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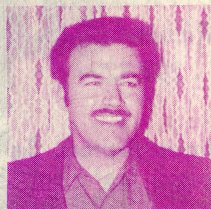


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Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce

by THERESA BEAVER

"Our main purpose is to assist and help the small businesses in our community," began John G. Zamora, president of the San Jose Mexican American Chamber of Commerce.

In a recent interview with EL EXCEN-TRICO, Zamora explained that the Chamber concentrates its assistance on a businesses' day-to-day problems, such as management, financial advice and dealings with the State Board of Equalization.

"By offering help on everyday situations, we hope to stop the high rate of failure among small businessmen," Zamora said.

The Mexican American Chamber, a non-profit organization, also strives "to promote business, industry, commerce and culture within the community, for small businesses," according to a pamphlet they provide.

Zamora said they also want to create an atmosphere of understanding between the small businessman and the community, and encourage the full development of San Jose's resources.

There are over forty Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce in the United States. The San Jose Chapter, organized in 1973, has over 300 members.

"Membership consists of businesses mostly, but we do have some individual members," Zamora said.

"Forty per cent of our members are Mexican-American and the other 60 per cent is a combination of all races. Membership is open to anyone who needs help, as far as we are concerned," he added.

Although the Chamber is geared toward small businesses, which differs it from the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, they do have a few "big business" members, like Pacific Gas & Electric.

"The San Jose Chamber of Commerce is made up of bigger businesses. They handle convention-type operations and make decisions that affect the community on the whole.

"We are in no way in competition with the San Jose Chamber of Commerce. In fact, we often work closely with them," Zamora explained.

The Mexican-American Chamber has a small staff, although many businessmen volunteer their time for the various projects and programs the Chamber conducts.

One of the newest programs is called "Future Business People of America." Still in the planning stages, it is scheduled to begin in September, 1977.

"In this program, we hope to help young people learn the steps necessary to set up a business.

"They will actually help to form businesses within the Chamber," Zamora said.

The program is designed primarily for high school students from lower income families or minority backgrounds, although eventually they would like to open it up to everyone, according to Zamora.

"The purpose of the program is to make these students go through all the phases of a business operation, such as advertising, payroll, loans, sales, etc.," Zamora added.

He said that as they move up from freshmen to seniors, some of them will become managers, just like in real business.

"Our goal is to teach them how to start and maintain a business, which is something these kids have never been exposed to," Zamora said.

In the beginning, the students will participate in the program on their own time, but eventually Zamora said he would like to see them receive high school credits for the learning experience.

Probably the best asset the future program has going for it is the teachers. Actual businessmen from the San Jose community will conduct all the classes. For example, bankers will teach loan operations, and CPA's will teach accounting.

Zamora hopes to set up a Scholarship Bank in order to help those financially underprivileged students continue in business after the program, as a follow-up.

"I am sure there are a lot of students who will want to do this," said Zamora, referring to the program and helping the students to set up their own business.

"These kids need someone to look up to and the businessmen volunteering their time are just the people," he added.

In order to continue many of these fine services, the Chamber encourages membership to help them in achieving their goal of bettering the San Jose Community.

They are located at 416 North First Street in San Jose, and they are always willing to answer questions about the organization.

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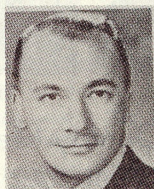
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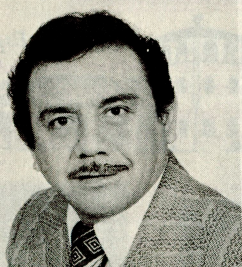
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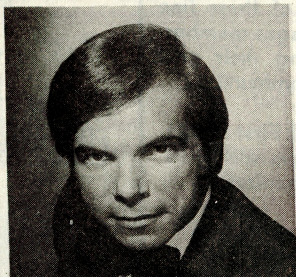
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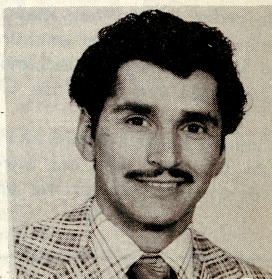
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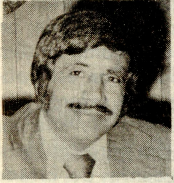
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**Opinion by
Luis G. Juarez**

Why We Insist On Spanish

I received a letter from a reader who poses a number of questions regarding the use of Spanish by Mexican-Americans in the United States.

