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Vera Lopez Scholarship Benefit
Set for Saturday, June 12 at O.S.

and Salvador Rodriguez who were founders of Mitla's Restaurant. She became manager of the restaurant in 1969 until her death in 1984. Although Lopez had no formal education, she was able to develop the business into a successful enterprise and still care for her family.

The restaurant became a popular meeting place for politicians, professionals and persons in all walks of life up to the present time. After Mass, Mitla's is one of the favorite places where people congregate and enjoy breakfast.

One of the factors for the business' success was due to Lopez's outward and contagious personality and her determination to please every customer regardless of their status. She was also known for her generosity and commitment to the community and was never known to turn down a request for a cause or fundraiser.

Scheduled as keynote speaker for this annual function is Bob Jimenez, senior correspondent for Channel 2 Action News.

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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)
Support Measure "U"

Veterans' Fair Set for Saturday, May 29 at S.B. Radisson Hotel

Assemblyman Ben Baca will host a comprehensive Veteran's Fair on Saturday, May 29, 1993, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, 295 N. "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 Assemblyman 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 Department of Commerce funds the programs and guarantees the loans.

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

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Senator Ruben Ayala (D-Chino) announced the appointment of Marti Rodriguez as Field Representative who will be serving 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."
BUSINESS PROFILE:

Marcel's Oriental Rugs

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.

Since the early part of this year, Garibay and Marcel, the owner, have campaigned to introduce hand-made rugs to the Hispanic population in the Inland Empire.

"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 but goodies were played by D.J. Services and Tony Franco from KCAL was a special guest.

"We welcome the Hispanic people from the Inland Empire to come and see our display of beautiful oriental rugs," he said.

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

Marcel's Oriental Rugs

1737-B Orange Tree Lane, Redlands

(L to R) Marcel, owner of Marcel's Oriental Rugs, Tony Franco, KCAL, Radio Mexicano and Francisco Garibay, general manager.

**Business Profile**

Inland Empire Hispanic News

**Wednesday, May 26, 1993**
Andrea De Leon was recently appointed Field Representative by Congressman Ken Calbert (R-Riverside)

Andrea De Leon, a graduate of UCR with a BA in Political Science and Minor in History, 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 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."

Andrea De Leon

"Education and community involvement are key to the success of Latinos as individuals and as a whole. I hope to someday be able to give to our youth as others have given to me."

Aquinas Key Club Flourishing

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," according to Mr. Ross McMillan, Aquinas teacher and Key Club Moderator.

Mr. Manuel Hernandez, newly elected president of the Kiwanis of Greater San Bernardino, advises and assists the students at weekly meetings at the school and at Mida’s Restaurant where the weekly Kiwanis meetings are held. Several scholarships are available to students each year for college. This year, seventeen members of the Key Club represented Aquinas High School at the regional convention held in April.

Karen Marquez, Aquinas Key Club President, was recently elevated to the position of lieutenant governor for Division 36. Karen will oversee the Key clubs of thirteen high schools in this area. Monica Alejandro will take over Karen’s duties as president of the Aquinas Key Club.

Ninth Annual Vera Lopez Scholarship Benefit

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Lytle Creek Elementary School
San Bernardino

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. I particularly 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.

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"The JPA offers students at risk an opportunity to make better choices, become role models to students, the community and families," stated Carrasco. (A forthcoming article in the Hispanic News will profile the JPA Program.)

Separate outdoor assemblies are conducted for K-3 and 4-6 students. Programs, events and special presentations are presented which, in my judgement, impacts the young mind with a positive attitude. This writer was privileged to present awards to outstanding students.

Overall, in spite of the budget constraints, the school administration has programs that meet the need of the students. The teachers and support staff are sensitive and committed to the task of educating the students under strenuous conditions. The students are very receptive to a very positive learning environment.

I commend Principal Cecilia Carrasco, teachers and staff on a job well done at Lytle Creek Elementary School.

