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President's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LULAC:



I am grateful to have the opportunity to once again lead LULAC and I would like to say "thank you" to all LULAC members for having the confidence to allow me a fourth term. As many of you know, this is my final year as president, and I look forward to many great things in the upcoming year.

In the past three years, LULAC has achieved many accomplishments and continues to

progress. We have seen our annual national convention and awards gala increase in revenue each year. Our stature in Washington and on Capitol Hill has grown as we continue to build and maintain solid relationships with America's lawmakers and policy leaders. LULAC continues to develop new programs such as the *Empower the Community with Technology Project*, providing computers, training, and Internet access to underserved communities; and *The Art of Building a Financial Future* project we have with MasterCard, which guides Latinos on the road to increased financial success. We are currently working on initiating several other new projects, including one with Freddie Mac that will work toward achieving higher home ownership for Hispanics. Overall, the past three years have been extremely successful for our organization.

But neither my work, nor the work of the membership, is even close to complete. As I contemplate some of the most important issues facing LULAC in my final year, one theme stands out to me the most: increasing our membership.

While we have managed to maintain a steady and solid membership, we can do more.

This year, I am calling on every single LULAC member to go out and recruit at least one new associate member. An associate membership is only \$25 per year, and it allows an individual to receive all LULAC publications, informative materials and calls to action, while also showing support for the organization and the great work we do on behalf of all Latinos nationwide.

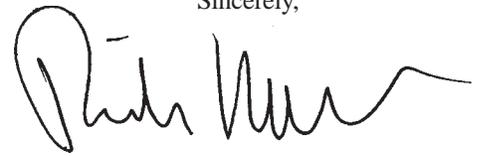
With a little effort, we can literally double our membership,

therefore increasing our strength across the board. You can enlist friends, coworkers, church attendees, neighbors, bowling buddies, just about anybody. And they don't have to be Hispanic. The goal is to expand our reach as far as possible and capitalize on the surge in our community's population.

We have all seen and heard enough about the growing Latino population and the impact we are going to have in the near future. But realistically, that impact will not be felt nearly as strongly as it could be unless we are organized and working together as one. That is what LULAC is all about and that is what our founding fathers foresaw when they gathered in Corpus Christi, TX in 1929.

So as you conduct your weekly or monthly LULAC meetings, please remember to ask everyone to go out and sign up new associate members. As this holiday season approaches, consider giving an associate membership as a gift. What a great way to get people involved in LULAC. It is everyone's responsibility throughout the organization, starting with the president and the national board members down to the council members, to do their part. I am counting on you and I am confident we can achieve this goal.

Sincerely,



Rick Dovalina
LULAC National President

Special Message

It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest sympathies to all of the family and friends of the victims of the horrific attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, in Washington, DC and New York. I am extremely proud of the LULAC members and all Latinos who came together as Americans and responded to the crisis by immediately giving blood, money and other charitable donations.

As our great country proceeds to deal with the situation at hand, I know I can count on the Latino community to do whatever is necessary to ensure that America stands up and shows its true colors as the greatest country in the world. We have always been there in the past, and we will continue to be there now and in the future. God Bless America!

LULAC President Visits WTC Site With Vicente Fox

LULAC National President Rick Dovalina joined Mexican President Vicente Fox and a Mexican delegation on a special trip to the disaster site of the World Trade Center in New York on Thursday, October 4, 2001. Dovalina was among a select group of invitees.

"This was a very special opportunity for me to witness firsthand the damage that was inflicted upon America by the terrorists," said Dovalina. "I was especially saddened to see it in person, however at the same time I am proud that LULAC and Latinos nationwide are participating in the efforts to raise money and support the thousands of victims and their families."

President Dovalina also participated in services at Iglesia San Bernardo in Manhattan where President Fox addressed the New York Latino community.



LULAC Raises Border Issues at 72nd National Convention

The weather was hot and so were the issues at the LULAC National Convention in Phoenix, AZ, held June 3-9, 2001. Over 6,000 participants converged on the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center in the heart of downtown to discuss the most pressing issues facing Latinos in America and the state of Arizona.

“We moved our convention to Phoenix to specifically address some of the critical issues Latinos are facing throughout Arizona,” said Rick Dovalina, LULAC National President. “Throughout the convention, we were extremely successful in getting out the message that Latinos are here to stay in Arizona and that we are a force to be reckoned with now and in the future.”

Issues such as bilingual education, diversity in government, AIDS, and smart money management were addressed throughout the week. However, one topic dominated the discussion: immigration and the deaths in the desert.

Deaths in the Desert

Over fifteen Mexican nationals died attempting to cross the Arizona desert the week prior to the start of the LULAC convention. LULAC seized the opportunity to call on the federal, state, local and Mexican governments to work on a plan that would address the situation before more deaths occur.

“This issue demands attention by both the U.S and Mexican governments, and it is



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Phoenix Representative Ed Pastor (D-AZ) speaks at the Opening Reception.

our responsibility to bring it to the forefront,” said Dovalina. “I think everyone should consider this a crisis for the nation.”

LULAC dedicated an entire day to workshops revolving around immigration and the U.S.-Mexico border, though the theme resonated all week among conference participants and the media. Wednesday, June 6, featured the theme “U.S.-Mexico Border Relations: An Integrated Region.” Seminars were held addressing immigration and public safety on the border, the infrastructure and economic development of the border, and health and environmental issues concerning the border.

“The border issue goes beyond a few people dying each week trying to make it to the United States,” said Dovalina. “We felt that we needed to take an in-depth look at all facets of the U.S.-Mexico border and work toward some solid solutions that we can take back to our elected officials.”

Representatives of the Mexican government, border patrol agents, border scholars and many state and local government officials participated in the capacity-filled seminars. One common consensus was that it would take the efforts of both the United States and Mexico to alleviate the problem.

To that end, LULAC joined with the Mexican government on Thursday, June 7, to sign a proclamation stating that LULAC and Mexico would agree to work together and meet later in the year to construct formal short-term and long-term plans for immigration along the border.

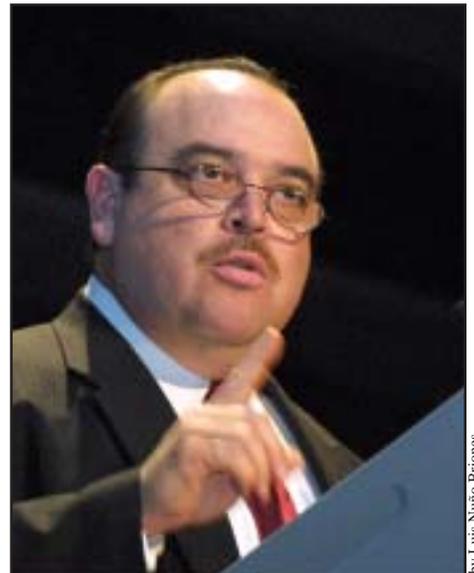
Juan Hernández, Director of Mexico’s Office for Mexicans Living Abroad and Mexican Americans, and President Rick Dovalina signed the agreement.

“We as Latinos can no longer stand on the sidelines while hundreds of our *paisanos* are dying,” said Dovalina.

“It’s a great embarrassment to me that we don’t treat our own people right,” said Hernández. “Working with LULAC, I hope we can set it right.”

Mexico’s ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Juan José Bremer, also addressed the issue when he delivered the keynote address at Thursday’s Unity Luncheon.

“The yearly deaths of hundreds of Mexican migrants at the border reaffirm the urgent and pressing need of our two governments to reach new agreements on migration and bor-



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California Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante gives the keynote speech at the Presidential Gala.

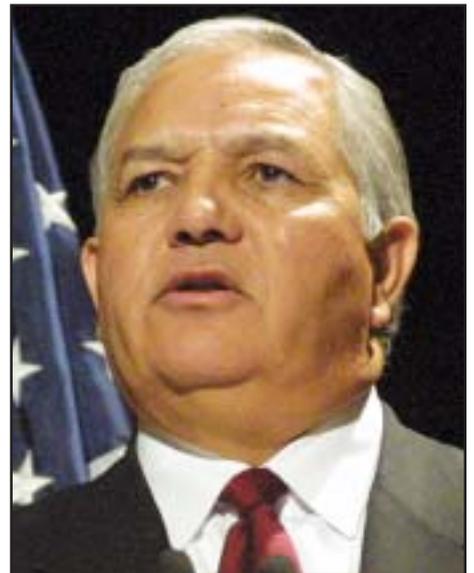
der safety,” he said.

