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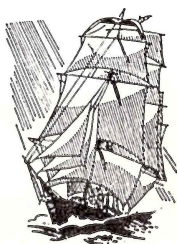
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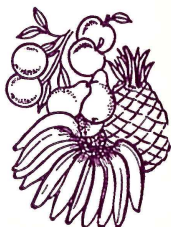


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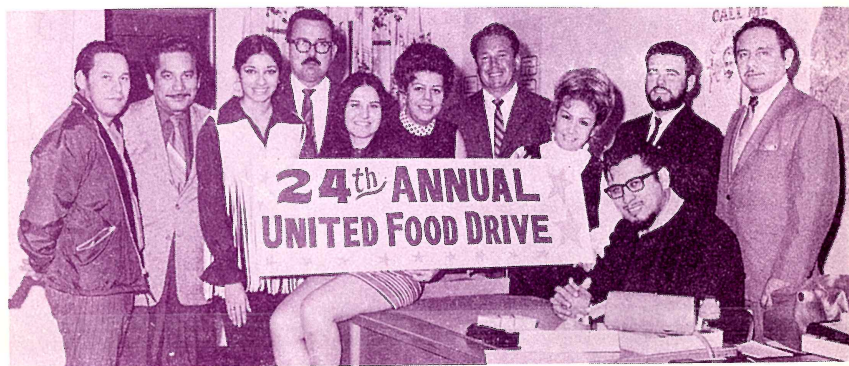
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Mexican - Americans

By Luis Juarez

A Mexican-American is an American citizen of Mexican ancestry. He could be a first generation American or one whose ancestors have been American citizens for many generations.

The 15 million persons of Mexican origin now residing in the United States can be, however, as different from each other as night and day in their physical and social characteristics.

Unlike other ethnic minorities such as Blacks and Orientals, the Mexican-American physical characteristics can range from the blue-eyed blonde to the bronze-skinned, black-haired Indian. Between this European and Indian mixture, an infinite variety of physical characteristics are found among the group.

In a single family, hereditary traits can bring out recessive genes hidden in the family for generations, resulting in marked physical differences among themselves causing the family members to nickname each other "el guero" (the with blonde hair) or "el prieto" (the with dark hair) - whichever the case may be.

Mixed marriages in the United States between Mexican-Americans and Americans of European origin are further producing a more complex social and ethnic melting pot that can result in either a Mexican or Anglo-Saxon oriented child, depending on where the parent's cultural influence takes him.

The Mexican-American's ability to speak the Spanish language can also range from good to none. 2nd generation Mexican-Americans are rapidly losing their ability to speak Spanish. This trend, unfortunately, was forced upon many Mexican-American children not so many years ago by short-sighted teachers who insisted the children forget their mother language and concentrate on learning English.

Many American parents were also guilty of this misconception. The parents felt that the knowledge and use of Spanish by their children were also guilty of this

miscial acceptance and economic progress.

The spectrum of acculturation among Mexican - Americans also ranges from one extreme to the other. On one, we have what is called "stabilized pluralism" in which people of a minority group retain their way of life. For some Mexican - Americans, this is made possible for many reasons. Among them is the fact that Mexico is close and for many is a fairly easy matter to sustain close ties with people in Mexico.

Another reason is because they live in small communities where Spanish is a dominant language or because the people live in colonies within the city where the same condition holds true.

The other extreme in the spectrum of acculturation is that of conformity to a specific way of life.

Included in this category is a particular kind of person with whom we are all familiar - a person of Mexican descent who has chosen to adopt many segments of American life.

These are individuals who have almost totally crossed the cultural line, who can no longer speak or understand Spanish, who seldom, if ever, associate with other people of Mexican descent.

No one actually knows how many have done this but one thing is certain - this process continues even today. This brings us to a third category, that of re-aligned pluralism - the kind of cultural change in which individuals of Mexican descent may become considerably Americanized.

These groups, for one reason or another, do not feel they have been accepted by the larger society and, therefore, identify with other members of their ethnic group. Here we find members of social groups, clubs, charity oriented organizations and political groups.

A fourth group is a kind characterized by the term "Bi-culturalism". There is a rapidly growing group of people who tend to be truly bi-cultural. These are Mexican - Americans who work equally

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effectively in both cultures. These people belong to the group known as "marginal".

