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County Measure "U" Passage is Critical
Budget cuts would decimate S.B. Sheriff's Dep't.

The County of San Bernardino, as are other counties, cities and the State of California, is faced with critical short­age of tax revenues as a result of multiple economic factors, such as defense contract curtailment, businesses exiting California to other areas and mainly, the severe nationwide and statewide economic slump, to name a few of the problem areas.

As a result, every governmental entity in the state has had to acutely scrutinize its budget to determine where operation and service reductions can be accomplished. Layoffs, attrition or diminished services to the public are but a few of the options which are opened for review.

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Crescensio Espinosa Celebrates a Century

Crescencio Espinosa of Loma Linda celebrated his 100th birthday with approximately 200 persons, including sons, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends! On this very special occasion, congratulatory comments were repeatedly said to this centenarian on his longevity and relatively good health. Good food, mariachis and modern music were enjoyed by the honoree and guests.

Many happy and sad experiences can be accumulated in one hundred years and Mr. Espinosa has had his share of life's experiences. Crescencio Espinosa was born on April 19, 1893 in the small town of Tomatlan, Jalisco, Mexico where he

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Latino Students' Taskforce Challenges UCR Admin.
on Latino Barriers - Part II

By Leonardo A. Goymerac

Editors Note: The Hispanic News has set out to cover some of the problems faced by Latino students from Kindergarten through grade 12 and up to the University level.

Part two continues with the public hearing held recently at the University of California at Riverside.

Part 1 was published in the Inland Empire Hispanic News April 14th edition.

Chicano and Latino students at the University of California Riverside have challenged California's higher educational system in expressing the need for improved access by Chicanos and Latinos to the state-wide university system. Uppermost recognition was focused on the removal of eligibility barriers. In a recent public hearing, an eleven point position paper was presented to the UCR faculty and administrators by Latino Student Task Force representatives. Of immediate concern were student fee increases, which will reflect and impact on the low income status of many families within the Chicano/Latino community. Students suggested that there were alternative solutions in addressing Chicano/Latino barriers while in the pursuit of educational excellence and parity.

In talking with Alfredo Figueroa, Director of Chicano Student Program at UCR, Mr. Figueroa had this to say regarding student concerns: "Going back to the question of why are we spending close to a million dollars on a report to study the problems. I think the students made it very clear that the $900,000 could be better spent on students directly, as opposed to studying again. Many of the presenters made it clear and even cited reports that had looked at the very issues that Dr. Garcia and his Task Force are looking at. And in fact, some of the panelists, students included, were saying - 'why not give us some of the money', the students made it very clear - you are doing research, why not pay some of us to do the research? If it's a matter of going through old data, that's what we're here for, is to learn to be researchers and to have learning experiences.'

Referring to another panelist, Dr. Yolanda Venegas, Assistant Head of Teacher Education, School of Education, UCR; Mr. Figueroa pointed out that one of the preliminary reports stated the need for information in Spanish for parents and teachers. He stated: "Dr. Venegas works directly with bilingual teachers, developing them and restated her position: "Give me a part of that money so that I can continue my work in producing bi-lingual instructors."

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Panel Participants at UCR Latino Students' Taskforce Conference

Dr. Manuela Sosa
Dr. Herbert Fischer
Laura Gomez
Alfredo Figueroa
Cesar Chavez died poor, but left a rich legacy - An Editorial

By Daniel Morales

On Thursday, April 29, 1993, the funeral for Cesar Chavez took place in Delano, California. An estimated 35,000 mourners marched in the funeral procession to pay their final respects to Cesar Chavez, a man they revered as a labor leader and loved as a saint.

Cesar Chavez was eulogized as "a special prophet to the poor farm workers" by Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles who shared a message of condolence from Pope John Paul II and presided over the Mass of Resurrection.


But most of the mourners were not famous. The great majority were farm workers and their supporters and people whose lives were touched directly by Cesar Chavez and the Union. Carrying white Gladiolus and waving the Union Flag with its distinctive black eagle, farm workers came from as far away as Florida, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Ron Renish, 61, an officer with Local 9510 Communication Workers of America in Costa Mesa knew Cesar Chavez for 15 years.

