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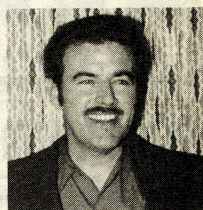
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Letter to the Editor

Editor:

The articles on SER/OIC, *El Excentrico*, Vol. 26 No. 23/Marh 5, 1976, vocational training programs, were very interesting. May I suggest that for further service to the community that you feature stories of the five largest manpower training programs offered in Santa Clara County. For example, there are other training programs such as COPY, Career Opportunity Program for Youth; CCCD, Community Center for Career Development; and Project VOICE. Each program is unique in their structure and it would be to the benefit of the *El Excentrico* reader to be informed of all manpower services.

Both SER and OIC make claims of their uniqueness, however, to get the facts as to the success rate of each program, call Alberto Pinon, at 277-4278, the director of Santa Clara Valley Employment and Training Board. They are the funding source for all manpower training programs, and they can provide the success rate of each program, for they evaluate all equally.

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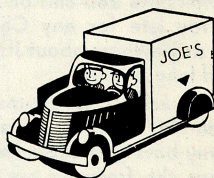
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Jack Ybarra, Director

by JEFF MAPES

In the 1950's somebody drew up plans for a freeway skirting downtown San Jose.

In the 1970's poor Chicanos were moved out of their homes to make way for this freeway — Interstate 280 and 680. By this time it was too late for any Chicano organization to do anything about it; the time for action had long passed.

The time for action, as groups like the Confederacion De La Raza Unida are discovering, is way back in the planning stages; way back when the freeways are no more than dotted lines on a surveyor's map. It isn't the kind of community work that people can get excited about—can get whipped up for a good fight—but someday it will mean more to the poorer citizens of this valley than just about anything else.

The scene of battle for the Confederacion is more often the courtroom, not a public rally and march. Led by its director Jack Ybarra, the Confederacion has learned this is the most effective way to give the Mexican-American a voice in his own future.

The quiet battles the Confederacion is fighting will affect where poor people live in this valley, what kind of mass transit they will have and what kind of medical care they can get in the next generation.

The long range strategy of the Confederacion is the direct result of the conditions that the poor are living with right now. The lessons of Freeway 280, and countless other examples, are not lost on director Ybarra. "We're now living with the result of that planning" of 15 years ago, he says. "It has shown us that we have to be on top of these problems. We still have to face the fact we live in this valley.

"Fifteen years ago there were jobs for everybody," Ybarra continues. The Santa Clara Valley was still mostly agricultural and it was easy enough to find work, even though it may have been a seasonal farmworking job. But the area boomed and new waves of mostly white, middleclass people moved to the valley. These people lived in sprawling suburbs with their own shopping centers

and used the extensive freeway network to get around.

"But there was no provision made so that the people who were part of the old economy could be part of the new economy," Ybarra says. "They were caught in the cross-fire of economic change."

Thus, the long range strategy of the Confederacion. The Confederacion is a coalition of about 55 Mexican-American community groups that usually stick to the more immediate problems. That way the Confederacion is freed up to do some careful thinking . . . and planning.

It can do some looking into proposed light rail transit routes to make sure that East and Central San Jose gets its share. It can help negotiate to get some air routes from Mexico City to San Jose so that it will be easier for families from the two countries can get together.

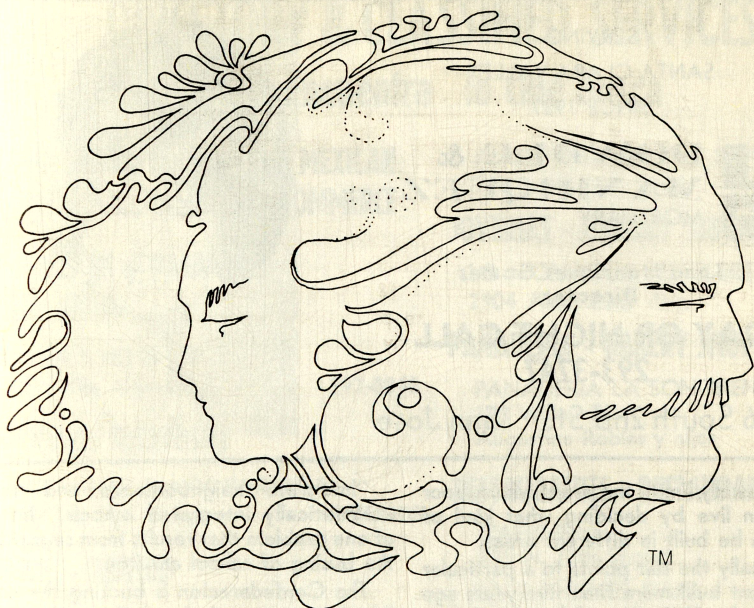
But two of the biggest fights on the Confederacion is taking on are widely divergent ones. One battle is over medical care for the poor and the medical malpractice issue that is being fought in the legislature.

