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SAN BERNARDINO'S
RENEWED NENA'S
RESTAURANT
CELEBRATES
50TH ANNIVERSARY

Nena Negrete, right, founder of the popular Nena's Restaurant, San Bernardino, is pictured with new owners, Gary and Linda Saenz. Photo by IEHN

Ray and Nena Negrete announced the sale of Nena's Restaurant, one of the most popular restaurants in the City of San Bernardino, to Gary Saenz, well-known San Bernardino attorney and his wife Linda Saenz.

The City of San Bernardino, at its June 2, 2003, council meeting, had previously presented a resolution to Ray and Nena Negrete on the 50th anniversary of operating Nena's Restaurant.

Nena's Restaurant was originally founded in 1953 at 735 North "D" Street and in 1965, relocated to the present site at 642 North "D" Street.

"We worked very hard these last 50 years to provide good Mexican dishes to our customers. But like many things in life, there is a time to call it quits and this is the time," Nena Negrete stated in a telephone interview.

In an interview, Gary Saenz said that he had heard that Nena's Restaurant was for sale and became interested. "I discussed my interest in purchasing the restaurant with my wife, Linda, family members and business associates, and made the decision to purchase the restaurant," he said in an interview.

"I had worked in restaurants for a number of years while attending high school and college and familiar with the business. I had also provided legal services to restaurant owners, and have had an ongoing interest in restaurants for many years," Saenz stated.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted for the new Roger Anton Elementary School on the former county hospital grounds. Pictured (1 to r) working the traditional earthmoving was Linda Savage, board member; Stephanie Cereceres, Anton's daughter and principal at Shandin Hills Middle School, Arturo Delgado, district superintendent, Roger Anton, Jr., Tony Dupre, Teresa Parma and Daniel Timmari, schoolboard members. Photo by IEHN

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on June 5, 2003, for the new Roger Anton Elementary School on the grounds of the former county hospital on Gilbert Street, attended by many friends and colleagues of the former educator and president of Crafton College.

Stephanie Cereceres, daughter and principal at Shandin Hills Middle Schools and Roger Anton, Jr., spoke on the personal life of their father. Members of the family are: Mrs. Tochitl Anton, Anton's widow, daughters Tochitl Hays and Lorraine Renee Anton and sons Robert and Philip. Anton was born in Mexico and was brought to the United States at an early age. He earned a BA and MA from UCLA and in later years was a Fulbright Scholar.

Anton taught mathematics at Sturges and Arrowview Junior High schools and in 1946, began teaching Spanish and mathematics at San Bernardino Valley College. He later became chairman of the Division of Humanities and in 1972 promoted to dean of the evening college and summer session.

Anton was appointed to the San Bernardino School Board in 1972 and served for two years. He later resigned due to conflict with his position as dean of the evening sessions.

In 1974, he was appointed president of Crafton College. He died as a result of an accident on July 12, 1976 at age 59.

The Roger Anton Elementary School will have 50,721 square feet consisting of 24 classrooms, multi purpose, media and special aid centers and laboratories. The project cost is estimated at $16,000,000.

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The Negretes worked hard during those early years and developed a variety of Mexican dishes that attracted customers and gave extra services. Nena’s became one of the favorite places to dine in the Inland Empire.

In 1964, Mr. Shields, a realtor, approached the Negretes regarding vacant property in the adjacent area that would be suitable for expansion. Shortly thereafter, the realtor brought Vaughn Davies and Harold Thompson, contractors, to talk about plans and construction. The couple became interested and hired the contractors to build a restaurant and office space at 642 North “D” Street. The new Nena’s Restaurant began business on October 1965. The rest is history.

Throughout these many decades, Nena’s has always been the gracious hostess, treating customers as they enter the restaurant, and has small talk while she escorts them to a table.

Nena’s has been an added attraction to visitors to the city, and for many years loyal customers have continued to patronize on a daily basis.

Within the last few years, Ray and Nena have had medical problems which diminished their direct operation of the restaurant on a daily basis.

In June, 2003, Ray and Nena Negrete sold Nena’s Restaurant after 50 years of providing excellent Mexican cuisine to its customers in the Inland Empire.

SB POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS

A free, three part training workshop is being offered by The Outreach Police Advisory Liaison (OPAL), a community based education and recruitment committee. The training workshops will be held at the San Bernardino Police Department, 710 North “D” Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401. Limited to 50 people. Participants must be able to attend all three workshops.

The training dates are scheduled for July 15, 22 and 29, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. For information and reservations, call Officer Robert Albright at (909) 388-4847.

