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An illegitimate mestizo cattle driver, Juan Vicente Gómez, became one of three great authoritarian rulers of Venezuela (president, 1908-1910, 1911-1914, 1915-1922, 1923-1929, 193-1935), achieving political stability with the creation of a professional army.

1997

# January

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p><i>Año Nuevo</i> (New Year's Day). 1</p> <p>1954: Robert Menéndez, US Representative (D-NJ), is born in New York, NY.</p> <p>1994: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) takes effect.</p>	<p>1955: Panama's President José Antonio Remón is assassinated. 2</p> <p>1963: Edgar Martínez, baseball player, is born in New York, NY.</p>	<p>1925: José F. Valdez--Medal of Honor recipient and private first class in Marine Corps (WWII)--is born in Governador, NM. 3</p> <p>1961: United States breaks relations with Cuba.</p>	<p>1927: Lauro F. Cavazos--first Hispanic secretary of education (1988) and first in a cabinet-level position--is born in King Ranch, TX. 4</p>
<p>1891: Cuban Revolutionary Party (Partido Revolucionario Cubano--PRC) is founded by Cuban national hero José Martí. 5</p>	<p><i>Día de los Tres Reyes</i> commemorates Three Kings (Wise Men), in Latin America. 6</p> <p>1957: Nancy López, golf champion honored in Golf Hall of Fame, is born in Torrance, CA.</p>	<p>1959: United States recognizes Cuba's new provisional government, headed by Fidel Castro Ruz. 7</p>	<p>1912: José Ferrer, Theater Hall of Fame actor and Oscar winner (<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>, 1950), is born in Santruce, PR. 8</p> <p>1983: <i>USS City of Corpus Christi</i>, a nuclear submarine, is commissioned.</p>	<p>1915: Fernando Lamas, actor, is born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. 9</p> <p>1941: Joan (Chandos) Baez, folk singer, is born in Staten Island, NY.</p>	<p>1815: José Gervasio Artigas, father of Uruguay, defeats Argentines at Guayabo. 10</p> <p>1959: Rigoberta Menchú Tum, first indigenous Latin American woman to receive Nobel Peace Prize (1992), is born in Chimel, Guatemala.</p>	<p>1811: 100,000 peasants led by Hidalgo are defeated in Battle of Calderón, Mexico. 11</p> <p>1839: Eugenio María de Hostos, "Citizen of the Americas" and writer (<i>Moral Social</i>, 1888), is born in Mayagüez, PR.</p>
<p>1935: Gabriel Eloy Aguirre, owner of SaniServ and 1987 Minority Entrepreneur of the Year, is born in Akron, OH. 12</p>	<p>1943: "Sleepy Lagoon" murder case inflames anti-Mexican bias and precipitates "Zoot Suit Riots" in June in Los Angeles, CA. 13</p>		<p><i>Cristo de Esquipulas</i> celebrates Black Christ through important pilgrimage in Central America. 14</p>	<p>1924: Katy Jurado, actress, is born in Mexico. 15</p> <p>1938: Elsa Gómez, higher education administrator, is born in New York, NY.</p>	<p>1914: Héctor García Pérez, first Mexican elected to Civil Rights Commission and Medal of Freedom recipient in 1984, is born in Llera, Mexico. 16</p> <p>1970: <i>USS El Paso</i>, cargo ship, is commissioned. 17</p>	<p>1817: Army of the Andes begins heroic march across Andes to victory at Battle of Chacabuco on 2/12/1817. 18</p> <p>1867: Rubén Darío, poet of literary modernism (<i>Azul</i>, 1888), is born in Metapa, Nicaragua.</p>
<p>1851: Esteban Echeverría, poet (<i>Elvira o la novia del Plata</i>, 1832), dies. 19</p> <p>1920: Javier Pérez de Cuéllar is born in Lima, Peru.</p> <p>1942: Pat Mora, poet and writer, is born in El Paso, TX.</p>	<p>1920: Marcario García--Medal of Honor recipient; Army staff sergeant (WWII)--is born in Villa de Castaño, Mexico, son of Hector Pérez García (combat surgeon, diplomat, member of US Civil Rights Commission, Medal of Freedom recipient). 20</p>	<p>1929: Rolando Hinojosa, most prolific Chicano novelist (<i>Estampas del Valle y otras obras</i>, 1973), is born in Mercedes, TX. 21</p>	<p>1826: Royalist forces at fortress of King Philip, in Callao, Peru, surrender, ending two-year siege and independence wars. 22</p> <p>1918: Manuel González Prada, poet (<i>Minúsculas</i>, 1901), dies (born 1/6/1848 in Lima, Peru).</p>	<p>1933: Chita Rivera, actress, is born in Washington, DC. 23</p>	<p>Alacitas Fair honors both Virgen de la Paz and Ekeko, god of prosperity of Aymará Indians in Bolivia. 24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>1958: Xavier Becerra, US representative (D-CA), is born in Sacramento, CA. 26</p>	<p>1930: Esteban Edward Torres, US representative (D-CA), is born in La Puente, CA. 27</p> <p>1933: Leo Márquez, lieutenant general of USAF, is born in Paralta, NM.</p>	<p>1853: José Martí, patriot and writer (<i>Ismaelillo</i>, 1882), is born in Havana, Cuba. 28</p> <p>1926: Harold Gonsalves--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps private first class (WWII)--is born in Alameda, CA.</p>	<p>1932: Máximo Yabes--Medal of Honor recipient and Army first sergeant (Vietnam War)--is born in Lodi, CA. 29</p> <p>1940: Opera singer Justino Diaz is born in San Juan, PR.</p> <p>1948: TV host Cristina Saralegui is born in Havana, Cuba.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1847: Yerba Buena is renamed San Francisco. 31</p> <p>1929: Richard Cavazos, first Hispanic four-star Army general, is born in King Ranch, TX.</p>	

NOTE: Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients with missing birth dates and therefore not listed in calendar include Philip Bazaar (Navy seaman in Civil War, born in Santiago, Chile); David M. Gonzales (Army private first class in WWII, born in Pacoima, CA); and John Ortega (Navy seaman in Civil War, born 1840 in Spain). As of December 1995, there were 38 Hispanic recipients of this award for exemplary service and bravery in combat.



Alicia Alonso, Cuba's foremost ballet dancer, is shown performing the "Black Swan Pas de Deux" at the Metropolitan Theater, New York, in 1955.

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# February

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<p>1929: Carlos José Arboleya, CEO of Barnett Banks in Miami, FL, is born in Havana, Cuba.</p> <p>1947: Robert Ortega, Jr., founder of Construction Management Associates, is born in El Paso, TX.</p>
<p>1848: Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends war between Mexico and United States.</p> <p>1851: José Guadalupe Posada, illustrator of 1910 Revolution, is born in Aguascalientes, Mexico.</p>	<p>1814: Mariano Matamoros, Roman Catholic priest and Mexican independence fighter, is executed for treason.</p> <p>1958: Ritchie Valens, singer characterized in <i>La Bamba</i> film, dies in airplane crash near Clear Lake, IA.</p>	<p>1973: Oscar de la Hoya, boxer, is born in East Los Angeles, CA.</p>	<p>1824: Patriot forces under Simón Bolívar and Bartolomé Salom begin two-year siege of royal fortress of King Philip, in Callao, Peru.</p>	<p>1899: Ramón Novarro--silent film idol and actor (<i>Ben Hur</i>, 1926)--is born in Durango, Mexico.</p> <p>1900-Spanish-American War ends.</p>	<p>1833: Ricardo Palma, creator of literary genre of <i>tradicción</i>, based on Americanist pride, is born in Lima, Peru.</p>	
<p>1930: Angelo D. Juárez, major general of US Army Reserve, is born in Chicago, IL.</p>	<p>1916: Edward R. Roybal, longest serving US representative (D-CA), since 1964, and chairman of Congressional Hispanic Caucus, is born in Albuquerque, NM.</p>		<p>1541: Santiago, Chile, is founded by Spanish explorer Pedro de Valdivia.</p>	<p>1886: Ricardo Güiraldes, author of national novel, <i>Don Segundo Sombra</i> (1926), is born in Buenos Aires, Argentina.</p> <p>1933: Adolfo, fashion designer, is born in Havana, Cuba.</p>	<p>1811: Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, Argentina's greatest prose writer (<i>Facundo o Civilización y barbarie</i>) and president (1868-74), is born in San Juan, Argentina.</p>	<p>1898: <i>USS Maine</i> is destroyed in Havana Harbor, Cuba.</p> <p>1953: Francisco Gómez-Dallmeier, Latin American biologist and director of Man and the Biosphere Diversity Program at Smithsonian, is born in Caracas, Venezuela.</p>
	<p>1929: League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is founded in Corpus Christi, TX.</p> <p>1967: Ciro Alegria, honored novelist of <i>El mundo es ancho y ajeno</i> (1941), dies (born 11/4/09 in Trujillo, Peru).</p>	<p>1898: Luis Muñoz Marín, first governor and principal architect of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is born in San Juan, PR.</p>	<p>1972: Armando Ramos wins lightweight boxing championship over Pedro Carrasco in World Boxing Congress.</p>	<p>1905: Arthur-León Campa, Mexican-American folklorist and writer, is born in Guaymas, Mexico.</p> <p>1942: <i>USS San Juan</i>, WWII light cruiser, is commissioned.</p>	<p>1795: Antonio López de Santa Anna, president and dictator of Mexico on eight occasions during 1833-55, is born in Jalapa, Mexico.</p>	<p>1819: Spain cedes Florida to United States under Adams-Onís Treaty.</p> <p>1964: Gigi Fernández, tennis player, is born in San Juan, PR.</p>
<p>1836: Battle of the Alamo for independence of Texas from Mexico begins in San Antonio, TX.</p> <p>1963: Bobby Bonilla, All-Star baseball player, is born in the Bronx, NY.</p>	<p>1947: Edward James Olmos, actor (<i>Stand and Deliver</i>), is born in Los Angeles, CA.</p> <p>1952: Judith Ortiz Cofer, poet and novelist, is born in Puerto Rico.</p>	<p>1778: José de San Martín, liberator of Chile and Peru, is born in Yapeyú, Argentina.</p>	<p>1948: Priscilla López--Broadway actress, dancer, and singer--is born in the Bronx, NY.</p>	<p>1621: Pedro Bedón, Ecuadorian painter, dies in Quito.</p> <p>1844: Dominican Republic's independence day.</p> <p>1959: Mexican-American Political Association (MAPA) is founded in California.</p>	<p>1882: José Vasconcelos, Mexican minister of education and great Latin American essayist (<i>La raza cósmica</i>, 1925), is born in Oaxaca, Mexico.</p>	



