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Sheriff's Deputy Tom Garcia's

Personal narrative of a Victorville shoot-out

On April 30, 1990, a suspected check forger attempted to cash a bogus check at the Bank of America's Seventh Street branch, Victorville. However, bank officials had previously alerted to a possible attempt by the forger to cash checks in the area and the attempt resulted in a call to the Sheriff's Department while the suspect was in the bank. Deputy Sheriff Garcia responded to the call with all units. As a result of the call, a gun battle ensued in which Deputy Garcia was shot six times and the suspected forger was killed.

Deputy Garcia is currently at San Bernardino County Medical Center. According to Sheriff's sources a few days after the incident, his condition was critical, but stable.

On May 21, 1990, the Inland Empire Hispanic News requested an interview with Deputy Garcia, and the request was granted. However, due to his weakened condition, Garcia requested that he record the incident in lieu of a formal interview.

The following statement is the recorded interview of Deputy Garcia. Portions of the interview have been edited for continuity:

TOM GARCIA: With regard to the incident on April 30th, I heard a unit being dispatched, one of the regular patrol units, to Bank of America on the corner of 7th and "H" Street, in downtown Victorville. There was supposedly a forgery suspect inside the bank. I was a traffic officer that day and I was told that direction as a back-up officer. When I got to the bank and drove past the front, I saw the suspect running out of the front of the bank with the primary deputy in foot pursuit. I parked my unit immediately and got out of the unit to assist the primary deputy in the foot pursuit. The suspect was running north on 7th Street, then crossed into traffic and was dodging in through cars. At that time I could hear the suspect yelling, "Leave me alone, I didn't do anything. What did I do? You don't have nothing on me. Why are you chasing me?"

The primary deputy yelled out, "Police officers, freeze and we'll talk about it. Stop." The guy would not stop, however. The suspect ran across the street, and this time he ran in front of a Chinese fast food place where he tripped over the sidewalk. When he tripped it was our opportunity to contain the suspect. I ran just north of him, the other deputy was just south of him. We knew he was pretty husky. By the time we got to him he was able to recover and get back up again. We were trying to block his escape.

When he stood up the other deputy yelled, "He's got a gun." At that point I focused on his mid-section and saw the 9mm come right up at me. He was approximately, seven or maybe 10 feet away. I had my night stick and I threw it down as a distraction -- but it didn't work. I went for my gun since he had his gun pointed at me. I tried to look for some place to duck behind, but at that point the bullets began ringing into my legs, and they came in rapid fire one right after the other. I went down immediately, I was immobile. I couldn't move my legs at all. He kept firing into me. Must have been six to nine times. I stopped counting after -- about five. I remember a couple of thoughts that I had. One was, I guess this is the day I die, and the other thought was Dear God make him stop shooting. About the time I thought that the bullets stopped coming into my body, I closed my eyes for just a couple of seconds, and I could hear gun fire still going on in the background. When I opened my eyes, I saw the suspect. He either jumped over my body or ran around my body. As I was lying there I couldn't move my legs and I could still see the suspect running, running from the scene into a vacant lot between the fast food chain and the Inland Empire Furniture Building. He was running toward the alley to make his escape. At this point I just got a glimpse of the other deputy and I thought he was wounded, but apparently he was getting a back-up gun out of his holstered and I didn't understand why he wasn't firing at the suspect. I then pulled my revolver out as I figured that I had nothing to lose, and I still had some strength in my right arm even though it was hit by a bullet. I am left-handed and my left hand was okay so I pivoted my body slightly, and I was able to point my weapon at the suspect and I fired off. I just kept firing shot after shot and I was wondering if I was even close to hitting the suspect. At one point though I knew I was near the target because one of the bullets ricocheted off the building approximately three feet from his head, and something must have happened to that bullet fragment because he turned his head immediately and on the next shot he immediately went down. He was facing up and he was immobile. I felt at that point the mission was accomplished. I had stopped him from fleeing. Two more seconds and he would have been around that building; and he would have been gone. He would have been another deputy's nightmare, or maybe even worse; he would have gotten away clean and hurt a lot of other people.

