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Ray Quinto to be promoted to Captain in the United States Naval Reserve

Navy Commander Ray Quinto receives promotion to Captain in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Naval Reserve

Ray Quinto, well-known community activist in the Inland Empire, has been notified by the Office of the Secretary of the Navy of his promotion to the rank of permanent captain in the Medical Service Corps, Naval Reserve. Quinto’s promotion will be effective in fiscal year 1997, beginning October 1, 1996.

In August, 1996, Quinto will have served 36 years in the regular Navy and Naval Reserve, entering the service at 17 years of age. Quinto has primarily served in the naval medical service as a seaman recruit progressing through the ranks to chief hospital corpsman in 1971. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was thereafter honorably discharged and continued service in the Naval Reserve.

In 1978, Quinto was commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade. In 1980, he was promoted to full lieutenant, junior grade. In 1985 and full lieutenant, junior grade. In 1991, Quinto’s promotion will be effective in fiscal year 1997, beginning October 1, 1996.

In his civilian career, Quinto has received four superior performance ratings. In 1987, he received the prestigious U.S. Congressional Excalibur Award for federal employees!

Other awards have included Citizen of the Year; League of Women Voters, American G.I. Forum, Inland Empire Hispanic Democrats; Kiwanian of the Year, 1984-1987, 1987, 1990, Division 36; Kiwanian of the Year, Special Recognition-Sister City (for his efforts in establishing a dental and blood bank clinic in Mexicali) and Special Community Award-Casa Ramona, among others.

In a telephone interview with the Hispanic News, Quinto issued the following statement, “my life has been dedicated to public service. I enjoy working for the Department of Veterans Affairs and will continue to serve my country and community through volunteer efforts and as a proud member of the United States Navy.”

Ray Cadena appointed to San Bernardino City Schools Board of Education

At a special meeting, the San Bernardino School District Board of Education appointed Ray Cadena as its new member to replace Elisa Diaz who resigned in July. Cadena will serve on the board to November, 1997, when his term expires.

The field of thirteen persons who filed for the position was narrowed to six and the board on August 13 interviewed and selected Cadena, who was sworn immediately.

Other candidates for the position were Virginia Cereceres, Antonio Dupre, Sr., Raymond Navarro, Jr., C.E. Tapias Rohm, Jr. and George Schnarrer.

Cadena is administrative coordinator/affirmative action officer for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. His previous professional experiences were administrative assistant to former 5th district Supervisor Bob Hammock, field representative to former Assembyman Jerry Eaves, Inland Regional Center adult services counselor and standards officer for the Inland Empire Job Corps Center.

Harris Company Department Store and Inland Empire Hispanic News to collaborate in month-long National Hispanic Heritage Month

Harris Department Store, San Bernardino and the Inland Empire Hispanic News are announcing a collaborative month-long program for the forthcoming celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which commences nationwide on September 16 through October 15.

The local celebration is promoting the theme: “Recognition of Education and Law Enforcement” within the San Bernardino Valley. The joint venture will recognize Hispanic educators in the San Bernardino, Colton, and Rialto School Districts and Hispanic law enforcement personnel in the County of San Bernardino, Sheriff’s Department and San Bernardino Police Department.

Other planned activities are the exhibition of paintings by local Hispanic artists, book exhibitions, and an essay contest for elementary school students, exhibited throughout the Harris Department Store. Throughout Hispanic Heritage Month, Harris’ Cafe Madrid will have open lunches at 12:00 PM with keynote speakers scheduled for Thursday, September 12 and each Friday thereafter until October 11.

Harris Department Store was founded by Herman and Philip Harris in 1905 and has been the leading department store for 91 years in the Inland Empire.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News has published a bimonthly newspaper since 1987 that is widely distributed throughout the Inland Empire.

Persons wishing additional information on the program may call June Durrr at (909) 889-0444, ext. 2570 or the Inland Empire Hispanic News at (909) 381-6259.
California Latinos to Play Decisive Role in November Elections

Election Handbook Suggests that Critical Issues and Rise in Naturalizations Will Spur Record Latino Turnout

Cadena Appointment

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Cadena's involvement in school district-related activities: legislative, closed campus, five-year housing, discipline and alternative and textbook review committees. Other activities are: Barton School-vice chair, Richardson Middle School PTA, Pacific Hi Boosters, principal for a day, school mock employment and scholarship trials. He periodically speaks to high school students on higher education.

In a telephone interview, Cadena, who has a BA in Sociology from UCR, said, "As I stated in my interview before the board, my emphasis will be on the dropout rate and school safety. However, after completion of in-depth orientation on the district's status, I will be more able to decide on my concentration at the board level. One area of priority will be the class size reduction at the elementary level."