Mr. Renish said "There have been three great men in this country," echoing an opinion stated often on April 29, 1993, "They were Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Cesar Chavez. They were peaceful people who didn't care for material things. They died poor."

The memory of Cesar Chavez will live forever in the hearts of many people who share the same feeling for the plight of the farmworker in America. Already many schools throughout the Southwest are conducting activities in his memory. A group of people in Texas gathered in his memory and signed their names and forward them to Helen Chavez, Cesar's wife. At Patton State Hospital, the Cinco de Mayo festivities were dedicated to his memory. Many participants signed a banner an it will also be sent to Cesar's wife and family.

San Bernardino County has an excellent opportunity to establish a worthwhile tribute to Cesar Chavez, who was a staunch advocate of education and a role model for tens of thousands of young students. A new high school is being planned for the San Bernardino Unified School District. The school board and superintendent should strongly consider naming the new high school Cesar Chavez High School.

The school board and superintendent need to hear from the community that there is a widespread and strong feeling that the new high school be named in honor of Cesar Chavez. Call or write to your school representative, letting them know of your support for this endeavor.

In the works of Chavez: "SI SE PUEDE, IT CAN BE DONE."

CONGRESSMAN GEORGE E. BROWN SCHEDULES "Working Together to Create Jobs"

Congressman George Brown has scheduled a "Working Together to Create Jobs" Inland Empire Economic Summit Joint Action Group meeting to be held on Monday, May 17 at the Ontario Hilton from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The meeting will be focusing on six areas of recognized needs in which Action Groups have formed which are areas of potential growth for the region, according to Congressman Brown. They are: defense, technology, transportation, international trade, human resources and regulatory problem-solving.

Mr. Jim Spoonhower, Director of Research Services, the Resource Group, will be the keynote speaker.

RSVP is requested. Persons wishing to attend may call Congressman Brown's office at (909) 825-2472. cost is $5.00.

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Father Adolphus Chavez named Monsignor by Bishop

Msgr. Chávez was born Sept. 27, 1929, in Ontario. He was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego on May 19, 1956. After serving for 12 years (1956-68) as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San Bernardino, he was named pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Chula Vista on Feb. 15, 1968. On Oct. 1, 1974, he was named pastor of St. Mary Parish in Redlands, and 11 months later, on Sept. 3, 1975, he became pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Ontario. Since December 1982, he has ministered to the Spanish-speaking staff and patients at Petits Memorial Veterans Hospital.

Three Hispanics Named to United Way Board

Annie Ramos
Annie F. Ramos, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services for the City of San Bernardino, has been named to a three year term on the Arrowhead United Way Board of Directors. Ramos' career in the Parks and Recreation Field spans over 30 years, including employment with cities of Sunnyvale, San Jose, Menlo Park, and San Bernardino. For the past twelve years Ramos has served as the Director of the Parks and recreation Department, being one of only three women in the State of California to hold that title.

Giving service to the Community is a major focus in Ramos' life. She is currently a member of the Arrowhead United Way Allocation Team. She is also a Past President of the Zontas Club of San Bernardino, President Elect of the Kiwanis Club of San Bernardino and active in the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ramos has also donated her time and expertise working with local Girl and Boy Scout Councils.

As part of her commitment to professional excellence, Ramos belongs to the National Recreation and Parks Association; California Parks & Recreation Society District XI, Past Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President; American Park and Recreation Society; Chi Kappa Phi - Gamma chapter (Women in Parks & Recreation Profession Sorority); San Bernardino City Management Association, Chairperson, advisory committee and Past President.

Irene Coyazo
Irene Coyazo, Public Affairs Officer for Caltrans District 8, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Arrowhead United Way for a three year term.

As a twenty-two year career employee with the State of California, Coyazo has risen through the ranks to her current position as Public Affairs Officer for Caltrans District 8 in San Bernardino. Prior to her employment with Caltrans, she worked for the Employment Development Department and the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Among the myriad projects she is a designated media spokesperson,coordinates both English and Spanish language media programs, is a mentor/tutorial for the Adopt A School program and is an Arrowhead United Way Allocation Team member.

