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Planning the opening of Sen. Gibson Armstrong's new office on South Queen Street are, from left, Manuel Roman, a bilingual assistant in the office; Carlos Graupera of the Spanish American Civic Association; Armstrong; Quentin Miller of Progressive Investments; and Milton Boundrant of the Urban League.

Armstrong opens new office Oct. 7



By Stephen Kopfinger Sunday News Staff Writer

In a move to increase visibility and accessibility within Lancaster's Hispanic community, State Sen. Gibson Armstrong, R-13th District, soon will open a new office at 140 S. Queen St.

Armstrong said that the new office, owned by Progressive Investments, Inc. and housed in a former storefront near the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, represents more than a change of location from his former quarters in the Griest Building.

"This is the first office in the heart of the Latino community in the House and Senate," he noted.

"One of the problems we had in the Griest Building was that we were not as visible," Armstrong added. "We're committed to helping the community – we always have been – but this will make us more visible."

The office will employ a staff of two, including Manuel Roman, a bilingual assistant who interned with the Chamber. Target date for the opening is Oct. 7.

Carlos Graupera, director of the Spanish American Civic Association noted that the organization encouraged Armstrong's decision.

The office is also a boost for Progressive Investments, which owns 15 of the approximately 32 buildings available for residential use on the 100 block of South Queen Street.

"This enhances the whole area," said Quentin Miller of Progressive, which kicked off a revitalization campaign for the block last year.