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Seizing a second term for Riverside’s Ward 1, incumbent Councilman Dom Betro is vigorously campaigning throughout the large central business and northern areas for a run-off on November 6th special election.

“I have worked hard during my term in office to bring improvements to our district,” Betro said at a campaign rally at Reid Park. “Many residents have indicated their satisfaction with the progress made with improvements in our ward during the last four years and other ongoing projects at the present time.”


LATINO/NATIVE AMERICAN YOUNG LEADERS HONORED AT CSUSB DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BREAKFAST

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) released the following statement today after President Bush vetoed bipartisan legislation that would provide health insurance to 10 million children through the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

The bill would extend health coverage to more than 600,000 children in the state of California who are currently uninsured.

“The President had an opportunity to provide health insurance to 10 million children whose parents either cannot afford it, or have jobs that do not provide coverage. By vetoing this responsible bill the President shows a lack of compassion for the most vulnerable in our society.”

This Administration is out of touch with the needs of the American people. The President continues to spend $10 billion a month in Iraq, but refuses to spend the money necessary to provide health coverage to America’s poorest children. 

RIVERSIDE COUNCILMAN DOM BETRO SEEKS REELECTION IN WARD 1 RUNOFF

Betro spoke of the renovation of Fairmount Park, Orange Street fire station, Indian Hills preservation, improving problem-related properties, crime reduction, revitalization of the downtown areas including the renovation of the Fox Theater Plaza, reducing traffic congestion, and others improvements.

“These accomplishments have been with the collaboration with constituents in ward 1,” he said.

“My most important priority as a councilman is visiting community groups, attending functions and listening to residents’ concerns and ideas for improvements of our ward,” he added.

Betro established an excellent reputation as administrator of the Family Service Association of Western Riverside, a multi-service agency. The agency included 425 employees and 418 volunteers with an annual budget of $18 million dollars. He also developed a needed housing complex and added capital assets in building office space for programs and services.

Luis Aguilar, a 20-year City of Riverside resident, is seeking the candidacy for the Riverside Unified School District’s Board of Education in the November 6, 2007 elections. Aguilar holds a BA*Degree and MA in Social Work from the University of Washington, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Minnesota. Prior to his higher level education, he worked as a coordinator of educational programs at high school, community college and university levels. His area of law practice: family law, general civil and criminal defense practice.

“I have a broad understanding of educational programs and have been involved in numerous community issues,” Aguilar said, whose three children have graduated from the Riverside Schools.

His added experience in education has included college recruitment efforts and retention of Chicanos and Latino students in education; migrant student advisor; and director of Upward Bound Program.

Luis Aguilar-CANDIDATE FOR RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Making people of Hispanic origin the nation’s largest ethnic or race minority. The estimated Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2006, was 38.9 million or 13% of the nation’s total population.

About 1 of every 2 people added to the nation’s population between July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, was Hispanic. There were 1.4 million Hispanics added to the population over the period.

3.4% — Percentage increase in the Hispanic population between July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, making Hispanics the fastest-growing minority group.

102.6 million — The projected Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2050. According to this projection, Hispanics will constitute 24% of the nation’s total population by that date.

22.4 million — The nation’s Hispanic population as of the 2000 Census, just slightly over half the current total.

3rd — Ranking of the size of the U.S. Hispanic population worldwide, as of 2005. Only Mexico (106.2 million) and Colombia (43 million) had larger Hispanic populations than did the United States (42.7 million).

64% — The percentage of Hispanic-origin people in households who are of Mexican background. Another 9% are of Puerto Rican background, with 3.5% Cuban, 3% Salvadoran, and 2.7% Dominican. The remainder are of some other Central American, South American, or other Hispanic or Latino origin.

27.4 years — Median age of the Hispanic population in 2006. This compares with 36.4 years for the population as a whole.

107 — Number of Hispanic males in the population per every 100 Hispanic females. This was in sharp contrast to the overall population, which had 97 males per every 100 females.

48% — The percentage of the Hispanic-origin population that lives in California or Texas. California is home to 13.1 million Hispanics, and Texas is home to 8.4 million.

15 — The number of states with at least a half million Hispanic residents. They are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.

44% — The percentage of New Mexico’s population that is Hispanic, the highest of any state. Hispanics also make up more than a quarter of the population in California and Texas, at 36% each, and Arizona (29%).

4.7 million — The Hispanic population of Los Angeles County, California, the largest of any county in the nation.