The son of poor migrant farm workers in Yuma, Arizona, C'esar Estrada Ch'avez became a gifted leader and organizer and founder of the United Farm Workers, choosing to live penniless and without property. He died in 1993.

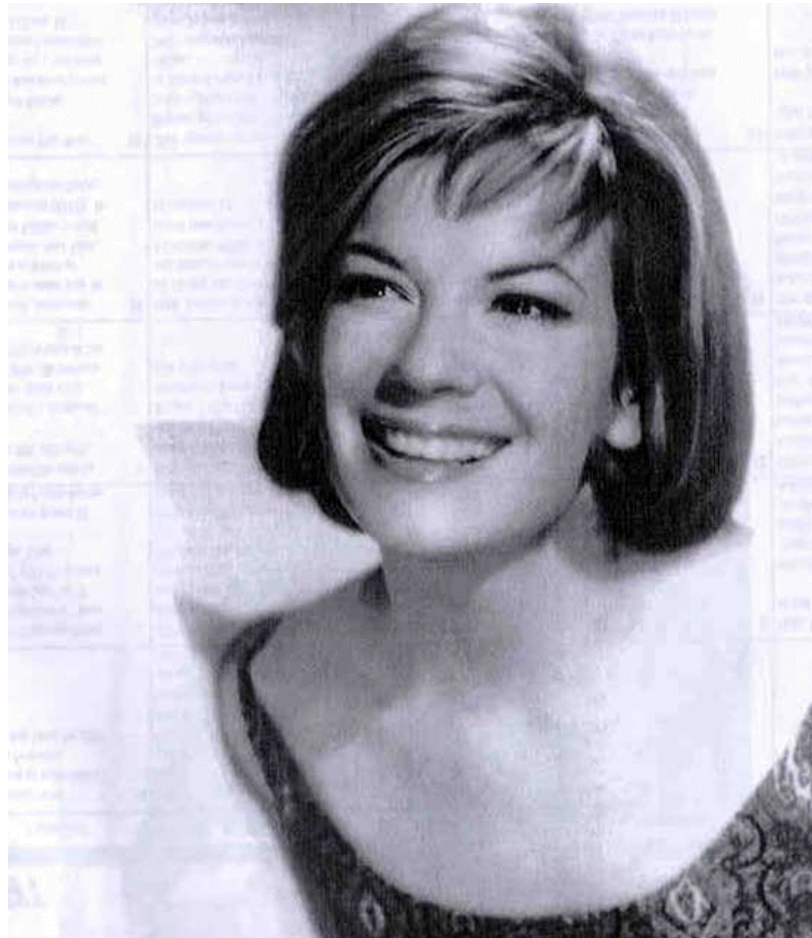
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# March

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1609: Spanish write instructions to build Santa Fe de San Francisco (present-day Santa Fe, NM). 30	1899: David Barkley--Medal of Honor winner and Army private (WWI)--is born in Laredo, TX. 1914: Octavio Paz, Mexico's first Nobel laureate for literature ( <i>El laberinto de la soledad</i> , 1950), is born in Mexico City, Mexico. 31					1920: Julián Samora, sociologist and White House Hispanic Heritage Award recipient, is born in Pagosa Springs, CO. 1938: Eurípides Rubio, Medal of Honor recipient, is born in Ponce, PR. 1	
1917: Desi Arnaz--producer, actor, and pioneer of "three camera technique" in "I Love Lucy" (1950)--is born in Santiago, Cuba. 1917: Jones Act grants US citizenship to Puerto Ricans. 2	1923: Manuel Pérez, Jr. -- Medal of Honor recipient and Army private first class (Vietnam War)--is born in Oklahoma City, OK. 1965: Teatro Campesino is established in Delano, CA. 3	1960: Lucille Ball files for divorce from Desi Arnaz. 4		1836: Battle of the Alamo ends in San Antonio, TX. 1928: Gabriel García Márquez--Nobel laureate for literature (1982) and author of <i>Cien años de soledad</i> (1970)--is born in Aracataca, Colombia. 5	1836: Battle of the Alamo ends in San Antonio, TX. 1928: Gabriel García Márquez--Nobel laureate for literature (1982) and author of <i>Cien años de soledad</i> (1970)--is born in Aracataca, Colombia. 6	1895: Juana de Ibarbourou, poet ( <i>Las lenguas de diamante</i> , 1919), is born in Melo, Uruguay. 1926: José González, Puerto Rican novelist, is born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. 7	8
1916: Pancho Villa attacks Columbus, NM, killing 17. 1940: Raúl Julia, stage and screen actor ( <i>Man of La Mancha</i> , 1990; <i>The Addams family</i> , 1991), is born in San Juan, PR. 9	1848: US Congress ratifies Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, with United States gaining Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and half of Colorado. 10		1927: Raúl Alfonsín, president of Argentina (1983-89), is born in Argentina. 1996: President Bill Clinton signs Helms-Burton Act, tightening US embargo on Cuba by sanctioning foreign firms using confiscated US property. 11	1927: Raúl Alfonsín, president of Argentina (1983-89), is born in Argentina. 1996: President Bill Clinton signs Helms-Burton Act, tightening US embargo on Cuba by sanctioning foreign firms using confiscated US property. 12	1967: United Farm Workers Association (UFWA) wins contract with Christian Brothers Winery. 1967: United Mexican-American Students (UMAS) is formed by Los Angeles colleges and universities. 13	1947: Federico Peña, first Hispanic secretary of Transportation (1993), is born in Laredo, TX. 14	15
1818: Spanish army routs Chilean forces under José de San Martín in Battle of Cancha Rayada, near Talca. 1892: César Vallejo, poet of <i>Poemas humanas</i> (1939), is born in Santiago de Chuco, Peru. 16	1966: Seven days after ending his 25-day fast, César Chávez and National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) begin a march from Delano to Sacramento, CA. 17	1938: Mexico takes control of foreign-owned oil properties on its soil. 18	<i>Día de San José</i> is observed in honor of St. Joseph in Latin America. 19	1911: Alfonso García Robles, Nobel Peace Prize winner (1982), is born in Zamora, Mexico. 1946: José F. Jiménez--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine lance corporal (Vietnam War)--is born in Mexico City. 20	1924: Ysmael Villegas--Medal of Honor recipient and Army staff sergeant (WWII)--is born in Casa Blanca, CA. 1931: Benito Martínez--Medal of Honor recipient and Army corporal (Korean War)--is born in Fort Hancock, TX. 21	1873: Slavery is abolished in Puerto Rico by Spanish ruling body, the Cortes. 1953: Nydia M. Velázquez, US representative (D-Brooklyn, NY), is born in Yabucoa, PR. 22	22
<i>Semana Santa</i> , Holy Week. 1923: Emyré Barrios Robinson--founder of Barrios Technology, Inc., and chair of Texas Space Commission--is born in El Paso, TX. 23	1829: Ignacio Zorrogoza--Mexican general and hero of battle against French invasion on <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> , is born in Mexico. 1942: Jesús Alou, baseball player, is born in Haina, Dominican Republic. 24		1904: Emilio ("El Indio") Fernández, Mexico's most prominent director ( <i>María Candelaria</i> ), is born in El Seco, Mexico. 1948: Dr. Héctor Pérez García establishes American GI Forum in Texas. 25	1512: Juan Ponce de León sights Florida. 1950: Julia Alvarez, author, is born in New York, NY. 26	1966: Fifty Chicano leaders walk out of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) meeting in Albuquerque, NM, protesting lack of Mexican-American staff and efforts. 27	1941: Ricardo Sánchez--pioneer poet of bilingual literary style and activist of Chicano Movement--is born in El Paso, TX. 28	29

