

## A Man is Beaten to Death Right in Front of His Home: Where is the Truth?

by Daniel Garza

There are so many unanswered questions from the **David Morales** family as to why they had to lay their brother to rest. What started off as day of celebration in **East Austin** for so many ended in a tragic loss for the **Morales** family as their loved one lay on a speed bump just a few feet away from their **Booker T. Washington (BTW)** apartment hanging on for his life.

*"David was a kind person who was always helping people,"* said **Margaret**, **David's** younger sister. *"Why would someone take his life like this for no reason? Why?"*

I would like to know something why did it take the paramedics so long to get to the victim if they claim that they arrived seven minutes later. Why in the mean time did the cops not render any kind of aid that could of help sustain **David's** life as he laid there choking on his own blood? Are not the police trained to help out in situation like this?

I don't want to sound judgemental or anything, but had it been a white person on the west side of town, do you think the news paper would have been the same or would it have sounded more like this, "Heroic cops save a man's life bringing danger upon themselves as they bravely fight off angry mob to administer C.P.R."

**Why didn't the papers say anything about how David's sister Margaret begged the police officers . . .**

Why didn't the papers say anything about how **David's** sister **Margaret** begged the police officers to please turn her brother on his side so that he could breath, or let them help him? Based upon

eye witness descriptions of the events that took place that night, they said it appeared as if the police were protecting their crime scene with no real regard for the victim.

Another thing why did they try so desperately to let out the race of the assailants and then try to make it look as if it were the Mexicans of this community who committed this crime? Then they get an outside organization like **LULAC** who in ignorance got on the news to proclaim that the people who committed this crime did not come from the Juneteenth celebration that the **City of Austin** was hosting at **Rosewood Park** about fifty yards from the **BTW** apartment complex.

**Not only are we dumb, but now we are blind too!**

To top it off the police spokesperson gets on the news and says that those who came forward to give testimony were mistaken, that it wasn't twenty guys who jump on **David**, but it was only two or three guys. Not only are we dumb, but now we are blind too!

Why such a big cover up? Why not tell the truth that this could have been a racist crime? Let's face it, out of the 1200 or more black people who were present at the event, the one person who loses his life just happens to be Mexican? Isn't ironic?

People have the right to know the truth even though the truth some times doesn't make any sense and is sometimes hard to swallow. Do I have something against the **APD**? No not at all. I admire and respect the men and women who risk



their lives on a daily bases to ensure the safety of countless people.

Am I promoting racism? No, but if it were you and the story of your life was being told, wouldn't you want the truth to be told? I think the most important thing for telling it like it is, is to make sure that justice gets done. How can this happen if the real story isn't being told? I would like to say that the information for this story came from people who were there, who live in fear now because they lost confidence in those who are being paid to protect them.

I'll tell you that something has to change if we are going to make this city, this world, a safe place to raise our children. People like the Presidents, Senators, Governors, Police officers, and teachers basically any one who are in positions of power need to learn how to

make wise discussion, especially when dealing with other peoples lives.

And please don't do it because you get paid a lot of money for your services. Do a good job because it is the human thing to do. I was with the **Morales** family the day after **David** passed, and the pain of their loss filled my heart as I embraced his nephew **Israel**, and for the first time in a long time, I had no words to say, all I could was hold my tongue as I realized nothing I could say, could make this hurt any less. My heart goes out to the **Morales** family and everyone who has lost somebody to heartless ignorant people who think that killing people is a cool thing to do. What can be done to save my generation?

Daniel Garza is a parent, college student and community activist living in East Austin.

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# Editorial

## Cambiando de Temas

En la pagina 5 vas a encontrar algunas cifras sobre la Guerra en Irak. No se que decir cuando veo la cantidad de hombres y mujeres que han perdido sus vidas peleando en un pais que no tuvo nada que haber con el 911.

La gente en aquellas partes del mundo tiene años peleando uno entre el otra. Ellos tienen muchos conflictos entre ellos mismos. La decision de nosotros de mandar tropas para Iraq con el proposito de pelear contra el terrorismo has sido un error tremendo. Alla la gente apuesta la vida por sus creencias. Nosotros, para poder ganarlos, tenemos que apostar lo mismo, pero por razones diferentes. ¿Usted crea que nosotros vamos a seguir muriendo en un lugar donde no nos quieren? ¿Usted crea con nosotros debemos de andar de metiche en los asuntos internos de los Irakís? Ya llevamos más 3,600 fatalidades alla. ¿Cuando se va parar esto?

## Cambiando de Tema Otra Vez

Read the story on page 7 about **Dr. Raul Ruiz**. It is truly an inspirational journey that this young man has taken. But even more astounding is the many other college graduates among us who have overcome tremendous odds and gone on to succeed in their chosen endeavors.

Also on this page is the unique workshop be hosted by Latinitas. This group is impacting a lot of young people in the short time that it has been around. Keep your eye on this group.



**Alfredo R. Santos c/s**  
Editor & Publisher

## Changing the Subject, Otra Vez

On page 9 we have provided an update of the situation at **Johnston High School**. It is now July and there is still no word from the **Texas Education Agency** as to whether **Johnston High School** will stay open or close. This agency to make a decision quickly and let people be hanging on until the last minute.

## Changing the subject

On page 12 and 13 we bring you once again our Eye on Crime series. I urge you to look at the numbers for each of the zip codes we are targeting. Ask yourself, with this much crime going on in these particular zip codes, how are people suppose to sleep at night? How are students suppose to study safely and quietly?

When police sirens are going off at all hours of the day and night as they respond to calls for help, where is the peace of mind that is suppose to come from being at home? The problem of crime in **Austin** is serious and growing.



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# Carta al Editor

# Letters to the Editor

## Las ausencias de Johnston

Quisiera que me permitiera opinar respecto a la nota que apareció en el ejemplar de La Voz correspondiente al mes de junio acerca de la directora de Johnston y sus declaraciones en cuanto a las ausencias de los estudiantes.

