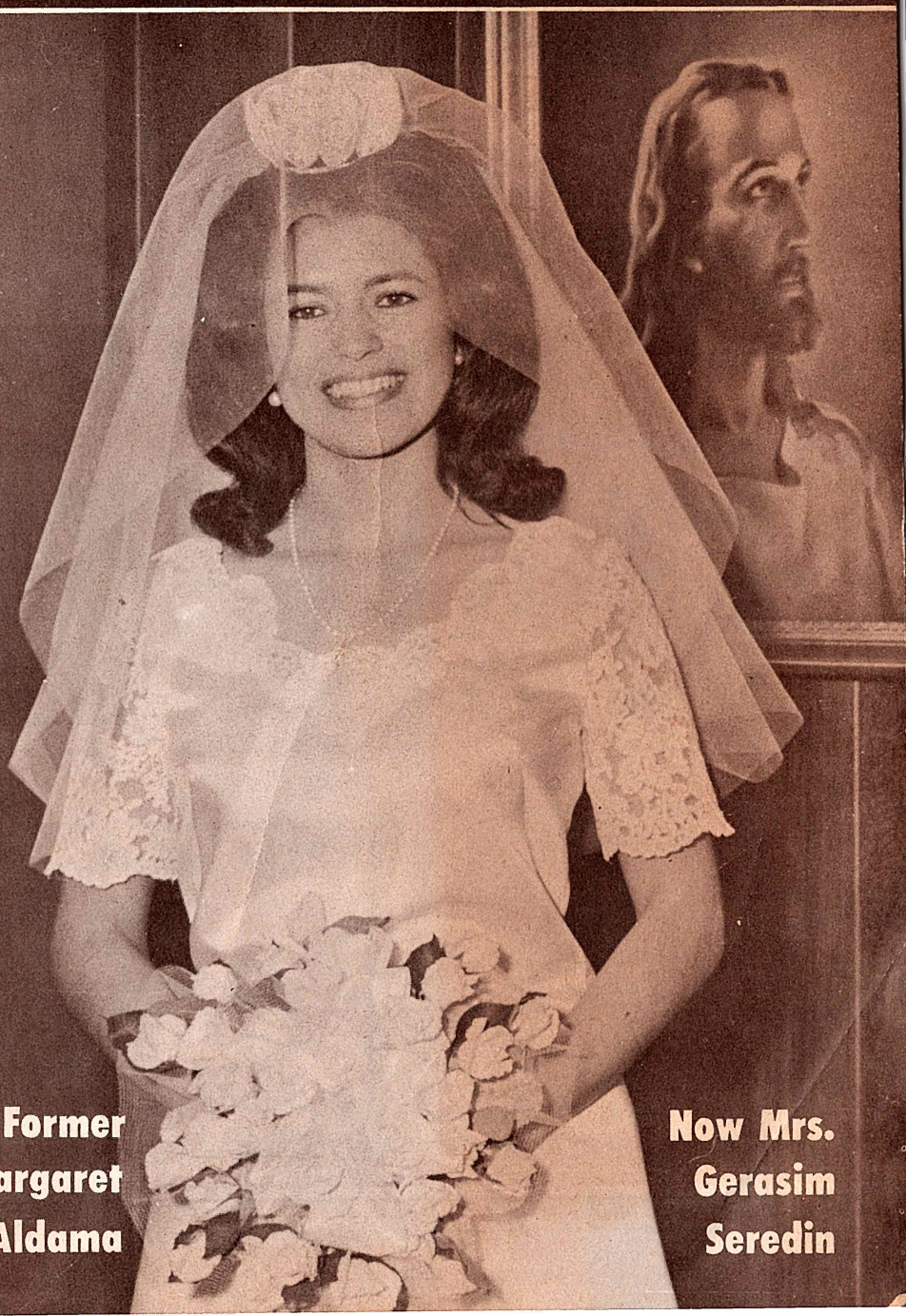


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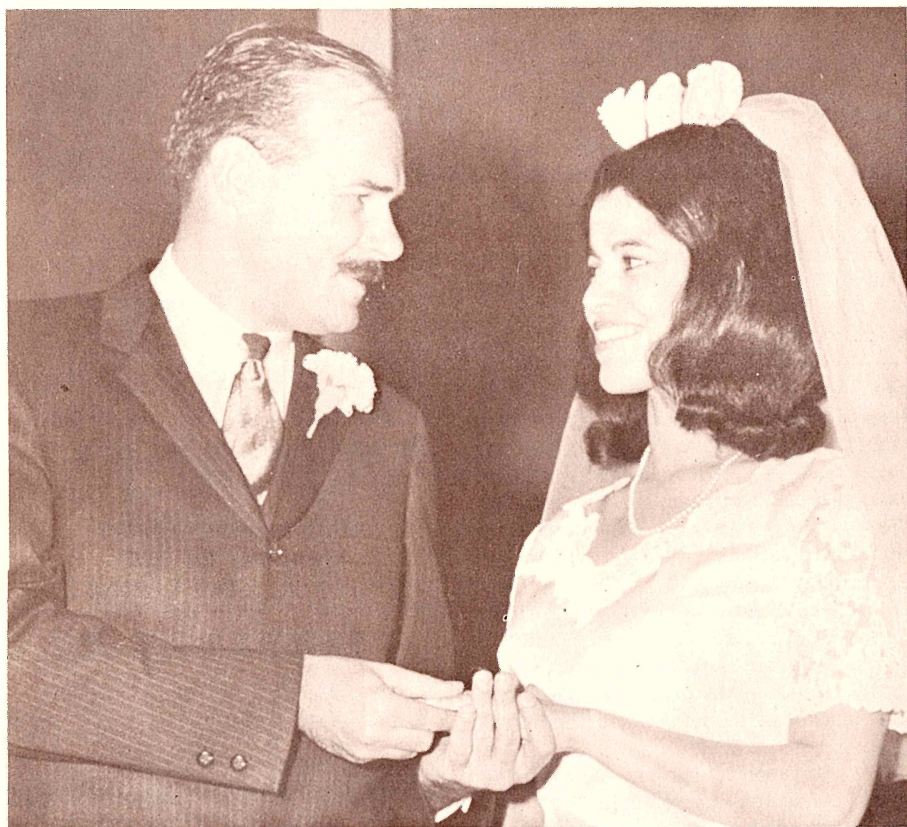
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Chairman Thomas asks those interested in the future of San Jose to attend the January 17th & 18th final public hearing at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, First and Mission Streets, City Hall, San Jose. You may write your suggestions and send them to Don de la Peña, Planning Dept., City Hall, San Jose.

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become part of a total City, completely integrated, not only in association, but lingually. The rate of intermarriage between Latin and those of Anglo descent is outstanding, and very extensive, indicating that discrimination, while it does exist and always will, can best be overcome by education and intellectual culture and association.

It is of utmost priority that the children of our people who are going to be the mainspring of the future generations and conduct of our government, be given examples of how the majority of his community have ment their responsibilities and obligations to their Country as good citizens. It is vital that they become aware of the hundreds of citizens of his own ethnic origin that are men and women of science and the professions; of the hundreds who are teachers and educators; of the many who are in the highest echlons of our government, whether it be City, County, State or Federal. Let us inspire our children with the hope that they have equal opportunity but they will have to earn it in the same manner that those before him did through education and civic interest. Let us point to the increasing numbers who are executives in large corporations as well as to those who are gainfully employed and are providing a normal and fruitful existance for their own.

The need for greater disclosure of those who have succeeded on their own and are giving to the City by their own efforts grows every day. It is not important that such persons be pointed out personally because it would take many pages to include each name, their activities etc.

