Two Riverside Fire Department Captains elevated to Battalion Chiefs as a result of Fair Employment practices agreement

Fire Captains Mike Esparza and David Campos will be promoted to battalion chiefs as a result of an agreement reached with the City of Riverside and a state agency, and in which both claimed being the victims of racial discrimination.

The agreement with the city and the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing specified that both captains will be filling those positions when new openings occur, presumably within a year or two.

Robles Selected as RCC Alumnus of the Year

Ernest Z. Robles, educator, war hero, and principal founder of the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, has been named alumnus of the year by Riverside Community College.

Robles, who grew up in Riverside, attended local schools beginning with the Arlington area Independiente School, Chemawa Junior High, and Poly High School. Upon graduation he enlisted in the Marine corps for a one year enlistment. In September 1950 he briefly enrolled at RCC, but was recalled to active duty as a riflemen at the height of the Korean War.

By December 1950 he was in the front lines with the First Marine Division where he participated in four battle campaigns during some of the hardest fighting of that war. While in Korea, Robles received the Navy’s Commendation Medal for valor in action and was later wounded.

Upon his return, he re-entered RCC with the help of the G.I. Bill where he pursued his studies in American History and was also a member of the Tiger football squad. In 1957 he began teaching in the Riverside Unified School District while attending UCLA during the summers. He was married by this time and had a growing family - eventually to include five children. In 1960 he graduated from UCLA with a degree in American history. Three years later, he received a master's degree from the University of Redlands. His master's thesis on the effects of segregated education on Hispanic American students is considered one of the first studies of its kind in the nation.

Mayor-Elect Judith Valles names Teri Rubi as Chief of Staff

Newly-elected San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles has appointed Teri Rubi to the position of chief of staff, commencing on March 2, 1998, when the new mayor will be sworn in.

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FOURTH ANNUAL GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS DINNER TO HONOR 12 OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS FEB. 26

Twelve outstanding educators from the three institutions of education in San Bernardino will be honored by the Education Roundtable at the Fourth Annual Golden Apple Awards Dinner on Thursday, February 26, at the San Bernardino Hilton. A no-host reception begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person and can be reserved by calling the City of San Bernardino Mayor’s Office at (909) 384-5133.

The educators are from California State University, San Bernardino, San Bernardino Valley College, and the San Bernardino City Unified School District. Honorees include teachers, administrators and professional support staff. The annual awards are given for their outstanding service to education and the community.

The dinner and awards ceremony is televised on KCSB-TV3 in San Bernardino.

Honorees from CSUSB include Cynthia Bird, professor of accounting and finance; Renee Pigeon, associate professor of English; Manuel Castro, sergeant, Public Safety, and Tina Howe, administrative operations analyst, Coachella Valley Center.

Honorees from SBVC include Edith Krache principal of Richardson PREP-HI. Dorian Jones, teacher, Golden Valley Middle School; Jamie Rios, health aide, Arrowview Middle School, and Janet Daniels Bill, communications specialist.

The Education Roundtable was created in 1988 by the mayor of the City of San Bernardino to promote and showcase the excellent programs available to the citizens of the San Bernardino valley. In addition to Mayor Tom Minor, members of the ERT include Albert Karnig, president of CSUSB, Sharon Caballero, president of SBVC, and E. Neal Roberts, superintendent of the SBCUSD.

GINA Makes Her Solo Debut

Eighteen-year-old singing sensation GINA makes her solo debut with the release of her self titled album "GINA". A singer since the age of ten, she initiated her musical career in the cities of El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. In 1996 she was invited to participate in a singing competition "La Voz de El Heraldo de Mexico" where she placed as a grand finalist. "GINA represents the best of the new and pulsating wave of the Mexican Regional musical sound called "Grupera," states Sammy Hernandez, Vice President of Promotion for Quality Latino. Cities such as Los Angeles, Juarez, El Paso, Corpus Christi, Miami, San Antonio, Houston, have all been the stages for GINA's special appearances and concert performances such as the Radio y Musica 1997 convention with Bronco, Hurricanes del Norte, La Diferencia, and Grupo Mojado.