Many of these questions have often been asked of me by other readers through letters or in conversations. I will try to answer them now.

Q.—Why is such a large portion of the Mexican-American community insistent on speaking Spanish?

A.—Part of the reason is cultural pride. For generations, Mexican-Americans were discouraged by teachers — and often by parents — from speaking Spanish. It was felt that the use of Spanish would be a detriment to their socio-economic betterment. Mexican-American people were made to feel ashamed to use the language of their fathers.

Q.—Is there a need for Spanish-speaking Mexican-Americans in everyday life?

A.—Yes, because we are neighbor to Mexico and 19 other Spanish-speaking countries in this hemisphere. We have a constant flow of Spanish-speaking immigrants and visitors who need to communicate in Spanish with public and private agencies. We also need more Spanish-speaking Americans to serve in diplomatic posts in Latin America and other Spanish-speaking countries of the world. Spanish is one of the major languages of the world. The more Americans who speak it, the better our chances for international understanding will be.

Q.—What would you say is the percentage of Mexican-Americans who speak Spanish fluently and can also read and write it?

A.—Unfortunately, truly bilingual Mexican-Americans (English-Spanish) are relatively few. As I mentioned before, most Mexican-American children were discouraged

and often punished for speaking Spanish. The use of Spanish was unpopular in this country as late as the early 1960s.

Today, we have a substantial number of monolingual persons of Mexican descent who speak either English or Spanish well, but not many who speak both languages fluently.

Q.—Is it the goal of most Mexican-Americans to try to establish a bi-language standard in governmental institutions and public schools?

A.—The need for Spanish-speaking employees in governmental agencies was established some time ago. Many agencies now recruit for bilingual and/or bi-cultural employees where the job requires the use of the language.

A number of agencies are now giving bilingual employees additional pay over other monolingual employees in the same job classification.

Q.—Do you believe the world would be better off if all of its people spoke the same language?

A.—Yes, I believe so. There would be far less misunderstanding, although I don't think it would prevent conflicts.

Q.—I have read that French is the diplomatic language and that English is the most flexible, useful, and that more of its words are used internationally than from any other language. What is your opinion?

A.—A few years ago, I traveled extensively in Central and South America as a public health consultant for the World Health Organization (United Nations). In my contacts with U.N. and Latin American officials and diplomats, I found French still in use by many, but not nearly as much as English.

There is no question that English has taken the place of French among the educated. English is the business language; it is indispensable for many professional businessmen in almost every country of the world.

There are hundreds of English words in the vocabulary of the people of other countries. Our movies, music, investments, inventions and military are mainly responsible for that.

Q.—Is there an international language? If so, which one is it?

A.—Esperanto. Few people speak it today, and the number is getting smaller.



Por
Daniel Saldana

LOS CASINOS DE NEVADA

Las Vegas, Reno y Lake Tahoe son los paraísos de los jugadores y también de muchas personas que asisten a esos lugares para divertirse aunque no sean jugadores. Algunas personas van sólo con el deseo de ver los espectáculos que presentan los casinos con artistas de reconocida fama; otros se acercan a las cantinas a tomar sus licores o bebidas favoritas en un ambiente de fiesta. Pero la mayoría se aventura a probar su suerte y lo hacen según sus medios económicos. Pueden escoger el juego que más les agrade; en los casinos se juega Poker, Baccarat, Dados, (Craps) Veintiuna, (Black-jack) Rueda de la Fortuna, (P.M Wheel) Lotería, (Bingo) Máquinas Traga Monedas, (Slot Machines) en estas máquinas que son las que la gente juega más, se puede jugar desde un centavo hasta cinco dólares y los premios son desde un dólar hasta cinco mil dólares; también hay Ruleta y Keno, el Keno tiene premios hasta de veinticinco mil dólares, el boleto se compra con setenta centavos o con un dólar cuarenta centavos.

