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Herman,  
I've been  
meaning to send  
this article to  
you but I  
kept forgetting.

Louie

## Albert T. Ramirez, bail-bond 'king,' dies at age of 64

By PABLO LOPEZ

THE FRESNO BEE

Fresno businessman Albert Trujillo Ramirez, who rose from poverty to become "king of the bail bondsmen," died Tuesday at age 64.

Mr. Ramirez had a rare blood disease, heart problems and diabetes. He died at 6:13 a.m. at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, his son, Albert W. Ramirez, said.

His holdings include 38 bail-bond offices in California, the Central California College School of Law in Fresno and the Casablanca Banquets and Social Hall, also in Fresno.

Relatives and friends said Mr. Ramirez's nickname was "Wart." He described himself as "king of the bail bondsmen."

His rags-to-riches saga provided him with a healthy cash flow and nurtured his intense idealism, marking him as a soft touch for causes and needy individuals, they said.

### Bail: Albert T. Ramirez dies

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"We have lost a true giant in the community," Fresno lawyer Ernest Kinney said. "He was a man of his word, and his word was trusted by everyone."

He was born Dec. 23, 1934, in Los Angeles to farmworker parents. When he was 3, the family of 14 moved to Fresno.

"We were poor," Mr. Ramirez said in an interview in March 1983. "We had no hot water and no electricity."

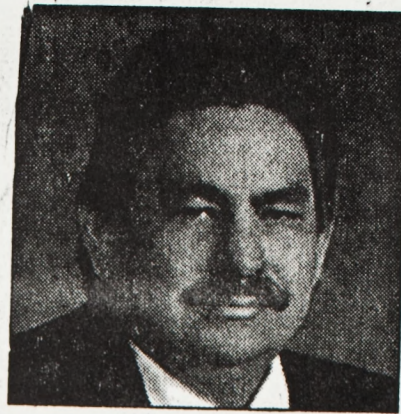
He got kicked out of school in the seventh or eighth grade, and later joined the Army, achieving the rank of sergeant first class. He received an hon-

orable discharge in 1957.

He later received a degree in accounting from then-Fresno State College.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; son Albert; daughter Eustolia; sisters Anita Myzel of Las Vegas, Adelina Shannon of Oregon and Corrine Knotts of Fresno; brothers Andrew and Robert Ramirez of Fresno, and Charlie Ramirez of Fontana.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Tinkler Funeral Chapel. A Mass will be recited at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John's Cathedral. Interment will follow at Fresno Memorial Gardens.



ALBERT T. RAMIREZ

A resident of Fresno, passed away February 23, 1999, at the age of 64. He was owner/operator of Albert T. Ramirez Bail Bonds for over 30 years, owner of Casa Blanca Banquet Hall, the Central California College, School of Law, a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8900, lifetime member of Mexican American Political Association, former Board member of Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Latin American Business Club, recipient of the 1984, Man of the Year Award from the Latin American Business Club, a National Hispanic Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors member and a founding member of IME-CAL. He was a Field Artillery Crewman, Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army, honorably discharged on November 8, 1957. He received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Occupation Medal (Germany). He was preceded in death by his parents, Doroteo S. Ramirez and Severa Trujillo Ramirez, and his brothers, Antonio, Pedro and Doroteo Ramirez Jr., all of Fresno, John Ramirez of Barstow and Ramon Ramirez of Compton, CA.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Ramirez of Fresno; son, Albert W. Ramirez; his daughter, Eustolia C. Ramirez, both of Fresno; sisters, Anita Myzal of Nevada, Corrine Knotts of Fresno and Adelina Shannon of Oregon and his brothers, Robert Ramirez and Andrew Ramirez, both of Fresno and Charlie Ramirez of Fontana.

Visitation will be held at Tinkler Funeral Chapel on Thursday, February 25, 1999, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, February 26, 1999, at 11:00 A.M. Interment will be at Fresno Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow at the Casa Blanca Banquet Hall, 2317 Toulomne. Pallbearers are, Andrew Ramirez, Robert Ramirez, Charlie Ramirez Sr., Albert W. Ramirez, Kenny Renteria, Charlie Ramirez Jr., Albert Molina and Claude Saiz.

Remembrances may be made to the Nation Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, 1 Sansome St., Suite #1000, San Francisco, CA 94104.

TINKLER FUNERAL CHAPEL  
& CREMATORY

475 N. Broadway at Belmont 233-2101

## PERSONAL FACTS

AGE = 48 YRS [OF MEXICAN HERITAGE  
AND LOOK IT 100%]

HT = 5'11"

HAIR = BALDING IN FRONT  
DRK BRN HAIR

HAVE SECRET CLEARANCE WITH  
GEN. DYNAMICS = CONVAIR  
SAN DIEGO = 24½ YRS WITH  
SAME COMPANY.

