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CARLOS ROMERO BARCELO RETURNS TO POLITICAL ARENA

By: Francisco Apodaca

ormer Puerto Rican Governor Carlos Romero Barceló won election to the position of Resident Commissioner in the U.S. Congress. While Mayor of San Juan, he was elected to the position of president of the National League of Cities by his fellow mayors. While Governor, his colleagues elected him as Chairman of the Southern Governors Association.

The Congressman is known for his tireless struggles to obtain equal treatment on behalf of the average Puerto Rican. After being elected Governor in 1976, he led a fight in the U.S. Congress to extend the coverage of the federal minimum wage to



Carlos Romero Barceló, LULAC State Director for Puerto Rico and LULAC National President, José Velez.

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all workers in Puerto Rico. He worked to improve school, hospital and law enforcement facilities on the Island. In 1980, he was only the second Governor to win reelection to a second four year term.

Congressman Romero. Barceló has been a proponent of state-hood. This is based on his conclusion that statehood is the best political status to allow Puerto Ricans to resolve their problems for themselves.

There is no doubt that Congressman Romero Barceló will be an avid advocate for Puerto Ricans and Hispanics in the U.S. Congress.

He is a graduate of Yale University with a degree in political science and economics and has a law

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Residents of LULAC Haven Housing Project and members of LULAC Council 624 Inc., have announced a financial commitment of \$25,000 as part of the application process to the Development of Housing and Urban Development for LULAC Haven II.

The funds are part of the proceeds obtained through a fund-raising project last year.

The planned \$1.9 million project consists of a 40-unit housing project for the elderly and handicapped.

Manuel Tijerina, vice president of LULAC Council 624, said plans call for construction of the housing project on a site adjacent to the present housing facility.

FELIX PEREZ MOVES TO AMERICAN RED CROSS

By: Francisco Apodaca

Felix Perez, editor at the Hispanic Link, has accepted a position of Media Relations Specialist with the American Red Cross after seven years with the Hispanic Link. Perez started with the Hispanic Link as an intern in 1985, and assumed the position of editor in 1986. Perez is one of many young Hispanic journalists who have benefited from the mentoring program of the Hispanic Link under the leadership of Charlie Erickson. Felix Perez is from East Chicago, Indiana, born to Puerto Rican parents. He has a BA in journalism from Indiana University in Bloomington. Upon leaving, Perez stated that the Hispanic Link is a special place, committed to promoting and seeing more Latinos working successfully in the media. He considers working at the Hispanic Link a labor or love as he has seen many young Hispanics grow in their professional careers as they gain experience. Perez says he will continue to strive so that the national mainstream media becomes more sensitive to covering Hispanics on an equal basis as others.

Carlos Romero Barceló

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degree from the University of Puerto Rico. He has received an honorary degree from the University of Bridgeport, the James J. and Jane Hoey Award for Interracial Justice from the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, and the Special Gold Medal Award of New York's Spanish Institute. He is married to the former Kathleen Donnely of New York. They have two children. He also has two sons from a former marriage.

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Hispanic Caucus Prepared to be More Assertive

ongressman José Serrano, Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, in a recent meeting of the Hispanic Caucus, declared that this is a "pivotal moment in Latino political participation." The Hispanic Congressional Caucus has grown in size, diversity and geographical representation. The caucus includes Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, and Cuban Americans, women and men. Democrats and Republicans are fully represented. Areas represented included Arizona, New York, California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, Texas, New Mexico, Guam and Puerto Rico. There are long-time veterans and freshmen. When the Caucus was formed in 1976, there were only five members. Today there are 20 members.

Additionally, the clout of Caucus members has increased. Four members sit on the House Appropriations Committee. Kika de la Garza continues to chair the House Agriculture Committee. Three other members chair important subcommittees and Hispanic Caucus representation has been expanded to 14 other House committees.

Serrano said, "I will guide the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to greater outreach, seeking to engage other members of this Congress who share common concerns. I want to see a committee of our members meet on a regular basis with members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other progressive members who are willing to work together on a mutually beneficial agenda. Cross-caucus support on legislative matters opens impressive possibilities when the number of votes we represent are added together."

"I feel confident that this President understands the concerns of the middle class and all working people. I also feel sure that President Clinton will not hesitate to seek our counsel on a broad range of issues, both domestic and international. Our task, then, is to provide the kind of leadership that will help move this nation forward into the next century."

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Washington, D.C. Council No. 11041 Hosts Concert

By: Francisco Apodaca

Washington, D.C. - LULAC Council 11041 sponsored a concert of classical chamber music as a fund-raiser to obtain money for student scholarships. Margarita Collantes, Scholarship Committee Chair, undertook the effort to organize the concert. With the assistance of Audrey Causilla, who attends the Peabody Conservatory of Music, and one of last year's scholarship winners, Hispanic student musicians from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, the Yale School of Music, and invited performers from Spain were recruited. The concert, which took place at the opulent Pan American Union Building of the Organization of American States, was an outstanding success.

Featured works included pieces by Mendelssohn and Dvorak. Students from the Peabody were Audrey Causilla, Gastone Coccia-Vinsi and Elena Solanes. Students from various schools in Spain were Ana Isabel Galan, David Marco, Alfredo Oyaguez, Carlos Seco and Elena Solanes.

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THE GRAMMYS BELATEDLY RECOGNIZE LATINO INFLUENCE ON MAINSTREAM'

By: Antonio Mejías-Rentas Hispanic Link

ess than five years ago, the Grammy Awards were a harsh reminder of how poorly regarded Latino contributions to pop music were. A slim representation of Latino culture appeared among the 15 or so recording acts nominated in three Latin music categories, with one or two "crossover" acts mentioned sporadically in the Grammys' several dozen "mainstream" categories.

What a difference half a decade makes. This month, when the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences unveiled its list of nominees for the upcoming 35th annual Grammy Awards, it saw fit to include more than a dozen Latino/Hispanic acts among its nominees in 77 non-Latin categories.

Including the 16 acts nominated in the three Latin music categories, this year's Latino Grammy nominees total some 30 performers — Latinos who have distinguished themselves in all areas of contemporary music, from rock to rap, from folk to classical, from pop to rhythm and blues.

In an unprecedented, clear signal that NARAS—and the mainstream music world — are finally accepting Latino contributions to music, this year's nominees included several pleasant surprises:

- Jon Secada, the Cuban American newcomer who was last year's most distinguished bilingual singer, scored nominations both in "best new artist" and in a Latin category. It is the first time an artist has done that since the Grammys instituted its Latin category in 1975.
- Los Lobos, the critically praised Mexican American rock group from East Los Angeles that won Grammys in 1983 and 1989, took two nominations in non-Latin categories, including "best rock performance by a duo or group with vocal."
- Arturo Sandoval, a recent Cuban émigré long considered one of the finest trumpeters in jazz, received nominations outside of the Latin field, both as composer and musician.
- Linda Ronstadt, the Chicana songstress from Tucson who leads Latinos (in a tie with Puerto Rican José Feliciano) in number of Grammys won — six in both Latin and non-Latin categories — scored a first by having both her 1992 Spanish-language albums nomi-

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... Grammys

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nated in separate Latin categories.

Plácido Domingo, the frequently nominated Spanish tenor who has already won five Grammys, scored in three categories in a field that includes nominations for Spanish pianist Alicia de Larrrocha and her Cuban colleague Horacio Gutiérrez.

 Carlos Santana, the Mexican rock guitarist/band leader who is one of the most influential and constant voices from the Woodstock generation — who didn't even get a Grammy until 1988 — is nominated this year along with his famous contemporary, folk singer Joan Baez, who has never won a Grammy.