Es obvio que no se les puede enseñar a los estudiantes cuando éstos faltan a la escuela. La pregunta que yo me hago es ¿están aprendiendo los jóvenes cuando estos sí asisten a la escuela? No voy a creer que, si el joven está teniendo éxito en la escuela y ve en ésta un lugar donde se le respeta como persona, éste no haga un esfuerzo por no faltar.

Por otro lado, el distrito escolar y las autoridades gubernamentales han hecho un esfuerzo sobrehumano para erradicar la ausencia escolar, al grado de que han hecho de esto un "crimen", lo que para un servidor no sólo es irrisorio, sino es falta de tacto y de respeto a la dignidad humana. De hecho, la razón por ley de "la asistencia escolar obligatoria" tiene un enfoque económico, más que social. Por cada alumno que falte a la escuela, ésta deja de recibir dinero.

Aún así, no critico el afán que se hace por asegurar que nuestros jóvenes reciban una educación; pues para eso existe la institución educativa. Pero rara vez nos hacemos la pregunta de por qué nuestros jóvenes faltan a la escuela. Es decir, se implementan leyes y sistemas punitivos (que incluyen multas y hasta la cárcel) y prácticamente "obligan" al joven asistir a un lugar donde no quiere estar. Y obviamente, si el joven detesta estar en un ambiente incómodo, ¿cómo es que éste pueda aprender?

Claro, quizás en algunas instancias sí es capricho del joven... ¿cuántos de nosotros no nos fuimos de "pinta" cuando éramos jóvenes? No condono esta actitud. Empero lo que sí condono es cuando nuestras instituciones siguen con su capricho de "culpar a los jóvenes y sus familias, en lugar de cuestionar lo que sucede en la escuela y lo que hace al joven 'no querer' estar ahí."

Mi sugerencia es que se haga una verdadera reflexión sobre el ambiente que existe en la escuela que hace que el estudiante tome esa actitud de no asistir a la misma. Pregúntele al joven y a su familia qué cambios se necesitan hacer en la escuela para que ésta sea un verdadero recinto de aprendizaje. Convoquen a todos los afectados a reuniones, no para dar malas noticias, sino para que se dé lugar a un verdadero diálogo, a una discusión bidireccional. Apuesto a que esto sería mejor recibido y más productivo.

Y de paso, revisemos esa ley tan absurda que hace de nuestros jóvenes y de nuestras familias vil criminales...por el solo hecho de no cumplir con un capricho de la institución educativa.

Atentamente,

**Victor Rodríguez**

## David Rivas Morales Tragedy

### Comments:

I applaud the well-intentioned statements by community representatives and city officials who encourage racial understanding. But why are we so quick to deny racial motivations and to proclaim widespread racial tolerance when we still do not know with any certainty what happened or who committed the crime? I don't feel that we can say whether race played a role in the tragedy or not. To say that it didn't, is preemptively white-wash the whole affair. We also run the risk of creating unnecessary problems, including a debate without foundation. On this point, the San Antonio Express reported on Saturday that Elizabeth Morales, Mr. Rivas Morales' sister, believes the killing "had everything to do with Juneteenth." You are quoted as saying that "Mr. Morales didn't die because of the Juneteenth celebration." All along, of course, our own American Statesman has not carried Ms. Morales' opinion. I understand that Ms. Morales and you are not necessarily in contradiction, but the impression is that there is a difference of opinion and that this difference is being expressed without definite information. Don't misunderstand my note. I am simply concerned that the public discussion seems to be more concerned with not fomenting conflict on the basis of unsubstantiated claims than with calling for an impartial investigation that could give us truth and justice, much like we expect from the killing in East Austin two weeks ago by a police officer.

**Emilio Zamora**  
Austin, Texas

## On the Shooting of Kevin Brown

I was reading an article you wrote on the incident of the young man who was shot in last month's edition of La Voz de Austin.

You have a valid point in that when you have a gun pointing at you from law officials and they give you a directive, you would be wise to cooperate. There could have been a fear factor on the side of the young man: fear of going to prison or fear of that the police would beat him. Unfortunately, Austin Police do not have the best reputation right now when it comes to excessive violence on minorities in this city. The one thing that people are questioning is how he could have had multiple gunshot wounds to the back if he was supposedly pointing a gun at them. Until this question is answered, there will be no peace on this issue for the family, friends, and community of this young man and the Austin Police will be feared among the minority communities and considered untrustworthy. It's a sad situation that, at this point, has no end in sight.

Gracias! **Yvette Ochoa Armani**

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# La Guerra en Irak

<b>U.S. Deaths</b>	
<b>Confirmed By The DoD:</b>	<b>3611</b>
<b>Reported U.S. Deaths Pending DoD Confirmation:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3615</b>
<b>DoD Confirmation List Latest Coalition Fatality: Jul 15, 2007</b>	



<b>Wounded and medical evacuations</b>					
<b>As reported by the DoD as of 6/30/2007</b>					
<b>Non Mortal Casualties</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>Marines</b>	<b>Air Force</b>	<b>Total</b>
Wounded - No Medical Air Transport Required	11,795	417	6,167	230	18,609
Wounded - Medical Air Transport Required	5,798	150	1,931	70	7,949
NON-HOSTILE-RELATED MEDICAL AIR TRANSPORTS	23,362	863	2,255	1,209	27,689
Non-Hostile Injuries - Medical Air Transport Required	5,830	243	953	298	7,324
Diseases/Other Medical - Medical Air Transport Required	17,532	620	1,302	911	20,365
MEDICALAIR TRANSPORTS (HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE)	29,160	1,013	4,186	1,279	35,638

<b>Deaths: Self-Inflicted</b>					
<b>As reported by the DoD as of 6/30/2007</b>					
<b>Self Inflicted</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>Marines</b>	<b>Air Force</b>	<b>Total</b>
Died of Self-Inflicted wounds	98	4	14	0	116