NOTE: White House Hispanic Heritage Award also has been awarded to Julián Samora (sociologist, 1985), Miriam Colón (playwright, 1990), and Eduardo Mata (composer, 1991)



Born in poor Mexican-American family near El Paso, Texas, Vikki Carr (Florencia Bisenta de Casillas Martínez Cardona) has won acclaim vocalist and humanitarian. She is shown here in the “Jimmy Dean Show” on NBC-TV, April 7, 1964.



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# April

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1940: Catalina Vásquez Villapando, former US treasurer, is born in San Marcos, TX.	1 1513: Ponce de León, Spanish explorer and first governor of Puerto Rico under Spain, lands on and names Florida ("flowery"), near present-day St. Augustine, and introduces written language to natives.	2 1926: Mario E. Ramírez, physician, is born in Roma, TX. 1932: José R. Coronado, health care administrator, is born in Benavides, TX. 1944: Tony Orlando, singer, is born in New York, NY.	3 1981: Henry Cisneros is sworn in as mayor of San Antonio, TX.	4 1818: José de San Martín's soldiers defeat General Mariano Osorio's forces in Battle of Maipú, Chile.  1966: Mexican American Student Association (MASA) is founded in Los Angeles, CA.
6 1889: Gabriela Mistral--Latin America's first Nobel laureate in literature in 1945 ( <i>Desolación</i> , 1922) and UN ambassador--is born in Vicuña, Chile.	7 1888: Dennis Chávez, first Mexican American US Senator, is born in Los Chávez, NM.  1932: John Gavin, actor and former ambassador to Mexico, is born in Los Angeles, CA.	8 1866: Civil Rights Act is passed over President Andrew Johnson's veto, granting citizenship to all native-born US residents except Native Americans.	9 1887: Bernardo Alberto Houssay, Nobel laureate for medicine and physiology (1947), is born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. 1930: Dolores Huerta, labor leader and social activist, is born in Dawson, NM.	10 1899: Treaty of Paris is ratified to cede Spanish Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Philippines to US.  1966: March of César Chávez and National Farm Workers Association ends in Sacramento, CA	11 1952: Gary Soto, poet, writer, is born in Fresno, CA.  1956: Andy García, actor, is born in Bejuical, Cuba.	12
13 1551: University of Mexico, first university in North America, is established.  1904: Elwood R. Quesada, lieutenant general of USAF, is born in Washington, DC.	14 1931: Rodolfo Hernández--Medal of Honor recipient and US Army corporal (Korean Conflict)--is born in Colton, CA.	15 1986: Major Fernando L. Ribas-Dominicci, USAF pilot, is shot down and killed by hostile fire near Libya.	16 1933: Naomi (Burgos) Lynn, president of Sangamon State University, is born in New York, NY.  1968: Mexican-Americans in Colorado begin a boycott of Coors beer for discriminatory hiring.	17 1961: 1,500 Cuban exiles invade Cuba at Bay of Pigs but most are killed or captured by Cuban military forces.	18 1892: Fiesta San Antonio is initiated and runs annually for 10 days with over 150 events to celebrate city's rich cultural heritage in Texas.	19
20 1537: Hernando de Soto is appointed governor of Cuba and captain-general of Florida.  1923: Tito Puente, musician, is born in Brooklyn, NY.	21 1836: Texas defeats General Santa Anna's forces and declares independence from Mexico in "Battle of Flowers" at San Jacinto, TX.  1915: Anthony Quinn, actor, is born in Chihuahua, Mexico.	22 1833: Rafael Chacón, soldier and memoirist of New Mexico, is born in Santa Fe, NM. 1929: Guillermo Cabrera Infante, award-winning novelist of <i>Tres tristes tigres</i> (1967), is born in Gibara, Cuba.	23 1846: US declares war on Mexico.  1993: César Chávez, founder of United Farm Workers Association, dies in San Luis, AZ (born 3/31/27 in Yuma, AZ).	24 1907: Gabriel Figueroa, noted director of cinematic photography ("The Night of the Iguana," 1964), is born in Mexico City.	25 1965: Pedro Alvizu Campos, greatest activist for Puerto Rican independence from US, dies (born 9/12/1891 in Ponce, PR).	26 1923: Cleto Rodríguez--Medal of Honor recipient and US Army technical sergeant (WWII)--is born in San Marcos, TX.
27 1867: Spanish troops in Puerto Rico mutiny and are executed by the colonial government.	28 1943: Bracero Program (Mexican Farm Labor Supply Program) is ratified by Congress under Public Law 45.  1966: Rodolfo ("Corky") Gonzales establishes Crusade for Justice in Denver, CO.	29 1975: Marine Master Sergeant Juan J. Valdéz is on the last helicopter to leave US Embassy in Saigon as Vietnam War ends.	30			



Richard "Pancho" Gonzales, shown here on Paradise Island, the Bahamas, in 1962, got off to a slow start in his career as a professional tennis player, but by 1954 he was the world Professional Singles Champion and held onto that title until 1961.

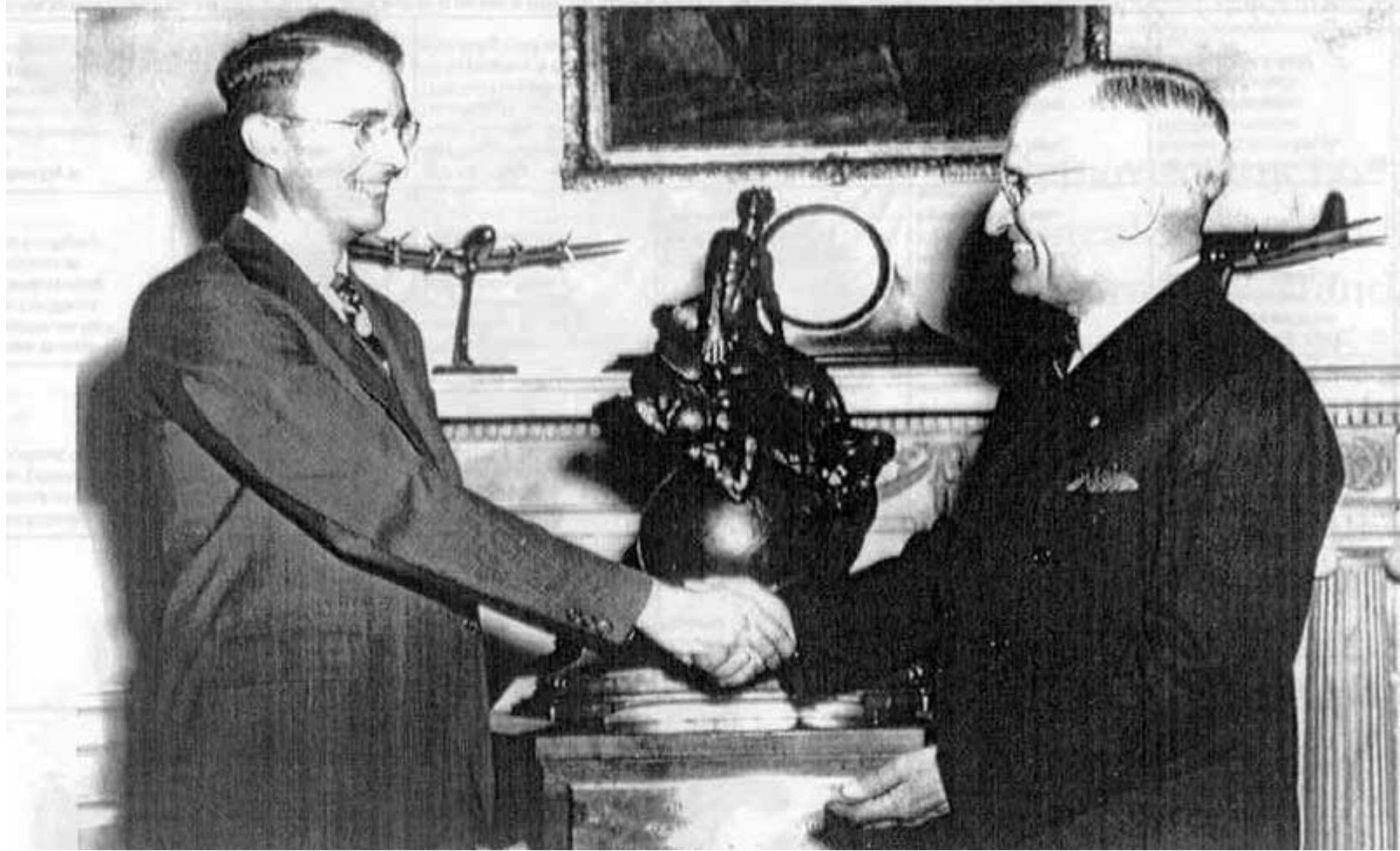
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# May

