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ICHR APPOINTS ALBERT ROMAN AS PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR

The Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable Executive Board has appointed Albert Roman as interim president and director of the Inland Counties Hispanic Roundtable, a San Bernardino community-based organization. Ray Quinto, retiring president, said, "We felt that Albert Roman is highly qualified in the leadership role of interim president for the 2003 calendar year and as director of ICHR. He will be responsible for continuing the goals previously established and for program development and implementation." Roman received a B.A. in Political Science from UCR and M.A. in Public Administration from the University of La Verne. A Resident of Rancho, he recently served as campaign manager for Senator Nell Soto in the November election. He previously served as field representative for Senator Soto, assisting citizens with problems dealing with state agencies, representing Senator Soto at community events, organizing

FLORENTINO GARZA HONORED FOR 'FORTITUDE'

San Bernardino County Bar Association Unveils Award Named for Local Legal Icon

By J'amy Pacheco

San Bernardino attorney Florentino Garza was honored by the San Bernardino County Bar Association, which named a new award after the lawyer. The Florentino Garza Fortitude Award was unveiled Thursday during the organization's annual installation dinner, held at the University of Redlands. San Bernardino Judge Patrick Morris introduced the award, which is to be presented to lawyers designated as having overcome substantial hardship in order to practice law. No recipient was named for this year.

VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE – PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

By Father Patricio Guillen

Every year on December 12, The Mexican, Latino, and many others who are devotees of the Ever Virgin Holy Mary, mother of the living and true God, who appeared to Juan Diego on the Hillside of Tepeyac, named Guadalupe in 1531. Throughout the Diocese of San Bernardino in most of the parishes, Catholics will gather together to commemorate and celebrate and recall her apparitions and the commission she gave to Juan Diego to ask Bishop Zumarraga to build a shrine in the very spot where the last battle between the Spanish soldiers and Aztec warriors took place in 1521.
NEW APPROACH TARGETS UNDERLYING CAUSES OF TEEN SMOKING

A sophisticated, high-tech twist on the old saying, “where there’s smoke, there’s fire.” May prove to be a promising new weapon in the battle to stop teen smoking, as well as other dangerous risks faced by America’s children. Rather than focusing on the health risks or the physical aspects of nicotine addiction, this new approach focuses on helping teens work through their underlying anxieties, depression, peer issues and personal problems that lead to their smoking in the first place.

Based on 120 years of work with kids, the national children’s crisis charity KidsPeace developed a Web site, www.TeenCentral.net, which helps older children and teens to deal with the pressures and crises of growing up. The site even identifies appropriate resources, including parents’ divorce, family problems, violence and losing someone close, depression, alcohol and drugs, peer pressure and personal problems. Helpful information is provided on topics including parents’ divorce, family problems, violence and losing someone close, depression, alcohol and drugs, peer pressure and personal problems. KidsPeace is a 120-year-old charity dedicated to giving help, hope and healing to children facing crises such as trauma, depression and the stresses of modern life. For information, visit www.kidspeace.org.

The Quit Smoking section of TeenCentral.net will work to save the minds and bodies of today’s children. The Quit Smoking section of TeenCentral.net provides practical information and activities to help teens identify what may have led to smoking, such as peer pressure, depression or low self-esteem. These issues can then be tackled in TeenCentral.net’s main pages.

This new and more complete approach to stopping smoking includes many interactive and enjoyable activities for teens. From a special calculator that helps teens compute how much money they waste buying cigarettes to daily activities and exercises to personal progress journals to facts about smoking and nicotine addiction, the site offers help and reinforcement to break the habit.

One of the most helpful sections of the site is the story-sharing component. Teens can enter stories of their daily struggles and successes and read the similar stories of others. Trained KidsPeace clinicians respond with advice for the writer.

“TeenCentral.net’s Quit Smoking initiative, coupled with its general advice on issues teens face every day, ensures we are helping teens face their issues comprehensively,” said Ginger Papp and Julius Licata, co-managers of TeenCentral.net.

TeenCentral.net, which is receiving some two million hits a month and has helped teens from 70 countries, every state in America and U.S. military bases overseas, focuses on providing teens with an individualized, safe resource while maintaining their anonymity. Through a revolutionary “profile builder,” the site identifies kids’ demographics and problem issues and associates them with a nontraceable code name. The site then identifies appropriate resources, information and stories to help kids with their unique issues. Helpful information is provided on topics including parents’ divorce, family problems, violence and losing someone close, depression, alcohol and drugs, peer pressure and personal problems.

Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, center, talks to a large crowd prior to the distribution of turkeys at the Second Harvest Food Bank, Riverside, which serves Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, as part of the state wide Operation Gobble. Over 80 organizations were recognized as recipients for further distribution in the Inland Empire. According to Daryl Brock, Director of Second Harvest, Operation Gobble is the largest turkey donation in the 22-year history of the food bank. “We thank Lt. Governor Bustamante for including our agency where the need is great and thank him for his compassion for others,” said Brock. He was at Bustamante’s left. At right is Orrin Herterick of Hemet, who was awarded a resolution by Bustamante for his efforts to collect $10,000 to buy almost 1,200 turkeys to be distributed by Second Harvest. Photo by IEHN

Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante involved in donation of holiday dinners

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Volunteers help distribute turkeys at Second Harvest

Pictured above are volunteers who recently helped distribute turkeys at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Riverside. Second Harvest operates with many community volunteers. The occasion was the distribution headed by Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, as part of the state’s Operation Gobble, which has distributed over 175 million pounds of food since 1980. Photo by IEHN

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GET YOUR YEAR 2002 TAX DEDUCTION

SAN BERNARDINO — With just a couple of weeks left in the year 2002, it’s time to get rid of that unwanted car, truck or van. Get a tax deduction for the year 2002 and avoid the last-minute rush. Donate your vehicle to an organization you know and trust — your local American Lung Association, working to help you breathe easier. Free towing is provided. Call Joy at our office and she’ll take care of the DMV paperwork and have your car, truck, or van picked up within 2 days. Our phone number is 909-884-5864 or send us an email at lun@assn@pe.net. (Some areas may be too remote for vehicle pickup — call for information) When you can’t breathe, nothing else matters.
The Youth Violence Prevention Scorecard graded the 15 largest counties in the state, which comprise 83 percent of California's youth population ages 10 to 17. "Choices for Youth" worked with an advisory group of violence-prevention experts from across the state. The group recognizes and acknowledges the thousands for community-based organizations in the state that contribute meaningful programs to serve 16 percent of youth 16 to 19.

The scorecard looks first at the status of youth safety by assigning each of the state's 58 counties a rank based on available data sets for all counties and age groups, and is designed to provide a snapshot representative of realities facing youth and their choices in California.

The scorecard evaluates the state of youth safety in San Bernardino County by ranking the county among California's 58 counties using various indicators. San Bernardino scored above average for the remaining four safety indicators, ranking 36th for its self-inflicted-injury rate of 51 out of 100,000 youth, 47th for its incarceration rate of 36 out of every 100,000 youth.

To grade counties on efforts to provide choices for youth, their effective use of several funding streams were considered, including the Juvenile Justice and Crime Prevention Act (Schiff-Cardenas 2000), 21st Century Learning Centers Program, the Workforce Investment Act job program, and three state mentoring grants awarded to each county through the Governor's Mentoring Partnership, the Office of the Secretary of Education and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

San Bernardino County's efforts to provide positive choices for youth earned a lackluster "D" grade. The county spends just 34 percent of its Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds on prevention. The county's federal, job-training program can serve 16 percent of youth 16 to 19. San Bernardino designates none of its after-school funds to high schools and has secured just one percent of mentoring grants available from the state.

"Choices for Youth: A Public Education to Prevent Violence against Youth," funded by a grant to I.e. communications, LLC from the California Wellness Foundation, is working to inform policy makers, opinion leaders and the general public about the need to increase California's investment in programs to prevent violence against youth. The "Choices for Youth" campaign has conducted two statewide voter polls and numerous youth-to-youth surveys on the subject of violence against youth. In the survey, voters and youth agree that violence is preventable – if we can provide youth positive choices, such as good schools, job training, enrichment programs and mentoring.

The complete report with accompanying data, and additional information on the Youth Violence Prevention scorecard can be found at www.preventviolence.org/press/resources.htm or by calling Severn Williams at 415-616-3930 or 415-336-9623. Additional information on The California Wellness Foundation can be found at www.tcwf.org.

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workshops on issues including education, healthcare, public safety, etc., and providing the public with updated legislation. Additionally, Roman served simultaneously as field director for Joey Acuffa for State Assembly.

Other projects have included Inland Empire Campaign Director for NO on Proposition 38, the anti-voucher proposition, assistant campaign manager for Soto for senate in 1998, elections and congressional assistant for the late Congressman George Brown, Jr.

Roman serves on the City of Rialto Human Relations Commission, member of the League of Women Voters, Home of Neighborly Services, Rialto Chamber of Commerce and a delegate to the California State Convention-2001. He previously served as vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino.

In 1988, Hispanic organizations scheduled activities that conflicted and were counter-productive for support within the San Bernardino and adjacent areas. Recognizing the problem, the late Esther Mata, Robert Martinez and Graciano Gomez founded the Inland Empire Hispanic Roundtable. ICHR identified Hispanic organizations in the area and established a board of directors. The board coordinated member organizations' activities and inter-supportive components for members' activities ICHR, in addition, acted as an advocate for issues affecting the Hispanic community.