Themes of the Day

LULAC addressed many other issues during the week-long event, entitled “Reaching New Frontiers, Expanding the Latino Agenda.” Each day of the week focused on a specific topic that was addressed through seminar discussion with experts in the field, and through daily press conferences.

The Federal Training Institute kicked off the week on Monday addressing the theme “Leveraging Diversity—Leading Change.” Several workshops focused on the issue of increasing the number of Latinos and other minorities in the federal workforce.

Arizona Attorney General Janet



by Luis Nuño Briones

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chair Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) speaks at the Diversity Luncheon.

Napolitano spoke at the opening ceremony and welcomed all of the federal employees to Phoenix. Texas Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D), also chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, gave the keynote address during the Diversity Luncheon.

A press conference was held in the afternoon to address the issue. Cong. Reyes was joined by Rick Dovalina and Dell Computers executive Thurman Woodard to pressure government agencies and corporate America to hire more minorities and promote those already in service.

Tuesday's theme was "Succession Planning—Mentoring the Next Generation." The day began with the Law Enforcement Awards Breakfast, where the Bureau of Prisons' Robert Haro provided the keynote address. Throughout the day participants learned the various ways we can work together to improve ourselves and also play a stronger role in bringing along the next generation.

Phoenix Mayor Skip Rimsza provided the guest speech for the Partnership Luncheon, discussing how he has worked well with Latinos in the city. National Urban League President Hugh Price provided the keynote and focused his speech on how Blacks and Latinos can work together for economic development within our respective communities.

In the evening, registered participants were treated to a night at Bank One Ballpark, featuring a game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"The New Civil Rights Agenda" was the theme for Thursday. Topics addressed



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Rep. Hilda Solis (D-CA) talks about women's issues and Latina empowerment at the Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon.



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Juan Hernández, Director of the Mexican Government's Office for Mexicans Living Abroad and Mexican Americans, and LULAC National President Rick Dovalina sign an historic agreement calling for LULAC and Mexico to work together on immigration, the U.S.-Mexico Border, and other common issues.

included corporate responsibility, maintaining language and culture, FAQs on immigration, grassroots political organizing, AIDS in the *barrio*, and Latino underrepresentation in the media.

Ruben Barrales, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House, spoke to LULAC members prior to the Mexican ambassador's address. He spoke briefly about the potential of Latinos and urged that we stand united as one community.

Thursday evening provided the LULAC youth an opportunity to take center stage at their Youth and Young Adults Awards Banquet. Several awards in various categories were given out to the future leaders of both LULAC and America. The event was presided over by actress Ruth Liver and producer Dennis Leoni of Showtime's all-Latino drama series "Resurrection Blvd." Immediately following the banquet, participants were able to watch a premiere episode of the show on a big screen, complete with popcorn and soda.

The issue-oriented portion of the week wrapped up on Friday under the theme, "Moving Ahead the Latina Agenda." Workshops dealt with education, womens' rights, and empowerment. The Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon featured California Congresswoman Hilda Solis (D), who spoke about the new generation of Latinas who are changing the status quo in America. LULAC VP for Women Rosa Rosales also inducted 14 new women into the Hall of Fame.

LULAC's Presidential Gala on Friday night was dedicated to Hispanic Veterans.

Congressional Medal of Honor winners Alfred Rascon and Silvestre Herrera were present to accept their awards and the appreciation of a capacity crowd.

California Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante (D) gave the keynote address. His speech focused on how important it is for communities of color to come together for the benefit of all.

LULAC Exposition

The LULAC Exposition again proved to be a great success. Over 75,000 square feet of space housed a job fair, health fair, arts plaza, LULAC Air Force Base, and over 100 companies displaying their products and services. The event ran from Thursday through Saturday and provided live entertainment throughout.

The expo also contained LULAC's famous Cyberspace Cafe. This year it was sponsored by Compaq and featured over 30 laptop computers available for participants to receive hands-on training from professionals or simply check e-mail.

Elections

Hundreds of delegates attended the LULAC National Assembly on Saturday, June 9. National President Rick Dovalina was reelected to his fourth term. Many other positions were also elected (see page 11).

Houston 2002

The 2002 National Convention will convene June 23-29 in Houston, TX. For more information, call 915-577-0726 or go to www.lulac.org on the Internet.

LULAC's 2001 Man of the Year

Lifetime Activist Recognized for His Commitment



by Luis Nuño Briones

LULAC Vice President for Far West Richard Fimbres receives the LULAC 2001 Man of the Year Award from President Rick Dovalina

With a focus on youth and education, Richard Fimbres has spent a vast majority of his life working to better the situation of Latinos in Tucson, AZ, and around the country. For that reason, he was presented the 2001 LULAC Man of the Year Award, one of the most prestigious awards given to LULAC members.

Fimbres, the current LULAC Vice

President for the Far West, is a co-founder of LULAC's Annual Youth Leadership Seminar, which to date has had over 44,500 sixth to twelfth grade student participants. This past year he raised \$54,000 to conduct the conference for the 11th straight year.

"I have actively worked for the community with LULAC for a very long time," said Fimbres. "I focus on our youth because they

are the people of tomorrow, and our young adults because they are the people of today."

In addition to working on the Youth Leadership Conference, he also was able to obtain funds from the city and county to host the LULAC Leadership Institute, which provides training in leadership skills to 300 middle school and high school students. To date, over 1,500 students have received training. And that's just a small part of his accomplishments this past year.

"I was able to draw Pima County Community College into an agreement that provides high school students with college credits for the courses they complete," he added. "Most recently, in conjunction with celebrating 'El Dia De Los Niños,' I created a partnership with Arizona LULAC and other organizations to donate 100 car seats and 100 bike helmets to identified needy families. In partnership with LULAC National, I also created and funded a year-round Young Readers Program at Roskrug Elementary School."

Fimbres currently works for the Pima County Sheriff's Department. He is an active member of the Mayor's Hate Crime Task Force and a co-founder of the umbrella group Tucson Civil Rights Coalition.

He remains very active in Arizona politics, where he played a large role in the opposition to Proposition 203, the voter initiative to end bilingual education throughout the state. He also is involved in various get-out-the-vote efforts.

2001 Woman of the Year

25 Years of Service to LULAC



by Luis Nuño Briones

Rita Vargas of Council 10 in Davenport, IA, is LULAC's 2001 Woman of the Year.

Rita Vargas has been a LULAC member for 25 years, first joining the organization when she was just 18 years old. At the LULAC National Convention in Phoenix, her 25 years of hard work and dedication were recognized when she was honored as the 2001 LULAC Woman of the Year.

She is a member of Council 10 in Davenport, Iowa, a council chartered by her father in 1959. Since becoming a member, she has served LULAC as secretary, state treasurer and state director. She is currently the council's director of youth and young adults.

"I think that this award is recognition for all the work I have done," said Vargas. "It's a way for everyone in LULAC to say 'thank you.' I think that I am an example for other people, especially children. I finished high school, I graduated from college, I ran for office, and even though I lost the election, I made an attempt to represent our com-

munity. That's what we need, people who can represent us, we need more Latinos in high positions."

Vargas is extremely active in politics, and currently works for U.S. Senator Tom Harkin, specializing in immigration casework. She continues to raise money for scholarships and the LULAC organization, and also works at Bingo Night. She says that her next project is to create three young adult councils in the state of Iowa.

"I know it's going to be hard since there are not many Latinos in my area, but I'll try to do it," she said. "I hope to set an example and be a mentor for children. I want to tell children that whatever their dreams are, they can become reality. I want to mentor children and show them Congress and the offices of people who make decisions, so they can see with their own eyes how everything works. Also, I strongly believe that children need to see Latinos making laws, Latinos representing us. We are part of this community; we need to be active in it too."

LULAC Council of the Year

Galveston, TX Council Wins Prestigious Award

LULAC Council 151 of Galveston, TX, took home the award for LULAC Council of the Year at the LULAC National Convention in Phoenix. The award is given each year to the most outstanding council based on its community service and humanitarian efforts.