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RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR WOMEN’S HEALTH ISSUES OUTREACH TRAINING

The Desert Sierra Partnership: Promoting Breast and Cervical Health is a coalition of people from the Inland Empire working together to save lives through early detection of breast and cervical cancer and encouraging Healthy Lifestyles. Desert Sierra is promoting a new community outreach program called The Ambassadors of Good Health. The Ambassadors will receive ten hours of free training in Women’s Health Issues, Healthy Lifestyles, How to make Good Health presentations and Health Fair Outreach.

Who should participate; Health Care Workers, Community Outreach Workers, Community Service Workers and community people interested in women’s health issues.

The first training will be scheduled for the month of August.

If you have questions or would like a copy of the RFP mailed to you, telephone the contact person. Bids will not be accepted from anyone not attending a mandatory bidder’s conference.

Persons attending a bidder’s conference should confirm their attendance by calling the contact person. The RFQ may be obtained through the Internet under the section BUSINESS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES at: http://www.cao.gov/ito. If you have questions or would like a copy of the RFQ mailed to you, telephone the contact person.
NEA PRESIDENT REG WEAVER EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT TODAY'S HISPANIC DROP OUT RATE REPORT

The National Education Association (NEA) remains seriously concerned about the terribly high Hispanic drop out rate. Foreign born or native born, Latino students are dropping out at rates higher than any other group, nearly double the eight percent rate of white teenagers, meaning that the issue is not just one of English language proficiency.

NEA's 2.7 million members are working to provide both native born and immigrant Hispanic students with the tools they need to meet their highest potential. We must ensure that educators know the culture of their students in order to fully engage them in classwork, that teachers have relevant textbooks and that Hispanic and other minority students have minority role models in their teachers and school administrators. It's a long, hard battle and we will remain on the front lines.

We also applaud the Pew Hispanic Center's analysis of Hispanic drop out rates by immigrant and U.S. born status. Such reports provide the data that we as educators need to determine best practices and strategies in our work to reach and teach all children.

The Saenz family has deep roots in San Bernardino. His father, Cmz Saenz, was born in the city and with his wife, Esther, were well-known and operated a successful real estate brokerage since 1950. The business is currently operated by brother Ronald Saenz. His brother, Robert, is director of the Small Business Financial Development Corporation.

Gary Saenz attended local schools and graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1969. He received his BA in Philosophy from San Diego State University in 1974 and received a JD from UCLA School of Law in 1977. Saenz law practice has included civil, criminal, family, wills and trusts. Since 1989, he has been Judge Pro-Tem for the County of San Bernardino. He is on board of directors for the Home of Neighborly Service and member of the San Bernardino City Library Board of Trustees.

Linda Saenz previously worked for California Steel in Fontana and represented the firm as sales representative throughout the State of California. Their children are Elaine, 10, and Aaron, 8.

"Nena's Restaurant has established an excellent reputation serving fine Mexican cuisine for the last 50 years and we are committed to continue that tradition, as well as being an attraction to the City of San Bernardino," Gary Saenz stated in the interview.
CONGRESSMAN FINDS RISING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNACCEPTABLE, ESPECIALLY FOR HISPANICS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Representative Joe Baca (D-Rialto) today announced his disappointment that the number of unemployed Hispanic workers continued to rise during the month of May. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the unemployment rate for Hispanic workers accelerated to 8.2% last month, a sharp increase from 7.5% in April and 5.9% in January.

"Minorities are being hit hard by this economic downturn," Baca said. "The unemployment rate for Hispanics seems to be climbing at an alarming rate. 8.2% compared to the national rate of 6.1% is unacceptable."

"African Americans are being hit even worse," Baca said "in the month of May, the unemployment rate for African American workers rose to 10.8%. We have to start looking at ways to jump-start the job market. The GOP tax cut passed last month isn’t going to do it."

"We passed this enormous tax cut while thousands of people are losing their jobs," Baca said, "This is incredibly irresponsible. We need to focus on legislation that will create jobs."

Unemployment in the month of May rose to a startling 3.1 million. The last time the unemployment rate was higher was July 1994.

"This president has the worst job creation record of any modern president," Baca said. "This Administration refuses to focus on job creation while 84,000 people are losing their jobs each month, many of them black and Hispanic."

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WASHINGTON, DC - A comprehensive new survey of Hispanics in the United States reveals an array of attitudes, values and experiences that is distinct from non-Hispanics, Hispanics take different views than non-Hispanics, Hispanics from various places of origin, including Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Colombians.

The survey shows that the children of Hispanic immigrants are English-speakers and express views closer to the American mainstream than the immigrant generation, said Roberto Suro, Director of the Pew Hispanic Center. “Assimilation is not a simple, all-encompassing process, and even Hispanics whose families have been in the United States for several generations express some attitudes distinct from whites and African-Americans.”