No cabe duda que es un entretenimiento muy interesante, aunque por lo general costoso para los que no tienen control y se empeñan en ganar sumas fabulosas; algunos son favorecidos con un golpe de suerte y pueden ganar cientos o miles de dólares, pero la mayoría pierde o si tiene suerte sale a mano.

El camino en avión, en automóvil o en autobús es hermoso, con vistas panorámicas de una belleza extraordinaria, los bosques, las praderas y montañas en la época de invierno se cubren de nieve y regalan al viajero con panoramas inolvidables. El servicio de hotel y restaurant es magnífico y se ajusta a los diferentes niveles económicos de los visitantes.

Una cosa llamó poderosamente mi aten-

ción, por lo menos un setenta por ciento de los automóviles en los estacionamientos de los casinos tenían licencias de California, un veinte por ciento de Nevada y como un diez por ciento de otros estados. Con esta observación me di cuenta que el setenta por ciento de el dinero que entra a Nevada por medio de sus casinos, hoteles y restaurants, es dinero que llevan los residentes del Estado de California.

Aunque el juego está prohibido en California, los residentes de California que son amantes del juego, le llevan sus tributos a Birjón y disfrutan de las delicias de Baco, arrullados en los brazos de Morfeo con sólo cruzar el límite estatal.

Viendo la prosperidad de los casinos en Nevada, es fácil imaginar que las sumas que se van de California, se podrían quedar aquí para utilidad del Estado. El no permitir el juego en California, da lugar a que se juegue clandestinamente o se fugue el dinero que debería quedar en California.

A las personas que les gusta jugar, van a las carreras de caballos que sí están permitidas, si no les agradan las carreras de caballos, juegan clandestinamente en desplumaderos fuera de la ley o se van a dejar su dinero al Estado de Nevada.

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Attorney Edward Ramirez, Jr.

On January 21, 1977 at 12:00 noon, EDWARD RAMIREZ, JR. was sworn in as a practitioner of law.

Dr. Ramirez, Jr. is a source of pride for the entire Mexican-American community. A native San Josean, he came up through the ranks in the struggle to develop into the higher educational endeavors. He kept a sustained effort of working while attending school and he is now looked upon as a true inspiration for the new Chicano generation presently involved in their academic aspirations for higher goals. Much can be said for Dr. Ramirez, Jr., who, at the age of 26, has accumulated a record of meaningful accomplishments focused in dedication and effort through education.

The oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ramirez, Sr., will be returning to New York University soon after the official ceremony, where he will remain until June this year.

The Judge administering the Attorney's oath of office was the Honorable FRED LUCERO, presently officiating as the Presiding Officer of the Superior Court, Department 19, located at 191 North First Street.

Dr. Ramirez, Jr., having completed his academic work for a Doctor of Juris Prudence degree, at the University of Santa Clara and successfully taken the California State Bar Examination, is presently attending a special program in Corporate Law at New York University.

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If you have become one of the many "Pink Panther" fans over the past ten years, I'm sure you will want to see the newest of his adventures. If you liked the first three, then you will love this one. By far the most complicated, funny and best of the four.

The story concerns Herbert Lom, who once was the head of the French police, and is now in a mental home. He has been there since the last Pink Panther movie, because of the antics that Sellers pulled. Now, it is some months later and he is awaiting release. All he has to do is show the board of doctors that he is not "nuts" and does not wish to do in Inspector Cleasou (Sellers), who now has his old job. That is, Sellers is now head of the French police. All goes well until Sellers shows up to visit his old boss. This enrages Lom so much that he goes into a rage and shows the doctors that he cannot be released.