Dr. Herbert Fischer
Colton Superintendent Herbert Fischer has been named the Colton Chamber of Commerce's Educator of the Year. The award category is a first for the Chamber, President Jonathan Zane explained. Fischer was selected because of his efforts to improve student achievement and his focus on school-community partnerships.

He will be recognized May 13 at the Chamber of Commerce's installation and awards dinner at Norton Air Force Base.

Irene Coyazo received a Certificate of Merit from the San Bernardino City Unified School District for her service to the program. Coyazo is active in church and community activities. She serves as a Lector at San Salvador Catholic Church in Colton. She is a Board of Director for Casa Ramona, Inc. in San Bernardino; served as Co-Chairperson for the 1992 and 1993 Miss Hispanic San Bernardino Pageant and is an Arrowhead United Way Board member.

Coyazo resides in Colton with her husband Mike and a lifelong resident of that city.

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SCE's Dina Lane is "Trend Setter"

Ms. Lane is currently a program manager for business retention efforts for Southern California Edison Company. She is recognized statewide as a leader and "trend setter" in demand-side management program development and bilingual communication. She has developed programs that have become models and duplicated nationwide by other utilities and agencies. Not only has she demonstrated a unique ability to work within, but she has developed many policies currently in use by regulatory, local/state agencies, and Edison.

Ms. Lane's background and education demonstrate a high degree of skill and success particularly in the area of intergovernmental relations. Throughout her career, she has developed an expertise and functioned in a leadership role in many capacities, including energy management, local government, economic development/business retention, and community action. Also, she has served nine years as an elected official and is considered an expert in developing innovative public/private partnerships designed to assist the disadvantaged community conserve energy.

Ms. Lane is a native Californian, and a graduate of the University of Redlands. She has participated as an active member of numerous local and state boards/commissions.

SCE's Fred Francia - 20 yrs service

Mr. Francia is currently a program manager for business retention efforts for Southern California Edison company, assigned to the Inland Empire Region. He has 20 years electrical utility experience, including distribution, energy management, regulatory, and computer system development facets of the utility. Mr. Francia has been certified by the California Energy Commission as an Energy Auditor. He has provided energy audit services recommending energy efficient measures to residential, commercial, and industrial Edison customers.

Mr. Francia's background and education demonstrate a high degree of skill and success particularly in the area of energy management and computer systems. He is currently participating in the accredited California basic economic development course.

Throughout his career, he has developed an expertise and functioned in a leadership role in many capacities, including energy management, customer service, economic development and business retention.

County Measure "U" Passage is Critical for Sheriff's Law Enforcement - From Page 1

The Inland Empire Hispanic News, in its May 28 publication, will publish a report on the budget impact on justice services that will impact cities in the county are aviation, SWAT, crimes against children investigators, narcotic teams, etc.

On June 8, Measure "U" is placed before the voters to approve a 1/2 cent sales tax beginning in October, 1993 and end in seven years.

The tax, if approved, will not be higher than the current state sales tax which is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 1993.

Measure "U" is expected to generate $50 million. 88% will be allocated to law and justice and will, at least, maintain the current level of expenses for those services, according to a statement by Errol Mackzum, County Auditor-Controller.

Home Buying & Selling Advice

By Donald Feld

When a person wants to sell their home, they usually signs a listing agreement with a realtor. In this agreement the seller hires the realtor as his agent and agrees to pay a commission when the house is sold.

That realtor is the seller's representative. That realtor is supposed to get the highest offer possible for the seller.

Quite frequently a buyer will go to a realtor to find a home to buy. The buyers want the realtor to locate a suitable home at the lowest price.

If the realtor sells one of the homes in his listings, he receives all of the commission. If he submits an offer from a buyer to a different realtor, each realtor receives one-half of the commission if the sale is completed.

Buyers have to realize there is a conflict of interests. The only person in a real estate transaction who really wants the lowest price is the buyer. Everyone else really wants the highest price because their income is a percentage of the price.

Buyers, protect yourself. Negotiate the best price for yourself.

