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## Farmworkers Ask For Assistance



### Devaluation Of The Peso - Mexico Faces Economic Problems

by Annabell Morin

Mexico faces a tough period ahead now that the peso had devaluated from 49 pesos from last week to 80 pesos for one dollar this week.

"No one is for sure because it may devalue up to 95 pesos to one dollar," Tech economist professor Dr. Charles Butler said.

Late Thursday, August 4, the Mexican government said it had run out of money to support the peso in the foreign exchange markets.

Economists and bankers say it is too early to speculate where the peso will settle. But they say that whatever the eventual rate, the devaluation further damages the Mexican economy.

Some foreshadowed damages will be the economy not growing, increased unemployment and bankruptcies, it will bring more Mexican to cross illegally into the United States, and further enhance the lack of confidence in the Mexican government. Also, economists predict an inflation rate of 100 per cent for 1982.

The immediate problem that caused the devaluation of the peso was the drop in worldwide oil

prices," Butler said.

He added that Mexico tried to keep the same prices, but it lost many customers as a result Mexico had a five billion dollar deficit of foreign exchange. This was much less than they had expected.

Butler also said that the peso became over valued before February when it was 26 pesos to one dollar. "In order to keep the peso from falling the Central Bank in Mexico buys pesos with foreign exchange," Butler said.

Since Mexico had a five billion dollar deficit of foreign exchange, it ran out of money to support the peso which has resulted in the devaluation.

"Mexico has let the peso go because it can't support it now," Butler said.

Other host of factors adding to the devaluation were high interest rates, the world recession, and Mexicans who have been exchanging pesos for dollars.

Mexico's government has also established two exchange rates.

"This is called the two-tier system," Butler said.

He explained that there is a

floating rate for most transactions, and a "preferential" rate for imports such as food and capital goods, interest payments on public or private foreign debt arranged as of August 5. The preferential rate will be available for payment on public but not private foreign debt. This rate will be set daily by the government. On Friday, the preferential rate was 49.50 pesos to the dollar.

Another problem that might arise will be the people of Mexico losing confidence in the peso.

"This is called capital flight," Butler said.

Mexico faces serious economic problems, but Butler says that they can be overcome.

"Mexico still has all that oil, and has developed some basic underlying strengths," he said, adding that Mexico is fourth in the world in oil producing 68 billion barrels and still finding some.

Butler said that Mexico has educated many people that can come up with solutions to combat this problem that is plaguing the nation.

Sunday, the 15th of August will be one of the last chances for a fifteen and nineteen (15 to 19) year old single young girl to sign up for the "Adelita Contest" that will be held during the coming fiestas of this year. The Adelita Committee will hold its final sign up meeting on Sunday at the Hair Hut which is located at 3108 50th street at the Monterrey Professional Building at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon," said Adelita Committee chair-person Lupe

Supporter of the farmworkers who have been left penniless and homeless as a result of the crop losses in West Texas came together Thursday in Dimmitt to request assistance from state and national governments.

"Much attention has been focused recently on the devastating crop losses in West Texas brought on by this year's severe weather. Politicians have piled on to the political bandwagon as farm groups have fought to obtain 150 million dollars in much needed disaster relief for farmers. Yet in all of these efforts the farm laborers have been virtually forgotten," said Bill Beardall from Texas Rural Legal Aid as he read the opening statement of the call to action to an estimated audience of 200.

The coalition of organizations and individuals specifically called on the United States Secretary of Labor and Secretary of Health and Human Services to make available emergency funds.

Beardall said that so far the government has been negligent of the

condition of the farmworker.

Jesús Moya, organizer of the Texas Farm Workers Union, said that politicians moved very quickly to aid the farmers for their crop losses giving them 300 million dollars - yet nothing has been given to the farm worker.

"The life of the farm worker is being made more miserable by the Reagan Administration who is increasing the military at the expense of social programs that provided assistance to the farm worker such as food stamps, child nutrition programs, and rent subsidies," Moya said, adding that the government was continuing to work for the rich and not for the working people.

80,000 farmworkers and family members were affected from the crop losses. 50 percent were from South Texas, and 50 percent were permanently residing in the High Plains area.

The severe weather and continued rain damaged 60 percent of the

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Gilbert Herrera, director of Auxilio Center held a press conference on Wednesday at 7 p.m. to inform local gangs, low-rider clubs and interested people throughout the community of the killing of 30-year old Ruben Espinoza and the crime that exists throughout Lubbock.

Espinoza of Lubbock was killed after being beaten up by five black men just across from his house.

"My husband, Ruben, was going down the street to visit some friends," said Irma Espinoza, of Espinoza during the meeting Wednesday. Sitting right next Mrs. Espinoza was their daughter Mimi who is nine years of age.

Herrera said that this is the time Crime Line puts up \$1 reward for any information leading to an arrest in which a Chicano affected.

Herrera said, "we had to bring their attention before they anything about it, and it was easy."

Mr. Charlie Pope, president of Crime Line said that the information that was being called in was confirmed to any arrest but hopefully be after Thursday. "It or may not be good information said Pope during the meeting."

Carolyn Lanier, director of Human Relations of the Lubbock said if it wasn't for him and his organization's assistance case wouldn't have been brought to Crime Line's attention. "We appreciate your help Gilber.

Another suggestion that was stressed to the different clubs and the people that attended patrol their own barrio.

"We (the people in the barrio) will be our own law and patrol our own barrios if we can't have full support from our law enforcement people (guides)," Herrera said.

