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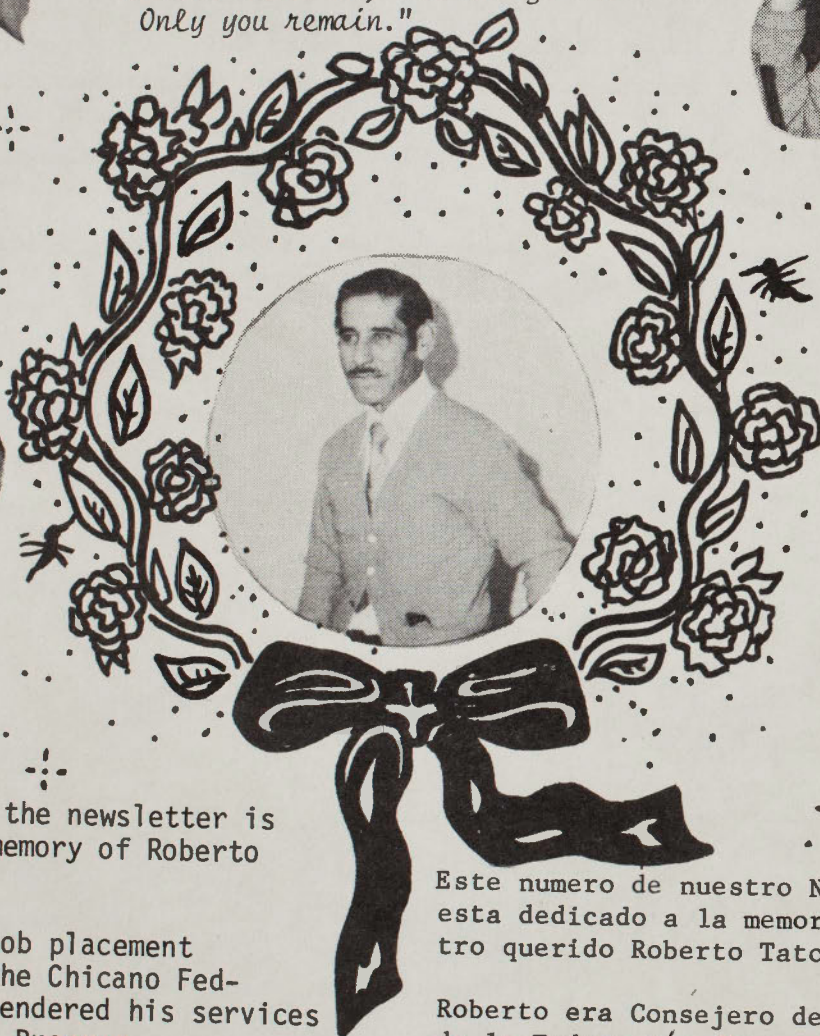




In Memory of Roberto Tato.....



"Only thoughts of you remain,  
In my soul where they have lain.  
Perfumed thoughts of you-remaining,  
A hidden sweetness in my brain.  
Others leave me; all things leave me:  
Only you remain."



This issue of the newsletter is dedicated in memory of Roberto Tato.

Roberto was job placement counselor at the Chicano Federation and rendered his services to the CHAMBA Program.

His services to the Chicano community for the past six years will be missed by the Federation staff and the community.

We send our deepest sympathy to Mr. Tato's family.

May you rest in peace.

Este numero de nuestro Noticiario esta dedicado a la memoria de nuestro querido Roberto Tato.

Roberto era Consejero de Colocaciones de la Federaci3n Chicana, y rendia sus servicios a la comunidad por medio del programa CHAMBA durante los 6ltimos seis a1os.

Su ausencia sera muy sentida por el personal de la Federaci3n, y toda la comunidad.

Extendemos nuestro mas sentido pesame a la familia del Sr. Tato.

Que en Dios descanse.



# DIRECTOR'S REPORT



**JESSE RAMIREZ**, Executive Director of the Chicano Federation speaks out. (Spanish translation on page 7.)

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Chicano Federation is on the move -upward and outward. In a statement that was published by "La Prensa," I indicated that there were those who were ready to count the Federation "down and out." My observations are, this is far from being true. In fact, the Federation is more alive now that it has been in recent years.

