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Julio Iglesias - The Man

Exclusive Interview with Julio Iglesias for the Inland Empire Hispanic News

By Susan Graves

Who is Julio Iglesias? He is best known as the Spanish Sinatra who recorded a hit duet with Willie Nelson, or the Latin lover who causes women the world over to swoon, or the megamusician whom the Guinness Book of World Records honored with the Diamond Disc award for selling the most records in the most languages. This is Julio Iglesias, the entertainer, but who is Julio, the man? In a recent telephone interview from his suite at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, where he is currently performing, Julio gave me a glimpse of his real self.

The first thing he told me was that he was in a hurry.

"I have a dental appointment for an aching tooth, and I won't be able to sing if I don't get my appointment," he said. This is in keeping with his long-lived reputation for being a workaholic. Though he has made a life of bringing pleasure to others, he allows little time for himself. He once described himself as a natural amphetamine.

"The main thing in my life is discipline," he said, "and if I am weak, I am alert to my weakness." Julio knows what it means to be a natural amphetamine.

Julio Iglesias

"He tried several careers before music took control of his life."
San Bernardino Valley Business on Decline - Hope for Future

S.B. Valley College Study

Four of every ten San Bernardino Valley companies report their business is in a decline mode. Over one half of businesses in the region are preparing for an even more difficult period due to the closure of Norton Air Force Base. One in three firms believe the situation will not marginally improve for the next several years. One in seven companies in the region indicate they may consider a move to another location in or outside of San Bernardino County within the next two to three years in search of a better business climate.

While these data are chilling, the economy of the Inland Empire East Region is not without its bright spots. Even during the current economic downturn, one-in-four Valley companies report being in a moderate or major growth cycle. Some 51% of area firms anticipate at least a slightly improved or much better economy between now and 1998. One of every three companies has plans to expand their business size or physical plant over the next 24 to 36 months.

Such are some of the important findings of the just completed economic advancement survey of all San Bernardino Valley communities conducted by a public-private sector group led by San Bernardino Valley College and the City of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency. The project was co-sponsored by the City of San Bernardino Employment & Training Agency and was jointly sponsored by an impressive partnership involving area agencies and private sector firms.

Joint sponsors included San Bernardino County Jobs and Employment Services, San Bernardino Associated Governments, S.B. County Tech Prep Consortium, S.B. County Economic and Community Development Department, Supervisors Barbara Riordan and Jerry Eaves and Southern California Edison.

Some 1,168 businesses, representing $3.2 billion in annual sales and employing 18,000 area residents provided data. Project planners indicate this represents one of the largest economic research efforts ever undertaken in the San Bernardino Valley.

For the 15,000 businesses in the area, over one in four (27%) self-identify as female-owned and 23% self-identify as being owned by ethnic minorities. Sixty percent say they are small businesses. One half of all San Bernardino Valley companies have been in operation for less than 10 years.

The focus was on the primary communities of the San Bernardino Valley (Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Yucaipa, the Mountain Area, and the unincorporated areas of the Valley).

Today, area companies indicate their ability to do business and stay in business is being affected by some major issues and obstacles.

Some 72% indicate that the "current economic condition" is clearly affecting their ability to stay in business. The second highest business retention concern (43% cited by Valley companies) is "public safety/crime/gangs." One of every four area firms say that excessive city permit processes as well as environmental regulations are hampering their ability to stay economically viable.

The much publicized "mass exodus" of companies from California appears to be only marginally at work in the San Bernardino Valley. Over the next 24-36 months, only 7% of companies are planning to move to another San Bernardino Valley site, generally to another address in the same town in which they are now located. One in 11, or 9%, of area firms indicate they plan on moving away from the San Bernardino Valley during the next two to three years. However, one in three of those companies, their planned move out of the area is for expansion purposes and they intend on keeping their San Bernardino Valley facility in operation after their move.

Area companies indicate that very specific forms of technical assistance and government intervention will be required to help them survive and flourish for the balance of the 90s in the San Bernardino Valley.