There is another field of endeavor that is just as vital. It is vital because of the direct effect it has on our youth and yet it is taken for granted by the majority of the recipients and they fail to realize that a Mexican-American was an integral part of the planning. These are the Boy Scout programs that were developed in the Eastside known as the Sierra program to bring in the child of Mexican descent; the YMCA programs that are now in the process of obtaining the sum

of \$2, 500, 000, 00 so that it can build a YMCA Center not only in the Eastside, but also in the Southwest, and Northwest; of the efforts made by organizations like the Goodwill and the Disabled Veterans, the St. Paul Society, and others to train and help give the completely handicapped a new chance; of the service clubs such as the Mexican-American Lions that have opened the way for other clubs to follow suit; the right of each citizens to the political belief and party of his choosing, thus permitting the great two party system, the Republican and Democrat and giving our people a voice in government; of the representation in the Judicial, Law Enforcement as well as Juvenile and all others divisions of City and County government as well as State and Federal, so that they have a voice in its policy making. No, we have not failed to become citizens of responsibility and resources. We have not failed to become educated, proficient in the arts and sciences. We are succeeding in spite of those who for personal or other gains, always strive to show the negative side of our "coin". Perhaps the following poem "A Christmas Prayer" from the N.Y. Life Insurance Company should be our prayer for 1968 and thereafter:

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding.

That the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified.

That men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them.

That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses.

That the true spirit of this Christmas Season -- It's joy, it's beauty, it's hope, and above all it's abiding faith -- may live among us.

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By
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As it is so true in the old saying that "there are two sides to a coin", so there is in the Mexican-American Community and of all the residents of Mexican descent who are part of San Jose. It is time that we began to turn the "coin" over and become aware of the positive gains made by our people who have, thru their efforts and sacrifices, made successes of themselves. It is time that we change the image that has been continuously conveyed to the press and television by those who prefer not to make public the tremendous gains by our people.

The average resident of our Community forms an opinion of his neighbor by their efforts to improve themselves as to better their lot by obtaining an education, to participate in total community efforts and to become an asset to the area he belongs to. Much, and perhaps the greatest means of obtaining this impression is from what he reads, sees, and hears. It is unfortunate for some time now, the public at large has not been aware of the stability and strength of the Spanish surnamed community. All efforts have been to illustrate that the average resident of Mexican origin is always dependent on public assistance, that he does not have an equal opportunity; that he does not want an education but prefers to be a drop-out, and that crime is part of the Latin-American background. We are continuously exposed to expressions that we do not pay taxes and have to be subsidized because we are unable to help ourselves. There are other examples but space does not permit naming them.

It is because of this that it is time that we take a good hard look at the truth and be proud of our heritage and what it has contributed to history and what it is

now doing. It is time that we become totally conscious of the pride and joy that flows in the blood of every American citizen of Mexican descent when he sees and hears of the progress made by his people and his own children when they climb up into the world of the intellectual and make major contributions to a better way of life.

Let us become aware of the hundreds of children of the pioneers who first came to the Santa Clara Valley before the war and worked at great sacrifices to give their children an opportunity to obtain as much schooling as possible; of the most commendable efforts made by those who were born of parents who did not lose confidence or respect for the pride of their forefathers and the right to human dignity and its preservation, not by accepting a temporary economic restraint but by encouraging and in some cases, demanding that their children conform to the need that an education is the key to all opportunity. That even though they would have to suffer some passing luxury and perhaps some of the older children's hand me down clothing, that they would be assured that soon, as soon as they finished their schooling, that there would be a new way of life.

The promise that these migrants made to their children has not been an empty one. There are thousands of fulfillments of this promise in visible evidence as can be seen by the hundreds of Mexican-American property owners that are spread throughout the West Valley in all the tracts such as Cambrian Park, West Valley, Seven Trees, Almaden Valley as well as in the Eastside and into Evergreen and Berryessa and north thru the Northwoods. These residents are not only owners of new homes but are contributors towards the maintenance of the fiscal needs of our City. It is also important to state that many of these new property owners were at one time dependent on public assistance programs but their parents believed in a better way of life for their children.

