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The above artistic work is by Ernest Colunga of Colton and is being exhibited, with other local Latino artists, at the San Bernardino County Museum until September 12.

"Arte Sin Fronteras." Exhibit at San Bdnrno County Museum

A unique exhibit, "Arte Sin Fronteras" (Art Without Borders), uniting artists from the Inland Empire and the Republic of Mexico is currently being exhibited at the San Bernardino County Museum until September 12, 1993. Also included in the exhibit are a number of pieces on loan from the Instituto Cultural Mexicano de Los Angeles featuring both the work of well-known Mexican artists.

The exhibit is one of several projects sponsored by the Sister City Committee of San Bernardino-Villahermosa-Mexicali and California State University, San Bernardino involving cultural and educational exchanges between Mexico and San Bernardino. Other sponsors of the exhibition are the Inland Empire Latino Art Association, Mexican Consulate and the San Bernardino County Museum.

The Inland Empire Latino Art Association is a 28-member local artist group that has exhibited their works in numerous art exhibits throughout Southern California. The group's main goal is to promote Latino artists' artistic works in the Inland Empire.

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Mariachi Sol De Mexico in benefit performance for Sinfonia Mexicana, Sept. 26

The Inland Empire Symphony Association and Sinfonia Mexicana are presenting the Mariachi Sol De Mexico de Jose L. Hernandez. This internationally famous group will be performing in an exclusive local engagement with their equally famous Sol De Mexico Symphony Orchestra with the music of Jose Alfredo Jimenez. Also on the program will be Alicia Juarez and Pedro Rey.

The mariachi concert is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 1993, at the California Theatre, 562 W. Fourth Street, San Bernardino.

"The tickets for the Mariachi Concert are selling steadily. I recommend that persons planning to attend should call the Symphony Office to reserve choice seats."

First Anniversary of Los Padrinos Community Gang Intervention Program Celebrated with Dinner and Awards

Los Padrinos Community Coalition recently held its Annual Youth Gang Intervention Dinner to recognize the first anniversary of the gang-intervention program implementation in San Bernardino's Westside.

Present at the Dinner were Father Ray Rosales, Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastor and Coalition President; Assemblyman Joe Baca; Councilperson Ralph Hernandez; Joe Acosta, Coalition Vice-President; Gil Lara, Los Padrinos President; Max Alonso, Los Padrinos Director and Coalition Program Coordinator; Bob Vega, Coalition Youth Coordinator; San Bernardino Police Department SMASH Team Members; current Coalition program participants and approximately 30 guests.

In an interview, Alonso stated, "Over a year ago we started working with Westside gang members in a comprehensive program of job development including career and job training, crisis counseling, spiritual and education guidance and money management. One of the program's goals included bringing together members of the local gangs in a work and classroom environment in lieu of the continuing drug activities and violence that had been prevalent in the area, including shootings and frequent killings between gangs."

Alonso is referring to four gangs, including the Flats from the Lytle Creek area, Westside Verdugos, which is divided between two factions, Sur Crazy Ones, operating north of Baseline Avenue and Seventh Street Locos, whose activities are around Seventh Street.

Gangs have operated in the San Bernardino area since the pre-World War II era; gangs like the Junior Raiders, Raiders, Toppers, Bullies, Kiddies, Merrymen, Counts, Topo, Saints, Bottles, Sinners and Gents. The conflict between these gangs consisted of physical altercations which, generally, developed into bruises and abrasions, with occasional deaths.

Within the last two decades, however, the rivalry between gangs has become more violent with the frequent use of firearms to settle disputes, which had resulted in the deaths of members in the various gangs and continued retaliation. Exacerbating the conflict had been the distribution and usage of drugs.

In 1992, there occurred 94 homicides in the city in which, according to police, most involved gangs and drugs. In September of that year and as a result of gang killings and unfavorable publicity, Father Rosales, Los Padrinos and other community persons contacted leaders of the various gangs and proposed a plan of gang interactive action in which jobs, counseling and guidance would be available to individual members working as a group. Initially, 52 members agreed to join.