Astor Piazzola, the late great Argentinean composer and musician, scored posthumous nomination for a tango composition, while Brazilian musician Sergio Mendes is listed with two nominations, including the "world music" category in which he competes with international Latino acts Gypsy Kings and Strunz & Farah.

Not all Latinos nominated in non-Latin categories are easily recognizable as such. Pop and R&B categories are sprinkled with mentions for such acts as Mariah Carey (a black Latina, whose father is Venezuelan) and En Vogue (a trio of soul divas whose membership includes one Latina singer).

As always, the three Latin field categories — "best Latin pop," "best Latin tropical," and "best Mexican American" albums — contain some of the finest Latino musicians in the world, including Grammy winners Rubén Blades, Ray Barreto, Celia Cruz, Julio Iglesias, Luis Miguel and Los Tigres del Norte.

This long-due recognition by NARAS doesn't exactly translate into a coming of age for Latino musicians. There was nothing unusual about the artistic quality or commercial viability of the music produced by Latinos in 1992. Our heritage is richly packed with examples of musical excellence.

The so-called mainstream of U.S. popular music has always known that. It is simply about time that NARAS and other principal institutions begin to acknowledge it publicly.

Perhaps the Grammy Awards — to be held February 24 in Los Angeles — will finally let the world know that it's "cool" to be a Latino in the U.S.A.

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DIAZ-BALART WINS NEW FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

By: Francisco Apodaca

Lincoln Diaz-Balart, a Cuban-American who fled Cuba with his parents in 1959, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the newly created District 21 which includes western Dade County and the city of Hialeah. Mr. Diaz-Balart has signed up with the House Foreign Affairs Committee and serves on the Subcommittee on International Operations and the Subcommittee on Africa. He is also a member of the Merchant marine and Fisheries Committee and serves on the Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Coast Guard and Navigation.

Lincoln Diaz-Balart was elected to the Florida Legislature in 1986 and moved to the State Senate in 1990. He is the recipient of a number of awards from organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Dade County Fair Campaign Practices Committee, the Date County Public Schools and the Florida Epilepsy Foundation.

Mr. Diaz-Balart has a degree in international relations from the New College of the University of South Florida, a diploma in British politics in Cambridge, England, and a law degree from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. Mr. Diaz-Balart and his wife Cristina have two boys.



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REP. HENRY BONILLA WINS CONGRESSIONAL SEAT FROM TEXAS

By: Francisco Apodaca

Henry Bonilla is a new member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus from Texas. Bonilla won the San Antonio-Laredo 23rd District seat from Albert Bustamante with a 61 to 39% margin.

Congressman Bonilla is a native of San Antonio and earned a BA in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976. His professional career has been in television news. He started out as a reporter in Texas, then became a producer for WABC in New York, an Assistant News Director for WTAF in Philadelphia, prior to returning to San Antonio as Executive Producer/News at KENS which involved directing civic and community projects on behalf of the station. Bonilla is proud of finding private sector solutions to public problems which has merited him recognition for leadership and community service.

Congressman Bonilla has been honored with the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award for 1989 and the Corporate Community Service Award for 1990. He has been a member of numerous boards and panels.

Congressman Bonilla has been selected to serve on the House Appropriations Committee.

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CLINTON OPENS GATE TO NEW GENERATION OF HISPANIC LEADERS

By: Raymond Rodriquez - Hispanic Link

he diversity and youth of the Cabinet members who will be serving under President Bill Clinton should be very reassuring, not just for Latinos, but for the nation as a whole.

It is a clear and unmistakable indication that our society is beginning to represent the cultural and ethnic diversity of all those who people this nation. We will never be able to go back to excluding individuals from certain groups and classes based on politic al expediency.

Latinos, most certainly, are determined to make sure we do not return to politics as usual. Last month, several Hispanic leaders met with Richard Riley, the Clinton transition team's director of presidential personnel whom the President later named as secretary of education. The Latino group wanted assurance that we were being considered for key positions in the new administration. And they received it.

For all intents and purposes, the drought of the Reagan/Bush administration is over. Barely 1 percent of Bush's White House and presidential staff were Latino, a 1992 survey by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials found.

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Hispanic groups from labor and business, from diverse interests, occupations and national-origin groups — grocers, engineers, journalists, lawyers — have put aside their own agendas to work together in assisting the Clinton administration find and appoint qualified Latinos. Among groups involved in that broad outreach effort are the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project (SVREP) and NALEO. Their goal is to submit the names of at least five qualified candidates for every key position. According to the Plum Book, there are more than 9,000 positions for presidential appointment. Approximately 1,200 require confirmation by the Senate.

While the appointments of youthful Cabinet secretaries Henry Cisneros in HUD and Federico

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... New Hispanic Leaders

Peña in transportation (both just 45 years old) may get the headlines, hundreds of key positions will be filled in the ensuing weeks — departmental regional directors, deputies, commissioners.

When Latinos, African Americans and women campaigned for political equality in the 1960s and 1970s, who would have predicted that by the '90s white males would be outnumbered in the President's Cabinet — that there would be four African Americans (including one female), two Anglo women and two Hispanic men at the table?

In addition, two women have been nominated to positions slated to be elevated to Cabinet level. Six Anglo males make up the remainder of the body.

For younger women, Latinos and other persons of color, it means that they now have role models at the highest levels of government.

They too can dream and aspire, for never again can they be taken for granted and ignored.

Within their lifetime, the White House itself will be within reach. Someday, one of them could well be sitting at the apex of power in the oval Office. That is a heady thought to contemplate.

As they view the changing composition of Washington's powerful people, Latinos feel a sense of confidence and optimism. !Si, se puede! Yet, it can be done! Suddenly that simple phrase has taken on new meaning. Latino elders, especially those referred to as the "Class of '46" or the GI Generation, should feel a sense of relief and vindication. They have proven it can be done. Now they can pas the reins along to their heirs of a vital, new generation.

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San Antonio, Texas, Southside LULAC Council No. 403 continues to meet its yearly scholarship commitments to single parents that have completed one year of college and maintain a 2.5 grade point average. The scholarships are awarded to parents attending the Palo Alto Junior College because the school student population is predominantly Hispanic and scholarship support is needed. The council has been awarding such scholarships for a number of years to single parent recipients to encourage them to complete the two year associates degree program, so they can be an example to their children and also acquire higher professional skills. Mostly, recipients have been Hispanic women. These Hispanic mothers are attending college to better themselves. Some of them have had as many as four children, which is an admirable sacrifice.

At a recent Christmas scholarship presentation, the single-parent women, Diana Torres Hernandez and Patricia T. Espinoza were awarded \$250 scholarships. Scholarships were presented

by Council president Roberto Anguiano, Jr. The Council also gives additional scholarships to other students and its Council Queen. The present Council Queen is Rosemary Reyes, "La Reina de las Misiones," who represents our beautiful Hispanic heritage that developed and founded the historical missions in San Antonio over 250 years ago.

Also in attendance at the award presentation were the Anguiano family LULAC officers, who are much involved in the League activities and have been for many years. Father, Roberto Anguiano, Sr., is District 15 Deputy Director, sons Roberto Anguiano, Jr. is Council 403 President, and Andrew m. Anguiano is National Youth 2nd Vice President. Anguiano, Sr. says the family sincerely believes in the LU-LAC principles and goals and he really values his sons' participation in the League.