Espinoza was left without clothes, without an envelope and was hospitalized for eight (8) days before his death. He died on Sunday night, August 8th.

### Pronostican Masivos Déficits Y Elevadas Tasas De Interés

Las elevadas tasas de interés bancario pueden incrementarse aún más de cumplirse los pronósticos sobre masivos déficits en el presupuesto federal norteamericano, dijeron el responsable de la política monetaria en los Estados Unidos.

Al comparecer ante el Comité de Finanzas del Senado, la oficina de Presupuesto del Congreso Norteamericano —organismo sin filiación partidaria— pronosticó entre 140,000 y 160,000 millones de dólares los déficits en el presupuesto federal entre 1983 y 1985.

La Administración Reagan, que a su vez ha estimado en 114,000 millones de dólares el exceso en los gastos federales para 1983, tildó de "excesivamente pesimistas" las predicciones hechas en el Comité Senatorial por la directora de la oficina, Alice Rivlin.

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El proceso puede afectar negativamente las ya elevadas tasas de interés bancario en los Estados Unidos —en su nivel más alto desde la depresión de la década de 1930— y contribuir a retardar la esperada recuperación de la economía, dijo Volcker.

Los déficits obligarán al gobierno federal a prestar unos 100,000 millones de dólares en lo que falta de 1982 para subsanar sus necesidades, dijo Volcker.

Tal monto es considerado una cifra récord por los analistas económicos, que observan la incidencia del proceso en los

mercados crediticios de la nación. Volcker dijo que los déficits recrudecidos esperados por él y la oficina del congreso, obligarán al gobierno federal a buscar más fondos en los mercados crediticios para satisfacer sus necesidades de inversión.

Ello implicaría restringir el acceso al crédito a las empresas y personas particulares, "originando así tasas de interés más altas de las que podrían darse si no se registraran esos déficit", agregó.

Las declaraciones de Volcker cayeron como un balde de agua fría en los círculos de la Administración Reagan, que todavía disputaban las predicciones de la oficina del congreso.

"Tengo que saber en qué se basa (Rivlin) para emitir esos pronósticos", dijo en Chicago a los periodistas el Secretario Norteamericano del Tesoro, Donald Reagan.

Rivlin dijo que los déficits en el presupuesto se incrementarían hasta los niveles por ella estimados, aunque el congreso apruebe las alzas tributarias y adicionales recortes en el presupuesto solicitados por la Administración Reagan.

"Nosotros creemos que las reducciones presupuestarias y los incrementos tributarios que están a punto de ser aprobados por el congreso, pueden contribuir a mantener los déficits en un nivel más bajo y posteriormente a reducirlos aún más", dijo Reagan.

El gobierno Reagan dijo que espera dar a conocer, para fines de la presente semana, sus propios pronósticos de mediados de año sobre los déficits estimados para los próximos tres años fiscales.



### Lubbock Prison Matches

Sixteen Lubbock inmates will be participating this coming Saturday in Lubbock's first and perhaps Texas' first annual prison matches.

The event is sponsored by the County Sheriff's office; The Knights of Columbus and

the West Texas Golden Gloves. These exciting matches are scheduled for Saturday, August 14 starting at 8 p.m.

There will be fifteen (15) amateur sanctioned matches

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En la votación para senadores, el PAN obtuvo todos los triunfos (64

## Striving For Memorial Funds

Israel Quintana, President of the Viet Nam Veterans of this area said that it has been almost 7 years since the end of the Viet Nam War, that the veterans have been ignored and sometimes persecuted without just cause for serving a lost war, which they, at the time, did not know it was just that: a lost war. Their eyes and souls were too patriotically blinded to see that the Viet Nam War was being fought in vain. Some of these veterans paid the supreme sacrifice," emphasized Quintana, "(Death) before Dishonor. It's about time we recognize and pay homage to those who gave their lives for their country."

"A way of doing this would be to raise a memorial dignifying their gallantry and their sacrifices," said Quintana.

"This Memorial will be specially dedicated for those from Lubbock County," said Quintana "who served unselfishly to secure the Freedom

that is all too often taken for granted."

If you as an individual wish to contribute to this foundation and/or as a public or private organization you may do so by mailing your contributions to the Viet-Nam Veterans of America Memorial Fund in c/o Plains National Bank.

The Viet-Nam Veterans of America for the Lubbock area very much would like to thank you in advance for your virtuous contributions for this worthy cause. You can rest assured, your monies will be used sparingly.

If you have any questions please feel free to forward them to Israel Quintana at: 1520 25th St.; Lubbock, Texas; 79405.

*The cards are stacked against the Veterans: Our country was nothing without us, now we are nothing without our country.*

—an Unknown Soldier

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the A-J suffers from myopia because any form of government bound us is a product of single-member districts," so said Rubén Milla when addressing the large crowd attending the voter registration workshop last Saturday at the Civic Center. The workshop, attended by many new LULAC members, was a success. Information was freely exchanged. Both major political parties were represented. And with were some of our Mexican-American state Representatives.

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LULAC has a tough job ahead in Political Arena. But LULAC, as in the past, will rise to the occasion. And with the help of all, in whatever way, will see our canons streaming to the polls in actions.

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LULAC then and LULAC history of LULAC in itself is something every LULACer is proud of. Yes, LULAC is its socials and its parties. It had very good times. Celebrating y is always a time for rejoicing.

Read on ...

