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Hundreds gather in S.B. for El Salvador Vigil

Protest suffering and injustice

Close to 300 men, women and children marched in a Candelight Vigil from "E" Street to City Hall in a strong protest to the recent death of six Jesuit priests and two women in El Salvador. The vigil congregated in front of the Martin Luther King statue. Father Mike Urea, of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Bernardino, spoke of the suffering and injustices that are happening in El Salvador, and the role that the United States is playing in regard to monetary aid to the government. Maria Anna Gonzales read the names of the 29 priests and lay persons that have been killed within recent years due to the civil strife in that country. Sister Teresa Gomez read different writings from Bishop Oscar Romero, who was killed in El Salvador during a Mass. Father Patricio Guillen and Deacon Tony Garduno also addressed the gathering.

Dr. Armando Navarro, Executive Director, Institute for Social Justice, spoke about the intervention of the United States in terms of financial aid to the current government of El Salvador which has not made the effort to negotiate with the opposite side. Dr. Navarro asked the audience to sign a prepared letter to President Bush requesting him to repeal all aid to the present government of El Salvador. The assembly ended with songs and prayers for the people of El Salvador.

Bishop Straling issues a call for prayers for El Salvador murdered, injured or oppressed

What follows is the text of a statement by the Most Rev. Phillip F. Straling, Roman Catholic Bishop of San Bernardino, concerning the murders of six Jesuit priests and two lay women in El Salvador November 16:

"It is with sadness that the world learned of the deaths of six Jesuit and two lay staff members of Central American University in San Salvador, El Salvador. This sadness is compounded by thoughts of the many hundreds who have recently lost their lives, suffered injuries or have been displaced by the renewed fighting in that country.

"Violence, war, murder and oppression of the poor is contradictory to the Gospel and has never been an instrument of peace or building of family and community.

"I call upon the faithful of this diocese to join in prayer for those murdered, injured, or oppressed because of the present acts of war and violence. I also ask your support in calling upon our own government to be an instrument of peace, refusing monetary or military aid to those who engage in acts of war and murder."

With banners ready the gathering prepares for night vigil march.

More photos on page 5. (Photos by Hispanic News staff photographer)
Ayala Announces Senate Fellowships

State Senator Ruben S. Ayala (D-Chino) today announced the availability of applications for the 1990-91 California State Senate Fellow Program. The program provides college graduates an opportunity to become full-time Senate staff members working in a Senator's Capitol office or committee for eleven months. The fellows also participate in academic seminars with senators, senior staff members, journalists, lobbyists, and members of the state and federal delegations. They receive 12 graduate credits from California State University, Sacramento. Fellowships are paid a stipend of $1,560 a month plus health and dental benefits. Fellows may be assigned anywhere in the state, and the fellowship program provides valuable training.

Anyone who has graduated from college by June 1990 may apply. There is no preferred major, and there is no need to be a recent graduate. Recent fellows have had majors ranging from agriculture to law to social welfare. Individuals with advanced degrees, or those in midcareer, are also urged to apply. Those interested may get applications from Senator Ayala's offices at 505 N. Arrowhead, Ste. 100, San Bernardino, CA 92401 or 2545 S. Euclid Ave., Ontario, CA 91762. Fourteen fellowships are awarded by the Senate Rules Committee in May. Awards are made after an initial screening of applications and a subsequent panel interview. The deadline for submitting applications is February 14, 1990.

U.S. Prudence Needed In Policy Toward Nicaragua

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The Sandinistas should not have cancelled the cease-fire in Nicaragua. But President Bush and Congress should not respond by renewing military or so-called humanitarian aid to the Contras. Instead, the administration should support regional efforts to reintroduce the cease-fire.

