Dr. Armando Navarro resigns from Institute for Social Justice

Dr. Armando Navarro, long-time director of the Institute for Social Justice (ISJ), submitted his resignation to the ISJ Board of Directors on July 10, 1992.

Dr. Navarro has written an open letter to the Latino community. The Inland Empire Hispanic News is publishing, verbatim, the open letter:

Open letter to the Latino Community

Officially as of July 10, 1992, I have resigned as the Executive Director of the Institute for Social Justice. My decision to resign has not been an easy one. In fact, it has been one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make.

Since I started my organizing career in 1968, my aspirations and dreams in life have been to serve as an advocate for the betterment and empowerment of our people. As the founder of ISJ, I have been committed to taking on causes and issues that at times have been deemed by some, as being controversial. In spite of innumerable obstacles, especially financial, ISJ has a positive track record of successes in the area of social justice that spans from the local to the international.

Few Latino organizations can match ISJ’s reputation. My resignation will now allow others to assume leadership, hopefully continuing with the same focus in mind. Due to the time constraints and other demands being placed on me as professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside my resignation from ISJ will allow me ample time to concentrate on my academic work.

I am committed to continuing my service to the Latino community - the difference being that my weapons in the pursuit of social change will shift from the power of organization and direct action, to that of the pen and pedagogy. For the record, I will not succumb to the temptation of becoming an ivory-tower activist.

After twenty-four years of organizing experience, I feel I can make profound contribution to our community by teaching and conducting meaningful applied research that will provide an intellectual stimulus to our “Latino/Chicano Movement.” I and others, because of our commitment, have tried and struggled to keep ISJ going. I pray to God that he will give me the strength, conviction, and vision to continue my unfinished work.

My resignation is an opportunity for the Chairperson of ISJ, as well as the Board of Directors and others in the community, to assume a greater leadership role in defending and advancing the political, economic, and social interests of our community. It is my hope that the mission that ISJ has been consistent with since its inception, of serving as a catalyst for the pursuit of social justice and social change, be continued.

The present devastating crisis this nation is in, is engendering a plethora of social problems that demand from everyone, greater participation and commitment to Inland Voter Education Project.

The Inland Voter Education Project will be conducting a voter registration drive in the Inland Empire.

The toughest decision that 19 year old Caesar Mendoza, Jr. had made up to this point in his life on March 28, 1992, was telling the doctors to remove the life-support system for his father, Caesar "Mike" Mendoza, Sr. This decision was a result of a massive stroke Mike Sr. suffered on March 4, which left him brain-dead with complete reliance on the support system.

Mike Sr. was well known in the Westside and more so, as an involved parent and coach with the Pony Baseball League. He preached baseball to many hundreds of young men and women when he first became interested in the game back in 1968! He taught baseball to youngsters at every age level.

Dr. Armando Navarro, Institute for Social Justice, Founder and Director

ISJ’s social justice mission. In particular, for Latinos, the crisis is not a recession, it is a depression, that if unresolved or unmitigated, will relegate us to the abyss of an underclass and powerless status reminiscent to what we see in South Africa today. The difference being, we will be ostensibly an unorganized and leaderless minority.

The organizing work ISJ has initiated needs to be continued and supported. Without ISJ in the San Bernardino and Riverside counties, who will defend the rights of our people and deal with the myriad of abuses and problems facing us as a community? The same scenario applies to both the state and national levels. The answer lies with the ISJ Board, Latino leaders, and other organizations. It is imperative that the hard work continue in order to strengthen ISJ’s position as the beacon of social justice for Latinos and Minorities.

In closing, this is not “adios,” it is merely the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. Please note my thanks and appreciation to all those who have given their support to both myself and the Institute for Social Justice throughout these many years.

Muchas gracias y que Dios los Bendiga

Dr. Armando Navarro
 Commentary

Wednesday, July 22, 1992

The Last Free Ride

By: Joe Baca

It's impossible for any single newspaper to keep track of everything going on in the State Capitol these days. But as a candidate for the State Assembly this year, I've got to try. So, I've been reading newspapers from throughout the state.

Last week I came across a story in the San Jose Mercury News.

It's a story that made me angry. It's a story that symbolizes everything that's wrong in the State Capitol. It's a story that should be repeated.

Everyday we are being bombarded with news about the state budget crisis. There's not enough money - we are told. Kindergarten children may be turned away from school this fall - we are told. There isn't support for new taxes - we are told.