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1917: Revolution of 1910 in Mexico officially ends with constitutional election of General Venustiano Carranza to presidency.	1 1931: Cruz Renoso, judge and public official, is born in Brea, CA.  1958: Lourdes López, ballet dancer, is born in Havana, Cuba.	2 1916: Henry Barbosa González--first Mexican-American elected to Texas Senate and US representative (D-TX)--is born in San Antonio, TX.
4	1862: <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> celebrates General Ignacio Zaragoza's defeat of invading French forces at Puebla, Mexico.  1970: Patrick F. Flores is first Mexican-American consecrated as bishop in United States.	5 1857: Juan Morel Campos, composer of Puerto Rican national music, is born in Ponce, PR.	6 1919: Eva Duarte de Perón, Argentine first lady, is born in Junin, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina.	7 1753: Miguel Hidalgo y Castilla, father of Mexico, is born in Guanajuato, Mexico. 1876: France Silva--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps private (Boxer Rebellion)--is born in Hayward, CA.	8 1928: Richard "Pancho" González, tennis player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.	9 1958: Ellen Ochoa, astronaut and engineer, is born in Los Angeles, CA.
1940: Victor Villaseñor, dyslexic Chicano novelist and screenwriter ( <i>Macho!</i> , 1973), is born in Carlsbad, CA.	11 1928: Manuel Lujan, Jr.--first Hispanic Republican elected to US House of Representatives (1968) and secretary of interior--is born in San Ildefonso, CA. 1962: Emilio Estevez, actor, is born in New York, NY.	12 1941: Ritchie Valens (Richard Valenzuela)--singer, guitarist, and songwriter--is born in Pacoima, CA.	13 1811: Paraguay's independence day. Pedro Juan Caballero, independence movement hero, joins first governing junta of Paraguay. 1875: Tibirico Vásquez, legendary "Robin Hood" outlaw, is hanged in Los Angeles, CA.	14 <i>Día de San Isidro</i> honors St. Isidore, patron of agriculture.  1937: Trini López, singer, is born in Dallas, TX. 1961: Giselle Fernández, newscaster, is born in Mexico City.	15 1910: Horacio Rivero, first Hispanic four-star Navy admiral, is born in Ponce, PR.	16 1867: Maximilian, emperor of Mexico (1832-67), formally surrenders to President Benito Juárez.
1539: Explorer Hernando de Soto's expedition sets sail in seven ships from Havana, Cuba, to Florida (arriving 5/25/39 just north of present-day Fort Meyers, FL).	18 1895: José Martí, playwright and Cuban independence activist, is killed by Spanish soldiers in Battle of Dos Rios in Cuba.	19 1902: General Leonard Wood transfers power to newly elected president of Cuba, Tomás Estrada Palma, a longtime US resident, making Cuba independent.	20 1542: Hernando de Soto dies in Guachoya (present-day McArthur, AR).  1949: Xavier Suárez, first Cuban-American mayor of Miami, is born in Las Villas, Cuba.	21 1810: At open meeting of <i>cabildo</i> (municipal council) in Buenos Aires, viceroy is deposed and revolutionary junta is elected in his place. May Revolution launches Argentine independence movement.	22 1946: Alfredo González--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps sergeant (Vietnam War)--is born in Edinburg, TX.	23 1690: San Francisco de los Tejas is founded by Fathers Massasnet and Fontcubierta as first permanent Spanish settlement in Texas. 1822: General Antonio José de Sucre wins Battle of Pichincha in Ecuador.
1816: National Day in Argentina. 1925: Rosario Castellanos--leading feminist and poet advocate for indigenous Mexicans ( <i>Livida Luz</i> , 1960)--is born in Mexico City, Mexico.	25 1939: Teresa Stratas is born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.	26 1939: Lionel Sosa, chairman and CEO of advertising firm Sosa and Associates, is born in San Antonio, TX. 1968: Grand jury indicts "L.A. 13" for conspiracy to disturb peace during school walkouts.	27	28 1506: Christopher Columbus dies in Valladolid, Spain.  1918: Bert Corona--labor organizer and founder of Mexican-American Political Association in 1959--is born in El Paso, TX.	29 1539: Hernando de Soto arrives in present-day Tampa Bay, FL. 1838: Central American Federation disintegrates. 1941: Manuel Trinidad, educator, is born in Rocky Ford, CO.	30 1948: Gloria Molina, politician, is born in Montebello, CA.  1970: Tens of thousands of people die in an earthquake in Peru.

NOTE: Three Alou brothers--Felipe, Matty, and Jesús--played professional baseball. At one time in 1960s, they started in outfield for San Francisco Giants. Felipe became first major league manager from Dominican Republic. His son, Moises, played for Felipe.



Luis Alvarez (1911-1988), physicist and Nobel Prize winner (1968) who worked on the development of radar and the atomic bomb, is Honored by President Harry S. Truman.

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# June

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1912: José M. López--Medal of Honor recipient and Army sergeant (WWII)--is born in Mission, TX.	1951: Miguel Keith--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps lance corporal (Vietnam War)--is born in San Antonio, TX.	1937: Soloman P. Ortiz, US representative (D-TX), is born in Robstown, TX.  1943: In "Zoot Suit Riots," white servicemen and Mexican-Americans clash in Los Angeles, CA.	1977: Violence during Puerto Rico Day in Chicago kills two.	1878: Francisco "Pancho" Villa, legendary bandit and revolutionary general, is born in San Juan del Rio, Mexico. 1967: Reies López Tijerina raids Tierra Amarilla, NM, courthouse and eludes capture for five days.	1952: Anthony Quinn becomes first Mexican-American to win an Academy Award ("Best Supporting Actor" for <i>Viva Zapata!</i> ).	1904: Juan César Cordero, major general of Army National Guard, is born in Carolina, PR.
1875: Romualdo Pacheco becomes first Mexican-American governor of California.  1910: María Bombal, writer ( <i>La última niebla</i> , 1935), is born in Viña del Mar, Chile.	1967: Inter-Agency Committee on Mexican-American Affairs is established by President Lyndon Johnson, with Vicente Ximenes as its head.	1788: José de Villamil, who fought in several battles against Spanish for Ecuadorian independence and served as Ecuador's minister to United States (1852), is born in New Orleans, LA.	1947: Henry G. Cisneros, first Hispanic secretary of housing and urban development (1993), is born in San Antonio, TX.	1941: Lucille Roybal-Allard--US representative (D-CA) and daughter of Congressman Edward R. Roybal--is born in Los Angeles, CA.	1911: Luis W. Alvarez, Nobel Prize winner for physics (1986), is born in San Francisco, CA. 1916: Ezequiel Cabeza de Vaca becomes first Mexican-American governor of New Mexico.	1986: Jorge Luis Borges, short story writer ( <i>Ficciones</i> , 1935-44), dies (born 1899 in Buenos Aires, Argentina).
1786: Juan Bautista Aguirre, Ecuadorian literary figure, dies in Tivoli, Italy (born 4/11/1825 in Daule, Ecuador).  1953: Ana Castillo, writer, is born in Chicago, IL.	1951: Roberto Durán, boxer, is born in Panama City, Panama.	1947: Linda Chávez--public servant, politician, and news commentator--is born in Albuquerque, NM.		1867: Emperor Maximilian is executed in Mexico.  1927: Julián Nava, first Mexican-American ambassador to Mexico (1979-81), is born in Los Angeles, CA.	1820: Manuel Belgrano, revolutionary hero, dies in Buenos Aires, Argentina.  1921: Pancho Segura, tennis player, is born on steamboat near Ecuador.	1827: José Joaquín Fernández de Lizardi, first Spanish American novelist, dies (born 1776 in Mexico City).  1829: Don Miguel Otero, governor and US senator (D-MI), is born in Valencia, NM.
	22 1819: Spain seeks to settle Texas.  1949: Emilio A. de la Garza, Jr.--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps lance corporal (Vietnam War)--is born in East Chicago, IL.	23 1822: Simón Bolívar's forces defeat royalists in Venezuela at decisive Battle of Carabobo. 1922: Alejandro R. Rentería Ruiz--Medal of Honor recipient and Army private first class (WWII)--is born in Loving, NM.	24 1835: Pueblo is founded with construction of first building (start of Yerba Buena, later to be called San Francisco).  1856: Mexican law forces redistribution of church lands.	25 1940: Luis Valdez, screenwriter and director ( <i>La Bamba</i> , 1987), is born in Delano, CA.  1963: Wendy Lucero-Schayes, Olympic diver and broadcaster, is born in Valencia, NM.	26	27 1821: Simón Bolívar and his troops march into Caracas, Venezuela, and take control of city.  1943: Ed Pastor, US representative (D-AZ), is born in Phoenix, AZ.
<i>Día de San Pedro (y San Pablo)</i> honors St. Peter, patron saint of fishermen, throughout Latin America.	29 1944: Daniel Fernández--Medal of Honor recipient and Army specialist fourth class (Vietnam War)--is born in Albuquerque, NM.	30				

