Paul Rodriguez, Comedian and Actor

The Fontana Performing Arts Center announced the presentation of Paul Rodriguez and Mariachi Nuevo Uclatlan on Saturday, September 26, 1992 at 8:00 p.m.

Paul Rodriguez

Paul Rodriguez currently enjoys enormous crossover success as both a comedian and an actor. His unique brand of comedy is spontaneous and rich with sensitive intelligence.

It's the unexpected that Rodriguez has always been able to deliver. Born in Mazatlan, Mexico, the son of migrant farm workers, it wasn't expected that Rodriguez would grow up to find a successful career in show business. "My family never really thought that being a comedian or an actor was an obtainable goal. Being farm workers, all they wanted for their children was a steady job. But I knew I had to give it a chance." In 1977, after a stint in the Air Force, Rodriguez entered Long Beach City College on the G.I. Bill, where he received an Associated Arts Degree, and then enrolled in California State University, Long Beach with the intent to become an attorney.

During an elective theater course, he worked behind the scenes on a production of "The Glass Menagerie." Rodriguez's comic observations of the school's multi-racial cast production of the modern Southern classic prompted his acting teacher, Murray Becker, to take him to the Comedy Store in Los Angeles for "Amateur Night." The club's owner offered Rodriguez a job working the door and the opportunity for nightly stints on stage - usually at one or two in the morning. From there, Rodriguez began to hone his act at comedy clubs in Southern California and soon held opening act slots at major concerts, colleges, clubs and comedy showcases throughout the country.

His HBO special "I Need A Couch" had one of the highest viewing audiences in the history of HBO comedy specials. In addition to appearances on various television specials Rodriguez released his first comedy on CBS records in 1986, "You're In America Now, Speak Spanish." Rodriguez also had the unique opportunity to be the first Hispanic to host a morning drive radio show in Los Angeles. The station, KKBV-FM92 went to number eight in the tough Los Angeles market boosted by Rodriguez's comedic abilities.

In his spare time, Rodriguez lends his talents to many charitable efforts, including Comic Relief I, II, III; National Leukemia Telethon (host of the Univision portion); Camp David Gonzales; Vital Options Center; Housing Now; Project Literacy; and NALEO, among others.

Rodriguez also remains very strongly rooted in the Hispanic community by working with civic and educational groups. "I don't think of myself as a spokesperson, just someone who says funny things. But I do care about the community and what happens to the kids. I think when you have any success, it helps kids to know that they have a chance too."

Mariachi Nuevo Uclatlan: Mariachi Nuevo Uclatlan is one of the finest traditional Mexican groups in Los Angeles. Mariachi Nuevo Uclatlan has been a fixture on the Latin entertainment scene for several years. The Mariachi began as a student group at UCLA in 1976. As the group's reputation spread and the workload increased those original members who were unable to devote their full energy to the group left. The group, however, high caliber Mexican musicians and singers, who were attracted to the group's enthusiasm and unique cross-cultural style, asked to join. Currently Mariachi Nuevo Uclatlan consists of seven members with members coming from states of Jalisco, Michoacan, Nayarit, Aguas Calientes, and Baja (and Alta) California.

Persons wishing further information may call the Fontana Performing Arts Center at 714 350-6734.

High School Students Mexico Bound

See story and list of names on page 3
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Eaves answers Baca -

Publisher's Note: The following article by Assemblyman Jerry Eaves is a response to an article written by 62nd Assembly District candidate Joe Baca and published in the July 22, 1992 issue of the Inland Empire Hispanic News.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By Assemblyman Jerry Eaves

Having recently read "Let's put a stop to free rides from Sacramento," it is obvious author Joe Baca didn't even read Assembly Bill 3040 before he began pontificating about the "evil nature of the legislation and the environment of the State Legislature." Judging from his ill-informed comments and misleading accusations, Mr. Baca couldn't have read the bill, so I'd like to take a moment to explain what the bill really means.

Currently, the way California collects car registration fees on rental vehicles is a hardship for car rental companies. Because newer cars come with higher registration fees, companies can't always afford to buy them, in part because they can't afford to pay the higher fees. This serves as a dis-incentive for car rental companies to expand and modernize, all at a time when state government should be looking for ways to attract new businesses, not drive them away. The result of this anti-business attitude is lost jobs, less tax revenue paid to the state by the car companies, and substantially lower registration fees paid by the car companies.

