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To your attention The Punch Bowl presents to you a poetical report of a senseless killing.

TATTOOS OF VERDUGO FLATS by Kharís Avril



A sea serpent and a spider were tattooed on the young boys' chest when he was full of life. Now he was dead. ROBERTO ORTIZ DIED AT 17

Lying face down in a pool of blood he was found in a neat, clean room. Police said he had been stabbed "29 or 30," 29 or 30 times: VERDUGO FLATS, the
San Bernardino barrio where
Ortiz was born.
Tattoos of Verdugo Flats:
a sunburst, a rose,
the sad face of a clown;
birds and mountains,
a king without a throne,
and his mother's name
engraved among the blood,
the dried spring blood
of a young, such a young
young boy!

The room where the body was found, was neat and very well, very well organized:
There were Rosary beads in that room and the image of the Mother of God was nearby, nearby the body of the kid with a tear, a teardrop at the outer corner of his lightless eye.

At the Califas
Youth Authority's Training
School
in Chino, where Blacks
and Browns
learn the facts of Death,
on the cement floor
of the neat, clean room,
Roberto was found
with the tattos of
the VERDUGO FLATS.

TATTOS OF THE VERDUGO FLATS on the Chicano body of a lifeless boy.

The radio was still on when he was found.
CYA OFFICIALS SAID, he had been stabbed "29 or 30" times,
29 or 30 times with a long blade from a pair of upholstery shears: tattoos of the VERDUGO FLATS!

"He made somebody very mad, it's fair to say we are very concerned." said director PEARL WEST of Califas Youth Authority's Training School for disturbed, very disturbed young boys.

ROBERTO ORTIZ
was only seventeen
when he was found late,

almost midnight of December 26, the day after CHRISTMAS, in a pool of blood on the cement floor of his neat, clean room.

"But, we don't know why, why Roberto made somebody mad." Chino police detective Robert Hartley said.

A week or so before Ortiz was killed CYA officials heard rumors that he was having gang problems . . .

"Come here, Robert, come here, we want to talk about your problems.

Tell us all about those gangs . . ."

Oa yeah, he sure had some problems, but, he said 'his family would take care of them . . ."

Chino police Spt. Gary Knox said the killing appears to be "gang realted and contractual," and that Ortiz had made somebody very mad by getting out of line . . ." Enough to stab him 29 or 30 times: tattoos of VERDUGO FLATS!

The barrio's name, VERDUGO FLATS, was tattooed on his chest, with the s of the Flats leading the way to his heart where the shears dug well to the other side directly and deeply into Ortiz' young heart.

"This was a violent death," said deputy coroner Ben Rubidoux." "There was a pool of blood on and around the body, wet and dried, all around the body, there were lots and lots of tattoos, in addition to the wounds on Ortiz' young body: TATTOOS OF VERDUGO FLATS."

"When found," Rubidoux, also said, "rigor mortis had already set."

And there he was,
surrounded by saints,
with a teardrop on his eye
and the wounds and the stabs
and the blood all around . . .
TATOOS OF THE
VERDUGO FLATS . . .

Ortiz' nickname was "colonel of Verdugo Flats," last July he was sent to the institution for armed robbery at age 16! Since age 13 he had been swimming in troubled waters. He and many, many more Chicano youths, playing 'cops and robbers'—trying to be heroes in gang street guerrillas.

There are more than 81 of them! Two suspects are in custody at YTS, both are said to belong to two different East Los Angeles Mexican-American street gangs.

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CHANGO CARMONA

(Continued from last issue . . .)

by RICHARD CARROLL

Carmona at 135 pounds, five feet seven inches tall, was copperskinned, with rich black hair, dark, piercing eyes that outside the ring were always friendly, and a nose that was flat to his face, a nose that dominated his person, a nose you couldn't help staring at, and that definitely had unusual character. It was not unattractive, only different. One couldn't help wondering how many times it had been broken.