## The Only Constant In The World Is Change

Change is a very powerful word with so many implications to so many. It can will dictate the course of events, whether small or monumental significance. For those of us involved in the struggle of social equality for all, change upmost importance. Whether we are involved through an organization or as individuals, the need for change is the root of any struggle. But this change should be required not only in the objective of our struggle, but also within the structure of our struggle. We must guard that we allow and effect constructive change within that vehicle that we are using for our fight. Otherwise, our power, ideas, and our goals will soon fade into oblivion.

Below is an excerpt from an article from my company's paper written by Mr. Rogers Henderson expounding on the need for change. Although the article was written for the highly changing technology field, I feel that it is more than accurate in the need for change within our struggles for a better world for all our people.

"Generally there are four ways that people cope with change: they ignore it, they fight it, they accept it, or they cause it. To ignore change is to invite a long, slow, unpleasant slide into oblivion. Fighting it usually guarantees a much quicker arrival at the same destination. Accepting change is considerably less traumatic than the first two, but is not necessarily without its emotional upheavals. We all tend to get comfortable with known quantities and view new (and therefore unknown) things with fear and dread. But, all in all, the human spirit is extremely adaptable and we find that it is really not that bad once we take the plunge. The people that cause change, though, cannot be described quite so easily. Many times they are considered mavericks, malcontents, or even worse. They tend to question the status quo, "end-run" procedures and generally make nuisances of themselves on topics only they seem to consider important."

Failing to get results by going through "proper channels" they may just do it anyway and present the results as a fait accompli - thereby causing considerable consternation and embarrassment for those who

"La Marcha de Fe"... Nephtali DeLeon, a product of a Lubbock barrio, and LULAC were those facing police armed with riot guns. The A-J said the police were there to direct traffic.

Little School of the 400... LULAC was responsible for this - the Headstart Program. This program to help our little children learn English was immediately implemented by the Lubbock School System.

Then a devastating tornado hit the barrio. And the police broke a boy's arm, a Mexican-American boy, who was trying to enter the devastated area to find his home. No matter. Neither the police nor mother nature stopped the thrust of the Mexican-American to reach the zenith of equal citizenship enjoyed by the most favored. This boy, now a man, is helping LULAC continue to achieve goals yet unattained. This man, not in LULAC, will not be forgotten by LULAC either.

### Let's Bring On The Clowns

Listening to the NEWS(?) from Washington, D.C. and other places where our leaders are meeting these days reminds me somehow of my childhood when I loved to go to the CIRCUS. There were the HIGH WIRE artists and the fearless LION TAMERS who were risking their lives so the audience could have some fun. But I was always particularly fond of the CLOWNS. They come in between the BIG ACTS (the serious business) and while the setup is changed let's say from the WILD ANIMAL CAGE to the FLYING TRAPEZE ACT, the Clowns are racing around, making fools of themselves and are entertaining the kids while the real business is going on quickly (and nobody is watching that).

Now let's compare that with Washington, D.C.

We do have a DEPRESSION staring us in the face, we do have close to 10% UNEMPLOYMENT, we do not have any FOREIGN POLICIES and so it goes. Our HOME LIFE is an unbelievable MESS and in the OUTSIDE WORLD we have lost all CREDIBILITY....

And what is going on in the ADMINISTRATION and in CONGRESS?

We do balance the BUDGET, we don't balance the BUDGET... We do cut Taxes, we do raise Taxes... We will have a thing called NEW FEDERALISM where the STATES are responsible for the SOCIAL PROGRAMS.... The States will have no part of that, unless they get paid first...

We raise the DEFENSE EXPENSES, we cut the DEFENSE EXPENSES... And while all that BALONEY is going on and duly reported on the FRONTPAGE of the PAPER and on the TV SCREEN we are in reality going bankrupt at home and down the drain abroad...

But you wouldn't know it, because the CLOWNS keep entertaining us kids in the audience with their weird jokes and pratfalls...

IT IS TIME FOR THE CLOWNS TO GET OFF THE STAGE AND FOR SOME SOLID CITIZENS TO TAKE CARE OF THE BUSINESS AT HAND!

November is coming up soon, ELECTION DAY....

Let's get rid of the CLOWNS!



—Y porqué escribes Alacran? —¿Que importa lo que digas? —Lo que dices es como la espuma... pronto se forma y asi de pronto se desaparece.

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Bueno... mira... yo escribo porque para mi es un descanso decir algo con mi pluma... Unos de nosotros lloramos para dispar las penas... otros descansamos desechar nuestro coraje en furia... otros amamos para calmar deseos humanos... y otros reimos a llevar para descubrir nuestra alegría... y yo... pues el soltar mi tinta sobre papel trae un descanso temporal, deseando que tu comprendas mis sentimientos... Cierto que a veces soy muy majadero y ataco tus sensibilidades... pero si despierto o conmuevo tus sensibilidades es por el sencillo hecho de llevar a ti un mensaje que, aunque perjudique tus sentimientos, espero llegue a ti con las mejores de intenciones...

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Si mis mensajes son como la espuma que a veces atrae el ojo y dejan huellas permanentes debido a sus estallidos o a sus colores brillantes... pues creo que siento una satisfacción completa.

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¡Que gano con decir que nuestro sistema político, como se practica, es un desastre y que perjudica a nuestra sociedad... que da mucho a los que ya tienen y que quita demasiado a los que ya casi no tienen?... ¿Que importa que diga que nuestros líderes religiosos, con pocas excepciones, viven una vida satisfecha y hacen muy poco para ayudar con el bienestar de sus fieles... y que a veces en lugar de ayudar a esos fieles, se aprovechan de ellos sacándoles hasta la última peseta?... ¿Que importa que saque las garras al sol de algunos de nuestros llamados "líderes de la comunidad" que solo hacen lo que hacen para ensalzar su puesto de liderazgo y también, como muchos líderes religiosos, para llenar sus estuches de oro...?

