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HISPANICS CELEBRATE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Catholic Church in San Bernardino was overflowing with parishioners as they honored La Virgen de Guadalupe with prayers and singing las Mahanitas with mariachi music and singers on December 12 at 5:00 A.M. La Virgen de Guadalupe revealed herself before (Saint) Juan Diego in 1531. The bishop was finally convinced on the apparition of the Virgen and built a church at Tepeyac in the City of Mexico. The Virgen de Guadalupe is honored throughout Central and South America.

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Valenzuela commented on the growth of industries, businesses, and housing in the Cities of Banning and Beaumont; the business group helping new businesses and supporting existing businesses.

Keynote speaker UCR Professor Dr. Armando Navarro spoke on the political and social history of the Hispanic population of the United States. "Positive changes have occurred, and our population has grown since then, producing areas of concern, including organizing collectively at the political level," he said. "We, the Hispanic, have a ways to go to empower our own destiny."

SGPHCC honored outstanding leaders at the event: Latino of the Year—Maurice Calderon; Latina of the Year—Brenda Salas; Latina of the Year—Marie Calderon; Community Advocate of the Year—Claudia Perreira; Non-Profit Organization of the Year—Cancer Federation; Journalist of the Year—Frank del Olmo.

FRANK del OLMO

Commentaries on His Times

After World War II, hundreds of thousands of soldiers were discharged to return to their homes to renew their lives. Pascual Oliva served in the Army Air Corps as a radio operator and discharged as a master sergeant in 1945; earn the following awards: Asiatic-Pacific Theater of War, American Theater of War, European-African-Middle Eastern, World War II Victory, Good Conduct, and Air Medal.

Oliva was one of the many who returned to his native City of Colton where he was born and raised. On December 7, 2005, Oliva, 86, passed away. The San Bernardino Star-Observer reported that Oliva was the first Mexican-American to become mayor of the City of Colton.

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Pasqual Oliva, 88, died on December 7, 2005. A World War II veteran and civil rights activist in the City of Colton. Oliva was the first Mexican-American to become mayor of the City of Colton.

Photo courtesy of the Oliva family
Oliva was elected to the city council and served for six years. That experience in city government was one of the motivational factors in his election to the office of mayor, a significant accomplishment at that time for a Mexican-American in the City of Colton. After his tenure in the city council, Oliva became constable for the city.

A major achievement for Oliva was the founding of the Fidel Hernandez American Legion Post 754 in the City of Colton, co-founder of MAPA and Congress of Community Clubs, and several youth groups. He received the lifetime award from the Fidel Hernandez American Legion Post 754 and PTA, among many others.

Oliva was the catalyst for establishing a vision, setting higher goals for his community, developing the leadership and organizational structure to achieve those goals and importantly, to break the political and economic barriers that had previously existed for many decades. Other civic groups that followed in the city emulated the political models previously set by Oliva and his co-participants.

Our young generation must become cognizant of the struggles that were experienced by many individuals that fought the civil rights battles. They created the path to our current political successes, said Ray Abril, Jr., a former Colton School District Board of Education Trustee.

Pasqual Oliva was one of those pioneers who fought those battles for the right to participate in the political process.

He is survived by his children Duane, Randy, Gerri, Debra, and Deidre, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO HISPANIC EMPLOYEES ALLIANCE AWARDED TEN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Education/Scholarship Committee of the Hispanic Employees Alliance (HEA) of San Bernardino County awarded ten scholarships at their annual scholarship luncheon on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the San Bernardino Community College District (Community Conference Room).

The HEA Education / Scholarship Committee efforts are defined by its mission statement — "Dedicated to the professional development, strengthening & advancement of HEA members via financial assistance for pursuit of higher education & career advancement".

Since its inception, HEA has distributed over 100 scholarships to assist members in support of educational endeavors. HEA strives to promote programs and activities which strengthen standing and upward mobility in the community workforce and supports the mission and goals of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. All HEA members, Associate HEA members and immediate family/dependents are eligible to apply—in addition, same may qualify to receive scholarships for a total of up to four (4) awards.

This year's scholarship theme "Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century Through Advanced Education" was addressed by keynote speaker, Dr. Daniel Castro, President of Riverside Community College and remarks by other dignitaries and officials.

