

Important Dates:

Vega Birthday's

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11-3 Memo Casillas
11-22 Sal Cervantes Sr
11-30 Sergio Jr.
12-15 Alma Gomez
12-22 Mathew Pena
12-22 Adriana Vega
12-23 Marcos Vega

Holiday's Dates:

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Why do I need to do this?

First of all I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a GREAT CHRISTMAS! I hope you're able to get everything you want this year from Santa Claus. I know I have had a great year with a lot of ups and downs.

I have gotten a lot of questions of why I do this newsletter or why do I even care about doing this? In a quick but brief answer I do it because I love each one of you guys. Also, I don't want to lose touch with you either. I do this to make sure that when our parents pass away or even our grandmother who has blessed us with a GREAT BIG FAMILY we can still keep in touch.

The only way to do so is to make this newsletter. By making you guys talk to one another. In speaking to several of you by phone, mail, and email it sounds like you want to know about one another. So this is where I come in. I will only put info that you want me to put and the rest will stay with me.

TRUST is a big word that for some reason we have lacked in our family because of several reasons, which I don't know about and wish to not know. If you have any issues with me about this please consult me.

RUMOR is a word that has killed a lot of healthy and long lasting relationships with our family. This must stop and will not be tolerated with this newsletter. If you have any issue with someone in our family I request that you call that person and deal with it one on one. You want to put it on the newsletter go ahead. Communication is the key to a healthy relationship with anyone including the family. Remember that this is a newsletter where you can say anything and put anything about you but not about someone else.

One more thing and I will stop speaking and let the rest start. I wanted to thank several people in my family for this past year that have helped my family and me. Tio Tony & Tia Mary for visiting us and helping us out in our new home. Our cousin Alma and Juan Carlos for also visiting and helping us with our new home. Tio Alfonso & Tia Elsa for being gracious hosts when visiting Oakley. Tio Nelson & Tia Tere also for being very warming and generous to my wife and I. Our cousins Gabe, Virgie, Jose, and Ruth in Bakersfield for being very cool when we visited their home. My email buddies Jorge and Vero who will email me @ least 3 to 5 emails of jokes every week to make me laugh. Keep them coming guys I will forward some to our family.

Last and not least to my Mom and Dad who have put forth great efforts to making sure that I stay focused! Also, that trust, love, kindness, and communication is key in order to succeed in life.

Well, Thanks to everyone who has made this year a good year for my family. God Bless everyone and have a great holiday season!

--- Chavin



Vega Family News:

News by Name:

Information:

Grandma Catalina will be traveling to Mexico in early December to visit the family. She will visit Tio Chato and Tia Coco who will be having their 35th Wedding Anniversary Party.

Vega's currently in school:

Eddie – College
Chris – Jr. College
Katie – Jr. College
Virgie – Jr. College
David – College
Marcos – College
Tony Jr. – High School
Isabel – Middle School
Alma – Jr. College
Martha – Jr. College

Grandma Catalina Vega Gil



SALUDOS A TODOS e ABRAZO a todos! God Bless everyone!
December 3, 2003 I will be visiting MEXICO!

Tio Alfonso & Tia Elsa



Saludos a todos e que tiegan un feliz dia de Thanksgiving!

Sergio Vega Jr.

No news to report....

David Vega

No news to report....

Marcos Vega

Going to school and learning, learning, learning.....



Tio Luis & Tia Blanca

Saludos a Todos!!!

Jorge Luis Vega

No news to report....

**Cousins Favorite
Soccer Team:**

CHIVAS

Carlos
Paco
Beto
Tony Jr.
Alex
Jorge

America

Chavin
Juan Carlos

**Favorite NFL
Football Team:**

Raiders

Carlos
Alex
Jose
Gabe
Chris
Chavin

49ers

Hector
Johnny
Katie
Eddie

Please be part of this information section by letting me know what team you like. I will put your name down next month.

Carlos & Martha Vega

Go Raiders!, Go Lakers!, and Go

CHIVAS

Chuy & Veronica Arreola

Thanks to everyone who attended my dad's 60th birthday party. Muchísimas Gracias a los que nos acompañaron a celebrar los 60 años de mi papa. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



Alex Vega

Has recently starting working for PG & E in the Stockton Area.
(info provided by Carlos)

Tio Roberto Vega

No news to report....