NOTE: Hispanic fighter aces--fighter pilots who destroy five or more enemy aircraft in combat--include, from WWII: Commander Eugene A. Valencia, Jr. (Navy), Captain Richard G. Candelaria (Air Force), and Captain Michael Brezas (Air Force); from Korean War: Colonel Manuel J. Fernández, Jr. (Air Force).



During her short life, Frida Kahlo (Mrs. Diego Rivera) became a celebrated artist and feminist. She is shown here in 1939 aboard the *SS Normandie*, New York City.

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# July

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1520: <i>La Noche Triste</i> refers to "sad night" when Aztecs led by Moctezuma's brother, Cuitlahuac, drive out Spanish from Veracruz, Mexico, killing 860 Spaniards. 1898: Battle of San Juan Hill, Spanish-American War.	1964: José Canseco, All-Star baseball player, is born in Havana, Cuba.  1966: First Alianza public protest: a march from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, NM.	1769: Father Junipero de Serra establishes first mission in Alta (now San Diego), California.  1950: US Congress upgrades Puerto Rico's status from protectorate to commonwealth.	1943: Geraldo Miguel Rivera--producer of "Geraldo" talk show and winner of Peabody Award and ten Emmies for broadcast journalism--is born in New York, NY.	1801: David G. Farragut--Civil War naval hero, Hispanic, and first US admiral--is born in Campbell's Station, TN.  1811: Venezuela's independence day.
1914: Delmira Agustini, poet of scandalous <i>El libro blanco</i> (1907), is born in Montevideo, Uruguay.  1958: Mexican women vote for first time in presidential election.	1808: Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo--Mexican general, wealthy rancher, and California state senator--is born in Monterey, CA.  1846: United States annexes California from Mexico.		1816: Argentina's independence day. 1955: Jimmy Smits, actor, is born in New York, NY. 1965: Issac Camacho, Army sergeant first class, escapes after 20 months as POW in Vietnam.	1902: Nicolás Guillén, Cuba's greatest 20th century poet ( <i>Motivos del son</i> , 1930), is born in Camagüey, Cuba.	1934: Franklin Delano Roosevelt becomes first president to travel through Panama Canal. 1960: Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev promises Soviet Union would defend Cuba against a US attack.	1904: Pablo Neruda--Nobel laureate for literature (1971) and romantic poet ( <i>Veinte poemas de amor y una canción desesperada</i> , 1924)--is born in Parral, Chile.
1854: US forces shell and burn San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua.  1974: Frida Kahlo, modern artist of "The Two Fridas" (1939), dies (born 7/06/07 in Coyocán, Mexico).	1969: "Futbol War" between El Salvador and Honduras begins.	1946: Linda Ronstadt, singer, is born in Tucson, AZ.  1950: Ralph E. Dias--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps private first class (Vietnam War)--is born in Shelocta, PA.	1809: Revolt in La Paz, Bolivia, under Pedro Domingo Murillo's leadership. 1934: Katherine Davalos Ortega, US treasurer, is born near Tularosa, NM. 1948: Rubén Blades, entertainer, is born in Panama City, Panama.	1833: Francisco Oller Cestero, pioneer of impressionism, is born in San Juan, PR. 1917: Silvestre S. Herrera, Medal of Honor recipient and Army private first class (WWII)--is born in El Paso, TX.	1872: Benito Juárez, first indigenous leader of Mexico, dies (born 3/21/1806 in Oaxaca, Mexico).	1940: Vikki Carr, world-renowned and Grammy Award-winning Hispanic singer of popular music ("Simplemente mujer"), is born in El Paso, TX.
1810: Colombia's independence day. 1923: "Pancho" Villa is killed at Parral, Mexico. 1947: Carlos Santana, musician, is born in Autlán de Navarro, Mexico.		1932: Oscar de la Renta, clothes designer, is born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.	1967: Puerto Ricans endorse commonwealth status in referendum.	1783: Simón Bolívar, great "Liberator" of Spanish America, is born in Caracas, Venezuela. 1951: Lynda Cordoba Carter, actress ("Wonder Woman"), is born in Phoenix, AZ.	1819: Simón Bolívar and royalist forces battle at Vargas Swamp, Colombia. 1898: US troops land at Guanica, PR. 1952: Puerto Rican constitution takes effect.	1811: Juan Aldama, Mexican military leader, is executed by royalist firing squad.  1929: Patrick Fernández Flores--bishop and Medal of Freedom recipient (1986)--is born in Ganado, TX.
1920: Joe P. Martínez--Medal of Honor recipient and Army private (WWII)--is born in Taos, NM.  1938: Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, National Guard chief, is born in Santa Fe, NM.	1821: Peru's independence day.  1868: Fourteenth Amendment grants US citizenship to legal US residents of Hispanic origin.	1940: Jay R. Vargas --Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps captain (Vietnam War)--is born in Winslow, AZ.	1924: José Villareal, writer, is born in Los Angeles, CA.	1926: Mexican government prohibits Catholic practices in Mexico, separating church and state by peace agreement on 6/21/29. 1944: Richard Rodríguez, writer and journalist, is born in Sacramento, CA.		

NOTE: David G. Farragut, son of a Spaniard from Minorca, served 60 years in the Navy. Ileana Ross-Lehtinen, US representative (R-FL), born 7/15/52 in Havana, Cuba, is first Cuban-American elected to Congress (1989).



Admiral David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870) -- whose father, also a US Navy officer, was born on the Spanish island of Menorca – achieved Fame as a Civil War hero (“Damn the torpedoes!”) and the first US admiral.



