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MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

USIS - MEXICO

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1998

The following items are picked up from the Mexican media as they appeared with no/no attempt to verify their accuracy. Readers should understand that reports may not be completely accurate.

1 The Metropolitan Environmental Commission announced that it will strengthen environmental restrictions. The commission downgraded the levels needed to declare an environmental emergency from 250 ozone IMECA points to 240. An environmental contingency will also be declared with 175 points of "suspended particles." There will also be more strict environmental regulations for the industries located in Mexico City: REFORMA 1, JORNADA 1, UNIVERSAL 1, FINANCIERO 29, EXCELSIOR 1.

2 Some PRI legislators headed by Senator Dionisio Perez Jacome have agreed that there is evidence of irregular and illegal activities by bank officials in connection with the FOBAPROA issue. They added that there is also evidence of "complacency" by some authorities. PRI President Mariano Palacios Alcocer said that it is necessary for the congress to carry out deep audits on FOBAPROA to detect and punish any person responsible for

illicit activities: REFORMA 1, UNIVERSAL 1, FINANCIERO 1,
JORNADA 64,

3 In a clear reference to Bishop Samuel Ruiz but without
mentioning his name, President Zedillo criticized in Chiapas
the promoters of liberation theology. He said that promoters of "that
theology that justifies violence" must rectify their conduct.

President Zedillo said that "there is no ideology that can
be valid if it is based on the threat of violence, nor is there any
justifiable theology that allows the use of violence." :

JORNADA 3, REFORMA 4, UNIVERSAL 1, FINANCIERO 1, EXCELSIOR 1

4 Several NGOs strongly criticized the new measures taken by
immigration authorities to allow foreign observers in
Chiapas, because they were designed to restrict the activities of
international observers: REFORMA 4

5 According to a TV monitoring study carried out by the Mexican
Academy of Human Rights in April and May, TV news programs EL
NOTICIERO (Televisa), HECHOS (TV AZTECA), PARA USTED
(Multivision) and ENLACE (Channel 11) "failed to respect the right of
freedom of information for Mexican audiences while reporting
on the Chiapas conflict." According to the Academia, TV news
programs broadcast comprehensive information on the position of the
federal government with regard to Chiapas but failed to
broadcast the opinion of those groups and persons who
criticized the government's position: JORNADA 7

6 ONDCP Director Barry McCaffrey said that he was never informed about Operation Casablanca and recognized that the operation "had unintentional consequences." He added that other USG senior officials such as Madeleine Albright and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger were not informed either. McCaffrey added that the mechanism for exchanging information with Mexican officials must be reviewed to prevent similar problems from recurring:
JORNADA 16, REFORMA 2, UNIVERSAL 15, FINANCIERO 22, EXCELSIOR 1

7 Enrique Mendez Ure?a, one of the executives accused of money laundering activities during Operation Casablanca died in weird circumstances in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco after he was arrested by municipal police agents. Ure?a was drugged and walking on the roofs of several houses: JORNADA 15

8 According to LA court documents following the Casablanca case, a general of the Mexican army and three PGR agents protect drug traffickers and are involved in money laundering activities:
UNIVERSAL 1-15

9 The US Treasury Department requested that Financial group BANORTE freeze some of its foreign accounts on suspicion that those accounts are part of money laundering activities:

EXCELSIOR 1

10 According to a document of the GOM to be presented at the UN anti-narcotics summit, an effective fight against money laundering would be possible only through international cooperation and the establishment of bilateral and multilateral information networks between governments: FINANCIERO 33

11 Column in FINANCIERO (Jorge Fernandez) states that Operation Casablanca strongly damaged Mexico's strategy at the UN summit and has affected President Zedillo's participation in it: FINANCIERO 27

12 During a meeting of the binational working group on immigration affairs prior to the BNC, the Mexican government proposed to the US government that Mexicans who live in border areas present a card of nationality instead of a passport to prove their Mexican nationality. The US delegation denied that the INS is constructing a highway along the border with Mexico to prevent the entrance of immigrants: UNIVERSAL 7, JORNADA 44

13 A commission on human rights of the US government headed by Assistant Secretary for Democracy and Human Rights Steven Coffey arrived in Cuernavaca, Morelos to meet PGR delegates and opposition legislators in order to know the levels of

organized crime and law enforcement affairs in that state.