Doctors say they cannot afford the high rates of insurance required to protect them against malpractice suits brought by people who believe the doctor made a mistake in treating them.

Because of this they are pressing the state of California to take over malpractice insurance and make it harder for someone to sue a doctor. In this entire debate the poor have been bypassed, Ybarra says.

So, he said the Confederacion decided to get something out of the doctors if they were going to get something out of the state. The Confederacion had been investigating cases of poor people using Medi-Cal that would often not get treated by some doctors, so Ybarra asked Gov. Brown's staff to make an amendment to proposed legislation giving doctors state malpractice insurance.

Ybarra's amendment would force doctors that used state insurance to have at least



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His staffers liked the idea and when Brown announced his solution he said doctors using state insurance should have to treat Medi-Cal patients. But Brown set the percentage at 10 per cent and by the time the bill was introduced in the legislature a few weeks later that figure was down to zero.

Instead, if the bill was passed, doctors would have to figure out a plan to serve poor people in each community. It isn't as strong a bill as Ybarra would like, and he says he is trying to get the bill amended

back to its original form. But the Confederacion has managed to give the poor a voice in the future of medical care in this state.

The other battlefield the Confederacion is entering is in the courtroom. It revolves around attempts by the Confederacion to open up housing to the poor in different parts of the valley.

Ybarra vs. the City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara is the name of the major battle, which is a lawsuit that revolves around the zoning practices of the city and the county.

The Confederacion suit charges that the

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city and county limits the areas where poor people can live by deciding what kind of homes can be built in different areas.

Specifically the suit points to a particular development built more than five years ago in the Almaden Valley, a well-to-do bedroom community in South San Jose.

This development, like most developments built there, had about 100 houses and about 300 townhouses that ranged in price from \$26,000 to \$38,000, fairly expensive for the time.

The suit was filed in 1971 and charged that the city should not have allowed the development unless the developer built some low income housing in the tract. "You have to give the working poor a chance to buy" a home in different areas, Ybarra says.

Poor people and minorities cannot all be concentrated in one part of the city, Ybarra says. "We have to break down some of the walls that cities are building.

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The Confederacion is bucking the established system and the outlook of such an ambitious lawsuit is in question. It was originally filed in District Federal Court where Judge Robert Peckham dismissed it in 1972. He said the city really did not have the power "to control its own socio-economic profile or growth."

Peckham's opinion was overturned by a higher Federal Court in 1974, which means that the case is back in Judge Peckham's court for him to reconsider.

But the Confederacion lost another similar lawsuit, Ybarra vs. the Township of Los Altos Hills in 1974, when it charged the city had a zoning policy of allowing only large expensive lots which restricted living in the city to "the affluent, the educated and the Anglo-Saxon," Ybarra says.

It will probably take several more months at the least before the lawsuit is resolved, and Ybarra and the Confederacion have found themselves in the position of having to be patient.

But these complex issues have to be tackled by groups like the Confederacion, Ybarra says. Because, he says, one finds out that in planning for the future "everyone has their interest protected except for the poor."

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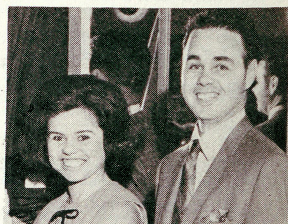
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There Are Degrees Of Discrimination

by LUIS G. JUAREZ

We all know that United States citizens of Mexican ancestry are treated differently from other people in this country. We call it ethnic discrimination. How this kind of discrimination affects Mexican-Americans depends on several factors. The higher the individuals socio-economic status is, the less likely he is going to experience open discrimination.

