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Ramon Alvarez, Owner of Alvarez Lincoln-Mercury in Riverside, a nationally known business success

On November, 1995, a month after Ramon Alvarez opened Alvarez Lincoln-Mercury Center in Riverside, he was quoted by the Inland Empire Hispanic News that his goal was “placing his dealership from last place to number one among the 11 car dealers in the area.”

In an interview by IEHN in July 2, 1999, Alvarez stated that he had achieved two goals, “I am happy to say that Alvarez Lincoln-Mercury is number one in car and truck sales in the Inland Empire including Palm Springs, Temecula and through West Covina.

“In a special June, 1999, edition of Hispanic Business, our dealership was identified as one of 500 largest Hispanic-owned companies (#131) in the United States.” Hispanic Business magazine is a national published magazine distributed throughout the United States. Continued on page 2.

Latino imPACt annual meeting and election of officers will be held on July 21

Martin Valdez, president of Latino imPACt, announced the annual meeting of the local political action organization will be held on July 21, 1999 at Uptowner Restaurant, 155 W. Highland Avenue, San Bernardino at 5:30 PM.

At the annual meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor and election of officers will be held.

“It is imperative that this organization continue to be actively involved with the political activities at the national, state and local level. The election of officers who will lead the group is very essential for the success of our mission,” stated Valdez.

Latino imPACt was founded by Dr. Armando Navarro in 1989 to register citizens and encourage voters to become actively involved in local elections. After several years, the group became inactive.

In 1995, local political activists reactivated the group, initially recruiting 158 members representing the region adjacent to the City of San Bernardino. Mayor Judith Valles was president of the group for one term prior to her election.

Latino imPACt has endorsed candidates from San Bernardino, Ontario, Rialto and other cities and alternately donated funds for several candidates in the region.

“The group will develop new strategies in future meetings to plan for the forthcoming local elections in November, in addition to the general elections Continued on page 3.

Castillo Starts as Deputy Superintendent

Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools welcomed Dr. Damon Castillo Jr. to his administrative team as the Deputy Superintendent for the Riverside County Office of Education.

Dr. Castillo has been superintendent of the Alvord Unified School District since 1995. During his tenure as superintendent, the district passed a $57 million general obligation bond, the first bond passed in 35 years.

Other district accomplishments include a California Distinguished School designation, the first in the district, and the district continuation school being recognized by the state as a Model Continuation High School.

Dr. Castillo was born in Houston, Texas, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school. He received his bachelor’s degree in English and his masters in education from California State University, Los Angeles.

He earned his doctorate from the University of La Verne. He has served 28 years in education, including 20 years of administrative and teaching experience with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Additionally, Dr. Castillo has been very involved in the local community and has been a leader among Riverside County superintendents. He is a board member with a number of agencies, including United Way of the Inland Valleys, La Sierra Division Chambers of Commerce.

For further information on the event or RSVP, call at (909) 888-2188 or (909) 381-6259.

The Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the 40th Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner Dance at the San Bernardino Hilton on Friday, July 8, with reception at 6:00 PM.

The Chamber will be installing Linda Boose, Graciano Gomez, Mary Zanezki, Martin Valdez, Rudy Diaz, Martin Valdez, Gracie Fernandez-Harmon, Nicole Olney, Manuel de la Torre, Ralph Hernandez, Steve Minta and Manuel Acosta.

Honoree to be recognized for the evening are Father Patricio Guillen, Anita’s Mexican Foods, Supervisor Jerry Eaves, Pacific Bell, Louie Hett, Martha Brown and Gloria Harrison, Dr. Herbert Fischer and Ray Abril, Jr.

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The Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) is inviting the public to the 25th Anniversary Latino Vote ’99 Political & Economic Empowerment Conference

The Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) is inviting the public to the 25th Anniversary Latino Vote ’99 Political & Economic Empowerment Conference to be held at the Queen Mary, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA 90802 on Friday, July 16th and Saturday, July 17. The two day event will have a full agenda of workshops, speakers and entertainment.

On Friday, there is a reception and dinner at 6:00 PM. SVREP has invited Vice President Albert Gore to be the keynote speaker. Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante will be the co-keynote speaker.

Saturday, July 17th, scheduled speakers are AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, State Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, United States Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson and United States Senator Diane Feinstein will be luncheon speaker.