As thousands of citizens of Mexican descent succeed in life pursuits, they

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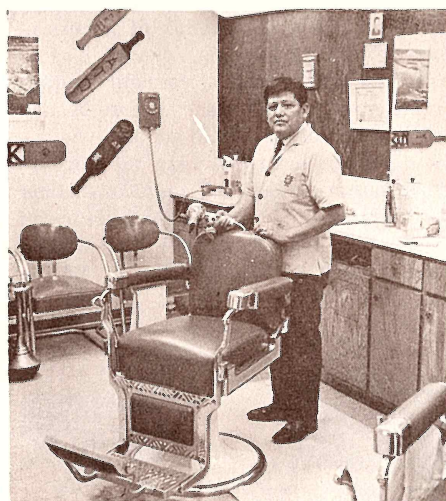
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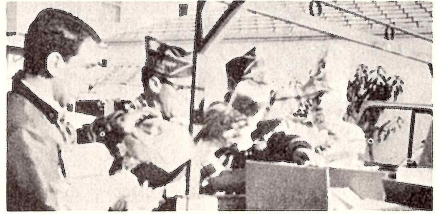
CHRISTMAS BASKETS PROGRAM HELPS NEEDY FAMILIES

San Jose Chapter, American GI Forum, recently concluded their Sixth Annual Christmas Baskets program by distributing 85 baskets to needy families in Santa Clara County. Led by Welfare Chairman Mel Graham, the Forumeers picked up food at Pink Elephant Market, 1098 North First Street, on Friday night, December 23rd and transported it to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garza, 637 North 17th Street, which was the distribution control center. Aided by donations by Reed & Graham, Furniture Discount House, Pink Elephant Market, Machinists Union #2225, Frito-Lay, and Langendorf Bakery, the San Jose Forum was able to provide each family on their list a big turkey, 20 pounds of potatoes, bread, tortillas, yams, canned corn, assorted nuts, celery, carrots, candy, fritos, oranges, apples, pinto beans, onions, and other edible goods.

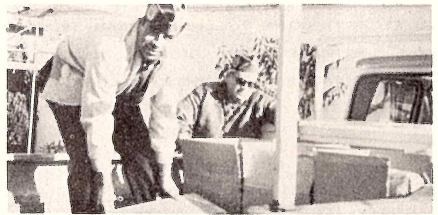
On Saturday morning, the Forumeers gathered again at the Garza home to distribute the baskets to needy families in Milpitas, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and through out the city of San Jose.



San Jose Chapter Welfare Chairman Mel Graham, loads a box of Fritos donated by Frito-Lay Company of San Jose into pick-up truck for distribution to needy families on Saturday, Dec. 23.



Bob Melendez, left, and Ben Garza help load pick-up truck with baskets which were distributed by members of San Jose Chapter, American GI Forum, to needy families. A total of 85 families were helped by the SJ Forumeers this Christmas.



At left, Moses Pimentel, San Jose Chapter Treasurer, gets help from Chapter Chairman David Sierra in loading his truck with one of eleven baskets which he delivered in the Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and Campbell areas.



Louis Cobarruvias, one of San Jose Chapter's newest members.



Left to right, John Ochoa, Mel Graham, and Pete Gonzales load turkey baskets on pick-up truck for distribution to needy families at Christmas. All three of these men were on hand Friday night and Saturday morning to help ensure a delicious Christmas dinner for some needy family in the area.