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Second Annual Community Health Fair set for June 10

The United States Navy, the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino and area community groups are combining efforts to sponsor the Second Annual Community Health Fair in San Bernardino. It will be held at Casa Ramona Community Center on June 10, 1990, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other organizations who will co-sponsor the event include Kaiser Permanente, the Blood Bank of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, the Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Inland Empire Hispanic News, El Chicago Newspaper, the Jerry L. Petit Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital and KCAL Radio.

The Health Fair is an effort to bring health examinations and medical advice to the public at no cost. Blood pressure, temperature, pulse and other vital signs will be checked. There will be sessions on self examinations for cancer of the breast and testis. Testing for diabetes will also be available as well as information on nutrition, exercise, drug abuse and hazards of smoking.

Casa Ramona is located at 1524 West Seventh Street in San Bernardino (just west of Seventh Street and Mont Vernon Avenue). The public is invited. Questions may be directed to Dr. Tom Rivera or Mr. Ray Quinto.

Pickets continue protest of S.B.V.C. Administration

Dick Williams
Sheriff

The voters of San Bernardino County should strongly consider Dick Williams for Sheriff.

Mr. Williams is supported by Sheriff Tidwell who was also supported by retiring Sheriff Frank Bland in 1982. This is suspect for the continuation of a buddy system which keeps ingrained an administration that needs reform.

However, Williams has stated in political forums and in personal interviews with this editorial staff that in-depth changes will occur. These changes will address the problem areas which have been consistent for several sheriff administrations.

The most important change will be an attitude of moderate comportment by officers in the field in dealing with the general public, especially with Hispanic minorities. This attitude change, however, will be initiated by Mr. Williams himself and will flow into the chain of command.

We recommend the development of a viable affirmative action program with goals that will correlate with the Hispanic minority population. More importantly, we recommend an affirmative action component which will incorporate a training program which will, in fact, generate an upward mobility career ladder for Hispanics into the middle and upper levels of the Sheriff’s administrative structure.

We recommend a permanent cultural training component incorporated in the Sheriff’s Academy training curriculum which will provide each trainee the Hispanic ethnic and cultural knowledge to better interface with the Hispanic population.

Mr. Williams has a formal education and administrative experience to professionally lead the Sheriff’s Department into the 21st century with an innovative approach, technological advancement in modern criminology, and eliminate the “cowboy syndrome” which has lingered too long in our County.

Brian McCormick
Coroner

This election has brought forth two challengers for the Office of Coroner - Public Administration, Public Guardian - against incumbent Brian McCormick.

Some of the valid issues brought forth by Sue Wells and Frank Lee, deputy and former deputy, respectively, have directly resulted in mutual concerns impacting the Hispanic community, such as: Spanish-speaking deputy coroners to be able to communicate with bereaved families; departmental public information not available in Spanish; lack of continual employee training.

The challengers should be commended for their public critique on the department which has resulted in a remedy plan by the Coroner.

Mr. McCormick has provided administrative leadership in this elected office.

Overall, his performance in the Office of Coroner - Public Administration, Public Guardian deserves re-election by the voters.

Dan Lough
District Attorney

Mr. Dennis Kottmeier has been District Attorney for the County of San Bernardino since 1981. Since that time his Office's record for convicting felons has been adequate. The child support division is highly efficient in its performance and doing an exceptional job. There are other areas within the DA's Office which have performed well and should be commended.

As the population increases there is, unfortunately, an increase in the criminal element. San Bernardino County has become sophisticated and highly complex. There is a demand for an effective and aggressive style of leadership and innovative approaches to meet the challenges of prosecuting this criminal element.

Mr. Kottmeier's management style, however, does not lend itself to aggressive challenge the highly sophisticated criminal element that has invaded our county. The innovative approaches of which we speak include increases in prosecuting staff, highly sophisticated computer systems with a prosecution case data base available throughout the county, and investigative teams that can independently review and augment cases to increase convictions and reduce case rejections.