305,000 — The increase in Texas’ Hispanic population between July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, which led all states. California (283,000), Florida (161,000) and Arizona (102,000) also recorded large increases.

22 — Number of states in which Hispanics are the largest minority group. These states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming.

BUSINESSES

1.6 million — The number of Hispanic-owned businesses in 2002. Triple — The rate of growth of Hispanic-owned businesses between 1997 and 2002 (31%) compared with the national average (10%) for all businesses.

$222 billion — Revenue generated by Hispanic-owned businesses in 2002, up 19% from 1997. 45% — Of all Hispanic-owned firms were owned by Mexicans, Mexican-Americans and Chicanos.

29,168 — Number of Hispanic-owned firms with receipts of $1 million or more.

43% of Hispanic-owned firms operated in construction; administrative and support, and waste management and remediation services; and other services, such as personal services, and repair and maintenance. Retail and wholesale trade accounted for 36% of Hispanic-owned business revenue. States with the fastest rates of growth for Hispanic owned firms between 1997 and 2002 included: New York (57%), Georgia and Rhode Island (56% each), and Nevada and South Carolina (48% each). Counties with the highest number of Hispanic-owned firms were Los Angeles County (188,422); Miami-Dade County (163,187); and Harris County, Texas (61,934).

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

9.9 million — The number of Hispanic family households in the United States in 2006. Of these households, 62% included children younger than 18.

67% — The percentage of Hispanic families consisting of a married couple.

44% — The percentage of Hispanic family households consisting of a married couple with children younger than 18.

66% — Percentage of Hispanic children living with two married parents.

23% — Percentage of total population younger than 5 that was Hispanic as of July 1, 2006.

SPANISH LANGUAGE

32.2 million — The number of U.S. household residents 5 and older who speak Spanish at home. Spanish speakers constitute nearly one in eight U.S. household residents. Among all those who speak Spanish at home, more than one-half say they speak English very well.

29% — Percentage of Texas residents who speak Spanish at home, which leads all states. This compares with the national average of 12%.

78% — Percentage of Hispanics 5 and older who speak a language other than English at home. Of that number, about half speak English very well.

INCOME, POVERTY AND HEALTH INSURANCE

$35,967 — The median income of Hispanic households in 2005, statistically unchanged from the previous year.


32.7% — The percentage of Hispanics who lacked health insurance in 2005, statistically unchanged from 2004.

EDUCATION

59% — The percentage of Hispanics 25 and older who had at least a high school education in 2006.

12% — The percentage of the Hispanic population 25 and older with a Bachelor’s degree or higher in 2006.

3.1 million — The number of Hispanics 18 and older who had at least a Bachelor’s degree in 2006, up from 1.4 million a decade earlier.

839,000 — Number of Hispanics 25 and older with advanced degrees in 2006 (including masters’ professional, doctorate).

11% — Percentage of all college students in October 2005 who were Hispanic. Among elementary and high school students combined, the Corresponding proportion was 19%.

Educational attainment levels are higher among certain Hispanic groups than among others. For example, among Cubans 25 and older, 73% were at least high school graduates, and 24% had a bachelor’s degree or higher.

JOBS

68% — Percentage of Hispanics 16 and older who are in the civilian labor force.

17% — The percentage of Hispanics 16 or older who work in management, professional and related occupations. Approximately 24% of Hispanics 16 or older work in service occupations; 22% in sales and office occupations; 2% in farming, fishing and forestry occupations; 16% in construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations; and 19% in production, transportation and material moving occupations.

77,700 — Number of Hispanic chief executives. In addition, 49,200 physicians and surgeons; 53,700 postsecondary teachers; 29,000 lawyers; and 3,300 news analysts, reporters and correspondents are Hispanic.

VOTING

7.6 million The number of Hispanic citizens who reported voting in the 2004 presidential election. The percentage of Hispanic citizens who voted, about 47% did not change statistically from four years earlier.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

1.1 million — The number of Hispanic veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Hispanic Americans by the Numbers

From the U.S. Census Bureau

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“Hispanics are the nation’s fastest-growing minority group, its largest, and are expected to account for about half the growth of the U.S. labor force between 2005 and 2020,” this, according to the Pew Hispanic Center in 2005. A perusal of media outlets reveals in countless articles on Hispanic population growth that reiterate this very fact. With such demographic change coming from this population it might be interesting to take a look at how they are doing economically.