"I think we received the award because we have covered all areas," said Rudy Sendejas, Council 151 president. "We focus on all issues important to the Hispanic community. We give out scholarships, we do a lot of community service, we really do many different things."

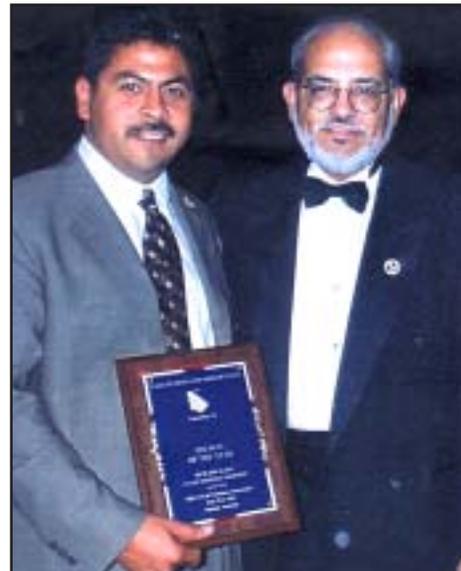
The council raised and awarded \$17,000 in scholarships this past year. The

money goes to high school or college students and the awards range from \$500 to \$1,000 per student.

"In addition, we participate in many community service projects such as the United Way Campaign, the Salvation Army Bell Ringing during the holidays, and we also serve a Thanksgiving dinner for the community," added Sendejas.

Council 151 is planning to increase membership in their council by conducting a recruitment drive and also plans to raise more money for scholarships in the upcoming year.

"I am lucky to have good, hard working people in my council," said Sendejas. "They have all earned this award."



Council 151 President Rudy Sendejas with National President Rick Dovalina.

LULAC Elects 2001-2002 National Officers

Rick Dovalina Elected to Fourth and Final Term as National President

The LULAC National Assembly gathered on June 9, 2001, to elect their leaders for the 2001-2002 campaign. Over 1,000 delegates were in attendance at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center.

National President Rick Dovalina won reelection by acclamation. He will serve his final term as president this year.

"I will continue working to move LULAC and the Latino community forward," said Dovalina. "More importantly, I will focus a great deal of my energy this year on increasing membership so that whoever takes over as president next year will inherit a bigger and stronger LULAC organization."

LULAC Vice President for Far West Richard Fimbres was easily reelected in his home state. Northeast Vice President Regla González and Southwest Vice President Frank Ortiz were also reelected.

Two new regional vice presidents were elected, replacing incumbents who could not run again due to term limits. In the southeast, former Puerto Rico State Director Elsie Valdes was elected, replacing Carlos López Nieves. Former Illinois State Director Blanca Vargas was elected in the midwest, taking the place of Agustin Sanchez.

In the general categories, Damaris Sifuentes was reelected as Vice President for the Elderly, Rosa Rosales won reelection as Vice President for Women, and Hector Flores won reelection as National Treasurer.

Two new members were also elected in

the general categories. Fernando Escabí of Puerto Rico was elected as Vice President for Youth and Juan García was elected as Vice President for Young Adults.

"I welcome all the new members of the LULAC Executive Committee and congratulate those who won reelection," said Dovalina. "I look forward to working with each of them."

The LULAC Youth also elected their officers in Phoenix. Juan Lopez is the new Youth President. The rest of the elected youth board includes: Lauren Ortega, VP for the Southwest; Daileen Carrion, VP for the

Southeast; Sebastian Becerra, VP for the Northeast; Linda Duron, VP for Young Women; and Johnny Ray Soto, Treasurer. Some positions were still to be named.

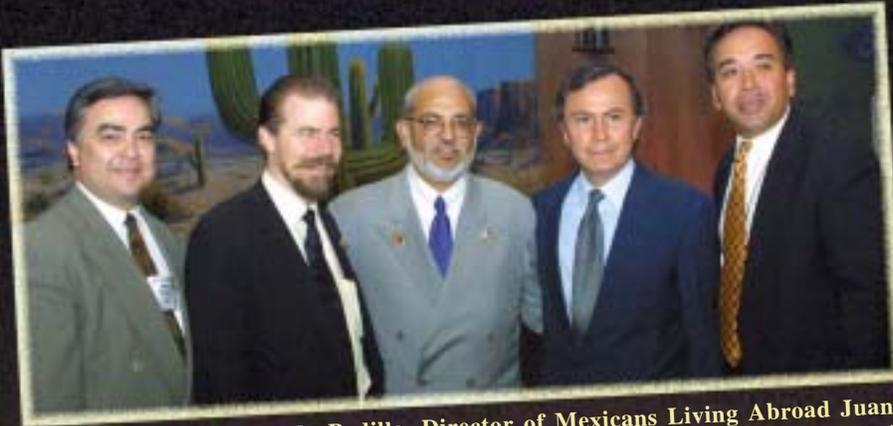
Several new state directors were also elected prior to the national convention, including: Christine Pacheco-Koveleski, Colorado; Margaret Moran, Texas; Haydeé Rivera, Puerto Rico; Manual Isquierdo, Illinois; Gilbert Sierra, Iowa; Leni González, Virginia; and Agustin Sanchez, Michigan.

(For a complete list of all LULAC national and state officers, see the table of contents in the front of this magazine.)



Rick Dovalina addresses the LULAC National Assembly after being elected to his fourth and final term as LULAC National President.

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General Motors' Orlando Padilla, Director of Mexicans Living Abroad Juan Hernández, LULAC President Rick Dovalina, Mexican Ambassador Juan José Bremer, and Verizon's Victor Cabral.



Ruben Barrales, White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.



Hugh Price, President of the National Urban League.



Two young charros display their rope skills at the Mexican Charreada.



EEOC Chairwoman Ida Castro smiles with LULAC President Rick Dovalina.



Rick Dovalina presents Yvonne Zertuche of Philip Morris with a token of appreciation.



Mexican Ambassador Juan José Bremer presents Vera Marquez with the prestigious Ohfli Award.

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Proud LULAC Youth pose for a picture.



Arizona Diamondback representatives along with President Rick Dovalina, Phoenix Convention Bureau's Marc Garcia and LULAC Executive Director Brent Wilkes at the owner's suite at Bank One Ballpark.



Gloria Gutierrez of the Census Bureau presents Rick Dovalina with a certificate of appreciation for LULAC's efforts to improve the 2000 Census.



Rick Dovalina, Procter & Gamble's Maria Molina, VP for Elderly Damaris Sifuentes and National Treasurer Hector Flores celebrate Procter & Gamble's \$50,000 donation to LNES.



Arizona Governor Jane Dee Hull (R) addresses LULAC members at the Community Trailblazers Luncheon.



VP for Far West Richard Fimbres presents Alfred Rascon with the LULAC Veterans Meritorious Award.



VP for the Southwest Frank Ortiz welcomes everyone to LULAC's Mexican Charreada.



Rick Dovalina with Washington Mutual's Luis Sanchez.

Latino Couple Wins the California Lottery

Al and Carmen Castellanos of San Jose, CA recently won the \$141 million prize in the California lottery, the largest jackpot in California state history. The Castellanos are both retired Mexican Americans who have been active in the Latino community in California. For years they have donated money to non-profit Latino organizations and have also been active volunteers. Recently, they took some time to talk with *LULAC News* Editor Scott Gunderson Rosa.

SGR: What happened when you realized you had the winning ticket?

AC: I woke up in the morning around five or six because I am an early riser. I put some coffee on and went and got the paper. The Lotto numbers were the main story because it was the biggest prize in California's history. I looked at the numbers but just continued to read the paper. When the coffee was ready I poured myself a cup of coffee and grabbed my lotto tickets off of the refrigerator. I put the tickets on the table and continued reading the paper. At one point I decided to check the numbers and so I picked up the tickets and checked the numbers. There's a mega number that you must have and out of twenty picks that I had, I had one set of numbers with the mega number. I thought, "Oh good," because I knew I had won at least a couple of dollars. I happened to be holding my ticket so that my fingers were blocking the rest of the numbers. When I moved my fingers over, I noticed that the second number was also there, which would give me something like five or six dollars. Then I moved it one more time, I had three numbers. Three is ten bucks so I could play the lotto over again. Then when I moved it again there were four. I was thinking I might win over a thousand dollars on this. I got so excited that I took my fingers off the rest of the numbers and they were all there. I don't know how many times I checked them, making sure everything was correct. So I drank some more coffee and I thought that I was dreaming about the whole thing. I went outside in the front yard and took a little walk and came back and checked the numbers again and they were still the same. I thought I'd better wake up my wife to verify everything. Luckily, she was awake already and I told her that I wanted her to check something. She initially thought

something had gone wrong.