Nearly 40% of businesses indicate that their survival and growth will require some financial assistance or incentives from area government. One in four say they need a reduction in the amount of regulations, policies, and bureaucracy with which they must deal.

One in four believe that business planning and management assistance is essential to their stability and growth plans. Nearly one half of area businesses consider access to timely customer data and marketing information to be the most important assistance that government, education, and the private sector can provide to assure their economic viability over the coming years.

Area businesses believe city and county government should join forces to undertake specific business improvement and retention activities, including: reducing government regulations, offering financial incentives for development, and mounting an aggressive business attraction area-wide initiative.

Technology and competition are changing the workplace and area businesses indicate that to stay competitive, they need the workforce of the San Bernardino Valley to have the following: basic literacy skills and education, computer proficiency and literacy, strong communication and customer service skills, and good sales and marketing skills.

The nearly 1,200 businesses participating in the study alone project hiring nearly 10,000 new employees over the next five years. Occupational categories most in demand today throughout the San Bernardino Valley include food and beverage personnel, allied health professionals, general managers, sales personnel, secretarial professionals, construction trades, mechanics, and administrative specialists.

Over the next three years occupations projected to be in the most demand will additionally include computer specialists, those involved in recreation and hospitality occupations, and building maintenance services.

Project sponsors will be using the results of the massive effort to provide specific services over the next year or two to those businesses specifically requesting technical assistance. San Bernardino Valley College will be using surveys results to identify additional technical assistance and training services to be provided by the College and its Institute for Training and Development.

The project administrators for the 1993 Inland Empire East Region Economic Advancement Survey Project were SBVC President Donald Singer, Executive Vice President Leon Higgs, Dean of Occupational Ed Tom Clark, Division Chair Quesa Hamiton, and Director of the Institute for Training and Development June Yamamoto.

The major findings of the survey have been consolidated into a 400 page volume and it is available at the College by calling (909) 885-6511 x1629.

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Redlands Northside Impact Committee Honors Students and Community Leaders

The Northside Impact Committee (NIC) of Redlands recently presented scholarships to Crafton Hills College (CHC) students Sandra Morales and Leticia Hernandez and recognized CHC Equal Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) Coordinator Agustin Rios, for his outstanding service to the community.

The scholarships and award were among a number of honors presented during the NIC First Annual Latino/Latinx Leadership Award and Scholarship Dinner held at the American Legion Hall Post #650. The purpose of the NIC event was to honor individuals that have positively effected the residents of Redlands' northside community.

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Keynote speaker for the affair was Judith Valles, recently retired president of Golden West Community College and currently a member of the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees.

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SAN BERNARDINO CITY SCHOOLS
Outstanding Students Recognized

Each month the San Bernardino City Unified School District recognizes outstanding students in the district at a board meeting. To receive this award students are nominated by their teachers based on outstanding citizenship, athletics, fine arts, academics, and most improvement. These awards were designed to help build self-esteem and to recognize students who excel in various areas, but who are not always recognized for their work.

Thompson Elementary School - Barbara Pregmon, Principal
Tony Chau - Tony is in Julie Tolerico's third grade class and was nominated because he is always attentive and respectful of others. His fellow students look up to him and seek out his advice and help. His parents are Tom Chan and Muoi Ong.

Brett Crump - Brett is a second grade student in Robert Hrovat and Debbie Law's class. He is very cooperative and has an overwhelming sense of responsibility and has been an important person in the success of the mainstreaming and integration program. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Crump.

Robert Lopez - Robert is in the sixth grade class of Barbara Kimball. He is a model student with excellent citizenship. He goes above and beyond what is required and has very high ITAS scores. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lopez.

Riley Elementary School - Jim Tanner, Principal
Manuel Alvarez - Manuel is in the sixth grade class of Diana Kuebler-Ross and was nominated because of his tremendous improvement. He applies himself in class with a great deal of determination. His parent is Gregoria Tabarez.

Brenda Avila - Brenda is a sixth grade student of Christine Perry-Hill. She came to the United States four years ago from Mexico and in that time has worked very hard to become fluent in English. She has an excellent academic record.