"If you haven't heard GINA, sit down, listen and program," stated Euts "Willy" Plazola, Director of Programming for one of the country's largest radio conglomerates, La "Z" Spanish RadioNetwork. Her current single, "Eres" is being simultaneously released with a state of the art music video which was recently filmed in Los Angeles with multi-nominated and award winning director Hector Rodriguez who has worked with recording artists such as Queen Latifah, Diana Ross, Letty Guval, and Maria Fatal. Her youth, natural beauty, quality of interpretation, bubbly personality and energy are some of her attributes that bond her with the audience. "I love the fans. They are the ones that keep me working so hard," says GINA. January, 1998 marks the month that she will launch her latest single and music video on an international television and radio promotional tour making personal appearances in the most important Latin markets.

Pacific High Student, Mathew Alvarado, to Spend Day with Assemblyman Aguiar

Matthew Alvarado, a senior at Pacific High School, will be flying to Sacramento on February 17 to "shadow" Assemblyman Fred Aguiar. His trip is part of the annual student job shadowing program of the San Bernardino City Unified School District.

Alvarado will attend committee hearings, floor sessions and meetings with the Assemblyman and have an opportunity to ask questions about the operation of state government and career opportunities in government and politics.

An active community volunteer, Alvarado is a member of the Explorer Scout program where he volunteered more than 450 hours. He is interested in the U.S. Coast Guard of U.S. Army and would eventually like to work for the U.S. Secret Service or U.S. Marshall’s office. He has also completed an ROP course in Law Enforcement Protection and a program with the San Bernardino Police Commission that included a study of the San Bernardino government and criminal justice system. He has been a varsity tennis player for three years and is very interested in the theater. He belongs to the Drama club, Theater Arts club, AV club and Video Yearbook club.

Rivera Campaign Plans Fund-raiser March 1 in Colton

Tom Rivera, candidate for San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools will formally launch his campaign at a Memidro Breakfast fund-raiser on Sunday, March 1. The event will be held at the VFW Hall, corner of 8th and Orange streets in Colton. Ticket prices for the homecooked traditional Mexican breakfast are $3.50 per person. It will be served from 8 a.m. til noon. Take-home orders will also be available. For more information, the public may contact Tom Rivera at 825-3894.
Fontana Mexican-American Political Association Installs New Officers at Second Annual Dinner

The Fontana Mexican-American Political Association held its Second Annual Advocacy/Scholarship/Officer Installation Dinner at the Villa Restaurant, Colton. Pictured above is newly installed treasurer Bill Marquez, new chairperson Rosa Loredo and installing officer, Pomona attorney, Francisco Suarez. Officers not in picture are vice chairperson Gilbert Loredo and secretary Hyacinth Monteiro.

Teri Rubi named Mayor Valles' Chief of Staff
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given me an opportunity to expand my knowledge of the federal legislative branch and also serve the total community.

"I am very pleased that Mayor-elect Valles has the confidence to appoint me to this very important position. Mayor-elect Valles and her staff are committed to begin a new era for San Bernardino and confront the new challenges before us," Rubi said.

Rubi previously worked at the University of California, Riverside as a 4-H Early Outreach Extension Program representative, a focus program to motivate and encourage under-represented youth to develop upper-level educational goals and as Special Projects Representative for the Riverside County Office of Education Occupational Program, a program to aid single mothers and displaced homemakers to develop work skills.

A single mother, Rubi attended San Bernardino Valley College to upgrade her education. During her tenure at the college, she was involved in peer counseling and working with single mothers for reentry into college. She graduated with an A.A. in Business and Sociology. She enrolled at Cal-State, San Bernardino, concentrating on business administration and human resources.