An educated Chicano holding an academic degree, practicing a profession will encounter less instances of ethnic discrimination.

A light skinned Chicano with no traceable Spanish accent will most likely go through life in this country with less discrimination problems than his *paisanos*.

Chicanos in agricultural work and other unskilled jobs are targets of more direct and open discrimination in their places of employment and civic contacts.

There is no doubt that discrimination based on ethnic origin and color affects all Chicanos that fall in the categories I just described. To what degree it does depends

on what level of acculturation the individual has achieved.

Although no one denies ethnic discrimination exists in our society there are Chicanos who exaggerate the incidence and prevalence of this social ill. They blame every move which proves a disadvantage to them as an act of discrimination.

Cries of discrimination frequently come from some Chicanos who do not want to admit incompetence or shortcomings may have cost them a job or certain other considerations. The "cry of wolf" is already having its effect on public concern over these matters.

On the other hand the feeling of ethnic discrimination is a relative thing. It all depends what color glass one is seeing through. What may appear to one Chicano to be just a bad break that could happen to anybody will certain look like an overt act of discrimination to another.

I often find myself analyzing the feelings of people who are affected by human actions that are detrimental to them. If the person is white I wonder what a Chicano would feel in the same situation. It would probably vary according to where he is in the spectrum of acculturation.

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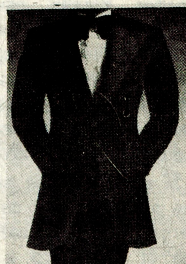
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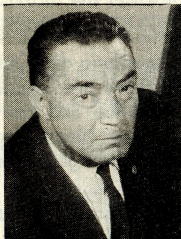
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Los hijos del Sr. García han seguido los pasos del padre; Bert y Marc García recogieron la ideología de Don Humberto y siguen sirviendo a la comunidad y a la población de habla hispana del área, en este mes EL EXCENTRICO cumple 27 años desde su iniciación, ninguna publicación de el tipo de ésta se ha conservado con vida en toda la Unión Americana; esto se debe a la dedicación que han puesto los hermanos García, para que la labor de su padre no desapareciera. Desde niños, tal vez jugaban a la imprentita, impresionados por el trabajo de Don Humberto; ahora tienen sobre sus hombros la responsabilidad que por más de 25 años tuvo el Sr. García. Desde luego el trabajo les es familiar, desde niños se grabó en su memoria los nombres de cuadratines, lingotes, placas, plegaderas, ramas, etc., etc., por sus venas, además de sangre, debe de correr tinta de imprenta, por el afán que ponen en mejorar su publicación; con el entusiasmo y la fortaleza de su juventud le hurtan horas a sus estudios y al sueño para dedicarlas al EXCENTRICO.

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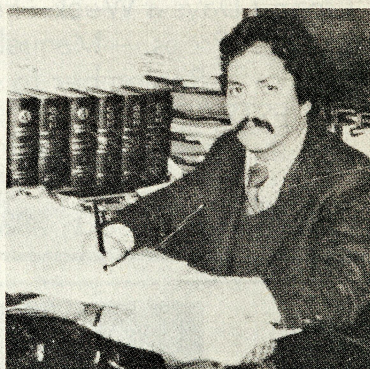
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ALVISO CHICANO GHETTO

by CARLA MARINUCCI

There are still some reminders of the days when Alviso was ready to become a fashionable resort town on the edge of the San Francisco Bay.

A yacht club overlooks the water, usually deserted, and many of the huge vessels sit on the shore, waiting for painting and repair.

Boathouses, some old and dilapidated, are now the homes of families and couples who decorate them with paints and bright paint. The smell of the sea is vague, floating in from the channels, now clogged with silt, that lead to the Bay.

In the rutted, muddy streets of Alviso, however, all traces of a fashionable past have completely disappeared. Dirty, run-down, dilapidated houses, many of them looking like shacks are badly in need of repair. The danger of serious flooding hangs over the area, as evidenced by the levees near the shore. The busy bustle of other towns and cities is not seen here, with little activity coming from the few grocery stores and bars.