It has confronted at least three major issues that affect the Chicano community: the immigration and naturalization process, the San Diego County Employment Practices and school integration of all districts. It is undergoing a major reorganization at both the board and staff levels. The reason for the major reorganization is so that the Federation may have greater community participation in the process of dealing with issues.

There are other equally important issues which face the community and which the Federation must address; allegations of police brutalities, the Bakke Case, housing and urban development, and health care delivery to the Chicano community.

Underlying all these issues is whether, we as Chicanos, have the political muscle to affect these issues in favor of our community. The Chicano Federation can be one means of developing that muscle. However, there are other means too. The power of the ballot, continuing advocacy, the press and economic sanctions.

Whatever the means we favor in accomplishing the objective of enhancing the status of Chicanos in this area, none can be effective without the participation of the Chicano community. To those that have been lulled into complacency by time and a few minor accomplishments, the recent ill-advised decision of the County Board of Supervisors to abolish the office of Equal Opportunity Manager and the infamous Bakke Decision should be clear indicators that these reversals come when we manifest weakness. Like my Tio Porfilo use to say, "Mas claro no canta un gallo, mi hijo".

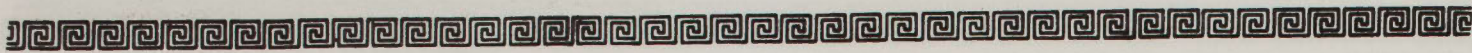
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VICTOR NIETO'S APPOINTMENT.....  
GRAND JURY ACCUSES SUPERVISORS OF "BLUNDERS" AND "IMMATURE ACTIONS"

On June 2, 1977, the grand jury accused the Board of Supervisors of blunders and of "politically naive and administrative-ly immature action" in its attempts to fire the director of the Equal Opportunity Management office by abolishing the agency.

In an interview with Jesse Ramirez, Executive Director of the Chicano Federation, Jesse answered questions concerning the case of Equal Opportunity Management office.

QUESTION: Does the C/F support Victor Nieto's appointment as director of the EOM office?

JESSE: Yes, we support his position because it was done in the legal process. He won it fair and square.

QUESTION: Does the C/F support Nieto because he is a Chicano.

JESSE: We take interest because he is a Chicano, but at the same time, we take an interest anytime a Chicano gets shafted.

QUESTION: What are the C/F feelings of the National Organization of Women protesting the appointment of Nieto?

JESSE: We feel it's an invalid protest because it was based on an invalid premise.

QUESTION: Has the C/F taken a position regarding the Board of Supervisors actions to abolish the EOM office?

JESSE: Certainly. We have first involked the consent decree in challenging their actions. Second, we are seeking a permanent injunction in federal court which will let set aside what has been done and reinstate Nieto back to his position.

QUESTION: Does the grand jury's accusations strengthen the C/F's position?

JESSE: Of course. The grand jury which has the legal responsibility to oversee the functions of county government have done what they were suppose to do. Through this process, they have said everything we first said. The findings give greater validity to our position.

## Editorial

### WHITE SCHOOLS ARE RACIALLY SEGREGATED TOO!

Even though Judge Louis Welsh's final decision in the Carlin Case has been rendered, there are still some unanswered questions which Chicano parents have asked:

What is a racially segregated school?

In his report dated March 9, 1977, Judge Welsh ruled that 23 elementary and secondary schools were racially isolated.

These 23 schools are heavily populated with Black and Chicano students. Yet, Judge Welsh did not mention anything about schools which have a high enrollment of white students.

It seems like students from Morse and San Diego High Schools are being told their schools are segregated and are the problems of this integration issue. But nothing has been said about La Jolla High, - a school with a large percentage of anglo students - and this school wasn't found to be a racially unbalanced school.

Minority schools are getting the shaft once again.

If Judge Welsh can find 23 minority schools segregated then there must be at least 23 more white schools that are also segregated. It works both ways.

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The question of mandatory bussing, which has become the focal point of the issue, has been steadily opposed by the Chicano Federation and Chicano parents.

The final decision has been to allow one year of voluntary programs to develop in the City schools. The community as a whole, has another year to find a solution to this integration issue once and for all.

Quality education should be the main issue. If minority schools do not have the requirements and special programs which are needed for college transfer or just to advance the student, then maybe it would be wise to invest money in these specific areas to upgrade the education quota.

Let us hope that we do not return back to the days of James Merdith and Little Rock and by everyone working together, we can prevent San Diego of becoming another Boston.