CC: I thought maybe he was ill because he very seriously said, "Come to the living room, I have to talk to you." So I thought something dreadful had happened and I was very worried when I walked into the living room.

AC: I said, "Carmen, I want you to check these numbers." She looked at them and asked me, "Are these our numbers?" I said, "Yes." Then she said, "Oh wow, I think we won the Lotto!"

SGR: How has this changed your life or how do you see life changing in the future?

CC: We have always felt that we have achieved the American dream. We own our own home. All of our children are well educated and have graduate degrees. So we always thought that life was great and what more could we ask for. Our needs were pretty much met. We haven't lived the life of luxury. We don't take vacations and buy new cars. So that's what will be new and different. Being in a position where we can do that, but that takes some adjusting. I'm not running out to the malls shopping, because I have never done that. So it's not like you suddenly make a switch, it's going to be gradual.

SGR: Do you think in the future you will remain the same or will you buy a bigger house or luxury car and step up into a new segment of society?

AC: We're in our sixties so we have to do something to enjoy our prosperity a little bit. We also want our kids to be millionaires and we're working on that. I have always played the Lotto with the hope of being able to pay off our kids' school loans for their college education. That was my first objective, so they could be free of that and spend the money they earn more freely. So far we haven't made any significant changes. If anything, we have become hermits. We've kind of locked ourselves in the house because when we go out people are swamping us and asking to hear the story. I have told the story a million times and we haven't even had any friends come over, just family.

SGR: How many new family members have you discovered you have?

AC: When I did Sabado Gigante in Miami, everyone wanted to be my new adopted son.



Al and Carmen Castellanos.

People have been very generous in their remarks. Everyone is happy that we won.

SGR: What are your immediate plans and some long-term goals you have?

CC: We have always been people who contribute to the community financially and volunteer. I serve on several non-profit boards and Al has done that also. That's another component that we're going to continue to do, and we're setting up a structure to do that. It takes a while. We're talking about setting up a Castellano family foundation, which will be the structure through which our charitable giving will be taken care of. That's definitely something we're going to do. It will probably be a year or so before that's finally in place. Meanwhile, we're going to continue to support the organizations we have always supported.

SGR: How do you feel about being able to give back even more to the community?

CC: I'm thrilled, because there is so much potential there. Primarily we have supported education for Latinos, Latino leadership development, the arts, and organizations that support Latino culture.

Both Sides Can Benefit From Immigration Policy

By Rick Dovalina, LULAC National President

This Opinion Editorial appeared in the Houston Chronicle on September 6, 2001, while Mexican President Vicente Fox was in Washington, DC.

President George W. Bush and Mexico's President Vicente Fox are currently meeting to highlight the prominence of the economic relationship between the United States and Mexico. At issue is the opportunity to create a rational immigration policy that will benefit both nations. The fate of some three million undocumented Mexicans, who realistically have settled permanently, living and working in the United States, and who significantly contribute to the economic miracle, lies in the balance. Equally important are the future flows of workers who migrate between the two countries, taking the lowest-paying, dirtiest, and most dangerous jobs for which no native-born American worker will compete.

All of which places the question driving the immigration policy debate at center stage: is regularizing the status of these workers simply a recognition of both their contributions and the structural transformations that have created an increase in the demand for year-round, low-skilled labor — or does it reward law-breakers?

The economic argument for immigration states that immigrant workers help drive the American economic engine, contributing to the tax and social security base, as well as the purchasing power of this great nation. It is no longer meaningful to entertain the "disposability" of this labor source; most employers have no realistic alternative to using it. The jobs they fill—even when highly

advanced technologies are in use—involve arduous manual labor, or at least menial and repetitive tasks that are shunned by young native-born workers entering the work force.

The employment of immigrant labor is so highly institutionalized that it has become insensitive to changes in the legal and public policy environment intended to deter new immigration or discourage permanent settlement by immigrants already here. In effect, the assumption that unwanted immigrants—particularly the undocumented—can be dislodged from the workplace is faulty. Any guest-worker program that is based on this conceptual framework will undoubtedly fail, as it neither faces employer preferences nor workers' intentions.

The other side of the coin asserts that to reward undocumented workers who have violated U.S. law with legal immigrant status—permanent or temporary—will automatically lead to greater flows of undocumented workers into the United States. However, whether current immigrants are regularized or not is irrelevant, as new workers will continue to migrate as long as the current poor economic conditions remain in their countries of origin, and jobs are ready and waiting on the other side of the border.

Furthermore, efforts to restrict immigration through deterrents such as employer sanctions and the implementation of more stringent border constraints, specifically along the U.S.-Mexico border, have been largely unsuccessful.

Since the INS established the Southwest Border Strategy in 1994, more than 1,000 human lives have been lost. Contrary

to the expectations and intentions of the INS strategy, the immigrants, in their desperation to help their families survive, have risked injury and death while attempting to cross mountains, deserts, and rivers. Once they arrive in the United States, employer preferences for immigrant workers is so well-defined and the likelihood that their businesses will be inspected is so low, that the immigrants easily find jobs and increase the length of their stay rather than risk the dangerous border crossing again.

If undocumented workers improve and contribute to the economy, manage to get here and secure jobs regardless of substantial and expensive efforts to keep them out, and are prevented a realistic opportunity of returning home, then why not attempt to manage the situation in a manner that benefits the U.S., Mexico, and the workers themselves?

The meeting between Presidents Fox and Bush presents an opportunity to bring to light this issue, which in turn could benefit both countries, as well as bring some measure of dignity to the hard-working immigrants. By regularizing the status of the undocumented in some logical form that avoids the exploitation of workers and takes into consideration the real economic contributions they make to the United States, we take the chance to make it better, and in the process, treat deserving, hard-working people a little better. It doesn't take anything away from America. In fact, it reinforces our greatness. It's not an easy decision, but what are the options? If we ignore the problem and continue sweeping it in under the rug, in the end we risk paying a much higher price.

Sanchez Running for Governor of Texas

Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez announced his bid to become the first Hispanic governor in the state of Texas in early September. His campaign will focus on creating employment and improving public education in Texas. He is also concerned with the fairness of the death penalty and abortion issues.

Sanchez will be running as a Democrat and will likely face two others for the Democratic nomination. If he wins the primary, it is likely his opponent will be current Gov. Rick Perry, who took office when George W. Bush was elected president.

News Briefs

Actor Anthony Quinn Dies

Long-time actor Anthony Quinn passed away recently. The world-renowned actor was 86 years old. Quinn was born in Chihuahua, Mexico, and moved to East Los Angeles with his family at a very young age.

As a youngster, he worked as a butcher, boxer, street corner preacher and slaughterhouse worker to help his family. He never gave up on his dream to make it as an actor, and living only five miles from Hollywood, he starred in his first film in 1936. He made nearly 160 movies in his lifetime.

Ban on Racial Profiling Takes Effect in Texas

September 1 marked the day that a new law banning racial profiling in Texas took effect. The new law mandates that each local law enforcement agency develop a policy to ban racial profiling, educate its officers on the issue, collect and report data for traffic stops, create a complaint process for those who have been victims of racial profiling, and develop a disciplinary process for officers who violate the law.

If you would like to have someone speak in your local community about racial profiling or receive brochures and manuals, contact 512-441-8123 in Austin, TX.

California LULAC Going Strong

California LULAC held its 54th Annual State Convention in Orange, CA this year, bringing together membership from throughout the state. This year's convention was sponsored by Santa Ana Council 147, the founding LULAC council in California. The convention also gathered national figures, including Rick Dovalina, National LULAC President, seven members of the LULAC National Board, and top Latino leaders in government and business.