But it seems there are exceptions to every rule. The Car and Truck Rental Leasing Association has succeeded in doing what no one else seems to be able to do - they were able to convince 2/3 rds of the State Assembly to raise our taxes, lower their taxes, take money out of the state treasury and give themselves a free ride.

Here's how the scam works. Today, car rental companies pay vehicle license fees when they register their fleets of cars. Just like you and me. But under the provisions of Assembly Bill 3040, authored by Assemblyman Jerry Eaves, those companies won't have to pay those fees any more. Instead $129 million they pay today will be slipped onto consumers' rental bills as a 4.4% tax surcharge. The rental companies will be allowed to continue to advertise their current rental rates, and this tax will be on those "add-ons" we are all forced to pay when we rent a car or truck.

The governor's Department of Finance notified lawmakers that this "bill is in conflict with the administration's policy of no new taxes." But that didn't matter. Lawmakers in the Assembly approved the measure anyway.

And to make it all worse, AB 3040 not only raises consumer taxes by giving a $129 million tax break to these companies, it causes a loss of $7 million in sales tax revenue to the state - at a time when we are being told that schools have to be cut because there's no way to avoid it.

Would this $7 million solve the budget crisis? Not hardly. But it would make it $7 million easier on our kids, our retired people, and our public employees.

And if $129 million more in taxes are going to be paid by you and me, why should it go to Hertz and Avis and not to schools, the elderly, the disabled? Legislators have been telling us for years that getting 2/3 rds approval for revenues or cuts is simply impossible. But it doesn't seem to be a roadblock when big money talks in the halls of our State Capitol.

AB 3040 now moves to the State Senate. Hopefully, our Senator, Ruben Ayala, in his tracks. And whoever you elect to replace Mr. Eaves ought to let the special interests know that AB 3040 is the last free ride they're going to get from our representatives in the State Capitol.

Kudos y abrazos y muchisimas gracias por todos tus esfuerzos, Dr. Armando Navarro!
La Gran Fiesta Ranchera

LA GRAN FIESTA RANCHERA, a unique family-style festival, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 1st and 2nd, 1992 respectively. The event will be at the Fiesta Grounds, 4525 Victoria Avenue, Riverside, California. The two-day festival will feature a program of professional entertainment highlighted by Mercedes Castro, a very well known singer and actress. She will be accompanied by the popular mariachi band, "Los Halcones".

This is the 36th Annual Fiesta; it is the one fund-raising benefit for Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, in Riverside. Reports from Committee Chairpersons, Prax and Robert Loya, indicate that this Annual Fiesta reunites present and former residents from throughout Riverside County as well as from cities as far away as San Francisco to the north and San Diego to the south.

In addition, this event allows an opportunity for people in the general public to sample a slice of genuine Mexican culture - including food, friendship and fun!

There will be a variety of homemade Mexican foods, such as, tacos, taquitos, pozole, gorditas, enchiladas, burritos and other delicious items. There is an admission charge of $3.50 for adults; children under 12 years of age are admitted without charge.

A Fiesta Ranchera Queen and her court will be crowned at 8:00 pm, Saturday. Octavio Rodriguez of the Fiesta Ranchera Committee will serve as Master of Ceremonies. He will be assisted by Alfredo Gonzalez of Radio Station KCAL and Joel Arevalo.

For further information call: Robert or Prax Loya at (714) 684-4649.
The "Good Works" of Kids Against Crime

Publisher's Note: Laura Rivera, a San Bernardino resident, attended local Westside schools and graduating from San Bernardino High School in 1975. She obtained an A.A. in Data Processing from San Bernardino Valley College and attended Adelphi Business College, receiving a Certificate of Accreditation on Office Assistance. Ms. Rivera is a Vista Volunteer for Kids Against Crime, Inc. and coordinator for graffiti cleaning and children fingerprinting.

By Laura Rivera

Kids Against Crime, Inc. is a youth-oriented crime prevention and awareness program, which is very unique because it focuses on kids helping kids. The main goal is "teaching kids to be safe in their homes, schools and community".

The majority of the people involved in the program are volunteers who are dedicated to children everywhere, fighting for their rights, including child molestation, physical and mental abuse, kidnapping and other crimes committed against kids.

Kids Against Crime has many individual ongoing programs which enhances the fight against child-related crimes.

One program is fingerprinting of children, which enables the parents to keep valuable records of their children which will be available if needed in an emergency.

Another important program is staging skits for parents and children, playing roles in situations so they can learn to protect themselves.

The graffiti clean-up program's goal is helping kids become aware of crimes in their communities and learn to protect themselves.