<b>IRAQ: U.S. DEATHS BY ETHNICITY</b>						
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>AirForce</b>	<b>Marine</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native	23	0	14	1	38	1.06%
Asian	41	0	7	5	53	1.48%
Black or African American	287	5	39	6	337	9.44%
Hispanic or Latino	238	3	133	10	384	10.75%
Multiple races, pending, or unknown	35	3	21	0	59	1.65%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	34	0	5	0	39	1.09%
White	1857	28	721	55	2661	74.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2515</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3571</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Source: United States Department of Defense

<b>U.S Fatalities by State</b>	
Alabama	59
Alaska	15
Arizona	88
Arkansas	47
California	385
Colorado	49
Connecticut	28
Delaware	13
Florida	145
Georgia	107
Hawaii	19
Idaho	27
Illinois	129
Indiana	76
Iowa	43
Kansas	39
Kentucky	60
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Michigan	136
Minnesota	54
Mississippi	45
Missouri	63
Montana	19
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Nevada	30
New Hampshire	19
New Jersey	62
New Mexico	31
New York	157
North Carolina	85
North Dakota	14
Ohio	156
Oklahoma	57
Oregon	60
Pennsylvania	169
Rhode Island	11
South Carolina	47
South Dakota	17
Tennessee	77
Texas	327
Utah	20
Vermont	18
Virginia	103
Washington	74
West Virginia	19
Wisconsin	74
Wyoming	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,611</b>

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# High School Redesign Effort Gets New Partners

At a recent meeting at the **Austin Area Urban League, The Greater Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** and the **Urban League** were formally brought on board as new partners in the **Austin Independent School District's** effort to redesign its high schools.

These new partners will join **Austin Voices for Education and Youth** in making sure that there is community involvement and clarity as the district goes about redesigning its high schools.

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** which is providing grants totaling more than \$830,000 to the three **Austin** organizations expects the three groups to develop and implement coordinated community outreach efforts targeting Austin's African-American and Hispanic populations.

The work will include extensive bilingual and multifaceted outreach through newsletters, e-mails, student, civic and business presentations,



**ABOVE:** From left to right: **Jeffery Richard**, President and CEO of the Austin Area Urban League, **Andrew "Andy" Martinez**, President of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, **Amy Averett**, Executive Director of Austin Voices for Education and Youth, and **Dr. Pat Forgione**, Superintendent of the Austin Independent School District.

mentoring programs, media outreach, and student and community-led forums.

Elements of AISD's redesign plan include the creation of small learning communities, advisory periods, and mentoring programs. For more information about High School Redesign, please call (512) 414-9937.

## En Español

Si usted quiere participar en el proceso de rediseño de las escuelas secundarias aquí en **Austin**, favor de llamar a **Raul Alvarez**, quien ahora trabaja con el **Districto Escolar de Austin** en el teléfono (512) 414-9937.

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**WHO:** Latinitas, Austin's own online bilingual magazine made for and Latina youth, announces its start for its summer Saturday Camp Series.

**WHAT:** Countering the lack of positive portrayals and representation in mainstream media and a still widening digital divide, Latinitas is hosting its Saturday Camp Series focused on helping girls discover their voice in media. This program is one of many offered by Latinitas to empower Latina youth using media and technology. Interested girls can register at [www.latinitasmagazine.org](http://www.latinitasmagazine.org) or call 512-322-9947. Join us for these free workshops.

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 21st -10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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**WHY:** Latinitas mission is to empower Latina youth using media and technology. This unique non-profit hosts six after-school clubs in local elementary, middle, and high schools, community workshops, internship programs, and media conferences where girls master multi-media expression through writing, graphic design, photography, web design, radio production, and filmmaking.

About Latinitas Latinitas magazine ([www.latinitasmagazine.org](http://www.latinitasmagazine.org)) is a non-profit publication with outreach programs dedicated to the advancement and empowerment of Latina youth through media and technology. Its vision is that all young Latinas are strong and confident in their own image.

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## Harvard does something to you: It opens the door to the world

By Elizabeth Gehrman

When **Raul Ruiz** was a teenager, some of his teachers realized he had potential. But most, he says, recommended he apply to a vocational school; it would be a big step toward the American dream for a first-generation Mexican-American boy whose migrant-worker parents had never finished high school.

Even the few teachers who did see Ruiz's potential could never have dreamed how far it would take him. Today he holds an M.D. from **Harvard Medical School**, an M.P.P. from the **Kennedy School of Government**, and an M.P.H. from the **Harvard School of Public Health**. He is believed to be the first Latino to earn three graduate degrees from the University.

*"There was a 50 percent dropout rate in my high school," Ruiz says, "and issues with gangs and violence. But my parents instilled the idea that everything is an opportunity. Even when people discouraged me, it was an opportunity to work hard and prove them wrong. I had a very strong sense of rebellion when anyone told me I couldn't achieve my dreams. Failures were considered opportunities to succeed. That's how I managed to graduate from high school and then go on to UCLA."*

Ruiz's mother, he says, was his role model. *"She was the community go-to person,"* he recalls. *"She would help our neighbors when they didn't understand the system, she'd orient new immigrants, and she'd give people traditional natural medicines."* Because of her example and his experience growing up in a community of migrant farm workers, he developed a strong sense of social justice, and knew by age 4 that he wanted to be a doctor. Still, when a professor at the **University of California**, where Ruiz earned a magna cum laude undergraduate degree in physiological sciences with a concentration in Chicana/Chicano studies, suggested **Harvard**, "I said, 'Where is that and what is that?'"

Once at the University, he continues, *"I thought I would go back to my hometown and become a community doctor while working to diminish inequality. But Harvard does something strange to you. It opens the door to the world, and makes you think as a global leader."*

Ruiz should have no problem on that score, according to **Stephanie Rosborough**, director of the **International Emergency Medicine Fellowship at Brigham**



**and Women's Hospital**, where Ruiz is currently a fellow and an emergency medicine physician. *"Raul has the ability to develop a vision and a perspective on things that is quite unusual in a person with his level of training,"* she says. *"He's remarkably driven and directed, with an amazing persistence. It's almost like setbacks mean nothing to him. I think he's going to be a superstar. There's no way he can not be."*

Ruiz says his educational trifecta will give him a broad skill set that will allow him to "be versatile and effective in serving vulnerable populations such as the poor and civilian victims of war and terrorism by finding innovative solutions to difficult policy problems." His first job after graduation will be as a physician in the emergency department at **Eisenhower Medical Center**, a nonprofit community hospital in **California's Coachella Valley**, where he grew up.