Rubi has volunteered her services in many voter registration drives with the National Democratic Hispanics; Riverside County Office of Education Parent Committee; San Bernardino College District Affirmative Action Committee; Beginning Experience; Rape Crisis; Youth Leaders of America; Women in Network; San Salvador Church Parish Advisory Committee; Colton School Site Council; Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino; and Latino JmpAct.

Rubi resides in Grand Terrace. Her children are Jim, David and Kristy.

San Bernardino County Emergency Services: An overview

The State of California requires, by law, that each county is to provide medical services to the indigent and general public on an inpatient or outpatient basis.

San Bernardino Medical Center has provided such medical services since the facility was built in 1927.

One of the busiest divisions at the Center is the Emergency Services, under the direction of its chairman, Dr. Conrad Salinas.

Staff physicians diagnose large numbers of walk-in patients who are either indigent or normally do not have a regular doctor. Patients are treated identically like any private physician treats his patient.

"Normally, we take care of approximately 130 non-emergency patients in any one day," Salinas said. "These patients can be pregnancies, illnesses, cuts, or any of the multiple types of medical needs that the public is confronted with."

The other type is the emergency service, where patients are those involved in accidents, crime, and any other kind where the life of the patient is in peril.

"We have one of two trauma centers in the region, the other center is in the Loma Linda Hospital. Our staff of specialists - are available 24 hours to handle any type of emergency. And we are challenged on a daily basis," said Salinas.

Dr. Conrad Salinas was born and educated in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Antonian High School, the University of Texas, Austin, with a B.A. in Chemistry, and received his MD at the UCLA in 1977.

"My father was a pharmacist and I was always around physicians. And it was natural for me to choose a career in the medical field. However, I was challenged to study hard because the universities selected the cream of cream, the top ten percent of students. And it was never
**Latina Candidates**

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**Nel Soto, Pomona City Councilperson, to run for 61st Assembly District Seat**

"I have chosen to run for the 61st Assembly District because I can make a difference in the educational process," stated Nel Soto, City of Pomona Councilperson, who has announced her candidacy, currently occupied by Assemblyman Fred Aguiar due to term limits.

"I am truly concerned about the future success of our children and as a parent and grandparent, I have a deep desire to ensure that every child has the parenting, education and life skills necessary to become a productive member of today's society," said Soto.

Soto has a historical reputation of political involvement dating to 1958, when she was a precinct organizer for presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson! Since that time, she has been actively involved in Democratic organizations and candidate campaigns including John Kennedy, Congressman Jim Lloyd, elected to the 50th Democratic Central Committee for 5 consecutive terms; delegate to the Democratic Convention in 1962 and 1992, and received an award for organizing a voter registration drive, registering 13,000 Democrats for Bobby Kennedy's campaign.

Professionally, Soto has been a business owner, vocational school director, campaign consultant and currently is a public affairs specialist.

As an organizer, Soto started LULAC and MAPA in the San Gabriel Valley; organized the campaign to elect Phil Soto (her husband) to the Assembly, the first elected Latino, started scholarship funds, led the grape boycott in the San Gabriel Valley, assisting Cesar Chavez; and organized several Chicano organizations in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

Soto is on her third term on the Pomona City Council, and during her tenure, she has: assisted the city in acquiring the General Dynamics Plant; assisted in securing funds for the Metro Link; recruited developers to the Pomona area; initiated district elections; and many others firsts for the city.

As a councilperson, Soto was elected to the South Coast Air Quality Management District in 1994, a first for a Latina.

"Job training and mentoring youth at risk is a priority, starting at a young age. These types of programs will have a dramatic and positive effect on youth who are given these opportunities. "

Soto has been endorsed by Assemblyman Joe Baca.

**Gloria Negrete Mc Cleod announces candidacy for 61st Assembly District**

Gloria Negrete Mc Cleod, a West End resident since 1970, has announced her candidacy for the 61st Assembly District, which will be vacated by Assemblyman Fred Aguiar due to term limits.