El Mariachi Sol De Mexico De Jose L. Hernandez Coming May 16

El Mariachi Sol De Mexico De Jose L. Hernandez will be performing at a benefit concert for the Colton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6476 at the Colton High School Auditorium on May 16, at 3:00 p.m. Included in the program is the Mariachi Juvenil Sol De Mexico and Ballet Folklorico Cielito Lindo. Tickets may be obtained by calling 875-8934 or 875-2142, the VFW Post 6476 at Eighth and Orange and Colton High School ticket office.
Supervisor Jerry Eaves appoints 60% Hispanics to S.B. County Commissions and Committees

County Supervisor Jerry Eaves is proud to announce his appointments to San Bernardino County boards, commissions and committees.

The Fifth Supervisorial district has a 59.88% minority population. Supervisor Eaves stated he was extremely pleased that his appointments of minority constituents to the various commissions and boards amounted to 60% of his total appointees. Also, 52% of the appointees are women. In making these appointments, Eaves stated that he will always maintain his awareness of the constituencies he serves and will assure their appropriate representation in the various functions of County government.

"In making these 55 appointments I selected persons who by nature of their qualifications, education, community involvement, gender, ethnicity, background, experience and talents bring a diverse contribution to the boards, commissions, and committees," said Supervisor Eaves. "I am confident that each of our commissioners from the Fifth District, will serve our community well," concluded Eaves.

The appointments were made to 24 committees and covered a spectrum of interests. They were as follows:

- Advisory Board on Alcohol Problems
- Frank Martinez of Rialto
- Veronica Martinez of Rialto
- Grace Vargas of Bloomington
- Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Commission
- Richard A. Gonzalez of San Bernardino
- Victor Paul of Bryn Mawr
- Victor Paul - Affirmative Action Commission
- Mary Alice Romero - Civil Service Commission

Victor Paul, 36, was appointed by Supervisor Jerry Eaves to serve on the Affirmative Action Commission for four years. Mr. Paul has been in law enforcement for 14 years and with the Colton Police Department for 12 years.

Paul received his AA in Police Science from Crafton College and BA in Public Administration and MA in Management from the University of La Verne.

Married to Lita Paul, they are the parents of Victor, Jr., Jennifer 16 and Ryan Michael 11.

He was past president of the Mission Elementary School PTA, current vice-president of the Latino Peace Officers Association-San Bernardino/Riverside Chapter.

The family enjoys swimming and watching movies from their video library.

Mary Alice Romero was recently appointed by Supervisor Jerry Eaves to serve a four year term on the San Bernardino County Civil Service Commission.

The Commission (CSC), which is comprised of five members, is an administrative law body responsible for overseeing compliance with the County's Personnel Rules. The County employs approximately 10,000 people.

Ms. Romero has served 17 1/2 years as a Probate Referee for the Probate Court in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Since 1990 she has been a Certified Real Estate Appraiser. For several years she has been an active member of the Beach Cities and San Bernardino Latino Peace Officers' Association having served as Secretary and Vice-President.

Health Fair Receives $1,000 From Kaiser Permanente

John Wagstaffe, Director of Public Affairs-Inland Area, Kaiser Permanente, presented a $1000 check to the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino's 5th Annual Health Fair to be held on June 13th at Casa Ramona. Pictured (1 to r) Manuel Hernandez (sitting) Frances Vasquez, John Wagstaffe, Rebecca Gil-Hoggarth and Arthur Sauceda.

Keep San Bernardino County A Safe Place to Live - Support Measure "U"!
Job Corps Targets Women

The Job corps representative in Riverside County is targeting women to train for jobs traditionally held by men. In Community Service, a nonprofit organization contracted by the federal government to provide recruiting and support services, is encouraging young women to train for jobs as construction workers, plumbers, welders, electricians, surveyors, computer service technicians, mechanics, drafters, and building maintenance technicians. The Job corps provides tuition-free training in 130 skills. Students can also receive high school equivalency diplomas, free medical and dental care, monthly spending allowances, savings accounts, and job placement after graduation. This is a free program to qualified applicants. There are no loans to repay.