In 2001, our executive board re-organized ICHR with a central office, an information and referral service and a computer system to capture member organizations' schedule of activities and distribution system. We also added health and social programs needed in the community," stated Quinto. Roman and his wife, Andrea, an elementary school teacher, are the parents of Albert, Jr., age 7, and Ashley, 1 year.

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Morris recounted Garza’s early years as a migrant farm worker who was orphaned at the age of 10. The award contains a photograph of a young boy in a cotton field, and Morris compared the image to Garza’s early life in the Rio Grande Valley in 1936. Garza, Morris said, spent his early years in the cotton fields, where he toiled daily, working as much as 18 hours a day. His father died when he was a toddler, and he was sent to a sanitarium with the symptoms of tuberculosis after the disease killed his mother. He was befriended by missionaries, who sent him to boarding school where he was taught the English language.

Encouraged by missionaries, Garza eventually attended Texas A&M, the University of New Mexico, and eventually UCLA School of Law, where he was the school’s third Mexican-American graduate. Garza has received numerous professional awards, and was nominated in 1981 to the state Supreme Court. The position went to Cruz Reynoso.

Morris called Garza’s story “a true Horation Alger tale.” He called the lawyer a hero filled with virtue and bravery who overcame “insurmountable odds” to find success.

The award is engraved with a quote by John Locke, whom Morris describes as “one of the most influential thinkers who ever lived.” The quote reads, “Fortitude is the guard and support of the other virtues.”

Garza said he was overwhelmed by the establishment of the award in his name, and downplayed the difficulties of his youth. “Anyone who had any touch with 1930s suffered as much as I did,” he stated. “The Depression, which is something I pray this nation will never, ever again face, touched everyone, not just minorities.”

Garza pointed out that the “dispossessed and discouraged citizens” of America came out of the Depression and “rose to the task” when the nation needed defending in the 1940s. He recalled serving as president of the SBBCA in 1975, during the organization’s 100th year. During his presidency, the organization was identified as the oldest continuously active bar association in the state. “I pray we will forever have this organization, because of the good work it does,” he said.

During the luau-themed event, Robert Cannon was installed as President for the 2002-03 term. Also installed were Donnasue Ortiz, president-elect; Wilfred Schneider, vice-president; Penny Alexander-Kelley, secretary-treasurer and directors Thomas Garza, Walter Moore, Leslie Murad, Kenneth Nydam, Estaire Press, James Secord J. Byron Stradling, Ruth Stringer and immediate past president, Esther Zimmerman.

Presiding Judge J. Michael Welch officiated.

In his brief remarks Cannon set a goal for the year to “reach out and extend ourselves to the legal community.”

A recent luncheon gathering of past presidents of the organization revealed that members feel the organization needs to schedule fewer programs offering continuing legal education and more programs offering continuing legal education and more programs offering social opportunities, he said. Attendees also requested the organization do more to encourage judicial involvement, and get “better speakers.”

The event also included a performance by “Singing Bailiff” Bud Kalama, assigned to the San Bernardino Superior Court, and a humorous, 10-minute retelling of “Fiddler on the Roof” by Justin Bogh and Sam Cannon, 2002 California State Speech Champions.

Mr. Garza is the recipient of the following awards:

- John B. Surr Award, San Bernardino County Bar Association (1987) for exemplifying the high standards of the legal profession and the administration of justice.
- UCLA Alumni Award (1991) for Professional Excellence.
- Listed in the Best Lawyers in America since first publication in 1984.
- Recipient, “Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame” Award from California Bar Association in 1998.
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THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND HISPANIC PRESS FOUNDATION LAUNCH HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP WEB SITE

Washington, D.C. - Lily Eskelsen, the secretary-treasurer of the National Education Association (NEA), joined Eddie Escobedo Sr., chairman of the National Hispanic Press Foundation, today to launch the newly created Hispanic Scholarship Directory web site (www.scholarshipsforhispanic.org).

The web site will make more than 1,000 sources of financial aid more easily accessible to Hispanic students around the country and world. The site includes application guidelines, an alumni section, and most importantly, a database of scholarships fully searchable by a variety of categories, including state, college, and field of interest.

"A college degree is the ticket to a better life in this country," said NEA's Lily Eskelsen, one of the highest-ranking Hispanic educators in the nation. "We encourage all Latino students, their parents, teachers, and guidance counselors to log onto this site and make every effort to obtain a college education. Truly, the quality of your future will depend on it."

The web site will extend the usefulness of the Hispanic Press Foundation directory, which is in its 5th edition. This exposure makes scholarship information for Hispanics readily available throughout the United States. In addition, the ease by which the electronic version can be updated should facilitate the listing of more scholarships. And help identify more education financing for Hispanics. Moreover, many of the scholarships listed are available not only to U.S. citizens but to any student of Hispanic descent, regardless of nationality.