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# August

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1988: Luis Alvarez, Nobel Prize scientist, dies in Berkeley, CA. 31					1942: Jerry Garcia--singer, songwriter, and guitarist--is born in San Francisco, CA. 1	1821: Ignacio José de Allende, Mexican independence leader, is executed by royalist firing squad and decapitated. 1942: Isabel Allende, Chilean novelist ( <i>La casa de los espíritus</i> , 1982), is born in Lima, Peru. 2
1492: Columbus sails from Palos de Moguer, Spain, with three ships-- <i>Pinta</i> , <i>Niña</i> , and <i>Santa María</i> , his flagship. 1940: Martin Sheen (Ramón Estevez), actor, is born in Dayton, Ohio. 3	1947: President Harry Truman signs Crawford-Butler Act, permitting Puerto Rico to elect its own governor. 4	1935: Roy P. Benavidez--Medal of Honor recipient and Army staff sergeant (Vietnam War)--is born in Cuero, TX. 1964: US Navy Pilot Everett Alvarez, Jr. is shot down in Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam, and serves 8.5 years as POW. 5	1813: Simón Bolívar enters Caracas and is given title of "Liberator." 1822: Bolívar wins Battle of Junin in Peru. 1825: Bolivian independence. 1988: <i>USS San Juan</i> , nuclear submarine, is commissioned. 6	1819: Simón Bolívar's victory at the Battle of Boyacá frees New Granada from Spanish. 1896: Ernesto Lecuona, popular and semiclassical composer ("Siboney"), is born in Guanabara, Cuba. 7	1776: Viceroyalty of Río de la Plata is established. 1879: Emiliano Zapata, legendary defender of rural poor and general of Mexican Revolution of 1910, is born in Anenecuilco, Mexico. 8	1871: José Mármol -- Argentine national hero and writer of <i>Amalia</i> -- dies (born 12/1/1817 in Buenos Aires, Argentina). 9
1809: Ecuador's independence day. 1932: Edward Gómez--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps private (Korean Conflict)--is born in Omaha, NE. 10	1883: Emiliano Zapata, revolutionary leader, is born in Morelos State, Mexico. 11	1898: United States signs Armistice after defeating Spanish fleet in Cuba and Puerto Rico in Spanish-American War. 12	1521: Aztecs, led by Cuauhtemoc, fall to Spanish forces of Hernán Cortés in present-day Mexico City. 13	1870: Admiral David Glasgow Farragut dies in Portsmouth, NM. 1972: United Farm Workers file suit in Phoenix, AZ, to repeal new law prohibiting harvest-time picketing. 14	1914: Panama Canal opens. 1917: Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez--archbishop of San Salvador and Nobel Peace Prize nominee--is born in Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador. 15	16
17	1934: Roberto Clemente--star outfielder of Pittsburgh Pirates and member of Baseball Hall of Fame (1972)--is born in Carolina, PR. 1969: Department of Defense Human Goals Charter is announced. 18	1958: Anthony Muñoz, football player, is born in Ontario, CA. 1967: Alianza Federal de Mercedes changes name to Alianza Federal de Pueblos Libres. 19	1778: Bernardo O'Higgins, independence leader, is born in Chillán, Chile. 1903: Beatriz Escalona, stage personality, is born in San Antonio, TX. 1930: Miriam Colón, actress, is born in Ponce, PR. 20	1929: Hernán Badillo, congressman/attorney, is born in Caguas, PR. 21	1966: United Farm Workers is formed by merging National Farm Workers Association with Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and is admitted to AFL-CIO. 22	1925: Baldomero López--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps 1st lieutenant (Korean Conflict)--is born in Tampa, FL. 1944: Antonia Coelho Novello, US surgeon general, is born in Fajardo, PR. 23
1847: US-Mexican War ends. 1951: Oscar Hijuelos, first Hispanic writer to win Pulitzer Prize ( <i>The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love</i> , 1990), is born in New York, NY. 24	1828: Uruguay's independence day. 25	1899: Rufino Tamayo, painter of pre-Columbian and contemporary art, is born in Oaxaca, Mexico. 26	1870: Amado Nervo, Mexican modernist poet ( <i>La amada inmóvil</i> , 1920), is born in Tepic, Mexico. 27	1565: Pedro Menéndez de Avilés founds St. Augustine, FL. 1893: Pedro del Valle, Marine lieutenant general, is born in San Juan, PR. 1948: Horacio Gutiérrez, pianist, is born in Havana, Cuba. 28	1970: National Chicano Moratorium protest in Laguna Park attracts 30,000 people. Journalist Rubén Salazar is killed in ensuing clash with police. 29	30



José Feliciano –  
singer, guitarist –  
overcame the  
obstacles of  
blindness and  
poverty to excel as  
a popular performer,  
blending rock, soul,  
jazz, blues, classical,  
and Latin sounds into  
his own highly  
personal style.

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# September

1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1772: Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa is founded in California.  1958: Gloria Estefan, singer, is born in Havana, Cuba.	1772 (9/1-9/4): La Raza Unida holds national convention in El Paso, TX, to promote Chicano candidates for local elections; José Angel Gutiérrez defeats Roldolfo "Corky" Gonzales as national chairman.	1915: Américo Paredes, folklorist ( <i>Cancionero</i> , 1976), is born in Brownsville, TX.  1965: Charlie Sheen (Carlos Irwin Estevez), actor, is born in New York, NY.	1781: Los Angeles, CA, is founded.  1932: Carlos Romero-Barcelo, Puerto Rico's resident commissioner to Congress, is born in San Juan, PR.	1940: Raquel Welch (Raquel Tejada), actress, is born in Chicago, IL. 1942: Eduardo Mata--director, Mexico's National Symphony (1975)/recipient, White House Hispanic Heritage Award (1991)--is born in Mexico City.	1946: Carlos James Lozada-- Medal of Honor recipient and Army private first class (Vietnam War)--is born in Caguas, PR.  Virgin of Guadalupe (Mexico).
1961: US Congress prohibits aid to any country providing assistance to Cuba, unless US president determines it is in national interest.	7 Birthday of Virgin Mary is celebrated in one of biggest fiestas of Andean countries and Mexico.	8 1850: California (Mexican territory lost during war between Mexico and United States) becomes 31st state of United States. More than 27 percent of California's population is Hispanic (1996).	9 1945: José Feliciano, singer, is born in Lares, PR.  1994: Cuba and United States agree on talks to halt rafter exodus; United States promises to accept up to 20,000 legal Cuban immigrants.	10 1919: US Marines invade Honduras.  1973: Military coup deposes Chile's socialist President Salvador Allende Gossens.	11 1918: Juan José Arreola, writer of short narratives ( <i>Confabulario</i> , 1952), is born in Ciudad Guzmán, Mexico.  1949: Michael Aguirre, attorney, is born in San Diego, CA.	12 1810: Father Miguel Hidalgo instigates revolt in Dolores, Mexico. 1941: Oscar Arias Sanchez-- Costa Rican president (1986-90) and Nobel Peace Prize winner (1987)--is born in Heredia, Costa Rica.
1843: Lola Rodríguez de Tió--feminist and poet ("La Borinqueña," national hymn, 1868)--is born in San Germán, PR. 1856: San Jacinto Day (Nicaragua defeats invaders).	14 1821: Central America's Independence day. 1948: Rosemary Casals, tennis player, is born in San Francisco, CA.  1997: Hispanic Heritage Month begins.	15 1810: Mexico's independence day ("Grito de Dolores").  1965: Delano Grape Strike is led by César Chávez and Dolores Huerta under National Farm Workers Association.	16 1868: Puerto Rican decree frees all children of slaves born after this date. 1907: Luis Leal, literary scholar ( <i>El cuento hispanoamericano</i> , 1967), is born in Linares, Mexico. 1937: Orlando Cepeda, baseball player, is born in Ponce, PR.	17 1559: <i>Audiencia</i> of Charcas is installed in Chiquisaca, Bolivia, to supervise region of Bolivia, Paraguay, southern Peru, and Río de la Plata.  1810: Chile's independence day.	18	19 1946: Judith Francisca Baca--muralist and creator of world's largest mural ("The Great Wall of Los Angeles" (1970s) --is born in Los Angeles, CA.
1926: Reies López Tijerina--social activist and founder of Alianza Federal de Mercedes to reclaim US southwestern land stolen from Hispanic descendants--is born near Falls City, TX.	21 1927: Kika de la Garza, US representative (D-TX), is born in Mercedes, TX.	22 1959: Elizabeth Peña, actress, is born in Elizabeth, NJ. 1996: Hispanic Heritage Awards ceremony at Kennedy Center, Washington, DC, honors six outstanding members of Hispanic-American community (21 million).	23 1915: Joseph Manuel Montoya--influential US senator (D-NM), second of two Hispanic senators in history)--is born in Peña Blanco, NM.	24 1828: Manuela Sáenz saves Simón Bolívar from assassination. 1929: Gilbert Padilla, clergyman and writer, is born in Morenci, NM. 1952: Cherrie Moraga, writer, is born in Whittier, CA.	25 1968: Group of 35 students, parents, and Brown Berets begin six-day sit-in at Los Angeles Board of Education to protest teacher Sal Castro's suspension.	26 1514: Juan Ponce de León is granted right to colonize Bimini and Florida.  1821: Agustín de Iturbide (emperor, 1822-23) wins Mexican independence by signing Treaty of Córdoba.
1542: Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo discovers bay at present-day San Diego, CA.	28 1513: Vasco Nuñez de Balboa "discovers" Pacific Ocean.  <i>Día de San Miguel</i> honors St. Michael in many parts of Latin America.	29 1962: César Chávez founds National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) in Fresno, CA.	30			

NOTE: Águila Azteca (Aztec Eagle Medal), Mexico's highest honor accorded to a foreigner, is awarded to Américo Paredes (1991) and Julián Samora (1985).