These approaches require funding and Mr. Kottmeier is apparently unable to convince the Board of Supervisors to allocate the needed funds. Politically speaking, public finger pointing at the Board or Supervisors on this issue will hamper the allocation process.

There is a public stigma regarding Mr. Kottmeier's Office that, in effect, charges of wrongdoing by police or deputy sheriffs is generally white, washed.

Mr. Lough deserves the confidence of the voters.

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66th Calif. Assembly Dist.
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68th Calif. Assembly Dist.
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Political Endorsements
Inland Empire Hispanic News

Wednesday, May 30, 1990

R. Gordon Young
Assessor

Gordon Young was elected County Assessor in 1978. Since that time, he has diligently improved the efficiency of that Office by implementing innovative systems that provide fast and effective service to the public. Among those systems implemented are the property information system and automated mapping system.

He has been able to incorporate audit procedures and data processing systems, which in effect, reduces costs and increases the number of audits and appraisals.

Overall, the Assessor’s performance is above reproach and services provided are highly commendable.

There is a need to continue Gordon Young as Assessor.

Joe Baca
Democrat, 66th Assembly District

The 1990 66th Democratic Assembly District campaign is pitting college trustee Joe Baca against Assemblyman Jerry Eaves, which, ironically, is a complete reversal of circumstances that occurred in the 1988 campaign. Two years ago, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown threw the full force of his state political empire against Assemblyman Jerry Eaves and supported college trustee Joe Baca as his opponent. Brown’s move was in retaliation against the so-called Gang of Five’s alignment, which included Eaves, with Republican forces to elect a new Assembly speaker.

The fierce campaign included charges and counter-charges. Eaves was fighting for his political life and he was able to overcome the powerful Speaker’s forces with concentrated local resources, political allies, and political backbone. He was victorious, but with a very narrow margin of votes.

Since then, Eaves has politically reconciled with Speaker Brown and thus, has Brown’s total political resources (and local resources) available to him. Joe Baca, his opponent, is conducting a grass-roots campaign with limited resources and finances.

The issues are critical: the biggest problem being drugs and the close correlation to crime; the focus on upgrading the educational institutions to meet the increased demand of the student population (including the need for bi-lingual education); the problem of increasing student dropout’s, especially among Hispanics; the transportation congestion facing commuters on a daily basis; the fiscal dilemma facing California with a two billion or more deficit; and other crucial issues. These are prioritized problems that should be addressed more aggressively.

Joe Baca has served the citizens in the San Bernardino Community College District with distinction since 1979. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional qualities during his terms in office, unafraid to speak as the occasion demands, speaking succinctly to the needs of the student population, and just as importantly to the needs of the Hispanic student population which has, in fact, shown a tremendous increase in registration at Valley College.

He has been involved in numerous organizations in the Inland Empire for two decades and has aggressively promoted progressive ideas for the betterment of the Hispanic community and total community. Mr. Baca’s commitment to serve has been demonstrated by his years of dedicated service.

Mr. Baca would represent the voters of the 66th Assembly District with commitment and service. He deserves your vote.

Bobby R. Vincent
Superior Court

Mr. Bobby Vincent is seeking the seat on the Superior court in the Victorville area. He has been a superior court commissioner for 13 years, was in private practice for six years and public defender for two years. Mr. Vincent has sat as judge pro tem during his term as superior court commissioner.

His opponent, Stephen Ashworth has 15 years as a prosecutor in the District Attorney’s Office. Previously, he was a probation officer for nine years.

Mr. Vincent experience on the bench involves divorces, family law and juvenile cases. In addition, he has been involved in socio-economic community organizations dealing with troubled youth, crime prevention and legal clinics.

(This writer vividly remembers in the early 70’s, when Mr. Vincent, along with other so-call liberal attorneys, performed free legal advice to residents of the Westside in a store front on Mount Vernon Avenue. This clinic was the foundation of the Casa Ramona legal clinic.)