Active in many areas of the County of San Bernardino, Mc Cleod is a trustee of the Chaffey Community College Board; state vice chair-California Association of Latino Community College Trustees; first vice chair-San Bernardino EEO Commission; director, United Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Advisory Committee; San Bernardino County Gang and Drug Task Force; Latina Leadership Network; California School Employees Association; California Community College Trustees State Legislation and Finance Committee; and Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino.

Her previous involvement included: Girl Scouts; Brownies; A.Y.S.O.; Parent Volunteer-reading program, drama, glee club, J.H.S & H.S. bands; Commission on Status of Women; Chino Community Council; among others.

Born and educated in Los Angeles, Mc Cleod received an A.A. from Chaffey Community College, and employed by the educational facility for 10 years,

Married to C. L. Mc Cleod, Sr., he retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as a lieutenant after a 26 year career.

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Nurses posing with Dr. Salinas

(Above) Internees reviewing patient chart with supervising physician.
**Alzheimer's Association**

Present "end of life" Seminar

The Alzheimer's Association of Riverside/San Bernardino Counties is sponsoring, along with the Visiting Nurse Association of the Inland Counties an "end of life" seminar for those grieving or facing the death of a loved one. The seminar is free and will be held on Tuesday, March 31, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Association Conference Center in Colton. The public is invited to attend even if they are not caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease.

Two specially invited guests will present on the subject. Pat Watts, M.Div. serves as chaplain at the Riverside Hospice. The other presenter will be Koren Harrison, RN, CRNH, Community Liaison for the Visiting Nurse Association. Both Watts and Harrison are specialists in dealing with grief and end of life issues.

The Alzheimer's Association Conference Center is located at 1280 East Cooley Drive, Suite 12 in Colton. The Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Alzheimer's Association is the only privately funded nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the 45,000 Alzheimer's victims and their families in the two county area. For directions or information on this or other seminars, call (800) 660-1993.

**PHOTO IMAGES '98 In Memory of Joe**

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**STAY IN SCHOOL**

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**Immigration Bolsters U.S. Housing Market**

FOR GENERATIONS HOMEOWNERSHIP has played a crucial role in achieving the American Dream. This Census Brief analyzes homeownership among the U.S. foreign-born population to determine if immigrants, whose numbers have increased steadily over the last 26 years, have been as successful as the native-born in achieving homeownership.

Based on data collected in the monthly Current Population Survey, this first-ever Census Bureau report on homeownership by the U.S. foreign-born population may hold important implications for many segments of the American economy that are driven by home sales.

In fact, given the relatively small size of today's native-born young adult population compared to the preceding Baby Boom generation, immigrants may constitute an increasingly larger part of the future demand for housing.

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**Tax Help at Cal State, San Bernardino**

Are you confused about your taxes? Students at Cal State, San Bernardino are offering help with the preparation of federal and state tax returns for low income members of the community through a volunteer program on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Assistance is provided free on a first come, first served basis. Bring your W-2s, interest statements, last year's tax forms, tax bills, mortgage interest statements, medical expenses, charitable contributions, and any other necessary information to itemize deductions. "A lot of low income people qualify for earned income credit even if they wouldn't otherwise need to file a return," states Joan Kritzberg, who coordinates the program.

Sponsored by Cal State, San Bernardino, The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is carried out by student volunteers, who have been trained in basic tax return preparation. Assistance begins on campus Wednesdays Feb. 4 through March 11, from 3:30 p.m., in Jack Brown Hall, room 112. On Saturdays, Feb. 7 through April 11, assistance will be given at the Feldheym Library, 555 W. 6th Street, San Bernardino, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Kellogg, room B.