June 13, 1977, has past by but the real task lies ahead of us now.

A LONG TIME AGO

*A long time ago,  
I laughed  
with bitter laughter  
at the white man's  
not-so-funny wetback jokes.*

*My fears give way to anger, hate!  
I stand tall  
in spite of my years  
tall with pride and knowledge  
that I know;  
that my legacy to my progeny  
will grow and live, and  
live, and grow!*

*The silver of my hair  
bows . . .*

*To the golden vigor  
of their youth.*

*A long time ago  
I withstood much humiliation,  
because  
I was afraid . . .  
I was hungry . . .*

*And my tears of shame  
will dry  
and be replaced  
by tears of joy!  
Because*

*To the diamond-like brilliance  
of their accomplishments!*

*Shame no more . . .  
An old Indio steps aside  
with pleasure,  
an old Indio  
rests in peace*

*Now, as the silver in my hair  
acts like a shining light  
of revelation in my head,  
I am no longer afraid,*

*My progeny will not have to laugh at  
not-so-funny wetback jokes  
my humiliation  
will be their pride  
in being  
La Raza Nueva!  
Proud!  
Unafraid!  
Eager!  
Capable.*

*A new hunger overtakes the old  
a hunger for pride; identity,  
self determination;*

INDIO, 1972



# 8th FESTIVAL NACIONAL DE LOS TEATROS CHICANOS

## EL OCTAVO, FESTIVAL ANUAL DEL "TEATRO CHICANO" SE CELEBRARA EN SAN DIEGO

"El Centro Cultural de la Raza" fué seleccionada por "TENAZ" (Teatro Nacional de Aztlan) para hacer los honores en el octavo festival anual del "TEATRO NACIONAL CHICANO", segun el Sr. Marcos Contreras, coordinador del festival. Este año, el festival se celebrará en la Universidad de San Diego, desde el 2 de Julio hasta el día 10 del mismo.

Juntamente con los bien establecidos grupos Chicanos que están invitados a actuar, asistirán también seleccionados grupos Mexicanos y Latino-Americanos que contribuirán a las festividades de la semana. Los grupos que actuarán, incluyen: "TEATRO CALLE CUATRO" de Nueva York; "LOS MASCARONES" de Mexico; "TEATRO EXPERIMENTAL DE CALI" de Colombia; "TEATRO DE LA GENTE" de San José; "TEATRO LIBERTAD" de Arizona; "SU TEATRO" de Denver; "TEATRO DE LA ESPERANZA" de Santa Barbara; y "TEATRO MESTIZO" de San Diego.

Los participantes serán hospedados con comida, en los salones de conferencias de la Universidad. Las críticas y funciones se celebrarán en el Auditorio con capacidad de 1,400 asientos. La Universidad está centralmente situada, y será un local excelente para las festividades.

Distinguidos directores, autores, eruditos y críticos, serán invitados a participar en las críticas, y se reunirán grupos para discusiones especiales, entre los participantes. Las discusiones y críticas durante la mañana estarán abiertas al público, permitiendo así que la comunidad pueda participar.

El primer festival del "TEATRO NACIONAL CHICANO" se celebró bajo los honores del "TEATRO CAMPESINO" en Fresno, California. Desde entonces se celebraron consecutivamente en Santa Cruz, San Jose, Ciudad de México, y Veracruz, Mexico, San Antonio, Texas, Seattle, Denver y Los Angeles.

Estos festivales anuales han dado la oportunidad a las comunidades que los honraban, de ver la variedad de material, estilos y arte desplegados por los grupos participantes. Funciones nocturnas han sido ofrecidas al público, y el auditorio fue siempre deleitado por las obras presentadas en drama, canciones y bailes, a veces cómicas, otras tristes, pero siempre conmovedoras.

CALAVERA REVOLUCIONARIA.