Workshops discussions will be on Latino Vote 2000, education, employment, entrepreneurship, health care, housing and transportation.

The SVREP was founded by Willie Velasquez in Texas, with limited resources and a mission of Latinos playing a more active role in the American political scene.

Since then, SVREP has registered approximately two and a half million Latinos and have trained 50,000 nonpartisan voter registration and GOTV campaigns and successful litigated 85 voting rights law suits.

SVREP has been in the forefront in registering voters, challenging voters to go to the polls and encouraging the Latino population to continually become involved in the political process.

Persons wishing additional information and reservations may call Marie Coban or Nancy Chacon at (323) 222-2217 or Elva Sandvald at (800) 222-5654, fax no. to Marie at (323) 222-2011 or write to Latino Vote ’99, 2914 N. Main St. 2nd Fl., Los Angeles, CA. 90031.

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Letter to Editor

June 22, 1999
Dear School Board Members,

The name of our future high school should be named Santa Fe High School. It is only fitting that the new high school in San Bernardino’s West End should be named Santa Fe High School after the Santa Fe Railway. The name is a natural because of the importance of the railroad, of its growth and prosperity. And not only to mention all of the workers it has employed from San Bernardino and surrounding areas and the west end. Our grandfathers, fathers, uncles and brothers worked in the locomotive repair shop factories. It has been part of our history since the 1800’s as well as the landmark steamiestall, which has been a part of our daily lives, all of our lives.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou De La Torre

Local Events

Wednesday, July 7, 1999

MPA and Police Move Towards Better Understanding

In the past, a state of mistrust and misunderstanding existed between segments of the Latino community and Chino Police Department. The Mexican Political Association (MPA) brought community concerns to City Hall. Relations between MPA and police were strained and adversarial in nature. Many unnecessary conflicts were created as a result.

Under the leadership of Police Chief Gene Hernandez, bridges for better communications and understandings have been reestablished.

A series of community/police meetings have taken place over the past six months at which time Chief Hernandez and his staff have demonstrated a willingness to strive for a greater understanding of the concerns and solutions for Latino youth. These meetings have provided insight to understanding community issues and sharing police concerns. A mediation agreement was signed by all parties on 6-14-99.

The challenge for the future remains implementation of the Mediation Agreement and willingness for the community and police to participate as partners in providing a safe environment for all youth.

Riverside Office of Education Named as Reading Support Center

Dr. David Long, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, has announced that the Riverside County Office of Education has been awarded a $250,000 grant from the California Department of Education and has been named the Southern Regional Reading Support Center.

The State Department awarded only two grants in the entire state: one to service Northern California and the other to service Southern California. The grant was written and will be administered by the Educational Services Division of the Riverside County Office of Education.

Grant funds will be focused on middle schools where 25% or more of students are reading below grade level. Teachers and coaches at identified schools will be trained in a research based reading model. RCOE will provide identified schools with on going support and training as they move towards achieving the goal.

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Ramon Alvarez, president of Alvarez Lincoln-Mercury (center) with portion of key personnel that has made the dealership number one in the Inland Empire

Sitting in his office with neatly stacked piles of paper on his desk, Alvarez epitomizes the role of an articulate and highly charged businessperson with a mission.

He said proudly and emotionally, “I came to Riverside not knowing a single person to start a business practically from the ground up. One of my mentors was the late Art Pick from the Riverside Chamber of Commerce. He guided me and introduced me to the community of Riverside. I will always be grateful for his help in a critical time of need,” he stated emotionally.

Since then, Alvarez has gone on a nonstop course of building the car agency with a mix of business acumen, drive and finding ways of serving the community at large.

His business experience started with his family. “Our family have been business pioneers in Baja California. My grandfather, Manuel Contreras, started Aerovias Contreras, an airline in Baja California.”

Born and educated in San Diego and raised in Tijuana, Mexico, Alvarez has a strong background in business. “Although San Diego is my city, my parents demanded that I also get educated in Tijuana. I would spent two days a week in that city, learning Spanish, history and our culture. I am very glad that I received that education.”

Alvarez said that he also learned from his father that sincerely serving the customers and their needs are the strongest strategies for increasing sales.