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Luis Gutierrez Becomes First Hispanic Congressman From Midwest

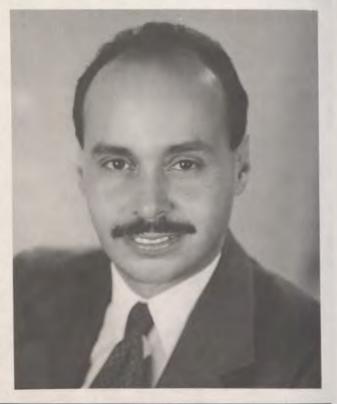
By: Francisco Apodaca

Luis V. Gutierrez, a Puerto Rican, became the first Hispanic Congressman from the Midwest when he was elected from a newly formed Congressional District in the city of Chicago. The District is 65% Hispanic and has a large concentration of Polish, Ukrainian, Irish, and Italian neighborhoods. Gutierrez won 78% of the vote in the general election. He plans to be a commuter congressman, only traveling to Washington when the House of Representatives is in session. In his campaign, he stressed that he wanted to be "closer to the people of Chicago than the back rooms of Washington, D.C."

He pledged to work as a community-minded, activist Congressman and has established the "Gutierrez Community Corps" in Chicago. The Corps is volunteer-based and dedicated to community improvement projects such as graffiti paintouts, recycling and clothing drives. He has also sponsored frequent community forums of issues concerning his constituents.

Congressman Gutierrez graduated from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. He has served the last six years in the Chicago City Council where he was the first Hispanic representative. As a Council member, he advocated stronger civil rights, working for the Chicago Human Rights Amendment, which prevented discrimination in housing and hiring based upon sexual orientation.

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ROLE MODEL STORY ON HISPANIC FRANCHISEE, CARMEN HUMMEL

By: Crystal A. Laurie

hat do 'rags' and 'riches' have in common? Absolutely nothing unless you are Carmen "Ortiz" Hummel. It's literally the story of her life.

Since early 1991, Carmen has been the successful owner of a temporary and permanent personnel franchise, Express Services, in Centralia, Washington. During her first two years, she has increased her profits by 200 percent and has been recognized as one of Express Services' top franchisees. She is also a highly respected member of the business community.

"If you ever really want to get ahead and be in control of your own destiny, you are going to have to own your own business," says Carmen, the eldest of five children who grew up on welfare in California.

Yet, her outstanding performance record, aggressive management style and sharp demeanor would never indicate her knowledge came from the school of hard knocks instead of Harvard Business School.

"Finance is easy when you have to learn it to survive, said Carmen. "If you can stretch \$5 to last a month as I had to do as a young adult, you have the accounting skills needed to operate a business."

At 18, Carmen became an expert at money management when she found herself out of a job and out of money less than six months after leaving home.

"I was ready for a change after my berry picking in Washington folded for the winter," she said. "I only had a few dollars to my name and the clothes on my back, so I hopped on a Greyhound bus and headed south as far as I could go."

Sixty miles later, she arrived in Centralia. Her first exposure to the personnel industry came when she was hired as a clerk typist at the local unemployment office through the CETA program, an affirmative action government program for minorities in the 1970s.

Spanning the next 13 years, Carmen blossomed, climbing from typing clerk to personnel assis-

tant to office manager. Then in 1991, after all those years as the passenger, Carmen decided she wanted to be in the driver's seat.

"I wanted more than just a job, I wanted to grow as an individual," she said. "Express Services and franchising has helped me attain that goal."

Her recipe for success: basic common sense, spiced with a

good self image and a dash of positive attitude.

"The franchising system will take care of the rest," she says. "Whether you are black, yellow, red or female, franchising offers a proven business format that's easy to follow so you don't start out all alone."

A firm believer in planning, Carmen recommends setting goals for yourself. "Riches" is what a person has inside, she confides. "For me, controlling my destiny is my fortune."

Until her recent expansion, Carmen enjoyed the fruits of her labor just a few short blocks from the same bus station she arrived at 16 years ago with a little more than the clothes on her back, the change in her pocket and the desire to succeed.

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- April 17 Indiana State LULAC Convention is to be held in Merrillville, at the Radisson Hotel.
- LULAC No. 5014, the Campus council at Notre Dame, Indiana, has been kept active under the leadership of President Veronica Guzman. The students have organized voter registration drives, a dinner dance, a lecture by Gov. Tony Anaya, and a performance by Ballet Folklorico.
- Davenport, Iowa, Council No. 10, the largest LULAC Council in the United States and Puerto Rico has continued the steady community service work and LULAC visibility. Their Scholarship Program and ACT Alert Information has helped many students get a college education. Their fund-raisers included bingo, a chili cook-off, and a senior citizen fall bazaar.
- Topeka, Kansas, Council No. 11071, recently held their annual Christmas Dinner for the elderly. Members rolled up their sleeves in the kitchen and served over 150 meals.
- Chicago, Illinois, Council No. 300, held a successful and very elegant Blanco y Negro Banquet and Ball and awarded scholarships to college students. The Council's current project is VITA training of volunteers to help the elderly and to those in need of IRS assistance.
- Merrillville, Indiana, Council No. 5009 distributed Thanksgiving and Christmas Food baskets to the needy.

UNDERWOOD FROM GUAM JOINS HISPANIC CAUCUS

By: Francisco Apodaca

ongressman Robert Anacletus Underwood from Guam is a new member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. In his campaign to represent Guam, he stressed that the people of Guam could improve their political status with the United States by the creation of the Commonwealth of Guam.

Dr. Underwood is distinguished for promoting and preserving the Chamorro culture, the indigenous culture of Guam. He is known for his work to foster bilingual education programs for Micronesians.

He holds a BA and MA in history from California State University and a Ph.D. in policy planning from the University of Southern California. Recently, he was the Academic Vice President at the University of Guam.

Congressman Underwood is married to Lorraine Aguilar Underwood. They have five children.

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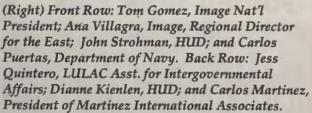
[Above] (L-R) Frank Newton, Nat'l Hispanic Leadership Agenda; Xavier Becera, Congressman (Calif); Jose Serrano, Congressman (CA) and Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus; Carlos Romero Barceló, Resident Commissioner in the US Congress (PR) and LULAC State Director for P.R.; Antonia Hernandez, Maldef; Henry Cisneros, Secretary of HUD; Federico Peña, Secretary of Transportation; and Henry Bonilla, Congressman (TX). at the Rayburn Building reception honoring the newly appointed Hispanic secretaries.



(Right) Federico Peña, Secretary of Transportation and Ed Peña, Past LULAC Nat'l President.



(Above) Jose Velez, LULAC Nat'l President; Tom Gomez, Image Nat'l; and Angel Morales, the Voice of Hampton University.





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Midnight Knock 'Disappears' Two Boys in Heartland High School

f you thought that people are "disappeared" only in Latin America and South Africa, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has a new wrinkle in deportation for you. For Ambrosio Lopez, 17, and Augustin Antunez,

15, the "midnight knock" came in broad daylight at Omaha's

South High School.

On Nov. 6, agents of "La Migra" flashed an arrest warrant and told the principal of South High to order the two boys to his office. By November 9, both teenagers had been dumped across the United States-Mexico border at Nogales, Arizona, with little money, no food and no extra clothes.

Both teenagers lived in Omaha with parents who had gained legal residency in the United States through the government's amnesty program. Ambrosio's and Augustin's petitions for residency had been denied. The two Omaha teenagers became the first minors in the United States to be picked up at school and deported while their parents remained in the country as legal residents, according to INS spokesman Duke Augustin, in Washington, D.C.

While the INS says it is just doing its job, Latinos have other words for the deportations. They're calling them kidnapping and child abuse, as well as abridgment of simple humanity.

In an editorial this month, publisher Ben Salazar of Omaha's Nuestro Mundo wrote in reference to Jim Cole, director of INS's regional office, "Old King Cole, he has no soul." Cole, who administers the agency in Nebraska and Iowa, has gained a reputation in the area for his uncompromising enforcement of immigration laws.

