

FNP 64 Summary
Horacio Aguirre
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Horacio Aguirre begins by giving his family history and background (page 1). He tells about his decision to start a newspaper in Miami, *Diario Las Americas*, and the purpose it was meant to serve [1953] (page 1-2). He talks about the history of the paper, the intended audience, the initial form of the newspaper, its circulation, and how news from other countries is incorporated into its pages (page 2-3). He gives the publishing cycle for the newspaper and the current circulation around the world (pages 3-4). He discusses the importance of advertisements as the paper's largest source of income and as a source of information to readers (page 4-5).

He talks about his views of editorial writing and subjects he has written on in the past (pages 5-10). He also talks about the changes he has seen in letters to the editor over the years (pages 7-8). He states the editorial position he gave on the Elian Gonzalez case (pages 9-10). He talks about the changing technology of newspapers since he began and his opinion of hard copy newspapers versus Internet newspapers (pages 10-11).

Mr. Aguirre discusses how the roles of women and minorities have changed during the forty-nine years he's been in the publishing business (page 11-13). A discussion of his civic contributions ensues (pages 13-14). He talks about the position of the Cuban exiles, especially the effect of the Mariel Boat Lift [1960-1961] (pages 14-15). He talks about his feelings towards immigration and immigration rights (pages 15-18).

He talks about the relations between Cubans and other Hispanics in the United States, and how they identify themselves as American (pages 18-20). He talks about whether there is truth in the white flight theory (page 20). He talks about his feelings towards making English the official language of Florida, and the importance of speaking Spanish in the Hispanic community (pages 20-22). He then talks about relationships between the African American community and the Hispanic community (pages 23-24).

Mr. Aguirre states the importance of editorial recommendations during elections, both local and national, and shares his endorsement of President George W. Bush during the 2000 presidential election (pages 24-25). He shares some specific opinions he gave during the election debate, and the political views of the Hispanic community as a whole (pages 25-26).

Finally, Mr. Aguirre shares the main contributions that *Diario Las Americas* has made in the Hispanic community since he began publishing the paper forty-nine years ago (pages 26-27)