Being involved in the community and helping others has also been a family tradition for many decades, said Alvarez. “Following that tradition, I had made up my mind that in Riverside I would serve the community in as many ways as possible.”

Deciding to make it on his own, he worked selling motorcycles and cars in the San Diego area. Later, he worked for several Ford dealers starting in sales, learning about car financing and getting an education.

In one Ford agency in financial trouble, he was able to build the business up to where it became very successful. His reputation with that success, coupled with his excellent relationship with the Ford Motor Company and its credit component, Ford Motor Credit, put Alvarez in an opportunity to purchase the Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Riverside, which at that time was in financial trouble.

The rest is history.

“First of all, I explained my business philosophy to the sales staff, service and administration and stressed the importance of being courteous, show sincerity and provide those services that are important to the customer. Those customers will come back and will also tell other potential customers.”

He had also determined that the huge Hispanic market was a potential target, to purchase the higher quality Lincoln-Mercury cars. His involvement in the community and developing a network was a major success. He also advertised in newspapers, radio and hosted a weekly radio show.

Alvarez said that one of the major factors was that Ford Motor Credit, the lending component of the corporation, had been sensitive and receptive to allow greater credit availability to the Hispanic population.

In 1995, the Lincoln-Mercury dealership was selling 10 cars a month and in serious financial trouble. Currently, Alvarez dealership is selling 100 new and used cars a month, a 1000% increase in sales! The Hispanic customer market is averaging 38% of total sales a month.

“My approach is a high volume sales with a low profit margin. This will allow the public to afford our brand of cars,” he said.

Alvarez has 52 employees and is pleased that turnover is low. His seven key managers practice the same business philosophy of understanding the customer and individual needs. Two of his employees commute from the San Diego area.

Being true to his commitment of involvement in the community, Alvarez is a member of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, current president, Riverside Community College Board Foundation, Riverside Community Hospital, Riverside Regional Medical Center Advisory Board, YMCA, Raincross Club, Boys Scouts of America, UCR Foundation Board and Lincoln-Mercury Dealers Association.

Alvarez has been awarded the 1996 Hispanic Business of the Year by the Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Eagle Award and Rookie of the Year by the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, UCR 1996 Entrepreneurial Program, 1996 Ford Motor Co. Society of Leasing Professional Dealer Award and the Tomas Rivera Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

A strong believer in higher education, Alvarez contributes to numerous local scholarships and schools.

Alvarez and his wife, Araceli, are the parents of Marialojsee and recent born Ramon IV.

Thinking of the future, Alvarez is exploring the expansion of his car dealership and venturing into other dealerships.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News congratulates Ramon Alvarez and the Alvarez, Lincoln-Mercury Center on its growth in the Inland Empire and recent national recognition and commend him on his volunteerism to the Riverside community.

Inland Empire Job Corps Center Summer Graduation

Left to Right: James Lindmeier, Monica Howard, Adrian Williams, Faith Scott, Eric McLaughlin, Lillian Ramírez, Laura Gunning, Carmen Estrada

The Inland Empire Job Corps Center’s summer graduation was held Tuesday evening, June 22, 1999, at the Upper Commons, CSUSB. Over the past six months, 48 young people earned full graduate status, and 25 were present to receive their diplomas during the ceremony. Full graduates are trainees who completed their vocational training and earned their GEDs or high school diplomas.

Keith Lee, the Director of Jobs and Employment Services for San Bernardino County, was the keynote speaker. He congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to continue their education even further.

Terri Jones, a former Job Corps trainee, also spoke to the graduates. She described how she decided ten years ago to enroll in Job corps and how it changed her life. She continued her education from Job Corps to the level of achieving a Master of Science Degree in Counseling and Guidance from CSUSB.

Parents, friends, and Job Corps staff celebrated the graduates as they proudly walked across the stage. Most enrollees in Job Corps dropped out of school before earning their diplomas, so this was a really special occasion for them.

For more information about Job Corps and who can qualify for enrollment, call 1-800-788-6305.
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Miguel Mauricio Gaeta: A profile of a young man's dedication and purpose

By Sandra B. Martinez

It has been five years of dedication, sleepless nights, and hard work that have gotten Miguel Mauricio Gaeta a seat at the UCLA Medical School.