After acceptance into the program, the Job Corps provides training at one of the centers located in the Western states. Training is offered in automotive trades, business, clerical, computers, construction trades, food services, cosmetology, nursing and other health occupations, to name a few of the choices. Students live in a dormitory setting complete with cafeterias, recreational facilities, and medical care. Depending on the training choice, students can be away from home for six months or more.

To be eligible, applicants must be able to prove they come from a low-income home, and be between 16 and 24 years old.

Applicants are screened by telephone only. Enrollment is open year round. Women interested in the program can call 276-5979 in Riverside County and in San Bernardino women may call 888-8128.

"Graffiti Busters" Needed

Hey Kids - How would you like to donate some "elbow grease" to make the City of San Bernardino a safer and more attractive place?

Kids Against Crime needs "Graffiti Busters" for a City-wide Graffiti Cleanup Day, Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m until noon.

Volunteers will meet bright and early at the Kids Against Crime office, located at 1700 N. E Street, in San Bernardino. Adults are more than welcome to participate in helping to supervise and oversee the project, which is co-sponsored by the City of San Bernardino. Volunteer painters will attend a picnic in the park at San Bernardino High School, after the painting is done. Participants will also receive two free tickets for one weekend passes to the National Orange Show, which are good for May 15-16 or May 22-23.

To learn more about Kids Against Crime's Graffiti Cleanup Program, or some of the other crime prevention services this organization has to offer to the young people of the community, call James A. Chamblee at 862-1344.

Amparo Barrera elected president of San Gorgonio Area Girl Scouts

Amparo Barrera of Murrieta was elected as President of the San Gorgonio Girl Scout Council at its 1993 Annual Meeting on April 24, 1993 at the Canyon Lake Lodge in Canyon Lake.

Barrera will serve a three year term as President of the San Gorgonio Council. She has been a member on the Council Board of Directors since 1991 and has served on the Council Nominating Committee, and also as Board liaison on the Affirmative Action Committee. Barrera is employed with the Temecula Valley Unified School District and is the Principal at Nicolas Valley Elementary School.

"My main goals for the San Gorgonio Girl Scout Council are to make sure that Girl Scouting is open to all girls, and that the total membership of this council reflects the diversity of the area," said Barrera.

The San Gorgonio Girl Scout Council serves 17,000 girls and covers 27,000 square miles and includes all of Riverside County and the majority of San Bernardino County.

Prepare now for the disaster of EARTHQUAKE

During May - California Earthquake Preparedness Month - Pacific Bell urges Inland Empire residents to spend time preparing their families and homes for potential disaster.

Before an earthquake hits, customers should review the "First Aid and Survival Guide," which appears in all Pacific Bell White Pages directories and in the Pacific Bell Hispanic Yellow Pages in Southern California. The 12-page guide explains basic first-aid, emergency procedures and disaster preparedness, including how to set up a family notification plan.

A family notification plan will identify a person who lives outside the region or state to serve as a clearinghouse of information about a family. All family members should call this person to report their location and condition since it will probably be easier to place a call outside of the earthquake area. The contact person's name and telephone number should be in school and work records, as well as known to other relatives and friends.

The plan also will identify a place where family members can reunite after an earthquake, the location of nearby public safety agencies and emergency medical facilities, and the dialing area of local radio stations.

Immediately after any earthquake, the majority of telephone service interruptions are due to network overload - too many people try to place calls at the same time. Preparing and sticking to a family notification plan and using the telephone for emergency calls only can help reduce telecommunications gridlock.

Free, bound copies of Pacific Bell's First Aid and Survival Guide are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese by contacting Pacific Bell Customer Guide Staff, 140 New Montgomery Street, Room 1211, San Francisco, Calif. 94105.

Corrections

The IEHN, in its March 31 publication, contained an editing error. In the article on page 3 regarding the Inland Empire Puerto Rican Association's Scholarship Fundraiser, the sentence should have read "The IEHPA annually awards $1000 to outstanding Hispanic students."

The IEHN, in its April 26 publication, contained a writer's error. In the article on page 3 regarding the promotion of Rudy Bravo, the sentence should have read, "Gilberto Esquivel, co-owner and general manager of the Hispanic Radio Broadcast Corporation announced the appointment of Rudy Bravo as sales manager of KDFX..."