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Pictured above are participants in the Coalition Gang Intervention Group
**Letter to the Editor**

Underage Drinking Program Offered

Letters Editor
I.E. Hispanic News
Attn: Graciano Gomez
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Dear Graciano:

As the summer winds down, parents everywhere are beginning the familiar August rituals: buying school supplies, packing lunch pails, loading U-Hauls, and wondering how it can be possible that our children are yet another year older.

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**Commentary**

Wednesday, August 25, 1993

Senator Boxer announces two Hispanics for Federal Judges

Christian Science Monitor

Reconciliations sent to President Clinton for consideration

(San Francisco, CA) - Senator Barbara Boxer today announced the list of candidates who have been recommended to the President as nominees for Federal District Court Judge, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal positions in the state.

"Said Senator Boxer, "I couldn't be more pleased with the outstanding individuals who have come forward to serve our country in these important positions."

The Hispanic nominees announced today are as follows:

Richard Paez nominated for Federal District Court Judge

Samuel Paz nominated for Federal District Court Judge

Senator Boxer has appointed one committee in each of California's four federal districts to advise her on judicial appointments.

All nominees were recommended to the Senator by her advisory committee after an extensive process of reference checking and interviews by committee members.

"I am grateful for the many hours these dedicated men and women have volunteered as a part of this process and I am exceptionally pleased with the outstanding candidates who have emerged," Senator Boxer said.

Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein have agreed to alternate their recommendations to President Clinton for judicial appointments within the state and to equally divide recommendations for U.S. Attorneys and Marshals.

In addition to the nominations already sent to the President, Senator Boxer will make recommendations for the positions of Southern District Federal Court Judge and Central District U.S. Marshal.

All nominees must be reviewed and approved by the Clinton Administration, including an FBI and American Bar Association (for judges) review, and confirmed by the Senate, before final appointment.

Judge Richard Paez - Judge Paez has served on the Los Angeles Municipal Court bench from 1981 to the present. He has received numerous honors, including having been elected president of the American Judges Association. Judge Paez has been named to the California Judicial Council by Chief Justice Malcolm Lucas. He has taught many courses in judicial education programs sponsored by the California Center for Judicial Education and Research.

Samuel Paz - Mr. Paz is a highly respected attorney who is a native of the Los Angeles area, having grown up in Lincoln Heights. A navy veteran, he is a graduate of UCLA and received his law degree from the University of Southern California in 1974. Paz has been repeatedly honored for his work in the community by a wide range of people and organizations including the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, the American Civil Liberties Union, the City of Los Angeles, Sunset Junction Neighborhood Alliance, U.S. Department of Justice and others. He is an acknowledged expert in civil rights law who has written and spoken widely on the issue of excessive use of police force. Paz has extensive litigation experience and heads his own law firm as well as serving as an adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School.

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**Election Day 1993**

ELECTION DAY is November 2, 1993. Important state issues will be decided as well as local candidates selected for public office. You must be a registered voter in order to vote. The last day to REGISTER TO VOTE is OCTOBER 7, 1993. If you have moved, changed your name, or want to change political parties, you must re-register by October 4, 1993. THE POST OFFICE has recently changed many mailing addresses throughout the County. Therefore, you must re-register to vote because of these mailing changes, and it is necessary to re-register if you have moved. Forms are available throughout the County at post offices, Departments of Motor Vehicles, city clerks' offices, chambers of commerce, libraries, and many other locations. Voters may also call the Registrar of Voters Office at (909) 387-8300 for information and registration forms.
In the News

Karen Feld

Attorney Karen Feld to Serve on San Bdnio. Library Board

Karen A. Feld, a San Bernardino attorney, has recently been appointed to serve on the Library Board of the San Bernardino (City) Public Library. She fills the position vacated by Gloria Macias Harrison.

Ms. Feld feels that it's important to serve on the library board because as the community is changing, cities are seeing a need for a different approach. They are having to reach out to the community through things as online access computers and literacy programs. "I'm very excited about being involved in the changing process and serving San Bernardino."

Ms. Feld is an attorney for Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois and Bisgaard. Her areas of interest include government entity cases and appellate work. She graduated from the University of California, Riverside in 1992. She attended Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Rosary Trade schools and Notre Dame High School in Riverside. She received her B.A. in History at the University of California, Riverside. In 1992 she passed the California Bar Examination.