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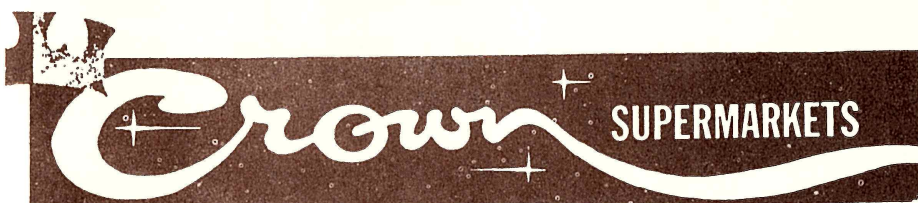
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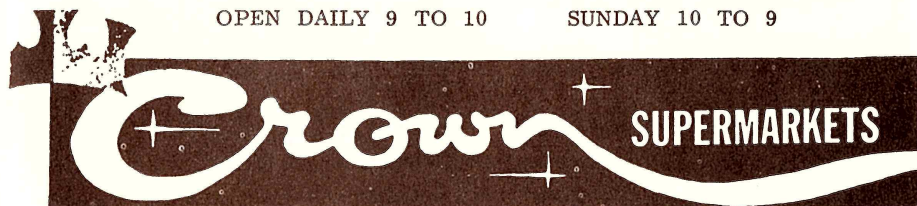
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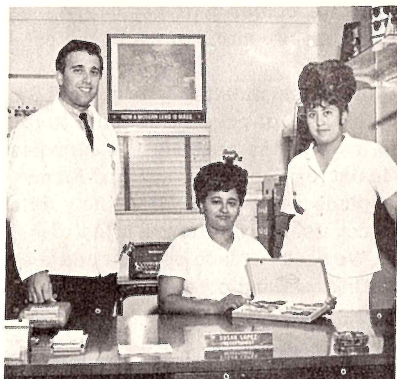
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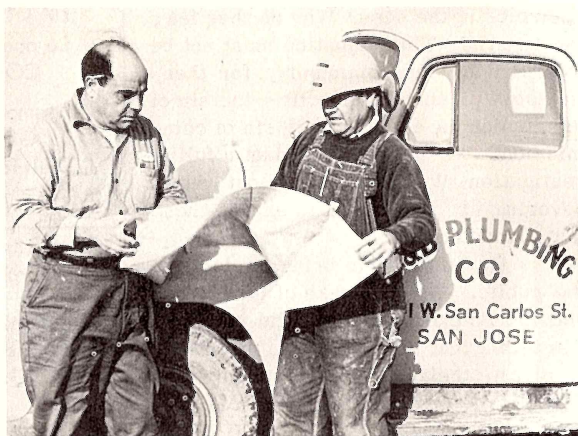
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Dear Citizen:

More than one month has gone by since the murder of Gilbert Garza. The guilty persons and those who are obviously covering up have not had to answer for their part in this crime.

Repeated attempts by members of the UNITED LATINS FOR JUSTICE to obtain information have been thwarted by authorities. It's an intolerable shame that our own authorities withhold information from law abiding citizens. They implicate themselves by sanctioning this criminal act.

We certainly must question what part the Hayward Review plays in this attempt at genocide. Why do they insist upon closing the case? Why do they fear the truth? This injustice must not be tolerated by our community, for then, we too will share the guilt -- the sin of omission is as bad as the sin of commission. We intend to conduct a full investigation. We intend to find out who is covering up. We intend to expose those that share the guilt.

Our duty is to bring the facts to the public. For the sake of justice you should then exercise your legal rights by demanding that the criminals, those that condone their actions and incompetent officials be removed from public office.

The UNITED LATINS FOR JUSTICE is sincerely gratified by the overwhelming support it has received. This proves that there is a deep desire to promote a better community by anglos, negroes, and other minorities.

The murder of Gilbert Garza is only one of the many injustices that we suffer, but this newly formed group has resolved that it will involve itself in any other unjust act. There is a tremendous undertaking before us, for the forces of evil are great. The effectiveness of this group will depend upon the continued support of the public (we have no rich Uncle). We urge you to contribute financially or morally.