An important component of the overall program is maintaining a hotline with overall supervision by Eva Cox-Dennis, in recruiting and training young volunteers to operate a hot-line. A volunteer is available to listen to caller's problems, recommending solutions or appropriate referrals. The telephone number is 1-800-522-5670.

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The American Nightmare

By: Pauline Jaramillo

As Americans we take pride in being first to help others in times of crisis. Our popularity as a generous country is equalled only by our self appointed "watchdog-of-the-world" fame. Unfortunately, we have become so satiated with our successes abroad that we have turned a blind eye to the cancer that is ravishing our nation.

There is something intrinsically wrong when we can boldly cross an ocean to liberate a country, but refuse to cross the street to extend equality to our neighbor, or launch a campaign to save the rain forests, but cannot come up with a plan that will rescue our children from the depravity of the ghettos and barrios; or look into the distant future of space travel and space colonies, but refuse to see the extinction of hope in an entire race.

Have we, like abusive parents, become brutal and calloused to the needs of our children (while giving generously to everyone else's) or are we "lost in the problem of racism. Like a guilt ridden parent, we shovel money into programs for minorities in an effort to compensate for our failure as a civilized society to care. Dignity and hope are not commodities to be restored with food stamps. Only when we release our fears, risk vulnerability and give from within ourselves will we come to the realization that there are no valuable resource - human life. No society that turns against its own kind will ever survive. As Jesse Jackson points out, "The United States must decide whether to pay the cost of hope now or bear the greater price of despair later."

Layer after layer of selfishness must be peeled away in order to attain a level of compassion where all that remains in the soul - naked and exposed. Only then will we give without counting the cost as the Samaritan did to the Gentile, who was considered racially inferior and not worth the risk (Luke 10:30-37).

Racism will not disappear from our country as result of more civil rights laws being enacted, or even as a result of an ethnic minority occupying the oval office, but only on the day when race ceases to be an issue and all of us can work and play side by side, our tears of joy and sorrow mingling with no distinction between them.

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What we don't seem to realize however, is that our selfishness is creating a nation that uses and discards its most valuable resource - human life. No society that turns against its own kind will ever survive. As Jesse Jackson points out, "The United States must decide whether to pay the cost of hope now or bear the greater price of despair later."

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We seem to have forgotten that dignity and hope are not commodities to be bought and sold, nor can faith be restored with food stamps. Only when we release our fears, risk vulnerability and give from within ourselves will we come to the realization that there are no second class citizens - only precious lives, each one a unique creation of God.

When the first century Jewish leaders, eager to assert their power, would have stoned Mary Magdalene for breaking the law, Jesus saw something in her that they, in their self-righteousness, had not. By risking their wrath and being vulnerable in her behalf, He not only restored her dignity and hope, He nourished in her a faith that remained loyal when He hung dying on the cross - abandoned by His disciples. Mary's life would have ended quite differently if Jesus had given her money, then having done His duty, turned away while the Jewish leaders stoned her to death (John 8:30-31). We live in a society where money is a necessary commodity and therefore valuable, but its worth is greatly diminished when it is given without empathy and compassion.

Unfortunately, commitment to others has become unnatural in our upwardly mobile society while self-gratification and indulgence are "in."

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About the Author of
The American Nightmare
Pauline Jaramillo

Publisher's Note: Pauline Jaramillo was born in the Southwestern part of New Mexico, and later moved to Belen and Albuquerque. She attended the schools there and eventually moved to Garden Grove, California, where she graduated from Orangewood Academy.

Ms. Jaramillo is proud of her family's ancestry which has been traced to Galicia, Spain. The Jaramillo's are early settlers of New Mexico and have contributed to the growth of that part of the state since the mid-sixteenth century.

She obtained a BA in psychology from Cal-State, San Bernardino and is pursuing graduate work. As an avid writer, she has written numerous articles and short stories which have been published in various magazines.

"As a minority, I've had first hand experience with racism. Rather than allow it to make me bitter, however, I used it in a constructive manner," she states.

As an example, Ms. Jaramillo refers to an experience in which parents were invited to review a sex education film in her son's middle school. Recognizing a racist slur in the film, she filed a complaint with the principal, district superintendent and eventually with the county superintendent of schools. After three months of 'fighting' the system, she received a letter from the Superintendent stating that the film had been removed from circulation as a result of her persistence. Additionally, he commended her for her initiative in "brining to fruition a change in the material. that will benefit all students in Riverside County."

Ms. Jaramillo stated that "racial equality must begin with each of us realizing our 'worth and potential' as human beings. We must continue by seeking ways to improve our personal circumstances and finally by implementing our successes in ways that benefit society as a whole."