Gaeta, 22, resident of Riverside and a 1994 graduate of Rubidoux High, is a graduating senior at the University of California, Riverside. He will leave UCR after five years, with a double major in biology and biochemistry, along with a minor in history.

"As far as for my future career objective, I am most attracted to primary care medicine. Family medicine is the most appealing to me at this point because it offers the continuous patient contact with a variety of age groups and the continuity that I desire," said Gaeta in an interview.

Gaeta has been working all through his college years in order to pay for his education, sometimes even holding three or four jobs at once. Currently he is working with the San Bernardino Unified School District as a substitute special educational instructional aide.

There he works with about a dozen children who are afflicted with autism, Down Syndrome, and attention deficit disease (ADD). He said that his experience with the children "has all amounted to some of the most frustrating and joyful experiences I have had as well as introducing me to a population that is severely under-served and in need of attention."

REDLANDS SMILEY ELEMENTARY LAUNCHES PEACEBUILDERS


PeaceBuilders Kickoff will begin at 6:30 p.m. All three Kiwanis Clubs of Redlands and the Smiley PTA sponsored the PeaceBuilders Program for Smiley Elementary. A representative from each group will be attending. Also invited are the Mayor of Redlands, Bill Cunningham, Congressman Jerry Lewis, Robert Hodges, Superintendent of Redlands Unified School District, school board members, parents and other community members.

"We are very excited to be starting the PeaceBuilders Program in our school. We are anticipating positive changes with implementation of this program," commented David Cisneros, Principal of Smiley Elementary.

Inland Agency, a private community-based nonprofit, is the local home of PeaceBuilders, a proactive and effective violence prevention program. Inland Agency's model for PeaceBuilders has been recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to be considered as one of five best practices to prevent youth violence in the country. Since 1994, Inland Agency has expanded PeaceBuilders, setting up a positive foundation in over 94 elementary schools in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

As of September 1999, Inland Agency will be offering a new generation of violence prevention program called PEACE LEADERS. This K-8 program is developed by Dr. Dennis Embry (creator of PeaceBuilders) through his company PAXIS and is based on the same brain science and prevention research as PeaceBuilders. However, the program is more academically focused, promotes healthy behaviors (antidrug and alcohol use), and costs less. The program promotes productivity, peace, health, and well-being.

In June, the return of summer excites youth and adults alike. However, summer also represents the time when youth are most likely to be victims of violence and crime. Peak hours for unintentional shootings among children are highest when youth are unsupervised including the summer months of June, July and August. Ninety-nine percent of juvenile homicides are committed outside of schools. In fact, youth are safer in school than anywhere else in their community. Throughout the country, leaders are searching for ways to prevent violence before it happens. Here in California, community leaders recognize that violence is a problem we can solve and believe programs and policies are needed to protect youth during the periods when they are not in school. Now that summertime is here, a factual discussion needs to happen about why we need to provide youth with constructive opportunities during these peak crime hours.

Key Facts

Recent headlines remind us that violence against youth is a public health problem of epidemic proportion. It is important to stay focused on the key facts of this epidemic as Californians debate solutions.

- Violence is the number one killer of youth in California
- Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 are at the most risk of becoming victims of violence between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- The number of children killed by gun violence in schools is about half the number of Americans killed annually by lightning strikes.
- California voters overwhelmingly believe after-school programs (77%) and job and vocational training (77%) are highly effective violence prevention programs.
- Local schools are a community's largest capital investment, yet schools in many communities are left unused up to 65% of the time.
- Californians choose investment in violence prevention over incarceration by a margin of 6 to 1.
- Youth ages 12-17 are crime victims five times more often than adults over 35.
- There are eight times more gun dealers than McDonald's in the state of California.
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

- LaNet-Riverside: Latino Network (LaNet) is currently meeting at Centro de Niños, 4525 Victoria Avenue, Riverside, (909) 683-8935. Coffee, donuts and sweet bread available.

- Kaiser Permanente breast cancer support group for Latinas in English/Spanish/public invited. Meetings held on last Thursday of month at Fontana Medical Center-MOB3 General Surgery 3rd floor, conference room, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. For information call (909) 427-6034 or (909) 427-7763.