Mr. Baca states that AB 3040 will cost the State of California and taxpayers like you and me $7 million. Wrong

Unfortunately, Mr. Baca only looked at half the equation. Because of this new collection method, car rental companies will be able to afford to buy 25,000 new vehicles. Newer vehicles create higher sales taxes and higher registration fees for the state. These 25,000 new vehicles will create an additional 900 full-time jobs, 250 part-time jobs, $6.1 million in sales tax revenues, and $7.3 million in auto registration fees. So, while you may lose $7 million on one side by altering the collection method, you gain $13.4 million on the other side because of new jobs and higher revenues, for a net gain of $6.4 million. That's new money that can be spent to crack down on crime, provide books for our school children, and much more.

Mr. Baca contends that AB 3040 forces you to pay a $4 surcharge every time you rent a car. Wrong

What it does do is force the car rental companies to tell you what you're paying for. Say you rent a car for $30. That's all you pay, and you have no idea if you're being charged $1 or $10 for "registration fees." Under AB 3040, a rental company can't charge you any more than 4% for registration, and they have to show you what you're paying for. So, that $30 car under current law becomes a $28.80 car with a $1.20 (4%) of the cost registration fee. You aren't out of pocket any more money, but you do get to see where your money goes.

Mr. Baca states that AB 3040 creates a new tax, and will force you to pay $129 million to the rental companies and not to the "schools, roads, the elderly, the disabled." Wrong.

This is not a new tax. Automobile registration fees are already being collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and whether you know it or not, you're paying it every time you rent a car. AB 3040 guarantees that the DMV will receive 100% of the car rental registration fees due by requiring the rental companies to pay the fees up front. No extra money goes into the rental car companies' pockets. It all goes to the state, where it can be used to build highways, pay police officers, education children, assist the disabled, and much more.

As someone who spent years negotiating labor-management agreements for Kaiser Steel, I know how important it is to review all sides of every issue before jumping on one bandwagon or another. I've kept that same philosophy ever since coming to Sacramento, because being uninformed or choosing to look at only one side of any issue can make one look foolish. I only hope that, should he be elected, Mr. Baca learns to do the same and refrain from making the mistake he made in criticizing AB 3040 without first having all of the facts.

Job Clubs have record of success

The state Employment Development Department (EDD) has been helping people with employment searches, counseling, testing, and training for years. In recent years, though, the Department has noticed an increase in the number of unemployed white-collar and middle management workers seeking employment assistance. To meet their unique needs, EDD is utilizing a program called Experience Unlimited Clubs to assist unemployed and underemployed managerial, professional and technically skilled individuals in their job search. EDD provides the facilities and access to the employment market, while the clubs rely on the networking and mutual support of the members.

There are 33 job clubs in the state. Ten were created earlier this summer, including chapters in Hemet, Redlands, Riverside, and Victorville. These chapters have between 60 and 4000 members. At club meetings, members learn about employment opportunities, develop job search skills, and jointly market their experience and abilities.

The job clubs are one of EDD's most successful and cost-effective programs with a placement rate of nearly 86%.

I encourage anyone who is looking for a managerial, professional or technical position to pursue the opportunities provided by the job clubs. You can help yourself and others, too. The Experience Unlimited Clubs can be reached at the EDD offices as follows:

Hemet: (714)652-7831, ext.342; Riverside: (714)782-3230; Victorville: (619)341-8100; Redlands: (714)798-1793; Ontario: (714)983-5821; San Bernardino: (714)383-4171.

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Riverside Unified Schools name Dr. Phillip Pérez as Deputy Superintendent for Instruction

Dr. Phillip Pérez

The Riverside Unified School District Board has appointed Dr. Phillip Pérez Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, effective August 1.

Dr. Pérez, 38, now Director of Instructional Services K-6 for RUSD, received a direct appointment to the District position vacated July 1 by Dr. Sharon Tucker, now superintendent of the Visalia Unified School District.