In spite of that Herbert Lom escapes and begins to organize a group of professional criminals, in fact the best in their field, to do away with the Inspector. And what follows, I cannot begin to explain to you because it's too funny for words. All I can tell you is that I couldn't stop laughing from beginning through the end. Some of the best gags ever devised are used in this picture, they lead from one right to another, without hardly ever a break in between. The credit of the gags goes to Sellers as well as Blake Edwards as the two that came up with insane ideas.

Besides the "live" gags, the film is highlighted by cartooned titles with our hero the Pink Panther going through antics of his own

in the beginning of the picture. He runs the gambit from "The Sound of Music" to "Jaws."

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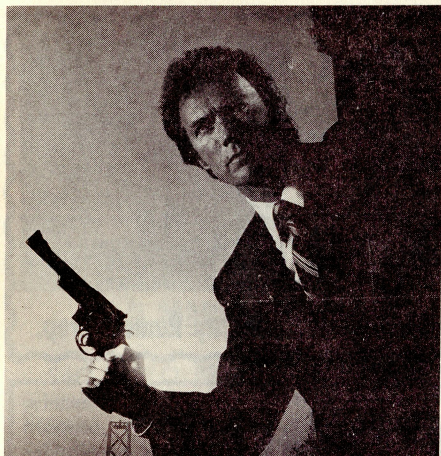
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Crime Melodrama. A Warner Brothers Release of a Malpas Company Production. Written by Sterling Silliphant. Music by Jerry Fielding. Camera by Charles Short. Directed by James Fargo. Stars: Clint Eastwood, Tyne Daley, John Mitchum, Bradford Dillman and Bert Garcia!

Running Time: 96 minutes; MPAA Rating: R.

The newest of Clint Eastwood's flicks is here! And if your a follower of his movies, I'm sure that you know that this one is a sequel to "Magnum Force" of three years ago, which was a sequel to "Dirty Harry" of two years before that. In this particular film we find our hero, Harry Calahan, against a group of terrorists who have threatened to start bombing P.G.&E. plants as well as shoot the mayor, unless they get five million dollars in cash. Sounds like a real "shoot 'em up" huh? Believe me it is! Clint has too many fans in the world to let them down. There is plenty of blood letting, sex, chases, four letter words and below the belt humor to satisfy the most "hungry" of action fans. The only difference in this picture and the two others before it, is in the partner Harry ends up with. In "Dirty Harry," he ended up with a Mexican. In "Magnum Force," it was a Black. And now in "The Enforcer," he ends up with a woman. If you don't think that doesn't irk Harry a bit.

The movie opens up with the hijacking of a utilities truck. After disposing of the two drivers, the terrorists, referred to as People's Liberation Army, drive over to the Presidio and proceed to rip off the arms stock, which happens to include Laars Rockets. From there, they make their demands known. And if they don't get them, then people will start to get hurt. Sounds "original" huh? Oh, well, it's enough to keep it going. And going it does. The director of this picture was



Jim Fargo, his first picture. What I mean by first, is as an director. His past four years he has spent with Clint Eastwood as his assistant director. And from judging from this, he has learned his craft well. The picture picks up and goes right from the opening credits to the end. The only problem that seems to fall short is that of the script. It loses steam. The first hour flashes by before you can wink your eyes, but the last thirty-

six minutes seem to fall flat. That's not to say there isn't any action in the last part, because there is. It's just that it doesn't have the same movement that the first two thirds of the picture has. It's not the direction, just the lack of punch in the story. It's too bad they couldn't have trimmed ten minutes from the movie to keep the pacing up with the first two thirds of the film. Now don't get me wrong, the picture is well worth seeing, especially if your an Eastwood fan. All performances are first rate, in particular that of Tyne Daley. She makes an impressive debut in her first feature film. Also appearing as a reporter is none other than El Excéntrico publisher Bert Garcia.