From there he plans to continue his work on humanitarian projects and policy with the **Harvard Humanitarian Initiative**, including emergency and disaster medicine development for the governments of **El Salvador** and **Serbia**. He'll also study, in conjunction with **Harvard's Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research**, the interface of national security and public health as well as security preparedness for international humanitarian aid organizations.

Something of a tall order, but Ruiz shrugs off the political challenges inherent in such projects. *"I guess that's where the dreamers have to step up,"* he says, adding after a pause, *"Yes, I do think everything is possible."*

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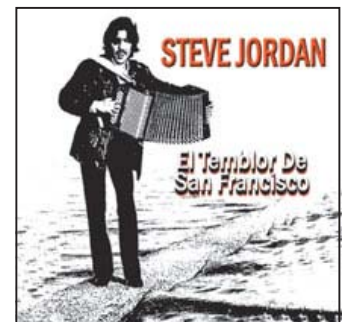
Discos Hacienda fue fundada en 1976, en Corpus Christi, Texas por Roland y Annie Garcia, junto con el hermano de Roland, Rick Garcia, quién es ingeniero y productor y quienes continúan al mando, guiando a su dinámico personal hacia el éxito. Hoy en día, Discos Hacienda se a establecido como una de las primeras compañías de discos y estudios de grabación en el mundo y puede hacer alarde de un catalogo de más de 800 títulos que se especializan en música Tejana, Tradicional Tex-Mex, Conjunto y Norteña. El catalogo también contiene de lo mejor de la musica de Rock en Español, Salsa, Merengue, Rap, Pop, Christiana y Musica Navideña.

Por los ultimos 30 años, grupos de Tex-Mex, Conjuntos y Norteños han gozado de un increíble nivel de presentaciones y grabaciones por todo el Suroeste. Discos Hacienda, ha seguido conectada muy de cerca con la gente del Suroeste y con la musica que ellos escuchan en los salones de baile, clubs y festivales. Estas gentes, lugares y eventos son el corazón, donde vive la música de acordeón. Durante este tiempo, Discos Hacienda a producidola mejor música, que por siempre ayudara a perdurar la cultura Latina.

A travez de el sitio de Internet de Hacienda [www.haciendarecords.com](http://www.haciendarecords.com), nuestros visitantes se pueden conectar con la ultima inovación en la era digital, la red de radio de Hacienda Radio Network, difundiendo música en vivo 24 horas al día, 7 días a la semana para que todos puedan escuchar estas joyas eternas. En ese punto, Discos Hacienda a re-masterizado tesoros permanentes de artistas clasicos como Lisa Lopez, Pio Treviño, Romance, Los Chachos, Ruben Vela, Showband USA, Steve Jordan, Mingo Saldivar, Tony De La Rosa, Ruben Naranjo, Freddy Fender, Valerio Longoria, Michelle y muchos otros más. Discos Hacienda también ofrece música con artistas contemporaneos y estilistas como Albert Zamora Y Talento, Los Dos Gilbertos, Ricky Naranjo, La Traición, Cali Carranza, Peligro, Victoria Y Sus Chikos y muchos más.

Discos Hacienda continúa formando nuevos artistas, siempre encontrando el talento nuevo, ya sea Norteño, Tejano, Tropical, Mariachi, Trio Romántico, Tex-Mex, Country, Internacional o Música Cristiana. Con un promedio de 3 nuevos lanzamientos al mes, Discos Hacienda continúa siendo el primordial estudio distribuidor de la música Tejana y Tex-Mex en el Suroeste, y ha legado la hora para que el resto del país y del mundo, descubran esta música tan distinta, original y tradicionalmente rica del sur de Texas y de la frontera.

Visite el sitio de Internet de la compañía y descubra la música por si mismo. En [www.haciendarecords.com](http://www.haciendarecords.com), usted puede escuchar mas de 2000 canciones con los artistas favoritos de Discos Hacienda. Ademas puede tomar un viaje virtual de nuestros estudios, leer las ultimas noticias, comprar el producto o simplemente dejar una nota a la comunidad Tejana!





# Time Running Out for Johnston High School?

## ¿Se Le Está Acabando El Tiempo Para Johnston?

by Alfredo Santos c/s

The future of **Johnston High School** still remains uncertain. The **Texas Commissioner of Education (TEA)**, **Dr. Shirley Neeley**, was expected to render a decision around June 15th, 2007 on whether to give **Johnston High School** another year of life or close it because of low **TAKS** scores. Instead of making that decision, she announced that she was resigning effective July 1, 2007.

This turn of events has cast even more uncertainty about **Johnston's** future. Now the question has become, who will make the decision about **Johnston**, and when will it be made? **Texas** law states that a school which is rated as academically unacceptable for more than three years in a row may be closed. According to sources inside the school district, the **Johnston High School** 2007 **TAKS** scores missed their mark in 12 out of 16 categories. This means the school will go into its fourth year as an unacceptable campus.

Parents in the community are getting nervous. In the past year, 293 students have left **Johnston High School**. Some have gone to school elsewhere while others have just dropped out. And according to the principal, **Dr. Celina Estrada**, do not come to school on a regular basis. During the 2006-2007 academic year, the dropout prevention specialist, **Gonzalo Robles** had to file 339 truancy cases against students and their parents in the **Travis County Justice of the Peace Court # 1**. Out of a school population of approximately 780, this represents almost 50% of the student body being taken court.

While there have been a series of community meetings throughout the year and the school district has committed many resources to the school in an effort to boost the performance of **Johnston High School** students, the sad reality as expressed by **Dr. Estrada** at a community meeting on May 31st, 2007, is that if students do not come to school, how can teachers teach?