24½ YR RESIDENT OF SAN  
DIEGO COUNTY

BORN IN TEXAS = LIVED IN CALIF  
SINCE 1930 WITHOUT MOVING  
TO ANY OTHER STATE OR COUNTRY  
LIVE AT SAME RESIDENCE FOR  
THE LAST 14 YRS.

NO POLICE RECORD

U.S. NAVY VETERAN = HONORABLE  
DISCHARGE

NOTE! FOR COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM  
USE BY BORDER PATROL PERSONAL.  
I AM OR WOULD BE THE EASIEST  
U.S. CITIZEN TO CLEAR - NO  
EXCUSE WHATSOEVER LEFT FOR  
ABUSE ON PERSONAL BOY BY  
OFFICERS CONCERNED

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VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO  
THIS FACT BECAUSE I AM  
VERY FAMILIAR WITH  
TELETYPE OPERATION &  
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WITH THE IMMEDIATE  
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AS AN OVERSEER, AND  
COMPLETELY AWARE OF  
PROCEDURE MISUSE.

## OTHER FACTS.

~~NO~~ ALL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WERE PRECISE AND TO THE POINT.

ONLY ANSWERED TO QUESTIONS ASKED.

DID NOT USE LOUD OR ABUSE-SIVE LANGUAGE TOWARD OFFICER—~~IN~~ ANYWAY DID I SHOW DISRESPECT — I FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS AND OR ORDERS AS THEY WERE DIRECTED TO ME.

IN NO WAY DID I GIVE CAUSE FOR OFFICER TO ~~D~~ ACT UPON ME THE CRIMINAL TYPE ACTION THAT WAS BESET ON ME.

I WAS ALREADY IN CUSTODY SURROUNDED BY OTHER OFFICERS = NO NEED FOR OFFICER TO OVERREACT, AND ABUSE A PERSON. = INFORMATION WAS JUST BEGINNING TO BE INSTRUCTED INTO THE TED

To Original Chicano Fifth Estate

The problem is that on the Cal-State U. campuses is that : too many Chicano Study Depts. have been infiltrated by a number of white minded marxist who pose as Chicanos. These same professors have no barrio roots and come from middle class white places to practice their white philosophys on Chicano students. Unfortunately many of these students do not know that they are being subjected to a form of doctrine oreintation (instant suito) which are countter to the principals of open education of the view from all sides, and by this have mislead people away from the real situation. The reasons are many in this task to detour the Chicano to become puppets of world conflicts for eutopia supported by the chino and russos money.

Marxist have under-estimated the Chicano to be used for communist fauder. Standing behind the marxist are whites and are of the most highly-police infiltrated groups making the shots.

Ask any marxist who are their leaders and not one of them will be a Chicano? Where do the marxist come from? They are refugees, they come from Europe to flee WWII, and they come from Argintina and Chile. They come here to this land to doctrienate another land without no concideration to the original people of the Americas. The refugees fled the mayflower to bring their doctrine to plymouth rock.

The establishment acting as the deluter of Chicano opportunity, by the marxist have detoured too many innocent Chicano students. Ask any marxist, what has priority being a marxist or being a Chicano, and they will tell you that being a marxist. Who are they?

Any Chicano firme knows what being a Chicano is; knows his idenity, and does not need the Chinos or the Russians to tell them to be relevent is to be a marxist. On the contrary, to be relevent back home is to be a Chicano and Bastante, enough with the white communist with spanish sur-names.

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a mis compañeros,

He sido muchas cosas buenas de su comité. Ojala ~~o~~ que todos los otros barrios de Cytlan podran un dia ser unidos. Hay mucho pleato entre nuestra Raza, desde las pandillas que corren por las calles hasta los politicos cuales se enfrentan ~~en~~ adelante la nacion.

La lucha mia es contra la migra. Pero yo soy un estudiante de la universidad de Santo Clara y cuando hablo de la migra digo los chismosos diciendo, "es de Casa." No se que tienen estos hijos de perro de Mao y su ~~o~~ china pero no me quereen. Cuando hablo que no hay diferencia entre chicano y mejicano digo que dicen "He's from L.A., he's with Casa." Mintiro! Solamente quiero expresar mi solidaridad en lucha con nuestros hermanos indocumentados.

Me ~~o~~ cai chistoso que aqui estoy entre todos los "radicals" del norte y que tenga que escribir hasta National City para ayuda. Lo que les pido ~~A~~ es que me manden todos los Bumper Stickers que puedan por estos diez dolares que les mando. Tambien, si es posible mandame literatura para ~~la~~ pasarsela

a nuestra raza de Sanjo quienes  
están ignorante del plan de Carter.