Beto & Sara Vega

Go CHIVAS! "SALUDOS A TODOS"



Paco Vega

No news to report....

Tio Tony & Tia Mary Garcia

Go CHIVAS! Saludos a todos e que estén bien! Feliz día del Pavo!



This is the question of the month. Who ever solves this question will win a prize and it will be mailed to your house next month especially for Christmas. Rules are simple 1st person to mail out the letter in reply to this will win. Prize value @ \$20.

Here is the Question of the month?

What cousin in our family has meet and spoke with a famous football player and took a picture?

Hint: The football player was Jerry Rice WR for the Oakland Raiders

If you know the answer to this please mail in on a self addressed envelope to:
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95660

The winner and answer will be in the next newsletter.

GOOD LUCK!

Jorge Vega

Hi to everyone! Email me and I will email you jokes....
I hope everyone has a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



Juan Carlos & Alma Gomez

Juan Carlos is working hard and still doing what he does best! Alma is going to school and taking care of the kids. She says HI to everyone...
Have a GREAT THANKGIVING!



Erika Vega

Saludos a Todos! Can you name that child?



Tony Jr.

Rock On! Go Chivas!



What cities do our cousins live in?

California Cities:

- Oakley
- Brentwood
- Pittsburg
- Clayton
- Antioch
- San Lorenzo
- North Highlands
- Fresno
- Bakersfield
- San Francisco
- Oxnard
- Los Angeles

How many cousins voted for the new Governor of California?

4 cousins out of 26 cousins that sent in info.

If you are not listed here please participate with this newsletter.

Just email me at primosunidos2000@yahoo.com or send me a letter to Primos Unidos 2003 7316 Danfield Circle North Highlands, CA 95660

Isabel

No news to report....

Tio Nelson & Tia Tere

Saludos a todos and Go Colombia! We are grandparents once more!



Jose & Ruth Pena

New born baby girl!

Info: 7 lbs 4oz 20" inches

Nombre: Kaylene Sari Pena ----->



Gabe & Virgie Pena



Hey Sal, pass this message along to everyone....

Jose and Ruth Pena have a new addition to their family. A baby girl. Born October 23, 2003 around 6:23 pm. I don't have any more details but will pass them along as soon as I get them. Both mom and daughter are doing fine. As well as Jose.

Tio Salvador & Tia Katty



Mi opinión es que SÍ sigas con ese medio de comunicación que puede unir, sino a todos a buena parte de los primos... unidos. Deja que los desunidos se queden desunidos, ya algún día se unirán pero no por eso Desistas de unir a los que se pueden unir.

Un abrazo

-- Salvador Cervantes

Information about the family website and is it still up?

I have been getting a lot of emails from Mexico to Brentwood, CA about our family website and is it still up or not. The answer is yes it is up and running but it was down because of the company that I was using to host the website wasn't free anymore. I did receive contributions from the family to keep the website up and running but the cost was going to be too much. So I took down the website and made it quite simple. The website is now hosted by geocities.com and provides a free service with some ads that run in the upper right hand side. I am looking to find another service provider that I can put our website back on. If anyone has any info about how I should approach this please let me know. For right now I will be mailing the newsletters to everyone and emailing them to people who have the internet.

Eddie Cervantes

No news to report....

Chris Cervantes

He is still going to school and working for a collection company for school loans so if you have a loan watch out because Chris may be calling you!

Brian & Katie Nicols

Brian is still hard @ work! Katie is still going to school and now teaching @ High school. Hi to everyone! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



John McHugh & Tia Pera

No news to report....

Memo Casillas

No news to report....

Leo & Perita

No news to report....



Brenda Casillas

No news to report....

Pepe Casillas

No news to report....

News in Spanish:

El actor de origen austriaco se impuso en las elecciones del pasado 7 de octubre

CALIFORNIA, Estados Unidos, nov. 17, 2003.- El actor de origen austriaco Arnold Schwarzenegger juró este lunes como gobernador del estado norteamericano de California ante 8 mil espectadores. Schwarzenegger formuló su juramento en la capital del estado, Sacramento, después de imponerse en las elecciones del 7 de octubre que también decidieron la salida anticipada de su predecesor, Gray Davis, quien había sido duramente criticado por el manejo de la crisis financiera y presupuestaria de California.