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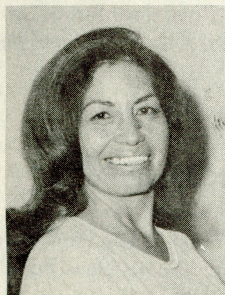
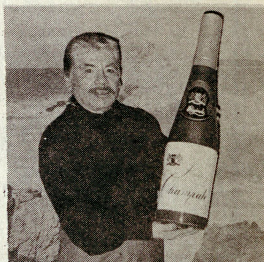
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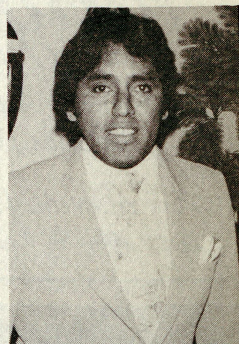
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por
**Kharis G.
Avril**

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SAO PAULO, BRAZIL — El padre de la princesa Carolina, el príncipe Rainier de Monaco, afirma que su hija todavía es señorita—a la edad de 19 años.

Y, ha demandado a quien, en mi opinión merece el trofeo de lado -PH, Poco Hombre, un vago millonario de Brazil, Francisco Chiquinho Scarpa Jr.

Este sujeto lo que tiene de chiquino en su nombre tiene de largo en su boca.

Nada menos se puso a contar en la tele brasileña con cuantas mujeres había tenido aventuras amorosas, incluyendo a la joven-cita Carolina.

En octubre 10 de 1976, el reportero Ibrahim Sued coincidencia es que su nombre se traduce, demandado entrevistando al PH de Pancho Chiquinho, le preguntó que como era que presumía de su conquista con Carolina, cuando ésta era virgen y pura.

Entonces este tal, le contestó algo así como "Eso es lo que Ud. cree", sin alargar más el cuento y sin dar otra explicación.

En el caso de Carolina, solo un certificado médico lograría restorar la credibilidad de las alegaciones que hace su padre de que aún es virgen.

Mas aun así, la mortificación que experimentarí sería verdaderamente traumática. Tanto moral como psíquica.

Sabido es que "la prueba de examinación física, vale sorbete. Pues, no es conclusiva. Solo en el caso de una violación reciente, o en casos en que se han tenido hijos, cuando el hímen presenta cicatrices reveladoras, se puede presentar una prueba legal aceptable.

De perder —ojalá— el PH de Chiquinho, por difamación, daños y perjuicios pagaría al príncipe Rainier de Monaco, 4 millones de dólares como indemnización. Aparte, alcanzaría un término de año y medio en prisión.

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El **PH**—Poco Hombre Casanova, alardea de su "proeza" con sus amigas. Agrega, inventa o exagera detalles y las más de las veces fabrica incidentes.

Si besaron a una chica, ya anduvieron contando que exploraron detalles de su anatomía.

Hubo un tal que anduvo diciendo, cuando una joven no le dio lo que pedía, qué, digámos Celia—nombre ficticio—tenía un lunar más abajo de la línea donde llegaba la parte inferior de su bikini.

Ni modo que la chica, para comprobar su inocencia se quitara el trajecito de baño.

Este interesantísima tema continuará. Por lo pronto para pcstre les mando un pequeño mini-poema que les dará una idea de lo que pienso de algunos hombres. Yo y Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz—mejor dicho al revés, perdón!

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by
**Marce
Mora**

United Food Drive of Santa Clara County

My name is Marce Mora, El Excentrico's ex-columnist and President of the United Food Drive of Santa Clara County for 1976. The United Food Drive has been in existence for 29 years. The purpose of this organization is to help needy families who are receiving no other aid and have suffered from a fire, accident or those families who just arrived here from another state and do not qualify for other forms of assistance.

In order to raise funds, we hold an Annual Dance. Some months back we held this dance — for those who missed it, you missed seven delightful hours of dancing.

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The Alum Rock Communication Center

by **ANSELMO
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The Alum Rock Communication Center is a bi-lingual, bi-cultural center located at 5038 Hyland Avenue. It is a non-profit corporation formed to meet the mental health needs of the residents of Milpitas/Alviso/East San Jose and Evergreen areas, with a subsidiary in Gilroy called the South County Counseling Center serving South County/San Martin and Gilroy areas.