Caesar "Mike" Mendoza from page 1

He believed in the game which built the strength and competitiveness in young people that would be beneficial in their later life, and this belief was especially taught to his sons, Ceasar, Jr. and Samuel.

At the time of his death, Henry Arriola, president of the Pony League of San Bernardino, said, "Mike led by example. He was able to understand the kids at their age level. Never yelling at them. This was what was great about him."

The baseball season was dedicated to the memory of Mike Mendoza.

After Mike's death, his son, Ceasar, Jr. moved into the coaching role his father held for 23 years. The team placed first in the Bronco division of the League!

"I am grateful to my father for all the good things he taught me. I will be carrying out the job for which he dedicated his life for," the young man said.

The two young brothers are currently confronted with the cost of the funeral. This burden has been so much that the Pony League at Guadalupe Field and its affiliates have planned a benefit dance at the Eagles Hall, 895 East 9th Street, San Bernardino on August 1, from 8:00 PM to 12:00 PM to offset the funeral cost. All proceeds will be forward to the family.

The public is encouraged to support this fundraising benefit. Persons wishing information may call Chuck at (714)622-5208 or Henry at (714)888-2588.

The "Mike" Mendoza Trust Fund has been set up for the family at the Bank of San Bernardino, Highland Branch, for persons wishing to donate.
San Salvador Church Fiesta

Fiesta Tropical is this year's theme for San Salvador Catholic Church's annual fiesta. The fiesta is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st from 3-10 pm and Sunday, August 2nd from 11 am-9 pm and will be held in the church parking lot just north of the church at 7th and L Streets in Colton.

A Queen Contest is included this year with the crowning to be held Saturday at 3 pm. Among the entertainment scheduled for Saturday is oldies music by The Dupremes at 3 pm, Ballet Folklorico Tonahuatl at 5 pm, and Santos Rodriguez at 6 pm. Sunday features rope/fasso tricks by Familia Guzman at 2:30 pm, Ballet Folklorico Tonahuatl at 3 pm, Mariachi Lucero at 4 pm and dancing to Latin Society at 6 pm.

Games for children, and a wide variety of taste-tempering food and drinks will be offered. In addition a raffle and a 50-50 drawing will be held. There is no admission charge to the fiesta and it is open to the public.

Fiesta Tropical is a family event and everyone is welcome to share in the fun and festivities. The proceeds will go to the parish building fund, scholarships and general maintenance.

Fontana Seeks Community Relations

Commission Members

The City of Fontana is soliciting applications for appointment by the Mayor and City Council to the Community Relations Commission. The Community Relations Commission serves in an advisory role to the council in its efforts to foster good intergroup relations between all people of the community regardless of race, sex, national origin, age, religion, economic status or physical or mental disability.

The Commission meets the fourth Thursday of each month and appointments are made for a period of four years. No compensation will be provided and applicants must be a resident of the City of Fontana.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve on this commission should contact the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana.

Applications should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by July 14, 1992.

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Colton School District

New Dress Code Policy

A stricter dress code for students received the nod of approval by the Colton Joint Unified School District Board of Education on July 9.

The action revised the previous dress code to specify the types of clothing and accessories that will be banned from all school campuses, effective immediately. Prohibited items include hats, clothing with team logos, nonprescription glasses worn indoors and attire that is gang-related, sexually suggestive or advertise alcohol or drugs. Shoes must be worn at all times.

The dress code was developed by a committee of students and administration members that began meeting this spring. The group drafted the proposal and presented it to PTA's and School Site Councils.

The district's philosophy and goals of prevention of substance abuse and gang activity.

A student who violates the policy will be sent home to change, receive a written referral and have his/her parents notified. A second offense will require a parent conference and one-day suspension. A third offense will require another parent conference and five-day suspension with referral to a district Discipline Panel.

A policy is fair and necessary, Bloomington High School senior Tammy DeBeaubien said. "I honestly believe that this dress code is the best thing for the students," she told Board of Education members. She is especially opposed to students wearing hats at school.

Colton High School Principal Rick Disching also voiced his approval.

The dress code should become easier to enforce as time goes on, because it is starting at the kindergarten level, she explained. "Quite frankly, the students were very much in favor of having a stricter dress code, with specific items."

Students attending year round elementary schools will receive letters this week to take home to parents. Students who return to class in the fall will receive information in back of school packets.