Coffey and US Embassy official Carlos Mejia met the PGR delegate in Morelos and the President of the Human Rights Commission in Morelos. Both Mexican officials questioned the US officials why the US has not started an investigation on John Reed, executive from the National Bank, for money laundering activities: UNIVERSAL 2

14 US Customs authorities said they have dismantled an important network of animal and exotic bird smuggling that operated through the border with Mexico: UNIVERSAL 2

15 Puebla governor Manuel Bartlett said that the PRI candidate for 2000 Presidential elections must be elected in open internal elections among PRI members. The candidate must be a real politician since a technocrat candidate would not have the necessary backing: REFORMA 1, JORNADA 9

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The following items are picked up from the Mexican media as they appeared with no/no attempt to verify their accuracy. Readers should understand that reports may not be completely accurate.

1 After five days, the Metropolitan Environmental Commission suspended the environmental contingency after the conditions improved. Ozone levels Saturday reached IMECA 151: REFORMA 1, JORNADA 1, UNIVERSAL 1

2 PRD and PAN started informal negotiations on the "minimal conditions" necessary to discuss the executive's initiative on FOBAPROA. Several lawyers said that FOBAPROA is legally irregular and its operation must be punished since federal authorities violated the constitution: UNIVERSAL 1, FINANCIERO 1-5

3 Tuxtla Gutierrez Bishop Felipe Aguirre denied that liberation theology promotes violence and defended Bishop Samuel Ruiz. Bishop Samuel Ruiz arrived from Spain and declined to make

comments: UNIVERSAL 15, JORNADA 6, FINANCIERO 21

4 According to the testimony of Mariano Perez Ruiz, a member of the armed forces, former municipal officials and members of the PRI are responsible for hiring military experts and police officers to train indigenous paramilitary groups in Chenalho, prior to the Acteal massacre: REFORMA 11

5 Amnesty International criticized the new rules for foreign observers established by the National Migration Institute and called on the GOM to reconsider the measures in order to prevent obstacles blocking the work of international observers: REFORMA 11, JORNADA 5, EXCELSIOR 4

6 Marti Bartres, President of the Government Commission at the Federal District local Assembly, was the victim of an assassination attempt when his car was shot at by unidentified persons.

Neither Bartres, nor his assistant were injured: REFORMA 1-Ciudad, UNIVERSAL 1, JORNADA 53, FINANCIERO 31, EXCELSIOR 1

7 Spanish daily EL PAIS publishes an exclusive article by former president Carlos Salinas de Gortari. Salinas de Gortari's essay is focussed on the effects of social policies in Latin America during the application of neo-liberal economic models: REFORMA 2, FINANCIERO 9

8 The PRI candidate for Chihuahua governorship was accused by
PAN and PRD of "illicit enrichment": REFORMA 6

9 UNIVERSAL reports that PGR agents met with FBI, DEA and
Belize police agents in Belize, to work on common
strategies to fight drug trafficking in the Mexican-Belize border:
UNIVERSAL 2

10 Aeromexico flight attendant's union broke off negotiations
with the company. There is a threat of strike for
Monday if an agreement is not reached: REFORMA 1

11 Article in JORNADA states that approximately 100 thousand
peasants in San Luis Potosi will not receive economic
income for the next five months because of the drought: JORNADA 47

12 Article by Jorge Bustamante criticizes the approval of the
Traficant Amendment by the US Congress which authorizes
the intervention of the US army in patrolling activities along the
border with Mexico. Bustamante states that such position
wrongly considers drug trafficking as an exclusively
external problem and ignores the consumption problem: FINANCIERO 36

13 The Mexican labor NAFTA office received complaints about
human rights violations suffered by Mexican workers
who collect apples for the Washington Fruit Corporation and Stemilt
Growers in Washington: JORNADA 49