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Mexico Emerges As Main Oil Supplier to United States

Washington—Mexico has supplanted Saudi Arabia as the largest supplier of foreign oil to the United States in recent months.

Trade figures from the Census Bureau, disclosed Monday show a shift in imports occurred in May and continued in June with more oil coming from Mexico than from the traditional big supplier among nations belonging to OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

In May, U.S. imports of crude oil from Mexico totaled 22.3 million

barrels, while those from the Saudis were 12.2 million barrels. For June the figures were Mexico 27.4 million barrels and Saudi Arabia 21 million barrels.

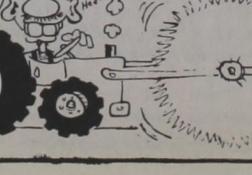
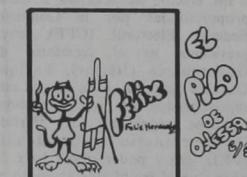
Jay Vivari, an Energy Department spokesman, said figures on imports of oil and petroleum products also show the shift in May but that June figures had not been published.

The numbers he cited showed U.S. imports during May were 767,000 barrels per day from Mexico, compared to 601,000 barrels per day from Saudi Arabia.

Vivari noted that Saudi Arabia's refusal to lower the price of its Arabian light from \$44 per barrel was the main factor in the shift. The latest Energy Department figures show Mexico charging \$32.50 for a barrel of its light crude.

He noted that Mexico had not yet announced new production goals but made clear it would continue to limit the amount it would export to any one country.

**Fritz Mondale:**  
"If you're young, they call ketchup a vegetable; If you're poor, they fire your lawyer; If you're hungry, they make you wait in the cold for cheese."



Olga Riojas  
Sports Editor

# Sports Spotlight



## Prison Matches

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during the event.

Soltero Gonzalez will be one of the featured boxers. Gonzales has boxed before in Acapulco. He will fight in the 135 weight division.

Gonzalez said that he had been in jail now for about 3 months and has enjoyed the training. "I have always wanted to fight but never had the opportunity," Gonzalez said. Gonzalez said that if he can, he will continue fighting after he gets out of jail.

Another experienced fighter will be Antonio Rodriguez of Lamesa. Rodriguez has had 22 previous fight and winning 20 of those fights.

Rodriguez has also been in jail for 3 months and says the event is a welcome opportunity

## Indignado Por Redadas

La mayoría de los indocumentados (mexicanos) están haciendo un aporte importante a la economía norteamericana, opinó el candidato demócrata a la gubernatura del Estado de California, Leo McCarty.

Luego de ser recibido por el presidente José López Portillo, el político estadounidense indicó que se encuentran indignados por las redadas que ha llevado a cabo del Servicio de Inmigración y, dijo: "quiero acabar con la incertidumbre que existe en la vida de los indocumentados, a fin de que ellos puedan hacer una contribución a nuestro país (EE.UU.)"

McCarty comentó que con el Presidente López Portillo dialogó sobre el asunto de los indocumentados, pero también respecto a problemas como el ambargo atunero, que impide la compra de atún mexicano por parte de empresas norteamericanas.

El aspirante a vicegobernador del Estado norteamericano de California indicó que cree que el año entrante el congreso de su país va a aprobar un legislación muy seria sobre el problema de los indocumentados.

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El campeón mundial de peso Pluma, Salvador Sanchez, murió el jueves 12 a consecuencia de un accidente automovilístico. La policía dijo que Sanchez se accidentó en su auto, a las 2 de la madrugada del día mencionado y que esta tragedia tuvo lugar a algunas nueve millas del norte de Querétaro.

El agente Javier Meléndez, vocero de la Policía Federal de Transito, dijo que Sanchez, chocó contra dos vehículos más y que todos pegaron uno con el otro. Dijo además, que Sanchez murió al instante debido a severas y multiple heridas. Hasta la fecha, no se ha logrado averiguar la causa de el trágico accidente. "Todo lo que sabemos hasta ahora", dijo Meléndez, "es que Sanchez viajaba solo en su auto-sport 1981 Porche color Blanco, cuando hubo el tremendo golpe con una camioneta Ford y otro camión de carga, fuera de esto, no tenemos mas detalles."

Sanchez, obtuvo el título de campeón, el dos de Febrero 1980 en la ciudad de Phoenix cuando noqueó a Danny López en el 13 round. Tenía

un récord de 43-1-1, con 31 "Knockouts". Su última pelea, que el 21 de julio de este año, cuando defendió su título y noqueó a Azumah Nelson en la ciudad de Nueva York. Logró retener el campeonato en nueve peleas.

Sanchez nació el 5 de Febrero, en el año 1959 en Santiago de Tianquistepec, una pequeña aldea al sur de la ciudad de Mexico. Fue uno de once niños que le nacieron a su padre, quien maneja una pequeña firma de construcción.

En el año 1975, Sanchez se convirtió en profesional, debido a su recorrido de amateur de 14-0. Su agente manejador, fue Juan Jose Torres Landín Jr. y su entrenador, era su mismo medico personal, el Dr. Jose Valenquela.

La siguiente pelea de Sanchez se hubiera llevado a cabo el siguiente 15 de Septiembre, en contra de Juan LaPorte, en Nueva York.

"Estoy sumamente entristido," dijo Howard Albert, el manejador de LaPorte. "Para mí, era otros Alexis Argüello, un caballero completo. Una honra a su profesión."