The area is plagued by extreme poverty, with some people living in old abandoned cars and one-room shacks near the waterfront.

Ironically in the midst of this, expensive cars loaded with business professionals line up daily at Vahl's, one of San Jose's reputable seafood restaurants, for dinner and cocktails.

Throughout most of Alviso, there seems to be a strange kind of silence, as if some kind of desertion were taking place.

The 14 square miles of shoreland, located about ten miles from downtown San Jose, was annexed in a 1968 election during the city's growth boom period.

The annexation election was hotly disputed by some Alvisans who contended that votes were fixed. The case underwent long and complex legal battles—while Alviso's status as a city was in doubt—until it was decided that the area was legally part of San Jose.

In the meantime, however, debates developed when Alvisans began to voice their concern over the terrible road conditions

and living conditions in the poverty stricken area.

"Many groups in Alviso feel that San Jose has not fulfilled its original commitments to the community, which include a swimming pool and maintenance and paving of the streets," states a San Jose State University report from the Dept. of Cybernetics on Alviso.

"Alviso has been trying to pin San Jose on its promises since we became part of the city," said Father Lawrence Goody, a priest who has been active in the fights for more local services in Alviso.

"The city said 'trust me'—but it hasn't worked," he said.

In many ways, counters Alviso contractor and business consultant Robert Gross, "San Jose has done some nice things for Alviso," including the improvement of water, fire protection, police protection and a park.

But he believes that with less waste of spending and with limited development, Alviso could become a valuable asset to San Jose instead of a liability.

Alviso, however, has unique characteristics which also make for its unique problems.

Some two-thirds of the residents of Alviso are of Mexican heritage, many of them farmworkers living below the poverty level who moved to Alviso because of the low-cost housing.

Unemployment is high — at 13% — but the area has a surprisingly low crime rate.

Studies on the Alviso area, such as one by Dr. Ernesto Galarza of the Alviso Study Team, show that the small-town atmosphere has allowed Alvisans to know each other well and to have a strong sense of community feeling. Many of the businesses, and the local church are bilingual in their services.

But the housing problem is a major one there, and the most obvious one. A tour down any street in Alviso will show older homes that were moved cheaply to Alviso from other parts of San Jose. Most of them are substandard or greatly in need of repairs.


Alviso was built on tidewater marshes that have flooded over many times, Galarza's report said, and part of the area consists of

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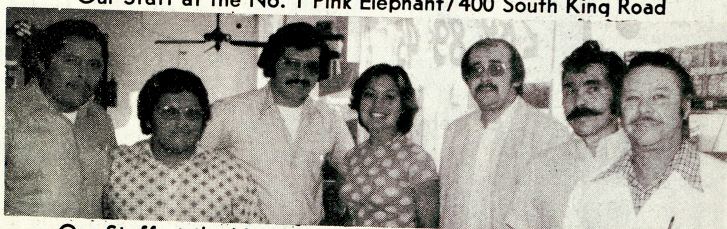
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Perhaps the most serious problem in Alviso is soil subsidence, the slow sinking of the land. The ground has dropped six feet since 1968, leaving Alviso two feet below sea level, according to a study by the San Jose State University Dept. of Cybernetics.

"Because of the danger of flooding," said Father Goody, "people who live here can't get loans from the banks to fix up their homes."

Indeed, no building permits have been issued in Alviso since 1960, and San Jose officials have maintained that the area is virtually unfit for residential use.

"When Mayor Hayes visited recently, she said the area was like living at the bottom of a volcano—too dangerous," said Goody.

"But people are living here, people have been here long before anyone ever lived in San Jose," Goody added.

"When San Jose decided to annex Alviso, this was known," he said. "They've got to accept the thorns with the rose."

Road maintenance and assistance with flood control and drainage is desperately needed from San Jose, he contends.

Some businessmen, however, are fighting to keep the area alive with more developments and business expansion. But they are under some criticism from locals who accuse them to exploiting the resources for profit.

"I've been cast as the padrone, the property owner around here" by people like Father Goody, said Robert Gross.

"But businessmen have the leadership and the power to make bigger changes here," he maintained.

Alviso, said Gross, gives its inhabitants "freedom and the beauty of a natural area, without the exhaust fumes of the downtown and the crime."