The ten recipients for the 2005-2006 academic year are as follows: Adrian Alarid, Student-San Bernardino Valley College; Lidia Alcantar-Uribe, Office Assistant III-SBCO Juvenile Dependency Court; Rosie Bautista, Student-Cal State San Bernardino; Veronica Gonzalez, Office Assistant III-SBCO Department of Purchasing; Marcela Hill, Office Assistant III-SBCO Department of Probation; Liberty Moser, Student-Crafton Hills College; Rachel Ortiz, Student-University of La Verne; Ernest Rivera, Office Assistant III-SBCO Department of Behavior Health; Arnold Rocha, Staff Analyst II-Transitional Assistance and Anthony Xavier Segura, Fiscal Assistant-Facilities Management.

For information regarding the scholarship program please contact Tootsie Garcia at (909) 386-2937 or Linda Miranda at (909) 386-2917.

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The spirit of giving continues to brighten this holiday season through your toy donations for children of special need in our community. Donate unwrapped toys at Children's Fund 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue 2nd floor. County Government Center—San Bernardino. Children's Fund will collect the toys and distribute them to over 30,000 at-risk children in San Bernardino County. Your generous donation of just one toy can make all the difference in a child's Christmas.

The Children's Fund, in celebrating its 17th annual Celebration of Giving, and is committed to making this Christmas Season a success for children at risk in our community. Providing a gift or the money to purchase them is an invaluable way for you to participate in the achieving of our goal. Many helping hands are still needed for gift packaging, setting-up warehouse displays, inventory and price checking, and assisting case managers while they shop. Contact the "Giving" hotline at (909) 387-4949 for further information or to sign up today!

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The Heart Of A Healthy Community
FRANK del OLMO

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of autism. Del Olmo takes us along his touching journey with his son, Frankie, whose 1995 diagnosis of autism spawned an annual column. Those 10 essays about the boy with the “soft, sweet smile and big brown eyes” were shared faithfully by Times readers with families all over the world via the Internet.

During a distinguished 33-year career at the Los Angeles Times, del Olmo rose from intern reporter to associate editor, the first Latino to be elevated to the paper’s masthead of top editors. Through his work inside the Times newsroom and through his efforts inside professional journalism organizations, he helped improve media coverage of Latinos and other ethnic communities too often mis-portrayed or ignored.

His columns inform and bring context to complicated situations. He describes the importance of community grass-roots organizations, such as COPS in San Antonio and UNO in Los Angeles. He explains the wider significance of the successes of Latino community heroes, including farm labor leader Cesar Chavez, calculus teacher Jaime Escalante and pitcher Fernando Valenzuela.

As we read del Olmo’s analyses and viewpoints, we also learn how his life’s journey shaped his opinions. We get a glimpse into his humble upbringing in the barrios of the San Fernando Valley, we feel his distress over the tragic death of former Times journalist Ruben Salazar, we accompany him to Mexico and Central America to understand how conflicts there affect the U.S.

Del Olmo’s columns, crafted during a 24-year period, are not limited to serious topics. An avid “Star Trek” fan, he mixes humor and serious reflection regarding the long-awaited appearance of Latino lead actors on the sci-fi TV series. He sings the praises of the East L.A. band Los Lobos when the rock musicians first taste crossover success. He advises us not to shed any tears about the changeover from football to futbol at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

This volume offers a combination of history, political assessment and stories of the famous and little known, providing in total a valuable guide to understanding del Olmo’s—and our—times.

The Book’s Co-Editors:

Magdalena Beltrán-del Olmo, wife of the late Frank del Olmo, is vice president of communications for The California Wellness Foundation. She formerly worked as a newspaper reporter and public radio producer.

Frank O. Sotomayor has been a Los Angeles Times editor for 34 years. He was co-editor of the Times’ series “Latinos in Southern California” which won the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Public Service.

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Wishes for a happy and safe holiday season!

San Bernardino Associated Governments would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. During this fun season, please remember that Route 210 construction is continuing in Rialto and San Bernardino. Please obey all signs and drive slowly through the construction zones.

SANBAG looks forward to completing local street projects near the new freeway early next year. Utility and road work on Highland Avenue, Riverside Avenue and Easton Streets is set to begin soon. This work will require temporary street closures. Notices will be sent to neighbors and businesses before the start of work.

For questions, call the toll-free project helpline:

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Los Gobiernos Asociados de San Bernardino les quieren dese AR a todos una feliz y segura temporada navideña. Durante esta agradable época del año, recuerden que la construcción de la Ruta 210 continúa en Rialto y San Bernardino. Por favor, obedezca todas las señales de tránsito y conduzca despacio en las áreas de construcción.