The project garnered support and praise from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth. For this reason, I firmly believe that education is the greatest need in our community," said Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, Senior Member of the House Education and Workforce Committee and Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Education Taskforce. "Partnerships like this will go a long way towards helping Hispanic students secure the educational resources they need and deserve. I commend the National Hispanic Press Foundation and the National Education Association for aggressively working to empower America's students with information that can make higher education a reality for every rising student." Hinojosa added.

"Like many Americans, most Hispanics don't know the full range of opportunities there are to secure education scholarships. The NEA's commitment to help us fashion the Hispanic Scholarship web site create greater opportunity for families to learn that a higher education is within their reach," said Escobedo. "Many parents do not have sufficient economic resources to provide a higher education...[and] many college age Latino children look for work opportunities to help their families."

According to Hispanic Link Weekly Report statistics show that the sons and daughters of recent immigrants are suffering significant educational challenges. Almost 30% of Latino students drop out of school at some point. Of those over 25 years of age, 11% of Hispanics have completed a university education, compared with 25% of non-Hispanic whites.

The launch of the Hispanic Scholarship web site coincides with America's Education Week, a special time set aside to recognize the value of public education.

Kirk Whisler, founder of the Latino Print Network, partner in the previous printed editions of the Directory commented, "Over the past five years the printed version of this directory has helped thousands of Hispanics with the goal of going to college. I'm confident that the online version will help many more."

Visit the new web site at www.scholarshipsforhispanic.org. For further information on the National Hispanic Press Foundation or National Association of Hispanic Publications [NAHP], please visit their joint web site at www.nahponline.org. For more information on NEA, visit www.nea.org.

Superintendent to Speak on KDIF Radio

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Among his applied research projects is the Community Digital Initiative (CDI), a computer lab in Riverside available to young people who otherwise would have limited access to a computer.

The award goes to two people in the nation this year, both from the UC system. The other winner is Patricia Zavella, a professor at UC Santa Cruz in the department of Latin American American studies. She is the director of the Chicano/Latino Research Center. Both Chabrán and Zavella will be recognized officially during the annual meeting of NACCS at the Millennium Biltmore hotel in Los Angeles in April.

Since 1980, the association has given the Scholar Award to recognize lifetime contributions to the field of Chicano and Chicana studies, and to the community in general.

"Richard Chabrán is tremendously deserving of this recognition," said Carál Téllez-Dávila, director of the Ernesto Galarza Applied Research Center and professor of anthropology at UC Riverside. "He is in very prestigious company, like Julian Samora, Ernesto Galarza, Tomás Rivera, Luis Leal, and Renato Rosaldo from Stanford. Richard's work is nationally and internationally recognized and UC Riverside is especially indebted to him for his foresight, creativity, and the singularly important impacts of his work."

Chabrán arrived at UC Riverside in 1994. In 1997 he received the UCLA Latino Alumni Association's Padre Award and was named one of America's most influential Latinos by Hispanic Business. In 2001, he received the first 21st Century Librarian by Syracuse University's School of Information Studies. In 2002, he was named one of Library Journal's Movers and Shakers. Earlier this year Governor Gray Davis selected CDI for California's Technology and Innovation Award.

The University of California, Riverside offers undergraduate and graduate education to nearly 16,000 students and has a projected enrollment of 21,000 students by 2010. It is the fastest growing and most ethnically diverse campus of the preeminent ten-campus University of California system, the largest public research university system in the world. The picturesque 1,200-acre campus is located at the foot of the Box Springs Mountains near downtown Riverside in Southern California. More information about UC Riverside is available at www.ucr.edu or by calling 909-787-5185. For a listing of faculty experts on a variety of topics, please visit http://mmr.ucr.edu/experts/.

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TITO NIEVES
"Muy Agradecido"

Muy agradecido is the title of Tito Nieves' latest album. And that's exactly how he feels, "Deeply Grateful", with his record company Warner Music Latina and everyone that contributed to this production, artists, musicians, authors, technicians, etc., the people that have been by his side in each recording, live presentations, tours, on stage, in the studios and out there... To thank everyone that has been along side his career, which has been more than 27 years.

Tito Nieves wanted to do something different and special with this production, including the participation of other top-notch artists and a variety of rhythms, which include five salsas, two boleros and one cumbia. "Muy Agradecido" has been produced by Sergio George with George Samora's executive co-production and recorded in New York, Miami, Puerto Rico and Colombia.