- Dr. Yolanda Venegas, Title VII Project Director, School of Education, UCR, Sprout Hall 1215, is seeking university/college students interested in becoming bilingual teachers. Contact office to determine eligibility. $5,000, grants available. For information call (909) 787-5489.

- Hispanic Bookcase has relocated at new address: 1345 University Ave., Suite E, Riverside (nearest cross street-Iowa), business hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:30 to 6:00 PM. Ph. no. (909) 682-0049.

July 9
- Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 43 Annual Installation and Awards Ceremony at the Hilton, 285 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino. No host: 6:00 PM, Dinner & Program: 7:00 PM, Dance by the Home Boys: 8:30 PM. Board of Directors to be installed. Linda Boswell-p resident, Graciano Gomez-vice president, Mary Zaneksi-secretary, Rudy Diaz-vice secretary, Martin Valdez-treasurer, Nicole Olney, pro treasurer, Gracie Fernandez-Harmon, Manuel de la Torre, Steve Mintz, Ralph Hernandez and Manuel Acosta, Jr.-directors. Awarded: Father Patricio Guillen-Latino of the Year, Anita’s Mexican Foods, Inc.-Business of the Year, Supervisor Jerry Eaves-Government Service, Pacific Bell, Louis Here-Distinguished Service, Marla Brown & Gloria Harrison-Latinas of the Year, Dr. Herbert Fischer & Ray Abril, Jr.-Education Service. For information and RSVP call (909) 888-2188.

August 1

August 28
- Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine and City of San Bernardino-Main Street Inc. are presenting the First Annual Caliente Music and Food Festival at Court Street Square, corner of E and Court Street, San Bernardino. Special dishes and foods by area restaurants and music by Latin jazz/artists and other entertainment. For information call (909) 328-1385.

AT&T Donates to Hispanic Scholarships

Pictured: (L-R) Randall Shields, AT&T Public Relations Director and Sara Martinez-Tucker, HSF president and CEO.

Thanks to a $100,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is partnership with AT&T has launched the “Technology for Education” project which will help connect students, teachers and parents with technology and to various community outreach programs. "AT&T recognizes the challenges Hispanics face for a quality education, and its support to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund will provide opportunities for many deserving young people, who may otherwise be unable to pursue their educational dreams," said Sara Martinez-Tucker, HSF president and CEO.

Archbishop Patrick Flores Tapes Message for Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon to air on Sept. 5-6

TUCSON, Ariz., June 25, 1999 - Archbishop Patrick Flores, one of the top Hispanic leaders in the Catholic Church, has taped a series of promotional messages that will air during the nationally televised Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, set to air Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-6.

The spots are designed to coincide with this year's multilingual Telethon, which will be broadcast in English by some 200 television stations and be "webcast" live on the Internet in English, Spanish and Japanese at www.mdausa.org. The Telethon annually reaches an audience of some 75 million television viewers, and the webcast will enable tens of millions more worldwide to see the show as live streaming video.

In the series of highly autobiographical messages that encourage Telethon viewers to "join in a prayer of hope for Jerry's kids," Archbishop Flores of San Antonio talks of growing up poor, roadblocks he had to overcome to achieve his goals, and the need to believe in miracles.

"The same kind of hope and faith that shaped my life underlies the belief that there will be cures for neuromuscular diseases," says Archbishop Flores. "We have the power to create miracles... to change our world... if we're willing to work together. That's what MDA is founded upon."

One of nine children, Patrick Flores was born in Houston, helped his parents pick cotton as migrant farm workers, and dropped out of high school in 10th grade to work the family farm.

Expressing his dream to become a priest, he was encouraged to finish school by the bishop of Galveston. At age 20, Flores graduated at the top of his high school class and soon thereafter entered the seminary. He became one of the Catholic Church's youngest bishops ever and was the only Mexican-American among the church's 250 prelates.

"We are thrilled to be joined in our message of help and hope by Archbishop Flores," says MDA National Chairman Jerry Lewis. "Finding a way to help kids is my passion. Like Archbishop Flores and the millions of people giving to MDA to advance worldwide research seeking treatments and cures for neuromuscular diseases, believe in the power of miracles."

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far reaching professional and public health education. MDA programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors. For more information or referrals to MDA clinics, call 1-800-572-1717 or visit www.mdausa.org.