Por favor, no esperen.  
Mandame los Bumper Stickers y  
la propaganda. Si acaso no  
haya bumper stickers, mandame  
solamente mucha propaganda. Y  
si por acaso ni eso puedan,  
quedense con el dinero y usenlo  
para la lucha!

ALL VIVA LA RAZA!

El Comrado,  
Ernesto Jesus Nevarez  
antes de MECHA-LMIU ~~Central~~  
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Felicitations!

Consistent with our earlier phone conversation, may I provide you with the following information and request your urgent assistance in a critical, constitutional confrontation.

In spite of virtually unanimous world condemnation, the Republic of the Union of South Africa persists, even to this moment, to perpetrate cultural genocide and individual human rights atrocities against non-white South Africans thru a system of codified racism called apartheid.

No element of apartheid is more functionally important, more vigorously enforced, and more vehemently hated than the Pass Law, an identification law which requires that all non-whites, on demand, provide government identification accounting of one's presence to the police or face instant jail.

The same kind of identification law exists at this moment in the State of California.

California's identification or "Pass Law" is called Section 647(e) of the penal code.

This California statute and its inherent abuses are presently under attack in the U.S. Federal courts in a case titled Edward C. Lawson vs. William Kolander, et al. (No. 77-0213-N). This Federal court action pursuant to USC Title 42, Sec. 1983 contends that 647(e) violates fourth, fifth and fourteenth amendments' constitutional guarantees.

The case at bench is an ideal example of the inherent abuses of 647(e). The Plaintiff, a black resident of the city of San Francisco with no previous arrest record, beginning in early 1975 occasionally made business trips to the city of San Diego, over a period of 16 months. The Plaintiff was detained and/or arrested on no less than 15 documented occasions in metropolitan San Diego, pursuant to California's identification law 647(e).

California appeal courts have twice construed, restricted and found constitutional California's identification law 647(e), on its face, in People of the State of California vs. Chester W. Weger, 59 Cal. Rptr. 661, in 1967, and People of the State of California vs. Arnold J. Solomon, 108 Cal. Rptr. 867, in 1973.

In stark contrast, the Federal courts have found this kind of statute unconstitutional, on its face, in Margaret Pappachristou vs. The City of Jacksonville (Fla.), 405 U.S. 156, in 1972, and Leon Newsome vs. Benjamin J. Malcolm, 492 F.2d 1166, in 1974.

The U.S. Ninth Circuit of Appeal unanimously ruled a Henderson Nevada Ordinance, which is word for word identical to California's identification law 647(e), unconstitutional on its face, in Lloyd Charles Powell vs. W. T. Stone, 507 F.2d 93, in 1974.

In that, the selectively enforced California identification law touches the day to day lives of substantial numbers of the black, the brown and the young throughout San Diego County, who by virtue of class, education or economics are voiceless and without any legal remedy.

In that, the constitutional questions raised in the Federal court action deal with fundamental and far-reaching questions of constitutional law and will ultimately be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

In that, the simple facts of life, of tacit judicial politics, recognize that the presence of documented, diverse and substantial interest in a potentially landmark decision, commands greater, more meticulous and equitable judicial scrutiny of the case before the bench.

We are therefore, herein, respectfully requesting that individuals and institutions such as yourself (with vested interest and expertise in the subject at bench), file supporting opinions in the form of Amicus Curia Briefs before the appropriate court.

The specific timetable and mechanic of filing supporting Amicus Curia Briefs in this matter are available on request.

Send to  
Herman  
Baca



Dear Herman,

Mom just called to tell me my dad had talked to you about my being rejected at University of Cal. at San Diego Medical School. I'm sending a copy of the letter they sent me. I applied under the Educational Opportunity Program for "Chicanos". Ever since I applied I didn't hear anything from them until this letter. I at least expected an interview from them but nothing materialized.

I interviewed at UC at San Francisco with Richard Sanchez and Frances Contreras. I think there's a good chance at San Francisco. At Stanford I interviewed with Jose A. Aguilar and a Dr. Wilson (Black). Aguilar says there isn't a very good chance at Stanford but said if I could he would set up interviews at San Diego, but I was out of money, so I had to say NO.

I guess that's all the information I can give you. Anything you can do for me will be appreciated. Thanks for your concern.

always,  
Joe Ray

HERMAN —  
SIGN him up for  
The C.C.R. —  
Don

Dan Muñoz, Editor  
La Prensa San Diego  
1250 Fifth Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mr. Muñoz:

I do <sup>not</sup> have a great desire to engage in a polemic with Christian Catholic brothers and sisters so hopelessly out of touch with their own faith, but the pseudo-facts Mr. Tomas Arena and his clique wish to impose on your readers in their recent letter to your newspaper should not go uncontested.

Their attack on your newspaper in general and on Mr. Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights was most unbecoming of persons claiming to be followers of Christ. Their allegations should not go unanswered.