Desi Arnaz –  
bandleader, actor,  
and producer –  
achieved fame  
and fortune  
playing the  
hassled husband  
to his real-life  
wife, Lucille  
Ball, on the long-  
running television  
series  
*I Love Lucille.*

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# October

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1979: United States returns Canal Zone to Panama (but not Panama Canal) after 75 years. 1	1945: Frank Tejado, US representative (D-TX), is born in San Antonio, TX. 2	1792: Francisco Morazán, Central American unity advocate, is born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. 1968: Los Angeles teacher Sal Castro is allowed to return to classroom after week-long student protest. 3	1906: George Sánchez--civil rights leader and president of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in 1941--is born in Albuquerque, NM. 4	
5	1822: Manuel A. Alonso--physician and author ( <i>El gíbaro</i> , 1849)--is born in Caracas, Venezuela. 1965: Rubén Sierra, American League "Player of the Year" (1989), is born in Río Piedras, PR.	6	1940: Pedro Antonio Sánchez, agronomist, is born in Havana, Cuba. 7	1927: César Milstein, Nobel Prize winner for medicine and physiology (1984), is born in Bahía Blanca, Argentina. 1963: Reies López Tijerina incorporates Federal Land Grant Alliance. 8	1947: Luis Santiero, writer and playwright, is born in Havana, Cuba. 1967: Ernesto "Che" Guevara is executed in Valle Grande, Santa Cruz Department, Bolivia. 9	1967: Army and police massacre hundreds of students and activists and wound 2,500 others protesting government-sponsored inequities in Mexico City (Tlatelolco Massacre). 10	11
<i>Día de la Raza</i> (Indigenous People's Day), a.k.a. Columbus Day, commemorating origin of Latin American people. 1912: Edward Hidalgo, Navy secretary (1979), is born in Mexico City. 12	Columbus Day (observed) 13	1929: Fernando Luis García--Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps private first class (Korean War)--is born in Utuado, PR. 14	Hispanic Heritage Month ends. 1924: José Quintero, stage director, is born in Panama City, Panama. 1951: Desi Arnaz debuts, with Lucille Ball, in "I Love Lucy" television comedy series. 15	1596: Don Pedro Ponce de León is appointed governor of New Mexico. 16	1918: Rita Hayworth (Margarita Carmen Cansino), actress, is born in Brooklyn, NY. 1989: President George Bush nominates Antonia Coehlo Novello for surgeon general. 17	1898: US flag is raised in Puerto Rico. 18	
1899: Miguel Angel Asturias--author ( <i>El señor Presidente</i> , 1946) and Nobel Prize winner for literature (1967)--is born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. 19	1938: Juan Marichal, Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, is born in Laguna Verde, Dominican Republic. 1953: Keith Hernández, baseball player, is born in San Francisco, CA. 20	1927: Celia Cruz, singer, is born in Havana, Cuba. 1972: Reies López Tijerina stages walk-out of Chicano Congress for Land and Cultural Reform in Albuquerque, NM. 21	1962: Cuban Missile Crisis results in agreement to ban construction of missile bases in Cuba by Soviet Union if United States promises not to invade Cuba. 22	1935: Juan ("Chi Chi") Rodríguez, golfer, is born in Río Piedras, PR. 1970: <i>USS San José</i> , combat storeship, is commissioned. 23	1892: Rafael Hernández, composer of popular music("Lamento Borincano"), is born in Aguadilla, PR. 1943: José E. Serrano, US representative (D-NY), is born in Mayagüez, PR. 24	1937: Guadalupe C. Quintanilla, educator, is born in Chihuahua, Mexico. 1955: Minerva Pérez, television journalist, is born in San Juan, TX. 25	
1922: Lucian Adams--Medal of Honor recipient and Army staff sergeant (WWII)--is born in Port Arthur, TX. 26	1806: Juan N. Seguín, founder of "Republic" of Texas, is born in San Antonio, TX. 1967: Land in Chamizal region is returned to Mexico by President Lyndon Johnson. 27	1910: Eligio ("Kid Chocolate") Sardiñas, first Hispanic boxer to win world junior lightweight title, is born in Havana, Cuba. 28	1920: Baruj Benacerraf, Nobel Prize winner for medicine and physiology (1980), is born in Caracas, Venezuela. 29	1810: Battle of Monte de las Cruces, Mexico. 1928: Piri Thomas, writer, is born in New York, NY. 1937: Rudolfo Anaya, novelist ( <i>Bless Me, Última</i> , 1972), is born in Pastura, NM. 30	1831: Romualdo Pacheco--governor of California in 1875 and US representative (R-CA) in 1876--is born in Santa Barbara, CA. 31		

NOTE: On October 2, 1672, Spanish began building Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine, FL, out of *coquina* (shell stone), to protect St. Augustine from invaders. Construction was completed 23 years later. Castillo de San Marcos was renamed Fort Marion in 1845 to honor Francis Marion ("the Swamp Fox"), a Revolutionary War hero



Lieutenant José  
Gonzales,  
United States  
Marine Corps,  
received a Medal  
of Honor for  
service in the  
Vietnam War.

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# November

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1781: Andrés Bello López-- intellectual, jurist, linguist, philosopher, and poet, best remembered for his Spanish grammars and a legal textbook--is born in Caracas, Venezuela. 30						1878: Carlos Saavedra Lamas, Nobel Peace Prize winner (1936), is born in Buenos Aires, Argentina.  1935: Nicholasa Mohr--writer ( <i>Nilda</i> , 1973) and artist--is born in New York, NY. 1
<i>Día de las Ánimas/los Difuntos</i> honors deceased family members at cemeteries throughout Latin America. 2	1903: Panama's independence day.  1970: Salvador Allende Gossens takes office as Chile's president, vowing to nationalize copper companies. 3	1774: Carlos María de Bustamante--historian/publisher/army officer--is born in Oaxaca, New Spain. 1932: Rita Esquivel, head of Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, is born in San Antonio, TX. 4	1811: Arrest of Manuel Aguilar, Roman Catholic priest, by royal officials provokes revolt in San Salvador, El Salvador. José Matías Delgado, father of El Salvador's independence movement, plays key role in uprising. 5	1810: Father Miguel Hidalgo's Indian army of 40,000 to 60,000 members is decimated by 7,000 criollo troops of viceroy's army at Aculco, Mexico. 6	1985: Colombian troops end 27-hour siege of Bogotá's Palace of Justice. 7	1519: Aztec emperor Moctezuma Xocoyotzín meets Spanish explorer Hernán Cortés at temple of goddess Toci in Mexico. 8
1918: Medal of Honor recipient David Barkley of Laredo, TX, drowns under fire, en route back across icy Meuse River, France, after mapping enemy artillery units in WWI. His partner returns safely. 9	1834: José Hernández, author of national epic poem <i>Martin Fierro</i> (1872-79), is born in Chacra de Puerredón, Argentina. 10	1928: Carlos Fuentes, Mexican novelist ( <i>La región más transparente</i> , 1958), is born in Panama City, Panama. 11	1651: Sor JuanaInés de la Cruz, poet and feminist, is born in San Miguel Nepantla, Mexico. 1930: Eugene Arnold Obregón-- Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps private (Korean War)--is born in Los Angeles, CA. 12	1962: Carlos Ortíz, Puerto Rican boxer, regains lightweight boxing championship in San Juan, PR. 13	1844: Joseph H. de Castro-- Medal of Honor recipient and corporal (Civil War)--is born in Boston, MA. 1928: Joseph C. Rodríguez-- Medal of Honor recipient and sergeant (Korean War)--is born in San Bernardino, CA. 14	1915: Alberto Baez, Mexican-American physicist noted for X-ray imaging, is born in Puebla, Mexico. 15
1994: Judge in Los Angeles, CA, temporarily suspends Proposition 187, an initiative passed on 11/8/94 to prohibit undocumented immigrants from receiving public assistance. 16	1905: Rodolfo Usigli, playwright ( <i>El gesticulador</i> , 1938), is born in Mexico City.  1913: Panama Canal opens for use. 17	1903: Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty gives United States control of 10-mile strip of land in Panama to build Panama Canal. 18	1938: Louis R. Rocco--Medal of Honor recipient and Army sergeant first class (Vietnam War)--is born in Albuquerque, NM. 1962: Dennis Chávez (D-NM), first Hispanic member of US Senate, dies. 19	<i>Veinte de Noviembre</i> honors Francisco Madero's call to arms against dictator Porfirio Díaz (president, 1877-80, 1884-1911) in Mexico. 20	1959: Sir Francis Drake, English explorer, sails into San Juan, PR. 21	
1883: José C. Orozco, Mexican muralist ("Catharis," 1934), is born in Jalisco, Mexico. 23	1724: Father Junípero Serra, founder of California missions, is born in Petra, Majorca, Spain. 24	1897: Spanish royal decree grants autonomy to Cuba and Puerto Rico.  1920: Ricardo Montalbán, actor, is born in Mexico City. 25	1907: Vernon Louis "Lefty" Gómez, Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, is born in Rodeo, CA.  1931: Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, Nobel Peace Prize winner (1980), is born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. 26	27	1916: United States declares martial law in Dominican Republic.  1922: Orestes ("Minnie") Minosa, baseball player, is born in Perico, Cuba. 28	29



Mexican painter Diego Rivera (1886-1957) works on the “American Class Struggle” at the New Yorkers’ School, New York City, in 1933. His technique had an enormous influence on twentieth-century art in Mexico and the United States.