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## HABLA EL DIRECTOR:

La Federacion Chicana está en marcha, - avanzando - y ampliandose! En una declaración que fué publicada en "La Prensa", indiqué de que habian quienes estaban dispuestos a considerar a la Federacion como "causa perdida". Mi respuesta es que ésa alegación dista mucho de la verdad. En realidad esta Federación está con mas vida y mayor vigor que en los recientes años pasados. Ha confrontado y tomado acción por lo menos en tres asuntos que afectan a la comunidad Chicana, como el procedimiento empleado por el Departamento de Inmigración y Naturalización; el procedimiento en uso por el Departamento para Empleos, del condado; y la integración de las escuelas en todos los distritos. Está reorganizando tanto el personal oficinista y la mesa directiva. La razon por la reorganización es para que la Federación tenga mas participación con la comunidad en las luchas para resolver los problemas. Tambien existen otros problemas tan importantes que confrontan a la comunidad, y las cuales la Federación tendra que resolver: las alegaciones de brutalidad de la policia en todas las areas del condado; el asunto BAKKE; el desarrollo urbano y viviendas; y servicios de salud para la comunidad Chicana.

Bajo todos estos problemas, existe la pregunta de que si nosotros los Chicanos tenemos el poder politico para conseguir que todo se resuelva a favor de nuestra comunidad. La Federación Chicana podrá ser uno de los medios para desarrollar éste poder, pero tambien hay otros medios; el poder de la balota (el voto), un continuo servicio consejero, la prensa, y saciones económicas.

Cualesquiera fueran los medios preferidos para realizar el objetivo de elevar el estado del Chicano en esta area, ninguno será efectivo sin la participacion de toda la comunidad Chicana. Para aquellos que han sido arrullados a la complacencia por el tiempo y por algunos éxitos menores, la reciente decision adversa de parte de la Mesa de Supervisores del Condado, de abolir la oficina de Gerente de Oportunidades Uniformes, y la infame decision sobre el asunto BAKKE, deberán ser claros indicios de que estos reversos relucen cuando manifestamos debilidad.

Como mi tío Portillo gustaba decir: "Mas Claro No Canta un Gallo, Mi Hijo".

**ICHICANAS!**NORTH COUNTY CHICANO FEDERATION

A Chicana Conference will be held on August 20, 1977 - Saturday. Workshops, Speakers, Films and Entertainment will be the focus of the Conference. For further information call Cathy or Julie at 729-7955.

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Esperamos que un acontecimiento de esta magnitud atraera publico de ambos lados de la frontera, ayudando asi los esfuerzos de los directores de Tijuana y San Diego de tumbar las barreras que tan amenudo han creado hostilidades y malos entendimientos.

Teatro Festival  
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### EIGHTH ANNUAL CHICANO TEATRO FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN SAN DIEGO

Centro Cultural de la Raza has been selected by TENAZ, Teatro Nacional de Aztlan, according to Marcos Contreras, Festival Coordinator.

This year's festival will be held from July 2 through July 10 at the University of San Diego.

Along with the established Chicano groups invited to perform, selected Mexican and Latin American troupes will also be included in the week's presentations.

Groups scheduled to perform include: Teatro Calle Cuatro, New York; Teatro de la Gente, San Jose; Teatro Libertad, Arizona; Su Teatro, Denver; Teatro de la Esperanza, Santa Barbara; Teatro Mestizo, San Diego.

Participants will be housed and fed in the University's conference facilities. Critiques and performances will be held in the 1400 seat auditorium.

The University is centrally located and will make an excellent site for the festival.

Distinguished directors, playwrights, scholars and critics will also be

invited to participate in the critiques and to offer workshops for the participants.