14 According to article in UNIVERSAL, a US Congressional
initiative to control imports of medicines for
"personal use" from Mexico is meant to prevent the sale of medicines and
 controlled substances in Mexican drug stores along the
border: UNIVERSAL 19

15 A commission of federal deputies who inspected a nuclear
plant at Laguna Verde found radioactivity in an area
of 16 kilometers around the plant and saw a 21 centimeter fissure in
 one of the nuclear reactors. Technicians from the Federal
Electricity Commission said that both situations
should not alarm people since they do not represent any danger: JORNADA

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This week

Top Story: Research company disputes Census Bureau's Latino pop. estimates

National Affairs: Politico to publish Latino political almanac

State by State: California's Proposition 187, the sequel? Salt Lake City police chief to be ousted. Miami mayor faces strong challengers, including two former mayors.

Word for Word: Abuelita's telenovelas are none of Pat Buchanan's business

Top Story

-Research firm releases U.S. Latino population projections-

By James E. Garcia

A Florida market research company says businesses that target U.S. Latinos aren't waiting around for the Census Bureau to tell them what they already know: the Latino market is hot and growing a faster rate than commonly thought.

According to a 300-page report released by Miami-based Strategy Research Corp., Hispanics will be 12 percent of the U.S. population, 34 million people, by the end of this year.

The company's senior vice president, Raul Lopez, said his company's figure is

based only in part on the Census Bureau's "outdated" data.

Lopez's company has been studying the Hispanic market for 20 years.

According

to its latest study, 63 percent of the Hispanic population in the United States is of Mexican origin, 15 percent Central American, 11 percent Puerto Rican and 5 percent Cuban. Additionally, 60 percent of the U.S. Latino population is concentrated in 10 cities: Los Angeles, New York, Miami, San

Francisco, Chicago, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, San Diego, and McAllen, Texas.

Disputing other private research estimates, Lopez said his company estimates that the buying power of U.S. Hispanic consumers will be \$325 billion in 2000.

Asked to explain the discrepancy between the Census Bureau's figures and those of Strategy Research, Lopez said the government's figures are based on a 1990 Census that grossly undercounted Latinos. In addition, the U.S. government estimates that about 358,000 Latino immigrants are added to the U.S. population every year, a number Strategy Research contends is too low.

Lopez estimates that if current growth rates continue, U.S. Latinos will total 70 million by 2020, or one of five Americans.

More than 30 percent of U.S. Latinos lives in California. Another 19 percent live in Texas, said Lopez.

National Affairs

-2000 politicos featured in new almanac-

By James E. Garcia

No one can deny that Campaign 2000 will mark a threshold in the history of the Latino community's impact on the U.S. political landscape.

Local, state and federal elections across the country will be decided by the

increasingly influential Latino electorate. Experts say the demographic trends are now clear and irreversible.

But the question remains: who will lead Latino voters? Will it be the leadership of the Democratic, Republican or Reform Parties? Will a new independent party emerge tailored to the culture and socioeconomic realities of U.S. Latinos and the steady stream of Latino immigrants? More importantly, who will be the Latino leaders of tomorrow?

To help answer some of those questions, Politico is launching a six-month project to document and analyze the role and influence of Latino politicians.

As part of this project, Politico plans to publish a special expanded edition

featuring the 2000 most influential Latino politicians in the country.

But we need your help. If you or someone you know should be included in this

comprehensive report, please contact us immediately.

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AZ 85048; e-mail Politico1@aol.com; or fax 480-460-7646.

State by State

California

-Proposition 187 backers back with a new proposition-

Just when illegal immigrants thought it was safe to go back into California,

backers of the anti-immigrant voter initiative Proposition 187 have announced

they want to place a similar measure on the November 2000 election.

The new initiative would bar the state from creating new programs that

benefit illegal immigrants. It would also ask the police to ask people they stop to prove they are U.S. citizens.

"It made me furious when I heard about it," Mar?a Blanco, regional council for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), told a reporter for Latinolink.com. "I wanted to say, 'Just let it go guys. We've gone through this once already, we should move on. Why do you continue to stir up bad sentiment in this state?? "

Blanco was referring to Proposition 187 and the bad blood it left between supporters and opponents. Whites overwhelmingly supported 187, which was gutted by the courts, while Latinos strongly opposed the measure.