LOS ANGELES, Estados Unidos, oct. 19, 2003.- La Hermandad Mexicana en Los Angeles, California, analiza hoy la forma de salvar una ley que beneficia a inmigrantes sin documentos, que el gobernador electo Arnold Schwarzenegger amenaza con derogar. La entrega de licencias de conducir a inmigrantes sin documentos enfrenta a grupos a favor y en contra de controlar el flujo de ilegales en California, el estado más poblado y diverso del país. Schwarzenegger, quien ganó unas controvertidas elecciones estatales el pasado día 7, ha reiterado su promesa de derogar la

Tio Manual & Tia Alicia Vega

Como has estado? Nosotros por aca muy contentos y felices y gracias a dios bien de salud, celebrando la llegada de nuestro nieto, de Manuel y de mi, el baby de Hector y Maribel (Mari). La informacion del Baby es esta: Nombre: Hector Manuel Vega Jr., Nacio: Nov. 5, Peso: 7.8 Lbs, Midio: 20 pulgadas. Hospital St. Agnes, in Fresno. Papas: Hector M. & Maribel; Abuelos (Grandpa & Grandma): Manuel & Alicia Vega.

Otra cosa, por favor invitamos a todos para el sabado a una carne asada para celebrar la llegada de Hector Manuel Junior y Mari's B'day.

Hector & Maribel

New parents!

Baby ----->

Hector Manuel Jr.



Johnny Vega

New Uncle!

Messages from Mexico

Tio Pepe

Chavin, me da gusto recibir tu correo. Se que estás muy ocupado, pero te doy las gracias por darte el tiempo de escribirme. Como tú ya sabes, Ivan es Salesiano y ahora lo cambiaron de México a León, Gto. Juan está como Psicologo en una escuela de monjas Fransicanas.

Arturo que se casó en Junio, está ejerciendo su profesión de Médico en el Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social y anoche me habló para decirme que salió positiva la prueba de embarazo, por lo que viene en camino un nuevo nieto, con el que ya serán 4, 3 de Juan y este de Arturo.

Yo sigo laborando para BBVA-Bancomer aquí en Guadalajara.

El fin de semana pasado fuí a Lázaro Cárdenas y conviví con la familia de Miguel. En lo que cabe, todos están bien.

Recibe un cariñoso saludo y ojalá puedas tgraer a tu familia a que conozca Guadalajara.

Saludos.

ley, promulgada recientemente por el gobernador demócrata Gray Davis, revocado por un referéndum popular en esa misma fecha. El grupo, que aboga por los derechos de los inmigrantes, inició hoy su conferencia nacional para analizar estrategias para proteger ese beneficio. Mientras, la Asamblea Republicana de California, de corte conservador, ha iniciado una recolección de firmas para lograr que la posible revocación de la ley, que entraría en vigor en enero próximo, sea llevada a votación en marzo de 2004. Según ese grupo, se han recolectado ya cerca de 40.000 firmas, aunque necesita al menos 375.000 para el próximo 7 de diciembre, para que prospere su idea de someterla a la voluntad del electorado californiano. La ley, al igual que otras aprobadas en diversos estados del país, no ofrece estatus de legalidad a los inmigrantes indocumentados pero les permite obtener licencias de conducir.

Pese a la ola de protestas, el premier británico señala que es el momento de 'mantenernos firmes con EU'

LONDRES, Inglaterra, nov. 17, 2003.- El primer ministro británico, Tony Blair, defendió hoy, lunes, su decisión de invitar al presidente de Estados Unidos, George W. Bush, a visitar esta semana el Reino Unido pese a las protestas de grupos contrarios a la guerra en

Guicho Vega

Claro que si me interesa primo bueno aprovecho para mandarte muchos saludos y espero que estes bien y toda tu familia y espero que esto siga y te encargo por favor mandame tu correo por que el que tenias de hotmail ya no esta activo sale cuidate y me dio gusto que trates de seguir con lo de los primos unidos bye. guicho

Websites for the Family

I have been running my own business now for a couple of years and have fully involved myself in reading and surfing the web. I have found a couple of useful websites that you may find interesting and useful for you to read and even learn something new about Parenting, Adulthood, and health.

It's a good idea to use the Web sometimes to learn about different subjects that you're afraid to even ask your mother, husband, brother/sister or friend.