Regardless of what level of acculturation the Mexican-Americans find themselves, a common denominator for the group seems to be the traditional food & music of Mexico.

There is a saying among Mexicans that no matter how much a Mexican may try to hide his national origin, if you put a tortilla in front of him, he instinctively knows how to roll a taco or cut it with his fingers to spoon the food into his mouth. Or if he hears a mariachi band playing "El Son de la Negra", he would not be able to control letting out a healthy yell.

So here we have it - the complex picture of the Mexican-American. Not one type, but many types which are simultaneously moving in more than one direction and who, therefore, do not fit in any particular stereotype which may be passed off as theory.

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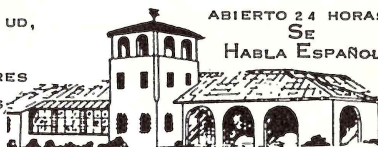
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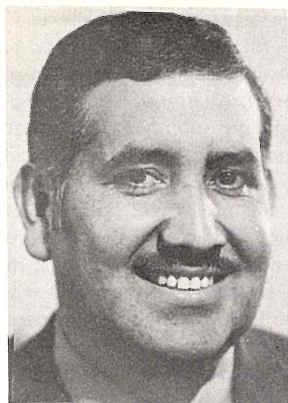
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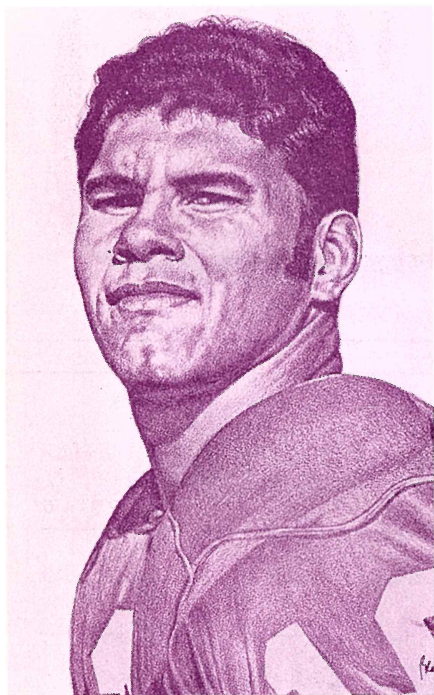
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JIM PLUNKETT

Un ejemplo para la juventud



JIM PLUNKETT, hijo de una señora mexicana y padre en parte irlandés, los dos ciegos, Carmen es el nombre de la madre y William era el del padre que murió el año pasado. Para sostener a la familia William vendía periódicos en la oficina de correos de San José y recibía ayuda de la Beneficiencia Pública. Una familia humilde, pero fuertemente unida al hogar.

Jim cursó su escuela secundaria en San José y encabezó el grupo de jugadores de fútbol de secundaria invencibles en toda la temporada.

Durante su año de novato en Stanford, Plunkett se encontró un tumor en el lado izquierdo del cuello, los doctores le dijeron que tal vez sería cáncer, lo operaron y por buena suerte el tumor de la glándula tiroidea resultó benigno, este motivo que ese año empezara a jugar tarde y debilitado por la operación, por lo que su actuación no fue muy brillante en esa temporada.

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El quarterback Jim Plunkett es el primer jugador en la historia de Stanford que ha ganado el Trofeo Helmsman, también ha ganado los honores y trofeos siguientes: Maxwell Trophy Winner; United Press International Player of the Year; Sporting News Player of the Year; Walter Camp All-American Committee Player of the Year; American College Football Coaches Association Offensive Player of the Year; UPI Back of the Year; Voit Memorial Trophy Winner.

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Cuando ha tenido oportunidad Jim Plunkett ha aconsejado a los jóvenes, especialmente a los México-Americanos, en el sentido de que no deben de abandonar los estudios que les puedan alejar de los campos de inmigrantes y de las barracas (Ghettos), el mismo se pone como ejemplo y seguirá estudiando en Stanford. Un jugoso contrato le puede dar para comprarle una casa a su madre y algunos lujos que los Plunketts de San José nunca soñaron tener.