In a last effort attempt to convince the **Texas Education Agency** not to close **Johnston High School**, the Superintendent of the **Austin Independent School District**, **Dr. Pat Forgione** has directed the campus to adopt a plan called **First Things First**. This high school redesign program is currently being implemented at **Reagan** and **LBJ High Schools**. Will this plan help to save **Johnston**? Only time will tell. In the meantime everyone waits to see what the **TEA** decision will be.





# Reportes de League of United Latin American Citizens

# District VII

## These LULAC Reports for District VII are from the *E-Flash* that is produced by Angel Abitua

In the aftermath of the gruesome killing of **David Rivas Morales**, a 40-year-old house painter, in an East Austin apartment parking lot on June 19, 2007, **Rita Gonzales-Garza**, LULAC District Director, continues to offer assistance and compassion to his family. Several members of LULAC, from various local councils, made donations to fundraisers to help defray burial expenses for the family.

**Ms. Gonzales-Garza** stated that she was gratified to see that LULAC sets the example for a "hands-on" organization that can help people in need. She added that she continues to be in close contact with the family of **David Morales** and will continue to do "what I can to help them and to get the community to support these efforts.

In addition, she continues to receive compliments for the way she managed the crisis in the community. Among those sending commendations was former **Mayor of Austin, Gus Garcia**.

On the immigration reform front, **Rita** has also been demonstrating a "hands-on" approach. She was in the middle of the protest demonstration against the **T. Don Hutto Detention Center**, on June 23, 2007, in **Taylor, Texas**. LULAC and other civil rights organizations contend that families detained in this facility are subjected to psychologically abusive guards, inadequate medical care and inhumane treatment. The federal government denies those charges and counters that the facility keeps families intact, while some of the family members await adjudication of their alleged violations of immigration laws.

**Ms. Gonzales-Garza** was one of the speakers at the demonstration that was billed as part of World Refugee Day. In her remarks, she stated that the detainees were not "criminals." She said, for the most part, they were asylum seekers, looking for a better life in this country.

## Immediate Past District Director

Contact: **Marcelo Tafoya** at marcelo\_tafoya@hotmail.com. Mr. **Tafoya** is scheduled to speak at the next meeting of **Council # 4882**. He was invited to speak on the two committees that he has been appointed to at the National LULAC level. The two committees are Civil Rights Committee and the LULAC National Constitution Revisions Committee.

## LULAC Council #4721

The **Taylor LULAC Council** had elections of officers on June 20, 2007. The new President is **Jose Orta**. Contact **Jose** at orta\_jose@hotmail.com. As the Immediate Past President of **Council #4721**, **Belinda Nira-Muñoz** deserves acknowledgement as the leader who has personified LULAC in **Taylor, Texas**, since the founding of council. She served as President since 2001.

She has also served as a role model for the community. As a working mother, she started as a secretary in the **Taylor Independent School District** 33 years ago. After years of working full time, devoting leadership to LULAC, and going to college part-time, she recently earned a bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences from **Texas State University**. Her success story was recently depicted in an edition of the **Taylor Daily Press**. Please send your congratulations to **Belinda** at belindanm@sbcglobal.net.

The **Taylor LULAC Council** is blessed by having the services of another dynamic leader, **Jose Orta**. Mr. **Orta** was one of the local coordinators of the "**Free the Children/World Refugee Day T. Don Hutto Vigil X**," in **Taylor** on June 23, 2007. The purpose of the Vigil, the same one attended by **District Director Rita Gonzales-Garza**, was, according to **Jose**, "to bring attention to the imprisonment of innocent children by our government." **Jose** reported that event was a "logistical nightmare to put on," but he was very gratified with the large turnout of visitors from throughout Texas and the country.

## LULAC Council #4799

Contact **President Viridiana Tule**, of the **Longhorn LULAC Council**, at viritule@hotmail.com. This is the Young Adults Council at **UT Austin**. Part of the mission of this council is to recruit more Latino high school students to enroll in higher education institutions, like at **UT Austin**. Once enrolled, the young adults in this council welcome the new Latino students and help them get oriented to college life. In fact, in May, this council provided a tour of **UT Austin** to 50 Latino 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from a charter school in **Houston**. Also in May, some members attended the **LULAC State Convention** in **El Paso**.

## LULAC Council #4859

Contact **President Julieta Garibay** at ourdream2005@hotmail.com. This council works in partnership with **LULAC Council #4799**, the **Longhorn LULAC Council** at **UT Austin**. In effect, you could say that the members of **#4859** mentor the members of **#4799** in helping to produce effective outcomes with issues facing the Hispanic community, citizens and immigrants alike. Earlier this year, this council joined **LULAC #4799** in a trip to **Washington D.C.** to advocate for the adoption of the so-called "Dream Act," which would, supporters say, "provide a path to legalization for certain undocumented youth" wishing to pursue higher education opportunities in this country.

## LULAC Council #4877

Contact **President Angel Abitua** at AAbitua@austin.rr.com. Final plans are being made to send two high school students from **Round Rock High School**, from a family of modest means, to the **2007 LULAC Youth National Convention** in **Chicago**. The two students are members of **Round Rock LULAC Youth**, a youth club sponsored by LULAC that has been helping Hispanic students excel in community service and focus on going to college since 1995.

## LULAC Council #4882

Contact **President Gina Garcia** at gina78701@yahoo.com. The June 28 meeting of the **Heart of Texas Council** had very interesting guests and speakers.

had very interesting guests and speakers. Two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation greeted the members of **Council #4882** and said they simply wanted to get acquainted with the local community and explain the purposes and services of the FBI. Also, **Adrian Gonzales**, a Vietnam veteran, now living in **San Antonio**, shared a graphic tale of the heroics of Hispanics who served in the U.S. military in the time war. (Although not mentioned by name, the controversy of filmmaker **Ken Burns** came to mind. Burns has produced a "documentary" on World War II that, in effect, had ignored the 500,000 Hispanics who served in that war. It has recently been reported that Burns will, in fact, include stories about Hispanic soldiers in the war.)