From a layman standpoint, a superior court judge sits on the bench without prejudice, taking into consideration whatever circumstances have been presented in the case and utilizing the judicial discretion that the law allows, impose an impartial penalty, which in essence, fits the crime.

In our judgement, Mr. Vincent fits the role of a superior court judge.

He deserves the vote of the people.

Vote June 5
Incumbent Kottmeier - vs

Incumbent Kottmeier, Dennis Kottmeier, a two term District Attorney for the County of San Bernardino, is seeking re-election for a third term. Mr. Kottmeier has 21 years of experience in the District Attorney's Office, being appointed as a trial lawyer in 1969.

During his career as a trial attorney, he stated that he personally prosecuted 22 murder cases, including 8 death penalty trials. In 1978, Mr. Kottmeier was selected, by then District Attorney, James Cramer, to establish and manage the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit, for reoffending criminals. For his success in this area, he was the first County Prosecutor nominated to the California District Attorney's Association as Outstanding Prosecutor. In 1979, he was appointed Chief Deputy District Attorney for Central Operations, which included the eastern portion of the County.

In March, 1981, the Board of Supervisors appointed Mr. Kottmeier as District Attorney. He was elected for that position in 1982 and reelected in 1986.

The current District Attorney's Office consists of 11 separate offices throughout the County, which is staffed by 130 attorneys and 264 support personnel.

He stated that his Office has pursued a recruitment program to bring enthusiastic attorneys to compliment an existing staff of experienced and well-trained prosecutors. He added that he has established special prosecution units that focus on the conviction of child abusers and molesters, gang criminals, and welfare fraud cases.

The Child Support Division, he further stated, has been nationally recognized for producing over one million dollars each year in revenue to the County. The County, being 5th largest in population in California, collects more child support money than any other County except Los Angeles.

Another unit that was established by his office was the Hazardous Materials Task Force composed of representatives from Environmental Protection, Water Boards, C.H.P., for combating the transportation of illegal hazardous materials and illegal dumping.

According to figures published by the State's Bureau of Criminal Statistics for 1988, a comparison of figures between San Bernardino and Riverside counties indicates that San Bernardino has an approximate 13.5% greater population than Riverside County; the defense attorney budget for San Bernardino county is 18% greater; and the prosecution budget for San Bernardino County is 3.7% less than Riverside County. On felonies issued, information filed and convictions, San Bernardino has a greater percentage than Riverside, namely, 17%, 13.1% and 12.9%, respectively.

In response to criticism by his opponent regarding his "hands off management style," Mr. Kottmeier stated the District Attorney's Office is a decentralized structured department with an assistant district attorney, 4 chief deputies, and 15 supervisory deputies. He stated that regardless of the structure, he has had an "open door" policy in which any prosecutor and support personnel can discuss any problem or situation.

Other criticism involves an inadequate bad check program, rejection of felony cases, reduction of felony cases to misdemeanors and involvement in a civil suit.

Responding to additional criticism, Mr. Kottmeier said that he has consistently requested the Board of Supervisors for additional funding to implement an in-depth bad check program; the rejection and reduction of felony cases is based on the judgement of prosecuting attorneys in the validity of evidence for individual cases, and his involvement in a civil suit is based on personal representation on the case.

Mr. Kottmeier graduated cum laude with a B.A. from the University of Redlands. In 1969 he received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Hastings School of Law, passed the California State Bar Examination and was appointed to the District Attorney's Office.

Community involvement includes the

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Inland Empire Symphony Association (executive board), California District Attorney's Association (board of directors, terms), Inland Empire Boy Scouts Council, We Tip (vice president), California Political Council (on state committee to evaluate judicial workload standards), Children's Network (policy council) and church activities.

Endorsements include the County's Chiefs of Police, Sheriff Floyd Tidwell, Undersheriff Dick Williams, and 113 Sheriff's management personnel, including senior deputies to deputy chiefs.