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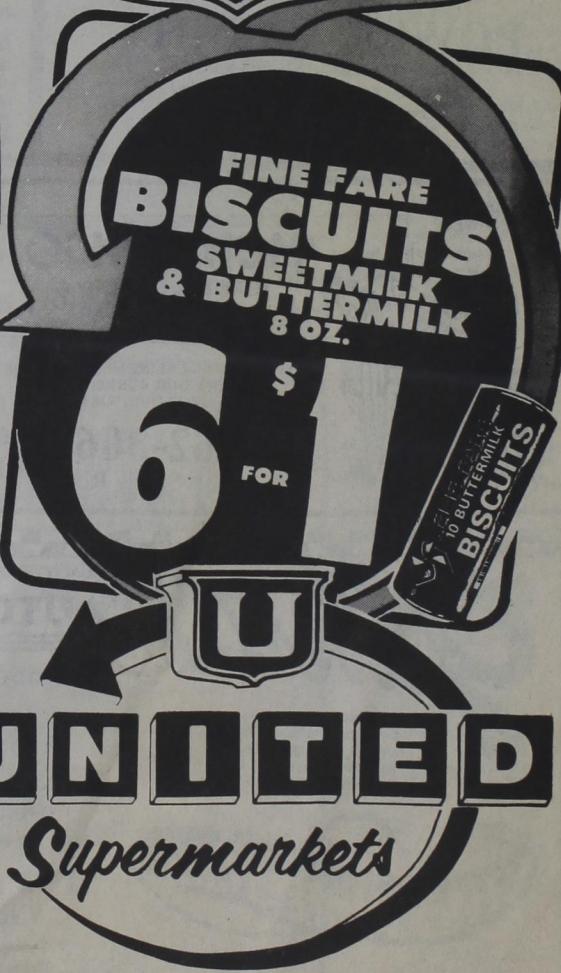
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## Drugs Contribute To Blindness

Under-developed technology, rubella epidemics and — in recent decades — legal and illegal drug use and the resurgence of venereal disease have contributed to blindness for one out of 1,000 babies born annually in the United States.

Persons who work with the blind keep hoping that advancing science and technology will cut down on the number of babies who grow up with this handicap.

However, says Virginia Sowell, associate professor of special education at Texas Tech University, the number of blind births has remained pretty well constant.

However, says Virginia Sowell, associate professor of special education at Texas Tech University, the number of blind births has remained pretty well constant.

"When one cause is alleviated, another springs up to take its place," she said.

Before the late 1940s and early 1950s, premature birth in the United States meant almost certain death. In the 1950s, however, it meant possible life but probable blindness.

The life-saving invention of the incubator was destructive to sight in premature babies because it contained too much oxygen. Through experience and technological developments, the incubator was perfected.

In the 1960s, blindness at birth was the result of rubella epidemics but also contributed to the spread incidence of other birth defects. A medical vaccine was developed which prevented rubella effects.

the 1970s and '80s, Sowell said, are more and more children born blind as a result of drug use by their parents.

"Any drug that affects the nerves is likely to cause optic nerve damage in the developing fetus," said.

Parents honestly knew what the effects of some drugs would be on children, at least in the case of legal drugs, these parents might

not use those drugs," Sowell said. Venereal disease is seen in the last few years as another definite cause of congenital blindness, Sowell said.

The only thing that can overcome some of the modern causes of blindness, she said, is education and health consciousness of parents. Expectant mothers should always check with their physicians before taking any type of drug.

A percentage of infant blindness is genetic — like retinits pigmentosa — and there are some cases of infant glaucoma, Sowell said.

One thing that has improved through the years is people's acceptance of handicaps, she said.

A consolation for children growing up blind in the '70s and '80s is that they face a society with greater awareness and more capability of helping the handicapped lead a life integrated with society, Sowell said.

Sowell is director of a unique graduate program designed to train consulting teachers for the multi-handicapped blind. Consultants graduating from the Texas Tech program are employed throughout the nation to work with parents, sheltered workshops, state agencies serving the blind, school districts and education service centers.

They may also become teachers and administrators working directly with the blind and multi-handicapped. They learn to work with severely multi-handicapped blind students as well as blind students who go through high school and college.

"Our emphasis is on placing consulting teachers in rural areas," Sowell said. "That way, everyone in the child's social environment can have more awareness of his or her special needs and special abilities. The child can be more a part of the community."

Consultants from the Texas Tech program have conducted outreach training program in South Texas, El Paso, East Texas and Edinburg and will lead workshops in the Abilene area early next year.



## Un Rayito De Luz

Por Sofia T. Martinez

La Palabra de Dios nos aconseja, muchas veces, practicar las Obras de Misericordia. Sin embargo, ¿Cuántos Cristianos que ni siquiera

## Mujeres Víctimas de Maltrato en Tejas

Houston—Más de doscientas mil mujeres han sido víctimas de malos tratos en el estado de Texas durante los últimos 18 meses, según un estudio elaborado por dos sociólogos y presentado ante las autoridades estatales.

Los autores, William Stacey y Anson Shupe, profesores de la Universidad de Texas, añaden en su trabajo que todos los indicios apuntan a que los malos tratos a mujeres constituyen el delito de mayor incidencia en la vida de Estados Unidos, aunque, en la mayoría de los casos, queda impune al no ser denunciado a las autoridades.

De estas doscientas mil mujeres, casi la mitad sufrieron malos tratos serios. Por otra parte, unas 87,000 personas según Stacey y Shupe, son golpeadas por su cónyuge regularmente.