JIM PLUNKETT es un ejemplo para la juventud, especialmente para los jóvenes México-Americanos; el triunfo no lo ha envenenado y prefiere estar en su casa en

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SALDAÑA (CONT.)

compañía de su madre y sus hermanos, a pasar los fines de semana en las playas o en otros lugares de recreo.

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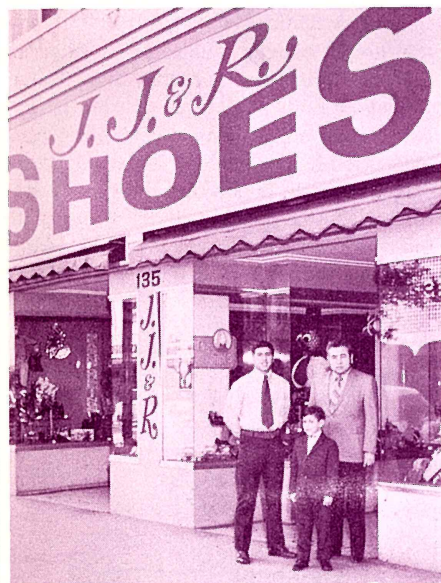
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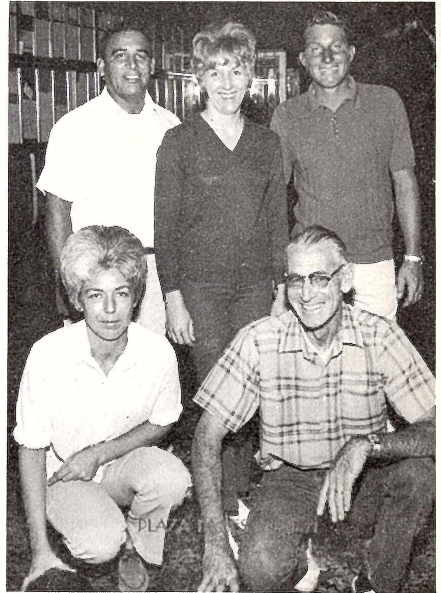
I would like to wish Devin Coluzzo & his wife the best of luck and happiness.

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I would like to wish the following Happy Birthdays and may all of you many more. Randy Kawakami, Feb. 28; Frank (Junebug) Espinoza Feb. 27; and Mrs. Vivian Ramirez, Feb. 26 and Jim Payer, February 13.

At this time the club would like to send their condolence to Paul Ramirez and Frank Espinoza on the passing away of their Aunt, who resided in Tracy, Calif. Also Sonny Torres' mother who was in an auto accident, we hope it is not serious. Glad to see Thelma Hamilton and around after an open heart surgery at

Stanford Medical Center. She bowls with us on Friday night and also Carry is an 180 average. Sure will miss that average T. But I'm glad everything is fine and I am sure B.J. is too. This is our bowling picture.



I see Bonanza Yard Crew from Sunnyvale, Campbell and San Jose had a football game Saturday. There were a few sore muscles Monday at work. Felix, what happened to you? You were supposed to stop Lee, How Come? What did (Happy) as you Felix? If you wanted to go play football again. We should have another game soon. With this 3 day Holiday I wish everyone a nice weekend and drive carefully, and be on the job in good shape.

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A Racist Conception of the Chicano

Magazine drawings such as the one found in the last issue of El Excentrico symbolically reaffirm the inferior status of Chicanos in the eyes of not only the rest of the Chicano community, but also in the eyes of the Anglo community. The stereotype of the siesta taking Mexicano under the cactus is a misconception of how the Chicano lives; symbolically it suggest that Chicanos are comical, lazy, fat, and thieving. The consequence of this is logical: the Chicano is looked at as being "naturally inferior". To find nothing objectionable or distasteful about such a drawing, suggests tacit agreement with that image.

In addition to the fact that drawings like the one found in El Excentrico exhibit racist thinking at the expense of every Chicano, these drawings create an unfavorable racial and cultural stereotype in the minds of people that previously might not have harbored them. It is assumed that the message which this drawing represents is an extension of a person's thinking, due to the educational retardedness brought about by the ruling class of this society.