Joe Raymond Gonzalez - Joe is a sixth grade student in Lorretta Robinson's class. He has high scores on the ITAS tests and excellent verbal skill development. He has demonstrated leadership ability and is very athletic. His parents are Jose Gonzales and Martha Espinosa.

Pictured from left to right are Harry Pachon, executive director, NALEO, Ron Kirkpatrick and Robert Apodaca of Coors Brewing Company.

Coors Funds NALEO Citizenship Drive to Help Latino Legal Residents

LOS ANGELES, Calif. -- Recognizing the vital link between literacy and citizenship, Coors Brewing Company has funded a citizenship drive directed by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). Through NALEO's Educational Fund, this effort assists and encourages Latino legal residents, helping them overcome the barrier illiteracy creates in obtaining their citizenship.

"Not being able to read and write in either English or Spanish can be an insurmountable barrier to applying for and passing a citizenship test," said Robert Apodaca, field manager, Coors Brewing Company. "NALEO's program helps potential citizens overcome this obstacle."

The program uses interactive computer programs to teach reading and writing. In the process, according to program coordinators, each participant not only improves their ability to read and write, they also receive the necessary training to pass the citizenship test.

The NALEO Educational Fund was created in 1981 by the leadership of the National Association of Elected and Appointed Officials. Since that time, it has expanded from one to five offices, employing twenty staff members and has helped more than 50,000 Latinos become citizens.

Future Leaders Conference Closing Banquet Set July 30

More than 140 Hispanic eighth- and ninth-grade students from throughout Southern California will celebrate the completion of this year's Inland Empire Future Leaders Program (IEFLP) with a banquet at California State University, San Bernardino on Friday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the university's Upper Commons.

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 is to encourage 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 attend a six-day summer camp where leadership and communication skills are emphasized in combination with cultural workshops. This year's program will be held at The Desert Sun Science Center in Idyllwild, July 25-30. More than 60 representatives from area school districts and community service organizations join with former Future Leaders who volunteer their services to conduct the program. One such group is the Latino Lawyers Association whose members will lend their professional expertise to students participating in a mock trial to be held Friday, July 30, in the San Bernardino Unified School District Board Room. The mock trial will be conducted by Superior Court Judge John Ingro.

Funding for the program is provided by several community groups and individuals including: AT&T; Assemblyman Joe Baca; Congressman George Brown, Jr.; California State University, San Bernardino; Carniceria Ensenada; Carreon Foundation; Catholic Charities; Coca Cola; Ford Motor Company; Frito Lay, Inc.; Gannett Foundation; Hughes Employees Give Once Club; Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino; Redlands Federal Bank; John & Mary Regalado Memorial; Smith, Marion & Company; Southern California Edison Company; Southern California Gas Company; and Xerox Corporation.

Additional information on the program is available from Dr. Tom Rivera by calling (909) 880-5044.
Annual Kiwanis of Greater San Bernardino Health Fair Successful

"Our Annual Community Health Fair at Casa Ramona was a tremendous success. We were able to register 1,700 men, women and children and were prepared with information to refer clients for follow-up services," stated Ray Quinto, coordinator of the annual health fair since originally implemented five years ago.

The community health fair event is an ongoing special project of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, one of the most active service clubs in the area, and was recently recognized with "Honorable Mention Award" for outstanding projects in the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris, France.

The success, said Quinto, in processing the great number of persons was the result of available health service resources in the Inland Empire and positive responses from the agencies.

"Our committee contacted health agencies and sponsors to participate in our annual health clinic and we received overwhelming support and cooperation. We were especially pleased with the corps of volunteers who provided their specialized services and they performed outstandingly," he said.

Participating in this year's event were the following sponsors and agencies: American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, Southern California Gas Company, Kaiser Permanente, Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital, University of California, Cooperative Extension, San Bernardino Public Health Department, Casa Ramona, Inc., Contacto Newspaper, Project LEAN, Anheuser-Bush, Inc., Riverside, GTE California, Radio KCAL-AM, Assemblyman Joe Baca, The United States Navy, San Bernardino City Unified School District, Center Chevrolet, County of San Bernardino - Turn Program, Inland Empire Hispanic News, Directors Mortgage, El Chicano Newspaper.