Regional peace and free elections are at stake in President Ortega's response to Contra violations of the 18-month-old cease fire. If the United States overreacts with renewed military aid, it may compel Nicaragua to cancel the February 1990 balloting. President Ortega has every right and obligation to protect Nicaraguan citizens from Contra terrorist attacks. Since the cease-fire began in March 1988, more than 700 Nicaraguans have died. Ambushes of Nicaraguan reservists and citizens resulting in 22 deaths are only the most recent of a series of contra attacks in defiance of the efforts of the Organization of American States and United Nations to demobilize them. Indeed, earlier this month, Contra high commander Enrique Bermudez, a former colonel under the Somoza dictatorship, announced that the U.S.-sponsored Contra forces would reintegrate into Nicaragua from Honduras rather than return to civilian life and participate in the elections. Since then, 2,000 armed Contras have entered Nicaragua and joined the 3,000 already in place. Some conservative pundits have opined that President Ortega's moves reflect desperation and a recognition that an honest election will cause his demise. But there is little evidence to support this analysis. Independent polls generally show the Sandinistas running 3 to 2 over United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO) candidate Violeta Chamorro, with one-third of the electorate still undecided. The Sandinistas have a national organization with 50,000 hard-core members. They dwarf the combined forces of all 10 registered opposition candidates.

Add to that the fact that the electoral process, including voter registration, has gone quite well, receiving international acclaim, and one must conclude that the motivation for President Ortega's move was not desperation but that it flowed from military and domestic public opinion considerations. This is precisely why the move was ill-conceived. Though it is likely that the Sandinistas will drive Contras away from the cities and back into Honduras, President Ortega's gamble may give congressional hard-liners the upper hand in renewed U.S. military funding to the Contras.

This is also why the Bush administration should support OAS/U.N. efforts to ameliorate the conflict. Renewing Contra aid would be a historic mistake. Again, the Contras are a moribund force. They can never win. They can only discredit all those associated with them.

The crisis presents an opportunity to President Bush and Congress. Nicaragua's electoral process is legitimate. Nine candidates in addition to the Sandinistas and the U.S.-backed UNO ticket are on the ballot. More than 80 percent of eligible Nicaraguans have registered to vote in elections that will decide presidential, parliamentary and municipal posts.

If the process is allowed to run its course, a stable and moderated regime should emerge. That's an end worth supporting. Prudent action by Washington now would go a long way toward stabilizing Nicaragua and the entire region. It would end a 10-year headache for U.S. policy in Central America.

(Rebecca Vigil Girón is Secretary of State of New Mexico. She recently returned from a fact-finding mission of U.S. Hispanic leaders to Mexico, El Salvador and Nicaragua.)

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Hispanic drop-out rate highest, but San Bernardino School report shows overall drop-out improvement

The San Bernardino City School Board's Education Research Center received some good news at their meeting Tuesday night: The District's dropout rate has declined for the second straight year. A report presented to the Board showed that since the 1985-86 school year there has been an overall 5.4 percent decrease in the numbers of dropouts at the District's five high schools. Dr. Michael Karpman, Director of Research, Development and Evaluation, stated that the 1987-88 dropout rate of 11.2 percent was down 4.3 percentage points from the 1986-87 rate. In 1985-86 the District wide rate was 16.6 percent. Dr. Karpman said all ethnic groups showed a decline in their dropout rates but it is most noticeable in the Black and Hispanic groups. The Black dropout rate of 10.0 percent is now less than the White rate of 11.7 percent, while the Hispanic rate of 11.9 remains close to the White rate. The study also showed that Hispanic females have a higher dropout rate than Hispanic males.

Although the rates decreased for all grade levels, it has fluctuated for ninth grade students. In 1985-86 the rate for this group was 11.1 percent, in 1986-87 it went up to 11.4 percent, but during the 1987-88 decreased to 11.6 percent. Dr. Karpman said this could be attributed to a policy change which went into effect during the 1986-87 school year which required a certain number of credits in order for a student to be promoted to the next grade. This meant more retention which could lead to increased student frustration and eventual dropping out of school. An analysis of these 410 ninth grade dropouts showed them to be older or over the normal age for their grade.

Janet Reynolds, Director of Alternative Programs, presented an update to the Board on the District's efforts in preventing and reducing the dropout rate. Because there are many factors which can lead to students dropping out of school, the District has approached the problem by developing a variety of programs to address these factors. These include programs designed specifically for student athletes, for students who have the ability but who do not work up to their full potential, High Intensity Language Training (HILT) at the elementary and secondary levels, programs such as MESA (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement) designed especially for minority students, and Spartan Academy, an intense tow-year program for at-risk 9th and 10th grade students.

