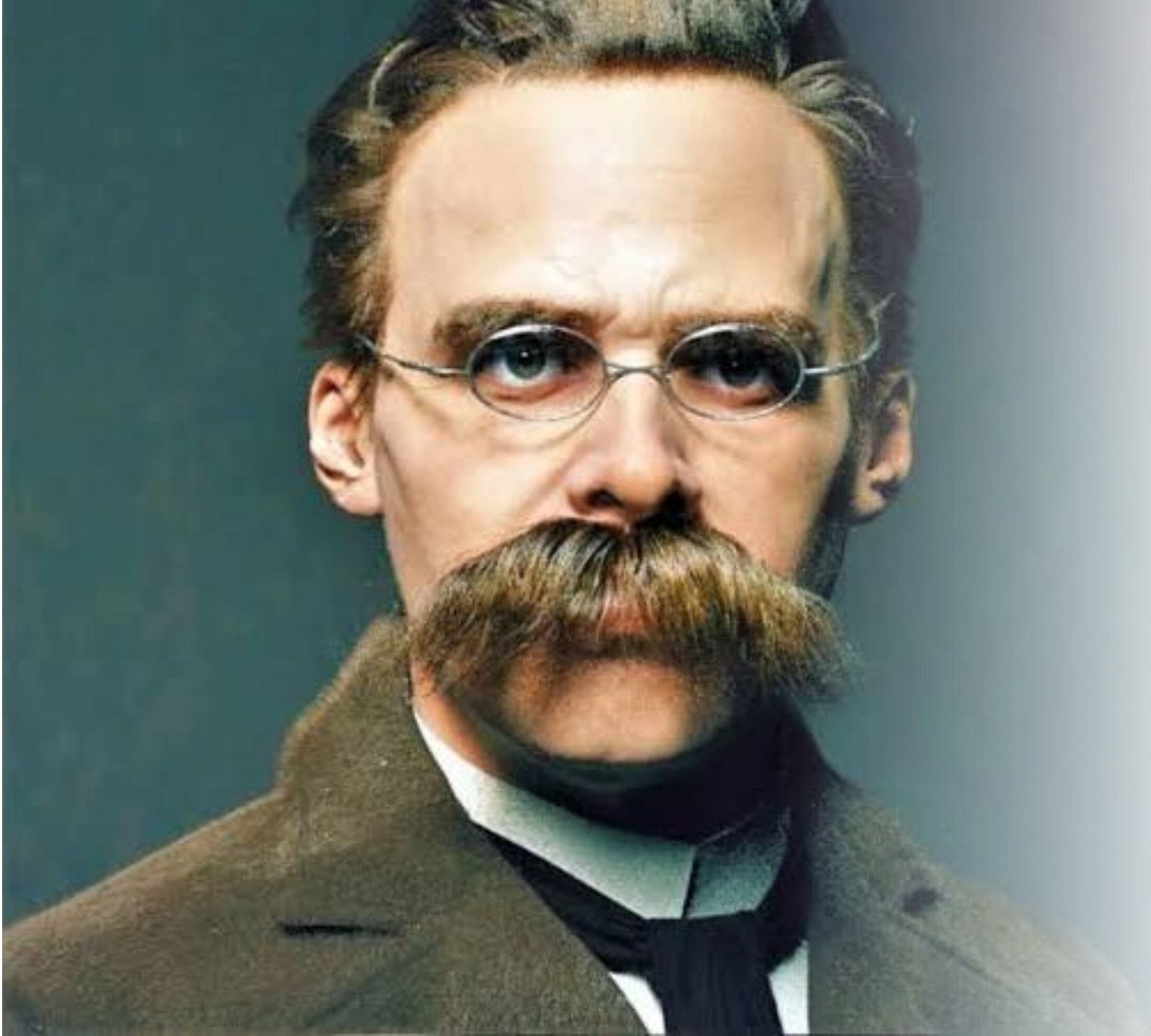


EXCEPTION





**"He who has a
why can bear
almost any **how**"**

- Friedrich Nietzsche







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ABUSE



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Mental Illness



Incarcerated Relative



Mother treated violently



Substance Abuse



Divorce

WHAT ARE THEY?