Basándose en estudios propios realizados en distintas localidades de Texas y en los resultados de investigaciones similares llevadas a cabo en otros estados de la Unión, los dos profesores de la Universidad de

Tejas se atrevieron no solo a concluir que este problema afecta a todo el estado, sino que añaden: "hay evidencia sustancial que apunta a que el apaleamiento de mujeres es el crimen encubierto número uno de los Estados Unidos".

El extenso trabajo traza un "retrato robot" de la mujer americana víctima de estos abusos domésticos. Según la descripción de Stacey y Shupe se trataría de mujeres en su mayoría casadas y con hijos; dos tercios de ellas de raza blanca y algo más de la mitad de ellas con estudios secundarios.

Pocas de ellas tienen títulos universitarios, también más de la mitad tienen las labores del hogar como principal ocupación y la mayor parte de ellas pertenecen a la clase media baja.

Otros datos ofrecidos por el informe apuntan a que, con frecuencia, la violencia física ejercida

alcanza cotas serias: una cuarta parte de las encuestadas señalaron que además de ser golpeadas habían sufrido abusos sexuales; un 40 por ciento resultaron con fracturas de huesos.

Stacey y Shupe aportan también la descripción del "agresor tipo". Su edad promedio es cinco años superior a la de las mujeres, 30 años. Suele tener un título de enseñanza secundaria, está empleado en un oficio especializado y gana aproximadamente 15,000 dólares anuales.

Los investigadores concluyen que los autores de estos abusos "se acercan a lo que es el varón americano típico". Y lo que es más, el arquetipo de marido violento tiene en general antecedentes de violencia en su vida familiar anterior: más del 40 por ciento de los casos estudiados revelaron que de niños habían sido golpeados por sus padres.

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# Taking The Plunge Into America's Stew Pot

By Hector Barreto

Early in his Administration, President Reagan asked me whether this nation's 20 million Hispanics were "pulling away" from the mainstream, avoiding the melting pot.

They certainly were not, I responded. Hispanic Americans very much want to become part of the American stew pot. But for stew to be its best, I added, the carrots and the potatoes and the meat each must retain their individual flavor.

The conversation followed an election in which he, as the Republican candidate, drew an unprecedented 40 percent of the Hispanic vote. The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which I head, was the only major Latino organization to support his candidacy. We did so with the expectation that White House initiatives would be forthcoming that would allow us to share equally in that American stew pot pie.

While such initiatives have yet to materialize, the Administration will play a major role in the Chamber's third annual convention and trade fair, set for the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago this week (Aug. 12-14). Vice President George Bush is one of several Administration and other federal officials who are interacting with some 3,000 participants.

Illinois Governor James Thompson, Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne, and Congressman Manuel Lujan of New Mexico, the lone Hispano Republican serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, will also be on hand, sharing their views and expertise.

They are participating because their interest in supporting our commitment to business achievement for U.S. Hispanics is genuine. But they're also attending, I suspect, out of curiosity and awe.

The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is a phenomenon of the '80s, certainly one of the fastest-growing organizations in the nation - Hispanic or non-Hispanic.

Only 3 years ago, it was just a dream shared by a handful of individuals as we conducted our first meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to discuss how we could create a coast-to-coast network of Latino professionals and businesspersons.

Today, the Chamber has 150 chapters in 21 states. Our membership exceeds 26,000.

We are effecting programs and projects in such areas as fiscal resource development, corporate involvement, governmental affairs, business development assistance, and trade fairs. We are developing a research service program and establishing an international trade network.

As individuals, we are attempting to realize the dream of business success in our free enterprise society. As a group, we are improving the odds by sharing our experiences and ideas. We are building on a current sales volume for U.S. Hispanic businesses that is already approaching \$16 billion annually.

Conservatively counted, there are 250,000 Hispano-owned businesses in the U.S., the largest number claimed by any minority group. We are entering into all areas of commerce and industry. More and more of our entrepreneurs have youth and strong educational foundations to reinforce their commitment to.

When we review the hundreds of success stories written by Hispanic immigrants and their descendants in the U.S., we recognize that in this country real achievement is directly related to the work ethic and having faith in one's own ideas and abilities. Such traits are reflected strongly in the Hispano culture. Here, we can

see that it doesn't take long to create something significant and worthwhile if you make the commitment and take the effort.

That we are meeting in Chicago this year is befitting. The Hispanic presence in that Midwestern business center has exploded past the half-million mark and is carving its role more clearly on an almost-daily basis. It is the one U.S. city of great Hispanic population which comes close to reflecting the Latino national-origin presence in the nation. There are large communities of Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans in Chicago, and growing numbers of Cubans, Argentines, Venezuelans, Colombians, and other Central and South American origin groups.

What happened in Miami in just two decades and is happening in Chicago and hundreds of other cities has positive implications for every American. Not only is it increasing the nation's character and productivity and improving its international trade and diplomatic positions, it is providing us all with a timely reminder that this is still the world's greatest land of opportunity.

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## A Pesar Del "Valiente" Reagan, Hispanos Progresan

La comunidad hispana en Estados Unidos progresó "a pesar de la política del Presidente norteamericano, Ronald Reagan", comenta un editorial del diario "La Prensa" de Nueva York.

El Editorial critica a Reagan por haber dicho —el martes pasado— en una reunión con algunos líderes hispanos —que nunca han estado mejor los hispanos en esta nación que durante su administración.