SANBAG espera concluir los proyectos que lleva a cabo en calles locales cerca de la nueva autopista, a principios del año entrante. La instalación de servicios y trabajos en la avenida Highland, la avenida Riverside y la calle Easton están programados para iniciar dentro de poco. Estas obras requerirán el cierre temporal de calles. A los residentes y negocios se les enviarán notificaciones antes de que las obras comiencen.

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Year-Charles Ferrel; Corporate Partnership of the Year-Morango Band of Mission Indians; Elected Official of the Year-Marion Ashley; Visionary of the Year-Al Lopez; Educator of the Year-Susana Mascias; and Cultural Entertainer of the Year-Escalante'leisters.

Maurice Calderon, vice president for community affairs at Arrowhead Credit Union and community activist, was born and raised in Banning. He was recently honored by the City of Banning as Citizen of the Year and a street was named "Calderon Way" in his honor.

At the annual SGPHCC event, Maurice Calderon recognized special persons who have had an impact in his professional and community life:

Stanley Lewis
During the tumultuous years of late 1960's, Banning residents had highly diverged views on the school system. A vacancy occurred on the school board. Mr. Stanley Lewis, board president, conducted interviews and on August 1968, appointed Calderon to the board, the first person of color selected in the history of Banning. Calderon acknowledged Mr. Lewis for his leadership, courage, and wisdom for a better Banning.

Philip Lamm
Philip Lamm excelled as a high school counselor. He and his wife, Marge, encouraged many youths to stay in school. Lamm helped Calderon and other students with college application. His agreement with students was their dedication to education and his role to develop financial packages. Many minorities enrolled in colleges, the first in their families to experience a higher education. The Lamm's helped numerous students included Anna Escobedo Cabral, currently the Treasurer of the United States.

Carol Dominguez Avila
Carol Dominguez Avila was a gifted athlete, excelling in many sports in school. Her priority was family unit; growing up with an older mentally challenged brother. Her parents cared for her brother, a care facility never an option, until their death. Avila continued to care for her brother with respect, dignity, and honor. She and her husband now care for her sister, Lupita, who has a severe heart problem, endeavoring to prolong her life. Calderon and his brothers, never having a sister, would like a sister like Carol.

Dr. Anthony Avina
Dr. Avina and Maurice Calderon grew up in the barrios of Beaumont and Banning, and their friendship has endured to the present, in educational affairs, business dealings, and family. In their youth, they had high hopes and aspirations, and to date, have supported each other in their respective career ladders. They have attended UCLA football games since 1966. In one game, they noticed an old man pushing another old man in a wheelchair. Dr. Avina said, "Wow Maurice, look at that, we will be like them in a few years." The eagle has landed; we have replaced those old guys, said Calderon. Their friendship, according to Calderon, gets better with age, with a foundation of respect, commitment, loyalty, and honor.

"Community College is changing my life."
- Yolanda Urefia -

Yolanda Ureña is a math major at Valley College and wants to apply her skills in the scientific field. She is a mother and a part-time student. "At first I was intimidated when I started college, but then I learned about all the possibilities at Valley and there's no stopping me now!"

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A FEELING OF COMMUNITY FOR UGANDA

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A feeling for financial assistance, but I am hoping that my fellow community will be compelled to support me in this venture. I hope that they would consider this as an investment, knowing that my goal is to complete my education and to come back to my hometown, using all my knowledge gained in order to give back to the community that has given me so much,” said Quevedo.

Grateful for life's gifts, Quevedo needs the community's support. Readers interested in helping send a dedicated young student to serve the needs the community's support. Reading for financial assistance, but I am given me so much,” said Quevedo. “It is an extraordinary feeling when you give and make that connection with other human beings, a feeling that in that moment reveals the true purpose of life.”

THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY TO AID IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The Volunteer Center of Riverside County will be assisting in facilitating Christmas giving and receiving. Many non-profit agencies will be distributing Christmas baskets to families in need this season. The Volunteer Center of Riverside County will be acting as a clearing house to aid the agencies in equitable distribution of the Christmas baskets. The Volunteer Center of Riverside County has been performing this service since 1982.

If you would like to apply for assistance or make donations please call 2-1-1 Riverside County. 2-1-1 Riverside County is a free service for information and referrals regarding social services available in Riverside County.

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