ACEs are
ADVERSE
CHILDHOOD
EXPERIENCES

The higher the ACE score, the greater the likelihood of negative health outcomes and other challenges as a person ages.

Here are some statistics associated with high ACE scores:

Risk of incarceration:

People with an ACE score of 4 or more are 20 times more likely to be incarcerated.



Suicide:

People with an ACE score of 4 or more are 1,220% more likely to attempt suicide.



Substance abuse:

People with an ACE score of 4 or more are 1,003% more likely to abuse drugs and/or to become an alcoholic.



Depression:

People with an ACE score of 4 or more are 460% more likely to have recent depression.



Lifespan:

People with an ACE score of 6 or higher may have a lifespan that is almost 20 years shorter.





To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of reference as a recommendation for Ramon Ramos.

I have known Ramon for many years and have had a good opportunity to judge his Character. I met Ramon in the year 2000 when he was working with young adults. And saw firsthand how he went all over Southern California speaking and encouraging troubled youth. His message was one of stay in School and work hard to be somebody of good personal values.

I again had the chance to work with him in his business and saw again his desire to help people even in the small business world. Ramon is someone I have mentored over the years and I know him well. Ramon is someone I have admired since I first met him. And I believe he is a good person and Father.

In light of these character letters and recommendations I hope that you would reconsider any charges he may be facing. I sincerely believe that given the opportunity Ramon will learn from this and move forward with his vision of providing resources to those in need within our community.

Please feel free to call my office or personal cell phone for any further questions.

Sincerely,

Richard Montanez

Hispanic magazine honors Fontana man for

By ERIN KELLY

Sun Staff Writer

FONTANA — Ramon Ramos has devoted the past five years to ending the gang violence that claimed the lives of two of his three sons.

As president and founder of the Fontana Youth Development Association, the 48-year-old west Fontana resident has given hundreds of young men and women somewhere to go besides the streets.

Because of the efforts of Ramos and a handful of concerned parents, rival gangs from North and South Fontana now peacefully play softball together.

Teenagers who once spent their time hanging out on street corners now are busy with sports programs, field trips, peer counseling and job training.

Ramos' efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Letters from the police chief, the mayor, city officials and community leaders fill Ramos' scrapbook with praise for the work of the youth association.



Ramon Ramos
... youth leader

inland empire

west valley edition

Ramos recently won a KTTV Channel 11 "Jefferson Award" for outstanding service to his community.

And Ramos has now been selected as a finalist in the social service category of Caminos magazine's third annual awards contest honoring outstanding achievements by Hispanic citizens.

The winners, who are chosen by the national magazine's readers, will be announced at an awards ceremony Jan. 22 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

But Ramos, a modest man who is uncomfortable talking about himself, said he feels he does not deserve an award.

"I'd like to see the others (in the association) who have worked so hard get the recognition," he said.

Ironically, Ramos said he plans to resign next month as president of the organization he created.

Ramos, who is currently studying law at San Bernardino Valley College, cites a lack of time as one of the major reasons for stepping down.

But there are other causes — causes that run deeper than time conflicts.

"We have not been able to arouse the community to the needs of these youth," Ramos said.

Despite the letters of support from influential people, the general public remains uncooperative, Ramos said.

He said only about six parents and a handful of local businessmen have taken an active interest in helping the youth association.

The others "just don't want to get involved," he said.

Ramos formed the organization soon after the death of his son Ramon, who was shot at a New Year's party the age of 19.

A younger son, Ramon Jr., was shot in the head as he drove south on Live Oak Ave. on Aug. 9, 1980. He died later, at the age of 19.

Ramos said neither of his sons were gang members.