Mr. and Mrs. (Jacque) Kottmeier have two daughters and two sons. The family has lived in Mentone since 1969.

Lough

Daniel Lough of Redlands is challenging incumbent Dennis Kottmeier for the Office of District Attorney in the County of San Bernardino.

Mr. Lough is a 12 year career prosecutor who worked 8 years for the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office prior to being appointed to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, where he is currently a Senior Deputy District Attorney.

According to Mr. Lough, he has handled hundreds of felony cases and over 150 jury trials during his career, including the prosecuting of career criminals and street gangs. In 1989, he was chosen as Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year for the District Attorney's Office and has been nominated for the California District Attorney's Association state's outstanding prosecutor award.

Mr. Lough is stating that, in addition to implementing an aggressive management style and increasing the overall efficiency of the District Attorney's Office, he will increase filing rates by providing up-to-date written filing standards throughout the central and district offices, provide support staff to assist in follow-up work and trial preparation, and incorporating fiscal responsibilities by properly managing and allocating funds. He further stated that during his tenure in the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office he was frustrated due to Kottmeier's "hands off" management style, lack of goals and case control and inadequate accountability. Other areas of deficiencies in the District Attorney's Office involve lack of an adequate bad check program, the rejection of felony cases and reduction of felony cases to misdemeanors. He has also criticized Mr. Kottmeier's involvement in a civil suit.

Mr. Lough has been endorsed by the Sheriff Employees' Benefit Association, San Bernardino, Redlands, Ontario, Fontana Police Associations, Latino Peace Officers' Association, PORAC and California Narcotics Officers' Association and Mr. Tony Martinez, Redlands community activist.

His community involvement includes the Inland Robbery and Homicide Investigators Association, Ontario Crime Stoppers, Tel-Law, San Bernardino County Prosecutors Association and San Bernardino Community Concert Association.

He received his BA in 1972 from California State University and his Juris Doctor in 1977 from Loyola University School of Law.

His wife, Patricia is a Deputy Sheriff-criminalist.

Judicial Endorsements:

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Other Endorsements:

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JUSTICE JOSEPH CAMPBELL

VOTE June 5
Low cost Mammography available in Southern California

The American Cancer Society urges women to get a mammogram through their fifth annual Low-Cost Mammography Program. "Put yourself in the picture. Get a low-cost mammogram" is the theme of this year’s program June 4-15.

The American Cancer Society is planning local participation in the mammography screening program, co-sponsored by the Society, hospitals and radiologists throughout Southern California.

Normally costing up to $200, mammograms will be available to eligible women for $50. To be eligible, women must be at least 35 years of age, have no breast cancer symptoms and meet other health-related criteria.

Leila Evans, Breast Health Instructor for the Inland Empire Unit stated that, "We urge all women to follow the American Cancer Society’s guidelines and include mammography as part of their regular cancer-related check-ups."

Unfortunately, many Hispanic women are unaware and don’t take advantage of mammograms. Mammography is the most effective way to find breast cancer in its early stage. When detected early, breast cancer is 95 percent curable.

Women in the (213), (818), and (714) area codes can call 772-8200 and in the (619) area code call 723-4000 to receive information on scheduling a mammogram. Spanish-language callers can dial (213) 263-6111, (818) 243-6111, or (714)744-6111. The phone banks will open 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday from June 4-15.

In other areas or for more information on breast health, call your local American Cancer Society.

The Civil Rights fight that no one wanted.

By: Antonia Hernández

It seemed as if all of Washington was watching this month as the national Leadership Conference on Civil Rights struggled with an internal conflict that wrinkled its membership. It was a painful, and unfortunately public, unveiling of the internal disagreements that exist within the coalition.

Some claimed that this formed an irreparable schism through the very heart of the LCCR, the Washington D.C. based organization that seeks to represent the needs and interests of those usually without a voice on national policy issues. Emotional outbursts were frequent as members struggled to find consensus. The turmoil even called into question the organization’s commitment to serving all of its constituencies. It was a fight that no one wanted, but it had to take place.