Maria Lopez, a working mother and sole supporter of three sons, learned that Ambrosio, her second oldest, was being held for deportation by the INS through the community grapevine a day or two after he was taken out of school. Four months behind in her rent, she was now faced with wiring money to pay her son's food and hotel bills in Juarez, as well as a large telephone bill.

"I was told I should hire a lawyer, but with what money?"

Later, Omaha attorney Joseph Lopez-Wilson took up the cases of both boys in an attempt to reunite them with their families. INS representatives said that is bureaucracy would take six months to a year to consider that. In the meantime, Latinos in Omaha organized a letter-writing campaign in an attempt to get the two boys home sooner. Lopez-Wilson applied legal pressure in the courts.

Augustin's father, Genaro, learned of his son's whereabouts during a phone call from Nogales, after the deportation. "He was sick with gastritis, with no money, no relatives, and in a strange town," said Antunez. The father called a member of his

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family in Mexico's Guerrero state to take Augustin in.

"My own father has a large family to support and my son does not know them very well, but I have little choice," Antunez said. This was no small inconvenience — Guerrero state is several hundred miles from the border, along the Pacific Coast southwest of Mexico City.

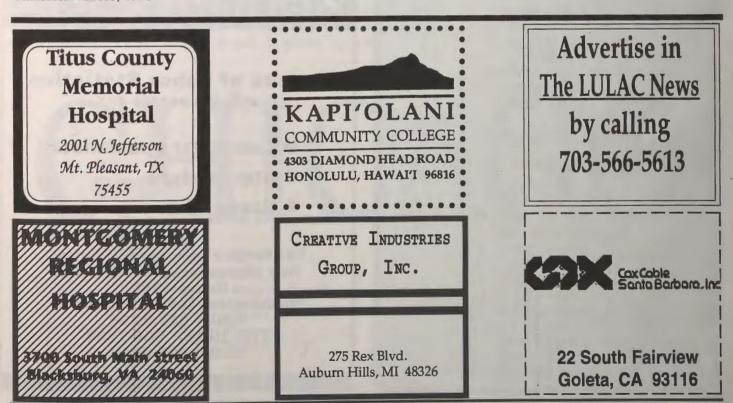
U.S. Rep. Peter Hoagland, of Omaha, pledged support of an effort to amend the immigrations laws to that they will not rip families apart. Nebraska Governor Ben Nelson and Senators Bob Kerry and J.J. Exon joined Hoagland in a letter asking the INS to return the boys to their Omaha families. Omaha public school officials also pressed for an agreement with the INS that would prohibit agents from taking students out of schools.

Cole defended the INS action as "both legal and ethical," but Latinos were not buying it. Two weeks after the boys were deported, a Latino community news conference at Our Lady of Guadalupe catholic Church turned into an impromptu anti-INS rally. People who heard of what had happened rushed to express their outrage.

Attorney Lopez-Wilson said that Craig Zerbe, a federal immigration judge in Chicago, denied Mrs. Lopez son's residency petition in October 1989. Zerbe also denied residency to Augustin Antunez in October 1990. Under present law, children are not granted residency with their parents. Each person has to qualify on his or her own merits, regardless of age.

Reflecting the view of many, Nuestro Mundo's Salazar asks the question, "Is this the same government whose leaders have been lecturing us about family values?"

Article written by Bruce E. Johansen, who is a professor of communication and Native American studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. His latest book is "Life and Death in Mohawk Country," published by North American Press, 1993.



D.C. LULAC NEWS..

 Ada Peña, LULAC State Director, Washington, D.C., was elected Vice President to La Popular Federal Credit Union in Washington, D.C. LU-LAC will be among the field of membership and it is hoped to draw members to the organization. La Popular Federal Credit Union will provide accessibility for the Hispanic community in Washington to save and also will encourage the wise use of credit by offering loans at reasonable terms to qualified members.

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- Ada Peña was also appointed by Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly as a member of the Board of Directors to the D.C. Committee to the Promote Washington. This committee oversees various activities in the promotion of Washington including the Hispanic Festival.
- Margarita Collantes, member of Washington, D.C. Council No. 11041, is to be applied for all her efforts in organizing the concert at the Organization of American States featuring Hispanic students from Spain and the U.S. Proceeds went to the LULAC Council 11041 scholarship fund.

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Hispanic Credit Union Being Organized in Washington, D.C.

La Popular Federal Credit Union will soon submit an application for charter to the National Credit Union Association.
The organizing committee of La Popular Federal Credit Union met in December, 1991, to elect officers to the Board of Directors and to the Credit and Supervisory Committees.

The elected Board of Directors are:

- Mario Galarraga, President
- Ada Peña, Vice President
- Cristina Sanchez Canete, Secretary
- Jerry Pierce
- John Murdock
- José Sueiro

The La Popular Federal Credit Union, upon approval of its charter, will promote thrift to benefit the Hispanic Community, specifically those falling within the field of membership of the credit union. This will be accomplished by offering credit union services specific to members' needs, promoting savings and reasonable terms to qualified members.

The need for La Popular Federal Credit Union is important because of the history of mistreatment, lack of confidence and communication barriers that the Hispanic community in Washington now suffers. The failure of the non-bank, an institution primarily used by Hispanic constituents, caused large financial losses to the community, thus reinforcing the need for a trustworthy financial institution available to the community.

It is imperative that the Hispanic community know that the La Popular Federal Credit Union will function under the guidelines of the National Credit Union Association and that the funds of the credit union will be federally insured.

The field of membership includes members and employees of: Latino Federation of Tenants Associations, Washington, D.C., East Coast Migrant Health Project, National Association of Hispanic American Engineering and Architectural Businesses, Association of Latin American Journalists, LULAC, Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County, Hispanic Society of U.S. Postal Service, Inc. and Washington, La Nacion Newspaper.

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The California LULAC State Convention is scheduled for May 21-23, 1993 at the Red Lion Inn/Hotel in Sacramento.

Hosting the convention are Lorenzo Patiño LULAC No. 2862 and Los Hermanos LULAC No. 2906.

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- At the Christmas party in December 1992, the Seniors hosted 110 first grade students from Monroe School in Davenport. The students brought omaments and placements to share with the Seniors. In return, the Seniors gave them bags of treats to take back with them.
- LULAC Council 10 from Davenport assisted two Hispanic families with food baskets for last Christmas. Thanks to the canned goods collected last Halloween, the baskets were filled for only \$58.00. The families were selected through the Salvation Army.

- Three fall scholarship recipients, Ramon Montes, William Holguin, Jr., and Cecilia Young, graduated from Western New Mexico University in the December 1992 graduating class. We are proud to have contributed to these students reaching their educational goals and wish them much success with their career plans.
 - Fall term 1993 scholarship applications can be obtained from Chairman Fred Baca or from the Office of Minority Affairs on the campus of Western New Mexico University. Applications are available for 1993 high school graduates at the counseling offices of Silver and Cliff High Schools.

Council 8003 from Silver City recently established a

"Lending Library of GED Manuals" at Western New Mexico University. Betty Terrazas made the presentation of materials to Olivia Salas, Director of Testing. The library is located in the Juan Chacon Building, Room 221. Anyone interested in borrowing the materials, can contact Salas at 538-6268. The library is an additional incentive for prospective students aspiring to obtain their GED diploma. The J.G. Terrazas Memorial GED Scholarship was established in 1992 in memory of LULAC Charter member J.G. Terrazas. Designed to encourage GED graduates to pursue a collège education, the first recipients to receive this award were Susan Anaya and Jorge Rivas.

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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA LULAC No. 4606 ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

he enrollment of Hispanic students in Northern Virginia's public schools has skyrocketed over the last ten years, with the majority coming from economically disadvantaged households. In one Arlington high school, only 17 graduates out of a class of 64 Latinos went to a 4-year college in 1992. This is a rate of less than half of that for other graduates from our schools.