"It is rare that this district makes a direct appointment to any administrative position, but this appointment is a natural," said Board President Maxine Frost. "Dr. Pérez has held a key leadership position for three years here reporting to Dr. Tucker, and Dr. Tucker herself highly recommended Dr. Pérez to the Superintendent and Board.

"He is uniquely qualified to maintain the momentum she helped establish for ongoing instructional improvement." Dr. Pérez came to RUSD in 1989 as Director of K-6 Curriculum. Formerly he had served as principal of Paul Revere Elementary School in Anaheim, which was recognized as a California Distinguished School for its outstanding student test scores. Dr. Pérez also has served as principal of Mayflower Elementary in Monrovia, as District Resource Teacher for Special Programs and Services with the ABC Unified School District in Cerritos, and as teacher at John Niemes Elementary in Cerritos.

As RUSD Director of Instructional Services, Dr. Pérez has directed development and implementation of the district’s K-6 curriculum, including the selection of instructional materials. He has provided leadership for district categorical programs, like Chapter I, Chapter II, School Improvement and substance abuse prevention programs. He has directed and supervised the district’s Gifted and Talented, English as a Second Language (ESL) and Bilingual programs, and he served on the Steering Committee for the district’s Strategic Plan for Instructional Improvement.

- Dr. Pérez graduated Magna Cum Laude from California State University-Long Beach in 1976 with a B.A. in English. He earned his M.A. in Educational Administration from CSULB in 1981 and his Ed.D. in Curriculum and the Study of Schooling from UCLA in 1988. He is a member of the American Educational Research Association, the Association of California School Administrators, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the California and National Associations for Bilingual Education.

In 1988, Dr. Pérez received a California Educator Award. He has served on the UCR Bilingual teacher Education Committee and state school Supervision and Curriculum Development and the California and National Associations for Bilingual Education.

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The Inland Empire Future Leaders Program coordinated the selection of participating students with local school districts. Two coordinators, Mr. Reyes "Rocket" Rios from San Bernardino, and Mr. Robert Nava from Riverside, will be accompanying the students to Mexico.

Participating students will attend cultural and recreational workshops, visit the pyramids and other historical sites, travel to the Tomada Ecology Center, the National Auditorium, and Chapultepec Park. The students selected for this year’s program and their school district are listed below.

Funding for transportation, lodging and food for the students and coordinators is provided by the Mexican government.

For additional information about the project call Lic. Columbia Calvo, Mexican Consulate (714)889-9836 or Ms. Susan Vargas (714) 862-2938.

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Future Leaders of America

Banquet Concludes Future Leaders Summer Camp

Over 170 Hispanic eighth and ninth grade students from throughout Southern California completed in this year’s Future Leaders of America program. This five-day summer camp was held at the Desert Sun Science Center in Idyllwild, during the week of July 26th. Over 60 representatives from area school districts and community service organizations joined with former Future Leaders to volunteer their services in conducting the program. One such group was the Latino Lawyers Association whose members volunteered their professional expertise to students participating in a mock trial held Friday, July 31st, in the San Bernardino Unified School District Board Room; the mock trial was conducted by Superior Court Judge John Ingro.

Funding for the program was provided by several community groups and individuals including: California State University, San Bernardino; Camiceria Ensenada; Carreon Foundation; Catholic Charities; Coca Cola; Ford Motor Company; Ms. Kathy Flynn; Frito Lay, Incorporation; Gannett Foundation; Hughes Employees Give Once Club; Kaiser Permanente; Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino Kraft General Foods, Incorporated; McDonald’s Corporation; Mervyn’s; Redlands Federal Bank; The Regalados, Sharon, Donna, and Julie; Smith, Marion & Company; Southern California Edison Company; Southern California Gas company; Target Stores; General & Mrs. Ralph Tourineo; United Parcel Service, and Xerox Corporation.

Youngsters participating in this year’s program were from San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial Counties.