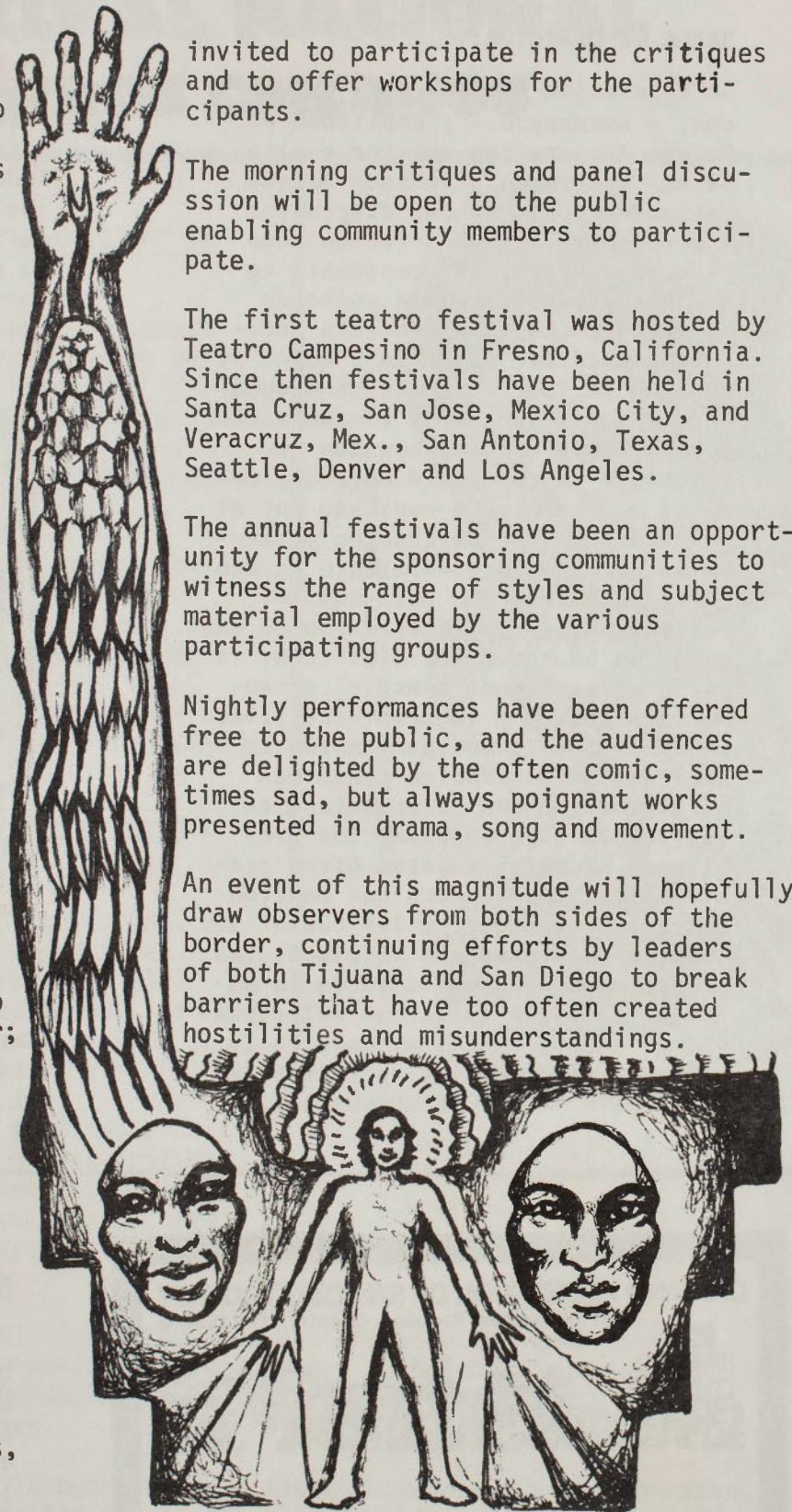
The morning critiques and panel discussion will be open to the public enabling community members to participate.

The first teatro festival was hosted by Teatro Campesino in Fresno, California. Since then festivals have been held in Santa Cruz, San Jose, Mexico City, and Veracruz, Mex., San Antonio, Texas, Seattle, Denver and Los Angeles.

The annual festivals have been an opportunity for the sponsoring communities to witness the range of styles and subject material employed by the various participating groups.

Nightly performances have been offered free to the public, and the audiences are delighted by the often comic, sometimes sad, but always poignant works presented in drama, song and movement.

An event of this magnitude will hopefully draw observers from both sides of the border, continuing efforts by leaders of both Tijuana and San Diego to break barriers that have too often created hostilities and misunderstandings.





TOMMIE REPORTS

“KIOSCO FINALLY APPROVED!”

"The Kiosco is finally approved!"

Those were the words of Tommie Camarillo, chairperson of the Chicano Park Steering Committee, as she reported the long wait for Chicano Park's Kiosco is finally over.

After many months of negotiating with the City Parks and Recreation Department and meeting with City officials, the kisco was given its final approval by the City Council earlier this month.

The Kiosco which is scheduled to begin construction this month, will be in an archetectural form of an ancient Mayan temple. The Kiosco should be completed in six months.