Chango now worked out of Mexico City, had gained a lovely wife and a beautiful son, and was a paradox. When he stepped into the ring he became a masterful fighter; his concentrations was extraordinary and made him one of the finest body-punchers in boxing. Outside the area, Carmona was a humble, soft-spoken man, eternally smiling, posing with people he didn't know, shaking hands, signing scraps of paper, backs of envelopes and autographs pads by the hundreds, giving his full attention to each individual, listening to advice while fans draped their arms around him. charisma was such that when people met him they immediately felt he was a personal friend and that he sincerely liked them. From that point, they owned a piece of him; he was fighting for the peo-

ple. The rapport between Carmona and his fellowmen was like a charge of electricity. To further strengthen this rapport he graciously bowed to the crowds when entering the ring and they believed that he meant it, that he was for real.

Chango, now 28, received a crack at the title on September 15, 1972 at the Coliseum in Los Angeles .He severely beat Mando Ramos and became the new lightweight champ of the world. Chango floored Ramos four times, finally knocking him out in the eighth round. Twenty-three-yearold Ramos was so badly beaten that he was carried from the ring on a stretcher and spent the night in the hospital. Before he met Chango, Ramos had been on the floor only one in his career. Chanwas carried triumphantly around the huge football stadium on the shoulders of his fans; this was the first joyous night of the fifty-seven days.

Carmona was The King. In La Posa, when he was a body, he had always dreamed of becoming a doctor. Instead, he became the first World Boxing Champion to ever come out of Acapulco and the State of Guerrero. He took the money he earned, a pittance of \$15,000, and bought land and a home in Acapulco. He was an instant hero in Mexico. The people could relate to him. It was the sweet life, all right, but to Carmona and his manager it was important to make money, bring in real security. He signed for his first defense of the title against Rodolfo Gonzales at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles on November 10, 1972. Gonzales, a hardhitting fighter living in Long Beach, had built up an impressive record of 45 wins, 39 knockouts,



and only five defeats, and was managed by the very fine Jackie McCov.

Carmona was on top of the world. He came back to Los Angeles to train for his fight. Everying was easier now; he was getting the publicity and attention he deserved. He moved into a downtown motel with his manager, advisor, and handlers. The managers of the motel. Polly and Phil Brady, said, "Chango has stayed here two or three times and, title or no title, he is a very fine gentlemen - polite, a very gentle, solf-spoken man. We have vet to hear him speak in a re tone. He's a thankful, appreciative person, a quality noticeable among men and especially among fighters. It is as though he came from one of the finest prep schools in Boston. Lenny Dawson is one of those people, too - gentle, softspoken, a gentleman. Both Lennie and Chango never flaunt themselves publicly. Their acts and their performances give you the answer."

Chango trained hard. Photographers, writers, well-wishers and people that just wanted to catch a glimpse of him swarmed around him continually. When he staged a free workout at the Olympic Auditorium, large crowds turned up to cheer him on. A Mexican businessman who was spending the day in Los Angeles stopped by the Olympic. "He is one of the warmest human beings

you will ever meet. How do you Americans say? Rags to riches, that is Chango," was his com-

Carmona loved Japanese food and ate frequently in Little Tokyo, training on tempura, salmon eggs, and sashima, which is raw tuna. He worked out with Sugar Ray Robinson and vvisited Peter Falk at Universal. He went to Marine Land, and also did some shopping for his wife and son. He posed for hundreds of pictures and signed autographs until his hand ached. The match was getting close now and he had invited his doctor and personal friend from Mexico City to be at ringside with him. Hhis fight was for his son, Erubrey, Jr. It would help secure his future.

On November 10, 1972, the 57th day, Chango quietly predicted a victory, and stepped into the ring to defend his title in 15 rounds or less. The experts stated that with the explosive power of both fighters there was no way this fight could go 15 rounds. The odds were 3 to 1 for Carmona and there was a victory party planned at Little Tokyo later in the evening. A tiny foreshadowing sprang up. Chango weighed only 132 and one-half pounds while Gonzales checked in at a strong 134.

