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Humberto Garza
Producer/Director
HOY Program

Communication is the basis for success in any enterprise and the Hispanic community in Ventura County has had a need to develop this communication. "HOY" takes this opportunity to congratulate and to extend best wishes for success to the **Ventura County Hispanic Forum** in its effort to establish inter-organizational communication.

"HOY" a bilingual television program on Channel 12 in Oxnard was started five years ago on two local cable television stations, Oxnard Cablevisor and Hueneme La Playa Cable. "HOY" has a twofold purpose, to train Hispanics in the television media and to provide a means of communicating information to the Hispanic community on events and programs of relevance to them. Programing has consisted primarily of a "talk show" format that has proven very successful.

Mr. Humberto Garza was the originator of the program and continues being its producer. Mr. Garza is also the Director of the Navy Community Service Center in Oxnard, he has used "HOY" to introduce commanding officers of the local Navy commands such as Admiral Fred H. Baughman, Com-

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mander Pacific Missile Test Center to the Hispanic community as well as programs and employment opportunities with the Navy. In addition "HOY" has had as guests State Senator Omer Rains, Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr., State Assemblyman Chuck Imbrecht, and even a presidential candidate Mr. Ben Fernandez of Los Angeles. The list is long and includes medical doctor, psychologists, social services representatives, Educational Administrators, singers, painters, actors, writers, teachers and others.

The two primary hosts of "HOY" are Marta Garza and Barbara Garcia Weed. Both professionals and interested in television for the Hispanic community. This interest is a manifestation generated by the apparent lack of Spanish language television programming in the area.

Barbara Garcia Weed is a graduate of Arizona State University where she studied physical

education and life sciences. Later she did gerontology graduate work at Washington State University. She is married to Doctor Dexter Weed of Ventura, California. Barbara began hosting on "HOY" six months ago and has interviewed notables from many fields.

Marta Garza came from Mexico some years ago and attended the University of California in Santa Barbara. She graduated with a degree in Hispanic Literature and minor in English and History. She has taught in Ventura and is presently an instructor at Oxnard College.

The need to continue working on developing communication is ever present. Anyone interested in participating as an "HOY" host should contact Mr. Humberto Garza.



Debbie S. Olivera and Marta Garza





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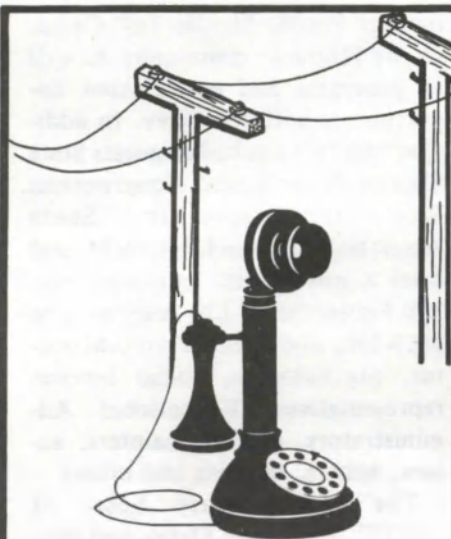


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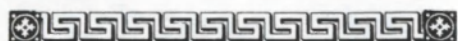
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Gonzalo R. Casillas

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM RECEPTION

We wish to express our gratitude for the many kind words on our first issue of the **Ventura County Hispanic Forum** on November 1981 and for the many inquiries regarding the purpose of the forum.

The Forum is precisely what the word implies...a place where organizations, groups, associations, clubs, and/or individuals express opinions publicly. Although it is a Hispanic Forum and focuses on Hispanic problems/success, issues, and concerns, we enthusiastically encourage non-hispanic groups to use this medium...especially those that impact the *hispanic* population in the County.

The Hispanic Forum serves as a means through which common concerns in the Latin community are shared, coordinated, and ultimately acted on. It serves as a communications broker between Hispanic groups in the County and other groups that interact with the Hispanic community. In short, it serves persons of all ethnic, racial, religious, political persuasions, or sex. It is a Forum for exercising ones right of freedom of speech as guaranteed in the *First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America*.

Our first issue behind us, we are very excited and invite you to express your comments and opinions on any topic of concern to you whether or not it has been published in the Forum. We will publish your comments in our new **Editorial Section** in January 1982. Please keep your comments short. They must be received on or before the 15th of the month preceding its publication.