“A Cuban in Miami, a Salvadoran immigrant in Washington DC, and a third generation Mexican in Los Angeles may all have roots in Spanish-speaking countries,” said Molllynn Brodie, Ph.D., Vice President Director, Public Opinion and Media Research at the Kaiser Family Foundation, “but their diversity in views and experiences in the United States suggests that people should be wary of generalizing too much about Hispanics.”

Discrimination

Hispanics overwhelmingly say that discrimination is a problem that keeps Hispanics from succeeding in general (78%) and is a problem in the workplace (75%). When asked about personal experiences, one in three (31%) Hispanics report that they or someone close to them has suffered discrimination in the past five years because of their racial or ethnic background.

Many Hispanics report experiencing more subtle forms of unfair treatment because of their racial or ethnic background, including being treated with less respect than others (45%), receiving poorer service than others (41%), and being insulted or called names (35%). When asked to explain why they believe they were treated unfairly, they are most likely to say it is due to the language they speak (35%), though many attribute it to their physical appearance (24%) or feel it is a combination of the language they speak and their physical appearance (20%).

Hispanics also identify discrimination within the Hispanic community as a problem. Eight in ten (83%) report that Hispanics discriminating against other Hispanics is a problem, including almost half (47%) who say it is a major problem.

• Views about Hispanics discriminating against other Hispanics is one example of the sometimes substantial differences across places of origin. Colombians (61%) and Dominicans (57%) are more likely than Mexicans (48%), Cubans (42%), and Puerto Ricans (39%) to feel that this type of discrimination is a problem. Salvadorans (54%) and all Central (53%) and South Americans (52%) are even more divided on this issue.

The 2002 National Survey of Hispanics, a nationally representative survey conducted between April and June 2002, examines how members of the Hispanic community identify themselves, their views of the United States, their experiences with discrimination both within the Hispanic community itself and from non-Hispanic groups, their language abilities and preferences, their economic and racial situations and their experiences within the health care system.

The survey report also includes analysis of the sometimes substantial and sometimes more subtle differences in the attitudes and experiences among Hispanics from various places of origin, including Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Dominicans, Salvadorans, and Colombians.

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THREE KEYS TO DEFEATING DEBT NOW
By Liz Pulliam Weston, — MSN Money Expert

Money may not buy happiness, but it can buy freedom, flexibility and independence.

That’s the whole point of saving for retirement. Trouble is, most people never get this message. As soon as they get a job, or even before, they never get this message. As soon as they get a credit card. Instead of saving and investing, they buy stuff—usually stuff that doesn’t last as long as the payments on it.

If they manage to contribute to a 401(k), they either borrow from it or cash it out when they change jobs. As their homes increase in value, they take out home-equity loans—offsetting most if all of the potential rise in their wealth with more debt.

Debt is a national epidemic, but it would be naïve to lay all the blame at the feet of consumers. Lenders have done their part by loosening loan standards and chasing after people with poor credit in an ill-fated attempt to boost their profits. But on a personal level, it’s pointless to blame the rope salesman for selling you rope if you use it to hang yourself.

Consider the average credit-card-carrying household, which is holding more than $8,000 in credit-card debt. At a typical 17 percent interest rate, that means paying about $1,400 a year in interest. Think about that: $1,400 a year just for the privilege of not paying immediately. If instead, the $1,400 each year had been invested and earned an average eight percent annual return, the savings would add up to nearly $160,000 after 30 years.

It’s hard to spend less money, regardless of how much you make. But the Internet is full of great ideas for saving money—and moral support—for those trying to live within their means. Check out MSN Money’s message boards for a community of like-minded folk.

Before you get intimate with your debt, you should know everything relevant: your balances on every account, the interest rates you’re paying, whether that interest is deductible, when and how those rates can change and whether you’ll face any kind of penalties for paying an account early. Call your lender and ask questions if you’re not sure. Write it all down. Prioritize your debt. Divide your debts into deductible and non-deductible piles. Credit cards, car loans and personal loans are non-deductible debt, you get no tax break on the interest. Mortgages, home-equity loans and some student loans (depending on your income) are usually deductible.

Once you know which is which, rank the debts in each pile, from highest-interest rate to lowest.

Eradicate your debt. You can start with your highest-rate, non-deductible debt—or the non-deductible debt with the smallest balance, if you need the sense of satisfaction from wiping out a bill as soon as possible. Either way, put as much money as possible toward your first debt-eradication target.

Once that account is paid off, take the same amount of money and apply it to your next target. Keep doing this until all your non-deductible debt is gone. Then you can start tackling your deductible debt, or boost your investing, or both.

The way, this plan only works if you stop adding to your debt pile. In other words, cut up those credit cards and don’t apply for any more loans.
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