When Chango entered the ring, the crowd of 12,018 gave him a tremendous standing ovation and Chango reciprocated by bowing grandly to them. The ringside aficionados were already wondering about Chango's next victim. Would it be the Spaniard, Pedro Carrasco, or Roberto Duran from

Panama?

At the sound of the bell, Chango crossed himself, said his prayers and walked into 36 minutes of hell. Gonzales swarmed over him. A left uppercut to the mouth cut

him badly. In the second round, Chango was again cut inside the mouth with a hard left hook that staggered him. In the seventh round his punch was gone and he was having a hard time breathing because of the steady flow of blood from his nose and mouth. By the 10th round, blood ran from above the left eye, his right eye was swollen shut, and he was fighting on pure guts. A few days before the fight, Chango had sat quietly in his room and said, "When I get hurt or in trouble, I go back to my hard days as a boy, scratching for money in Acapulco, and then I think of my son and the kind of life I want for him. That makes me keep going, helps me fight back."

By the 13th round, Chango was dazed, his nose broken, his mouth caked with blood, an ugly slice in his left ear. Blood now spurted

CARMONA

from above his left eye, and he was unable to answer the bell. It went into the books as a 12th-round knockout. He was completely outclassed, Gonzales having given Carmona a worse beating than Carmona gave Ramos. One point was taken away from Gonzales for a head-butt, but most score sheets read 12-0 for Gonzales. Chango never got his offense going. The King had fallen.

But Erubrey Guillen Chapin has a future. With his smile and his rapport with people he can do anything he sets his mind to. He would make an excellent ambassa dor, and who would be foolish enough to question his decisions? After all, Chango was class and he was The King, if only for 57 glorious days.

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Tambien recibio el Presidente de México la Visita de el Vice Presidente de los Estados Unidos Sr. Walter Mondale, en la entrevista el Sr. Mondale informó al President Lopez Portillo que la administración del Sr. Presidente Carter tratará de evitar la depotación en gran escala de trabajadores ilegales; a la vez le ofreció ayuda económica para que México pueda crear sus propias fuentes de

trabajo, tambien explicó que el Presidente Carter intenta reforzar las patrullas fronterizas, además de imponer fuertes sanciones a los que ocupen a los ilegales.

El Vice Prresidente Mondale también habló con el Presidente Portillo del asunto de la energía y algunos otros de los que no se pudo

tener información.

En suma, la entrevista Mondale-Lopez Portillo toco el asunto de trabajadores ilegales, ayuda económica para México, con el fin de que pueda crear sus propias fuentes de trabajo, la edificación de planta de energia nuclear y la guerra contra la producción y trafico de narcoticos.

Es muy probable que se tratara el asunto del petroleo y del gas, pero si se trató algo no se informó de ello y en su oportunidad o cuando ya se presenten con más claridad estos puntos, se informará a la opinión pública de los dos paises; mientras tanto esperamos que cualquier determinación que se lleve a la práctica sea en beneficio de los dos paises.

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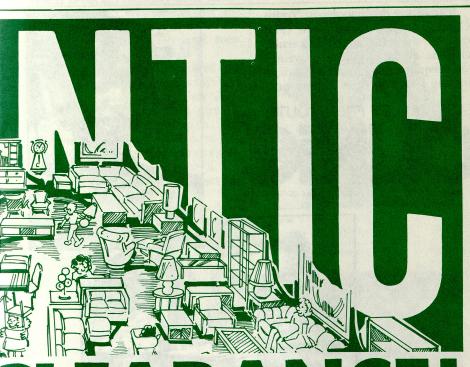
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The Clinic's purpose is to provide health care services to this populace, which for various social and economic reasons, does not utilize the traditional health care

system.

Currently, some two-thirds of all patients seen represet the East San Jose and downtown area communities. About 35 percent of the total served classify themselves as persons of Mexican or Latin descent. Most of this population are females (80 percent) and almost 50 percent come in for family 18 planning services.

In a pregnancy study by the Clinic for the past two years, the population of Mexican or Latin descent represent about 40 to 50 percent. Of all women seen for pregnancy testing and counseling services. Observations recorded at the counseling sessions report that of these women, over 50 to as high as 70 percent plan to continue an unplanned pregnancy. The average age is 17 years, most often marital status is single.