More importantly, this communique goes out to those among us who because of the preponderance of misinformation in the mass media and the twisting of historical facts in our school system would tend to accept Mr. Arena's facts at face value.

Mr. Arena's thinking was apparently forged in the distant past. His reality is frozen in a time prior to the Catholic Church's Second Vatican Council. Through that Council, Catholicism began a process of great renewal and commitment to social equality for all of God's children under the leadership of the heroic Pope John XXIII. This is the very work of Christ and commitment that Mr. Herman Baca practices and which Mr. Arena scorns.

Mr. Arena and his hispanic contemporaries are like the proverbial monkey who sees, hears and speaks no evil except when reality intrudes on their smug little concepts.

Another illusion which Mr. Arena wishes us to blindly accept is that of the supposed infallibility of the Pope. Arena does this by quoting selectively from the Bible those passages which conveniently fit his argument that disagreement within the Church is a moral crime. Catholicism, Mr. Arena has a great tradition of Christian dissension going back to Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine to the Fathers Berrigan to the Catholic Base communities throughout Latin America. Who are you Mr. Arena to curse anyone's right to disagree and still call themselves Catholic. Perhaps it is time for Mr. Arena to practice charity, self-examination and meditation on the social realities of today that face all of us as Christians.

Mr. Arena also claims the curious conviction that an institution, the Catholic Church is free of racism! God is free of racism, Mr. Arena, but the Church - an organization made of human beings is not because being made of human beings it is not perfect or free of racism. God gave us a brain - an intellect to think these things through Mr. Arena. You owe to yourself to do so. God gave us a will to act on the wrongs and injustices around us. Mr. Baca does. Do you Mr. Arena?

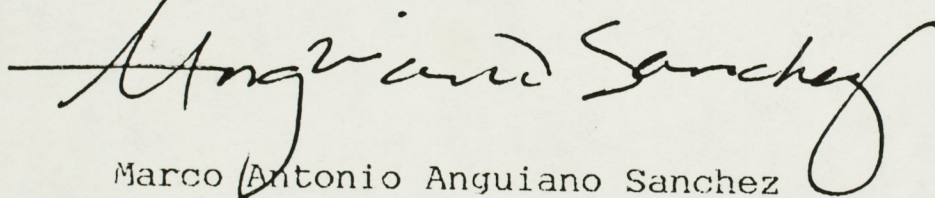
Aquaint yourself, Señor Arena with both the good and bad within the Church. It has a long history of racism or are you conveniently ignoring Torquemada and the Spanish Inquisition, our persecution of the Jews, our acquiescence with Hitler's holocaust etc. Mr. Arena is obviously ignorant or indifferent to the atrocities associated with Juniperro Serra's tenure in California. It's too long to elaborate on here, but readers owe to themselves and their sense of scholarship to find out. The facts are readily available.

Mr. Arena knows nothing of Herman Baca and the patient sacrifices he has made on behalf of undocumented workers who are not readily able to defend themselves from the onslaughts of a society that exploits their labor and then cold-bloodedly persecutes them. Mr. Arena seems to lack even the most rudimentary understanding that racism did not die out because of the passage of a civil rights law, just as racism and bigotry did not die out with the abolishment of slavery.

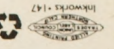
I have hope and a great faith that the vast majority of people, of all colors, races and creeds will come to understand that we are all God's children endowed by the Creator as equals with the right to pursue life, liberty, justice and happiness not only for ourselves but for all of us. We are not the ignorant, helpless sheep Mr. Arena et al. would have you believe we are.

Last, but not least, Mr. Arena, I am a Chicano. I am proud to be a mestizo, a person with an Indigenous heritage as well as Spanish. I will not engage in the self-loathing and with the worst forms of identification with our colonizers. Porque, como dijo el gran revolucionario Mexicano Emiliano Zapata prefiero morir de pies que vivir de rodillas. I, am proud of the courageous, Christian like stands that Mr. Herman Baca and La Prensa often take.

Adelante!

  
Marco Antonio Anguiano Sanchez

cc: Herman Baca  
C.C.R.



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# The Immigrant Rights Urgent Response Network



A project of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

# ¡Ya basta con la migra!

Our communities' rights are under constant threat of INS abuse. The Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project of the American Friends Service Committee (ILEMP) has documented hundreds of cases of rights abuse in the past five years against both citizens and non-citizens committed by Border Patrol and other immigration law enforcement agents. ILEMP's latest report, *Sealing Our Borders: The Human Toll*, records over 1000 instances of rights violations along the U.S.-Mexico border and in South Florida. It also reports that the U.S. Border Patrol, the INS's largest enforcement division, is the biggest culprit of violence against immigrants.