Special guests included Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, State Senator Joe Dunn, Assemblyman Lou Correa, County Board of Supervisor Chairperson Cynthia Coad and Santa Ana Councilman Jose Solorio.

The special guest speaker for the youth



Participants and tutors in the San Benito LULAC Council 2890 Young Readers Program.

luncheon was Tony Plana, TV & Film Actor, and current cast member of Showtime's "Resurrection Blvd." It was a special occasion for San Benito LULAC Youth in attendance as he joined them at their table during the

luncheon.

Delegations from throughout the state met to vote and discuss issues, set policies and elect the organization's state leaders for the upcoming year. This year the convention scheduled special time to hear and vote on resolutions pertaining to several issues including: racial profiling, allowing undocumented workers to obtain driver's licenses, separation of law enforcement powers between police and immigration authorities, SB 832 Bingo Reform, and calling for the resignation of San Bernardino City Attorney James Penman for offering a one-way ticket to Mexico to a family who was displaced by city officials.

The 54th annual convention ended with the election of officers who will represent California LULAC members at the state and national levels. Mickie Luna was reelected to her second

term as State Director. Mrs. Luna's accomplishments during her first term in office were recognized by the assembly as she won without a serious challenge. Eight national executive board members also attended in support of Mickie, demonstrating the confidence they have in her leadership.

Also elected to office were Vera Marquez, Stanton, as Deputy State Director; Ed Delgado, Gilroy,



California State Director Mickie Luna with legendary Latina activist Dolores Huerta.

reelected as State Treasurer; Rose Jurado, Anaheim, reelected as Deputy State Director for Women; Michael Perez, Modesto, as Deputy State Director for Young Adults; and Ricardo Mendoza, Westminster, as Deputy State Director for Youth. Leslie Vega, member of San Benito County LULAC Youth Council #705, was reelected as State Youth President.



LULAC youth gather in front of San Francisco City Hall Plaza at a rally in memory of Cesar Chavez.



LULAC National Vice President for the Elderly Damaris Sifuentes has big plans for the upcoming year.

Chicago to Host 2nd Annual Elderly Conference

Prof. Damaris Sifuentes was reelected as National Vice President for the Elderly at the 72nd LULAC National Convention in Phoenix. In the upcoming year she plans to celebrate and conduct the 2nd Annual Elderly Conference in Chicago, IL on May 3, 2002.

The conference's goal is to help understand the problems and situations confronted by our elderly throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. It also intends to illustrate some of the issues facing the elderly, including health, nutrition, housing and isolation.

"Currently, many senior citizens live alone or in senior centers, without the presence of any family members," said Sifuentes.

"In other circumstances, they live in poor environments, many times without proper diet and less than two meals a day. This reality needs to be addressed by the Latino community. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our elderly citizens are treated with respect, patience and benevolence."

Sifuentes and Vice President for the Midwest Blanca Vargas are currently working together to complete the agenda and create a successful conference. If you have a topic you would like included or know of possible speakers, please contact Damaris Sifuentes at 787-761-1228 or Blanca Vargas at 708-656-6147.

Unidos for America

On October 12, 2001, LULAC joined with the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) in a National Day of Unity Interfaith Services. The services honored the victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. They also served to reaffirm that our nation's greatness lies in its diversity of faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

The services were also the starting point for the *Unidos for America* Relief Fund. Collections were taken at all of the services to benefit the Fund, which in turn will be used to respond to the immediate and long-term needs of the victims, their families, and communities affected by the events.

While many efforts to raise money have been established, NHLA's fund has a slightly different focus. Funds raised by *Unidos for America* are targeted to those victims and families and others adversely affected who are most in need and currently getting the least support, especially low-income Hispanic families, limited-English-speaking individuals and recent immigrants.

Although October 12 has passed, we want to continue showing our support and helping those in need. NHLA member organizations will continue to raise money as long as it is necessary.

Structure of the Fund

The NHLA has opened up a separate bank account for receipt of contributions.



The NHLA is a 501(c)3 organization and all contributions to the fund are tax deductible.

Funds will be administered by the NHLA *Unidos for America* Relief Fund committee to ensure that resources are deployed effectively in New York, Washington and other cities affected by these tragic events. NHLA itself will not be directly involved in providing relief services. Instead, it will work within the existing infrastructure to provide funds directly to organizations providing relief to those affected with special emphasis on organizations serving low-income Hispanic families.

How to Make a Donation

Those wishing to donate have the following options:

Option 1: Donate online through www.UnidosforAmerica.org.

Option 2: Send a check or money order payable to the *Unidos for America* Relief Fund to:

Unidos for America Relief Fund
National Hispanic Leadership Agenda
1700 K Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20006

LULACer Wins Aloha Award For Efforts in Hawaii

LULAC member Cesar Gaxiola was recently presented with the Maui Chamber of Commerce's Aloha Award. The award is given to individuals who have made a special, consistent and outstanding contribution to the community. The award is not an annual prize, but only given out when the Chamber of Commerce believes someone has earned it. The last winner was more than six years ago.

Gaxiola arrived in Maui with the first wave of Spanish-speaking migrants a decade ago. Originally from Mexico, he briefly attended college before moving to Arizona to

do farmwork for very low wages and no housing. He heard that Maui was looking for workers in the pineapple industry for much higher pay including housing. So he signed on with Wailuku Agribusiness.

Although many of the migrants suffered because of the language and culture barriers, Gaxiola managed to adapt quickly. It wasn't long before he obtained a commercial driver's license and moved up to a job driving trucks. He eventually joined the Maui Economic Opportunity as a case worker.

In that position, he organized *Enlace Hispano* (Hispanic Link), which has helped

hundreds of newly arrived migrants make the transition from their native homelands to Hawaii.

Enlace Hispano enlists bilingual volunteers who provide translation services to the migrants. It also promotes Hispanic culture, helps migrants become citizens, works with Maui Community College on an interchange class where students practice their English and Spanish with one another, and helps train health aides who educate their community about tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, cancer, diabetes and tobacco.

Cesar Gaxiola is currently the president of LULAC Council 28000, which represents the only LULAC council on the islands of Hawaii. He hopes to start more councils as the Hispanic population continues to grow in Hawaii.



LULAC National President Travels With HUD Secretary to El Salvador

LULAC National President Rick Dovalina accompanied U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Mel Martinez on a trip to El Salvador in June. The trip was intended to survey the damage from the devastating earthquakes that took place earlier this year and provide necessary assistance to help recover from the tragedy.

"I am thankful to have been invited on such an important mission by our good friend at HUD," said Dovalina. "We saw the incredible amount of damage and I was proud to know that LULAC was instrumental in sending a large sum of money to build homes for many needy Salvadorans."

While in El Salvador, Secretary Martinez signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in which the United States and El Salvador pledged to collaborate and exchange information on housing and community development to help the nation rebuild.

President Dovalina was part of a delegation that included U.S. officials and representatives from non-profit organizations and the business community. One of the objectives of the trip was to study ways to make future disasters less catastrophic by minimizing the devastation.



LULAC National President Rick Dovalina (second row, second from right), accompanies U.S. Secretary of Housing Mel Martinez (front row, third from left), along with several other participants, on a humanitarian visit to El Salvador after earthquakes ravaged the small Central American nation.



LULAC National President Rick Dovalina in El Salvador with the helicopter that transported him and others on the trip.

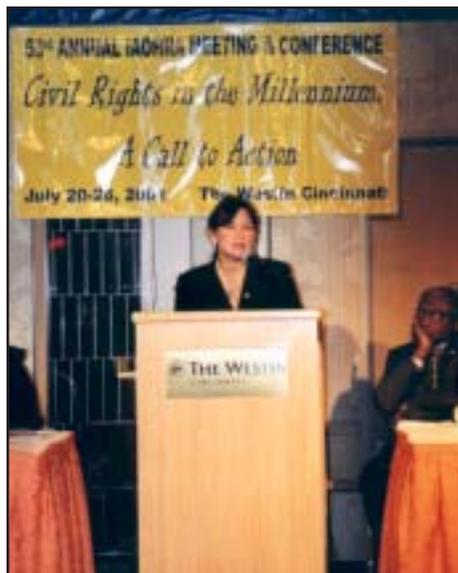
Iowa Moves Forward at State Convention

LULAC Iowa's 2001 state convention was a resounding success, including several workshops, a fabulous banquet and the election of new state director Gilbert Sierra. This year's convention was of increased significance as the banquet included the presentation of a special award to recently deceased John Terronez.