Spurred by this tragedy, he vowed to do something to stop the senseless violence.

"I wanted to see more people active and involved," he said.

But the association has been struggling with membership and a shortage of funds since.

Ramos said the association has been unable to raise the \$400-a-month rent for the building and auto repair work on Orange and Citrus avenues.

"We're going to see if we don't get so much help," he said.

“A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you, than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you.”

- Bob Proctor



FRASSES

The letters of 'FRASSES' are filled with various hand-drawn business sketches. The 'F' contains a line graph with a peak and the word 'NEXT' below it. The 'A' features a pie chart with segments and the word 'FRAGMENT' above it. The 'S' has a bar chart and the word 'OPTIONS' in a circle. The second 'S' includes a flowchart with boxes and the word 'START' above it. The final 'S' shows a line graph with an upward arrow and the word 'PROGRESS' above it.

ITION

The letters of 'ITION' are filled with various hand-drawn business sketches. The 'I' shows a line graph with an upward arrow and the word 'NEXT' above it. The 'T' features a diagram with three person icons and lines connecting them. The 'O' contains a pie chart with segments, the word 'OPTIONS' in a circle, a question mark, and the word 'UP' below it. The 'N' has a bar chart and the word 'IDEA' below it. The final 'N' shows a circular diagram with four person icons.



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We concentrate on providing programs and support services in 5 key dimensions which include physical, social, psychological, educational, and financial.



Our aim is to make these resources free and accessible to those who are underserved and marginalized, with a goal of breaking the vicious cycles caused by generational trauma.

By collaborating with our strategic network of partners we can develop the whole person, strengthen the family unit, and build healthier communities.

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(Life skills, peer support, growth plan, resource connection)



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“Empowering youth and families”
(Education, resources, giveaways, scholarships, meaningful connections)



All of our programs are offered free of charge to the community and provide high-quality, wrap-around support services for both youth and adults.

Our hybrid service model offers both in-person and online access to ensure flexibility and accessibility.

To meet with a mentor, create a personalized growth plan with resource connections, or schedule a conversation about potential partnership opportunities, please scan the QR code below.





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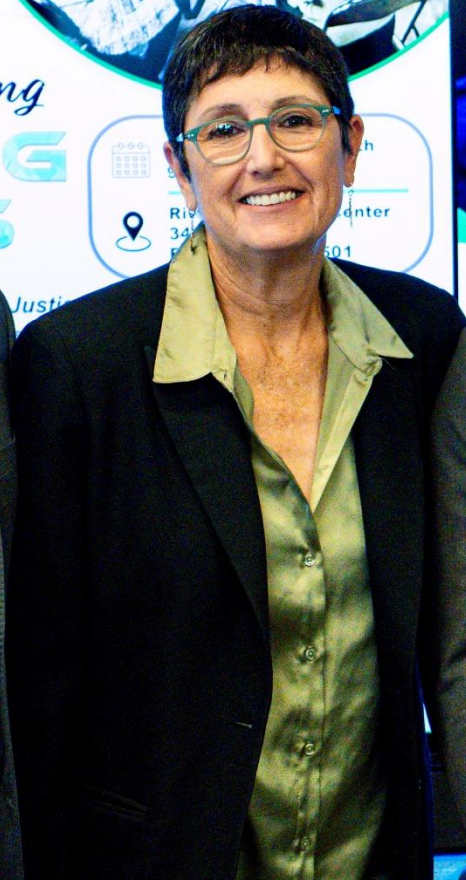


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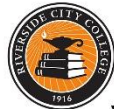
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Richard Montañez, a former long-serving PepsiCo executive, has transitioned into a legendary inventor, accomplished author, and highly sought speaker. He began as a janitor at Frito-Lay in 1976 but went on to create the Flamin' Hot product line, which evolved into both a billion-dollar enterprise and a cultural phenomenon. His inspiring story continues to fuel innovation and resilience with audiences worldwide.



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