In August, the U.S. Census Report on Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States (2006) measured that the U.S. poverty rate of any ethnic group with 20.5% of their population falling below the federal level. However, from 2005 to 2006 the Hispanic poverty rate fell appreciably more than that of any other group falling from 21.5% to 20.6%. Furthermore, starting in 2003, the Hispanic rate decreased faster than any other group, a remarkable trend that of any other group falling from 21.8% to 20.6%. Furthermore, starting in 2003, the Hispanic rate decreased faster than any other group, a remarkable trend of any ethnic group with 29.4% of their population falling below the federal level.

The report states that the “upward mobility of Hispanics has stemmed from higher levels of education and movement from agricultural jobs to construction and other higher paying occupations.” As encouraging as these trends are, especially the higher levels of education, data sets can and do tell more than one story. With much of the new workforce lacking the benefits of assimilation and suffering from lower income levels as a result of a lack of education, poor education, and limited language skills, Hispanics will continue to face significant challenges in trying to close the poverty gap in spite the statistics presented here.

The chart also shows that all groups have done better economically and have lowered the percent of their population who earn in the lowest range. However, in 2006 that figure was reduced to 31.8%, a reduction of 10.3%. The chart also shows how much work lies ahead for the Hispanic community.

The construction and service industries by far have formed the deepest relationship with the Hispanic worker. According to the Pew report, 25% of newly arrived Hispanic workers were hired into construction. With such a large percentage employed in the sector, any contraction in the building industry due to the cyclical nature of markets will undoubtedly have an effect on the Hispanic labor force. However, as it is now, data supports that Hispanics are taking to more prominent roles in the U.S labor market and climbing the economic ladder in much the same manner as other U.S. immigrant groups have done throughout history. With such Hispanic demographic change currently underway this economic ascent is a welcome trend but it must be supplemented with higher educational attainment if Hispanics are to hold onto the gains.

-Hernandez Morales, Jr., an Inland Empire resident, holds a B.A. in Economics and M.A. in Public Administration. He is active in the local community, volunteering and serving on various appointed boards and committees.

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LATINO/NATIVE AMERICAN YOUNG LEADERS HONORED AT CSUSB DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BREAKFAST

SAN BERNARDINO
Approximately 250 family members, honorees, and community leaders attended Hispanic Heritage Month breakfast Saturday, September 22, honoring area Latinos and Native Americans 30 years and younger for their accomplishments and community services.

The "41 Under 30 Young Leaders" recognition event at the Santos Manuel Student Union at California State University, San Bernardino, was hosted by 62nd Assembly District Member Wilmer Amina Carter. James C. Ramos, San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees, was the master of ceremonies. Guest speaker was KTTV Reporter Rick Lozano. "You accomplish the things you want to reach in life. The focus should be here, not out there. Don't lose sight of the big picture. Focus on what's next."

The honorees were: Beatriz Barragan, CSUSB alumna, cancer survivor; Make-A-Wish Foundation volunteer; Margarita Bonilla, criminal justice student, Fontana School District-Community Program Leader; Marcos A. Mata, UCR student, while working three managerial jobs; Richard Burgess, Department of Behavioral Health-Peer/Family Advocate, aids emancipated youth from foster care system; Jake Ryan Magnant, AVID tutor and youth activist; Roxanne Pelta, Trinity Youth services/community outreach specialist, advocates improving laws on children in foster care; Monica Santana, native of Guadalajara, YWCA Academy Community Day School-algebra teacher; Theresa Jean Stewart, UCLA alumna, American Indian Studies and Anthropology, former president of American Indian Student Association at UCLA and community activist; Alicia Trujillo, CSUSB alumna, employed at CSUSB College of Arts and Letters, leader in Latino university graduations; Carlos Trujillo, CSUSB-BA in Business Administration/University of Redlands-MA, Future Leaders volunteer; James Urrea, CSUSB student, chemistry, Future Leaders volunteer; Carly Chavez, CSUSB, BS-Biology/MS in Education, Fontana High School biology/physiology teacher, AVID class and MECHA advisor; Jennifer Baca, UCR student and community activist; Michael Ross, CSUSB alumni-Sociology, League of Young Voters community organizer; Yvette Aguyo, high school junior from San Bernardino, academically active in school, church and community volunteer; Pete Aguilar, University of Redlands alumni, vice president and director of Governmental Affairs-Arrowhead Credit Union; Janea Alcantar, Ramona-Alessandro Elementary School-Sunrise/CAPS Programs aide, youth life skills volunteer; Marcos Alcantar, YMCA-CAPS/Sunrise aide-Ramona-Alessandro Elementary School, individual relationship with students, and role model; Raquel Aldana, Ramona-Alessandro Elementary School-third grade English Learner teacher, role model and future part in Professional Learning Team; Jason Alvarez, CSUSB alumni and in master program in educational counseling, first in family to graduate, and currently CSUSB-Admissions Evaluator and Counselor; Susann Baz, San Bernardino City Schools secretary, advocate for improving attendance rates, and close liaison with Spanish-speaking community, John G. Carranza Jr., CSUSB alumni, English major, San Bernardino School District teacher, community advocate for college-education for youth; Fatima Cristerna, CSUSB alumna, BA in Political Science, MA in Communication Studies, Planned Parenthood for San Bernardino/Orange Counties-Health Education Program Manager, and director of Future Leaders; Nathonas Duro, CSUSB junior, campus and community activist and future advocate for tribal members; Jonathan Garcia, Azusa Pacific University student, Inland Congregation United for Change member; Taylor Gomez Jr. Crafton Hills College student, legal office clerk, active in his church, recipient of HACU scholarship; Ricky Jacquez, Crafton Hills College student, to become worship singer, has overcome adversities in his life; Juan Carlos Luna, from Oaxaca, CSUSB, dual MA in Education and Educational Administration, community activist, Casa Ramona principal (youngest in school district); Cipriano Martinez, University of Redlands-MBA