In their report, *Brutality Unchecked: Human Rights along the U.S. Border with Mexico*, Americas Watch discovered that "Beatings, rough physical treatment, and racially motivated verbal abuse are routine. Even more serious abuses, including unjustified shootings, torture, and sexual abuse, occur."

However, immigrant rights advocates report INS abuses from everywhere in the United States. Illegal raids, brutal arrests and cruel detention have been reported from Michigan, Washington, Illinois, New York, Georgia, and other regions.

Rights violations committed by INS and other immigration law enforcement officials include:

- ◆ **Physical abuse:** shootings, beatings, sexual assault, injury by vehicles and high-speed chases which have even resulted in the deaths of immigrants;
- ◆ **Psychological or verbal abuse:** racist insults, profanities, threats or coercion, and ruthless interrogation techniques;
- ◆ **Legal abuse:** illegal or inappropriate searches; many times people are questioned solely because of their ethnic appearance. Entry or searches without warrant or consent, including strip searching without proper motive; illegal raids; and violations of due process. Illegal or inappropriate seizures of persons; this includes unlawful temporary detention, false arrest, and illegal deportations; seizure or destruction of property; and violations of the rights of Native Americans rights to cross the border freely.

Combined with current legislation expanding the power, size and scope of authority of immigration law enforcement agents and the lack of an adequate mechanism of public accountability, more and worse cases of immigrant abuse can be expected unless effective safeguards are implemented.

## This could be the most important phone call you make

The URN will be part of ongoing efforts to monitor INS actions and demand accountability for victims of INS abuse and the communities most affected.

## Let your fingers do the protesting! Join the URN

The URN is a simple yet effective means of letting immigration officials know that their actions are under scrutiny and that accountability and justice will be demanded whenever the rights of immigrants and refugees are violated.

We expect to send at least two URN mailgrams per month. However, we will send as many URN mailgrams per month in your name as you authorize.

By joining the URN, you will help put immigration officials on notice that thousands of people across the U.S. are aware of these abuses and demand changes to guarantee justice.

### The Urgent Response Network Activation Committee

When incidents are reported, members of the URN Activation Committee will consult and determine whether or not to trigger the Urgent Response Network. This committee includes members of the:

- ◆ Casa de Proyecto Libertad, Harlingen, Texas (512) 425-9552
- ◆ Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project of the American Friends Service Committee, Houston, Texas (713) 524-5428
- ◆ Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Los Angeles, California (213) 629-2512
- ◆ National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Boston, Massachusetts (617) 227-9727
- ◆ National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (URN Office), Oakland, California (510) 465-1984

The URN can be notified at any of the above numbers or through your local immigrant rights coalitions and networks in your area. For more information, you may also call the URN at the National Network, (510) 465-1984, or write, URN c/o NNIRR, 310 8th Street Suite 307, Oakland, CA 94607.



Vladimir Tellez, June 1991 / 500 Years of Chicano History in Pictures

## How the URN Works

1. Once you sign and return your authorization form below, you become part of the Urgent Response Network.
2. The URN office will be in constant contact with immigrant rights advocates and others who monitor or are closely aware of immigration law enforcement activities in their area.
3. When the URN is notified of a violent incident of rights abuse, members of the URN Activation Committee consult and decide whether or not to trigger the Immigrant Rights Urgent Response Network.
4. Then, a brief message is drawn up that documents the incident and, if known, names the official(s) or others responsible for the attack and demands an immediate response, investigation, and resolution.
5. The URN message is then instantly sent via a telephone-generated mailgram *in your name and/or your organization's name* to the appropriate official(s).
6. The URN office will request that it be informed of all findings and actions taken. (Periodic reports on the activities of the URN will be sent out. URN members will be also be notified of incidents which do not require activating the URN but are recommended to send in individual mailgrams.)
7. After the URN mailgram is sent, you will receive a notice in the mail that includes a copy of the message sent and a bill. Cost per mailgram will be approximately \$3.00 when prepaid with a credit card or \$4.50 when billed to you.

## URN Authorization Form

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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ORGANIZATION (IF ANY) \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES:

The Immigrant Rights Urgent Response Network, on my behalf, is authorized to send no more than:

- One URN telephone-gram per month
- Two URN telephone-grams per month
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check appropriate box for URN billing:

- Please send bill to my address above.
- Please bill my VISA or Master Card:

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like more information to help develop and participate in the activities of the Immigrant Rights Urgent Response Network.
- I and/or my organization [please circle] would like to endorse the Immigrant Rights Urgent Response Network.
- Here's my/our donation to support the URN (Please make check or money order payable to NNIRR.):  
 \$25  \$35  \$50  \$100  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the URN brochure so that I can tell my friends, colleagues and others who want to end violence against immigrant and refugees to join.