He stressed his availability to parents, students and persons in the district to discuss public education and problem areas.

Cadena and his wife, Linda, have been married for 16 years and have two daughters attending Richardson Prep Middle School and Pacific High School.

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San Bernardino County Multiple Birth Statistics

According to Eugene Jenkins, statistician for the County of San Bernardino Department of Health, Program Analysis and Statistics, live births that occurred in the county for 1994 were as follows: total births - 27,892, sets of twins-330, sets of triplets-9, sets of quadruplets-2, and sets of quintuplets-1.
The Chavez's wished for a child and got their wish - Fourfold!

When a single birth occurs in a family, the occasion calls for celebration. When quadruplets come into this world, there is a subdued (and shocked) celebration. And this is what happen when, on February 12, 1996, Johuie, Jonathan, Justin and Joshua arrived to be part of the family of John and Maria Chavez.

"John and I wanted a family and when our four boys were born. We were very thrilled and love them very much. Four at one time was quite a shock not only to John and I, but to our whole family," said Maria.

The Chavez's were married after high school in January, 1989, and John enlisted in the Navy. "We wanted to start our family right away and I couldn't get pregnant, which was very frustrating for us," Maria said.

After four years, John was honorably discharged from the Navy and was employed by Gaf in Fontana. Maria went to see her doctor and he began treatment for a period of time.

Maria eventually became pregnant. The doctor took an ultra sound test, announcing that she was having twins. The family was overjoyed at the prospect of twins in the family.

On the second ultra sound test, lo and behold, the doctor announced that Maria would be having triplets. John was a little happy, more or less. When Maria was scheduled for the third ultra sound test, John decided to go with her and, just in case, not be totally surprised if another announcement was forthcoming. After the test, the doctor gave the Chavez's the (good?) news: quadruplets!

Maria was interned in the hospital at 5 1/2 months. In the seven month, the quadruplets were delivered through a caesarian operation.

"All our family were thrilled beyond description. John and I love our sons, and he has been very helpful in caring and feeding and doing what is necessary for the boys," Maria said, "Twins run in both sides of the family and maybe this is a continuation of our genes."

On September 21st, the quadruplets are scheduled to be baptized at St. Adelaide Church in Highland. Godparents are: David and Yolanda Garibaldo-Johnnie, Asencion and Elvia Esmedio-Jonathan, Danny and Jenny Perkins -Justin and Augustine and Nitza Peña-Joshua.

The Inland Empire Hispanic News is asking the public for solicitations for the Chavez quadruplets. The address is: John and Maria Chavez, 7620 Cole Avenue, Highland, CA, 92346.

Pictured above are Maria and John Chavez and their quadruplets, Johnnie, Jonathan, Justin and Joshua (we are guessing).
In 1955, Casa Blanca PTA president Mrs. Ernest Benzor and a committee decided that a branch library was needed in the Casa Blanca area of Riverside as a result of a survey conducted by the group. The survey indicated that 500 elementary school children and several hundred junior and high school students resided in the area; one in fifty children held a library card; the only books that children were exposed to were in a school setting; and the closest library branch was located in the Magnolia Center, outside the respective community's area of activity.

As a result of a petition to the Riverside City Council, a lease was signed in April, 1955, for the first library in Casa Blanca, located at 3133 Madison Avenue. Opened three days a week, the library had part-time staff and volunteers. In 1957, a tutorial program was initiated, consisting of English, mathematics and story and holiday programs, sponsored by the Home of Neighborly Service, with Anne Lindsay as chair.

The branch library outgrew its location and in 1969, the present location at 2895 Madison Avenue was opened. The current library has approximately 8,500 book volume, with emphasis on Mexican-American heritage, adult and juvenile Spanish book collection, English and Spanish records and a subscription list of 42 periodicals. Programs include weekly preschool story classes, school-age tutoring sponsored by the Home of Neighborly Service, visits by the Casa Blanca Special School and Villegas Park day camp and community homes. Other programs include arts and crafts shows exhibited by youth and senior citizens groups.

According to Chuck Gentry, library branch manager, the average monthly attendance for tutoring is 300 children and an average of 1,200 book circulation per month. He stated that a great need exist to expand the small group reading and tutoring of children in the K to 12 grade level. Gentry is assisted by Sylvia Chavirria, library clerk, a student at Cal-State, San Bernardino.

"We attempt to motivate the young children to learn to speak good English and encourage them to have good reading habits," said Gentry. "This is the beginning where young people develop their educational goals."

Gentry stated that the area has a diverse ethnic population consisting of Central and South Americans and a growing Asian population.