The Alum Rock Communication Center is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They also have a 24-hour hot line for crisis intervention. The staff consists of over 25 affiliated counselors who have a variety of background skills and experiences. They are barrio workers, psychologists, counselors, social workers, and clergy: They are brown, black and white and are both parents, childless, married, divorced, and single parents. This variety of backgrounds enables them better to meet the needs of our community.

24 Hour Crisis Intervention

There is a 24-Hour Crisis Intervention services provided to alleviate the needs of adolescents and families in crisis. A crisis may be related to problem behaviors in school, drugs, law enforcement or the immediate family. No family is denied these services since a family in crisis is in immediate need, the centers staff are available to go to the scene of the crisis. The center operates on a pager system enabling counselors to respond immediately. The 24 Hour Crisis Intervention is supported by the County of Santa Clara through Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. This service is free for families with adolescents, ages 10 to 17, there is a small charge on a sliding scale based on ability to pay to non-adolescents families.

Counseling

The Alum Rock Communication Center offers the following types of counseling services: personal, family, child, pre-marital, marital, vocational and group. Their counselors are skilled in helping families and indi-

viduals to resolve problems, clarify goals, improve family relationships and communication, and to develop understanding of ones own life. Often problems are so overwhelming that it is necessary to turn to someone for help and the staff at the Center are willing to work with almost any problem.

The Center also offers family life education to assist families in developing a set of communication skills through which parents and children can solve problems and negotiate satisfactory solutions to family conflicts.

This service is also offered in the home or at the center for the convenience of all concerned.

Sexual Awareness

Another service offered is human sexuality awareness to provide improved sexual awareness and communication between family members, and includes understanding and treatment of sexual expression.

Body awareness is offered to provide opportunity for exploring relationships of the body to feeling states and emotions either in group or individual setting.

Other projects the Alum Rock Communication Center is involved in includes a school for emotional disturbed children. Mandala Children's House, program development and a speakers bureau. The school for emotionally disturbed children provides educational and developmental intervention for emotionally disturbed children between the ages of 5 to 10.

The Mandala Children's House provides individualized, multicultural, family oriented pre-school day care services for children based on Montessori methods and materials and using Dr. Thomas Gordon's Parent Effectiveness Skills. In program development the center provides consultation and technical assistance to community social agencies in developing, maintaining or expanding their service delivery systems. The speakers bureau provides community groups, organizations and agencies with speakers on relevant Mental Health issues.

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La Catedral De Mexico

por FRANCISCO J. ORTIZ

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Este monumento de pesada construcción y de arquitectónica belleza ha logrado sobreponerse a fuertes tempestadas para permanecer erguida y audaz ante la mirada celosa de la Gran Ciudad.

Oficialmente en el año de 1791 se terminó de construir la Catedral de México, y muchos fueron los problemas que afrontó esta inmortal construcción, su edificación fue paralizada por muchos años a causa de inundaciones y otros motivos que se suscitaban en el virreinato.

En este mismo año se concluyeron las torres por el Arquitecto Damian Ortiz, cuyos cuerpos habían iniciado Juan Lozano y Juan Serrano siendo la altura de ellas 72 varas dos tercios (60m. 90 cm.) desde la cruz hasta el pavimento, empezadas a construir el 28 de marzo de 1786.

En 1624 fueron cerradas las bóvedas; el 14 de septiembre de 1648 fue colocada la cruz de Mañosa, por el Arsobispo de este apellido y que fue traída de Apam, obra que construyó Fray Francisco de Tembeleque.

Para el año de 1730 se estrenó la joya maravillosa del coro de la Catedral de México, la reja fue mandada construir a Macao China de acuerdo con los planos y dibujos enviados por el gobierno virreinal.

Las Campanas; Desde que se inició la construcción del templo mayor en 1573 han sido colocadas las campanas; la mayor doña María con un peso de 20 toneladas, y la Ronca llamada sí por su sonido grueso y apagado.