Documented statistics indicated that the following examinations were performed at Casa Ramona, a community center located at the predominantly Hispanic Westside of the city: 700 vision examinations; 76 hearing examinations; 300 diabetic blood tests; 1200 dental examinations; 109 mammography tests; 159 TB tests; 52 aids tests; 13 children immunized; and 420 Project LEAN services!

Project LEAN is a special program which teaches residents the benefit of preventive medical practices to combat diseases and provide a healthy environment.

Alfredo Gonzalez, KCAL Spanish Radio and Maria Elena Garcia were commended for an outstanding job of publicizing the event via radio and television.

Gonzalez provided and participated in the day-long entertainment at the event. Also mentioned as a key volunteer was Rebecca Hoggarth, Kiwanian member and Supervisor Jerry Eaves field representative, for her efforts in raising $8,000 dollars to defray the cost of services provided.

Quinto added in a prepared statement, "This annual health fair illustrates and reaffirms to many of us that the health care system does not reach, and often ignores, thousands of people in desperate need of these vital services. Most, if not all, of the people who sought services this year were Hispanics, confirming that Hispanics are indeed one of the most needy of all identifiable groups, at least in our community."

Dr. Ralph Vega, a local medical practitioner and Kiwanian, has been appointed health fair coordinator for the following year.

Dr. Ralph Vega has been appointed health fair coordinator which is annually held at Casa Ramona and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino. The 5th Annual Health Fair was recently held at Casa Ramona in which health examinations were given to 1,700 men, women and children.

Vega was born and raised in the Westside of San Bernardino, graduating from Aquinas High School. He attended Valley College, San Diego City and Mesa Colleges and the University of California, San Diego.

He received his medical training at the University of Utah School of Medicine, graduating in 1984. As a medical student he was awarded the Sandoz Award for Outstanding Family Practice Student and was on the Family Practice Honors Program. He completed his three year family practice residency at San Bernardino County Medical Center in 1987.

He is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and has license to practice in Arizona and California. He is affiliated with St. Bernardine's Hospital, San Bernardino Community Hospital, San Antonio Hospital, Doctors' Hospital, Montclair and Ontario Community Hospital.

His professional membership includes American Academy of Family Practice, San Bernardino County Medical Society, American Diabetes Association, Rialto Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino.

He has practiced medicine at the National Health Service Corporation, Arizona, California Primary Physicians, Los Angeles, Universal Med-Co and Rancho San Antonio Urgent Care.

His practice includes preventive medicine, minor surgery, internal medicine, gynecology and pediatrics.

Vega believes in holistic type of medicine taking into consideration the context of patient, his family and the social environment. He states that communication is important in treating the patient by listening and patient education. He diagnoses and treats the affected area and total body with family help.

Dr. Ralph Vega recently started his private family practice at the new St. Bernardine's Medical Plaza, 1850 N. Riverside Avenue, Rialto, (909) 421-3033.

Dr. Ralph Vega named Health Fair Coordinator

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Plague Warning Issued for Campers, Hikers, Pets
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Plague carried by fleas to rodents

During routine Plague Surveillance activities, personnel from the County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health found evidence of plague in blood sera collected from ground squirrels at the Dark Canyon Campground; a U.S. Forest Recreation facility located in Rialto, Wild rodent plague is endemic in the San Jacinto Mountains. It is a highly infectious bacterial disease which primarily affects ground squirrels and other species of wild rodents. Plague can be transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas found on these wild rodents.

The positive confirmation for plague was reported by the California Department of Health Services Laboratory on July 19, 1993. Based on these findings, County Environmental Health staff has closed the campground to minimize the risk of exposure to the disease. Plague flea control operations will be implemented by County Environmental Health personnel. The campground will be reopened to the public when flea control efforts have been determined to be successful.