The IEHN regrets the errors.
Crescencio Espinoza - 100 Years Young (From p. 1)

enjoyed a happy and carefree childhood. In 1909, his parents, brother and sister died, leaving him a relatively short period of time as a result of illnesses.

As was the custom, his siblings were taken in by friends and he was offered shelter by the parish priest. He worked for his keep, studied the Bible where he learned to love his Catholic faith, which has sustained him throughout his years of hardships and good times.

At 18 years of age, he left the priest's home and went on his own with the goal of eventually uniting his brother and sister in their ancestral home. Working at various jobs, he saved enough money and united the family, returning to their home.

The revolution, as often happens, changed their whole lives. Pancho Villa captured the town, terrifying the townspeople. During an encounter with the revolutionists, Mr. Espinoza was mistaken for the mayor's son and shot in the hip.

This incident caused him to make a major decision. He left his hometown, working at various jobs and eventually entering the United States (he acquired legal documentation and immigrated legally). He worked the lettuce and cotton fields in Arizona and later in Barstow, he was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad. Working hard in the track labor gangs in extreme cold weather in Wyoming, it affected his health. He quit and moved to Los Angeles in 1927.

With the help of friends, he found employment in a laundry and saved enough money to send for his brother and sister. He met his future wife, Refugio, at this time, courting her and enough money to send for his brother after a brief courtship, they were married. Disdaining his employment status and being very ambitious, the couple moved to the small town of Prado in 1930, at the very beginning of the great depression!

Prado was the main thoroughway to Orange County and ideal for the tourist trade. He learned the pottery business, rented a pool hall, converting a portion as living quarters and running the pool hall. He made pottery while his wife took care of the business end.

As a result of the Prado Dam Project, the inhabitants were evicted by eminent domain. Mr. Espinoza bought land in Loma Linda where La India Pottery Shop had been a successful business for 53 years and has attracted the local people as well as the tourist.

Mr. Espinoza became a naturalized citizen of the United States many years ago. Actively involved in the Sociedad Progresista Mexicana since 1942, he has held many elective positions in the fraternal lodge and strongly believes in its motto, "Education, Respect and Patriotism."

His wife, friend and co-worker died in 1991 at the age of 91, a loss which he is, as yet, still making forced-upon adjustments.

There are three daughters, Angelina, Hope and Helen; four sons, Bill, Manuel, Chris and Paul; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His son, Manuel presented a toast: Dad, it is my great honor and pleasure to lead this very special toast to you. All of us want to say, thank you for all you have done for us. Your family especially wants to thank you and mom for the sacrifices made for us. You have raised us well and made it possible for all of us to be successful and have happy lives. Enjoy your birthday, knowing you have made a positive contribution to everyone's life who is here this afternoon. May God bless you and may He give you good health. Happy birthday, Dad.

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Latino Students' Taskforce - From P. 1

Replying to the question as to whether students have the time in addition to their normal pursuits to work on research projects conducted by the faculty, Mr. Figueroa responded that indeed there are existing internships to which credit is given. In some cases, internships are a requirement for graduation. Mr. Figueroa asserted that such work will not be given to anyone except the professors.

Going off campus, the Hispanic News sought to interview a graduate of UCR, Mrs. Manuela Sosa, D.D.S., who is today, a successful practicing dentist in Riverside. Dr. Sosa has for many years been a devoted community advocate in Latino affairs. In responding to the public hearing and the suggestion for more study and research into Latino education, Dr. Sosa emphasized: "We've been studied to death - we've been studied enough. The faculty study/research task force would take three years to complete its findings. Back in 1968 there was a study that began with our state Senator Presley who introduced a bill, SCR-43 to study Latino educational problems and to provide funding for the University of California to undertake the task." In reviewing SCR-43 Dr. Sosa pointed out that: "Latinos and professors from the different statewide campuses submitted proposals so that they would be able to obtain some of these monies that were provided by the legislature, through SCR-43, to the University of California...there was a task force set up by the university as a result of the SCR-43 money, a Task Force committee was established. Proposals were submitted...well all of a sudden here we are in 1993 and obviously in 1992, somebody decided...President Gardner in fact, decided that Dr. Garcia is going to be the chairman of this new task force! What happened to all the other studies? Why do we need another Task Force committee? And in fact what did the other committee accomplish?" One of Dr. Sosa's foremost questions asked why Dr. Garcia of the Santa Cruz campus, was elected to lead the new Task Force. "We don't know what happened to the other SCR-43 committee members? What happened to them? What have we accomplished?" According to Dr. Sosa many questions remain unsatisfactorily unanswered and will need to be resolved to enhance opportunities for Chicanos/Latino students at all levels of education.