So I went ahead and listed a few websites below that are pretty cool....

www.family.org = Focus on the Family began in 1977 in response to Dr. James Dobson's increasing concern for the American family. A Ph.D. in child development (University of Southern California), he had served 14 years as associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the USC School of Medicine and a concurrent 17 years on the attending staff of Los Angeles Children's Hospital in the divisions of Child Development and Medical Genetics. What he had seen included massive internal and external pressures on American households, causing unprecedented disintegration. Yet there seemed to be no comprehensive, rational and biblically based conception of the family for those in greatest need. **I have chosen this website because it hits on all aspects of the family from husband and wife issues to how to raise your child. Let me know if you find this useful.**

www.catholicweb.com = CatholicWeb.com offers online resources for Catholics and individuals interested in the Catholic faith. Visitors can access the CatholicWeb directory and database, view Catholic content/media, and access other online tools/services. One of the primary missions of CatholicWeb.com is to help provide all Catholic Churches in need with free Web site hosting and E-mail service. This is made possible through Sponsor advertising and contributions from Catholic companies and organizations. This website I recommend for people who want to know what is going on in the Catholic church and have religious questions that need quick answers. **I still think the best way to get an answer is to go and see your local priest. But if you don't have time check out this website. Let me know if you find this useful.**

www.catholic.net = **Catholic.net** is the new, successor site to the **Catholic Information Center on the Internet (CICI)**, one of the pioneering Catholic web sites since its inception in 1995.

In the new Catholic.net, you'll find everything you've come to expect from CICI - access to leading Catholic magazines and newspapers, papal encyclicals, Church documents, helpful devotional services - all in a new, smartly-designed and streamlined format.

Irak.

Con motivo de una intervención ante la conferencia de la Confederación de la Industria Británica (CBI), que se celebra en la ciudad inglesa de Birmingham, Blair recordó los recientes ataques en Turquía y Arabia Saudita e insistió en que este es el momento oportuno para que Bush haga una visita de Estado al Reino Unido. "Este es el momento para mantenernos firmes con Estados Unidos en derrotar el terrorismo", dijo Blair, quien consideró que se trata de la amenaza a la seguridad del siglo XXI.

Hay que afrontar "lo que pasa alrededor del mundo, los peligros y amenazas del terrorismo y esos estados represores que asesinan literalmente a miles, cientos de miles de personas", afirmó el primer ministro.

La visita que Bush empieza mañana al Reino Unido, hasta el día 21, es centro de la polémica por el malestar de la "Coalición Parada la Guerra", contraria a la presencia del presidente en Londres.

Esa coalición tiene programada para el jueves una gran manifestación en Londres, a la que se sumará gente de todo el país, como sindicalistas, asociaciones islámicas, ecologistas, pacifistas, políticos de izquierda y estudiantes

But there's more. Every day, you'll get the latest Catholic news from around the world, straight from the highly regarded, Rome-based Zenit News Service. And on a weekly basis, you'll get a sampling of the most relevant and stimulating Catholic content, culled from hundreds of Catholic publications and web sites. They'll be highlighted in our newsletter, delivered weekly to your e-mail box.

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Catholic.net is the answer to that problem. Instead of spending hours searching and researching on your own, Catholic.net does it for you. We sift through the quantity on the web to bring you the quality. We act as your personal gateway to the internet.

As we enter the new Millenium, we look forward, with the help of God's grace, to serving your information needs, and to working with you to help the Church build the civilization of truth and love.

This website is for people who love and are involved with the church like most of our parents are. So if you want to know biblical study and learn more try this website. Let me know if you find this useful.

www.webmd.com = All about your health website.

WebMD provides valuable health information, tools for managing your health, and support to those who seek information. You can trust that our content is timely and credible.

The WebMD content staff blends award-winning expertise in medicine, journalism, health communication and content creation to bring you the best health information possible.

My top recommendation to this website that uses all doctor info for the common person to read. Anyone who is sick and needs info about it. You can come here and read all about it. Let me know if you find this useful.

www.cputuneup.com - this is my company's website and I have listed useful information about computer problems and other software and computer viruses issues that are infecting PC's. I have listed all brand names of computer makers and their websites for any technical support concerning their PCs.

I have also listed all Microsoft operation systems and their update websites to make sure that everyone's operation system is updated. This is something that is overlooked by everyone for some reason or another. Remember that Microsoft Windows 95/98/98SE/ME/2000/XP have to be updated at least once a month to avoid any problems with the operation system. Or in other words to avoid "BLUE SCREENS" and other sort of problems that Microsoft Windows sometimes happen.