County Environmental Health officials provide the following recommendations to campers, hikers, and all other visitors planning to use the San Jacinto Recreational Area:

1. Avoid all contact with chipmunks, squirrels, or other wild animals. Do not feed these animals.
2. Do not camp, rest or sleep near animal burrows.
3. Leave your pets at home if possible. If not, keep them confined or on a leash. Protect your pet with flea powder.
4. Do not touch sick or dead rodents or animals. Report them to Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, Environmental Services Division, Vector Control Program at (909) 654-0148.

Crafton Hills College Registration Dates
Crafton Hills College's (CHC) fall semester registration will be August 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.; and August 13, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in the CHC College Center. First day of instruction will be Tuesday, August 17. The semester will end December 17.

Starting fall semester, the enrollment fee for California residents has been increased from $10 per unit to $13 per unit, with no maximum. Although California Governor Pete Wilson originally proposed a fee of $50 per unit for community college students, the state legislature compromised and voted for the lower fee. Also, the differential fee for baccalaureate degree students will continue to be $50 per unit rather than the $104 per unit fee proposed by the governor.

"An overwhelming outpouring of support for community colleges, particularly from students, resulted in the defeat of a $30 per unit fee," said Dr. Luis Gomez, CHC president.

New students and returning students who did not attend the college during summer or spring semester should come to the Admissions Office now to get their appointments to register. The sooner students get their appointments, the better chance they have of getting the classes they want. Class schedules are available for $1 at the CHC Bookstore.

1. New students receive appointments for Computer Placement Tests (CPTs) after application for admission.
2. Continuing students from summer session and spring semester will get Early Access Registration (EAR) information in the mail during the summer.
3. The CHC Admissions Office is located in the Student Services Building, Room 213 (under the clock tower). The Admissions Office is open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday. During the summer, the Admissions Office is closed on Fridays. It is also closed on holidays.
4. CHC is located at 11711 Sand Canyon Road in Yuccaipa. CHC is a California Community College in the San Bernardino Community College District.

For more information about registration, call the CHC Admissions Office at (909) 794-2161, Ext. 350.

Rialto Seeks Names for Two Schools

The Rialto Unified School District's Board of Education recently announced the acceptance of nominations for naming of the "Alder Vista Middle School" and "Meridian Elementary School." The Board stated that criteria for nominations should possess a background of direct involvement with the school district (a) as an employee for at least 25 years or (b) a member of the Board of Education for at least three terms or (c) a volunteer who has given personal time and effort to the School District related activities for at least 10 years or (d) an individual with a background of governmental and/or humanitarian services to the welfare of the community. Each letter of nomination should include a brief biography illustrating why the person should receive this honor. Nominations should be mailed to Superintendent's Office, Rialto Unified School District, 182 E. Walnut Avenue, Rialto, CA 92376.

Persons wishing further information may call at (909) 820-7700.

New Mexican Restaurant to Open Aug. 2

Cisco's Restaurant, 290 N. "D" Street, is the newest eatery located in downtown San Bernardino (2nd floor of the Vnair Building). Al Mesa, proprietor, stated that the restaurant is scheduled to open for business on August 2.

"I decided to move to a new area to start a restaurant and selected San Bernardino," he said.

Mesa said that the new restaurant will specialize in Mexican dishes and prices for lunch and dinner will be very reasonable. The manager for the restaurant is JoAnne Caruthers. A grand opening is scheduled for early September.

New SOP Manual - From page 1

posed plan to produce a final document acceptable to every segment of the community.

Charles Fantroy, medical products distributor, said problems with RFP's (request for proposals) and competition with large medical providers denies opportunities for success.

Richard Gonzalez commended Eaves on the SOP framework, but stated that departments within the county were not committed to the Program and therefore would not comply with the SOP. He also suggested that a bid list be established for each department.

Horacio Lopez suggested that a good faith effort be shown by the County. He further suggested that a profit incentive package be offered to general contractors for increased MWDBE participation as sub-contractors.

Lynn Cooper's supported the effort of producing an SOP. She stated that the paperwork was excessive and suggested comparable paperwork to state standards. Other suggestions were: sole service contracts; duration and areas of advertisements; and stringent review of company(s) questionable claims as MWDBE.