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# December

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1939: Lee Buck Treviño-- Mexican-American member of Texas Golf, American Golf, and World Golf Halls of Fame--is born in Dallas, TX.	1 1891: Carlos Mérida--Mayan painter of <i>La confluencia de las civilizaciones en América</i> --is born in Quezaltenango, Guatemala. 1986: Desi Arnaz, television entertainer, dies in Del Mar, CA.	2 1896: Xavier Guerrero, Mexican muralist, is born in San Pedro de las Colonias, Mexico.	3 1934: El Congreso del Pueblo de Habla Española holds first conference in Los Angeles, CA, to fight for equal rights for Spanish-speaking people in United States.	4 1947: Jim Plunkett, All-Pro football player, is born in San José, CA.	5 1534: Quito, Ecuador, is founded by Spaniards.
1929: Ambrosio Guillén-- Medal of Honor recipient and Marine Corps staff sergeant (Korean War)--is born in La Junta, CO.	7 1886: Diego Rivera, master muralist ("Creation," 1922), is born in Guanajuato, Mexico.	8 1824: Forces of General Antonio de Sucre liberate Peru by defeating royalist army, under command of José de la Serna, at Ayacucho, Peru, in last great battle of wars of independence.	9 1898: Spain signs Treaty of Paris, transferring Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Philippines to United States. 1951: Johnny Rodríguez, singer, is born in Sabinal, TX.	10 1905: Gilbert Roland, actor ("Cisco Kid"), is born in Juárez, Mexico. 1931: Rita Moreno (Rosa Dolores Alverio)--Academy Award-winning actress ( <i>West Side Story</i> , 1961)--is born in Humacao, PR.	11 1531: <i>Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe</i> honors patroness of Mexico and all Americas.	12
1951: María Grever, singer, dies in New York, NY.	14 1831: José Francisco Bermúdez--prominent Venezuelan patriot, hero of independence wars, and commander-in-chief of Army of the East--is assassinated by political enemies.	15 1936: Carmelita Schemmenti, brigadier general of USAF, is born in Albuquerque, NM. 1966: <i>USS Mariano G. Vallejo</i> , nuclear submarine, is commissioned.	16 1830: Simón Bolívar dies near Santa Marta, Colombia. 1959: Alfonso Reyes--humanist and poet ( <i>Visión de Anáhuac</i> , 1917)--dies (born 5/17/1889 in Monterrey, Mexico).	17 1955: Deborah Aguiar-Vélez-- president of Sistemas Corporation and Outstanding Women Entrepreneur Advocate (1990)--is born in New York, NY.	18 1896: David Alfaro Siqueiros, master muralist ("The March of Humanity," 1964), is born in Chihuahua, Mexico.	19 1942: Hector Santiago-Colón--Medal of Honor recipient and Army specialist fourth class (Vietnam War)--is born in Salinas, PR.
1874: Juan Bautista Sacasa, president of Nicaragua (1932-36), is born. 1964: <i>USS Garcia</i> , escort ship, is commissioned.	21 1935: Tomás Rivera--pioneer of Chicano literature ( <i>...y no se lo tragó la tierra</i> , 1971)--is born in Crystal City, TX.	22 1751: José Campeche--great colonial artist ("La visión de San Francisco," 1801)--is born in San Juan, PR.	23	24 <i>Navidad</i> (Christmas) 1934: Robert Martínez, former governor of Florida and director, Office of National Drug Control, is born in Tampa, FL.	25 1492: First Spanish settlement in New World is founded at La Navidad, Hispaniola, by Columbus. 1904: Alejo Carpentier, novelist ( <i>El siglo de las luces</i> , 1962), is born in Havana, Cuba.	26 1967: More than 100 Chicanos demonstrate against police brutality at sheriff substation in East Los Angeles, CA.
<i>Día de los Santos Inocentes</i> (Holy Innocents' Day) is celebrated with practical jokes in Latin America. 1989: Open letter to Fidel Castro is published by Latin Americans and Europeans.	28 1845: Texas becomes 28th state, and today more than 27 percent of its population is Hispanic.	29	30 1777: Juan de Miralles leaves Cuba to establish diplomatic liaison between Spain and Congress of Philadelphia. 1930: Jaime Escalante, educator who inspired <i>Stand and Deliver</i> , is born in La Paz, Bolivia.	31		

NOTE: Spanish grammar and literature courses are first offered in United States in 1776 at College of Philadelphia

## DEOMI: Year 1997 Hispanic Heritage Calendar

During the past 500 years, the histories of the Hispanic world and the United States have become so interwoven that Hispanic heritage is a vital, inseparable part of American history. In 1968, the United States Government set aside a week each year to recognize Hispanic heritage. Congress expanded the celebration to a month beginning in 1989. Each year, the period between September 15 and October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month, and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) actively participates.

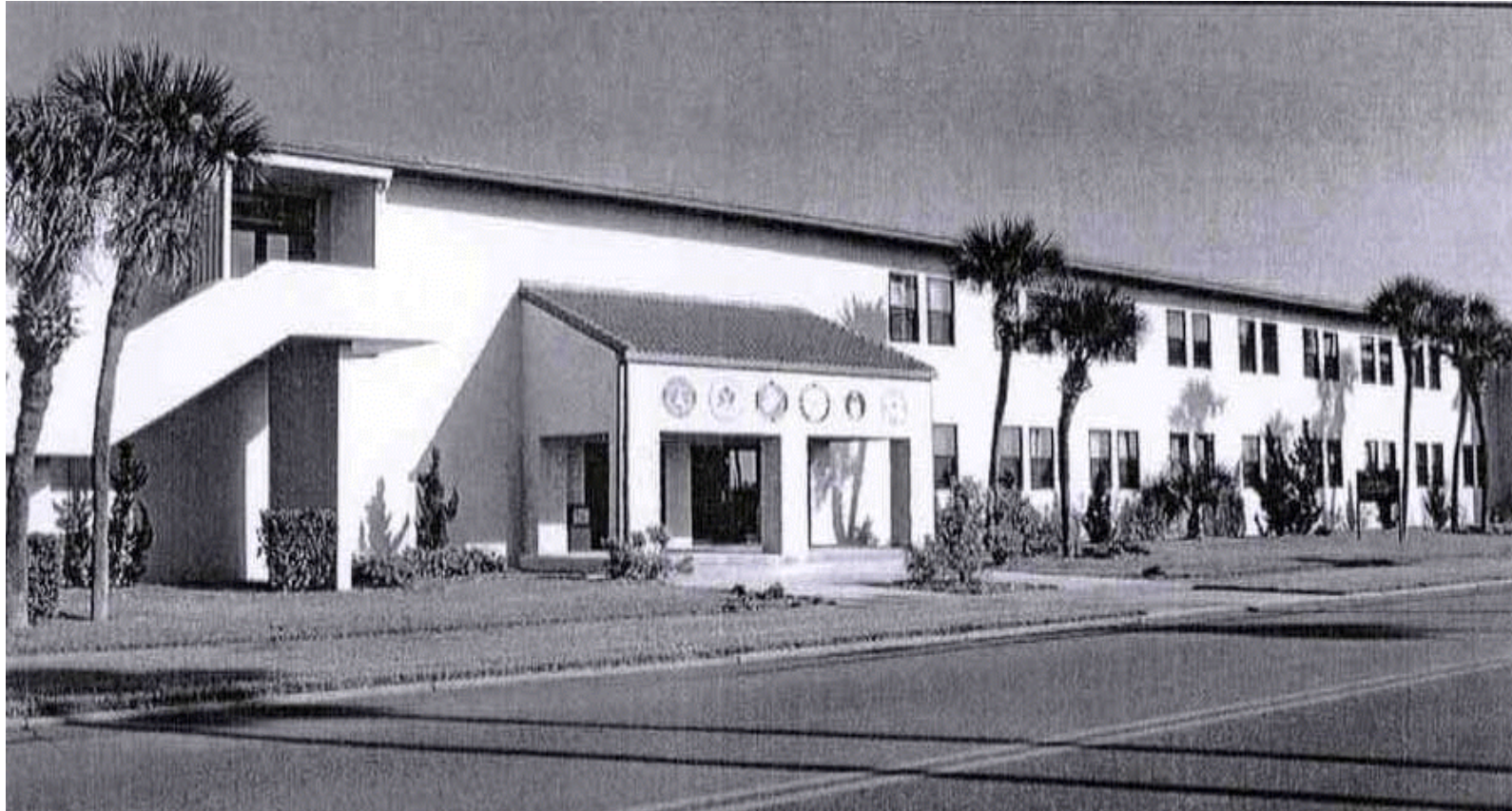
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