I also list the main vendors for security on your personal computer system. Like McAfee, Symantec (Norton), and other companies. I have an updated web page every day to let you know what virus is out there that might affect your personal computer. So let me know if there is anything that you recommend that I should put on my website. I will take every suggestion and change my website. **Let me know if you find this useful.**

News in your Area

National News

Ex-Mexico Consul Arrested in Migrant Case

11-13-2003, 8:15 PM ET

By LISA J. ADAMS, Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY - A former Mexican consul to Lebanon has been arrested on charges of helping a smuggling ring move Arab migrants into the United States from Mexico, federal agents said Thursday.

Imelda Ortiz, detained late Wednesday in Mexico City, is the fourth alleged member of the ring captured in three days.

Reforma newspaper quoted a federal investigator as saying that agents did not have any knowledge of links between the alleged smuggling ring and terrorists. Attorney General spokeswoman Elizabeth Juarez said she could neither confirm nor deny the report.

Mexican authorities have worked closely with their U.S. counterparts to tighten border security in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Since then, there has been no evidence of any terrorists successfully entering the United States from Mexico.

Ortiz, a 25-year foreign service employee, was fired in May

Cuts in State Budget on the Table, Sources Say

SACRAMENTO (Fri Nov 14, 11:35 AM ET) — Aides to Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger presented him with a series of budget-balancing choices this week that included cuts in higher education and mental health programs, according to informed sources who spoke on the condition that they not be identified.

The proposals came during five hours of confidential meetings with Schwarzenegger's top fiscal advisors Wednesday, after which the group adjourned with no consensus on how best to begin cutting services to attack the state's multibillion-dollar deficit.

Incoming Finance Director Donna Arduin suggested the cuts in education and health. The proposals came from the Finance Department's staff members, who had worked through the weekend, combing the budget for places to trim.

Schwarzenegger assumes office Monday and is expected to present budget proposals the next day to a special session of the Legislature. Among them are likely to be a bond that would pay off the state's past short-term debt and an annual cap to keep lawmakers in the future from spending more than the state receives in revenue.

Article written by: *Evan Halper, Jeffrey L. Rabin and Nancy Vogel*

Shell closing Bakersfield refinery

By David Whelan
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

MARTINEZ - By the end of next summer California will have one fewer refinery and less California-produced gasoline, as Shell Oil Co. announced plans Thursday to close its Bakersfield Refinery.

"We are a business and we can't continue to lose money," said Aamir Farid, the general manager of both the Bakersfield and the Martinez Shell facilities. The Bakersfield Refinery, with a capacity of 70,000 barrels of crude a day, is less than half the size of its East Bay counterpart. It processes heavy crude oil drilled nearby in the San Joaquin Valley.

As a refiner, Farid would personally have preferred to keep his Bakersfield plant open, but he had to do what he said made economic sense. That means spending an estimated \$200 million to close down the 70-year-old facility, which will result in the loss of jobs for 250 workers and another 150 contractors.

Shell was motivated by the trend of declining output of crude oil in the Central Valley, making it more scarce and thus more expensive to buy and refine. The declining input into the refinery recently reached a tipping point that the company said made operating in Bakersfield no longer profitable.

"(Bakersfield Refinery) sits in its own crude supply," Farid said. "Now that supply is not there anymore." Shell released a chart showing that during this

after 150 Mexican passports were stolen and two others were found to have been issued irregularly at a Mexico City consular office, the Foreign Relations Department said.

A criminal complaint was filed against her in that case, which is still pending and unrelated to her detention as an alleged collaborator of the smuggling ring, the department said.

In 2002, Ortiz became head of the Mexico City consular office where the passports were discovered missing. She served in the passport section in another Mexico City office from December 2001 to July 2002, and from May 1998 to October 2001 was head of the consular section in Lebanon.

On Monday and Tuesday, federal agents arrested alleged ring leader Salim Boughader Mucharrافية along with alleged collaborators Melissa Ataja Valdez and Orlando Alfaro, in the border city of Tijuana.

Boughader Mucharrافية made contact with interested migrants, accompanied them to the U.S. border, arranged the crossings, and negotiated payment for the service, the Attorney General's office said in a news release.