Future Leaders enjoy lunch break at summer camp

According to Dr. Tom M. Rivera, Associate Dean of Educational Support Programs at Cal State who chairs the IEFLP board of directors, “The goal of this program encourages Hispanic youth to remain in school, strive for academic excellence, become active leaders in school, church and community activities and eventually earn a college degree.” Participating youngsters attended a five day summer camp where leadership and communication skills are emphasized in combination with cultural workshops. This year’s program was

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino participated in the annual Inland Empire Future Leaders Conference held at at the Desert Sun Science Center at Idyllwild on July 28, 1992. Fourth person from the left is Lic. Columba Calvo, Mexican Consul.

Joe Navarro, Regional Personnel Supervisor, Mc Donald’s Corporation, presents a check for $2,000 to Rocket Rios, Board Member, Inland Empire Future Leaders Program.
Inland Empire Volunteers sought for Assembly Democratic Voter Registration Drive starting soon in Inland Empire

By: Eddie Alaniz

The Assembly Democratic Voter Registration Committee will be conducting a voter registration drive in San Bernardino County. The central operation will be located at the Joe Baca for State Assembly Campaign Headquarters, 813 North “D” Street, San Bernardino.

The Committee has received funding for registering Democrat voters in the 62nd Assembly District which includes the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, Highland, Rialto, Bloomington, and Fontana.

The registration drive was organized to strengthen and enhance Democratic campaign efforts for the forthcoming November 3rd general election and will be utilizing census data and voter registration information to assist in the registration effort.

Additional, traditional and non-traditional means of voter registration activities will also be implemented to ensure a strong showing of newly registered Democrats.

The San Bernardino drive will be directed by Jesse Valenzuela, who is experienced in political and group organizing and a strong voter registration and GOTV background. Recently, Mr. Valenzuela was involved in coordinating the field operations and GOTV efforts in the primary election for the Joe Baca for State Assembly campaign.

Mr. Valenzuela stated one of the main goals of the project is a strong voter registration drive encompassing the 62nd Assembly District. Secondly, a GOTV drive with concentration on key precincts with high Latino voter registration and low voter turnout.

The total aim, according to Mr. Valenzuela, is to assist the Baca campaign and other election contests in the Inland Empire.

A recruitment drive is currently being conducted for volunteers that are committed to registering Democrats and simultaneously earn a salary. Volunteers will be trained to work in different areas of the project. Interested individuals are encouraged to call Mr. Valenzuela at (714) 888-0207.
COLTON SCHOOLS

State Pre-School Program Waiting List

The Colton Joint Unified School District is accepting names on a waiting list for its State Preschool Program to start September 17.

The free program for three and four year olds will be held during the after­noon hours, Monday through Friday, at Birney Elementary School in Colton and at Crestmore and Smith elementary schools in Bloomington. Up to 120 students will be served.

The program is open to families that meet income eligibility requirements. Priority is given to four year olds and families with the lowest income. Parents reserve a space on the waiting list.

Interested parents should call the school district's Child Development Center starting August 3 at 876-4096 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or 876-4240 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to reserve a space on the waiting list.

OUTSTANDING SAN BERNARDINO STUDENTS

Belvedere Elementary School Outstanding Students (Left to Right)

Jamie Pompa, Kieuhoa Vo and Erica Smith.

Each month, the Board of Education honors students in the school district who are selected for the Outstanding Student Award by their teachers and principals.

Based on either outstanding citizenship, athletics, fine arts, academics or most improved achievements, the following six students were chosen in July:

Belvedere Elementary - Danny Ward, principal.

Jamie Pompa is a sixth grade student at Krista Bjur's class. Jamie excels in both academics and citizenship and participates in several programs at Belvedere. Her parents are Dennis and Jacque Pompa.

Kieuhoa Vo-Kieuhoa is a fifth grade student in Terry Doyle's class. She consistently puts forth her best effort academically, while her citizenship provides a model for her peers. Van Vo and Truong are her parents.

Erica Smith is a sixth grade student in Richard Patterson's class. She, too, is outstanding in academics and citizenship and her fifth grade teacher, Lila Wietselmann says that Erica is one of her best overall students. Her parents are Ronald and Melinda Smith.

San Gorgonio Challenge Bowl coach is proud of team members in nat’l contest

Seven San Gorgonio High School students recently competed in the Texas Star National (Challenge Bowl) Academic Championship at Rice University in Houston, Texas following their first place win in the Riverside Challenge Bowl sponsored by the University of California, Riverside. The coach and English teacher at San Gorgonio, Dennis, who accompanied the students, said it was quite an accomplishment when the team got as far as the third round.