These students need our help in order to overcome the severe financial limitations that they face. The principal focus of LULAC Council No. 4606 in Arlington is to improve educational opportunities for Hispanic children. A key component of the program is the annual Hispanic Scholarship drive which to date has provided almost \$23,000 in financial assistance to 59 students.

The council requests support for this effort on behalf of the community.

LULAC Council No. 4606 in Arlington has been in operation for more than 7 years and is the only chapter in the State of Virginia sponsoring scholarships for Hispanic students. All proceeds go directly to providing scholarships, since no administrative costsare deducted. Funds obtained locally are matched by the LULAC National Scholarship Fund and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Mrs. Hoyt, council president, hopes to increase participation in improving the future of our Hispanic youth. If you would like to participate you may obtain more information about our programs by calling (703) 534-6266 or contacting directly the following: Council No. 4606, P. O. Box 5290, Arlington, Virginia 22205: Maria Isabel Arce Hoyt, President; Ana Maria Alfaro, Vice President; Robert Feaga, Chairman-Scholarship Committee; Charles Hoyt, Treasurer; or Scarlett Ramirez, Secretary.

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"We're Hispanic But Don't Panic" -Is that the whole message?

A survey of Latinos in the United States -- said to be the largest undertaking of its kind -- told this country what it has always wanted to hear about Hispanics.

The National Latino Political Survey, released December 15 in Washington, D.C., polled some 2,800 Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans and Puerto Ricans between August 1989 and April 1990 on a wide array of social issues.

Latinos, it reported, believe there is too much immigration to the United States, are more concerned about events in England than in Latin America, prefer Anglos to other Latinos beyond their own sub-group, and demonstrate a high degree of patriotism for this county.

Additionally, U.S. born-Hispanics who don't speak Spanish have a higher standard of living than those who insist on clinging to their mother tongue, and as a whole, they don't much care for such words as "Latino" or "Hispanic."

In short, the survey's researchers reported with great relief: Latinos are "mainstream." Alas, we are not "other," we are not a subversive element to be feared.

"What we found is that we have a population here that is very American," said researcher Angelo Falcon, president of the Institute for Puerto Rican Policy in New York City, speaking at a press conference.

Did he mean North American, I wonder? His cohorts were Rodolfo O. de la Garza, of the University of Texas at Austin; John A. Garcia, University of Arizona; and Chris Garcia, University of New Mexico.

It comes as no great surprise to me, a 23-year old of Colombian descent, that my senior Latino counterparts should take such an apologetic posture. They have, after all, fought some of the most bitter civil rights battles on my behalf. Having come of age during a different era, I have been spared the painful identity crisis and societal alienation experienced by so many Latinos before me.

I am grateful for that. I am grateful that I have always viewed my heritage as an invaluable asset, not a liability. These researchers, entrenched in the rigid world of academia, have probably struggled throughout their careers to have their work accepted, and are most likely starved for some validation.

I recognize those constraints. Struggles for increased information about the nation's 27 million Latinos are commonplace information about the nation's 27 million Latinos are commonplace — whether it be in the ivory towers of the nation's universities or the bureaucratic maze of federal agencies.

In my own case, I should probably point to some extenuating factors that will further explain my unchallenged

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membership in this society: I was born in this country and I am white. This however, does not make my experience irrelevant. There are a lot of "Hispanics" out there just like me. (We generally refer to ourselves as Mexican, Nicaraguan, Cuban, Peruvian, Puerto Rican, or whatever is appropriate — as the study accurately points out.)

Despite the fact that I was born, raised and socialized in the United States, I am very much interested in what happens in the rest of the Americas. I am also concerned by famine in Somalia, ethnic warfare in the former Yugoslavia and prospects for peace in the Middle East.

The study is right to point out that Latinos are not a single-issue community. We are diverse in every sense of the word.

We are black and white, rich and poor; we span the political spectrum and are committed to a broad array of causes. While the terms Hispanic and Latino are convenient, it's important to be sensitive to differences among sub-groups -- and individual human beings for that matter.

Latinos living in the United States do not exist in a vacuum. We are affected by the prevailing social currents. This explains the study's findings that latinos agree men and women should share child-rearing activities and nearly 30 percent of those polled believed abortion should "always" be allowed.

As the Latino community continues to grow — indeed Latino population figures are expected to eclipse those of African Americans early in the next century — it will be important to continue charting our cohesion as a group.

Perhaps the message of the researchers should be broadened to say, "Don't panic because we are Hispanic. We are like you, but we are also different, and that's OK."

(*Article written by Sandra Marquez who is a reporter for Hispanic Link News Service in Washington, D.C.)



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President Irene P. Cipriano led the Ladies LULAC Council No. 26 with great success once again, and wrapped up 1992 with quite a few activities.

- December 17, 1992 Seventeen schools each received 20-21 pairs of new shoes; that's a lot of little feet! The students faces gleamed with happiness and they sported their new shoes to lunch to which they were also treated.
- December 18, 1992 Twenty children received new skateboards for Christmas and another ninety teens received Levi's, The recipients were from Miller H.S., West Oso H.S., and School for Teenage Mothers as well as several needy families.
- December 22, 1992 Recognition Banquet Recognition was given to community leaders who have been supportive and contributed to the council's activities throughout the past six years. Each received an award in appreciation at the Airport Holiday Inn Corpus Christi.



Guest speaker Judge Robert Vargas, President Irene P. Cipriano and Keynote speaker Judge Hilda Tagle.



of the speakers and one of the annual recipients of the shoes.

(Right) Principal Faye Webb, one



(Above left) Council No. 26 members: Mary Saenz, Laura Jimenez, Margaret Garza and Agnes Horn.



(Left) A group of excited children opening up their boxes of shoes at the Christmas party.

LULAC AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS PRESIDENT CLINTON CONCERNING BAIRD CONTROVERSY

January 28, 1993

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned organizations represent communities that are ethnically, geographically, and culturally diverse; we are united, however, by our commitment to working with the Clinton-Gore Administration to ensure that the rights and opportunities of Americans of Asian and Latino descent are fully protected.

Unfortunately, the public and media response to the revelation that Ms. Baird had violated the employer sanctions provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) has had the undeniable, if unintentional, effectof exacerbating IRCA-related employment discrimination against persons -- principally Asian Pacific American and Latino -- who are legally authorized to work but who appear

"foreign" to employers.

Nearly a dozen independent studies have found that employer sanctions have let to a "widespread pattern" of discrimination against job applicants legally authorized to work because of employer confusion regarding, and misapplication of, IRCA's employment verification provisions. According to a 1990 study by the General Accounting Office (GAO), nearly 20% of the nation's employers have adopted unlawful, discriminatory hiring practices as a result of IRCA. These practices included screening out all job applicants who appear "foreign," adopting "citizens-only" hiring policies, and refusing to accept genuine, legitimate work authorization documents. The refusal to accept valid work authorization documents is

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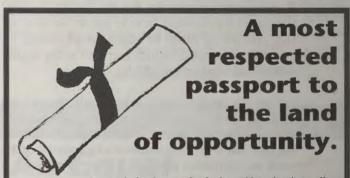
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most often manifested by employers' insistence that new hires present "green cards," even though Puerto Ricans, other U.S. citizens with Hispanic or Asian surnames or speech accents, recent refugees, persons with Temporary Protected Status, and many others legally authorized to work to not posses "green cards."

The Baird nomination controversy generated substantial publicity which, unfortunately, included a great deal of damaging misinformation; for example:

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Opportunity knocks more often for those with a university or college degree. Yet, many Hispanics may feel that there are too many hurdles, too many obstacles that will frustrate their intentions of pursuing a higher education from a prestigious university. Fortunately, the real situation is quite different.