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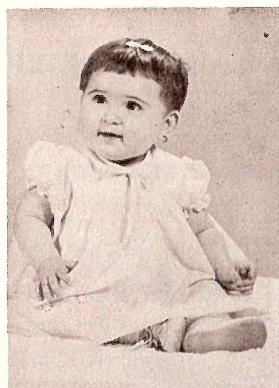
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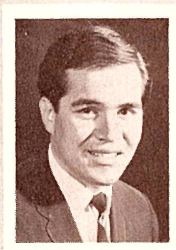
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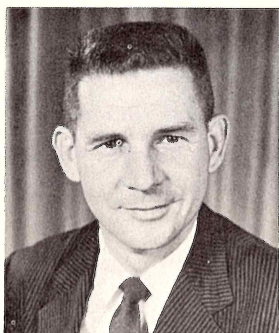
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A part of the 400-member Juvenile Probation Department for over 11 years, Bothman has held the positions of deputy probation officer, staff psychologist, supervising probation officer, and director of probation services.

He is a 1953 graduate of San Jose State College and earned his M. A. in psychology in 1956 from the same institution. He lives with his wife and four children at 2330 Montezuma Drive in Campbell.



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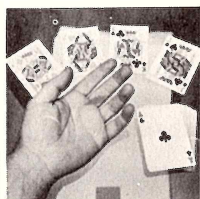
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THE NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS or HOW WAS YOUR HOLIDAY?

Twas the night after Christmas, and boy what a house. I felt like the devil and so did the spouse -- Dave & Gloria Sierra. The eggnog and turkey and candy were swell, but ten hours later, they sure gave me hell -- Harry Evans. The stockings weren't hung by the chimney with care. The darn things were tossed on the back of a chair -- Amador Yrabazo. The children were nestled all snug in their beds. And I had a large cake of ice atop of my head -- Toni. When at last, I dozed off in nap. The ice woke me up when it fell in my lap -- Joe Flores. Then for some unknown reason, I wanted a drink. So I started feeling my way to the sink -- Pat "Skates" Perez. I got along fine 'till I stepped on the cat. And I don't quite recall what occurred after that -- Sandy Vallejos. But when I came to, the whole house was alight. I was under the table as high as a kite -- Danny Lopez. While visions of sugar plums danced in my head. I somehow got up and got back in bed -- Jerry Moran. Then what to my wandering mind should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer -- Mary Rogers. Then the sleigh seemed to change to a fiery - red truck, and each reindeer turned into a bleary-eyed buck -- Victor Vasquez. I knew in a moment it must be Old Nick. I tried to cry out but, my tongue was too thick -- Betty Garcia. The old fellow whistled and shouted with glee; while each buck pawed the earth, and looked

daggers at me -- Raul Chapa. Then he called them by name, and the names made me shudder. When I heard them I felt like a ship without a rudder -- Joe Sanchez. "Now Fruit Cake, Cold Turkey, Gin Rickey, and Candy; now Egg Nog, Bacardi, Four Roses and Brandy -- Bobby Zamora. To the top of the house, to the top of my skull. Now whack-away, whack, with thumps that were dull -- Nena Azdar. Then, in a twinkling, I felt on my roof. The prancing and pawing of each cloven hoof -- Connie Garza. How long this went on I'm sure I can't say. Though it seemed an eternity, plus a long day -- Art "Alaska" Lopez. But finally the night after Christmas had passed. I found that I really could think straight at last -- Armando Palacios. I've made a vow that no tempter can sway; to stay with forever and then one more day -- Jess Medina. I'm sticking with water, don't even want ice. There's nothing so tasty, there's nothing so nice! -- Mary Hernandez. The night after New Years may bother some guys; but I've learned my lesson, and brother, I'm wise -- Fito Hephner. You can have your rich victuals and liquor that's red - but what goes to my stomach won't go to my head! -- Leo Perez. So a Big, Happy New Year to you, and to all.

I'm back on the wagon, hope I won't fall -- Club San Felipe.

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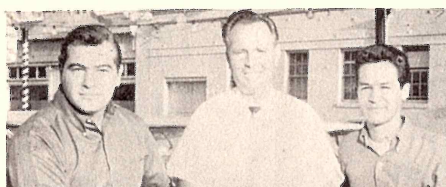
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