En el siglo XVIII fueron fundidas tres campanas por el español Salvador de la Vega; la mayor Santa María de Guadalupe con un peso de 18 toneladas, la llamada Santo Angel de la Guarda con un peso de 7 toneladas y la Esquila San Salvador colocada en 1793.

Después de 94 años que duró la construcción se habían gastado \$1.768,800.00.

El Sagrario Metropolitano; Anexo a la Catedral se encuentra el Sagrario Metropolitano de estilo Churrigueresco.

El 16 de febrero de 1740 se comenzó a construir ante la presencia del Virrey Conde de Revillagigedo, habiéndose consagrado el 8 de febrero de 1768 y estrenado en 1829.

La madrugada del 17 de enero de 1967 la Catedral Metropolitana sufrió una de las pérdidas más grandes en su historia, debido a un corto circuito que ocasionó incendio, destruyendo el Altar del Perdón que se encontraba a 10 metros de la entrada principal, el coro que se encuentra bajo la nave central, el monumental órgano así como pinturas y otras obras de arte fueron dañadas por el siniestro fuego.

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Su pesada construcción a dado motivo a su lento seguro hundimiento, esta joya arquitectónica de valor inapreciable a quedado como muestra del pasado y herencia del pueblo Mexicano.

Los Arquitectos de la Catedral de México fueron, Don Juan de Miguel Aguero, Don Juan Gomez de Trasmonte, Don Pedro de Arrieta, Don Damian Ortiz de Castro, Manuel Tolosa y otros más.



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por Daniel G. Saldaña

El León Sr. Carlos Lorenzana y su familia regresaron de sus vacaciones que pasaron en México. El Sr. Lorenzana, su esposa Sra. Alicia y su hijita Lupita estuvieron el Cancún, Quantana Roo, en las ruinas de Chichen Itzá de Yucatán y en la Ciudad de México. En su viaje el León Lorenzana visitó algunos clubs de leones y trajo como trofeo un banderín de el Club de Leones de la Ciudad de México para el Club de Leones Los Amigos de San José, Ca.



PIES DE GRABADOS

La Sra. Alicia de Lorenzana toma su baño de sol en la terraza de su departamento en su hotel de Cancún y admira los hermosos colores cambiantes de las aguas del paradisiaco Mar Caribe. Lupita nos dice cuantas veces se ha bañado en la playa.



En la foto se ve al fondo la famosa pirámide de Chichen Itzá en Yucatán, Mex. A la derecha del grupo el Sr. Carlos Lorenzana, su esposa Alicia, su hijita Lupita y tres señoritas que los acompañaron en la excursión.



En Cancún la familia Lorenzana goza de las delicias de las playas del Mar Caribe y cabalgan en una tortuga gigante. Navegando en una lancha con fondo de cristal, pudieron admirar la hermosa variedad de la vegetación marina y de los peces del Caribe.

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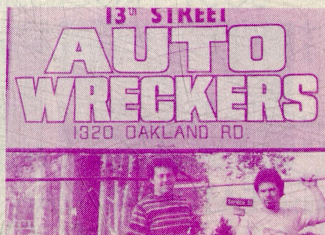
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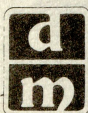
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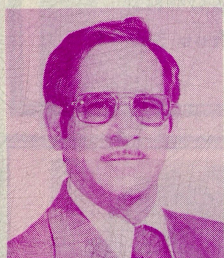
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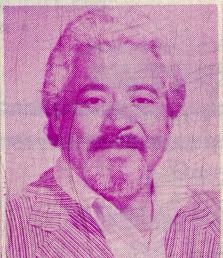
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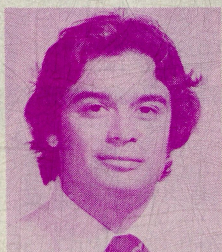
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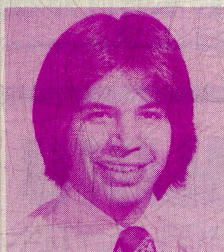
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