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Hispanic and Asian Communities Concerned with new Administration's position

- A Washington Post story has advised that persons seeking child care must ensure that prospective nannies have "green cards," without even mentioning either the many other valid forms of work authorization documents or the potential danger of discrimination resulting from mis-application of IRCA's verification provisions.
- A Wall Street Journal article cites the example of one employment agency president who indicated that "in recent days new clients have specifically requested U.S. citizens, not foreigners."
- A syndicated columnist for the Chicago Tribune suggested that workers have to prove that they are U.S. citizens in order to obtain employment, an incorrect assumption which can shut many legally authorized workers out of jobs.
- Callers and hosts on various radio talk shows have gone so far as advocating boycotts of businesses which allegedly hire "illegal aliens," notwithstanding the fact that a typical customer's assessment of the work authorization status of a firm's employees is likely to be inaccurate.

As a result, employment discrimination against persons perceived to be "foreign" has been seriously exacerbated by the publicity surrounding the Baird nomination. Moreover, we are convinced that the absence of an aggressive response by the new Administration on the question of IRCA-related discrimination has added to, rather than hoped to minimize, such discrimination.

A number of the undersigned organizations communicated to you our concerns about IRCA-related discrimination directly through a variety of position papers and other materials submitted to the Transition Team. In addition, we understand that the Immigration Cluster Group also emphasized the need for Administration attention to the issue of employer sanctions-related employment discrimination. Thus, when the controversy over Ms. Baird's hiring of undocumented persons arose, we were reticent to

"add fuel to the fire." We hoped that our concerns would be addressed directly by the Administration and its spokespersons in the context of the controversy over the Baird nomination.

Now, in the wake of the Baird nomination controversy, our communities have been severely damaged. The Administration's handling of the issue raises serious questions about the extent to which our two communities' broader civil rights concerns will be adequately addressed by the next Attorney General. Furthermore, we believe that this matter underscores the lack of Hispanic and Asian Pacific American perspectives in general public discourse on civil rights issues, and, to a lesser extent, within the Presidential Transition process and the new Administration. In this connection, and in a spirit of cooperation, we respectfully request a meeting at the earliest possible opportunity with the appropriate Administration official(s) to explore ways in which we can work together to address the civil rights concerns of Hispanics and Asian Pacific Americans in general, and IRCA-related discrimination in particular.

We anxiously await your response.

Sincerely,

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LULAC TROUBLED BY THE POLITICAL AFTERMATH OF ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINATIONS

Press Release -- February 18, 1993

Today the league of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the oldest and largest Hispanic American organization in the U.S. (est. 1929) participated with Congressman Jose Serrano, Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and National Hispanic American and Asian American advocacy organizations and other civil rights groups to express deep concern about the political aftermath of the past two Attorney General Nominations. "There has been quite an enormous amount of misinformation and erroneous interpretation of the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) by the media, the White House, and on Capital Hill," stated Mr. Jose Velez, LULAC National President.

LULAC expressed concern that it appears that by the way the media and the White House handled these two

Attorney General nominations and confirmation processes the difficult work that has been done to try and inform the public of IRCA over the last six years was wiped out in 1 month. The ramifications of this misinformation and unfortunate political handling of this issue may well be increased by employment discrimination against Hispanics, Asians and other minorities.

Women in LULAC have expressed deep concern about the handling of this issue and the LULAC National President hopes this matter can be cleared up during the nomination process of Attorney General nominee, Janet Reno. "In the future the Clinton Administration would be wise to include more Hispanics in sensitive matters such as these, in particular Latinas. Hispanics need to be involved in process of nomination selection and public policy

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LULAC Supports the Outline of Clinton's Economic Recovery Package

But waits to review the program details

Press Release -- February 19, 1993

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) supports the outline presented by President Clinton because it balances the creation of jobs and tax relief for low income individuals and small business and at the same time attacks the deficit. We are particularly encouraged by the Clinton proposals to redirect some of the nation priorities such as education, job training, and job creation by providing full funding for Headstart and for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Programs that will hopefully benefit many in the Hispanic community. LULAC will be monitoring the details of the plan to insure that the Hispanic community is not pushed aside from the benefits promised by the outline.

The economic stimulus program proposed creation of jobs in construction and other related occupations. The Clinton plan includes education and job training provisions to insure that persons at the bottom of the economic scale have an opportunity to occupy them.

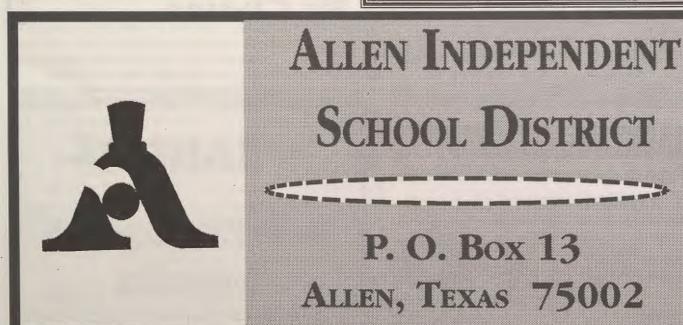
LULAC will continue to monitor the plan as it develops further to in Hispanic workers and trainees do not get left behind. LULAC will insist on vigorous enforcement of equal opportunity laws and inclusion of set aside provisions on new programs to make sure that all segments of society including Hispanics participate proportionately in the economic upsurge.

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development. IF this is done embarrassing situations such as the past two Attorney General nominations can be avoided. In the Judge Wood nomination it is troubling that these is even the perception that there may be a double standard for women," commented Ada Pena, LULAC Washington, D.C. State Director.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) was founded in 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas and is the oldest and largest Hispanic organization in the U.S. LULAC is involved in issues that impact the Hispanic community such as education, high school drop out rate, literacy and job skills training, civil rights, discrimination against Hispanics in housing, employment, or in government service. LULAC members also participate in the political and electoral process and independently support Hispanic candidates seeking public office in non-partisan elections and appointments, e.g. school board, city council, judicial appointment, or other offices.



Council No. 11041 Raises Scholarship Funds at the OAS

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(Left) Margarita Collantes, D.C. Council 11041 member and Scholarship Committee Chair, introducing the performers at the council's concert of classical chamber music at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. [see page 6 for related article]



(Above) Students from the Peabody Conservatory of Music: Violinist - Gastone Coccia Vinsi, Cello - Elena Solanes and pianist -Audrey Causilla and Alfredo Oyaquez



(Above) Maria Cristina Torres and Rodolfo Reyes, members of council 11041 and partners of Concrete 5000 enjoying the concert.



(Above) Many scholarships wil be funded by the generous contributions of the guests attending the concert.

FIOUSPHOUD WAS ONE BUSINESS

By: Timothy O'Leary Hispanic Link

Timothy O'Leary is an unlikely name for a Hispanic, but it's mine -- and I am.

"O'Leary," of course, is as Irish as Paddy's cow, but doubters may reference Bernardo O'Higgins, father of Chilean independence; Daniel Florencio O'Leary, aide to South American liberator Simon Bolivar, or Juan E. O'Leary, the Paraguayan historian who chronicled his country's war with Bolivia.

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Mr. Jose Velez, LULAC National President commented shortly after the State of the Union message, "Hispanic Americans have always answered the call to sacrifice for their country be it in war or peace time. Unfortunately, we have not always received our proportionate share of the bounties of economic recovery, jobs, training, education, and other vital government programs and services that the President's plan outlines. We will be willing to answer the call again to help the economy turnaround and get a handle on the deficit that is robbing our grandchildren. But, we owe it to our children to ensure that we participate and benefit in the short term recovery and provide them with the education and services they need immediately. Therefore, LULAC will be closely examining the details as they unfold over the next few days to insure the interest of the Hispanic community is addressed."