Archbishop Patrick Flores, on of the top Hispanic leaders in the Catholic Church, has taped a new series of promotional messages encouraging viewers to "join in a prayer of hope for Jerry's kids." The spots will air on the nationally televised Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, set for Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-6, and will also be featured during the Telethon's multilingual Telecast in English, Spanish and Japanese at www.mdausa.org.
We are proud to recognize these individuals and businesses that have contributed significantly to public education in San Bernardino County. These six recipients of the 1999 San Bernardino County Education Medal of Honor were selected from 80 nominees in six categories. Through their caring and dedicated efforts, each has made a difference in the lives of students and for public education in San Bernardino County. Thank you and congratulations. For more information, visit our website at http://www.sbcss.k12.ca.us/medalofhonor.

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for year 2000, Valdez stated.

Planned workshops will consist of registering citizens, get out the vote campaigns, voter education, candidate endorsements and political fund-raiser, according to Valdez.


Persons interested in further information may call Martin Valdez at (909) 387-4857 or Graciano Gomez at (909) 381-6259.
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The Chancellors Organization First Annual Handball Tournament at San Bernardino High School.

The Chancellors Organization, a nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to public service, recently conducted the First Annual Handball Tournament at San Bernardino High School.

Chancellors President Arthur Vargas stated that, "This is not a fund-raising event. We are trying to serve a previously overlooked section of our youth in the community that is often not recognized."

Over 120 youth participated in the inaugural event. Organizer and handball chairperson Manuel Romero was pleased with the turnout and event results. "We want to make this type of activity available to all the youth in our community. This was our first such event and we learned a lot from this experience. Our hope is to sponsor future events at other high schools."

Romero, a San Bernardino High School teacher, said that the event sparked an interest by the administration at San Bernardino High School. "Speaking with Principal Karen Craig and Athletic Director Dolores Dudek, they concurred that competitive handball at the high school level is a doable option for the school's future." The school administrators indicated that a new sport does not burden the overutilized sports fields and gymnasium.

Dudek stated that she hopes to sponsor some tournament-type competition between the schools with future goals to develop handball as a full-fledged sport in the future.

"I know that all the city schools have handball courts," she said. "However, I am not sure about the other schools in our league."

The following youth were winners at the tournament:

- Boys 9th & 10th grade bracket: 1st Aurelio Carillo, 2nd Chris Flores, consolation Leo Magana & Adrian Ramirez.
- Boys 11th & 12th grade bracket: 1st Juan Macias & 2nd Filberto Aguilera, consolation Jesus Ruiz & Mario Robles.
- High school doubles bracket: 1st Jesus Ruiz & Guillermo Leyva, 2nd Francisco Arceo & Manuel Jimenez, consolation Jose Felix & Ramon de Haro.
- Open singles bracket: 1st Ramon de Haro, 2nd Aaron Martinez, consolation Alejandro Trigo & Lorenzo Vargas.

Family Health Fair

Tzu-Chi Free Clinic of Alhambra will sponsor a Family Health Fair offering free medical services on Sunday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lucky Farms parking lot in San Bernardino.

Lucky Farms is located at the corner of Tippcanoe and Brier, just north of the 10 Freeway.

Among the many services to be provided will be physical exams, vision testing, immunizations, dental care, blood tests, prescriptions, and alternative medicine. The Health Fair will include educational booths to promote the public's awareness of the importance of preventive medical care and to educate the general public on pertinent health issues.

Health services will be available to anyone with low income and without medical insurance. All services will be provided free of charge.

For free pamphlets call 1-888-328-3483.

Handball Tournament

Wednesday, July 7, 1999

TIPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- Eat 2 servings of lean meat, chicken or fish daily bake, grill, sauté, but don't fry.
- Eat 1 serving of beans at least every other day add beans, peas, or lentils to casseroles, soups, stews, salads and meat dishes
- Enjoy 30 minutes of moderate physical activity daily. Walk 10 minutes in the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon for the same benefits or work in the garden.

Saint Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Saint Jude, Worker of Miracles, Pray for us. Thank you, Saint Jude, for granting my petition.

(Say this prayer nine times a day; by the eighth day your prayers will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.)

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful, flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Seas, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you, from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are no men that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mother, I place this prayer in your hands (three times).

(Say this prayer three consecutive days. Publish it and your request will be granted to you.)