"Si ha habido algún progreso notable en sectores de la comunidad hispana, no ha sido gracias a Reagan. Es más, ha sido a pesar de la política del presidente", enfatiza.

Recuerda que la Administración Reagan ha destruido los programas de "entrenamiento vocacional", que creaban muchas oportunidades, con

lo cual han quedado rotas las esperanzas de progreso de miles de puertorriqueños y otros hispanos.

Asegura el periódico que el gobierno Reagan no ha disimulado su desdén por la educación bilingüe y ha reducido los fondos destinados a ella.

Con la reducción sustancial de oportunidades de empleos veraniegos, la juventud hispana se ha visto también afectada de forma especial, lamenta el coetáneo.

Dice también que Reagan es "un valiente" al tratar de atribuirse la extensión reciente de la ley del derecho al voto, "cuando su administración hizo todo lo posible por debilitar la fuerza legal de la ley del derecho al voto".

# A WORD

"In all things give thanks to God." Yes, as people of God we are to give praise and honor to the Lord thanking Him for what ever we do, boasting that he is whom makes it possible for us through Christ. Let us give credit to God for the things in our daily life. At this time many of us are looking for jobs and I know it is hard out there in the employment market yet remember if you find a job, praise be to God, and if not praise be to God. We must learn to thank Him not only for the good times but also for the bad times. When the spirit of God is in us it will direct our lives to be pleasing to His eyes, (walking in the Spirit) As a saint what is done is by the spirit that dwells in us. Paul said, "I do more than all the Apostles together yet not I but Christ in me." It is true that what we need and want will not always come to us when we expect them.

But if we endure, in time we will receive our reward. We must be men of faith and not of little faith. "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded." (Heb. 10:35) (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Faith pleases God! What was promised was that he would satisfy our needs and not our wants. It does say in the word of God that if we ask anything, believe and not doubt in your heart and it will be given to us, but according to His will, if things are not working out as you wish and want them too, maybe it is about time to find out what He wants for you." It may be all a horse of a different color but thank Him for it and praise Him for it and most important boast that is was He."

A friend

## Australia Crítica A Israél

Nueva Zelanda —

El primer ministro Australiano Malcolm Fraser, dijo esta semana que la continua invasión y ataques armados de los israelíes en el Líbano, eran "actos de insensatez y agresión". En seguida, se dirigió a los representantes de los EE.UU. para urgirles que usaran sus influencias para ponerle punto final a la masacre de civiles inocentes que han sido y siguen siendo víctimas de esta invasión.

Fraser, quien se encontraba en Nueva Zelanda asistiendo a una reunión de 13 naciones del Foro del Sur Pacífico, dijo que Australia ha prometido ayudar al Líbano, con la suma de diez millones de dólares para el re establecimiento de Beirut. Pidió a las demás naciones a que hicieran lo mismo, contribuyendo cada uno con una suma de igual

cantidad.

Fraser dijo, que hacia una imploración los Judíos Australiano y a todas las comunidades Judías a través del mundo, que se unieran en pedirle a Israél, que desista en su violencia. "La opinión del mundo, no puede seguir siendo ignorada," dijo Fraser.



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## En México Trabajan Un Millón Setecientos Mil Niños

En México trabajan casi 1.700.000 niños menores de 14 años, de los cuales 600.000 no cumplido los 14 años, según aquí un estudio elaborado "congreso del trabajo" (CT).

El CT, que agrupa a varios millones de trabajadores, aclara que en esas cifras no están incluidos miles de vendedores de chicles, limpiabotas y limpia-automóviles, entre otros.

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Agrega el documento que del total de los niños que trabajan en México, por lo menos la cuarta parte de ellos realiza actividades laborales que los perjudican físicamente.

Según el CT, los trabajadores menores de edad carecen de un salario fijo y no existe regla general en cuanto a la duración de la jornada de trabajo, ya que depende de la necesidad de cada uno de ellos, o de sus familias, y del rendimiento económico que les produce la actividad que desarrollan.

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## Farmworkers Ask For Assistance

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cotton which resulted in the loss of jobs in weed hoeing and cotton ginning. 50-70 percent of the onion crop was damaged which resulted in job losses in harvesting and packing.

The estimated earning lost by farmworkers in \$20 million. The farmworker was affected 100 percent in the loss of jobs, reductions in hours employed, decreases in real wages, and increases in the competition for remaining jobs.

"This assistance is not just in the interest of farm workers. It is in the interest of farm employers and businesses in the communities where farmworkers live. It is in the interest of all who are concerned about a healthy, stable, and just society. The need is desperate. The time for decisive action is now." Beardall said as he read the last statements of the call to action.

Many concerned private organizations have offered some assistance but this is not enough to meet the needs of the 80,000 farm workers.

"We feel like we have been cheated," a farmworker from Seminole said referring to the farmers being assisted and not the workers.