Some of our patients speak Spanish only, and we do have some Spanish speaking vvolunteers and staff, although we are trying to expand this program.

Services provided by the Clinic include family planning services, counseling, VD diagnosis and treatment, treatment of minor infections and illnesses on an outpatient basis. An educational out-

reach program recently been funded by United Way, and an intensive outreach program to the various district schools and teen

groups has been planned.

The Clinic operates out of the East Valley Jublic Health facility, at 1989 Mckee Road, San Jose. We offer gneeral medical services on Monday from 3 to 7 p.m., and Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. We have family planning services offered every Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. The Clinic offers all services without charge.

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When Harlow's album "Salsa" came out, I was interested to check out the new singer. I remembered the name Junior Gonzales (his 1st name is Juli) from the "Hommy" album. Junior played and sung the Hommy part, but at that time, I was more interested in Justo Betancourts Es Un Varon and No Queremos Sermon. But the album "Salsa" gave Harlow a new twist, with the addition of violins and the new voice of Junior Gonzalez.

"Salsa" became a new phase of Larry Harlow's career. The album produced the monster—La Cartera as well as Paso de Encarnacion and Silencio.

After "Salsa," Harlow's "Live in Quad" was another splash on the Salsa market. The Gonzalez-Betancourt vocal combination again created a double album set, which is a must for any lover of progressive Latin.

El Judio Maravilloso created El Miri Miron, Buenavista Gua-



guan o and El Dolorcito De Mi China.

Junior's last album with Harlow's band was "El Jardinero del Amor" with his song "Lo Que Esta Pasando" is a great tune with revalent lyrics. The title cut, Estan Complicao and Lo Que Dice Usted are also great tunes that brings us to his latest release, his solo effort, Junior Gonzalez "Tiempo Buenos/Good Times." All I can say is pick your hit—Saludos Al Latino, No Vamos a Bailar El Son, No Hay Amor, Sin Caridad and a smooth to be a smash Calenas are all great tunes.

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speech was forgotten and his spontaneous remark was "I thank you all for being here tonight," but the response of applause was thunderous because everyone there, friends and relatives could see the pride and happiness, they could all hear and feel the emotion in his voice. Richard Diaz, well known photographer, well known and much loved for his spontaneity.

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En torno a la prodigiosa imágen de Nuestra Sra. de San Juan de los Lagros, gira una serie de a combrosos milagros que casi no tiene fin. Justamente el culto ya universal de la taumaturga imágen de la Patrona de Lagros, se inició con un gran prodigio: la resurrección de una niña acróbata, cuyos padres, también de oficio cirqueros, visitando la ciudad ofrecieron su espectáculo en la plaza pública, e hicieron que la niña, su única hija presentara el peligroso número del trapecio sin la virtual red protectora, acaeciendo que en una de las desprendidas, que precisamente son la culminación del espectáculo, la pequeña perdiera el equilibrio desde una considerable altura, estrellándose en el duro pavimento ante el espanto de los espectadores y sobre todo de sus infelices progenitores. Por demás está decir, que la niña murió en el acto, dando uno de los médicos de la ciudad, el consabido certificado de muerte de la pequeña. Imposible describir la desesperación y el dolor de los pobres padres de la niña muerta.

Entre amargos sollozos y desgarradores lamentos, se reprochaban reciprocamente la muerte de la pequeña, recriminándose así mismos la fatal desgracia por haber permitido que ella realizara el peligroso acto sin la red protectora, por lo cual se juzgaban culpables de lo ocurrido. Entre tanto, algunas gentes caritativas habían iniciado una colecta de caridad para sufragar los gastos del sepelio de la niña, cuyo maltrecho cuerpecito fué llevado a casa de unos vecinos del lugar de los acontecimientos, donde se le tendió enmedio de las flores que la piedad de los espectadores de la tragedia 25 llevaron al lugar del improvisado

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