The area already has a variety of businesses which include a cement plant, boat sales, a foundry, grocery stores and even a gold recovery plant, said Gross. But he contends that there is the resources for more revenue and more development.

"One of my goals is to create a waterfront village," Gross said, "and to keep it in a historical role that wouldn't destroy the charm here."

Gross also sees other possibilities for Alviso: a golf course, an interpretation center

for the 23,000-acre national wildlife refuge that Congress has created there, more recreational facilities like bike trails, horse trails and open space areas.

Gross contends that big property owners in Alviso aren't trying to exploit anyone. "What the hell is a couple of acres?" he asked. The businessmen and land owners in Alviso, he added, have a "stake in the situation and are concerned" about development, he said.

He complains that more of the residents in Alviso should begin to develop their own sources of income from increased tourist trade that the wildlife refuge, or even visitors from the Marriott Great America Park could bring.

"This is a lower socio-economic community here," Gross contends, with many of the people being migratory.

"The development can be a stimulus for them to become part of the economic system here," he said. "It's tragic that they could prepare" for the establishment of small businesses, but they don't, he said.

"You don't need a hell of a lot of money to do it," he added. "If they can buy two to three quarts of beer a day," they could develop a business.

Gross said that he and some of the other Alviso businessmen are "positive for development providing it does not disrupt the existing environment."

The SJSU Alviso study outlined other possibilities for the area, such as a fish farming industry, which the study contends could involve the poorer residents and provide employment.

Other recommendations from the SJSU study included the foundation of a "historic district" like the Old Town shopping center in Los Gatos or Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco.

Over a period of seven years, the cybernetics team suggested the rehabilitation of the main residential area, the restoration of some of the historic buildings, the upgrading of the Alviso Marina and the establishment of a wildlife refuge center.

The debates continue over the fate of Alviso. If federal money is available, said Father Goody, then some improvements may be made to combat the flooding problems. But "it's like a chess game," he said, and the Alvisans are being used as the pawns.

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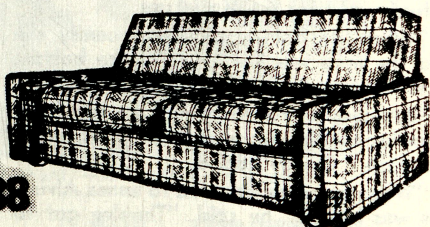
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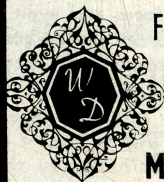
"The people of Alviso have been surveyed and studied so many times," said Goody, that they have become wary of all the professional plans. "Nothing ever gets done here."

San Jose planning commissions, city officials, business people, developers and the federal government are continuing to study Alviso, its problems and its potential.

But in the meantime, until any decisions are made, the residents—as they have been for years—will simply continue to wait.

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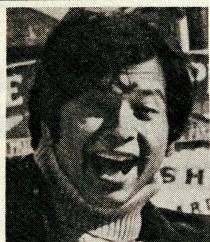
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TONY SAENZ



GABLE & LOMBARD

Period Drama. A Universal release of a Sidney J. Furie Production. Written, produced and directed by Sidney J. Furie. Stars James Brodin, Jill Clayburg, Red Buttons. Running time, 125 minutes; MPAA Rating: R.

If you've been wondering about this one, you don't have to any longer. This one is nothing less than SUPER! Although, no where in the picture do you see the real Gable or Lombard (movie wise), the actors assuming the roles do more than adequate jobs (in particular, the role of Gable handled by James Brodin does the best performance of his career).

The story concerns the meeting of the two monumental stars during the height of Lombard's career and the beginning of the peak of Gable's and how they "meet." The rest of the film follows them through their escapades of trying to see each other. For you see, at the particular time in Gable's life he was separated from his current wife, but not divorced. And at that time in Hollywood, if you weren't divorced, it was considered immoral to be seeing anyone else. Their triumph in this case and the inevitable end when Carol Lombard's plane crashes.

The movie itself is a nice romantic romp in the thirties, when Hollywood was Hollywood and the public believed in super-human morals. If you like this sort of entertainment, I strongly suggest it. About the R rating; I think the rating is very harsh for this kind of movie. I wouldn't see anything at all wrong with taking anyone under sixteen.