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"They were competing with students throughout the United States who had worked on this all year long and had 25 to 35 competitions before they competed in Texas. Our students didn't even start until after the Academic Decathlon and had only been in three competitions," said Galligan. He added he was very proud of the following seven team members, including three alternates: Chul Gwon, Chris Mordy, Ha Lam, McKay Barlow, Amber Barlow, Amanda Pettit, and Ray Arias.

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The San Bernardino Child Advocacy Program, Incorporated of San Bernar-
dino County, as part of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate
(CASA) Association, has been recog-
nized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
as part of an "exemplary" movement to
prevent juvenile delinquency in U.S.
communities.

CASA uses trained community vol-
unteers to speak up for the best interests
of abused and neglected children in
court. The CASA volunteers with one
or two cases has the time to thoroughly
research a child's situation and make an
informed recommendation to the judge
as to what is best for the child's future.

Since CASA often helps troubled
children leave foster care for a perma-
nent, safe home, OJJDP, a component
of the U.S. Department of Justice's Of-
fice of Justice Programs (OJP) felt the
program was "exemplary" in preventing
children from turning to crime.

The award letter states that the rela-
tively new movement "appears to be
cost-effective, beneficial, effective,
and suitable for incorporation into state
juvenile justice systems."

The San Bernardino Child Advocacy
Program, Incorporated CASA program
is one of 452 CASA programs in 49
states currently has 54 men and women
serving as CASA volunteers in San
Bernardino County for 116 abused and
neglected children.

Persons wishing to volunteer may
contact Audella Cook/Betty Grant/
Mary Andrade at (714) 387-7567.

Future Leaders seek camp applicants

The Latino Future Leaders of America
is seeking 10 applicants to be a contin-
gent of 40 student-delegates that will be
departing to Camp Mile High Pines in
the San Bernardino Mountains. The
applicants may be in grades 7 to 10 with
a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0.

The youth program stresses training
in leadership skills, cultural activities
and developing career goals and objec-
tives. The camp schedule is from August
16 to August 22.

Students wishing further information
may contact the regional director at (714)
875-7041 or (714) 875-5128.

Newly Formed Hispanic Economic Council
starts drive for membership in Inland Empire

Richard Hernandez, interim president
of the Hispanic Economic Council, an-
nounced that a membership drive has
been initiated to recruit new members to
the newly-formed organization.

"We are seeking Hispanic members in
the Inland Empire who own business-
nesses, are in manufacturing, business
consultants, or involved in economie-
related activities. The main goal of this
group is to identify the resources which
are available to minorities in the business
world," he said in an interview.

The organization was formed as a result
of an Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable meeting at Casa Ramona on

July 11. At that meeting Councilperson
Esther Estrada presented an overview
of problem areas and needs in the San
Bernardino area. In addition, Ms. Estrada
gave a status report regarding the Inland
Valley Development Agency.

Persons wishing further information
on the group may call Mr. Hernandez at
(714) 884-3222, Ms. Estrada at (714)
672-7600 or Mr. Gomez at (714) 381-
6259.

The Hispanic Economic Council
meets on Mondays at 7:00 A.M. at La
Casita, 385 N. "E" Street, San Bernar-
dino.

Peace and Dignity Journeys Week

By Patricio H. Guilen
Rosa Martha Zarate M.

W.R. "Bob" Holcomb, Mayor of the
City of San Bernardino and the City
Council proclaimed the week of August
1st through August 8th, 1992, PEACE
AND DIGNITY JOURNEYS WEEK.

Mr. Holcomb gives his wholehearted
support for the success of the spiritual
run which began continentally from
Alaska and Argentina on May 2, 1992.

The cross-continental relay run is being
carried out in the sacred tradition of the
indigenous nations of the continent. To
run is to pray, to be in rhythm with all of
creation.

Persons from San Bernardino and
Riverside counties are invited to par-
ticipate in the three day commemora-
tion of the 500 years of struggle and survival
by the natives of this continent. These
events will be held at Nunez Park, 1717
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