Last year more than 600 taxpayers were helped by Cal State students and 200 returns filed electronically. For more information, call Kritzberg, a Cal State management professor, at (909) 880-5714.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Hearing Board Vacancies

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board of Directors is soliciting candidates for three (3) appointments and their alternates to the SCAQMD Hearing Board: one Medical Member and two Public Members. The Hearing Board is chartered under Division 26 of the California Health and Safety Code and operates independently of the SCAQMD and its Board of Directors. The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial entity vested with the authority to grant variances to companies and public agencies subject to SCAQMD rules, to revoke and suspend SCAQMD operating permits; and to issue Orders of Abatement. In addition, the Hearing Board has the authority to hear appeals regarding (1) the denial and issuance of SCAQMD Permits to Operate and Construct (including RECLAIM permits), (2) conditions imposed on Permits to Operate and Construct, (3) the denial and issuance of emission reduction credits, and (4) the approval and denial of air pollution control plans, including Rule 2202 - On-Road Motor Vehicle Mitigation Options submittals.

The Hearing Board meets three to four days per week (Tuesday-Thursday, occasionally on Friday), from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at District Headquarters located in Diamond Bar. Hearing Board members receive $50,000 annually and will be required to meet three days each week. The Chair of the Board, appointed by fellow Board members, will receive $55,000 annually and will be required to be available four days a week. Alternate members are compensated at the rate of $325 per day for days spent doing the work of a regular member.

HEARING BOARD POSITIONS: Term of Appointment - Three Years

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Riverside Fire Captains elevated - From P. 1

However, both Esparza and Campos were active in the Riverside Fire Association, a union that represents approximately 200 firemen, and other issues were involved other than racial discrimination, according to Captain Chuck Bunker, president of the fireman's organization. Esparza was chairperson of the political action committee for several years.

Another factor being philosophical differences of the newly appointed battalion chiefs and the department chief.

Esparza has over 16 years of experience with the Riverside Fire Department. He is currently completing his B.S. Degree with Cogswell Polytechnic and serves as vice chair of the California State Board of Fire Services.

Campos, a 25 year veteran of the Fire Department, has a B.S. Degree from Cal-State, Los Angeles.

The fire department currently has 48 captains, 36 are white males, 10 are Hispanic males, one is a Black male and one is a white female. There are five white male and one Pacific Islander male battalion chiefs. Whites comprise 70% of the department's personnel.

Fischer first to file for S.B. County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Herbert R. Fischer has officially filed papers today to run for the office of San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Currently the superintendent of the Colton Joint Unified School District, Fischer declared his intention to run for county superintendent this past November.

Fischer also announced that he has received the endorsement of 32 district superintendents in San Bernardino County as well as Congressmen George E. Brown and Jerry Lewis, Senators Ruben Ayala, Jim Brulte and Pete Knight; Assemblyman Fred Aguiar, Brett Granlund and Bill Leonard; each of the San Bernardino County Board of Education members as well as current Superintendent Barry Pulliam.

"I am delighted to have the written endorsement of all of these individuals," Fischer said. "Their support will enable us to focus on improving student performance in our county through enhanced literacy rates, fewer dropouts, increased college enrollment and better preparation for the world of work."

"Herb Fischer has the knowledge, experience and leadership to make the county through these opportunistic times and continue to make a difference for children in education," said Robert Hodges, superintendent of the Redlands Unified School District, who have great confidence he would continue, the many positive partnerships and programs that have developed in the county schools office.

A fund raising reception for Fischer is set for March 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Arrowhead Country Club in San Bernardino. Fischer also is available to speak at other events and functions. For information, call 881-3397.

Fischer is a resident of San Bernardino and has had a long career in public education. He has served as Colton Joint Unified School District superintendent since 1991. Prior to that, he was a classroom teacher, principal and district administrator in the San Bernardino City Unified School District for 22 years.

In a precedent-setting ceremony at the City of Riverside Fire Department Station at Mission Inn and Lime, Mike Esparza looks at his wife, Tammy, as she pins the badge of the City of Riverside Fire Department of Fair Employment and Housing were previously unobtainable in the past.