The Chicano can not and will not accept the racist views of his people, and if people persist in degrading LaRaza in this manner, they will have to be dealt with in order to bring to light the honest and truthful appreciation of Chicano culture. The person directly responsible for printing the sleeping Mexicano, chose to print this caricature because it appealed to him as being "cute". Obviously,

he did not realize the political and social implications of this stereotype. This person is now aware that the "sleeping Mexicano" was invented by publisher William Randal Hearst in reaction to an angry dispute between him and the Mexican government over the business of property. This man printed, in every newspaper own by him in the United States, a replica of the caricature which appeared in El Excentrico. It is the responsibility of all La Raza to errase these attitudes which keep the Chicano from progressing forward.

If El Excentrico were not a Chicano publication, we would ordinarily demand, on behalf of the familial community, that you implement all the necessary precautions to prevent such an error from recurring. In view of the fact that El Excentrico is a publication which reaches out to the Chicano community, it is assumed that no demands need be presented to insure the community against further insult. However, because of the nature of El Excentrico as a publication, we ask, in the spirit of carnalismo, that its staff realize its responsibility of the Chicano community. Hopefully, El Excentrico will turn its negative error of printing the racist stereotype into a positive alternative by educating, through its available facilities, the Chicano community on the subject of stereotypes and their effects on the Chicano. Realizing our responsibilities, we would be more than happy to assist in any way possible regarding this matter.

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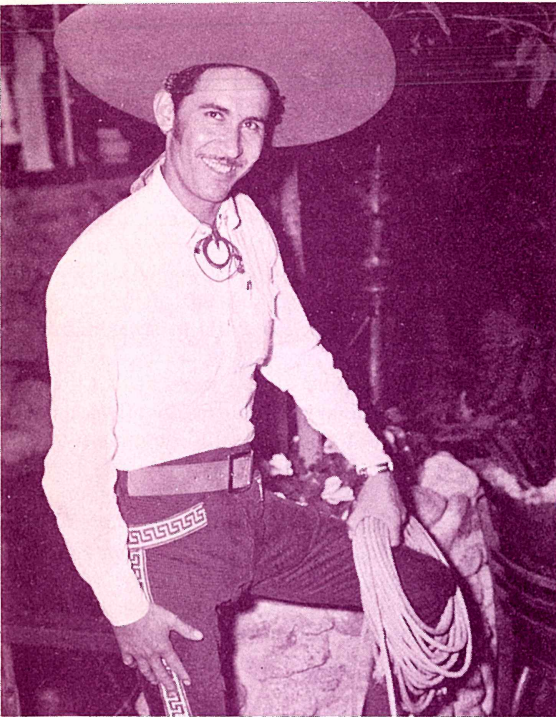
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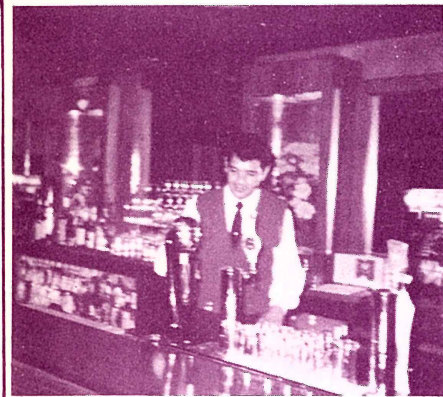
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El Presidente de México, Lic. Luis Echeverría, en su programa de Gobierno ha reconocido y dado su apoyo moral al MOVIMIENTO CHICANO, inclusive todos aquellos estudiantes Chicanos que deseen hacer algún curso en México, para obtener más conocimientos de nuestra cultura, se pueden comunicar con la siguiente persona para hacer su solicitud oficial. Sr. Fausto Zapata, Subsecretario de la Presidencia. PALACIO NACIONAL

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La Asociación de Estudiantes Mexicanos de la República Mexicana, ha reconocido al MOVIMIENTO CHICANO y ha difundido a través de sus propios órganos de difusión el problema Chicano en Estados Unidos, Radio Universidad, la estación de radio de los universitarios, transmitió una entrevista con Corky Gonzales, además el Sr. Ray Gonzales, recibió una invitación de la Universidad Autónoma de México, para la formación de un comité, para la formación a los estudiantes de México, sobre los diferentes problemas del México-Américo, para aquellas personas que no están enteradas, les dire que la nueva generación de México ha visto el problema Chicano como propio, y cada día más los estudiantes de México mantienen contacto directo con los estudiantes Chicanos, Rudy Belloumini, Heriberto Gutiérrez, Adalberto Jiménez, Ray Gonzalez, y este un servidor hemos recibido la invitación de la Asociación de estudiantes de México, tal vez pronto estaremos en tierra Azteca.....