Terronez, former Iowa state director and Council 10 president, was recognized for his

years of service to the League, including working for the Grape Boycott Committee in the 1970s, which supported the United Farmworkers Union headed by the late Cesar Chavez. The award was accepted by his widow, Florencia Terronez.

The convention also featured speeches by Davenport Mayor Phil Harrington and East Moline Mayor Joe Moreno. Seminars were held on racial profiling, education, and power of attorney for senior citizens. The event was planned and executed by former state director Juanita Lopez and many volunteers.



LULAC National Policy Director Gabriela Lemus delivers a keynote speech at a human rights conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Colorado Youth Council Wins National Honor

LULAC Youth Council 3043 of Pueblo, CO, was recognized at the LULAC National Convention as Youth Council of the Year. The council was awarded for its participation in numerous projects, including organizing an Eighth Grade Leadership Conference for middle school students.

Youth Council 3043, which has 20 members, has organized fundraisers for their activities and also participated in Pueblo's Cinco de Mayo event. Ximena Najar, one of the council members, was recently appointed to the National Youth Board as its director of publicity.

LULACers Take to the Airwaves

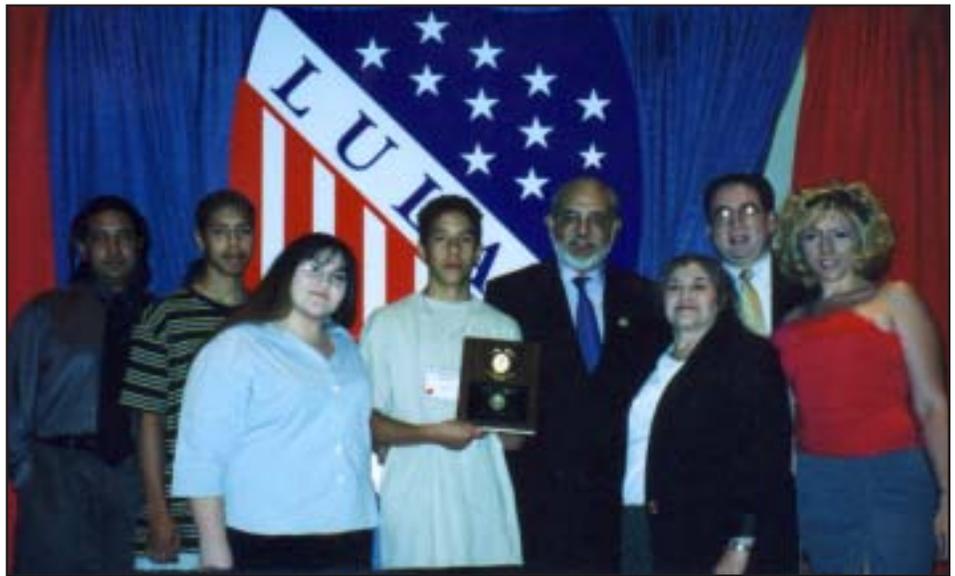
Members of LULAC Council 5001 in Indiana have hurdled the first necessary step toward creating their own radio station. Earlier this year, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) approved their application for a radio station to serve the Hispanic community.

Led by its treasurer Eliud Villanueva, the council is working to get the station up and running. Villanueva's inspiration for the station came when another local station dropped its Spanish-language program. Now his vision is to provide an outlet for other Hispanics who arrive in the area and may not yet be familiar with our country and the English language.

"This station is actually for all those moving into the area without any language skills," said Villanueva.

In the application to the FCC, he made sure to note that the station would focus on education and broadcast in both English and Spanish. With the call letters WSBL-LPFM (98.1), the station's mission statement is "focused on serving the Hispanic community of St. Joseph County by providing information, motivation and educational radio programming in an entertainment format."

The station is part of a group of non-commercial low-power stations that the FCC is giving out as part of an effort to enhance community-oriented radio broadcasting. The FCC created this class of stations to serve very localized communities or underrepresented groups.



Representatives from LULAC Council 3043 in Pueblo, CO, display their Youth Council of the Year Award. L-R: Sam Gallegos, Jeff Lopez, Ximena Najar, Council President James Lopez, National President Rick Dovalina, Angelina Najar, LNESCE Executive Director Richard Roybal, and Xochilt Najar.



Council 263 Awards 14 Students at Dinner Event

Lubbock, TX, Council 263 Scholarship Recipients. Standing l-r: Griselda Ibarra, Laura Tobias, Rosa Linda Reyes, Kevin Martínez, Andrea Moreno, Annikka Aguilar, Leticia Morin. Seated l-r: Cristina Sanchez, Cassandra Cueto, Patricia Mosqueda, Jolene Rodriguez, Elva Ruiz and Cassandra Escobedo. Lenora Carvajal not pictured.

LULAC Member Wins Public Service Award

Matilda Martinez Garcia of Council 7006 in Tampa, FL was given the 2001 Jefferson Award from the American Institute of Public Service earlier this year. She won the award from her local ABC affiliate and was then chosen to represent the station at

the Jefferson Awards Celebration of Service to America in Washington, DC. The ceremony was held at the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I am filled with happiness and pride to win such a prestigious award," said Garcia.

While in the nation's capital, she was able to meet with her senators and also attend a gala dinner at the International Trade Building.

2002 LULAC Legislative Platform

Adopted by the LULAC National Assembly on June 9, 2001, at the 72nd LULAC National Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

LULAC supports equal opportunity for employment, promotion, and contracting, and opposes discrimination of any form in the workplace. We support affirmative action as a set of positive steps that employers use to promote equal employment opportunities.

LULAC vows to remain active in the judicial struggle to get rid of decisions that have overturned affirmative action programs across the country, such as the Hopwood decision in Texas.

CENSUS 2000

LULAC strongly supports the use of statistical sampling in the 2000 Census to get the most accurate count possible and to prevent another large undercount of Hispanics. LULAC supports the use of adjusted census figures for redistricting within the states and for the distribution of federal funds.

We also call on the Census Bureau to include the residents of Puerto Rico in population reports for the United States and the total count of Hispanics.

CITIZENSHIP AND VOTING

LULAC actively encourages eligible Hispanics to fully participate in the democratic process and register to vote. We also encourage those who are eligible to become citizens. LULAC conducts voter registration and citizenship projects in Hispanic communities throughout the United States.

LULAC demands that the Immigration and Naturalization Service expedite the processing of two million citizenship applications pending in a backlog of up to two years in some states.

DISCRIMINATION

LULAC works to prevent acts of discrimination against Latinos, including slander by actions or words. We seek to bring issues and instances of discrimination to the attention of all people living in the United States. By exposing discrimination, LULAC encourages a public discourse and educates the public on issues relating to Latinos. We denounce any form of national origin discrimination or sexual harassment.

LULAC urges Congress to pass laws that provide stronger sentencing and more aggressive prosecution for hate crimes, the worst form of racial discrimination.

LULAC strongly endorses the end of racial profiling, the institution of data collection systems by law enforcement, and the creation of a strong statutory definition of racial profiling.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Empowerment Zones Along the Border: Due to extremely high unemployment rates along the U.S./Mexican border of close to 25%, LULAC supports an expansion of American empowerment and enterprise zones in communities along the border in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Employment: Affirmative action policies in hiring should be retained and widely used to ensure diversity in all workplaces. Congress, the President, businesses, and labor unions should join forces to ensure safe, fair, and equitable labor practices as an established norm.

Business: LULAC believes Latino entrepreneurship should be greatly encouraged. Incentives for small business owners and investment in Latino-owned businesses should be a priority. Affirmative action policies in hiring should be retained and widely used to ensure diversity in all workplaces.

EDUCATION

LULAC supports legislation that works to decrease the Hispanic dropout rate, which is currently over 30%. LULAC urges Congress to implement targeted programs that encourage Hispanic students to stay in school and provide alternative schools and programs addressing specific needs of our community.