The new proposal must gain the approval of California's attorney general and gather 670,816 signatures to get on the November 2000 ballot.

Proposition 187, if enacted, would have barred access by undocumented immigrants to most state-financed public services, including public education. After years of legal wrangling, the courts ruled virtually every provision of Proposition 187 unconstitutional.

-Sacramento mayor dead at 60-

Sacramento, Calif. Mayor Joe Serna Jr. died Sunday of cancer. He was 60.

President Clinton issued a statement saying, "Joe was an extraordinary public servant, educator, father, husband and friend. He was a great leader of Sacramento and a source of inspiration to the Hispanic community and all Americans."

Serna was elected in 1981 to the Sacramento City Council. He became mayor in 1992.

"Joe was a true giant in the Latino community," Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante said in a statement. A special election will be held next year to determine Serna's successor.

-Ex-Rep. Robert Dornan may run again-

Ex-U.S. Rep. Robert Dornan, who once accused his election opponent of stuffing the ballot boxes with votes cast by illegal immigrants, is weighing a run for Congress in another Southern California district.

Congressman Ron Packard, a Republican, has decided not to seek reelection. He

will step down January 2001.

According to the Los Angeles Times, "Rep. Robert K. Dornan, who lost his Orange County seat in a bitter 1996 race against newcomer Loretta Sanchez in the 46th District, is among several Republicans considering a run for Packard's seat.

The newspaper quoted Dornan's daughter, Theresa Cobban, saying "Team Dornan is in executive session."

Packard's serves in California's heavily Republican 48th District.

-500 rally in Los Angeles for Cesar Chavez birthday-

Hundreds of people joined a Los Angeles rally Nov. 6 in support of proposed legislation that would make farm worker activist Cesar Chavez's birthday a paid state holiday.

Senate Bill 984, sponsored by state Sen. Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles, would make the late Cesar Chavez's March 31 birthday a paid holiday.

Representatives of the United Farm Workers were joined by student, community, religious and labor activists, as well as elected officials and even a few Hollywood celebrities.

The Los Angeles UFW Community Committee says it has gathered more than 20,000 signatures on petitions backing Polanco's bill.

"Proper state recognition of Cesar Chavez is long overdue," said Polanco.

"Honoring him in this way will send an important message that California recognizes and values the leadership, personal sacrifices and commitment to nonviolence that defined the life of Cesar Chavez." Chavez died in 1993. He was 66.

"He provided a voice to the voiceless, hope to those who were losing hope and leadership to those who had will, but weren't sure of the way," Polanco told a group of about 500.

"We want the state where Cesar lived . . . to honor one of the best leaders of the 20th century and give him a paid state holiday," Evelina Alarcon, an organizer of the event, told the Associated Press. "We won't stop until we get it."

Utah

-New mayor may boot Latino police chief-

Last week's election of Salt Lake City's mayor-elect, Rocky Anderson, was not welcome news to Police Chief Ruben Ortega.

Anderson and a number of local Latino leaders want Ortega out. The mayor-elect didn't like his management style. Latino leaders were angered by Ortega's position that the city actively assist the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service's efforts to identify and deport undocumented immigrants.

Ortega's fate seems sealed. According to the Salt Lake Tribune, Anderson won't be firing anyone immediately, "But surely some ? will be gone in January. Anderson plans to have an interim police chief picked before he takes office."

The mayor-elect has already announced that he plans to meet with a number of city and state leaders before he is sworn in Jan. 3, including Ortega, who took out a full-page ad supporting Anderson's opponent and contributed \$8,000 to his campaign.

For his part, Ortega doesn't seem terribly upset by his likely ouster. Quoting the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., Ortega told

the

Salt Lake newspaper, "Free at last. Free at least. Thank God, I'm free at last."

Florida

-Miami mayor will likely face strong challengers-

The election is still almost five months away, but Miami Mayor Joe Carollo already has at least two opponents, including an old nemesis.

