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**Serving the Hispanic Communities in the Inland Empire**

**Vera Lopez Scholarship Benefit**

Set for Saturday, June 12 at O.S.

The Vera Lopez Scholarship Committee announced its 9th Annual Scholarship Dinner/Dance to be held at the Orange Show Renaissance Room, 689 Lytle Creek Elementary School.

Junior Police Academy Color Guard

Left to Right - Filiberto Perez, Barbara Rodriguez, Shilo Sutton, Manuel Martinez; Patsy Mendoza, Drill Instructor (See Story P. 5)

**Exclusive to the Hispanic News**

SanBdno. Councilman Edward Negrete prepares his "DO" list.

Newly elected First Ward Councilperson Edward Negrete has had a busy schedule since his victory in the May 4 election when he defeated David Lara with 56% of the vote.

"I have been so busy since the election, meeting with department heads and getting a good perspective of their functions. Primarily, the biggest and must crucial issue is the budget. I have made it a priority to attend every scheduled budget meeting. There is a lot of work to be done in order to find ways of balancing the budget, taking into consideration what the governor is intending to do," he said with a slight expression of exhaustion.

Negrete indicated that a top to bottom review of each city department was in progress at the budget sessions. "I feel everyone at city hall is trying to do their best to keep the personnel and also not lower the level of services to the citizens of the city."

In discussing the issues which will be on his agenda, Negrete stated that protection of senior citizens in the downtown area is of primary importance. "I would like to have bike patrols covering the downtown to make sure seniors and merchants are protected."

He emphasized that development of the downtown business district is a priority, including the development of the Vernon Corridor Redevelopment Plan. "I would like to see this area of primary importance. "I would like to have bike patrols covering the downtown areas to make sure seniors and merchants are protected."

Edward "Eddie" Negrete
San Bernardino First Ward Councilman

Vernon Corridor Redevelopment Plan. Negrete wants to start the infrastructure which will allow property owners to begin to build new businesses in the area.

Another project is the continuation of the "Coalition", a city-funded group of service agencies and Guadalupe Church that developed a program that has been successful in redirecting gang members into different life styles, including attaining jobs and continuation of members' education.

"In terms of my role at the council, I will work with each councilmember, and especially our new mayor, for the benefit of the city and its citizens. My goal is to be on the ways and means, redevelopment or IVDA committees. I will also be looking at our affirmative action plan to see if it is being carried out, and also our contract compliance policies. I have indicated a few of my goals on the council, and will work hard to serve our city in the best way possible."
Veterans' Fair Set for Saturday, May 29 at S.B. Radisson Hotel

Assemblyman Baca will host a comprehensive Veteran's Fair on Saturday, May 29, 1993, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, 129 E Street, San Bernardino from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Veterans' Fair will feature numerous employers, governmental agencies and veterans' organizations. Their representatives will help the 50,000 Inland Empire veterans in his district to learn more about their rights, benefits and opportunities in employment, housing, health care, education, insurance, legal services and business loans.

"On Memorial Day, we will remember the sacrifices of the many brave men and women who gave their lives for our country. But, I also want my fellow-veterans to be able to live today with the dignity and honor they deserve," Baca stated. "Veterans needs are a top priority with me."

For more information, contact Assembly Joe Baca's District Office at (909) 885-BACA.

SMALL BUSINESS

State Loan Guarantee Program

NEDA Minority Business Development Center in San Bernardino and the California Southern Small Business Development Corporation in San Diego have created the State Loan Guarantee Program for small business in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The State Development Corporation in San Diego and the Inland Empire Hispanic News are co-sponsoring this program.

Loans are available beginning at $10,000. Credit lines are also available. All applicants are given a free consultation with a NEDA business consultant to determine loan eligibility. For more information call the Minority Business Development Center in San Bernardino at (909) 381-4008.


Senator Ruben Ayala (D-Chino) announced the appointment of Marti Rodriguez as Field Representative who will be serving in the Rancho Cucamonga District Office.

"Marti has worked at our district office for two years. She is aware of the needs of my constituents that have had state-related problems and has assisted many of them in resolving their concerns," Ayala said.

Ayala further stated, "Marti's experience and the wide knowledge of how the system works will further augment the services my office provides to my constituents and enhances the valuable feedback from them as well."

Rodriguez, a Colton resident and mother of Lazaro 16 and Rachel 10, began employment as a clerk in 1973 with the Santa Fe Federal Savings and Loan, eventually promoted to systems analyst. She resigned in 1981 when a merger took place, and she was unable to commute to Costa Mesa. From 1982 to 1990, Rodriguez was employed in supervisory positions with various local banking institutions.

Originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico, the family migrated to Strathmore, a small farming community in the San Joaquin Valley. She graduated from Strathmore High School in 1970. "I come from a family of nine boys and seven girls. Our family worked very hard in the fields and I am fully aware of the meaning of hard work," she said.

Continuing, she said, "Being aware of the public needs and being a conscientious person, I will serve Senator Ayala and his constituents to the best of my ability."
Francisco Garibay is the general manager of Marcel’s Oriental Rugs, 1737-B Orange Tree Lane, Redlands (parallel northside with Interstate 10). Explaining the histories and qualities of the wide variety of rugs that are on display, there is an immediate notion that this young man knows what he is talking about.

"While I was perfecting my English at the University of Massachusetts, I learned the rug trade from the bottom up and became an expert on rugs, rug repair and the history of the rug industry," he stated during the interview.

Garibay was born in the State of Michoacan, Mexico and graduated with a B.A. in Tourism from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara. He is married to Rosalia Guizar (niece of Tito Guizar, famous Mexican singer). They have two children: Jose, six, and Yaira, six months.

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"This is one of the most beautiful arts in the world and this product lasts for decades," he said.

Marcel’s held a mixer recently to show the variety of rugs. A large group of persons from the Inland Empire attended the function, enjoying the Mexican delicacies served by Casa Cardenas from Fontana, Mexican oldies were played by D.J. Services and Tony Franco from KCAL was a special guest.

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Persons wishing further information may call Garibay at (909) 792-0665.

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Andrea De Leon named Field Rep. by Congressman Ken Calbert (R-Riverside)

Andrea De Leon was recently appointed Field Representative by Congressman Ken Calbert, (R-Riverside), 43rd Congressional District. The District is newly reapportioned following the 1990 census and encompasses the western end of Riverside County.

De Leon has had extensive experience in governmental relations. A graduate of UCR with a BA in Political Science in governmental relations, she has worked for the County and City of San Bernardino and private firms as researcher and technical writer.

In Washington D.C., De Leon was administrative assistant with the National Center for Municipal Development, a subsidiary of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Her responsibilities involved liaison and monitoring congressional legislation related to municipalities, research legislation, schedule meeting between mayors and other congressional-related duties.

De Leon was appointed staff assistant to Congressman Lawrence Coughlin in Washington D.C., working in the congressman’s office until his retirement.

Her future educational plans include obtaining a masters degree in criminal science. This degree will enable her to develop ideas in the field of community planning and local policing authority.

"The greatest influence in my life have been my parents and grandmother. My family has encouraged and supported me in all my endeavors. My personal success has come from my determination to obtain a quality education and perseverance to reach my life goals. I have a strong conviction that parents should support their children in achieving their aspirations."

Aquinas Key Club Flourishing

Left to Right - Ann Figueroa, Past Treas.; Jennifer Callinsan; Rocket Rios, Advisor; Caryn Dillon, Treas.; Renee La Marca, Board Member; Monica Alejandre President; Michelle Abellera, Past V.P.; Kristina Brickland, V.P.; Manuel Hernandez, Advisor; Karen Marquez, Lt. Gov.; Theresa Kuhiman; Danielle Abellera, Past President

The Kiwanis high school program, known as the Key Club, is flourishing at Aquinas High School located in San Bernardino. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, the Aquinas Key Club has over forty members who are actively involved in service to both the school and community.

Ken Johnson, newly appointed principal at the school this year, is also involved in Kiwanis and encourages student participation. By their involvement in the community, students met graduation service requirements and, also, learn valuable skills and insights.

Students have volunteered in a variety of activities including The Special Olympics, walk-a-thons for various organizations, and other community projects. For Christmas, 1992, Key Club members helped with the Kiwanis breakfast and also donated gifts and time to the Guadalupe Pre-School located at Nuez Park, San Bernardino. According to Mr. Johnson, "Service is one of the key components of the Catholic high school mission."

The Key Club, like Kiwanis, is an international organization. Key Clubs are found in fourteen countries throughout the world. The Aquinas Key club belongs to the California-Nevada-Hawaii region. Students are responsible for organizing and running their weekly meetings, election of officers, and fundraising. "This gives our students practical learning experiences," ac-
Principal-For-The-Day
at Lytle Creek Elementary School

By Graciano Gomez

The San Bernardino City Schools and San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce sponsored their first Principal For The Day, an event where persons representing the diverse sections of the community dedicated a day to "act" as principals in schools throughout the district.