Federal funding for Headstart and Women, Infants and Children programs should be increased to ensure access and high participation. LULAC believes that all Latinos should have access to safe, quality, unsegregated public education and we oppose school vouchers. All Latino students should have adequate support and rigorous coursework with access to computers.

LULAC supports increased federal funding for Title I and Title VII programs that

specifically address adult basic educational programs and bilingual education. LULAC supports bilingual education to ensure English proficiency while encouraging students to retain proficiency in their native language. In addition, LULAC supports education for all children, including immigrant children.

LULAC strongly urges all states to pass laws that allow undocumented immigrants who have completed high school and resided in the state for at least three years to be admitted to colleges and universities as residents, and be eligible for in-state tuition. LULAC adamantly supports the application of multiple factors in college admissions and strongly opposes college entry exams as the sole or main determinant in admissions.

We believe that education is the basis for lifelong success, and we strongly oppose any measures that deny education as a fundamental right. LULAC believes that all textbooks should reflect the Hispanic community in a positive way and should be language appropriate and culturally sensitive.

LULAC will work to guarantee the continued federal funding of existing LULAC National Educational Service Centers and will push for new funds to operate in areas not currently being served by LNES.

ENGLISH ONLY/ENGLISH PLUS

LULAC strongly opposes all legislation that designates English as the official language of the United States or of any individual state. We recognize the value and utility of English proficiency, and promote bilingualism and multilingualism as assets to be valued and preserved.

LULAC advocates English Plus as a way to promote the learning of English without forfeiting one's native language.

ENVIRONMENT

LULAC opposes the practice of locating environmentally damaging or dangerous sites in Hispanic and other disadvantaged communities. We oppose the disposal of nuclear waste near Hispanic communities and we support a border buffer to prevent the creation of hazardous waste sites on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. We urge the cleanup of additional brownfields in Hispanic neighborhoods.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

LULAC promotes the inclusion of Latinos in the formulation of U.S. foreign policy and we encourage Latinos to become

more involved in international issues. LULAC calls upon the Administration to appoint more Latinos to key positions in the State Department, Foreign Service, and the United Nations.

LULAC urges a strengthening of our partnerships with Latin American countries, in particular, a collaboration between the Mexican government and LULAC. We support the establishment of a U.S.-Mexico commission that will create a five-year strategic plan to address the migration of immigrants and the development of capital creation and social projects to benefit communities of origin, such as the 90 micro-regions defined by the Government of Mexico.

HEALTH CARE

Universal access to health care continues to be a priority for Latinos. LULAC supports an increase in affordable and accessible primary and preventative health care that is culturally appropriate for the Latino community. LULAC also supports prenatal care and immunizations for children, and AIDS and substance abuse education.

LULAC is seeking a reduction in the price of costly prescription drugs and the expansion of Medicare to cover the cost of prescriptions. We support an expansion of insurance coverage for children in poverty. We call for increased funding of programs to prevent teenage pregnancy.

HISPANIC REPRESENTATION

LULAC seeks to increase the number of Hispanics serving in appointed and career positions within the federal government at all levels. We urge the President to appoint more Hispanics to his administration and to recruit more Hispanics into the civil service.

LULAC demands that the U.S. Senate move to confirm Hispanic judges waiting for confirmation. We strongly advocate that the next justice appointed to the Supreme Court be Hispanic.

LULAC urges that redistricting processes around the country ensure that Latinos are adequately represented.

HOUSING

LULAC supports the expansion of affordable housing and increased funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. We oppose discriminatory lending practices and support the strengthening of fair housing legislation.

IMMIGRATION

LULAC opposes any legislation threatening the rights of legal immigrants, including measures limiting legal immigration. We stand against legislation that denies legal residents and naturalized citizens the same benefits due to native-born citizens, against any efforts to deny public education to the children of undocumented immigrants, and against harsh regulations that toughen the requirements for citizenship and expand the stipulations that bar admissibility to immigrants. Immigrant visas should not be unreasonably withheld.

We oppose the militarization of the border and vigilante attacks on immigrants in the border area. We hold that the Immigration and Naturalization Service should concentrate its efforts on naturalization, citizenship promotion, and the training of Border Patrol agents. We oppose the expansion of guestworker programs.

LULAC supports a general amnesty program to legalize long-term immigrants in the United States. LULAC also supports updating the Date of Registry from 1972 to 1986 allowing long-term immigrants to regularize their status, and reinstating Section 245(i) that allows immigrants to remain with their families while their applications are processed.

LULAC urges Congress to reject attempts to curb legal immigration or create a moratorium on legal immigration and we oppose the mistreatment of immigrants in the US regardless of their status. LULAC opposes any type of new guestworker program.

MEDIA

LULAC strongly advocates for the increase of Hispanic-oriented programming in all facets of the media and we demand that more high-level decision-making positions are made available to Hispanics at major media companies and networks. LULAC further asserts that programs targeted to or including Hispanics provide a positive portrayal of Hispanics and their culture. We encourage the FCC to require broadcasters to provide better programming for Latinos as part of their public service obligations.

OIL WORKER STABILITY

LULAC is concerned about the volatility of oil prices and its impact on oil workers, many of whom are Hispanic. We support state and federal efforts to stabilize the price of oil and put the Hispanic oil field

worker back to work. Specifically, we support training programs for oil workers and tax credits to oil producers to encourage an increase in the domestic production of oil and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

PUERTO RICO

LULAC reaffirms its strong support of legislation which provides a congressionally recognized framework for the four million U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico to freely express their wishes regarding their options for *full* self government for the first time in a century of U.S. administration.

LULAC fully supports the Presidential directives on Vieques and calls on Congress to ensure that the letter of the agreement is upheld.

SENIORS/ELDERLY

LULAC strongly advocates programs and legislation to protect the quality of life of our ever-growing number of senior citizens. We advocate for fair cost housing, transportation for those with special needs, in-home care, employment opportunities and the reduction of elderly abuse and fraud.

SOCIAL SECURITY

LULAC opposes the privatization of Social Security and any tax cut plan that would compromise its future stability. Individual accounts and tax cuts should not be substituted for Social Security's currently defined system.

LULAC supports changes in the Social Security system that would provide stronger benefits to lower income groups, women and the disabled.

WELFARE REFORM

LULAC supports reducing welfare dependency, but we believe that welfare should act as a safety net for those who need assistance for valid reasons. It should encompass improved bilingual job training, funding for child care, an increased minimum wage and job opportunities to best meet the needs of urban and rural welfare recipients. We oppose time limits on welfare and we prefer that each case is reviewed with discretion. Welfare reform efforts should be closely monitored to ensure they do not increase poverty.

LULAC opposes benefit cuts previously afforded to legal immigrants, and we strongly advocate remedies that restore benefits to legal immigrants and their children.

You Can Win an IBM WorkPad!

“Empower Hispanic America with Technology Essay Contest”

LULAC has established a partnership with IBM to sponsor an essay contest for Hispanic youth in the area of technology. Both LULAC and IBM strongly believe that we need to include Hispanic youth as an integral part of our efforts to improve Hispanic access to technology. Giving youth the opportunity to express their ideas on this important issue is just one of the many steps we are taking.

The goal of this innovative project is to revolutionize grassroots advocacy in the Hispanic community by creating a nationwide network of Hispanic non-profit organizations, associations, professionals, students, business leaders, and advocates who will work collaboratively through the use of state-of-the-art technologies. LULAC is working to open 30 community technology centers where LULAC leaders and advocates will have access to the internet and the LULAC Web site on a daily basis. Since LULAC launched the project, we have established 20 community technology centers around the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

What You Need to Do

Essay entrants should examine the importance of information technology for Hispanics. We want to know your original thoughts and ideas on possible solutions for bridging the digital divide. Among the many possible questions you may want to address in your essay: Who benefits the most from



information technology? How do Hispanics benefit from information technology? How does information technology currently help your community and/or how could enhanced information technology help your community? How does information technology help you individually (school, home, etc.)? How does the information technology industry help your community? What are your recommendations to increase community access to information technology?