## LULAC Council #4883

Contact **President Rosalia Cruz** at rosaliacol@aol.com. **Ms. Cruz** and her husband, **Carlos Cruz**, the Deputy District Director for Youth, are members of this council known as "Austin Educators." Both of them are long time educators at **Travis High School**, where they sponsor **LULAC Youth**. As a college advisor, **Rosalia** helps seniors at **Travis** apply to all types of higher education opportunities, from Ivy League colleges to vocational schools throughout the country. Recently, they were in **Daytona Beach, Florida**, where they checked out **Wyotech**, a vocational school for automotive technology, diesel technology aviation, and many other trades.

And this year, as in previous years, they are planning another College Fair for the students, and parents of students, at **Travis**. The date for this event will be September 12. Look for details to be forthcoming. Also, on June 28 they attended a luncheon sponsored by the **Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**, where they heard remarks by the newest **Austin Independent School District Board Member, Mr. Sam Guzman**.

## LULAC Council #4884

Contact **President Ben Ramirez** at ben.ramirez@ci.austin.tx.us. This is a council of young professionals interested in helping Hispanic students at **Reagan High School**. The council normally meets the second Thursday of the month, early evening after work. The next meeting will be July 12. For details, contact Ben.

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## Employment In The Diocese of Austin

The following positions are open in the Diocese at this time.

Position	Department	Posted
Financial Literacy Coordinator	Catholic Charities of Central Texas	Jul 6, 2007
ESL Instructor/Coordinator	Catholic Charities of Central Texas	Jul 6, 2007
Data Entry Clerk	Stewardship & Development	Jul 5, 2007
Education Specialist	Catholic Charities of Central Texas	Jun 21, 2007
Material Ministries Coordinator/Food Pantry Director	Parish Social Ministry	Jun 19, 2007
Director of Development	Catholic Charities of Central Texas	Jun 6, 2007
Job Coach/Developer	Catholic Charities of Central Texas	May 29, 2007
Administrative Assistant for Hispanic Ministry Office	Hispanic Ministry	May 29, 2007

### Parish Job Openings

Position	Parish	Posted
Director of Music	St. John Vianney Parish	Jul 11, 2007
Director of Religious Education	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	Jun 27, 2007
Asst. Dir. of Religious Education and Ethic & Integrity Coordinator	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	Jun 27, 2007
Resource Development Director	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	Jun 27, 2007
Assistant Youth Ministry Coordinator	St. Helen Parish	Jun 22, 2007
Material Ministries Coordinator/Food Pantry Director	St. Louis Parish	Jun 19, 2007
PSM Material Ministries coordinator/Food Pantry Director	St. Louis Parish	Jun 12, 2007
Parish Office Receptionist	St. John Neumann Parish	Jun 12, 2007

### School Job Openings

Position	School	Posted
Spanish Teacher	Holy Family Catholic School, Austin	Jul 6, 2007
Part-time Teacher	Holy Family Catholic School, Austin	Jul 6, 2007
Teachers	St. Helen Catholic School, Georgetown	Jul 5, 2007
Lunchroom cashier/custodian	St. Gabriel School, Austin	Jul 3, 2007
Maintenance	St. Gabriel School, Austin	Jul 3, 2007
Substitute	St. Gabriel School, Austin	Jun 27, 2007
Admin. Asst. to Admissions Director/MS Head	St. Gabriel School, Austin	Jun 21, 2007
Middle School Science Teacher	St. Ignatius Catholic School, Austin	Jun 4, 2007

## About The Diocese of Austin

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin includes 125 parishes, or faith communities, in 25 counties in Central Texas. The diocese stretches from West, Texas, (just north of Waco) in the north to San Marcos in the south to the Bryan/College Station area in the east to Mason in the west. Its largest metropolitan areas are Austin, Bryan/College Station, the Killeen/Temple/Belton area and Waco. Nearly 90,000 Catholic families live in the diocese, approximately 450,000 Catholics. There are almost 200 priests, 180 deacons, approximately 40 brothers and 110 sisters serving in the diocese. Bishop Gregory Aymond is the head of the diocese.

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# EYE ON CRIME

## What Do These Numbers Suggest?

The table on the facing page contains reported incidents to the **Austin Police Department** from January 1st, 2007 to June 30th, 2007. The reported incidents cover the five zip codes currently being targeted by *La Voz de Austin*. The incident categories represent the most reported incidents for the four months in question.

Altogether, in just these five zip codes, in the first three months of this year, there were a total of 15,041 incidents in the 25 categories we are examining. What is immediately striking about these statistics is the high number of violence related incidents. Out of the 25 categories, 7, or 28%, are violence related:

1. Family Disturbance . . . . . 1,696
2. Harassment . . . . . 638
3. Assault with Injury to a Family Member Dating Violence . . . . . 825
4. Assault by Contact . . . . . 212
5. Assault with Injury . . . . . 385
6. Terroristic Threat . . . . . 184
7. Assault by Threat . . . . . 142