Please return your completed URN form to:  
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
310 8th Street, Suite 307 ♦ Oakland, CA 94607  
☎ (510) 465-1984

*Imagine being arrested and beaten without cause. Or your rights violated just because of where you happen to work, live, or how you look . . .*

This is too often the daily experience of many immigrants at the hands of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) agents and other law enforcement officials. Without cause, the INS raids workplaces, communities and even schools to detain suspected "illegals." And in the process, the rights of entire communities are trampled.

The defense of immigrants from injustice and violent abuse is urgent. Immigrants are being scapegoated for homelessness, drug-trafficking, pollution, and other economic ills afflicting the U.S. They are made easy targets of hate-violence. But, when immigration officials feel free to violate the constitutional and civil rights of immigrants...

### ***Stopping INS abuse could be a phone call away***

The **Immigrant Rights Urgent Response Network**, the URN, is being launched to help denounce and stop brutal INS abuse of immigrants.

The URN will join ongoing efforts to defend and promote immigrant and refugee rights by quickly coming to the side of victims and advocates reporting violent abuse.

The URN will help bring immediate national attention to cases that are often locally isolated and neglected by the media.

#### **The URN Message: *Justice for Immigrants***

The **Urgent Response Network** will send telephone-generated mailgrams to:

- ◆ Denounce incidents of violent abuse, brutal rights violations, and illegal raids committed anywhere in the U.S. by immigration law enforcement officials against immigrants and refugees;
- ◆ Press for immediate response from the immigration law enforcement authorities, the Department of Justice and/or the Attorney General, which oversee the INS and other immigration officials; and,
- ◆ The URN will link up with other anti-hate violence networks and groups to work together to end all hate-violence against immigrants and people of color.

## **Immigrants under fire**

**In each of the following cases, a public outcry could have made a difference:**

- ◆ 22 year old Francisco Ruíz Chávez is shot in the stomach and back by a Border Patrol agent after attempting to ward off the agent who had thrown down his seven-months pregnant wife, Evelyn Castañeda, and had his foot on top of her stomach. Ruíz is charged with assault, goes to trial and is acquitted; but the Border Patrol agent is never charged.
- ◆ Ismael Ramírez, 17 years old, is forcibly detained by a Border Patrol agent in Maderas, California. The agent lifts Ramírez above his shoulders and slams him into the sidewalk. The youth dies 11 days later from internal bleeding; the Border Patrol agent is transferred and promoted.
- ◆ INS agents detain two Guatemalans who are beaten and tortured with an electric cattle prod at an "immigration checkpoint" in Texas.
- ◆ An off-duty Border Patrol agent shoots and kills an unarmed 18 year-old Mexican youth while trying to stop him from allegedly trying to break into the agent's Porsche car in downtown Los Angeles.
- ◆ A Guatemalan woman, after being severely beaten by an INS agent, suffers a miscarriage while in INS detention in southern California.
- ◆ A Border Patrol agent "trying to shoot out the tires" of a van filled with 10 persons wounds a Mexican and Salvadoran, one in the neck and one in the right arm.
- ◆ Latino drywall construction workers in southern California go on strike for decent wages and to organize a union. Attempting to divide the workers and stop their union drive, sheriffs arrest the strikers. Then the INS does a "routine" check of the county jail and detains dozens of the arrested strikers for deportation.
- ◆ Haitian refugees in the INS Krome Detention Center in Florida go on a four day hunger strike to protest the racist handling of their cases and the extremely long detention period. There is an ongoing national media blackout of this grim crisis as the U.S. continues deporting Haitians.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED STUDENTS  
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NEWSLETTER

A crucial situation has been brought about on the campus of Southwestern College which poses grave questions to the administration of this school; its student body and its faculty. We are in the process of re-defining educational priorities which in the ultimate will affect not only minority but Anglo students who must start moving away from their isolation and apathy and begin seriously questioning the system under which they are being educated, or should we say processed.

The problems that face us have been the culmination of the rise of an idea (concept) that was born last fall and has gradually snowballed into a major crisis. This idea was the "Multi-Cultural Concept" and it was an attempt by the three minority clubs on campus to gain recognition for their needs and power to act, through a more united front. As the administration of this school at first frowned upon the fact that they might have to deal with a collective power; they begin to toy with the possibility of making the situation work to their advantage. So taking up the standard for the "Multi-Cultural Concept" from the students, they proceeded to sell the "concept" to minorities on campus who welcomed the idea almost unanimously by the end of the spring term of this year.