In one fell swoop, the approval Nov. 2 of Amendment 1 eliminated City Manager

Donald Warshaw's job, created a so called "strong-mayor" office, and set a March 14 special mayoral election. As a result, Carollo now faces two former mayors in the race to keep his own job.

Former Mayor Maurice Ferre has said he may compete. He plans to decide once the Clinton administration announces if he will be picked to serve as the next U.S. ambassador for the Organization of American States. Former Mayor Xavier Suarez, whom Carollo defeated in a controversial race, also plans to run.

The Miami Herald reported that other potential mayoral candidates include:

"former City Commissioner Victor De Yurre and current City Commissioners

Joe

Sanchez, Tomas Regalado and Wifredo ?Willy? Gort."

A recent poll in Miami found 33 percent of those surveyed would support

Ferre. Carollo received 25 percent and Suarez 19 percent in the same poll.

Exit polls last week found that most Latinos in Miami supported Amendment

I.

Political analysts, however, say it was the city?s African American voters

who put the measure over the top. About 70 percent of the city?s Black

voters

supported the measure.

Florida Memorial College sociology professor Sandra Thompson told the Miami

Herald the election?s turnout among Black voters may force the candidates

in

next year?s mayoral election to pay more attention to African American

issues.

Texas

-Van de Putte wins Texas Senate seat-

State Rep. Leticia Van de Putte was the apparent victor in last week?s race

to fill the vacated seat of State Sen. Gregory Luna.

After the Nov. 2 election, Van de Putte ended up in a runoff election with State Rep. Leo Alvarado. But less than 24 hours later, Alvarado dropped out of the race.

"After careful reflection today, it became clear that the only way for me to win this runoff would be to engage in negative campaigning," Alvarado said in a press statement. "Such a campaign is against my nature and would be harmful to the city."

Alvarado called Van de Putte a friend, adding that he did not want to harm their relationship. He told the San Antonio Express-News he plans to seek reelection to his District 116 House seat next year.

Luna retired earlier this year due to health problems. He suffers from diabetes.

Van de Putte, meanwhile, must run for reelection to the Senate next November.

Oregon

-Dead immigrants memorialized-

A coalition of Oregon immigrants rights groups held a Day of the Dead ceremony Nov. 2 as a memorial to the approximately 300 undocumented immigrants who die annually crossing the border into the United States.

Groups in 19 cities nationwide were scheduled to participate in the vigil, according to an e-mail statement issued by Ramon Ramirez, a spokesman for CAUSA, an Oregon immigrants advocacy group.

In Salem, Oregon, immigrants rights advocates rallied at the Capitol to protest U.S. Border Patrol enforcement methods that they say cause the deaths

of many of those crossing the border. Border Patrol crackdowns at traditional crossing points along the Southwest border have force illegal immigrants to cross the border in more remote regions, subjecting them to greater risks.

The goal, said Ramirez, was to send the message "that the INS and Congress must be held accountable for strategies that lead to the loss of human life and dignity."

The protesters displayed 300 crosses; one for each immigrant who died each year trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border.

Word for Word

-Reconcilable differences-

"Abuelita can watch whatever awful soap opera she wants in whatever language she wants, and it's none of any politician's business. Racial reconciliation can come about only when Americans actually enjoy each of the differences born of cultural diversity, not when Pat Buchanan commands us to erase them."

-Syndicated columnist Roger Hernandez

Source: www.Latinolink.com

-McCain, the fighter-

"Sometimes that may come off to some people as harsh, but I find that refreshing."

-Tom Espinoza, vice president of civil rights for the National Council of La Raza, on the perception that GOP presidential candidate John McCain has

something of a temper.

Source: Associated Press

El Mundo Latino

Uruguay

-Leftist in runoff for president-

In Uruguay's Oct. 31 general elections, presidential candidate and former

Montevideo Mayor Tabare Ramon Vazquez Rosas of the leftist Progressive

Encounter-Broad Front will advance to a runoff election Nov. 28 against Colorado Party candidate Jorge Luis Batlle Ibanez, according to the EFE

news

agency.