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REP. BACA: ‘CONGRESS IS COMMITTED TO SCHIP – EVEN IF THE PRESIDENT IS NOT’

Baca Decries Veto of Bill That Would Provide Health Insurance to Ten Million Children

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- This experience in the social service area was the motivating factor to more broadly serve the public in an elective position, Betro stated in previous campaign statements.


Dom Betro can be reached at (951) 684-4873. His web site is www.betroforcouncil.com.

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Before there was "The War," there was the battle over the initial exclusion of Mexican American voices from Ken Burns' epic documentary about World War II. It wasn't racist. It was typical.

In history and popular culture, the stories of Mexican Americans — and Latinos in general — often are relegated to the fine print of mainstream storytelling. It's part of living in a country where race is wrongly defined as black and white. And from a storytelling point of view, the Mexican American soldiers of World War II were harder to define in narrative terms than, say, Japanese Americans.

In the capital of California, we know about internment — how Japanese American families from Sacramento and beyond were locked up on our soil during the war. "What people don't understand is that before World War II, Latinos were invisible. ... (They) were almost like foreigners in their own country," Bill Lansford, a Latino and World War II veteran ultimately featured in "The War," told the Los Angeles Times.

We also know that many young Japanese American men went to war for the United States while trying to "prove" they were Americans. For some, that included denying their Japanese roots.

However, it wasn't unusual to see GIs with Spanish surnames who fought for Uncle Sam but kept part of the Mexican eagle in their hearts.

That embracing of two cultures brought its own set of problems — now as then. "My mother was spanked by the Mercy nuns for speaking Spanish," said Diana Salgado Zuniga, whose family was deeply involved in the local war effort during World War II.

Her grandmother — Enriqueta Andazola — led a group of fierce women called the Mexican War Mothers, whose members were of Mexican ancestry but whose boys fought and died for Old Glory.

It marked one of the first times locally that Mexican Americans asserted themselves publicly while stating allegiance to the American flag in a most profound way. "My grandmother loved this country, she embraced the best parts of the United States," Zuniga said. Today, the Stars and Stripes flies at Zuniga's east Sacramento home while the strains of Spanish-language music fill the house.

In the wake of the Burns "War" controversy, she eyes a family picture with pride: Her grandmother flanked by three sons who fought in World War II; another who fought in Korea; and a son-in-law, Zuniga's father, who also fought in World War II.

One uncle named Edgardo carried the middle name of Lincoln, after the American president. An Uncle Paul was at Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge, one of the bloodiest ever. "He lost his mind in the war," Zuniga says today. The family endured the toll of war without complaint, because that's what families did back then.

By most accounts, up to 500,000 Latinos fought in World War II — with Mexican Americans the largest subgroup. Thirteen won the prestigious Medal of Honor.

It's a shame such a presence merited only an afterthought from Burns, who included some Mexican American voices in response to protests.