SUNSHINE BOYS

Period Comedy. A United Artists release of an M.G.M. picture. Written by Niel Simon. Produced by Rastar Productions. Directed by Herbert Ross. Stars Walter Mathau, George Burns, Richard Benjamin. Running Time: 117 minutes; MPAA Rating: G.

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Danny Trevino March Draws 1500

by GERALD CURTIS

A march and rally was sponsored by the Committee on Public Safety (COPS) on Saturday, March 17th. Included among the speakers were Rudolfo "Corky" Gonzales, Dennis Banks, John Trudell and Lehman Brightman, all of the American Indian Movement (AIM), Sammy Madison, a spokeswoman for Angela Davis, Al Hernandez, Christina Vasquez, Rev. Cecil Williams, Tony Estramada and Jose Villa.

The march began at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church at 2020 E. San Antonio St. at about 12:15 p.m. The marchers proceeded on San Antonio St., turning right on King Road and left on Santa Clara Street. They then proceeded to First Street where they turned into the park at about 1:50 p.m. The distance of the walk was three miles.

Jose Villa, co-chairman of COPS, recommended Assistant D. A. Hoffman "remove himself" from presenting the grand jury case. Villa said the action should be taken in response to Hoffman telling a group "Danny Trevino was more dangerous than the two policemen that shot him." And he added, "We can't let that go under the guise of justice."

Here are the highlights of the speakers' words.

Ray Gonzales, COPS co-chairman, said another march for Danny Trevino was taking place in Haywood, Calif., that same day. He read a telegram of support from the group, which claimed, "the Santa Clara District Attorney has taken no action . . . and we will support you until justice is had."

"The harrassment of Chicanos and all minorities is continuing," he went on "where are our elected officials? They just don't seem to give a damn."

Tony Estramada called for a Citizens Review Board controlling the police. He said, "In 1967 the East Side demanded community control. A new division was created within the police edpartment. Internal Affairs. To this day, we have never had any public investigation from 'Internal Affairs.' It's like having Nixon investigate himself."

Corky Gonzales, the keynote speaker, cited incidents of violence in Denver and elsewhere. "It's happening across the nation," he said. "We have to form alliances . . . organize . . . stop racism . . . We're behind the cactus curtain and the most organized they (the authorities) don't know which one of us to hit . . . which one of our phones to tap . . . We are a family . . . Everyone . . . We are all in the struggle."

And in a surprise appearance, Danny Trevino's father, Al, arrived and was allowed to speak after unexpectedly jumping on the podium and grabbing the microphone.

Standing before the crowd, the small slender Trevino said, "I'm disappointed with the City of San Jose . . . If I have to fly in (from San Bernardino) everyday, I'll do it. They say, it's not my son. (Therefore they don't care, if it were their son, they'd have the devil by the tail."

From Oakland, Angela Davis, professor, activist, author, sent a female messenger to read her statement in San Jose.

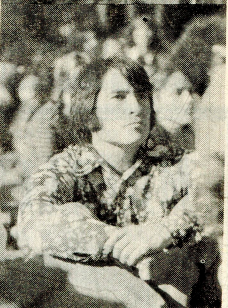
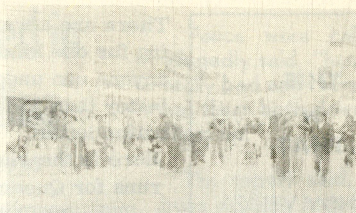
The letter thanked the people of San Jose who attended the rally and said they exhibited the same kind of "unifying strength" that gained "my freedom." The crowd cheered. "I get upset when I think of the reason why we have been brought together this afternoon."

She said "14 people have been gunned down locally," (8 Chicanos, 6 Blacks, and 1 White in the past 7 years) and she added, "300 people have been killed by police in New York City since 1971. It seems to me, the police have declared open season on our people."

Rev. Cecil Williams said, "There's a conspiracy going on by the City Fathers and the San Jose Police Department . . . who want to keep you and me in our place." He called for a new order and said, "No more lives will be taken . . . no more San Jose!"

"We're going to elect people who look and act like us." The crowd cheered.