Thank God, it’s over. Or almost over.

Fortunately, the Leadership Conference has survived. The civil rights community needs a strong and united LCCR to wage the battles of the 1990s. That is why it is critical that we resolve the issues that caused this conflict as soon as possible lest our credibility be damaged.

We must ensure that diversity is a symbol of our strength and not our division.

We Latinos know where we stand, we must use these incidents as a bol of our strength and not our division. We must ensure that this country has changed a great deal from the time the organization was founded 40 years ago. It means coming to grips with the changing hues of its membership.

The Hispanic organizations took a bold step by deciding to stay with the LCCR. There are those who say it would have been bolder still to withdraw.

I disagree. Our greatest strength lies in our numbers and in unity. By remaining with the LCCR, we have shown that we respect our colleagues enough to listen to their heart felt requests even when angered by their refusal to stand up for an issue that is extremely important to the Hispanic community. We have demonstrated that we consider the future of the organization of utmost importance.

One of the more painful sides of this episode was that it occurred among long time friends and colleagues who have stood on the same side in the struggles for justice and equality throughout the years. That kind of camaraderie and support cannot be dismissed lightly.

We Latinos know where we stand, and we have made our position known to LCCR members. A new direction will have to come from the leadership of the LCCR, which now recognizes that Hispanic issues must become priority concerns even when these concerns conflict with old alliances. The future success of the coalition depends on it.

Antonia Hernández is president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, headquartered in Los Angeles and a key negotiator in the dispute.

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UCR Performing Arts features Latin, Salsa

1990 - 91 UCR Performing Arts Season

RIVERSIDE — Tito Puente, the Tokyo String Quartet, and the return of Berkeley Shakespeare staging "Twelfth Night" are just a few of the artist to perform in a diverse 1990-91 Performing Arts season at the University of California, Riverside.

With a spotlight on the Hispanic and Latin-American cultural diversity of Southern California UCR Performing Arts announced its 1990-91 season schedule offering three internationally famous groups. On Oct. 13, DanceBrazil will celebrate its cultural traditions with Afro-Brazilian dance, highlighted with the dangerously beautiful capoeira -- "a dance that's a fight and a fight that's a dance," which combines acrobatics and martial-arts.

On Nov. 10, Inti-Illimani, Chilean musicians of the Nueva Cancion (New Song) tradition, will take the stage, sharing the experiences of 15 years in political exile while blending cultural and traditional Latin American folk music with contemporary musical idioms.

The King of Salsa, three-time Grammy Award winner and Latin jazz legend Tito Puente will bring his percussive Latin Jazz Allstars to UCR on May 11, 1991.

Subscriptions of three ($33), six ($66) or all 12 ($132) shows may be purchased in advance at considerable savings over single ticket prices and with the best seats available. Single tickets ($15; $13 discount) may be ordered now but orders will not be filled until the second week in September.

Inti-Illimani, Chilean musicians of the Nueva Cancion tradition - Coming to UCR Nov. 10, 1990

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Riverside Coroner-Public Administrator
seeks re-election to second term

Mr. Raymond Carrillo, Riverside County Coroner-Public Administrator, is seeking re-election to another 4 year term.

"Four years ago when I ran for the Office of Coroner, I stated that agency had severe administrative and operational problems. I am happy to report to the citizens that many changes have been implemented during my administration which have solved these problems," he said.

"The severe problems referred to by Mr. Carrillo of the previous Coroner included lack of professional respect by coroner personnel and other agencies; waste of taxpayers dollars by an inefficient administration; lack of a training program; lack of general sensitivity and unnecessary expenses toward grieving families.

He continued, "I have implemented a department-wide integrated computer system for case management. The staff has been reorganized and I have initiated a departmental training program for current and new personnel. I have initiated shift work for investigators to reduce overtime costs. A competitive bid process has been implemented on contracts for pathology (which has saved approximately ($100,000), toxicology (which has save approximately ($45,000) and transportation services. These contractual services are savings for the taxpayers. I have hired additional staff to professionally serve the public and added the Indio office to serve the people in the Blythe area. The new professional auctioneer for estate sales has increased the revenue of this agency. These administrative actions have improved the services to the public and saved many taxpayer's dollars." I am running for re-election to continue these professional services to our citizens."