The first single "La Salsa Vive" was written by Jorge Luis Piloto, and includes "sonon" of great salsa artist Chio Feliciano, Ismael Miranda, Gilberto Santa Rosa and Celia Cruz. Tito always wanted to sing with Olga Tañón and now with the ballad "Y vivire" (by Alfredo Matheus and Barbara Larriñana) he accomplished this dream. This is not the first time Tito Nieves sings love songs. The ones recorded in this album are very strong, with deep lyrics, just the way he likes them. He wants people to have fun, to dance, to listen to his music and lyrics. This is highly important for an artist known as an interpreter of love songs, "the Pavarotti of Salsa".

The other ballad "Te vas" (by Guadalupe Garcia Garcia and Raul del Sol) has been recorded in a salsa version and produced by Ramon Sanchez, as well as "Dime que si". He adds a magic tough to impress Mexico by inviting the group Pesado with a duet "El Caramelo" by Diéggo Javier Gonzalez. This is also the first time Tito includes cumbias, "Ma'Pa' liente Vive Gente" (by Jose Jimenez and Sergio George) and "No puedo" (by Ramon Rodriguez and Sergio George) have been recorded in Colombian studios with the participation and arrangements of the famous musician Diego Gale, who is also the co-producer. These and many other original elements turn "Muy Agradecido" into a record that makes history.

It is in his beloved Puerto Rico where Tito gives the most number of performances, as he was born in Rio Piedras, and as a one year old he was taken to New York. His father played guitar with several trios and his uncle is the well-known musician Miguel Angel Amadeo, stimulating him to take up guitar, bass and percussion.

At the early age of 15, his career started singing with Orquesta Cimarron as the front man for two years. Between 1977 and 1978 he began singing in the orchestra of the great Hector Lavoe. In 1979, he was offered the opportunity to record for the first time, as a lead singer with the group Talbori. Eventually, this would lead Tito to form the legendary group Conjunto Clasico, this orchestra quickly became an important influence in the afro-Caribbean music world. However, in 1986, Tito decided to expand his horizons and began his own solo career.

Since going solo, Tito became a legend in the world of salsa and setting the pace for what is known today as the "New York Sound". Never has there been another artist like Tito Nieves whose blend of salsa style, rhythm and blues, Caribbean folklore and pop quickly became a favorite of music lovers all around the world.

Tito's most popular hit, "I Like It Like That", brought him international fame as he appeared in the Alma Awards with Stevie Wonder and along the soundtrack of the movie. The hit was so popular that Burger King launched a campaign around the song. And was also heard in all NBA games and Major League Baseball fields throughout the United States.

This new production "Muy Agradecido" represents once more Tito's large contribution to tropical music and proves him a musical icon in the world of salsa. Tito's blend of salsa styles, rhythm and blues, Caribbean folklore and pop brings his public and fans once again a great and original high quality product.

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CASA DE SAN BERNARDINO'S WEST SIDE PREVENTION PROJECT MOTIVATES YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Casa De San Bernadino’s Westside Prevention Project is actively involved with youth programs involving elementary boys and girls. One of the many projects is the bicycle club, in which members build individual bicycles from donated parts. Pictured above are part of the bicycle club members that recently spoke on activities of the WPP before the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino. Second from left is Sandy Bonilla, project director. Photo by IEHN

THE BOY NEXT DOOR

Can a single gossip columnist—bored by her job, not to mention her life in general—find romance in the age of e-mail? That’s the coy conundrum posed by best-selling author Meggin Cabot in The Boy Next Door (Avon Books, $13.95)

Cabot, creator of the widely acclaimed The Princess Diaries, uses her new book—her contemporary romantic debut—to pry into the secret cyberlife of Melissa Fuller, who is drawn from her cloistered world of computer exchanges and celebrity trash by the arrival of photographer Max Friedlander.

In Max, “Mel” believes she has found the kind of love she has only written about, but a mysterious message from a Victoria’s Secret supermodel may manage to put the kibosh on the love of a lifetime. The Boy Next Door is written entirely in a series of e-mail exchanges, and follows the ever-changing saga of a single New Yorker, who somehow manages to find love on the other side of the apartment wall. It is available wherever books are sold.

HENRY CISNEROS SIGNS WITH ARTE PÚBLICO PRESS

In November, former HUD Secretary and Mayor of San Antonio, Henry Cisneros, gave a preview of his upcoming book on the Latinization of the United States. Cisneros was the keynote speaker at Arte Público Press’ annual Piñata Party, chaired by Houston’s Geraldina Interiano Wise at the Doubletree Hotel in the Space City. Currently Cisneros is the President of American City Vista, an organization that builds homes in central neighborhoods of major cities. The publication of Cisneros’ book will formalize his role as a visionary of the American scene. His book will focus on the ascendance of Latinos to prominence in all aspects of American life. In his address, Cisneros emphasized the strength of Latino impact in the cultural arts, such as literature, design and architecture, as well as food. Of course, he also foresees this cultural impact accompanying growing Latino economic and political power.