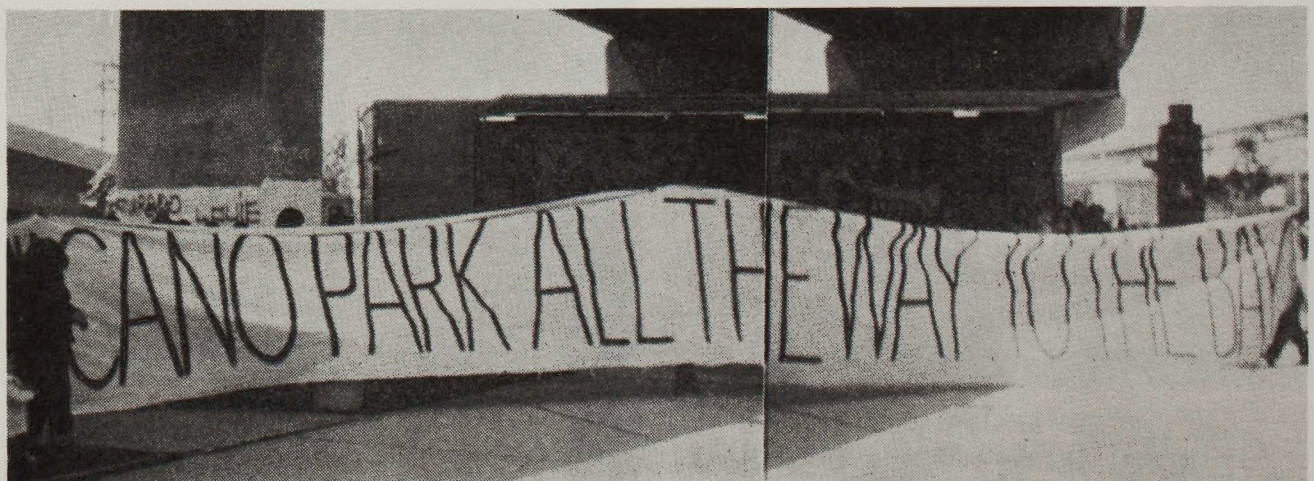
The Kiosco is one of the major accomplishments of the CPSC since the park was taken-over in 1970. The crude wooden platform stages that were hauled in for park celebrations and functions will be replaced by beautiful Mayan style Kiosco.

But this hasn't slowed down the CPSC's organizing efforts to develop the park.

Tommie says CPSC members have met on weekends to develop plans for the south end of Chicano Park. Members are busy sketching plans to build a plaza especially designed for senior citizens. The plaza will include benches, gardens and a water fountain (in the same artistic style of the kiosco). All of this will add a bit of Chicano culture to much needed cold concrete area.

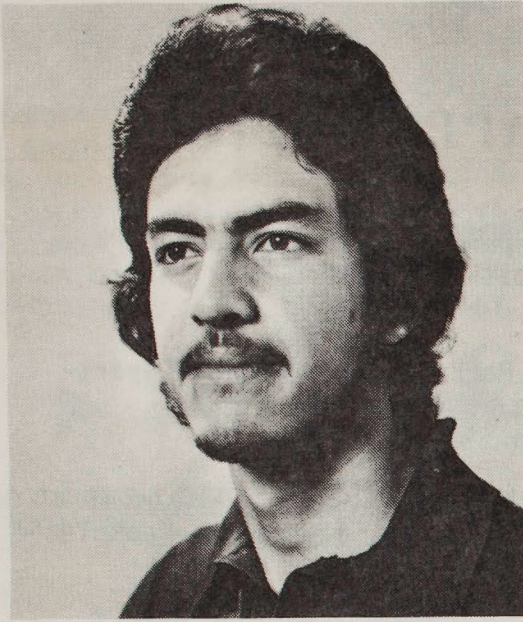
Even when these plans are approved, the work of the CPSC will not stop here. The community wants access to the bay. The long-range goals to extend Chicano Park to the water front are underway.

And when this done, the work will not end either, because thereafter, one of the CPSC's biggest organizing efforts will begin.



Future plans: All the way to the bay!





SAL CASTRO WINS NOAA JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP  
FOR STUDY AT FISHERIES LABORATORY

Salvador Castro, Jr., 18 recipient of an Outstanding Student Award at Lincoln High School, has been selected as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Junior Fellow at NOAA's Southwest Fisheries Center Laboratory in La Jolla.