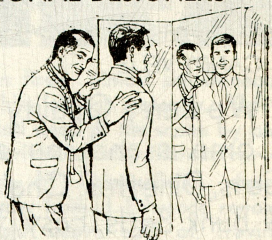
Community organizations which participated in the march, carrying banners and wearing armbands in some cases, included the American G. I. Forum, the United Farmworkers, the United Auto Workers, the Women's Alliance, the Monitors, San Francisco Mission District Child Care Consortium and the Emilio Zapata Street Academy.



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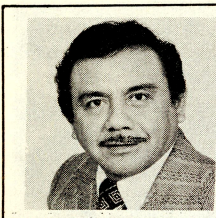
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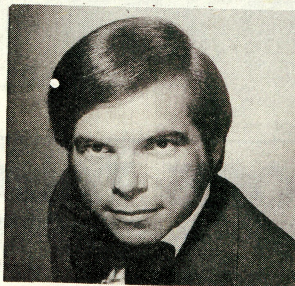
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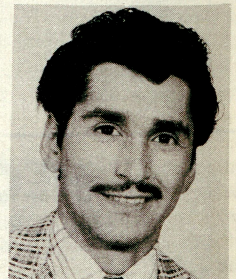
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Officers Cleared in Trevino Shooting

by GERALD CURTIS

After two days and testimony from twenty-two witnesses, the Santa Clara County Grand Jury cleared the two San Jose policemen involved in the shooting death of Danny Trevino. The hearing was held in secret the entire period, March 30 and 31.

The policemen, Lt. Don Edwards and officer Craig Smith were taken off paid administrative leave and returned to duty.

However, the outcome of the grand jury's decision has raised mixed reaction. Police Chief Robert Murphy expressed satisfaction, while members of the Committee on Public Safety (COPS) expressed disgust. Jose Villa, co-chairman of the group said the grand jury ignored repeated written request to hold an open hearing.

Clara Olgin, COPS member, said, "We're really shocked and outraged. We tried to contact the members of the Grand Jury, the police chief, the District Attorney and they didn't reply. They were very rude. We tried everything."

Looking back, she said, "We kind of knew there wouldn't be an open grand jury. Now I hear the cops are back on the street. As far as I'm concerned, those men are murderers. It was a senseless killing."

At move to get the City Council to request a public coroner's inquest, which would have had the same effect of a public hearing was introduced by James MacEntee, COPS member, prior to the grand jury decision. City Attorney Peter Stone, at that time advised the council to wait until the grand jury reached a decision. Perhaps the motion to hold a coroner's inquest will be revived.

The committee still plans to meet every Friday at 7 p.m., at Our Lady Guadalupe Church, 2020 E. San Antonio.

After the grand jury decision, Police Chief Murphy released details surrounding the shooting of Trevino Jan. 22.

In a prepared written statement, Lt. Edwards, a "22 year veteran, and Smith, an officer of 6 years," responded to a "emergency call for police assistance at 432 Gregory, the home of Trevino's girlfriend, Maria Duarte."

Police were called by a female who allegedly said, "hurry, he's beating them up really bad and there's nobody to help . . . he has them both down on the ground beating them up."

The report said, "Trevino had allegedly been drinking heavily and arrived uninvited to Duarte's house where he become emotionally upset over the fact that his wife would not give him a divorce.

"At this point, he punched Maria Duarte in the face with his fist, then threw her to the ground by the hair and began fighting with Maria Galan who was trying to separate the two. This call was closely followed by a call from Maria Galan. Galan asked that an officer come and arrest Trevino, and described his vehicle giving its color and license number.

"Shortly thereafter, Lt. Edwards arrived, contacted Miss Galan, and observed blood on her hand from the laceration. As she pointed out Trevino's vehicle parked down the street.

"Edwards then asked for a back-up unit. As Officer Smith arrived, Trevino locked the doors to his vehicle and refused to talk to the officers or respond to their commands.

"At this point, Lt. Edwards went to the passenger side to talk to Miss Duarte to ascertain if everything was alright. As Trevino's attention was drawn to Officer Smith on the driver's side. He was seen by both officers to reach under the seat on the passenger side.