The forum for Cisneros’ and Arte Público’s announcement of the upcoming publication was the publishing house’s annual fundraiser, which highlighted Latino arts. Chairperson Wise organized a veritable pageant, in which famous Latino chefs prepared the four courses of the meal, salsa street dancers performed, and The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston displayed representations of its Latin American collection. Also at the gala, Arte Público Press awarded its annual award for bilingual children’s literature to Samuel Caraballo, a Puerto Rican school teacher from Virgin Island Beach and author of Estrellita se despide de su isla/Estrellita Says Good-bye to Her Island.

Arte Público Press is the nation’s largest and most established publisher of contemporary and recovered literature by U.S. Hispanic authors. Its imprint for children and young adults, Piñata Books, is dedicated to the realistic and authentic portrayal of the themes, languages, characters, and customs of Hispanic culture in the United States. Based at the University of Houston, Arte Público Press, Piñata Books and the Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage project provide the most widely recognized and extensive showcase for Hispanic literary arts and creativity. For more information please visit our website at www.artepublicopress.com.
When we see a man or woman proudly wearing their military uniform or fatigues, the reaction is automatic respect. Respect because these courageous citizens have decided to protect the freedom of all Americans with their own lives. Af­proudly wearing their military uni­tomatic respect. Respect because form or fatigues, the reaction is au­cided to protect the freedom of all

Evelio Sanchez took his military United States Air Force, Gilbert Evelio Sanchez took his military training and marched into the class­room. His military training, encour­aging personality and never-give-up attitude have helped him prepare his stud­ies in his family, becoming a teacher was his destiny.

With the severe teacher shortage that the state is facing, career chang­ers like Sanchez are in need. In the next decade, California will need to recruit 195,000 individuals to serve as qualified instructors in K-12 pub­lic school system.

"Teaching is not a job, it is a lifestyle," explains Sanchez. "It car­ries over into all aspects of your life."

It was while working in the veter­ans’ office at Mt. San Antonio Com­munity College in 1998 that Sanchez applied to the credentialing program, a move that would lead him to a ca­reer in which he finds daily fulfill­ment.

"Other than teaching, I couldn’t think of a better way to spend the day," remarks Sanchez.

Through a unique military service program called Troops-To-Teachers, Sanchez transitioned from landing high-powered jets on naval carriers to steering his own classroom.

Being a great teacher and a role model for children is not easy. It takes a lot of work and patience, which is key in teaching. Sanchez was well aware of that when applying to the credentialing program.

"My high school counselor was my mentor and friend," remembers Sanchez. "Mrs. Gibson never gave up on me. She always encouraged me and she listened." With the name of his mentor still fresh in his mind, Sanchez knew he wanted to do for others what Mrs. Gibson did for him. Sanchez is currently in his last year of completing his teaching credential at the University of La Verne. He teaches biology, chemistry and physics at the sophomore and junior level at Pioneer High School in Whittier, California.

Some perceive teaching to be the best job in the world, with three months off, as well as Christmas and New Year’s. Teaching is rewarding but some days are also challenging.

"The most challenging aspect of teaching is the lack of resources and over-crowding," explains Sanchez. "Sometimes I have 38 to 40 students in a classroom and only 34 desks."

He overcomes these challenges by making sure that his teaching makes up for the lack of resources. Sanchez believes being a dedicated teacher is what gets him through the tough times. For him, the rewards are great and come from different sources, especially the diverse students he teaches.

In honoring Hispanic Heritage, and Latinos in Action Campaign the Cal­ifornia Center for Teaching Careers is partnering with Troops-To-Teachers to recognize the dedicated individu­als that continue to serve their coun­try by teaching.

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  - Inspirational songs of the season and tribute to Reverend Al Green

#### Riverside Community College Student Holiday Exhibit and Sale December 2 – 6, 2002

The Riverside Community College Annual Student Holiday Exhibit and Sale begins Monday December 2 and continues through Friday December 6.

This popular event offers unique one-of-a-kind art works for sale and viewing. Prices are very reasonable and there is a wide selection of ceramics ware and 2-dimensional paintings and prints. New pieces are brought in daily. The gallery will have extended hours for this one-week exhibit: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am to 6pm; Wednesday 10 am to 7pm; and Friday 10 am to 3pm.

We are closed on Saturdays, Sundays and all school holidays. The RCC Art Gallery is located in Quadrangle of the Riverside Campus. For additional information or questions, please call (909) 222-6404

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This year the annual feast of our Lady of Guadalupe will have an even greater meaning because Pope John Paul II elevated to sainthood Juan Diego, the native who received the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Hundreds of thousands who came on pilgrimages from all over the world, surrounded the Basilica to witness this event that had its beginning 471 years ago.