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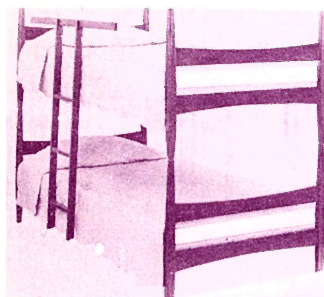
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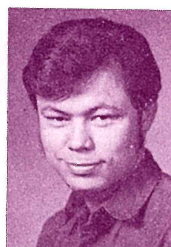
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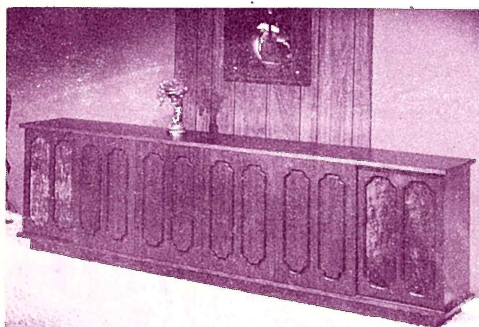
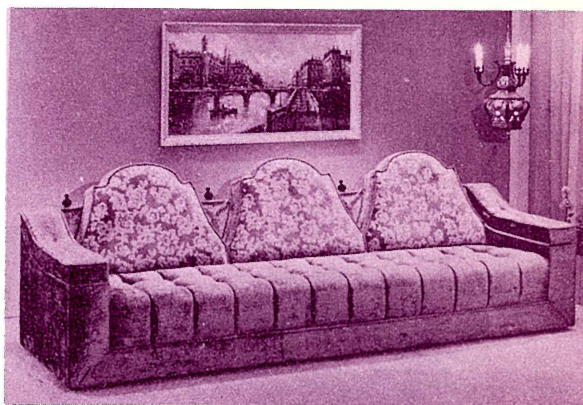
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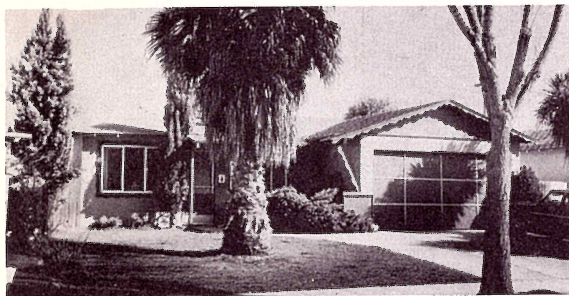
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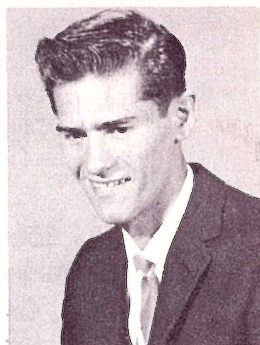
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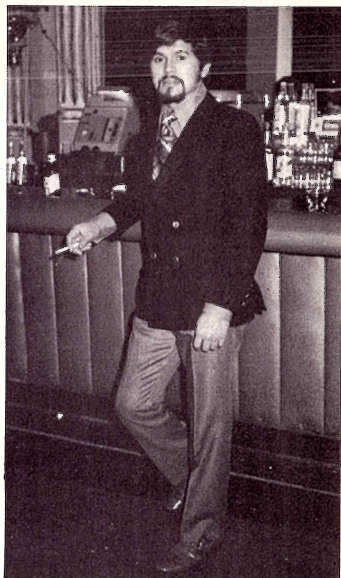
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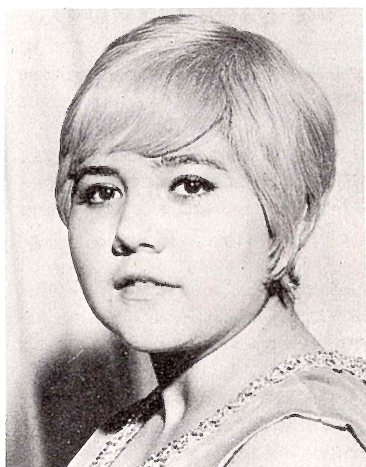
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Union or non-union is the question, when a coat made of lettuce appeared in a T V program resently. Well, at least we know the lettuce has been put to some use.

