. But, this is only the beginning of our 4-H program's concentrated efforts to reach families and youth who are most in need."

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Sunday's schedule will be the continuation of the general session and election of officers. A farewell reception is scheduled at Pedrito's Bar with mariachi music for the convention attendees.

The G.I. Forum, a veterans group, was founded by Dr. Hector Garcia in 1948 in Texas to aid Hispanic veterans to receive the benefits to which discharged G.I.'s were entitled. The group was the founder of the SER JOBS for Progress and is the main resource for referral on socio-economic services.

Sgt. Ysmael Villegas, a resident of Casablanca, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (posthumously) as a result of his heroic fighting ability and leadership while leading a squad charge on March 20, 1945. Sergeant Villegas individually charged five foxholes, killing the Japanese soldiers and while attacking the sixth foxhole, was killed by the enemy.

His family resides in the Riverside area and his son, Charlie Villegas, is the leader of the "After Seven" band!

Left to right: Beverly Auld, Jan Binks, Lorri Castro-Aguilera, Bill Siroyw, Jean Texera, and Rita Lopez-Wells.
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By Antonio De' Oro

Summer fun is in store for youngsters at the Redlands Community Center located at 111 West Lugo Drive, just one block West of Orange. According to Karen Reams, Recreation Supervisor, a whole series of activities will be offered for not only young people but adults too.

Prizes!! Like to play checkers, pool, ping-pong? If you are between 5 and 16 years old, tournaments are held every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. You may win some prizes!!

Hey! How about using the Racquetball courts - Call first!!

Wow! Do you want to play sports better? How about the Children's Sport Camps? Ages 7-14? We'll teach you the real 'skinny' on how to beat the other guy at Soccer, Basketball, Tumbling, Racquetball, and Basketball. Only $15.00 per student.

Calling all mom's!! Are you in need of some child care? Then call 798-7572 for more information. The Redlands Community Center offers full day child care for infants through pre-school.

Redlands Community Center Summer Fun

Free lessons! You don't have to be Pablo Picasso to take our Ceramics class. We have the Ceramic bisque-ware, from one to fifteen dollars. Making ceramics can be fun. Make Mom a nice Ceramic figurine, she'll remember it all her life. We'll teach you how to fire and paint your ceramics. Classes are, Monday and Friday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. the year round.

Let's go to the 'Movies' at the Community Center. Call to see what's showing this week. Sorry, but bring your own popcorn!

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Hurry! Don't miss out. Want more information? Then call us at 798-7572 or 798-7573.

GTE warns of telephone fraud artists

THOUSAND OAKS - GTE California officials today issued a warning to customers to beware of telephone fraud artists victimizing customers in Southern California.

In recent episodes, con artists have posed as telephone company security agents asking customers to help thwart telephone fraud.

"Customers should beware of this pitch, because by 'helping' prevent fraud, they could become victims of fraud," said Frank Augusta, manager of security investigations for GTE. "The con artists end up billing the helpful customer for long-distance calls, usually to Mexico, though other South American and Middle Eastern nations might be involved."

Augusta said that if a customer is contacted by someone claiming to be a security agent, the customer should get the agent's name and telephone number. "You telephone company representative will never call a customer asking for a PIN number," Augusta said. "We don't need it."

GTE California, based in Thousand Oaks, serves more than 3 million customers in 330 communities, mostly in Southern California.

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