It would have been nice if I had a Hispanic first name for balance. My Mexican-American mother considered it, buy my father, for whom Ireland is next to heaven, restricted their choice to five Irish names. She picked the only one with a clear Spanish counterpart.

It might also have helped a former boss of mine, who in these touchy times of race and ethnic-based employment goals considered dropping me from a list of her federal agency's Hispanic employees. She feared that, if challenged, she'd be "laughed out of court."

Short of transferring the letter "O" to the end of my surname (Leario?), I don't know what I can do to make myself sound authentic.

While "Timothy" is common in English, its Spanish cousin, Timoteo, has an antique, almost biblical ring to native Spanish speakers. Unfortunately, it also rhymes with the Spanish word for ugly: feo. Thus, to my siblings, whose major preoccupation was to keep me humble, I am, and always will be, "Timofeo."

As we were growing up, my mother, Maria Teresa, kept us in constant touch with our Mexican roots. I remember the helpless horror I felt when she accidentally squirted the juice of a hot chile into her eye, an accident not likely to befall Beaver Cleaver's mother. Foods such as tortillas, tamales and menudo were part of our diet. The highlight of our birthday parties was the chance to swing blindfolded at a candy and coin-stuffed pinata dangling on a rope looped over a convenient tree limb. Guided by an adult, the gyrating piñata was good for 10 or 15 minutes of riotous laughter.

A distant Mexican relative -- how related we're still not sure -- once arrived unannounced at the doorstep of our crowded house and ended up staying for weeks. That's traditional, and funny.

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WHAT CLINTON NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT LATINOS

By: Myrna Zambrano Hispanic Link

ne of the biggest challenges confronting President Clinton will be to familiarize himself with those U.S. residents he knows little about. Given that Arkansas is less than 1 percent Hispanic, getting acquainted with the expanding Latino community should be at the top of his list.

Some 7.5 million Hispanics reside in California alone. Compare that to Arkansas' total population of 2.3 million, and you can see the size of his task.

To help acquainthimself with the nation's 27 million Latinos, Clinton has appointed two Hispanics -- former big city mayors Federico Pena of Denver and Henry Cisneros of San Antonio -- to his Cabinet. But they will have their own complex agendas as leaders of the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development. In his decision-making, President Clinton must learn to filter out existing stereotypes, misinformation and inaccurate statistics that abound from coast to coast.

Constantly, Latinos are blamed for the rise in crime rates, car thefts, drug smuggling, gangs and drive-by shootings. We're the alleged cause of increased burglaries, break-ins and even the Los Angeles riots. We are typically characterized as part of the urban underclass, a sociological term for those groups permanently mired in poverty.

To gain an accurate picture of Latinos, I recommend that the President begin by looking at the research of David Hayes-Bautista, Ph.D., director of the Chicano Studies Research Center at UCLA. His recent study, "No Longer a Minority: Latinos and Social Policy in California," contains significant information to help-guide social and economic policies.

Hayes-Bautista and his colleagues point out that while enduring poverty-level income, Latinos in California demonstrate middle-class attitudes and behavior toward the basic institutions of society, especially family, education, work and citizenship. We should not be considered pat of the urban underclass.

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The study shows that Latino males have — and have had for 50 years — high levels of work force participation. Rather than leave the work force when employment conditions are difficult, Latinos in California continue either to work or seek work.

Compared with other groups, Latinos demonstrate a powerful commitment to family. We are more likely to marry and have children. We have one of the lowest rates of welfare use, and when on welfare, yet receive the least amount of assistance.

California's Latinos have lower age-adjusted mortality rates, have relatively healthy babies, drink less and smoke less than Anglos or African Americans.

Nationally, our educational attainment has increased dramatically from the first to third generations; however, it stops suddenly at the college level.

Latinos demonstrate a great sense of allegiance to U.S. social institutions such as churches, schools, community and government.

Among all the good news, Hayes-Bautista warns: "Latinos show that in today's economy it is possible to work very hard and still live in poverty. Part of the reason for Latinos' poverty levels is that they work in low-paying, dead-end jobs that afford little opportunity for occupational mobility and advancement."

"We cannot continue to ignore the fact that Latinos are seriously underrepresented in higher education."

By the year 2000 Anglos will account only for 48 percent of California's population. The largest non-Anglo group will be Latino -- growing to 33 percent of the state's population.

There is nothing to fear from this trend, as some alarmists would lead us to believe. What doesn't augur well for California's or the nation's economic future is what can happen if we don't address the needs of Latinos working in low-paying, dead-end jobs.

An integral part of income is health care. According to the San Francisco-based Latino Issues forum, up to 80 percent of Latino children lack access to preventive medical care, event though 965 percent have parents who are employed.

We cannot continue to ignore the fact that Latinos are seriously under-represented in higher education. To prohibit undocumented children from getting an education is also a costly mistake.

It can no longer be business as usual for banks to discriminate against Latinos. A recent analysis by the Latino Issues Forum found that Sumitomo Bank made a total of six home loans to Latinos in California. The Bank of California made only eight home loans to Latinos in the greater Los Angeles and San Francisco areas combined. Bank of America denies loans to upper-income Latinos at a greater rate than that of lower income Anglos.

Hayes-Bautista's UCLA study concludes that "Latinos' behaviors and attitudes are empowering latinos so that they may contribute to the California economy in the 21st Century."

Based on Clinton's early appointments, we anticipate that we will be known, heard and respected. It's true that we may pose an immediate economic challenge to the

President, but he should be relieved to know that by all other standards,, we're doing the right thing.

(Myrna Zambrano is a legislative aide to California Assemblyman Steve Peace and the author of "Mejor Sola que Mal Acompañada: For the Latina in an Abusive Relationship.")



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FROM 'RETABLOS' TO SCULPTURES, LATINO ART TAKES HOLD

By: Berin D. Uriegas Hispanic Link

rom small paintings of saints on wooden panels known as "retablos" to the weightier sculptures and paintings by classically trained artists, Hispanic art is finding its way into the living rooms and board rooms of mainstream U.S.A., say art aficionados and retailers.

The movement has grown beyond the grass-roots level to become one of the newest stars of popular art. Galleries and specialty shops are springing up across the country -- expanding their repertoire beyond established U.S. Latino artists to include innovative newcomers and the creators of more tangible objets d'art -- jewelry, colchas and pottery.

Gabriel Melendez, executive director of the Hispanic Culture Foundation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, describes it: "We're seeing the fruits of artists who have been at work for 10 to 15 years."

Another reason for the increase in retailers is that, with prices ranging from \$50-\$300 for arts and crafts items to an average of about \$2,000 for paintings and sculptures, much of the Latino art in today's market is of high quality and less than average price.

"These are the works of masters," explains art consultant Daniel Golden, "but retailers are able to buy them at amazingly low prices. If we can get them cheaply, we can sell them cheaply."

Susana Monteverde, director of the Galeria Sin Fronteras in Austin, Texas, emphasizes, "The quality of the art is there."

Melendez notes that the heightened visibility of Latino artists coincides with a change in societal tastes. "The American public is looking for the kind of art that is less anemic and less timid. Latino art is bold in color and imagery," he says.

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Critics cite yet another reason for Hispanic art's popularity and likely longevity: the fact that European art can no longer be considered "universal."

The consensus of those interviewed is that as this country increases its emphasis on multiculturalism, non-white cultures will have a larger voice in what influences the whole. And that includes art.

Numerically, Hispanics are the fastest growing ethnic group in the nation. With even more Latinos coming to this country, it is impossible to deny their cultural influences, adds Jonathan Yorba, interim curator of San Francisco's Mexican Museum.