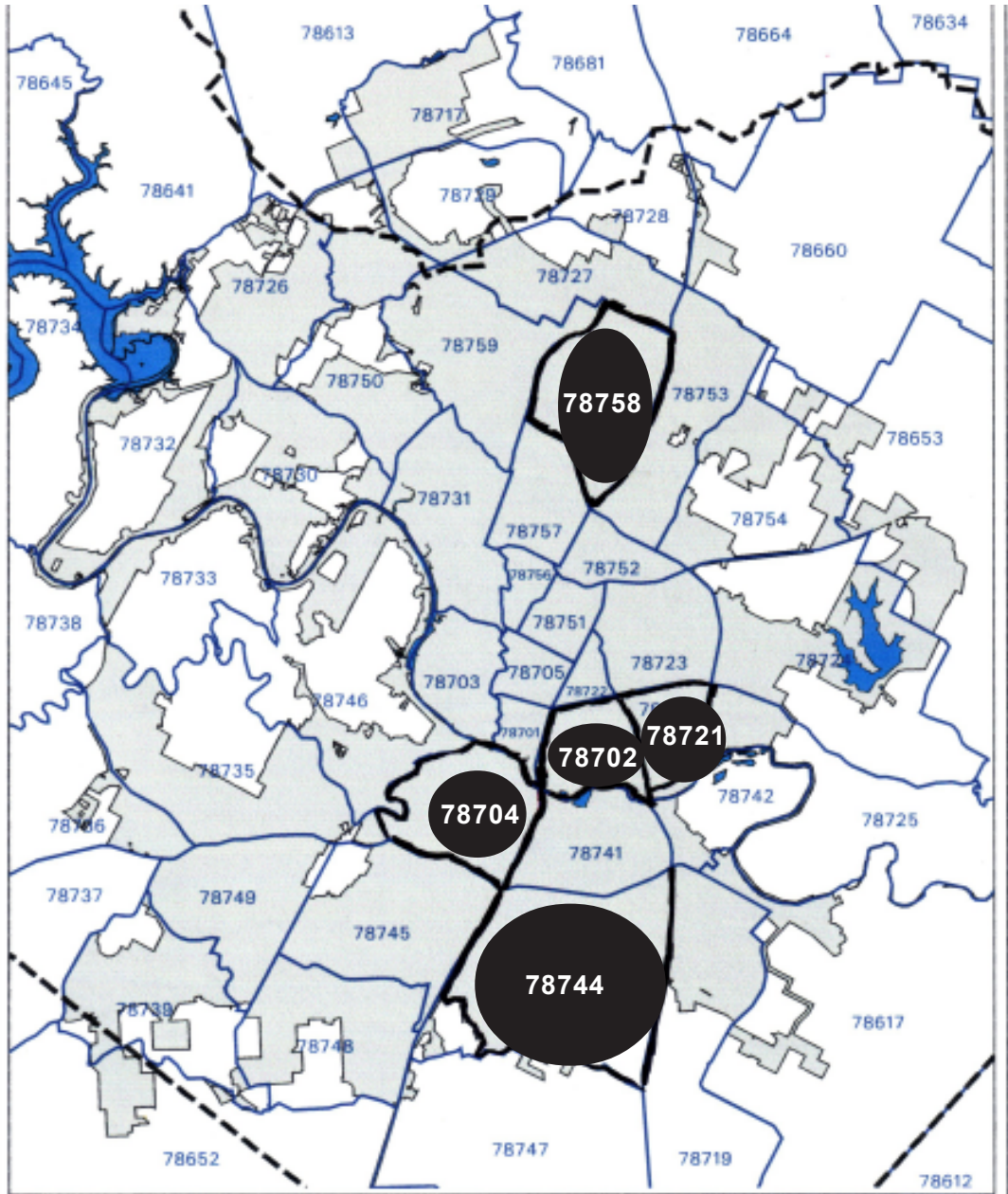
**4,082**

The next thing that stands out in looking at these statistics is the number of property crimes reported.

- Theft . . . . . 1,608
- Burglary of a Vehicle . . . . . 1,628
- Burglary of a Residence . . . . . 691
- Auto Theft . . . . . 356
- Burglary of a Non-Residence . . . . . 275

**4,558**

Here is a question, with this amount of property crime and violence going on, how are people suppose to get a good night's sleep? Second question, how are school children affected by the kind of crimes that are going on around them?



**Zip Codes and Austin City Limits**

City of Austin Full and Limited Purpose Jurisdiction: 8.1.2003

Source: Ryan Robinson, City Demographer, Department of Planning, City of Austin, August 2003.

# Calendar of Events

- July 16, 2007** Texas State Representative Rick Noriega announces the formation of his Senatorial Exploration Committee at the South steps of the Texas State Capitol at 11:00am
- July 16, 2007** Recognition ceremony for the newly established Youth Council of Austin at City Hall at 6:00pm For more information please contact Tim Eubanks at 450-1880
- July 18, 2007** Social Networking Event Young Hispanic Professional Austin Association J. Black's Feel Good Lounge from 6:00pm to 8:00pm 710 West 6th Street in Austin, Texas Event Cover Charge: The YPHAA will be collecting items to benefit the Settlement Home of Austin.
- July 18, 2007** Former Texas State Senator Gonzalo Barrientos will speak at 11:30am at the Social Justice Summer School at the Riverside Campus of Austin Community College Building "G" Room 8100. The public is invited. For more information please contact Alfredo Santos c/s at (512) 944-4123
- July 19, 2007** Texas State Representative Eddie Rodriguez annual birthday party and fundraiser.
- July 20, 2007** Santana-rama 8:00pm to midnight at Spiros Club at 611 Red River Street in Austin, Texas
- July 22, 2007** St. Ann Parish Festival from 10:00am to 9:00pm at 333 Thornberry Road Somerville, Texas 77879 The Polka Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. with music by Country Expressions with the Silent Auction following. Fajita & Mexican Plates will be available for \$7.00 per plate. A live auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. with Bingo from 6-9 p.m. A cake walk, plenty childrens games and a country store will be available throughout the day! Call 979-596-1966 for more information.
- July 23, 2007** Release of Dr. Carlos Muñoz's Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement Revised and Expanded Edition. Available at all major book stores.
- July 31, 2007** Deadline for applying to Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Austin Leadership Program. Please call 476-7502 for more information

## Word Power

# En Palabras Hay Poder

No one can ever argue in the name of education, that it is better to know less than it is to know more. Being bilingual or trilingual or multilingual is about being educated in the 21st century. We look forward to bringing our readers various word lists in each issue of **La Voz de Austin**.

Nadie puede averiguar en el nombre de la educación que es mejor saber menos que saber más. Siendo bilingüe o trilingüe es parte de ser educado en el siglo 21. Esperamos traer cada mes a nuestros lectores de **La Voz de Austin** una lista de palabras en español con sus equivalentes en inglés.