RMHC/HACER Opens Scholarships for High School Seniors

Hispanic high school seniors seeking financial assistance to attend college next fall are encouraged to apply for the RMHC/HACER (Ronald McDonald House Charities/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational resources) Scholarship Program by the March 1, 1998 deadline.

Students can now pick up RMHC/HACER applications at participating high schools and McDonald's restaurant.

Selected Hispanic college bound high school seniors receive scholarship awards of $1,000 to $2,500, depending on the area. Application packets must be postmarked by the national deadline date.

Operating as a partnership between RMHC, neighborhood McDonald's franchises, and McDonald's Corporation, RMHC/HACER is the country's largest provider of scholarships to Hispanic high school seniors preparing to enter college. Established in 1985, the program has awarded $4 million to 3,800 deserving Hispanic seniors since its inception.

"RMHC, McDonald's and neighborhood McDonald's franchises know how important higher education is in the Hispanic community," said Max Gallegos, manager, McDonald's U.S. Communications. "Through RMHC/HACER the program participants commit to make golden dreams of higher education a reality by helping Hispanic scholars take that first important step to college."

Students with at least one parent of Hispanic heritage are eligible to apply for the scholarship in their senior year of high school. Scholarships are awarded to Hispanic students who demonstrate academic achievement, financial need and community involvement.

Application packets are initially screened by McDonald's and RMHC representatives and then returned to local RMHC/HACER chapters for final selection by committees of community leaders, educators and McDonald's franchisees. RMHC/HACER recipients are notified and announced in the spring/summer 1998.

In the 97-98 academic year, scholarships will be available across designated regions in 22 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico - Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

For more information about the RMHC/HACER Scholarship Program call the national hotline at 800/736-5219 or access McDonald's website at: www.mcdonalds.com. To receive an application and mail parents, teachers and students can also call the national hotline or dial 626/793-9335.

Robles Selected as RCC Alumus of the Year

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fied School District from 1957 to 1973, holding positions as teacher, counselor, vice-principal, principal, and district administrator at Lincoln School, Moun-
tain View School, Washington School, Central and Sierra Junior High Schools, and Casa Blanca School. He was also a principal investigator in the UCR/River-
side Unified School District Deseg-
regation Study, which was the first study of its kind in California.

Robles also spent time with the U.S. Office of Education in the turbulent sixties where he was one of a handful of federal officers serving court orders on Southern school districts to desegre-
gate. In 1972, he took off from his education duties to run for public of-
fice. He won the primary election but lost in the general election in the race for the old 43rd congressional seat.

In 1975, he and his wife, Dora, took another mortgage on their home to found the National Hispanic Scholar-
ship fund, an organization that awards academic scholarships to undergradu-
ate and graduate students representing colleges and universities across the U.S. Under Robles' leadership, the NHSF has grown from awarding $30,000 annually in 1976 to now awarding over $3 million each year to outstanding students. Over a span of 22 years the organization has awarded over $31 million to more than 32,000 students. In 1994, Worth Magazine found NHSF to be the most efficient charity in the U.S., spending more of its income on direct benefit to students and less on administration than any other charity.

The outstanding work of Robles and NHSF has been recognized at the White House by the Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations, and the College Board has cited Robles saying, "Never has so much been done by any other individual to advance the educational aspirations of Hispanic students."

Riverside Community College will honor Robles as its distinguished alumus with a special recognition dinner on February 27 in RCC's Hall of Fame. For further information, call (909) 22-8701.

Inland Empire Hispanic News

Wednesday, February 16, 1998

Hispanic Interest

The Inland Empire Hispanic News, a community oriented and respected newspaper, is seeking four highly aggressive persons to work in sales throughout the Inland Empire. The sales persons work on a high commission basis, based on quota system.

For further information, call at (909) 381-6259.