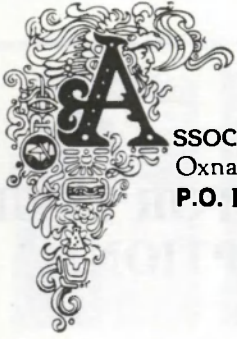
We also invite your opinions regarding issues that affect the Hispanic community either negatively or positively for our **Thumbs Up** and **Thumbs Down** column. We prefer to get these opinions from an organizational point of view. Please keep the opinions down to a *one liner*. For each **Thumbs Down** opinion your organization submits, please send a corresponding **Thumbs Up** opinion. These opinions should affect the Hispanic citizens in Ventura County primarily, but not exclusively. As before, information must be received on or before the 15th of the month preceding its publication.

It is our express desire to continue providing these communication services for the English speaking Hispanic population in the County. Please address all communications to the **Ventura County Hispanic Forum**, P.O. Box 1665, Oxnard, California 93032.

Thank you for your warm reception. We appreciate your comments and opinions.

Sincerely,

Gonzalo R. Casillas
Publisher/Editor



ASSOCIATION OF MEXICAN AMERICAN EDUCATORS, INC.
Oxnard Chapter
P.O. Box 566, Oxnard, CA 93032



A Successful Conference

By Rafael Perez

The Association of Mexican American Educators, State of California, has just closed its doors to a successful Sixteenth Annual Conference. The conference was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. There were in excess of 800 participants in workshops, conversation hours and general sessions from November 11th to the 14th.

The Oxnard Chapter, Lorraine Regalado-Bishop, President, as well as the San Fernando Chapter, Juan Rivera, President, Co-hosted the conference. There were many local educators that chaired several planning committees. Among them were: Francisco Barba, Exhibitors; Vince Barron Logistics; Rafael Perez, Public Relations; Clara Ramos, Hospitality; Dr. Juanita

Sanchez, Program; Nancy Cuellar, Program; Sandra Zubia, Conference Treasurer; and Tony Zubia, Registration.

Among the prominent individuals attending the conference were: Dr. Ricardo Cornejo, San Diego State University; Dr. Richard Pesqueira, College Board; Paul Egly, Superior Court Judge, retired; Virginia-Oaxaca, Businessperson; Senator Ruben Ayala; Frank del Olmo, Los Angeles Times; and Assemblyman Art Torres.

Assemblyman Art Torres was the Keynote Speaker at Saturday's Gala Dinner-Dance. He addressed several educational issues while citing the need for bilingual teaching in the classroom. He also stressed that leadership of the Chicano/Latino

population must come from within. He added that we not wait to be appointed, as has happened in the past, but that, "we must get political power, we cannot wait for it."

Assemblyman Art Torres was the most articulate in stating the need in the state (California) for a Chicano/Latino Governor. When he was later asked about this, his response was, "I would like to be that man!"

"Indeed, the challenge has intensified we can, we will meet the challenge of the 1980's and the 1990's!"

The Seventeenth Annual AMAE State Conference (1982), to be held in San Francisco, is already in the planning stages.



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Cindy Bañuelos, Berta Perez, Sandie Zubia,
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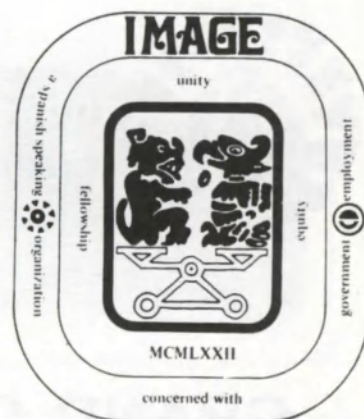


Manny Vega
Vice-President
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IMAGE

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION?



The concept of nondiscrimination had its genesis in the founding of the Constitution of the United States of America, which guarantees human rights and the belief that all men are created equal and free to pursue their own destiny and happiness. This concept of nondiscrimination is again emphasized in the Civil Service Act of 1883, which calls for a Federal Service based on merit and fitness alone. President Eisenhower gave nondiscrimination a new name in 1955 by his issuance of Executive Order 10590 in which he renamed it "equal employment opportunity".

Countless Executive Orders, and many Navy directives have been promulgated regarding the subject of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) between 1955 and 1970. On July 30, 1970, President Nixon made a commitment to the Spanish-speaking seeking Federal service. The Civil Service Commission released Bulletin Number 713-16 of February 12, 1971, which was a program titled "Sixteen-Point Program to Assist the Spanish-Surnamed" who were interested in gaining Federal employment.

Failure to increase the number of Hispanics into the Federal Civil Service rolls and to promote those already employed, prompted the Civil Service Commission in 1973 to implement the Spanish Speaking Program (SSP). The SSP was designed to increase Hispanic representation throughout the work force. This resulted in failure again, and led the Office of Federal Per-

sonnel Management to implement the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) in 1978. This plan was carried out as a requirement by the Garcia Amendment to the Civil Service Reform Act.