Patricia (Corky) Lansen, Board of Supervisor member, has commended Mr. Carrillo's outstanding service as the County Coroner.

Mr. Carrillo was a Riverside County Deputy Sheriff for 10 years. He has served 20 years in the Coroner Office, 15 years as a deputy coroner. (His first case as a deputy coroner involved the drowning of a young man who was the same age as his son.) He has 25 years of business experience.

Community organization memberships include: Fraternal Order of Police, Riverside County Police Officers' Association, California State Coroners' Association, Coachella Valley Masonic Lodge, Knights of Columbus, Coachella Valley Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Indio Chamber of Commerce.

He has received the C.O.D. - 1987 Hall of Fame Award, Latino Peace Officers Association-Peace Officer of the Year Award, Mexican Consul Office of San Bernardino - Certificate of Appreciation, and many other awards. Many prominent community persons are endorsing Mr. Carrillo, including mayors, chiefs of police, county officials, attorneys and Latino Peace Officers' Association.

Mr. Carrillo and his wife Lupe have been married 42 years, they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Although they reside in Indio, Mr. Carrillo has a condominium in the City of Riverside: "I want to be close to my work, in order to better serve the people," he said.

Dr. Dennis L. Hefner

Hefner named Cal State Academic Affairs V.P.

Dr. Dennis L. Hefner will join California State University, San Bernardino as vice president for academic affairs effective August 1, 1990. He succeeds Dr. Robert Derweiler who went on to be named president at CSU, Dominguez Hills. In the interim, Dr. Amer El-Ahraf has been serving as acting chief academic officer for the San Bernardino campus. Hefner currently is dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at CSU, Chico. He comes to the San Bernardino campus with 18 years of varied academic and administrative experience at CSU, Chico, including a three-year appointment as vice provost. Prior to joining the CSU system, Hefner served as an economist/social science research analyst with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C.
Impacto 2000 requests Attorney General Investigation

S.B.V.C. Offices Picketed

On Thursday, May 24, 1990, approximately 47 community activists picketed the San Bernardino Valley College Administrative Office, protesting the college Board's rejection to renew Dr. Manuel Rivera contract as president of San Bernardino Valley College.

An added issue for picketing was the Board's refusal to allow public comment at its meeting on May 8. At that meeting, the Board went into executive session, emerged from the session and based on a motion by Chuck Beeman and seconded by Mary Jo Poindexter, voted on a 6 to 1, not to renew Dr. Rivera's contract. The dissenting vote was cast by Joe Baca. Thereafter, the Board adjourned.

Chancellor Bundy addressed the picketing group. He stated that prior to his appointment as chancellor, the evaluation process had been initiated by the College Board and consisted of college personnel and board members' committee. He said, "As a result of a senate vote and consensus of the committee, a recommendation was made to the board which was, in fact, not to renew Dr. Rivera's contract."

Dr. Armando Navarro, National Director of Impacto-2000, said that his organization has requested the Office of Attorney General to investigate the proceedings of that (May 8) meeting. He further stated that Impacto-2000 demands the renewal of the contract for Dr. Manuel Rivera; the formation of an "evaluation committee" composed of independent council of individuals that would have the responsibility of assisting in the evaluation of Dr. Manuel Rivera; and to have Dr. Bundy to bring forth the two demands to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. Otherwise, Impacto-2000 will demand the resignation of Dr. Bundy.

Impacto-2000 has scheduled a special meeting at the Feldheim Library on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 P.M. The main item on the agenda will be an address entitled, "The Struggle For Civil Rights in the 1990's" by Phillip Montes, Regional Director for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Other items on the agenda will be an update on the San Bernardino Valley College issue, June Primary and Redistricting - 1992.
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