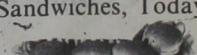
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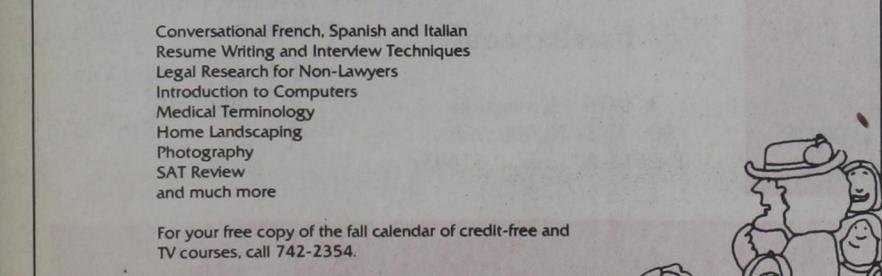
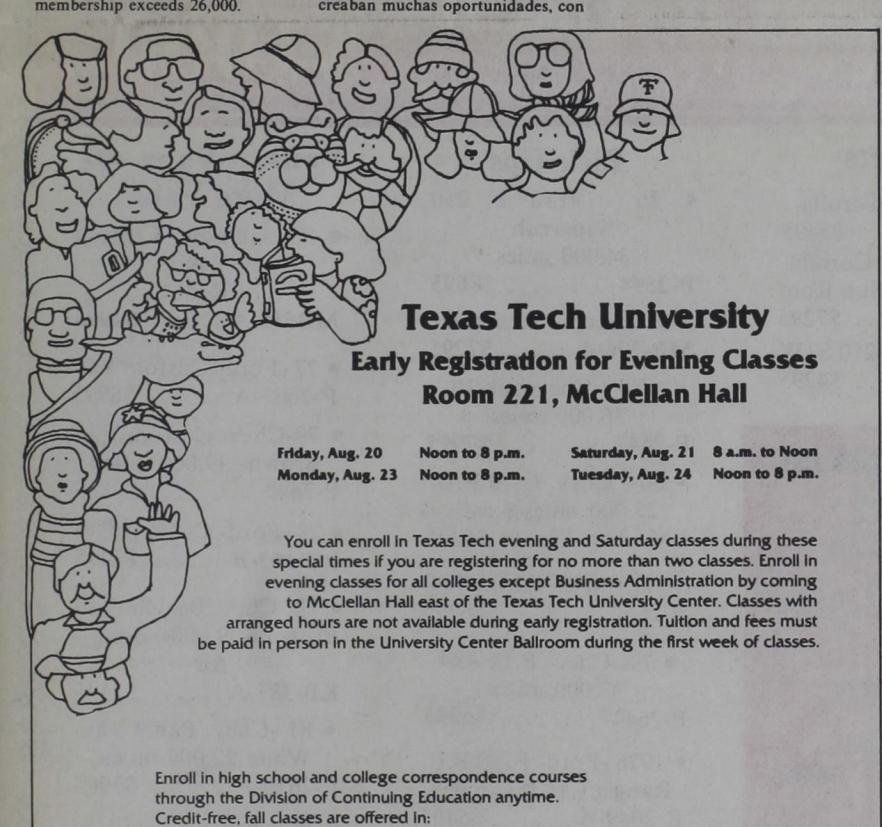
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## Continuacion de la pasada semana

## —3ra Parte—

Esa noche, resultó ser para mí, una de las más agradables de mi vida. Permanecimos allí, José y yo (lo voy a llamar José — aunque ese no sea su nombre verdadero) hasta las dos de la mañana; que son ya, horas en que cierran los clubs. José y yo, platicamos, bailamos y permanecemos muy íntimos en todo, hasta que se llegó la hora de cerrar. Yo seguí, tomando sodas toda la noche, pero José, cada vez ordenaba trago. Pero parecía que el alcohol no le afectaba. Entre más tomaba, parecía que se volvía más romántico.

Al salir del club, cualquiera hubiera pensado que nosotros éramos la pareja más feíz del mundo. Salimos de brazo y sin importarnos la opinión de los demás clientes, que al salir junto a nosotros, no dejaban de vernos. Sabíamos que algo decían de nosotros, pero no alcanzábamos a oír lo que decían. hasta me chilaban las orejas. "Viejas envidiosas", dijo José al oír a una mujer que había dicho algo de mí.

"¿Qué dijo?", le pregunté.

"Nada. Ni hagas caso," me contestó tratando de ignorar el asunto. "Lo que asa, es que están ardidas porque a ellas no hay ni. Quién les 'Tire un Hueso'. ero es que jasan re-te-feas!" Eso, me causó un poco de cuidado. cercándome junto a él, le pregunté con toda sinceridad: "Oye José, ¿Por

sualidad, no tienes tu nada que ver con alguien de esas mujeres?"

"No, hombre, ¡que val! Pero, ¿Porque me lo preguntas."

"Pues," le contesté, "porque yo no quiero problemas con nadie. Como et

e, yo soy casada y no me conviene meterme en líos."

Seguimos caminando entre el estacionamiento oscuro. Ni siquiera me uve a pensar, que mi carro, no estaba allí, sino en la orilla de la calle..."...y es

no te dijo José, tu me has gustado para platicar un rato, bailar y divertirme, pero yo...."

"Yo acabé de explicar nada. Para cuando supo, José me tenía abrazada bien e. Cuando quise resistir (sin hacer mucha resistencia) ya me di cuenta que ya yo entre el lado de un auto, y José me tenía abrazada tan fuerte, que no a moverme. Cuando traté de protestar, él me lo impidió. No me dejaba ar. Tenía su boga sobre la mía. Mis primeros impulsos, fueron el tratar de arrojarme de mí, pero mis esfuerzos fueron en vano. Era más fuerte que yo. Pero,

vez hubiera estado a mi favor, no creó qué hubiera tratado de impedir, se estaba pasando. Retiré mis manos hechas puños sobre su pecho, y dejé mis brazos, como si estubieran sueltos de mi cuerpo, en señal de

miento.

gúia sin poner resistencia. Pensaba yo no iba a ser la que principiara, ni animo a nada. Pero desde luego, que yo no trataría de impedir lo

ado. Si algo llegara a suceder, sería culpa del destino.

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