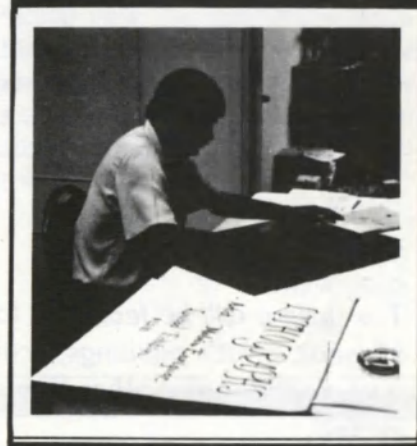
Subsequent directives in 1979, 1980, and 1981 have since been promulgated to improve the minority representation in the Federal work force, but all to no avail. The EEO program is not lacking literary substance or documentation. Government bureaucracy tends to function as a very efficient machine that always accelerates and increases its paper work load and burdens human resources in programs when (1) it doesn't know what the real problem is, (2) the solution is undesirable, or (3) when all hope is lost and the issue becomes political.

My purpose in highlighting the chronological history of the EEO program and various Navy directives as related to Hispanics, is not to acquaint readers with false promises, but to bring out the reality that paper programs are poor substitutes for positive programs that show identifiable results.

The EEO track record since 1955 has been a failure, much to the detriment of minorities and women, and will continue to be a failure until Government faces up to the real cause of the problems and adds "muscle" to rectify those problems. Inability to recognize and accept the causes and remedies required will continue to cost the Government ad-

ditional costs in EEO discrimination complaints and loss in productivity. The average cost of processing a formal discrimination complaint, excluding court costs, is estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$75,000, with administrative processing taking up to two years or longer in many cases.

Because of space limitations, I shall delve into the real causes of the problem with the EEO program in future issues of this publication.



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La Raza Faculty of Oxnard College (L.R.F.O.C.) was established in 1979 to facilitate the Latino community's special interests and concerns related to the development of Oxnard College. L.R.F.O.C. has been instrumental in developing programs and policies beneficial to O.C.'s Hispanic student body. L.R.F.O.C. has focused its attention on areas of curriculum development (Espiga Program), bilingual counseling, Supportive Services (EOPS), occupational/vocational education, and the performing-fine arts (folkloric music, theatre, painting, ceramics, and folkloric dance).

In this issue of the Hispanic Forum, L.R.F.O.C. introduces Oxnard College's Hispanic Staff. *Certificated Management:* Robert Jesus Camarillo, Associate Dean of Instruction/Continuing Education/Outreach; Jose de la Peña, Director Student Financial Services; Fernando Cuevas, Director of Instruction. *Certificated Faculty:* William Ayala, Agriculture/Heavy Equipment, Francisco Castro, Auto Mechanics, Margarita Corral, Counselor, Carlos Diaz, English; Bernie Ford, Diesel Mechanics; Juan Hernandez, Physical Education; Marta C. Hernandez Garza, Spanish; Teresa Orozco, Student Activities/Counselor; Anthony A. Raptis, Counselor; Daniel A. Rios, Truck Driving; Salvatore Sanchez, E.O.P.S. Counselor/Coordinator; Thomas Sanchez, History; Donato Ventura, Counselor; Matilde Villalpando, Espiga Coordinator. *Classified Staff:* Dolores A. Camarillo, Administrative Secretary; Fred de Leon, Instructional/Counseling; Fernando Flores, Landscape Technician; Paul Lerma, Landscape Technician; Rachel T. Santoyo, Job Placement; Irma M. Stewart, Student Health Center; Elizabeth Urias, Administrative Aide, Anna Maria Valle, Mini Corps; Ignacio M. Vega, Instructional/Agricultural Mechanic; Ernie R. Villa, Instructional/Auto; Adrian F. Zavala, Custodian.

Individuals wanting information concerning Oxnard College or La Raza Faculty should call 488-09811.



Remembering how it all began, it was back in March 30, 1979 that we took off on a cloudy, cold morning..on our way to San Felipe, Baja California. The first trip organized by Tony Casillas. We left Oxnard, California at 6 a.m. We travelled for a while and at Redlands we stopped for breakfast. About 9:45 a.m. we were going past the San Jacinto Mountains, where considerable snow had fallen and was still visible. It was cold and windy and we were *galé* to be heading for the sun.