Victor Torres, representative of the National Minority Business Association, stated the contract disparity to minorities be reviewed. He recommended that MWDBE Program be directly under the county administrative officer and an ethics policy be adopted. He further recommended that the county counsel be instructed to operate from a positive position to make it (program) work.

Many Ann Gonzales, Institute of Social Justice, strongly recommended that an oversight review committee, not associated with the county, be instituted to review the process and insure compliance. Other presenters reinforced the recommendations that were presented to the panel.

"I wish to thank the 25 presenter who took time out of their busy schedule to provide public comments, suggestions and testimony. I was sincerely impressed by many of the speakers," said Eaves.

"When I was campaigning for this office I promised to have a standard operating procedure developed from the policy. This is the result of that promise. I will further insure that the SOP will be implemented."

Written comments and suggestions will be accepted by Eaves office until August 2, 1993.
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He still considers himself a University of Madrid before he got his soccer career. He also gave acting a try in two European movies that he considers to be the worst in the world. Yet, America's sudden rapture faded away for a year, and shattering his dreams.

He is trying to be mindful of the importance of being an international public figure. He recently performed as an honored guest at the closing ceremonies of the first East Asian Games in Shanghai, China. He also did a recent benefit concert for victims of Hurricane Andrew in Miami, where he has a home on an island just off the coast.

"As you get old, the brain gets much more together with the heart," he once said. With heart and mind, he has wanted to get involved with UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. He's now their Special Representative for the Performing Arts. He has made a number of appearances and has traveled the world at his own expense to perform benefit concerts for underprivileged children.

"It's something that I have to do because I'm much closer to Hell than to Heaven," he said. "God has given me so much, I have to give back. But, I will do much more in the future." He wishes that with his own three children he'd done much more in the past.

"I was never a good physical father in the way that I didn't spend with them as much time as I should have. But, they know that I love them like crazy. They have no problems with me."

His two sons are attending college in the United States, one in Santa Cruz, California, and one in Miami. His daughter, who resides in Madrid, was recently married. He added with concern, 'She's still very young, but,' he sighed, 'she's in love.'

Julio's eight year marriage to a lady of Philippine descent ended in annulment in 1979. He's still single and evasive as ever when it comes to women. What kind of a woman is he looking for? One thing's for sure.

"I'm not a Machisto," he said. "Women's rights, everything that's happening for women is deserved. I'm in favor of everything that makes everybody more prepared for life."

He denies any of the hanky-panky the tabloids try to pin on him. He's a hopeless romantic, desired by women all over the world, yet music remains the love of his life. Though none of his children share that love, Julio is not disappointed.

"To be a singer has to come naturally. It's their personal decision. They are wonderful, very, very disciplined kids, which for me is a miracle. The most important thing is to be honest inside. What's best for them is to express themselves, to be fighters, to be winners, to make sacrifices now for later compensations."

During the many hours Julio has sat in his private jet traveling from one country to another, he has had time to develop philosophies about himself, humanity, America.

It's interesting to understand the processes of different countries," he said. "For example, in my country, Spain, we have eight centuries of Arab, centuries of Jews, centuries of Phoenicians, of Celts. So countries are made through the blending of a lot of different cultures. America is a beautiful prototype of this."

He understands the difficulties Hispanics face and feels his country underdog in a predominantly Anglo society, but he sees it simply as pangs of birth.

"We may be young in the society of America, but we are an important part of this beautiful new culture."

Julio has never lost pride in his Spanish roots. He gets frustrated when people don't realize that before he came to the U.S. he had already released an estimated 67 records of his own personal compositions.

All my music, from 1968-85 was my own Latino compositions. Americans know me only since 'For The All Girls,' but I am all my music from the beginning until today.

He's working on a new English album set for a fall release. It won't include any original compositions, since his feelings are still hard for him to express in English.

What it will contain is a duet with Dolly Parton. He will also venture into new musical territory by collaborating with pop star Sting. Julio is toying with the title, "Crazy," after the old hit single by Patsy Cline.

On August 14, 1993, Julio Iglesias will perform at the Blockbuster pavilion, Glen Helen. For concert information, call (909)88MUSIC.

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