School sure has changed these days, a local schoolteacher instructed her pupils to go home and watch a TV program about a certain leader and his boycott & make a report.

After an uncalled for riot in Los Angeles, an earthquake. Poor L.A. One could have been prevented but not the other.

Plans for a new ballroom in San Jose are now under way. Oh well, like they say, the more the merrier.

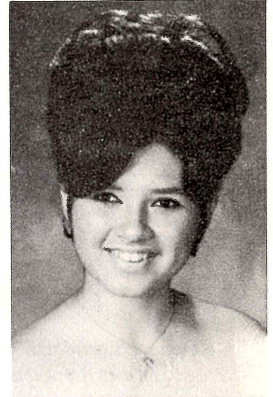
Slow down, is what is recommended to a new bartender in town. He seems to be enjoying himself quite nicely. Hope you like it here, from a certain blond.

Nice to see my old buddy Dave Villalba and his cute wife, they seem to be very happy together. Takes two to make a happy marriage.

Thank you and our best wishes to the new Association, De Charros De Alviso. President is George Interiano, followed by Liz Diaz Infate, C. Gomez, Luis Juarez, Hermanos Guerra, etc. Our club would like to thank them and Mr. Diaz for the kind invitation to the Charreda and convention which was held in Pico-Rivera, California. Representatives from Tijuana, Mexicali, Arizona, Texas, Col

orado, etc. attended. It was an honor to be asked. Lots of luck.

Following photo is of cute Yolanda Silva. Yolanda became a member of Club Las Coronelas, and we'd like to welcome her. She is single, likes to dance, skate and has a pleasant personality.



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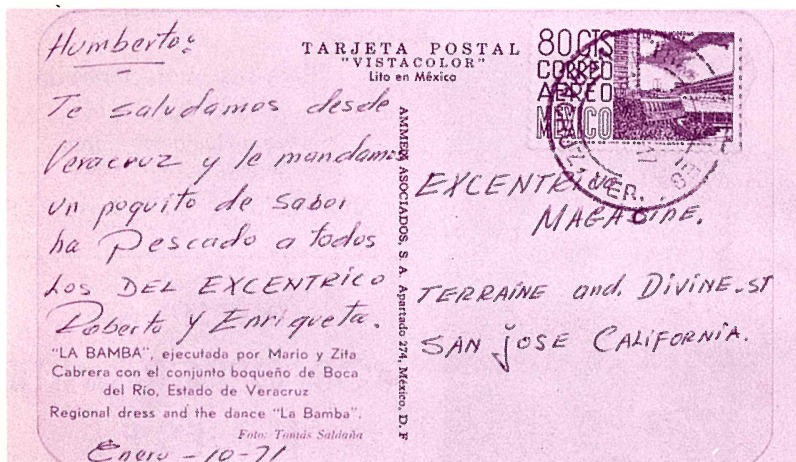
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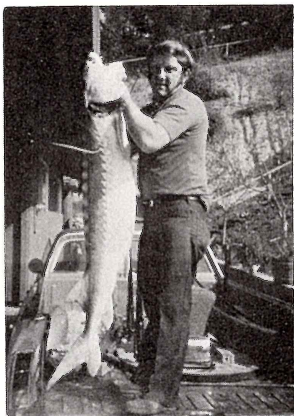
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regalos from the staff. All kidding aside, we wish her the good life and the pursuit of happiness with Dennis.



There is something fishy going on with Señor SKI, prop. of Ski's Royal Appli - ances, better known to many of his amigos as "El Gringito con el corazon muy Mejicano". On the fatal day (for the fish) of February 9th, he didn't mention the time, SKI caught a 68lb. pescado in the waters of Alviso using a 15 lb. fish line; the week before, he caught an 85lb. fish. The length of the fish in this picture is 65 inches. Pancho Villareal, his compañero at work, claims there is some thing smelly about the whole thing. If you care to join them in the next fishing trip, call Ski or Pancho at 378-2075.