Why do Mexicans, Latin Americans and other Catholics and non-Catholic celebrate this historical event of Our Lady of Guadalupe? The Franciscans and Augustinian Missionaries were convinced that the event of Our Lady of Guadalupe would have an even more important facts of this apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe event that I believe is a theological reflection of what this event and its message means to us.

First of all, the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe event has a powerful message of hope for a vanquished people that had been defeated and had almost experienced the total devastation of their way of life. From the ashes of that genocidal war the ever Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary, asks Juan Diego, a native, to be her ambassador. The key role Juan Diego plays in this effort to provide an alternative project that would create a new society clearly proves that the Indigenous will be the messengers, the evangelizers, and the proclaimers of a new just social order. Vatican II, in one of the documents on the Laity in 1965, reminded all missionaries that every culture has some of the seeds (values) of the gospel imbedded in it. True missionaries should build on what the cultures possess and should respect the cultures and the people’s way of life.

Our Lady of Guadalupe spoke to Juan Diego in his native language, Nahualt. She addressed him as an equal. She invited him to be an agent that participated actively in getting Bishop Zummaraga to construct the shrine to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"I earnestly want and desire most fervently that on this hillside you erect a shrine. In it I will reveal and give the people (the poor) all my love, compassion, my help and protection for I am a merciful mother to you and to all the people that live on this earth, who love me, who speak to me, who look for me and confide in me. There (in this chapel) I will listen to their laments and heal and cure all their miseries, pain and sorrows." The dauntless fidelity of Juan Diego reminds bishops and priests of the faithful work of the laity and especially of the religious and laywomen. Whether or when women will someday be deaconesses, priests or bishops is not as important as recognizing that without them and their devoted commitment, the faith communities of all religious Expressions would be in a crisis.

Perhaps the most important message the Guadalupe Event has for all of us is to pray for all our spiritual leaders. Juan Diego’s faith and dauntless efforts lead to Bishop Zummaraga’s conversion. Our spiritual leaders need to walk more closely with the people and most especially the poor. I dare say that all of us that are spiritual leaders need to renew our ministerial commitment to serve and not to be served.

"QUE VIVA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE! QUE VIVA CRISTO REY! QUE VIVA EL PUEBLO DE DIOS!"

"LONG LIVE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE! LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING! LONG LIVE GOD’S PEOPLE!"

Father Patricio Guillen is a retired priest, community activist and co-director of The Libreria del Pueblo.
The race to find a cure for Alzheimer’s disease has intensified in recent years. With the aging of the populations in most of the industrialized world, over the next few decades Alzheimer’s threatens to overwhelm health care systems and exact a human cost that is almost unimaginable. To try to prevent such a disaster as well as ease the suffering of the current 12-15 million people worldwide now estimated to have the disease, scientists are exploring every angle in their quest to find a prevention or a cure.

So far, no one has found a “magic bullet” to stop the disease process once it has begun, nor can we prevent it altogether. But in recent years, scientists have found several ways to delay the course of Alzheimer’s. They believe that if one adopts certain recommendations, the onset of the disease could be delayed by up to five years. While this may not be the news we’re all waiting to hear, it’s very good news nonetheless.

Here’s why.

The risk of developing Alzheimer’s rises sharply the older we get. While approximately 10% of Americans over 65 have the disease, the rate of incidence after 85 is far higher. Even with this upward curve in risk after age 65, there is no if you want to stay mentally sharp as you age. At the same time, taking a cholesterol-lowering “statin” drug is associated with a lower risk of Alzheimer’s.

If possible, take an anti-inflammatory drug daily. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) such as ibuprofen and sulindac, or prescription arthritis drugs such indomethacin have been shown to delay the onset of Alzheimer’s. However, these drugs can cause serious gastrointestinal problems and are not right for everyone. You should consult your doctor about safe alternatives before you embark on a daily regimen.

Get your antioxidant vitamins. There is now a significant body of research suggesting that the antioxidant vitamins, especially vitamins E and C, can prevent or delay the development of Alzheimer’s, and slow its course once it develops. Most experts agree that the best source of vitamins is in the foods we eat, but taking supplements as we age is also a good idea. Some scientists recommend 400 IU’s (international units) of vitamin E and 500 mgs (milligrams) of vitamin C a day for prevention. If you’re having memory problems, take the same dosages twice a day, and if Alzheimer’s has already been diagnosed, up your dosage to three times a day.

If you have memory problems, take a cholinesterase inhibitor. This is a class of prescription drugs that includes all four of the drugs approved by FDA for the treatment of Alzheimer’s. These drugs increase the brain’s supply of a key neurotransmitter, called cholinesterase, and are known to slow the course of Alzheimer’s disease. The commercial names for these drugs (in order of how long they’ve been around) are Aricept, Exelon and Reminyl. The earlier you begin taking these drugs after you develop memory problems, the more effective they can be.