So here we were, driving along side of the Salton Sea, realizing finally how big it really is. By the time we arrived at Brawley, the weather had changed for the better. At 12:45 p.m. we were in Calexico. Weather: Warm and pleasant. We crossed the border with no problems.

After driving for an hour we came to a very beautiful restaurant called the "Posada Del Camino" meaning "Roadside Inn" for you uninitiated. The Posada was not open for business (except for the bar) and we were permitted to bring our own snacks and had a lovely picnic out in the back patio of the restaurant. The building, large and made of stone was very cool. A welcomed relief in the middle of the desert. The huge bar and dining room area was very comfortable and the entire building was done in Mexican Motif-heavy wood and wrought iron with colored glass panes. As we departed the Posada Del Camino, the *quiteness* of the

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desert soothed us and we were glad to be on our way once again.

After travelling past a river with the unlikely name of Rio Hardy we observed on the opposite side of the road an imposing view of loose shale mountains. It was easy to imagine *dinosaurs* walking around here years ago.

We now began to see more and more yellow flowers blooming...a clump here and a clump there, sparingly to be sure. We were next greeted by an unusual sight, that of a dry lake or Laguna Salada (Salt Lake). It was so big that we could not see the other side. With the heat of the desert floor, mirages ap-



peared everywhere on that dry lake.

About half way to San Felipe, the road got a little bumpy. Up till now the road had been very good...we slowed down a bit. It was easier to see the Ocotillo plants that were coming into sight. They were in full bloom. This plant grows from 10 feet to 20 feet high and this time of the year they are covered profusely with tiny fat green leaves with long sharp spines. At the very top of these spectacular plants, there is red-orange bloom. The purple lupins are also in full bloom. What a magnificent panorama! Bright green and red ocotillo, yellow daisy-like flowers sprouting out of gray



sage bushes, purple lupins with their lush deep green *foilage*, as far as the eye can see! Beautiful, just beautiful.

This was all as if to prepare us for the up and coming view of the Sea of Cortez. We came up over a little rise and there spread before us were the little white houses of San Felipe with the Sea of Cortez making a turquoise frame behind the town. The wind was blowing gently and there were white sea caps on the sea surface. It was a warm breeze and a very comfortable feeling.

The Motel El Cortez was right on the beach and we were each delivered to our rooms by our tireless and considerate leader, Tony. Our rooms were large, two double beds, a dressing room, toilet, and shower. Picture windows facing the sea. The rooms were clean and comfortable. We rested, showered and met later at the Motel's restaurant, La Posada De Cortez, where we were treated to a complimentary dinner and Margarita.

Discussing the night clubs, the little shops, the clean beaches, the spectacular view, the unbelievable Clam Man of San Felipe, Crystal Cove and the gorgeous weather would be a never ending task. Best yet, you go and experience it for yourself. You will love every minute as we did.

/S/ Cecilia Velarde



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THE OUTER FRINGES OF UPHOLDING THE LAW EL RIO, A CASE IN POINT?

The Mexican American Correctional Association (MACA) is presently working with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the sons of the Community from El Rio on a police brutality issue.

Sons of the Community is an Ad Hoc Committee which was formed in October as a result of an incident involving alleged police brutality at a baptism party in El Rio.

The purpose of this committee is to assist in the legal defense of approximately 22 persons charged with various violations, varying from failing to disperse to assault on a police officer. The committee's membership includes victims, family members, and concerned citizens.

It is important to note that all of the defendants have retained a private attorney for their legal defense. Their combined legal costs to date is estimated to be \$14,000.

According to persons attending the baptism party, the police warned the persons in charge of the party about loud music and gave them 15 minutes to break up the party. Instead, police officers allegedly blocked off the streets and came back within 10 minutes and started arresting those party guests as they were dispersing. Some of these guests were beaten with police batons and their car windows smashed in the process.

Police officers from Santa Paula, Oxnard, Simi, and including the

Ventura Sheriff's department were at the scene. The officers were dressed in full "riot gear" and were supported by a "helicopter and police dogs".

Allegations against police range from going inside a house (across the street from the party) beating the occupant with their batons and dragging him outside and arresting him for failure to disperse. The breaking of windows of their *own* police vehicles and taking of pictures of the damages in order to make it appear as though done by others; failure to provide medical attention; beating a handicapped person; placing a choke hold on a female who was holding a baby in her arms causing the child to fall to the ground; further damaging vehicles which were dispersing as ordered while there were females and children inside these vehicles. Witnesses claim to have heard officers say, "Let's go back and get some more" as they regrouped between assaults on the party goers.