Philadelphia's Johnny Irizarry, executive director of Taller Puertorriqueno, fears the popularity may come at the expense of Latino community art organizations. "Foundations seem to have taken funds from groups that have supported Latino artists for

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years and given it to mainstream institutions who have given little attention to Latinos on a permanent level."

Also boding well for the expanded presence of Latino art is the increasing number of Hispanics who work at museums as curators and administrators and those who are writing about Latino art, says Patricio Chavez, curator at San Diego's Centro Cultural de la Raza.

There is, however, some concern over whether Latino art's recent boom in popularity can be considered tokenism. "Everybody wants an Indian, and I worry about where we'll be in a year," says Yorba, noting this

is the quincentenary of Christopher Columbus' encounter with the Americas.

Pro and anti-Columbian sentiments have ignited disputes nationwide as the "politically correct" challenge the teaching of a history that is not inclusive of all U.S. groups. This has helped to redefine popular tastes. In today's market, to be ethnic is to be in vogue, especially if you have pre-Columbian blood, say proponents of the tokenism theory.

Monteverde agrees there is an amount of trendiness to the acquisition of Hispanic art. But she also agrees with the director Russell Libby, who expects that as markets for indigenous art diversify and enlarge, opportunities for Hispanic art will follow. As examples, he cites the art of Indo-Hispanic artists R.C. Gorman and Amado Pena.

Convinced that Latino at will sustain itself, Larry Baza, executive director of the 21-year old Centro Cultural, fears mainstream museums will continue to "exoticize and ghettoize" the work of Latino artists of color and leave it at that," he says.

If Latino art can continue to resist the effects of a recession-weary market it may well be a force to contend with. "Hispanic art is going to take hold," predicts Mercedes Alvarez of the New York-based advertising agency BBDO Worldwide. "The dollar value of investing returns 800 percent in less than seven years.

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New Mexico Directory - The New Mexico Directory of Hispanic Culture, 170 pages, lists more than 300 artists, art organizations and resources. The annual directory is published by the Hispanic Culture Foundation. To order the directory or to receive information about the foundation, contact HCF, P.O. Box 7279, Albuquerque, NM 87194. Tel. 505-831-8360.

Spanish Colonial Arts Society - The society publishes a yearly magazine/directory, "Spanish Market" to coincide with its traditional Spanish market. The magazine includes articles on trends, giftideas and profiles. The society held its Fourth Annual Winter Market December 5-6, with artist demonstrations, storytelling, folk dances and folk art booths. For more information, contact the society at P. O. Box 1611, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1611. Tel. 505-983-4038.

Holiday Mercado - The Mexican Museum is holding its annual Holiday Mercado hosted by La Tienda. The event, which runs through Dec. 24 features ceramics, tin crafts, masks, woodcarvings, jewelry, books and Christmas tree ornaments. For more information, contact the Mexican Museum, Fort Mason, Building D, Laguna & Marina Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94123. Tel. 415-202-9703.

Cultural Arts - The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center hosts plays, displays multimedia exhibitions and features musical performances. The center also publishes a monthly newsletter for members. A year's membership costs \$25. Contact the center at 1300 Guadalupe, San Antonio, TX 78207. Tel. 271-3151.

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My father, Jeremiah, helped add to the cultural jumble of our home. A well-connected Washington journalist, he once intervened with contacts in the Mexican government to help my Mexico-born grandmother get her passport for a planned trip to Italy. She was living in Tempe, Arizona at the time. Through my dad's miscommunication with a Mexico City official, the passport ended up at the consulate in Tampa, Florida, for my grandmother to claim. It took a recent birthday party of the child of a non-Hispanic friend of mine in Alexandria, Virginia, to make me really count my bilingual, bicultural blessings.

The main event was the piñata, a traditions that's rapidly crossing cultural boundaries because of the U.S.

Hispanic diaspora.

The colorful papier-mache animal had been hung from a tree limb and the children were queuing to strike it. Immediately I saw that something was not right. The rope, which must be jerked to make the piñata elusive, had been tied to the limb. And the children had no blindfolds. This piñata was a siting duck.

No matter, I thought. It will still be fun to watch the

kids scurry and pounce when it spills its treasure.

Predictably, the piñata was split open and downed by the third blow. But it disgorged no candy or coins. I picked it up and shook it. Still nothing emerged. To my peals of laughter, my embarrassed friend explained that she wasn't aware that piñatas came from the store empty. To me, it was as if a parent hadn't known to fill a Christmas stocking.

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hile the Cuban experience in the United States has revolved around the struggle against Fidel Castro throughout the past 34 years, younger generations of Cubans born and/or educated in the United States have increasingly diversified their political agenda.

Last October, the first Latina political action committee to emerge in Florida made its inaugural contribution to the Clinton campaign. Among the Hispanic Women's Leadership Alliance's directors are several young Cuban Americans. The PAC addresses issues such as parental leave, affordable child care, reproductive choice and equal funding for Women's health programs. In November, Cuban American Democrats who worked for the Clinton campaign formed a 33-member group, which included anti-Castro activists, to advise the Florida Democratic Party on public policy issues and to attract other Cuban Americans to the party, has emphasized that through the state party Cuban Americans can have a direct line to the administration.

Even 53-year old Jorge Mas Canosa, head of the staunchly conservative Cuban American National Foundation, took the gold step of meeting with Democratic candidate Bill Clinton during the heat of the Presidential campaign. And CANF utilized its PAC during this last year-year election cycle to spend more than two-thirds of its contributions on Democratic candidates.

"We are here, for better, for worse, and need to concentrate not only on Castro but on what we, as Cuban

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Americans, can contribute to U.S. society," says 40 year old Alina Becker, director of program development for the Cuban American National Council.

Antonio Rigual, 46, a founder of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, came to the United States from Cuba atage 15 without his parents. After attending college in Louisiana, he moved to San Antonio, Texas, to begin a teaching career. Rigual notes that Cubans living outside of Miami are much more likely to link with other Hispanic groups on a shared political agenda. He points to education and social services as issues where coalitions can and are being formed. Lisandro Perez, 47, director of the Cuban Research Institute at Florida International University, ads, "While the young are still more likely to be Republicans, there is much more political diversity among this group than in the past." Perez adds that Clinton's election should further encourage this trend.

New Jersey Democrat Robert Menendez, the 45 year old mayor of Union City, received substantial support from other Hispanic and non-Latino voters in the November 3 election, to become the first Cuban American congressman from that state.

Alicia Torres, 34, executive director of the Cuban American Committee in Washington, D.C., notes that wile older generations formed under U.S. political traditions of respect for freedom of speech and civil rights, which make what she calls the authoritarian practices of elder Cubans difficult to follow.

However, a large percentage of younger Cuban Americans still retain the conservative political nature of their predecessors. Torres adds that for many, the disconnection with Cuba has made their culture a "forbidden fruit," thus fueling the dream of someday freeing the island from the regime of Fidel Castro.

According to Becker, the belief that their stay in the United States would be temporary created an incentive for many to reinforce a Cuban identity among their children. Reinforced by the immigration waves of the 1980s, this trend is especially strong in Miami.

Perez also says there has been a recent trickling pack phenomenon toward Miami, both because of cultural affinity and economic networking advantages. He notes the U.S. Government's Cuban refugee relocation programs during the '70s and '80s accounted for much of the past geographic dispersion.

Juan Jose Fernandez de Castro, 25, president of Florida International University's Federation of Cuban Students, sees many differences on social issues between generations, but he points out, "Although many are not considering returning to Cuba permanently, younger generations do see economic opportunities as a result of renewed U.S.-Cuban ties. A revitalized Cuban economy will surely tough their lives."

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