Dr. E. Neal Roberts, Superintendent, said he is pleased with the decrease in the dropout rate. But he said, "We will continue to work to bring it down even further. This is one of the goals of our Five-Year Plan. I am very happy to see the strategies that were developed to meet this goal are beginning to pay off."
Nieves resigns post

Mr. Ray Nieves, Affirmative Action Officer for the San Bernardino Unified School District since 1984 has announced his resignation to be effective December 1, 1989. In submitting his resignation, Mr. Nieves stated, "I feel very proud of the record that the San Bernardino Unified School District has achieved during my tenure. Within the last 8 years of Dr. Neal Roberts administration, minority appointments to key positions has increased 43 percent. My career plans are to go into the private sector and this will be a new challenge for me."

Mr. Nieves previous career include 20 years of civil service in which the majority has been in the area of civil rights. His employment includes the U.S. Postal Service, Department of Fair Employment and Housing and Cal Trans.

Mr. Nieves plans to open a family business in the City of Colton.

John E. Wiley named S.B. County Hospital Director of Mental Health

John E. Wiley has been named Executive Director of Mental Health at The San Bernardino Community Hospital. Wiley, a graduate of Cal State University, San Bernardino also holds an MBA. Most recently Wiley was affiliated with Ramsey Healthcare, Inc. He served as Administrator in Idaho Falls, Idaho; Daytona Beach, Florida and Enid, Oklahoma.

Prior to his joining Ramsey Healthcare, Wiley served as Assistant Administrator at College Hospital, Inc., Cerritos and Charter Grove Hospital in Corona. Wiley is a member of The Association of Mental Health Administrators.

Lucy Cardona selected for CSUSB Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program

Lucy Cardona, a Highland resident and member of the advisory committee for the Cal State, San Bernardino Department of Social Work, is one of 150 doctoral candidates selected thus far to participate in the California State University Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program. Designed to encourage minorities and women to pursue doctorates and teach in academic fields where they are underrepresented in the CSU system, loans of up to $10,000 a year will be reduced or "forgiven" by 20 percent with each postdoctoral year that a participant teaches full time in the CSU system for up to five years. Participants may receive as many as three $10,000 loans. The program began in 1987 with 60 participants.

While sponsorship of each doctoral candidate by a CSU faculty member does not guarantee employment in the 20-campus system, "It is an incentive to seek employment in the CSU (system) and provides a competitive edge in the employment process," said Dr. Annette Lopez, dean of affirmative action for the Office of the Chancellor. Cardona is sponsored by Dr. Morley Glicken, professor and director for the Department of Social Work, California State University, San Bernardino. She is working toward her doctorate in social welfare at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"I felt like I needed to get my doctorate," said Cardona, who taught three classes at Cal State last year and is taking this year off to concentrate on her studies. "It has always been a dream of mine to go back to school and finish." Cardona currently maintains a private practice as a clinical social workers doing psychotherapy.

The need for more social workers in the Inland Empire is one of the key reasons for Cardona's participation in the doctoral incentive program.

"We have to have social workers in the schools and hospitals. We have to have them in the less traditional settings like industry," explained Cardona. "There's a lot of poverty. There are a lot of drugs."

For almost nine years Cardona worked for the Department of Family Medicine at the San Bernardino County Medical Center as a teacher and then, as director of community medicine. Cardona is one of two Highland residents participating in the program. The other, Cherlynn Rush, is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Lucy Cardona

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San Bernardino, California
Harry Munoz returns to Colton as Assistant H.S. Principal

"It's great to be back," said Harry Munoz, Colton High School's new assistant principal. Munoz, 41, began his new duties on October 23, following a three-year absence from Colton High School. He taught American history and world civilization, coached the football and baseball teams and directed the positive attendance program at CHS from 1975 to 1986. Between 1986 and October 1989, Munoz served as Banning High School's associate principal. His return to Colton High has made him eager to become involved with the community. "I want to share with the community in providing a quality education at the high school," he said. At Colton High, Munoz supervises the athletic programs, student discipline and buildings and grounds.