During law school, she worked as a law clerk for MacLachlan, Burford, and Arias, a defense firm in San Bernardino; the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office; and Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois and Bisgaard, the defense firm in San Bernardino where she is currently employed.

Feld is the daughter of Don Feld, and Socorro (Cory) Zermeno-Feld. She is the San Bernardino Library Board member that Attorney Karen Feld to Serve the community is changing, cities are seeing a need for a different approach. You can borrow any amount up to $15,000 without an appraisal, regardless of the amount of equity in your home.

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A program was developed by the Coalition with the formation of the youth committee chaired by Joe Acosta and sub-chaired by Joe Rodriguez. Funding was obtained through the City of San Bernardino through the efforts of Hernandez. “We picked the hard core who turned out to be the leaders,” said Hernandez. “We picked the hard core, a former gang member and program youth coordinator, and considered the current most viable person in establishing communication and discipline within the Program.

The Program called for graffiti eradication, weed abatement, residence rehabilitation, removing trash and painting homes and buildings. “To date, the Program has given these young men an opportunity to earn money and more importantly, the development of a better self image. Simultaneously, the city has benefited with a cleaner image and economically less expensive than using city manpower,” said Alonso.

According to Alonso, the 1993-94 Program fund budget is $435,000 with a total work force of 41. To date, the program has had an approximate two percent failure rate.

The number of Hispanic gang members has been estimated at approximately 600 to 800. A large number are considered hard core, however, a percentage are in the fringe of gang activity and the balance are considered wannabes, according to Alonso.

The Coalition is composed of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Victory Outreach Church, Casa de San Bernardino, San Bernardino Neighborhood Housing Service, Gents Organization, Los Padrinos, Casa Ramona, San Bernardino Police Department’s Lieutenant Farmer and the SMASH Team, San Bernardino County Health Department, Lydia Martinez, and Lydia Parkias. Former Los Padrinos Director Tim Gergen and Rudy Gutierrez were initially involved with the Coalition.

San Bernardino Police Department’s Sgt. Chennault, an authority on local gang activity and previously in charge of the SMASH Team, stated that gang killings have been eradicated in the areas where these gangs operate. “We are of the opinion that a program of this dimension has a positive effect on the lives of gang members, in terms of redirection.”

“Organizations, individuals and community have been very cooperative in our effort to outreach and lend a helping hand to these young men,” said Father Rosales. “They are also victims of our environment and it is essential that resources be consolidated into programs available to our youth to redirect their lives.”

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First Anniversary Los Padrinos Community Coalition Gang Intervention Dinner

Councilman Hernandez presents a city council resolution to Father Ray Rosales.

Councilman Hernandez presents a city council resolution to Father Rosales.

Assemblyman Joe Baca presents a State Legislature Resolution to Father Rosales on 1st anniversary.

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President Bill Clinton has made health care reform his top priority. Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Senior Citizen Nutrition Centers, Office of Public Health, Office of Senior Assistant Programs, Office of Mental Health and the Office of Immunization Services. The purpose of the health fair is to give seniors more opportunities to detect health problems that they may put off seeing a doctor for. The health fair is free to all senior citizens.

"This health fair is fully volunteer and goes to show that individuals can make the difference if they get involved," said Assemblyman Baca. Baca continued, "The health fair could result in early detection of serious health problems; if this happens, it could save some individuals from what could otherwise result in major financial costs."

The health fair is scheduled for August 28, 1993, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Inland Center Mall, 500 Inland Center Drive, in San Bernardino. There will be many health care professionals providing various screening and information services including hearing, vision, nutrition, blood pressure and many others.

For more information on the health fair call (909) 885-BACA.

SBVC to receive $1.75 million for low-income, minorities

Federal funds totaling $1.75 million will be awarded to San Bernardino Valley College over the next five years beginning in October. The much sought-after Title III grant monies are awarded to strengthen colleges and universities with large minority and low income student enrollments. The college's spring "minority" enrollment was close to 53 percent.