At this point it is important to distinguish between the "concept" of the Multi-Cultural Center and the final implementation or the actual creation of this center. The "implementation" was in the minds of most students concerned, something that was going to be put off at least until fall. With the coming of summer and most students away from campus, the administration went ahead "full speed" with the actualization of a new \$30,000 (minimum) Multi-Cultural Center. This being done in a most undemocratic fashion; first, because of the way the committees were formed by the administration to work on the "implementation" and second, because the students and faculty working on these committees, through their own admission, were misinformed and used by the administration into creating the center, approving the job description and title for a center director who alone would eat \$18,000 out of the \$30,000 cost of the center. This new director, by the administration's directive, would take on the duties of the E.O.P. supervisor and fourteen other functions and supposedly still be able to be "intimate" with the needs and concerns of minority students????? Something just short of God almighty!!!!

On Tuesday, September 3, at approximately 1:00 pm most of the campus workmen, under the direction of Mr. Codospoti, proceeded without notice to dismantle the Centro Cultural Maya (Student Service Center) and throw all its furnishings, files, papers and books into the small office, supposedly designated for M.E.C.H.A. in the new Multi-Cultural Center.

At no time, during the discussions and voting last spring was there a consensus among students concerned that the Centro Cultural Maya (Student Service Center) and its many necessary functions would be dismantled or moved.

Within a half hour, the Veterans Affairs Office was entrenched in the area formerly occupied by the Centro Cultural Maya.

By late afternoon, (5-6 pm) about thirty students had gathered in the Centro to discuss the day's happening and suggest alternatives and solutions to the immediate problems. President DeVore came repeatedly in to urge everyone to leave but refused to discuss the issues at hand. After about a half hour of this he started threatening students with removal of their financial aid, arrest, expulsion, etc. The police came with five squad cars, paddy wagon and riot equipment. Giving the students fifteen more minutes to decide whether to stay and sit-in or leave, they came in at least five times to harass and intimidate students while they were voting on their action.

The next day, Wednesday, September 4, the Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Students and Community was formed with the four fold purpose of:

1. Organizing the activities of the total group of concerned students.
2. Maintaining a liason between students and the Governing Board.
3. Investigate issues and prepare agendas for negotiation processes.
4. Not to make decisions for the group but to present actions to the total student group and mediate decisions.

After a week's investigation and preparation the Ad Hoc Committee was ready to present the issues before the Governing Board of Trustees meeting in the hope that they would rescind the previous actions concerning the Multi-Cultural Center.

Feeling the student and community pressure the board voted to retain the Centro Cultural Maya (at a yet unspecified location!!!) and not where it was.

They rescinded their approval of a Multi-Cultural

Center again under pressure, but elected to keep its director, his \$18,000 per year salary, and his superman list of tasks.

We question the priorities of this school's administration, at a time when Blacks, Chicanos and other minorities are trying to achieve parity in their education. We need more counselors, the more relevant curriculum and instructors.

The issues at hand are:

1. The retention of the Centro Cultural Maya as it was.
2. The retention of the structure and function of the EOP supervisor as it was.
3. Poor administration, judgement and unprofessionalism on the part of the administration in their dealings with students' needs and concerns.
4. No student voice in hiring procedures: Affirmative Action and committee structure.
5. Lack of support for the position of the Multi-Cultural Affairs director and the expenditure of at least \$30,000 out of the taxpayers' pockets to hire this director with no support or structure to work out of.

The concerns and needs are:

1. The retention of the Centro Cultural Maya (Student Service Center) as it was.
2. Retention of the function and structure of the EOP supervisor (a worthwhile, viable, working and proven function) as it was.
3. Three Chicano bi-Lingual and more Black and Filipino counselors.
4. At least one Chicano bi-Lingual full-time instructor in the English Department.
5. Development of a more pertinent curricula for the Chicano, Black and Filipino.
6. More funding for the EOP program.
7. Better overall representation of the Chicano, Black and Filipino in certificated positions.
8. Monthly reports to be made public on the Affirmative Action Policy and committee and its progress.

9. The implementation of an Infant Care Center.

In our struggle for equality and parity on this campus we have the support of a least two board members: Mrs. Marilyn Lassman and Mr. Ben Moreno, who at the September Board meeting voted for needs of the students. We have the support of the minority community of the South Bay area. We have the support of the three minority clubs on campus. But we need more concern and active support on the part of the student body and the faculty at large.

This is not an easy banner to lift, a cliché cause to carry on; but it is just because it will in the long run better this education for not only us, but the children of today, the Chicano, Black, Filipino, Anglo, minority and underprivileged student of tomorrow.

Senator Alan Cranston  
United States Senate  
Room 229, Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

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Le pido que use todo su influencia de impresionar al Sub-Comite del Senado el efecto discriminatoria que dicha legislación puede tener contra los residentes de la comunidad de bajos ingresos, ciudadanos e inmigrantes igual, quienes piden asistencia legal bajo su derecho constitucional de tener representación legal.