Munoz began his teaching career in the Redlands Unified School District. He taught history and physical education at Clement Junior High School for three years, following his graduation from California State University, Long Beach, in 1971. Munoz and his wife, Darlene Gamboa, a microbiologist at San Bernardino Valley College, live in Redlands with their two children, Joseph and Lia.

Hank S. Alvarez new R.O.P. Program Manager for Colton, Yucaipa, Redlands R.O.P. Unit

Hank S. Alvarez is the new program manager/district liaison for the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program which provides tuition-free vocational training to adults, high school students, and out-of-school youth. Alvarez is responsible for the supervision of ROP vocational education programs and assessment of ROP teachers at Colton and Bloomington High Schools and at off-campus sites in the Colton Joint Unified School District.

Alvarez has 18 years of experience as auto mechanic, service manager, and garage owner. Prior to joining CRY-ROP, he worked for coastline ROP where he taught automotive repair for six years and supervised the trade and industrial education department for four years. He earned his bachelor's degree in Multicultural Vocational Education and his master's degree in Vocational Education from California State University Long Beach.

A lover of historical literature, Alvarez had planned to major in history but changed his mind when influenced by former California State Superintendent of Schools Wilson Riles, who said that any student who graduates from high school should have some marketable vocational skills.

"He made common sense to me, and I saw a need for people to work with kids and to teach them a trade," said Alvarez.

Alvarez says that a good vocational teacher should be reinforcing the core curriculum.

"I would take kids who said they hated math but who had an interest in automotive repair, teach them the formula for a cylinder and have them find the cubic inch displacement of an engine. These kids, who were failing math, were doing elementary geometry and learning it," said Alvarez.

Alvarez believes that vocational education gives high school students an opportunity to look at a field close up and have a chance to earn a living," said Alvarez. Commenting on his move from Coastline ROP to CRY-ROP, Alvarez said, "I have been to CRY-ROP as part of a Western Association of Schools and colleges (WASC) accreditation team last spring and had been impressed with the organization and its people."

"Later, when I heard about the Program Manager job opening, I got really enthusiastic. With the area's rapid growth, we have many opportunities for building good vocational education programs."

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Leonard-Duran III fight on closed-circuit TV at S.B. sports center

Almost nine years since their last encounter, which ended with Roberto Duran's infamous cry of "No Mas, No Mas," Sugar Ray Leonard and Duran will meet for a third time—Uno Mas—on Thursday, Dec. 7 at The Mirage in Las Vegas. The 12-round rubber match will be shown live on closed-circuit television at the National Orange Show's Sport Center in San Bernardino. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Leonard, (35-1-1, 25 KOs) fresh off his thrilling 12-round draw with Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns at Caesars Palace on June 12, will put his WBC super middleweight championship on the line against the Panamanian great. The Leonard/Hearns match was also seen on closed-circuit television at the National Orange Show.

Duran, (85-7, 61 KOs) will make his first appearance since winning the WBC middleweight crown on February 24 with a stunning split decision win over Iran Barkley.

Advance tickets are $35 each and are available beginning Nov. 13 at the National Orange Show's Administration Building at 689 South "E" Street in San Bernardino. Call (714) 383-5444 for additional information.

Grupo Folklorico accepting registrations

Grupo Folklorico California is now accepting registration for new students. Registration will take place on Wednesday, November 29, 1989 and December 6, 1989, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Hutton Center, 680 Colton Avenue, in Colton. Registration will continue every Wednesday in December at 6:00 PM at the Hutton Center.

Interested students ages 5 years old and up are encouraged to register. A Folklorico Group for teenagers and adults interested in touring throughout California is also being formed.

Mexican folk dance classes will be held on Wednesdays for beginners from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Hutton Center and will begin on Wednesday, December 6, 1989. Intermediate and advance classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM beginning December 6, 1989. Fee is $20 per month per student.