Ignacio Perez, 2nd Grade First Place In Prose

Ignacio Perez, 2nd grade student at Lytle Creek Elementary School, has the distinction of winning first place at his school and 2nd place at the District for his prose, "YO FUI EN UN COHETE A...!!!

Perez enjoys school and most of all, he is very interested in fiction writing and mathematics. His interest in writing includes adventure and 'scary' stories.

The aspiring writer has overcome several barriers. Born in Culiacan, Mexico, Perez lives with his Aunt Maricela, Uncle Jose Inez and Abuelita Rosario. His family helped him do his homework and encourages and supports his efforts to continue his education.

His Aunt Maricela says that she is very proud of her nephew.
Pre-Natal Care Available for Uninsured Pregnant Women

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 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 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.

BID DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION AT MID-VALLEY and YUCAIPA SANITARY LANDFILLS

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Solid Waste Management Department, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, California, will receive sealed bids on or before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 1993 in the office of the Solid Waste Management Department, 222 W. Hospitality Lane, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0017, at which time they will be publicly opened and declared for the Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation at Mid-Valley and Yucaipa Sanitary Landfills.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective bidders will be conducted on Tuesday, June 1, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A/B, at the office of the Solid Waste Management Department. A project site field review is scheduled to follow at 1:30 p.m. at the Mid-Valley Landfill and at 3:30 at the Mid-Valley Landfill. Bids submitted by firms who have not participated in the pre-bid meeting will be disqualified.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation at Mid-Valley and Yucaipa Sanitary Landfills," addressed to Solid Waste Management Department, and plainly marked with the name and address of the bidder and the Contract being bid.

A bid received after the time established for receiving bids will not be considered and no bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of opening thereof. The owner reserves the right to reject or accept any and all bids. Bids may be rejected if they show any alteration of form, additions, conditions, erasures, or irregularities of any kind, incomplete bids will be rejected.

The bidder shall comply with the requirements of all applicable governmental agencies and with the requirements of all the contract documents. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid, security in the form and amount described in the "Instruction to Bidders."

State Contractor's Class C-57 License is required.

Contractors are required to comply with the San Bernardino County Affirmative Action Compliance Program. The County of San Bernardino has adopted a Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Policy and Goals. The goals are to achieve 15% participation of Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and 5% of Women Business Enterprise (WBE). These are goals, not quotas. A thirty-five ($35.00) non-refundable charge is required for each set of Bid Documents, plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Solid Waste Management Department. A fee of five ($5.00) will be added for handling and mailing.

At the time each bidder obtains a copy of the Contract Documents, it shall designate the address to which written addenda are to be sent and a current telephone number to which notification can be made and, FAX number that can be used for late notice addenda.

The County of San Bernardino has ascertained by Resolution the general prevailing rates of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed and adopted in accordance with the California Labor Code. A copy is on file at the Solid Waste Management Department.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technical errors, discrepancies or informalities of a bid not affected by law, if to do so seems to best serve the public interest.

The work is expected to start at the Mid-Valley Landfill on September 20, 1993, and to be completed by October 20, 1993. The work is expected to start at the Yucaipa Landfill on October 25, 1993 and to be completed by November 8, 1993.

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John A. Burke, Director
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**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 shortfall 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 or 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 equating 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.

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**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 more than 500,000 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 Actions," also available in Spanish. Send your request with a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to San Bernardino County Chapter, JOSE MARQUEZ, 1220 E. Cooley Dr., Suite 203, Colton, CA 92324. 714/473-5400. Be sure to specify if you want the English or Spanish version.

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**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 young people like myself who will be the future leaders, this is a good investment by the community to help us further educate ourselves. It is to our benefit to have a 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. Thereafter he worked 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 Dupont 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 Mita's (909) 888-0460 at any time.

**Babysitters Home Security Tips**

To help ease your concern while your children are in the care of a babysitter, the CDF/San Bernardino County Fire Warden Department offers these 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 suppose 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.