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Art Torres, Chair  
California State Democratic Committee

RE: Appointment of Miguel Pulido as  
State At-Large Delegate

I have been long impressed with your continuing stances on behalf of California's Latino population, including your strong opposition to such incendiary measures as Proposition 187. I was therefore shocked to learn of the appointment of Miguel "**Proposition 187 Doesn't Go Far Enough**" Pulido as a Clinton delegate at-large at the upcoming Democratic Party national convention.

Mr. Pulido embodies everything that the party claims to be against, yet the Administration continues to maintain that its appointees are reflective of President Clinton's personal vision of where the party (and hopefully the nation) is headed. Unless the Administration is attempting to be broadly inclusive with respect to right-of-center political ideology, Pulido as a representative of the *Democratic* party is puzzling at best and begs the question of *who chose this individual* and *why?* Any *reasonable* qualification procedure should have caught some of his more egregious political stances, which have included enthusiastic support of measures which are:

- **anti-homeless** (he has supported one of the nation's most draconian anti-camping measures aimed at Santa Ana's burgeoning homeless population, ultimately ruled illegal by the courts);
- **anti-immigrant** (he has claimed numerous times that Proposition 187 "doesn't go far enough" and was furthermore the first to engage in race-baiting in campaign literature a decade ago which portrayed very young Latino children as future *violent criminals*);
- **anti-working class** (supported a measure criminalizing the use of *clotheslines* while simultaneously voting to *increase* the local *utility tax*; also, per his continuing theme of *immigrants as a public nuisance*, he voted to virtually *eliminate* garage sales within the city of Santa Ana);

who has done nothing to advance the party's positions and, indeed, has been a deliberate hindrance to local Democrats pursuing elected office.

It is time for the party to take a more active stance in determining its own agenda rather than allowing the lunatic fringe of the Republican party to do it for them. Platforms mean nothing when party delegates feel free to spout ugly rhetoric contradicting those platforms and to hinder fellow party officials from obtaining elected office to pursue implementation of those platforms. Words not enforced by action mean nothing, as opponents of the CCRI are unfortunately finding out from the Clinton Administration (5/13/96 San Francisco Chronicle).

Given that I have been requested on numerous occasions to organize a protest of the Republican National Convention upcoming in San Diego, I find myself in the uncomfortable position of wondering exactly where our party is headed and, if Mr. Pulido represents the present and future, what is it that distinguishes us from those I've been asked to protest against? As I receive requests to provide input to state and national media regarding the future of the Democratic party, am I to suggest that Miguel Pulido represents the road ahead?

As one who has always served as an advocate for the powerless – even at the personal expense of a lost election – you possess the credibility to restore some integrity to the party processes and ensure that Republican-style Ward Connerly/Sugar Daddy days of political promotion come to a well-deserved end by personally seeing to it that Mr. Pulido is replaced as an at-large delegate by a deserving individual who is both representative of the community *and* supportive of the party, its platforms and its politicians.

Sincerely,



Arturo Montez, Treasurer

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- **anti-small business** (he was initially elected to the Santa Ana city council on the platform of "save my family business" from city redevelopment practices *which he later supported once in office*, practices which have been *repeatedly found noncompliant* with state law);
- **anti-housing and public benefit** (he supported the raiding of millions of dollars in HUD funds intended to provide housing subsidies and other HUD benefits to fund the construction of a jail and sumptuously-appointed police administration facility);
- **anti-environment** (he enthusiastically pushed for a plan to establish a refuse dump and recycling facility for hazardous and toxic chemicals *within a block of residences and schools*);
- **anti-education** (city-funded libraries are open only *four hours per week*, and he has consistently voted in favor of redevelopment schemes to *raid millions of dollars from the local schools to line the pockets of local developers*); and
- **anti-community development** (he was a vocal opponent of a \$5 million bid by a local Latino supermarket business to take over a vacant storefront blighted property despite city officials finding no fault with the proposed project; conveniently he happens to be rather well-funded by the grocery lobby)

These unblushing anti-democratic stances make Mr. Pulido entirely unfit to serve as our representative at the national convention.

How is it that, despite these *well-known* political actions which are in contravention with the party platform, he was chosen as an at-large party delegate? What form of "affirmative action" for the morality-challenged placed him at the head of a list which certainly *should have* included other, more viable, community representatives and loyal local democrats who have consistently endorsed the party platform and certainly *never* even entertained a thought of proclaiming that 187 didn't go far enough? Exactly *what is the process of determining the qualifications and final selection* of at-large party delegates?

This is an individual who watched and did nothing when Republicans posted poll guards in an attempt to intimidate voters. This is an individual who has been consistently criticized in the major media for his hypocrisy in fanning the flames of anti-immigrant hysteria despite his own "johnny-come-lately" application to U.S. citizenship. This is an individual

Norman;

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Estimado amigos,

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