Exercise your mind and body. For folks that are still working, delineated, regular physical exercise seems to improve cognitive ability throughout life and is also associated with a lower risk of Alzheimer’s.

Whether your car is new or used, at some point you probably will take it to an auto repair facility for service. It’s important to know your rights and what you can do if your car is not fixed properly and at the price appearing on the estimate. For example California law requires repair shops to give you a written estimate and get your approval before performing repairs, so you’re not surprised by the final bill.

To help you “Drive Smart,” the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), California consumers’ advocate for California consumers’ rights, if you are dissatisfied with repair work, talk directly to the service manager. If the situation cannot be resolved, file a complaint with BAR.

For more information about Alzheimer’s disease, contact Alzheimer’s Disease Research, a program of the American Health Assistance Foundation, by writing to them at 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871. You can also call their toll-free number, 1-800-437-2423 or visit their website at www.alz.org.

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LATINO POLITICAL CLOUT STRENGTHENS AS THE CAUCUS CONTINUES TO GROW AND GAIN KEY POSITIONS IN THE LEGISLATURE

SACRAMENTO – A new class of Latino Caucus Members were sworn in today at the State Capitol increasing the Caucus’ numbers and influence in the State Legislature. The new crop of Legislators bring a wide array of perspectives and experience to Sacramento.

“This is an exciting day for us as a Caucus,” said Majority Floor Leader Marco Antonio Firebaugh, Chair of the Latino Caucus. “Our Caucus is ready to work on the complex issues that affect California’s working families. Our immediate priority is to address our looming budget shortfall and ensure that the budget is not balanced on the backs of our most vulnerable communities, our children and seniors.”

Latino Caucus Members hold key positions in both houses of the Legislature:

In the Assembly, in addition to holding the Majority Floor Leader position, Latino Caucus Members chair the Budget, Business and Professions, Health, Insurance, Local Government, Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security, Revenue and Taxation, and Utilities and Commerce Committees.

In the Senate, Latino Caucus Members hold the Democratic Caucus Chair position, and chair the Business and Professions, Health, Judiciary, Labor, Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committees.

“We have our work cut out for us,” said Firebaugh. “Our Caucus will meet in January to formulate our annual policy agenda and determine the direction of our Caucus for this upcoming Legislative year. I welcome the new Members of our Caucus and look forward to working with them to ensure our continued success.”

The new Latino Caucus Members include:

Gilbert Cedillo  
Senator, 22nd District

Denise Moreno Ducheny  
Senator, 40th District

Dean Florez  
Senator, 16th District

Rudy Bermudez  
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Since its inception in 1973 with five Assembly Members, the Caucus has experienced tremendous growth. During the 2002 election cycle the Caucus grew from 22 to 24 Members. The Members of the Caucus represent the diverse geographical regions throughout the State.

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NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS CITY OF PERRIS FOR D STREET PROMENADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of Perris requests sealed bids from contractors for sidewalk, street, parking lot and other associated public improvements along one public street, and within one public right-of-way: 1) D Street between the I-215 exit and 3rd Street, and 2) publicly owned land between 1st and 2nd Streets adjacent to and immediately west of buildings along D Street in Perris, CA.

Plans and specifications are available at the City of Perris City Clerk's Office, located at 101 N. "D" Street, Perris, CA 92570, (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) Monday through Thursday, for a nonrefundable fee of $60 dollars (or $70 if mailed).

ALL BIDS AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE.

This project is federally financed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR Part 57) and subject to certain requirements including payment of Federal Prevailing Wages, compliance with Section 3 Affirmative Action Requirements, Executive Order 11246 and others. The aforesaid is described in the "Special Federal Provisions" section of the Bid Document. Additional Information pertaining to the Federal Requirements is on file with the City of Perris Department of Planning and Community Development.

This is a federal assisted project and the Davis-Bacon Act standards for said project are the one published 10 days prior to bid award. Whenever there is State funding involved, the highest of the two (Federal and State) wage determination prevails.

Pursuant to the Labor code, the City has also obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, the determinations of general prevailing rates of per diem wages believed to be applicable to the work, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar purposes, as set forth on schedule which is on file at the office of the city Clerk and which will be made available to any interested person upon request.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2002 AT 2:00 PM to enable prospective contractors to clarify additional details considered pertinent for their evaluation prior to the bid submittal date, and to review City, and Federal bidding requirements. The meeting will be conducted at the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Bid closing date and time shall be simultaneous with the bid opening. BID OPENING SHALL BE DECEMBER 11, 2002 at 2:00 PM AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY OF PERRIS.

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