During ceremonies this week, Castro will graduate eighth in his class of 243 seniors. In addition to his scholastic honors, Castro has also distinguished himself as pitcher on the Lincoln High varsity baseball team for three years. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Castro, Sr., he was born in National City and has lived in San Diego all his life. He is the eldest of six children.

LIONEL CASTILLO VISIT

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The remaining elements include an international development effort. The fifth is greater enforcement of existing border laws. The sixth element is to direct special relations with Mexico - treating Mexico differently than other countries. The last element is a complete overhaul of immigration laws and policies.

The Chicano community looks forward to work with Castillo in changing these laws and policies which affect the Mexican population.

**Arte,  
Danza,  
Cultura,  
Para sus hijos**

EL BALLET FOLKLÓRICO EN AZTLÁN OFRECE  
UN PROGRAMA RECREATIVO PARA EL VERANO

El Ballet Folklórico en Aztlán ya está dispuesto a recibir registros para su programa de verano. El ballet ha sido otorgado fondos para su "Programa de Apoyo Recreativo" para el verano de 1977.

El "Programa de Apoyo Recreativo" permitirá al ballet a ampliar sus actuales programas de servicios culturales para incluir a la juventud Chicana. Este programa que consiste de bailes, musica, artes de la raza, y jiras, se llama "Teyolia-Tlaca-Alma de la Gente."

El propósito de "Teyolia-Tlaca" es el descubrir y desarrollar el alma creativo ó espíritu, de cada participante, y ayudarles a expresar ese espíritu por medio del ballet folklórico, artes y artimañas culturales y otros medios. Las clases y otras actividades duran aproximadamente 10 semanas, y serán gratuitas para jóvenes entre los 6 y 18 años de edad.

Ya se estan recibiendo inscripciones, y continuara hasta el Junio 22, y para los que lleguen tarde, se les aceptará hasta el Viernes Julio 1. La orientación será el Miercoles, 22 de Junio de 9:30 a.m. a 4 p.m. y será en el Edificio del Parque Chicano (Federación Chicana) en 1960 National Ave.

Para mas informes y registros, por favor llamen a:

264-8155, Isabel Sánchez  
262-7776, Sylvia Enrique  
236-1228, Tommie Camarillo (Federación Chicana).



# LA RAZA MEETS CASTILLO

An estimated 500 persons were present at the Chicano Federation, May 19, to welcome Lionel Castillo, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Last month Castillo and the INS Advisory Committee arrived in San Diego to discuss immigration and border problems with Chicano leaders and Mexican officials.

One of the major concerns of the Chicano community is a call for granting amnesty to undocumented workers residing within the United States.

Castillo said there are seven major elements which are being prepared to be submitted to Congress. They are employer sanction - a penalty on employers that knowingly harbor persons who do not have visas- and the second is a form of amnesty for undocumented workers already living in this country. The third element is greater enforcement of existing laws regarding wages, employee benefits and rights.

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Lionel Castillo, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service speaks to the Chicano community of San Diego.



About 500 persons packed the Chicano Federation to welcome Castillo and the INS Advisory Committee.



Castillo spent most of his time speaking with various community leaders.



BALLET FOLKLORICO EN AZTLAN OFFERS SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

El Ballet Folklorico en Aztlan is opening registration for its summer program. The Ballet has been awarded Recreation Support Program funds for the Summer of 1977.

The Recreation Support Program will allow the Ballet to expand its on-going cultural services to Chicano youth. This program consisting of dance, music, folk arts and field trips is called, "Teyolia Tlaca-Alma de la Gente."

The purpose of "Teyolia Tlaca" is to discover and develop the creative alma or spirit in each participant and to help them express this spirit through ballet folklorico, cultural arts and crafts and other media. The classes and other activities will run for approximately 10 weeks and are free of charge for youth from 6-18 years of age.

Registration is currently underway and will last until June 22 with late registrants accepted til Friday, July 1st. Orientation will be Wednesday, June 22 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and will be held at the Chicano Park Building, 1960 National Ave.

For more information and registration please call:  
264-8155-Isabel Sanchez  
262-7776-Sylvia Enrique  
236-1228-Tommie Camarillo (Chicano Federation)

MEDIA SEMINAR

The Chicano Federation and National Council of La Raza will co-host a media seminar on June 17 and 18 at San Diego City College.



All articles and letters should be addressed to: Chicano Federation Newsletter, 1960 National Ave. San Diego, Ca., 92113.

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