My choice was Lytle Creek Elementary School as representative of the elementary education system based on the (1) importance of a good basic education and motivational impact that can be imbedded in our young students at that age level and (2) enjoyment in observing the little 'angels' going about the business of educating themselves (and comparing education systems now and when I attended school in 19...). Principal Cecilia Carrasco, a very cool, experienced and efficient administrator (see profile) greeted me and introduced Peggy Fowlkes, assistant and office staff. Carrasco presented an in-depth overview of the school, its history, student population and needs, various programs and teachers' assignments. In particular, I enjoyed the teachers' staff meeting.

Lytle Creek Elementary School has a student population of 720 with 77% Hispanics, and has a year-round schedule with four tracks, two of those tracks are specifically designed to address the needs of the Spanish-speaking students.

The school has a Desegregation and Integration Magnet program, Basic Skills Alternative program for grades 1, 2 and 3 and Extended Day Program where students receive homework assistance and instructions in language arts and math. The Junior Police Academy is an out-standing program for 5th and 6th grade students, jointly sponsored by the District and San Bernardino Police Department. The curriculum involves police procedures, basic drill, drug prevention, anti-gang instructions and safety.

JPA Program.

The aspiring writer has overcome several barriers. Born in Culiacan, Mexico, Perez lives with his Aunt Maricela and supports his efforts to continue his education.

His Aunt Maricela says that she is very proud of her nephew.

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The National Health Foundation can help uninsured pregnant women obtain prenatal care. OB services and well-baby care. Without prenatal care, pregnant women risk having a low-birth weight baby and having other costly medical complications. In 1990, a total of 33% of women giving birth in San Bernardino County and 56% of women giving birth in Riverside County did not receive prenatal care in the critical first trimester.

In order to reach more women who need prenatal care, the State of California has formed a partnership by contracting with the National Health Foundation to promote the AIM program (Access for Infants and Mothers).

"Too many pregnant women are slipping through the cracks of the health care system," said Rita Moya, president of the National Health Foundation. "By helping women enroll in AIM, the new outreach program will enable at least 4,000 women in Southern California to receive critical services this year.

AIM provides low-cost health insurance to pregnant women who do not qualify for Medi-Cal. AIM covers prenatal care, delivery, and two years of pediatric care.

To qualify for the AIM program, women must meet the following requirement: 1) You must be pregnant and no more than 30 weeks pregnant at the time you apply. 2) You have lived in California for at least six continuous months at the time you apply. 3) Your total family income is not more than 250% of the federal poverty level. 4) You do not have a current Medi-Cal or Medicare card. 5) You have no maternity benefits through private insurance. Eligible women can choose enrollment in a variety of private insurance plans depending on the county. In Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, women can enroll in Blue Cross CaliforniaCare, Blue Cross Prudent Buyer, and Kaiser Permanente Southern California Health Plans.

For additional information, women can contact Joy Harrison the local AIM representative in Riverside and San Bernardino at 909-783-3881.

The National Health Foundation is a charitable, tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to promoting more effective health care delivery and better personal health by selecting, developing, and implementing specific community service and health care improvement projects. The National Health Foundation is a charitable affiliate of the Hospital Council of Southern California.
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Support Measure "U"
Editorial
Citizens are urged to Vote for Measure "U"

On June 8, the voters go to the polls to decide whether to approve Measure U, a 1/2 cent sales tax to provide funds targeted toward law enforcement, justice and community college educational programs in the County of San Bernardino. The measure, if approved, would expire in seven years.

Governor Wilson has mandated that funds normally reimbursed to counties, cities and agencies for program allocation and other services from state tax revenues will be retained by the state and applied to reducing the projected budget shortage in the forthcoming fiscal year.

The shortage to the County of San Bernardino is projected at $71.4 million. The Board of Supervisors has proposed that the shortfall be equally distributed across County departments.

The District Attorney's Office has planned to layoff 13 attorneys and 10% of the 132 prosecutors; disband special prosecution teams which are non-subsidized, including violent crimes, and close offices in outer areas, including Barstow, Redlands, Fontana and mountain areas.

State subsidies protect special teams in the DA's Office, for example, workers compensation, welfare fraud, narcotic cases, auto insurance fraud and environmental violation prosecution. Local community colleges will be forced to eliminate programs and classes. Higher fees and tuition will be one of the alternatives as a source of revenue. This will, in effect, place a financial burden on students, more specifically on minority students who can least afford higher fees and ironically, said students are the most in need of a community college-level education.