"Lt Edwards yelled loudly twice 'Get your hands up' and Trevino again failed to respond. Miss Duarte then flung open the door and yelled twice "Danny, don't do it, "Danny don't do it." She bolted pass Lt. Edwards just as Trevino flung his arm up and towards Lt. Edwards."

The officers fired "almost simultaneously neck, killing him almost instantly. Trevino was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics who arrived shortly thereafter.

"Laboratory of Criminalistics experts found gunpowder from Lt. Edwards' revolver inside the right sleeve cuff of Trevino's shirt, indicating that his arm was extended and pointing directly at Lt. Edwards, at the instant the weapon fired.

Trevino's blood alcohol was .22 and .10 is considered sufficient to be drunk.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Lt. Edwards was described by police, as a past graduate of the "FBI National Academy and creator of a highly successful minority hiring program within the police department.

Officer Smith was described as a 6-year veteran with letters of commendation, and was a commissioned officer of the Coast Guard.

Trevino's background was described as including arrests for possession of dangerous weapons, battery, several counts of drunk driving, escape, robbery, and rape.

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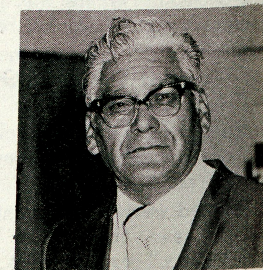
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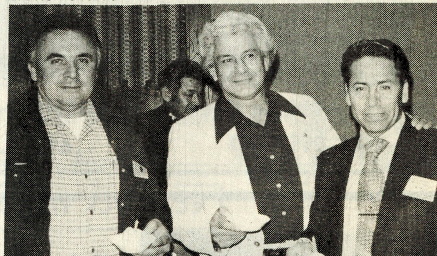
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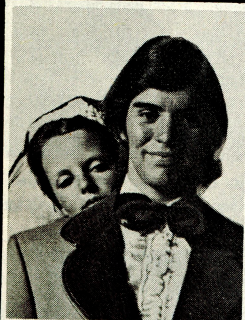
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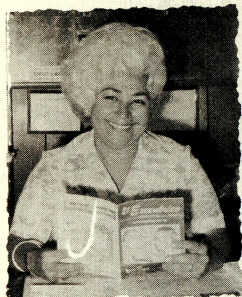
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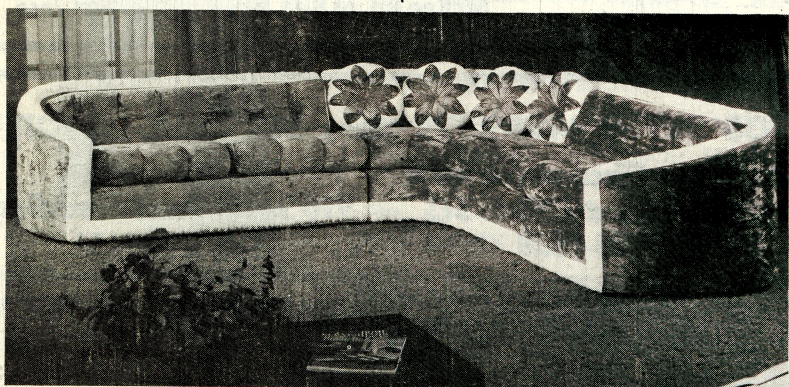
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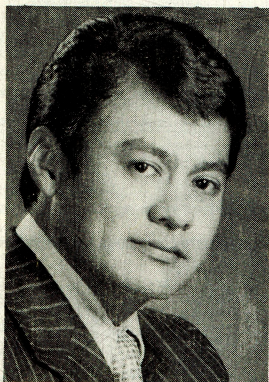
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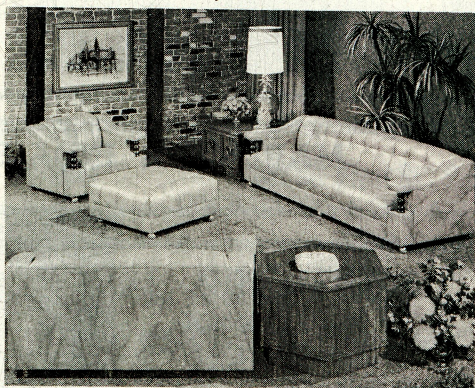
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