Spain/Argentina

-Spanish Judge orders arrest of Argentines-

Spanish judge Baltasar Garzon has issued arrest warrants for 98 Argentine

citizens on charges of genocide, terrorism and torture for their roles in developing and carrying out "a systematic plan of disappearance and physical elimination of groups of citizens" who opposed Argentina's 1976-1983 military regime.

Garzon's order also authorizes a freeze on the assets of those accused and includes a "tacit extradition request for those implicated," according to prosecuting attorneys.

Garzon is the same judge who has demanded the extradition of ex-Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet from England. Pinochet is under house arrest there.

He is accused of orchestrating the arrest and torture of political opponents in Chile.

Mexico

-Zapatista ally, Bishop Ruiz retires-

Samuel Ruiz Garcia, Roman Catholic bishop of San Cristobal de las Casas in the southeastern Mexican state of Chiapas, submitted his

resignation on Nov. 3, his 75th birthday, reluctantly accepting a church tradition that bishops retire at 75.

Ruiz presided over the diocese for 40 years, starting as a conservative but turning into a supporter of liberation theology and an advocate for the indigenous people who make up the majority of the population around San Cristobal.

"There is a great passion for social change or transformation [in Mexico]," said Ruiz in his last Sunday homily on Oct. 31, according to the Associated Press. "But what also is evident is the corruption of our system, which exhibits itself through buying people for their votes and every other kind of pressure."

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-Through-Nov. 28: Diego Rivera: Art and Revolution. The exhibit provides a sweeping view of Rivera's work. The exhibition is being held in Houston at the Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet (at Main), 713- 639-7300. Alison de Lima Greene, curator of twentieth-century art at the museum, is coordinating it. Visit www.mfah.org.

-Through Dec. 2: "El Norte," an exhibition of contemporary Latino American art reflecting on the diverse immigration experiences of Latino American immigrants to the U.S. from Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, including Frank Romero, Alma Lopez, Michael & Magdalena Frimkess, and Grupo de Artistas Salvadorenos. Joslyn Fine Arts Gallery, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Torrance. Contact 310-781-7159. or MFiguerola@TORRNET.COM

-Nov 15-17: "Se Habla Espa?ol Hispanic Market & Media Expo," Hilton Burbank Airport and Convention Center Burbank, Calif. Includes professional workshops, black-tie gala honoring "the best in Hispanic communicators," career fair and small business symposium. Sponsored by Hispanic Business, Inc. Contact 805 964-4554 x 605, or eventsales@mail.hbinc.com, <http://www.hispanstar.com>.

-Through Nov. 19: Artist Alfredo de Batuc, "Passion, Politics, Phallic," ROARK studio, 424 Boyd Street, Los Angeles. The work of Alfredo de Batuc's sense of the erotic permeates his playful take on politics and social issues.

The Los Angeles City Hall is a constant in his work. De Batuc has exhibited at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Casa de Las Am?ricas, Madrid; Museo

Estudio Diego Rivera, M?xico City; and Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, Calif. For more information, call 213-621-3153 or 213-626-0577 or email alfredo@debatuc.com.

-Nov. 19: Hispanic Lifestyle Magazine's 4th annual Inland Empire Small Business Expo & Hispanic Business Recognition Luncheon. Three business seminar sessions, over 70 exhibitors and a luncheon recognizing the Inland Empire's top Hispanic owned businesses. The business expo will begin at 8 a.m. with networking/exhibits. Doubletree Inn, Ontario, California. For more information, please call 909-328-1385 or go to www.HISPANICLIFESTYLE.com.

-Nov. 20-21: Actor Edward James Olmos presents the first Chicago Latino Book & Family Festival, promoting literacy, culture and education, Sportsman?s Park, 3301 South Laramie Ave., Cicero Ill. The festival will feature dozens of authors, educational workshops, book signings, poetry readings, children?s events, live entertainment, food and hundreds of exhibitor booths. The 1999 Los Angeles fall festival drew 48,500 visitors. For information, call 708-656-6666, 323-255-9206 or visit www.latinofestivals.com.

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