The Sheriff's Department is slated to be cut $27 million from its discretionary budget amounting to 70%. That budget includes services to unincorporated areas affecting responses for those crimes which have a direct threat to life or physical safety; closure of stations; eliminate satellite jails, satellite crime lab and severe curtailment of other essential law enforcement subsidiary services. It is anticipated that more than 400 personnel positions, including peace officers, will be eliminated from the Sheriff's Department.

The passage of Measure U will earmark the funds for law enforcement, justice and community college education.

THE INLAND EMPIRE HISPANIC NEWS URGES VOTERS TO SUPPORT MEASURE U.

Heart Attack & Stroke Pamphlet

Cardiovascular diseases account for almost one of every two deaths in America. Heart attack, the number one cause of death, claims 400,000 lives annually; while stroke claims nearly 150,000 lives and ranks as the third largest killer.

The tragedy is that many who die of heart attack or stroke might have lived if they, or someone close to them, had only known what to do. Recognizing and responding to the signs of a heart attack or stroke are critically important to preventing death and disability. A free pamphlet from the American Heart Association titled "Heart Attack and Stroke: Signals and Actions," describes the symptoms of heart attack and stroke, and advises what to do when they occur.

A heart attack or stroke can strike anyone, anywhere, anytime. And when it happens, there's no time for delay. For more information, send for your free copy of "Heart Attack and Stroke: Signals and Action," also available in Spanish. Send your request with a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to San Bernardino County Chapter, JOSE MARQUEZ, 1230 E. Cooley Dr., Suite 203, Cotton, CA 92324, (714) 241-1670. Be sure to specify if you want the English or Spanish version.

Support Measure "U"

Fabian Batista selected as Student Ambassador by People to People Ambassador Program

Fabian Batista, 7th grade student attending University Heights Middle School, was notified in March, 1993, that he was selected as Student Ambassador by the People To People Student Ambassador Program founded by President Eisenhower.

Batista felt honored to be selected from the Riverside area, knowing the high standards that are required in the selection process. Actively involved in school activities, Batista is captain of the basketball team, Early Academic Outreach Program, attending algebra tutoring session at the University of California-Riverside and maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

During the past summer, Batista became more interested in the functions of government and became actively involved during the elections. "I campaigned on the presidential and congressional elections, knowing that this is part of the overall process of government. I am looking forward to benefit further from the People To People Program by better understanding of my own government at every level and diverse cultures around the world," he said.

The Program includes traveling to Washington, D.C., meeting host dignitaries, and visiting national and historical sites. The delegation of Ambassadors will travel to Europe for four weeks, visiting countries, learning about their respective history, economy, culture and government.

The total cost of the program for each participant is $4600. Batista indicated that his parents had assisted him as much as possible, even to the point of financing a portion of the trip. He has contacted groups to financially aid him in this "once in a lifetime project" and promises to share his experiences with those groups at the conclusion of the trip.

Batista stated, "since it is your opportunity to make the most of the opportunity offered by the program, I am looking forward to better understanding of other cultures and governments. When I become successful in my future endeavors, I pledge to give back to the community what it has given to me."

"Contributions may be sent to Fabian Batista, 5050 Crest Canyon Drive, #26, Riverside, CA 92507 or call (909) 369-1243 for further information.

Lopez Scholarship Benefit - From Page 1

Since 1974, Jimenez has had several professional positions. He worked at KRON-TV, NBC-TV and KCRA-TV. Jimenez, a native of Sacramento, received a BA in Psychology from UC-Davis. Then, while working at the campus radio and in 1969, he served as Air Force communication specialist.

He has received numerous awards: California Associated Press TV-Radio Award for "Best 30-Minute Newscast," Alfred Dunoit Award, George Foster Peabody Award, Ohio State Award, several Emmy Awards and Emmy nominations.

Also on the program is Martin De La Rosa who was juror no. 12 in the federal Rodney King civil rights trial. De La Rosa will describe his experiences regarding the 52 days he spent as a juror in the famous trial.

Tickets for the event call at (909) 886-5008 and after May 28th, call (909) 881-8248 or call Mitla's (909) 888-8248 or call Mitla's (909) 888-0460 at any time.

Babysitter Home Security Tips

To help ease your concern while your children are in the care of a babysitter, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department offers these home security tips. Have babysitters keep all doors locked. Don't open the doors to anyone. The exception may be when you tell the sitter that a visitor is expected. Be brief and businesslike on the phone. Any conversation is encouragement to someone who might mean harm. Don't tell callers you are the sitter or supply any other information. Take a message and say that Mister or Mrs. so-and-so will be back momentarily. For more information contact your local County Fire Station.