Lati Council of La Raza Launches

Major Latino Media Image Initiative

Los Angeles, CA - The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the nation's largest constituency-based Latino organization, announced the launching of a major initiative to improve the image of Latinos in the media and general public at a news conference Monday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Theater Room of the Los Angeles Airport Hilton. This initiative will be carried out in conjunction with the United States Commission on Civil Rights and other Latino organizations. NCLR is currently holding its Annual Conference at the LAX Hilton July 19-23.

Participating in the news conference will be Arthur Fisher, Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, who will discuss a major project the Commission is conducting on the image of Latinos, Asians, and other underrepresented minorities in the media and Jose Luis Ruiz, Executive Director of the National Latino Communications Center.
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Chaffey student wins Nat'l Hispanic Scholarship Fund scholarship

John Rivera an engineering major at Chaffey College has received a national scholarship. The award was presented by the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund. This is an organization that provides scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of Hispanic American background. The presentation was made on April 1, at UCLA's faculty center. Rivera was selected from a field of 10,000 students who applied for the scholarships. This year, 3,400 students, or three out of ten applicants, were recognized with the prestigious scholarships. There were 183 companies who contributed funds for the scholarships.

To be eligible students must be United States citizens, or permanent residents of Mexican-American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Caribbean, Central or South American heritage. All applicants must be enrolled in a college or university in the United States or Puerto Rico.

The National Hispanics Scholarship Fund (NHSF) was incorporated in 1975 and made its first awards in 1976. In a relatively short history NHSF has awarded more than $12 million in scholarships. This year, 3,400 students, or three out of ten applicants, were recognized with the prestigious scholarships. There were 183 companies who contributed funds for the scholarships.

Rivera was chosen Chaffey college Ambassador of goodwill during the 1991 Homecoming. He has served in many extra curricular posts including: Alpha Gamma Sigma-Honor Society, publicity officer, treasurer and vice-president for the Hispanic Engineers & Scientists, vice-president of the Associated Students of Chaffey College (ASCC), Science senator 89-90, Finance Committee 89-90 and 90-91, Activities Committee 89-90 Graduation Class Committee 90-91, Committee for Administration 1991, Career Fair Committee, 1990. Rivera was chosen one of eight Chaffey students to be included in "Whose Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." He has received other scholarships that include the Robin Murphy Scholarship, Aparicio/Oroz Scholarship, the Rex B. White Scholarship, Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society Scholarship and two ASCC scholarships for ongoing commitments to ASCC and student government.

segment of Hispanic community in the United States. Successful candidates are chosen on the basis of academic achievement, personal strengths, leadership and financial need.

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27 Things to Help You Survive an Earthquake

The recent series of earthquakes throughout Southern California has alerted the general public to potential emergencies or disaster and necessity to plan for surviving any situation by preparation of basic essentials, food and supplies to last at least three days. The following preparatory list is recommended by the American Red Cross:

1. Stay Calm
2. Inside: Stand in a doorway, or crouch under a desk or table, away from windows or glass dividers.
3. Outside: Stand away from buildings, trees, telephone and electric lines.
4. On the Road: Drive away from underpasses/overpasses; stop in safe area; stay in vehicle.
5. Basic to do after an earthquake
   1. Check for injuries - provide first aid.
   2. Check for safety - check for gas, water, sewage breaks; check for downed electric lines and shorts; turn off appropriate utilities; check for building damage and potential safety problems during after shocks such as cracks around chimney and foundation.
   3. Clean up dangerous spills.
   4. Wear shoes.
   5. Turn on radio and listen for instructions from public safety agencies.
   6. Don't use the telephone except for emergency use.
   7. How to turn off gas, water and electricity
   8. First Aid book
   9. Fire extinguisher
   10. Canned and dried foods sufficient for a week for each member of your household. Note: Both water and food should be rotated into normal meals of household so as to keep freshness. Canned goods have a normal shelf life of one year for maximum freshness.

11. Non-electric can opener
12. Portable stove such as butane or charcoal. Note: Use of such stoves should not take place until it is determined that there is no gas leak in the area. Charcoal should be burned only out of doors. Use of charcoal indoors will lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
13. Matches
14. Telephone numbers of police, fire and doctor

3 things you need to know
1. How to turn off gas, water and electricity
2. First Aid
3. Plan for reuniting your family

Persons wishing further information should contact the American Red Cross in the following cities: Fontana (714)822-0535, Ontario (714)986- 6651, Redlands (714)793-2184, Riverside (714)688-6440, and San Bernardino (714)888-1411.

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| December 18, 1992 | Fall Semester Ends |
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