Some dismissed the protests as whining, but that's wrong. These stories deserve to be told because these people were there, their blood just as red.

The Spanish word for them is Patriotas.

Marcos Bretón is a Sacramento Bee Columnist

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"Too many of our nation's innocent children have fallen victim to the horrors of gang violence," said Rep. Baca. "I am proud to work with Senator Boxer and sponsor this responsible legislation, which establishes an Interagency Gang Prevention Task Force to coordinate efforts focused on gang prevention."

Mynisha Crenshaw was killed on November 13, 2005, while eating Sunday dinner with her family, after gang members shot at the Crenshaw residence, located at the Cedarwood Apartments in the Del Rosa neighborhood of San Bernardino.

Mynisha's Law would allow the Attorney General to establish a Federal Gang Task Force, comprised of members from the Departments of Justice, Education, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Housing and Urban Development. The Task Force would create a comprehensive national gang prevention strategy that would focus on all aspects of the fight against gangs – from at-risk youth intervention to literacy, employment, and community policing.

"Our local governments and law enforcement officials have done a good job at starting to address the problem of gang violence with a total effort of intervention and prevention," added Rep. Baca.

The Senate version of Mynisha's Law, sponsored by Senator Barbara Boxer, was incorporated into a larger gang prevention bill, S. 456, which passed the Senate on September 21, 2007. The bill now awaits further action from the House Judiciary Committee.

"It is important that we explore all avenues in the fight against gang violence," concluded Rep. Baca. "We must not lose hope. We are fighting for the future, to make tomorrow a better and safer place for our children."

student, community activist, employed at Inland Empire Health Plan; Phillip Martinez, Pasqua Yaqui Indian Tribe, CSUSB-BA Degree in Business Management, community activist; Roberto Martinez, CSUSB student, Public Administration, Boys/Girls Club site coordinator at Delmann Heights Community Center; Manuel Sean Melendez, CSUSB-BA in Liberal Arts, Minor in Psychology, University of Phoenix; MA in Organizational Management, San Bernardino County correctional officer, Eduardo Mendoza, CSUSB, MA student while working full time, employed at CSUSB-Office of Advising and Academic Services; Mima Mendietta, Ramona-Alessandro Elementary School-YMCA recreational aide and community activist; Stephen C. Morales, Fashion Institute of Fashion Design and Merchandizing student, Peer and Family Advocate with Transition Age Youth; Samuel Alex Najera, CSUSB, MA student, Public Administration, and CSUSB-Admission Counselor; Kristofer Reyes, USC student, clothing company owner and working two jobs; Luis Fernando Reyna, San Bernardino High School student, community activist and Colton Mission and Ministries member; Rocio Ruiz, San Gorgonio High School student, Inland Congregation United for Change leader; Gabriel Uribe, Best Buddies-Inland Empire program supervisor and active in Chicano/Latino Youth Project; James Urrea, CSUSB student, Chemistry, Future Leaders volunteer and youth athletic teams coach, and Lucia Zarrate, University of San Diego alumna, CSUSB-Admissions Recruiter/Counselor, motivates students to work to accomplish higher goals.

Rivera, honoree selection committee chairperson, was honored on his 68th birthday during the event. "We are getting older," he said. "We need to pass on the baton. What we're saying by holding this event is that these honorees should be ready to get involved in the community, to be active, to bring services to our local community."

Arrowhead Credit Union, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and AT&T co-sponsored the event. Entertainment was provided by Aztecas De Oro Mariachi Youth Group and Burbank Elementary School-Ballet Folklorico Dancers.
LUIS AGUILAR—CANDIDATE FOR RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Aguilar main themes in his campaign: • keep students in school; • address the issue of drop-outs; • promote strong parental participation; and • develop partnerships with the city, local universities/colleges and businesses.

Aguilar has been endorsed by the Riverside City Teachers Association, Andy Melendrez, City of Riverside Councilman, Dom Betro, City of Riverside Councilman, Jose Medina, RCC Board of Trustees, and Kathy Allavie, RUSD Board of Trustees.

His community involvements include: Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, State and County Bar Association, and Raincross of Riverside.

His recognitions have included: Associate, Leo A Deegan Inn of Court; Barrister, Leo A Deegan Inn of Court; State Bar of California, Wiley W. Manuel Award, Pro Bono Services, Fellow, Institute for Educational Leadership, Kellogg Foundation, Outstanding Young Men of America, and Governor’s Commendation for Community Service, State of Minnesota.

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