We encourage concerned members of the community at large to support the *Sons of the Community* in their effort to stop police brutality. Please send money contributions to: 950 West Kamala Street, Oxnard 93030. Please call Albert Lemos, Genevive Sosa, or Connie Diaz regarding other fundraising efforts and meetings at 486-2958 or 485-3744.



Typical street in El Rio, California

In Appreciation

The MACA/Hispanic Development Project Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the tremendous job that Ben Saiz (Executive Director) Ruben Botello (Project Planner); and Rita Anaya (Executive Secretary/Bookkeeper, did these last two years. Most important of all is the acknowledgement to all of the subcontractors who were the "heart of the program".

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- Lucha, Inc.
- Teatro Inlakech (Noche de Cultura)
- Handball Committee
- Saticoy Youth and Parent Organization
- La Calmea in Ixtli and Yollotl
- La Colonia Youth Boxing Club
- Oxnard Boxing Club
- Coalition Against Household Violence
- Union Juvenile Christiana de Cabrillo Village
- Life Skills House (Project Support)
- Channel Counties Legal Services Association (Proposal for formation of Model Citizens Police Review Board
- Association of Latina University Women
- Organization for Youth Outreach and Development
- Oxnard Mural Committee
- Senior Assistance Project (Santa Paula YES)
- Felix Vega's Boxing Club
- Piru Neighborhood Council Inc.
- Project Bonaroo
- Again, Thank You.



Mario Ramirez,
President

MECHA

Oxnard Community College

Student Participation



The MECHA organization at Oxnard College is one of many such groups throughout California and in the Southwest. MECHA stands for "Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán." MECHA became the most widely accepted name for active Chicano-Hispanos interested in uplifting the educational level of this minority group in the United States.

MECHA became the outgrowth of the nationwide student movement of the Sixties. The Chicano student movement started with groups known as UMAS (United Mexican American Students), MAYO (Mexican American Youth Organization), PASSO (Politically Active Spanish Surnamed Organization), etc., prior to that they were known as Los Latinos, Los Hispanos, The Spanish Club and in Ventura College, Chicanos in the Fifties were called Los Piratas, Pretty heady stuff!

Education was seen by MECHA as the single most important goal that would lead Hispanos to greater total participation in the economic, political, and social arena.

Oxnard College MECHA is currently headed by president

Mario Ramirez, Vice President, Debbie McCarty, Secretary, Gloria Segovia, and Treasurer, Patty Hernandez. Members of La Raza Faculty combine to act as advisors with one person designated the official responsibility. Oxnard College MECHA is very active.

Since its inception in 1974 MECHA has been involved in such things as:

- Sponsoring the Mexican Independence Fiestas
- Sponsoring intra Chicano Community/Mecha Forums for the Exchange of information vis-a-vis; education.
- Sponsoring forums for issue related topics such as, Gang Violence and the Struggle in El Salvador.
- Sponsored Cinco de Mayo Fiestas
- Participated in the "Marcha de la Unidad" (March Against Youth Violence).
- Assisted in monitoring the Ventura County Fair
- Organized political speaker forums on campus.
- Organized and sponsored fund raisers for scholarships.

In short, MECHA has proceeded energetically to develop those leadership qualities so necessary in life.



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"Memo" Martinez,
Member

CAFE del Condado de Ventura is one of fourteen county chapters throughout the state of California. It organized on December of 1980 and presently has members from Ventura County in the following departments: Employment Development Department, California Youth Authority, State Rehabilitation, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

CAFE de California is a state employee association working to insure and secure the Civil Rights of California Government Hispanics employed within the state. It is committed to addressing and correcting the disparaging under representation and under utilization of Hispanic talent within state service. Similarly, CAFE is committed to services being provided to the Hispanic community in those area where they are most needed.

CAFE's immediate and long range goals focus on improving communication among Hispanic men and women in our social and political environments. Other goals that CAFE seeks to achieve are:

- Broaden and expand employment opportunities for Hispanic people entering state civil service.

- Assist and encourage the state of California in providing the best circumstances for recruitment, training, employment, and the advancement of Hispanic persons.
- Monitor and encourage the state of California to provide public services to the Hispanic community where and as needed.

The Ventura County Chapter has sought to achieve these and other goals by conducting training sessions where simulated interviews before mock state department administrators have been held. In addition, CAFE, Ventura County Chapter also participates in community activities that often involves other Hispanic organizations in the county.

Uppermost in the mind of CAFE as an organization, is to address Hispanic underutilization and under representation in State employment. If you wish to work to correct these inequities, please contact CAFE del Condado de Ventura.

/S/ "Memo" Martinez



Andrea's Cafe

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Andrea Mendez
Proprietress

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