MINI NOTES: Atty. James N. Ono is now in general practice of law in partnership with two other very prominent

attorneys, Eugene Rippen and Peter D. Hom at 884 N. First St. If you would like to congratulate Señor ONO, call him at 295-1165.

Inauguration of the Gardner Neighborhood Center, located at 801 Willis St. (cor. Virginia & Willis) will be held on Saturday, February 20th. You and your familia are invited to this gran fiesta!

Paul Chavez, elusive member of the defunct Bachelors Club, has finally decided to say "I DO" to Miss Diane Lucille on Saturday, the twentieth of February. The reception will be held at the Hawaiian Gardens, Terrace Room, 1504 Almaden Road. Allí nos vemos, it will be a reconciliation of viejitos de nuestros tiempos, ex-members of the Bachelors Club.

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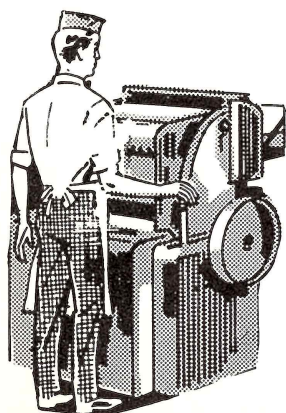
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Conception of the Chicano

I would like to apologize to the Mexican-American community, I put a stereo-

Here are the Officers of the United Food Drive: Left to right: Dan Romero - Tres. Pat Vasquez - out going pres. Jose Lopez -

type Mexican in the personalities and it unfortunately wasn't in the best of taste. It is the very thing that we are trying to defeat and in an over sight by me it was done. The Anglo-Saxon community picture us as a sleeping giant, and if we show ourselves to them taking a siesta, they will never get rid of that conception of us.

OPEN HOUSE

Open house - United Farmworkers' office, 237 N. First Street, Sunday, Feb. 21, 1971 between One p.m. and Six p.m. Bring the entire family; everyone is welcome, coffee, information, and interest ing guests. For more information, please call 292-4651.

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asked yourself, why? it's very simple, they replaced them with religious programs and to hell with the Mexican-Americans. I have nothing against religion, but, why wasn't the Mexican-American community told. I would like Sylvia Simmons to look into this one and make a comment - I doubt it, you know what they say: "La Zorra nunca se ve su Cola".



This is Connie Caudillo. Connie was one of the originators of the United Food Drive and the first one to play gratis, so that the needy persons would benefit. Since 1947 Connie and his band have played in practically every Food Drive and this year is no exception, a million thanks to Connie Cardillo and his band as well as the other bands that are going to help us this year. Gents you will be recognized in future issues of this magazine. Remember clubs and organizations, let's hire those that help us.

DONATION

It seems that almost everyone asks the Puentes Bros. and Hank Coca of the Furniture Discount House for donations. While they are not complaining I just do not feel it is fair. I further understand that the down town Anglo businesses are not asked anymore by Mexican Americans because 90% of them have refused to donate when they have been asked. The Anglo businesses more than anyone should not refuse, after all thousands of their patrons are Mexican-American. If they

are willing to receive they should be willing to donate, if it's a worthwhile cause and the person asking has a city permit to do so. They should keep in mind that if the Mexican-American people of this community were to boycott them for 30 days their business would collapse. This is not a threat. Just a fact.

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Con motivo de haber cumplido 75 años de edad el famoso artista Carlitos Chaplin, aparecieron en muchas publicaciones diversas semblanzas del mismo. Uno de estos apuntes periodísticos cayó en nuestras manos mientras viajábamos en un tren, y por su lectura nos enteramos de algunos detalles de los años mozos del gran cómico.

Allí leímos de los amores infortunados de Chaplin y de los divorcios que tanta crítica le acarrearón. Era ya un hombre de 53 años, lleno de gloria y de dinero, pero sin la felicidad que brinda un hogar bien constituido, cuando llegó a Hollywood una joven de 17 años llamada Oona O'Neill, venía para que el gran Carlitos le diera lecciones de baile. Bien pronto el actor descubrió que los motivos eran otros.