Casa Blanca is geographically situated in Riverside's west end and historically, its residents are predominately Hispanics. The families settled in the area in the early part of the century and many still reside in the area. However, many of their siblings have moved out of the area with recent arrivals comprising the major part of the population.
Riverside's Rachelle Hernandez will represent California in National American Petite Beauty Pageant

Rachelle Hernandez

On August 28th, Rachelle Hernandez, a Riverside City resident, will be representing California in the National American Petite Beauty Pageant in North Carolina as a result of being crowned Ms. California Petite Pageant on June 30th!

"My trip to the Nationals will be one of the highlights in my life," said Hernandez. "Up to this point in my life I have been very busy and I feel that this new experience will expose me to additional opportunities for me."

Living in a single family household with an older brother who is a City of Riverside fireman and a younger sister has not been easy for Hernandez, however, early in life she made a choice to make "something of herself."

Attending St. Francis De Sales and Poly High School, she received a BA in Business Administration from Cal-State, San Bernardino, while working two jobs.

"I have survived because we believe in family values. My grandfather, Daniel Avila, now deceased, a Riverside policeman for 33 years and a true patriarch of the community. He taught me the importance of giving."

Hernandez said that her grandfather's son, Richard Avila, is approaching his 33rd year in the Department and his two sons have followed in his footsteps.

Her professional experiences have been working for the County and City of Riverside as a job developer in their respective youth programs and currently is an account executive for Culver Personnel Incorporated in Riverside. Her community involvement includes Riverside's Human Relations Commission, Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Job Developer's Association and volunteer investigator for the Youth Accountability Board.

"In responding to today's ever-changing challenges, individuals need to look within themselves and decide what it is they can do to make a difference. The only way to predict the future is to create it, and it is up to us to do just that," she said.

Shown above are participants of the "Latino Teachers for Tomorrow's Classrooms" campaign, which is sponsored by the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute and KMEX-TV, Channel 34. The campaign encourages Latinos to consider careers in education.
GTE Awards Grant to Crafton Hills College in support of CHC Technology 2000 Plan

In support of the Crafton Hills College (CHC) five-year Technology 2000 plan to upgrade CHC's instructional technology, the GTE Foundation Contributions Program awarded the college with a two-year educational grant totaling $10,000.

GTE Public Affairs Director Gary George of Ontario presented a $5,000 check to Dr. Luis Gomez, CHC president, at a recent San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) Board of Trustees Meeting. The GTE contribution will help purchase computer equipment at the college for the 1996-97 academic year. The second half of the grant will be presented to the college next year.

"GTE has always believed in being a partner to education," George said. "We are making this donation as a means to increase the computer technology at CHC. We want the students to have access to the same type of technology available in the field today."

Dr. Gomez accepted the grant on behalf of the Crafton Hills College Foundation, the organization that originally applied for the GTE grant last year. "Although we have hopes for finding some type of funding for Technology 2000, we were unsure where it would come from," Gomez said. "GTE's donation will boost our efforts to keep pace with computer technology and help make Technology 2000 a reality."

A portion of the state grant was used this spring to purchase 72 new computers for CHC. The computers are being used in a computer lab, a writing lab, and two computer classrooms.

Besides the acquisition of the new computers for 1996-97, the five-year Technology 2000 plan recommends the lease or purchase of 50 to 150 additional up-to-date computers and auxiliary hardware.

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Notice of Board of Education Appointment

The San Bernardino City Unified School District Board of Education appointed Raymond M. Cadena as its newest member on Tuesday, August 13, 1996. Mr. Cadena will complete the term of trustee Elisa Diaz, who resigned effective July 5, 1996. Mr. Cadena's appointment will take place immediately and will extend to November 1997.

Citizens have the right to challenge the appointment by filing a petition signed by 1.5% of the registered voters in the District. If such a petition is filed with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of the appointment, a special election will be called to appoint a Board member.

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Register to Vote Now - And Vote!
MAPA challenges Cadena Appointment

Dr. Elsa Valdez, president of the local chapter of the Mexican-American Political Association, stated that in a special meeting on August 19, that chapter members had voted unanimously to challenge the appointment of Ray Cadena to the San Bernardino Board of Education. Cadena was appointed by the San Bernardino Board of Education on August 13th to replace Eliza Diaz, who resigned after a 12 year tenure. Cadena is administrative coordinator/affirmative action officer for the County Superintendent of Schools.

"We feel that the appointment of Mr. Cadena has caused a conflict of interest as a result of his position with the County Superintendent of Schools," Valdez said.