The Hispanic News then went to San Bernardino Valley College to interview Ms. Laura Gomez who is a student counselor and who has an abiding interest in assisting minority students. Ms. Gomez who is a native of San Bernardino was educated in local schools including San Bernardino Valley College, and received her Bachelors Degree from California State College at San Bernardino. Being a local Latino she expressed some of the same difficulties and sentiments that today's Latinos must face in their decision making toward higher education. A sense of loneliness is often felt when students must leave their long time circle of high school friends. Ms. Gomez stressed that the decision making process must eventually be confronted by students who must not lose sight of their goals when leaving their friends. Ms. Gomez disclosed that she too had undergone similar tribulations and almost dropped out of college if it had not been for Dr. Tom Rivera at Cal-State whose encouragement had led her to spend her senior year in Spain and Italy.

Relating to her position in the Counseling Center, Ms. Gomez emphasized: "...this seems to be where students make their first step when they're thinking about going to college and actually make that first step onto the college campus. We see students in the range where they know a college education is important, they cannot find a job, they want an education, but have absolutely no idea what they want to do. They absolutely have no idea of what they are capable of doing, of what they eventually establish. From that end of the spectrum all the way to those students who know exactly what they want to do. But they lack the skills, the study skills, the writing skills, reading skills, but they know they have a dream in mind. We have the charge of helping them sort those dreams out.

When asked, "The youngsters, the boys and girls that you see coming out of high school, how well are they prepared to come into Valley College?" Ms. Gomez explained, "There's a spectrum, a range and there are those students who have taken 'College Prep' courses in high school, they'll do fine, but it's the ones who have not taken college prep and whose parents weren't the kind who went to the school and demanded that their children receive a higher level of mathematics because of lack of involvement."

Ms. Gomez added that Valley College has been going relations with local high schools where students are urged to take college prep courses before leaving high school. She added that it was one of the hardest things to convey or to communicate was the importance of taking these preparatory classes. Preparation is the key.

The Hispanic News then went to Colton. The investment in directing Latino/Chicano youth toward higher education must begin at an early age. In fact if you were to ask Dr. Herbert Fischer, Superintendent of the Colton Unified School District, this would be his reply: "...unless the school districts begin to take on a new responsibility for student performance that we would continue to see a repeat of the failure that we've experienced in the past. What I was referring to is a concept called, "College begins in Kindergarten." We couldn't wait for the students to get to high school to talk to them about going to college. We really needed to begin working with the family at a very early age so we have adopted this concept of college begins in Kindergarten which originated here in the Colton Unified School District. According to Ms. Jane Brooks, McKinley school principal who was cited in the tabloid, "We consider all of our students to be college capable and college bound." Ms. Brooks further stated five prime examples to support her concept.

1. "Teach children values and to take responsibility for their own lives. Help children by setting goals with them, expecting high standards and giving good examples.

2. Read to them, listen to them, support their efforts to learn and make learning important.

3. Be involved with the school. Talk to the teachers and the principal.

4. Children need extra time for study and a quiet place to do it. Participate and show interest in school work.

5. Help children develop good employment skills by seeing that they attend school every day, unless they are ill. They should be on time every day.

Several of the local Colleges and Universities have already begun to cooperate with the K-12 school districts by going out to local schools and promoting college day fairs and to create the necessary excitement of what colleges may provide in careers.

The tasks that lay before the Latino/Chicano community and the educational system are indeed formidable. A task that begins in the home and which needs continuity from Kindergarten to College. There is the story of two very old men who debated education, when one of them replied: "So, you think education is too expensive. Then tell me, what price ignorance?"

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