Aquella jovencita, casi una niña, estaba profundamente enamorada de él. Chaplin procuró honestamente disuadirla, dada la gran diferencia de edad que existía entre los dos, pero ella insistió. Fue entonces que quien hacía reír a los demás desde el sitio de su tremenda amargura, le dijo:

-Has de saber que solo puedo ofrecerte un infierno.

A lo cual la joven contestó:

-Es que yo también vengo de un infierno. . .

Se refería con estas palabras a su propio hogar, donde la autoridad despótica del padre, el famoso dramaturgo O'Neill, hacía imposible la felicidad hogareña. El lector conoce el resto de la historia y como, a pesar de aquella diferencia de años, el matrimonio se realizó y según todas las apariencias, ha sido feliz hasta hoy.

Dejando de lado otros detalles del relato nos impresionaron especialmente las palabras de Chaplin. Es que a veces el hombre, como en su caso, no puede ofrecer a otros mas que un infierno. Es imposible que dé lo que él mismo no tiene. Mal puede curar males ajenos quien no se ha curado primeramente a sí mismo.

Es por eso que desconfiábamos tanto de cualquier solución que venga de los hombres. Pueden prometernos paz, seguridad y dicha; pero estas son cosas que ellos mismos, íntimamente, no poseen. Como bien se dijo en cierta ocasión: "Las conferencias en la cumbre, terminan en un barranco".

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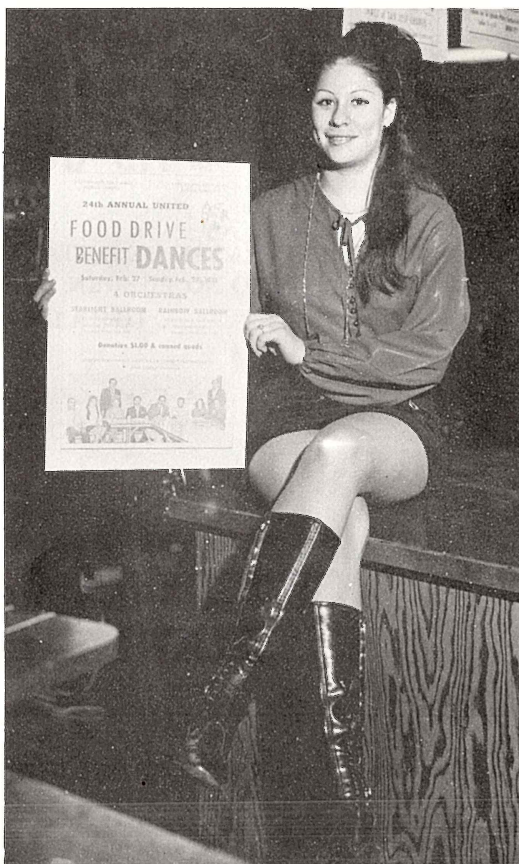
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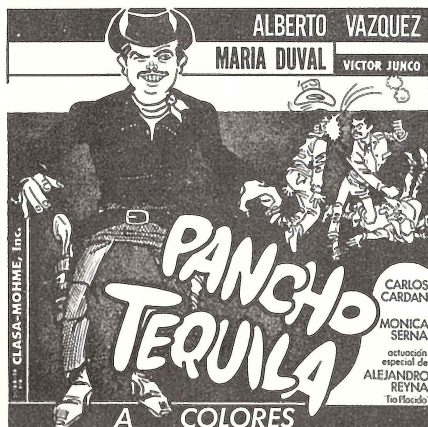
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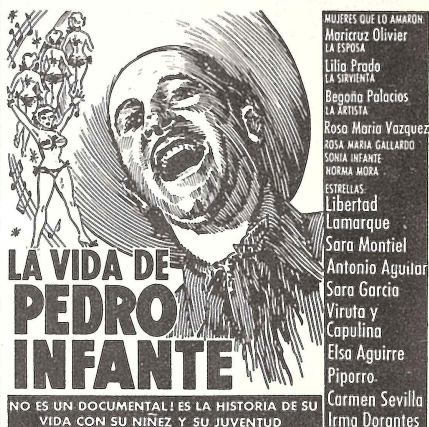


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