The essay should be a mechanism for you to express your thoughts and reactions. There are no right or wrong answers. There is only your desire to empower the Hispanic community through the use of information technology. Best wishes and good luck!

Rules and Eligibility

All essays will be evaluated by a committee established by the LULAC youth. All decisions made by the committee are final. Essays will be judged on the basis of creativity and originality; writing style, including spelling and grammar; and how well the importance of this topic is expressed.

Seven winners will be selected from among all received entries. All winners will receive one (1) IBM WorkPad, a complimentary one-year subscription to the LULAC News, and a photo in the LULAC News.

1. The contest is open to any student 18 years old or younger of Hispanic ancestry, enrolled in school (public or private).

2. Student must be currently living in the United States or its territories.

3. Each essay must come with a separate sheet of paper that includes your name, address, phone number, date of birth, school, and grade level. Please do NOT put your name on any pages of the essay.

4. A contestant may submit only one ORIGINAL essay. Essays should contain at least 600 but no more than 1000 words.

5. All entries must be typed, double-spaced on white paper. No binders or report covers allowed.

6. Entries must be postmarked no later than November 21, 2001, and sent to the LULAC National Office, Technology Essay, 2000 L St, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036. Winners will be announced on December 8, 2001 at the LULAC Board Meeting in Houston.

The American Council of Young Political Leaders Seeks Latino Nominations for 2002

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is asking LULAC to nominate “rising stars” between the ages of 25 and 40 to participate on a bipartisan political/education international exchange. The nominees should be elected officials or someone highly involved in the political arena.

Over the past 35 years, more than 6,000 political leaders from across the United States and around the globe have participated in ACYPL programs. ACYPL was formed in 1966 as a nonprofit bipartisan educational exchange organization to enhance foreign policy understanding and ex-

posure among rising political leaders and their counterparts around the world. The organization achieves its goals through a broad range of practical education programs, including international exchanges, foreign policy and democracy conferences, and election study programs.

The core of ACYPL programs is the ongoing bilateral exchanges with counterpart organizations in every corner of the globe. The exchanges are intensive two-week study programs that provide U.S. delegates with in-depth personal experience in foreign political and policy issues, as well as promote individual relationships to enhance

transnational cooperation for the future. The incoming delegates visit two states along with D.C, providing the delegates with extensive briefings and meetings with national, state and local officials.

ACYPL looks to a number of sources throughout the U.S. for nominations, including former delegates, Members of Congress and state leadership. ACYPL receives over 500 candidates each year and from these nominations, approximately 80 young leaders will be asked to travel internationally.

If you want to know more about ACYPL, please visit our Web site at www.acypl.org. To nominate a young leader in your area please contact Jennifer Jones, Membership Director at 202-857-0999 ext. 19 or via e-mail at jjones@acypl.org.

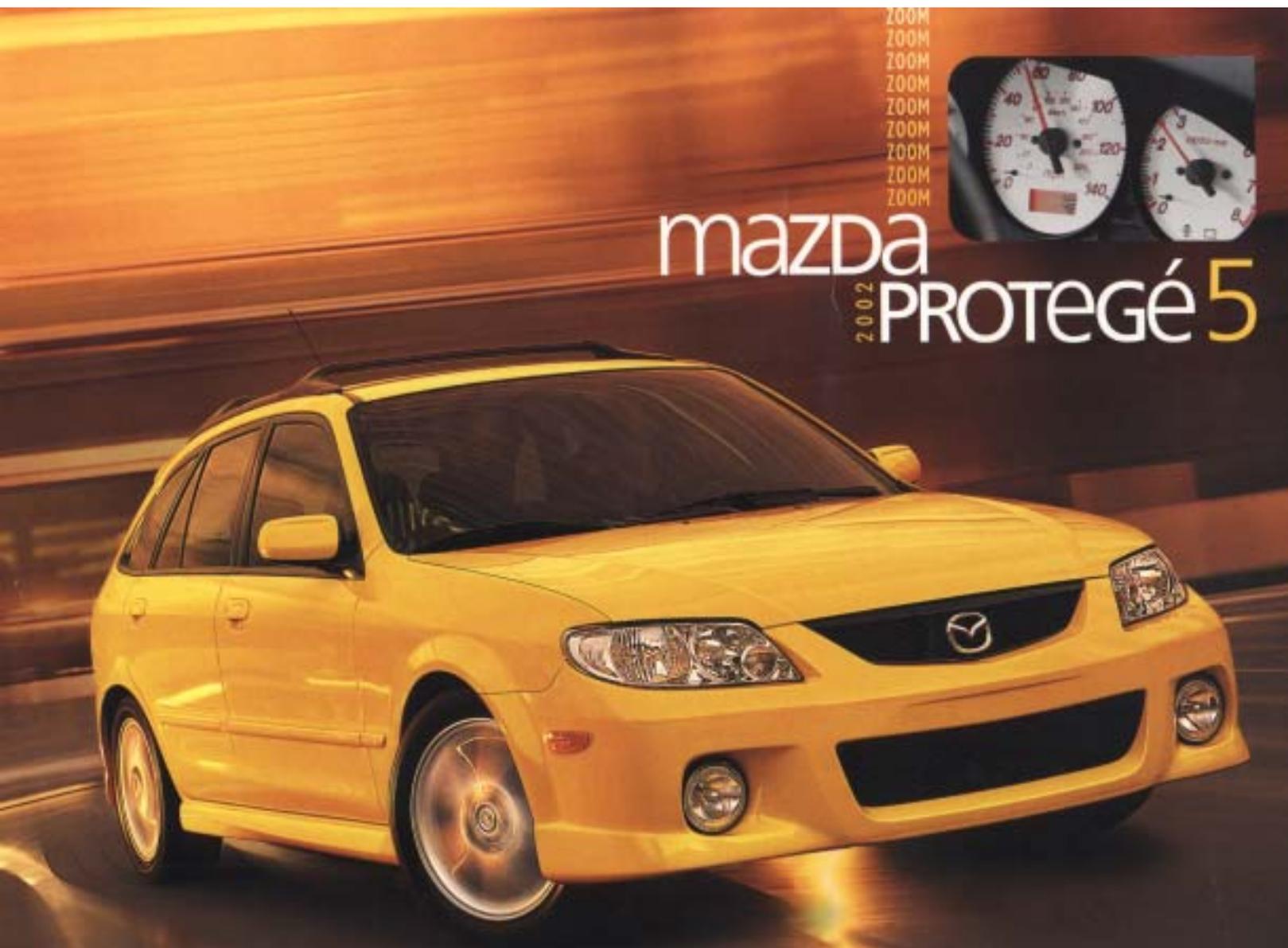
LULAC Mazda Protegé 5 Raffle Program

With the generous support of the Mazda Corporation, LULAC has established a national raffle program for LULAC councils interested in raising funds for scholarships and other council programs and activities. LULAC councils can request raffle tickets for a brand new Mazda Protegé 5 from the LULAC National Office and sell those tickets for \$5.00 each. They will then need to pay the LULAC National Office only \$2.50 for each ticket they sell keeping the other half as funds for their council programs. The National Drawing for a brand new Mazda Protegé 5 will take place on December 8, 2001 in Houston, Texas, at the LULAC National Executive Committee meeting. Program details:

- 1) Only LULAC councils in good standing and LNESCC Centers can participate.
- 2) Councils must complete and sign a Raffle Agreement form indicating number of raffle tickets requested up to 500 tickets.
- 3) Raffle tickets will be mailed to councils within 15 days of receipt of agreement.
- 4) Councils will have until November 15th to sell raffle tickets.
- 5) Councils must send \$2.50 for each ticket sold along with the numbered ticket stub and all unsold tickets to the national office by November 30, 2001.
- 6) Councils will be responsible for paying for any tickets not returned or sold regardless of the reason.
- 7) Employees of LULAC National, members of the LULAC National Executive Committee, and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in the raffle.
- 8) The drawing will take place on December 8, 2001, in Houston, Texas, at the LULAC National Executive Committee meeting and the winner will be notified.

To receive a Raffle Agreement form and raffle tickets, contact Carolina Muñoz at 915-577-0726.

Earn Money for Your Council !



2002 mazda PROTEGÉ 5

SPORTY performance GETS AN attitude ADJUSTMENT.