In an interview, Valdez stated that a candidate should be required to state positions which are of critical interest to the Latino community and children in the district. "Mr. Cadena may not be in a position to oppose a recommendation(s) of the city superintendent of schools due to the presence of assistant superintendent Leslie Pulliam (wife of County Superintendent Barry Pulliam), or independently be outspoken about issues that are of importance to the Latino community," Valdez stated.

A challenge to an appointment requires a petition signed by 1.5% of the registered voters, or 1,412 signatures in the district. The petition would be filed with the county superintendent of schools within 30 days of the appointment, and a special election will be called to appoint a board member.

Cadena's appointment will terminate in November, 1997, at which time an election will be held for four board members on the board of education.

Annual Chicano/Latino Youth Leadership in Sacramento

The Inland Empire was well represented by young students at the 15th Annual Chicano/Latino Youth Leadership Project (CLYLP) in Sacramento conducted this year from July 27th to August 3rd.

Conference Coordinator Josefina Canchola said that 120 students were selected from throughout the state to participate in the prestigious leadership institute from an applicant pool of over 700 students from public and private high schools.

"This has been the largest attendance from the Inland Empire, both in number of students and staff, since the existence of the project," Canchola said.

The CLYLP was developed by Roberto Gracia (who died in April), an education activist at Sacramento State in 1981. Gracia served as its director for 13 years. The CLYLP is governed by a nine-member board of directors.

CLYLP conducts a week-long conference on a series of workshops, seminars and lectures to 10th and 11th grade students on government and its functions, understanding the political process, cultural understanding, economics and the contributions Chicano/Latino has made to California and its society.

The conference and its agenda is conducted by volunteers from throughout California. The Latino volunteers represented every aspect of professional and educational fields.

Student participants were: Nancy Almance, Valerie Arce, Christopher Baca, John Chagolla, Armando Del Portillo, Adelina Figueroa, Lisa Ann Garcia, Avelina Ibarra, Sandra Jimenez, Jorge Negrete, Xotchitl Perez, Blance Quintero, Nancy Reyes, Yessell Reyna and Inese Talavera.

Staff personnel included: Josefina Canchola, Claudia Beltran, Martha Garcia, Juan Rodriguez, Paloma Esquivel, Carol Moreno, Gabriel Perez and Norma Almance.

Valencia Ace, Ramona High School, said, "I learned a lot and met many wonderful people. The experience was great and it gave me the incentive to go out into my community and get involved. The teachers and historians were very helpful. We all felt family at the end of the week. It was great."

John Chagolla, Polly High School, said, "The conference itself is very educational and many people, like myself, will be trying to make goals. It's very emotional and powerful. It made me proud to be a Chicano and let me know that there are people out there trying to help me. It makes me feel comfortable and gives me the incentive to go out and help my community.''

Persons seeking further information on the CLYLP may call Josefina Canchola at (909) 782-5316.

CAL STATE, SAN BERNARDINO

More than 400 Latinos receive degrees

More than 400 Latinos earned bachelor's and master's degrees this year at Cal State, San Bernardino. They represent 16.6 percent of the approximately 2,445 students who have received diplomas this year from the university.

Of the 370 undergraduate Latino students who completed their studies at Cal State, 134 earned degrees in the humanities, which included subjects such as communication, art, foreign languages, English and liberal studies. Eighty-seven graduates were degree-holders in liberal studies, which is the discipline pursued mainly by people who want careers in teaching.

One hundred and five Latinos earned bachelor's degrees in the social and behavioral sciences including psychology, human development and services, criminal justice, social sciences, sociology, political science, anthropology, economics, history and environmental studies. The greatest number of degrees awarded in this school of study was 37 to psychology majors.

In the sciences, 51 Latinos earned undergraduate degrees in biology, physical education, health science, nursing, foods and nutrition, mathematics, chemistry and geology. Twelve persons earning nursing degrees and 11 completing a degree in physical education accounted for nearly one-half of the science graduates.

Additionally, 78 persons bachelors degrees in business administration, two completed degrees in vocational education.

Thirty-seven master's degrees were awarded to Latinos this year in fields ranging from business, education, health services administration and social work to National Security Studies and English composition.

At the beginning of the past academic year, in the fall of 1995, 2,515 Latinos were enrolled at Cal State, San Bernardino. This represented 22.7 percent of the university's student body of 11,957.

"The university continues to make every effort to contact Latino families and their junior high and high school age children to make sure that they are aware of the opportunities at Cal State and our willingness to assist them in pursuing a college degree," says President Anthony Evans.

The latest enrollment information that Cal State, San Bernardino has for fall 1996 indicates that 1,007 new Latino students will be attending classes. This represents a seven percent increase in admitted Latino students as compared to the incoming class of 1995.