Boughader Mucharrافية, whom authorities identified as being of "Arab origin," was sentenced to a year in prison in the United

decade the "shortfall" of Central Valley production will grow to 140,000 barrels a day.

Shell will still control much of the oil that is pumped there, which it will refine at Martinez. The company decided not to pursue selling the Bakersfield facility because nobody would buy it without access to the nearby crude oil, which Shell was not prepared to sell.

Farid said the company would not actually close down the refinery until the beginning of next October. "We're announcing this many months before the closure so that we don't perpetuate a supply disruption," he said. "It's not typical to announce a refinery closure and then keep it running this long."

Pump prices in California set new records in March and almost did again in August, which was attributed by some observers to supply problems at various refineries and pipelines. The question on some oil analysts' minds Thursday was whether the Bakersfield closure would exacerbate volatility and how it would affect long-term prices.

Shell's Bakersfield refinery accounts for about 2 percent of the state's total gasoline output.

There's already a gas shortage, according to some analysts. "That shortage is increasing now, as we speak. It will be exacerbated by the Bakersfield shut down," said David Hackett, an oil and gas consultant with Stillwater Associates in Irvine. He said the effect on pump prices may be outsized because every new barrel of refined gasoline that will have to be imported from outside the state will be more expensive.

The Bakersfield shortage, combined with other shortages that Hackett predicted will arrive with the ethanol additive law in January, will mean that gas prices will probably go up next year. "The floor will be a few cents higher," he said.

State regulators were also concerned about the Bakersfield closure because they said that roads and pipelines may not be reliable enough to get gasoline to the Central Valley, said Claudia Chandler, the assistant executive director of the California Energy Commission.

Bush Says U.S. Forces Won't Leave Iraq

TERENCE HUNT, AP White House Correspondent 11-17-2003

WASHINGTON - American forces won't leave Iraq when a new interim government takes charge from the U.S. military occupation next year, President Bush said Monday. "We're staying," he pledged. Pointing to the new plan to accelerate Iraq's political transition, Bush said terrorists will not achieve their goal of driving the United States out of Iraq before a new leadership takes hold and brings stability. "We will succeed," the president said. Bush met in the Oval Office with five women who hold positions of influence in Iraq. Songul Chapouk, founder of the Iraqi Women's Organization in Kirkuk, pleaded with him not to withdraw U.S. troops. "We need them because we have open borders and we don't have an army and we don't have trained policemen, so we need them at this time," she said. Bush had an immediate answer. "I

States last year after being convicted of smuggling 200 illegal Lebanese migrants across the border, the authorities said.

Alfaro was deported by the United States for being there illegally, then arrested by Mexican agents after he crossed the border.

If you would like to participate and be part of the newsletter for next month just send me an email or write me a letter on anything you would like to put on this newsletter from jokes, to special events, to information about your personal life, to tickets to a RAIDER's game or even just to say "HELLO" you can just let me know what you want to say and I will put it on the next newsletter.

This invitation goes to wives, husbands, and kids of our extended family.

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assured these five women that America wasn't leaving. When they hear me say we're staying, that means we're staying."

More than 400 U.S. troops have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq. The rising casualties have put pressure on Bush to scale down U.S. forces as he heads into a re-election fight. Under a troop rotation plan announced last week, the overall number of American troops in Iraq will fall to 105,000 by May from the current 130,000.

Primos Unidos Reunion 2004

In speaking to everyone about the last time when we all got together which was Lita's 90th birthday party in April. It seems to be a festive occasion that everyone got to participate and have a good time. From bringing food to putting up chairs and tables everyone got to do something. The smaller kids got to hit the piñata with lita and the parents got to play football in the baseball field. Our parents got to sing to our grandmother and show her what our parents are truly about.



Tia Tere, Tia Pera, Tia Mary, Tia Katty, Tio Alfonso, Tio Jose Luis, & Tio Manuel

My opinion is that we still get the family together no matter what it takes so we can share these moments. At least once a year to get everyone together and enjoy our cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews, and new members to the family. Like Hector Manuel jr. and Kaylene Sari Pena who have been just recently born and are members to our growing family of VEGA's....

If you have any comments, questions, concerns, or anything to tell me on how to improve this newsletter please email me @ primosunidos2000@yahoo.com or send me a letter. You can always call me also anytime @ (916) 338-2283.

Have a GREAT MONTH! GOD BLESS EVERYONE!