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Please send your resume to:
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ATTN: Donna Rowe
For assistance or further information, call Donna Rowe at (916) 323-2249.

ASSOCIATE TOXICOLOGIST

The California State Department of Health Services is recruiting for Associate toxicologists for immediate openings. An employment examination is scheduled for fall, 1989. The examination will be based 100 percent on interviews. Telephone interviews are permissible. Vacancies exist in Sacramento, Emeryville, Berkeley, and Los Angeles. The areas of involvement will be environmental toxicology and risk assessment. The annual salary will start at $38,304 - $50,748. To qualify for the Associate Toxicologist exam, you must have a Doctoral Degree in toxicology or closely related specialty; or possession of a Masters Degree in toxicology or closely related specialty and three years experience, past the Masters Degree, in the area of toxicology; or certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology.

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Mark Soria has achieved New York Life Insurance Co. Executive Council for 1989

Mr. Mark Soria, New York Life Insurance Company, has achieved the Executive Council for 1989. The award is for insurance agents who have exceeded the high quota that is established by the Company.

Mr. Soria has continually qualified for the executive Council in New York Life since 1983 when he joined the local agency. He is a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters and has been previously awarded the National Quality Award and Sales Achievement Award by the N.A.L.U.

He is involved in assisting the community with business and personal insurance and investments, and attributes his success to hard work, sincere honesty and quality service. He resides in Grand Terrace with his wife, Ginger and son, Mark, Jr. Mr. Soria’s office is located at 440 Court Street, San Bernardino.

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Here are 3-ways you can help clean-up your neighborhood, earn Christmas Cash, and see that people who are not keeping up their property are forced to do so.

Part 1. - Win up to $1,000 and/or a Key-To-The-City!

To encourage volunteer work the city has arranged with private groups to post a $1,000, $500 and two $250 awards for the best volunteer CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP efforts.

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE:

1. Take a picture of the blighted area before you clean it up.
2. Describe your group and your project area, including its location.
3. Mail these materials to the address below.
4. Clean the area by Monday, December 4th.

Fred Wilson
San Bernardino Blight Coordinator
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The City will inspect each area, and judge who has done the best work for the prizes. Every participant will receive a Blight Buster bumper sticker and a Key-To-The-City from the Mayor at a televised City Hall ceremony Friday, December 8th.

Part 2. - Groups Can Earn $200-$1,000?

The City has identified over 60 streets and lots as severely blighted. It has decided what work is needed to clean each site, and estimated the time to do so. A price tag has been placed on each site, ranging from $200-$1,000, depending on how many hours it will take to clean it.

Who Can Earn The Cash?

To enlist citizens in the War on Blight, the City will pay anyone, from a group of neighbors to a non-profit organization, willing to clean these sites. Work will include removing trash, debris and weeds. City refuse trucks will pick up collected debris from the edge of the property.

How To Sign Up?

Groups can sign up by mailing in the form below, by Friday, Dec. 1st. Be sure to indicate the number of workers, and hours willing to work.

Mail to: Fred Wilson at the address under Part 1.

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WHAT ARE THE RULES?

1. Work is to be done Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
2. There will be a briefing for group leaders on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.
3. Groups must have transportation and tools. The City will supply trash bags.
4. Debris will be picked up at the curb.
5. Minors must have adult supervision.
6. City will inspect sites before payment is made to insure work is satisfactory.
7. A televised awards ceremony will be held Friday, Dec. 15th, at City Hall, where checks will be distributed by the Mayor.
8. Checks will be made out to the group, which may use the money as it sees fit.
9. If work is partially complete, checks will be pro rated.
10. All groups are deemed to be independent contractors, not city employees.

Part 3. - Reporting Blighted Property

It is now a violation of city ordinance to have a lot that is full of trash, or a fire hazard. Houses cannot have broken windows, peeling paint, leaning fences, cars on lawns, or piles of junk. Walls cannot remain filled with graffiti!

If someone is not maintaining property in your neighborhood, call the Blight Buster Hotline: 384-5443

and report the problem and the location. The City will begin warnings and legal action to clean up the problem.