College president, Dr. Donald L. Singer said he was most pleased that SBVC would have money to pay teachers to work closely with students who need them most.

Judith Hert, special projects and grants director for the San Bernardino Community College District, announced details of the grant to the Board of Trustees.

Planning specifics to meet eligibility requirements will be started in August, and the first check, at the rate of $350,000 a year, will arrive by October. Hert expects numerous spin-offs from the main focus on improving teaching and learning.

Two major activities are expected to be accomplished:

• Development of two faculty teams, one to learn and use techniques proven particularly successful with minorities and at-risk students and the other to develop ways to improve students academically across the curriculum, and
• Creation of a large, active alumni association and support groups for specific college programs as well as a community mentoring service for first-generation SBVC students.

Student retention is expected to be strengthened because of improved teaching methods and a change in a way students are encouraged to become active learners, the grant stipulates. Stipends will go to faculty members in efforts to refine, evaluate and then change teaching methods and skills. Reading and critical thinking are to be expanded across curricula.

"This will start with a core faculty and then expand until all faculty are involved," Hert said.

"Title II grants, like this one at SBVC, are highly competitive," she said of the complicated grant application, which accounted for more than 250 pages and included numerous required details, planning documentation and charts.

She accounted for the success of the application by saying that she and associate professor, Gianna Pirelli, wrote it "with a sense of ourselves as a college with a rich history."

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"Arte Sin Fronteras" at County Museum
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The picture shows sponsors of the "Arte Sin Fronteras" who were present at a recent reception held for artists exhibiting their artistic talents at the San Bernardino County Museum.

The museum is at the California Street exit off Interstate 10 in Redlands. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and closed Monday. Museum admission is $3.00 adults, $2 seniors and students with identification, and $1 children ages 2-12. Permission viewing of Arte Sin Fronteras as well as all other museum exhibitions currently on display. Call (909) 798-8570.

Jorge (George) Gomez initially projects an image of being quiet and reserved; however, it doesn't take too long to surprisingly find that he is an assertive, very knowledgeable and enterprising individual.

Gomez, 37, is the owner of J & A Electrical Supplies, at 10620 Cedar Avenue, Bloomington, a wholesale electrical supplier. He is also the current president of the Fontana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

A few decades ago, Gomez had a lifelong goal of owning a business. Born in Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico, the entrepreneurial young man moved to Tijuana in 1965, attended the School of Electricity, graduating with high marks.

He worked in various electrical jobs in Tijuana and in 1975, immigrated to the United States, continuing to work in the field of electricity gaining added experience.

In 1982, while working in the Pomona area, he met and eventually married Alicia, who came to the United States as a young girl, receiving her education in the Pomona School District. She attended a cosmetology school and received her state license.

In 1989, the Gomez's started their electrical business in the City of Fontana. The couple worked extremely hard and long hours to establish their new business in the new location. "I knew that it would take hard work and long time for Alicia and I so start a business and make a go of it. We were determined to achieve our goal of making a successful business," he said. In order to further promote the business, Gomez contacted numerous Hispanic business persons to generate added business.

In networking, he and businesspersons had a series of meetings to discuss the concept of a chamber of commerce to promote their respective businesses. In 1990, the chamber was formed when it was determined that the city's chamber of commerce was not meeting the needs of Hispanic businesses.

In 1990, 30 members were recruited and the new chamber of commerce was organized with Taty Lozada as its first president. Gomez became involved with chamber activities. "I always liked to get involved and felt that a business organization was very beneficial for us," he said.

Gomez was elected chamber president in 1992. Both he and his wife have worked diligently during his term in promoting chamber activities, in addition to community projects including a children's Christmas party and aiding impoverished families in Tijuana. His added achievement during his term was involvement in organizing a consortium of seven regional Hispanic chambers of commerce.

The first of the year, Gomez bought the current large location in Bloomington as a result of increased business. "Although the economic conditions are slow now, we will continue to work hard to make a go of it."

Gomez is a United States citizen. "We have achieved our goal. Only in this country would that be possible for a person like myself. I am very grateful. I will continue to contribute to the welfare of our community and country."

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Pictured at their electrical supply office are Alicia, Jorge (George) and Georgey Gomez.

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