When	Quando
a	un
Man	Hombre
Killed	Matado
Front	Enfrente
of	de
His	Su
Home	Casa
for	por
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is	Esta
Justice	Justicia
How	Como
are	debe
People	Gente
Feel	Sentir

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**Counselor** (Fluent in Spanish) (Full-time) - \$34,500/year Responsible for intake, clinical/risk assessment and counseling for adult and child survivors of sexual and domestic violence living in the shelter. Counselor will provide individual, group, family and crisis counseling as needed. Experience working in a domestic violence shelter required. Master's Degree in Counseling, Social Work or related field preferred. Will consider substituting relevant experience for degree. Knowledge of issues faced by survivors of interpersonal or sexual violence preferred. Knowledge of area resources preferred. Full-time position (40 hrs. per week) includes working 2 nights per week.

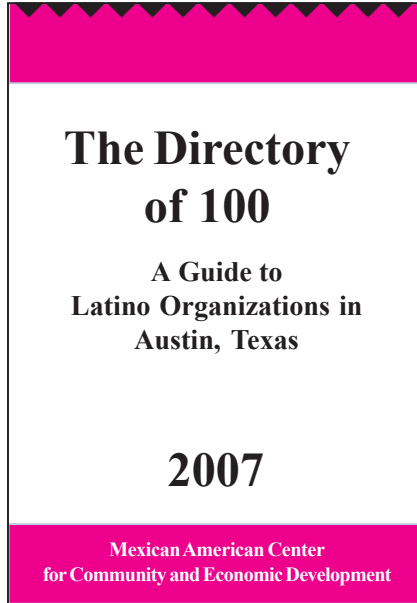
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# New BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT



**BOOK DESCRIPTION** - Santos, Alfredo: The Directory of 100 - A Guide to Latino Organizations in Austin, Texas 2007. Nopalito PRESS, Austin, Texas. COPYRIGHT, 2007, third edition, first printing, 8.5" x 11" with clear cover and vinyl back. 70 pages with numerous logos, organization artwork, table of contents, summary statistics, index, bibliography

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The Mexican American Center for Community and Economic Development is pleased to announce the third edition of The Directory of 100 - A Guide to Latino Organizations in Austin, Texas. This directory continues the tradition set by long time Austin community activist Martha Cotera who produced the first directory in 1976.

Included in this directory are 158 Latino organizations in the following categories:



Each organization has been contacted personally to confirm their existence and the accuracy of their organization's public profile.

The directory is updated regularly and contains the name of the organization contact, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, email address, website address, number of members, and the year the organization was founded

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Alfredo Rodriguez Santos c/s is a community activist now living in Austin, Texas. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, he is preparing to enter graduate school in the fall.

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3. Civic	11. Professional
4. Cultural	12. Religious
5. Dance	13. Social Services
6. Educational	14. Student
7. Immigrant	15. Theater.
8. Media	16. Otras

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**Eleanor Roosevelt**

# New Edition of Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement

Dr. Carlos Muñoz, Jr., will release a revised and expanded edition of his award winning book: Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement. on July 23rd, 2007. This publication, a study of the origins and development of Chicano radicalism in America represents the first full-length work to appear on the subject.

As one of the early leaders of the Chicano student movement during the 1960s, Muñoz places the Chicano Movement in the context of the political development of Mexicans and their descendants in the US, tracing the emergence of Chicano student activists in the 1930s and their initial challenge to the dominant white racial and class ideologies.

A community college graduate (Los Angeles City Community College), Muñoz went on to earn a bachelors from California State University Los Angeles and a Ph.D. in Government from the Claremont Graduate School. After 40 years of teaching in high education he is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

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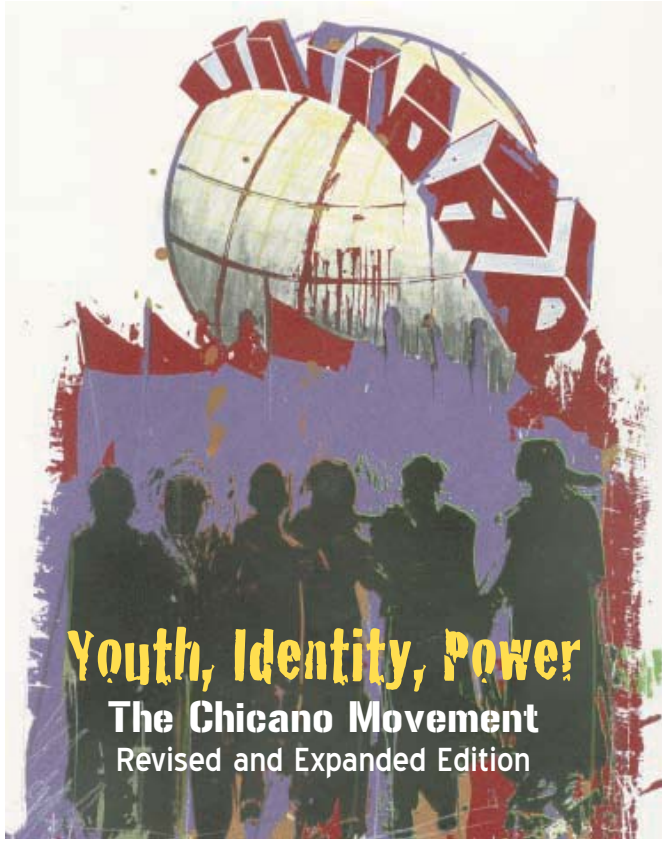
**Luis Valdez, co-founder of  
El Teatro Campesino**

This book is available at all major bookstores including Amazon.com.

Muñoz recently stated, "After 12 printings of the first edition of Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement, I decided to do a second edition to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1968 East L.A. Walkouts that sparked the Chicano Civil Rights Movement." The artwork for the cover of this second edition was done by the renowned Chicano artist, Malaquias Montoya.

In an afterword to this new edition, Muñoz charts the burgeoning growth of US Latino communities, assesses the nativist backlash against them, and argues that Latinos must play a central role in a new movement for multicultural democracy.

As an acknowledged expert on issues of ethnic and racial politics, multiculturalism, civil and human rights and affirmative action, Dr. Carlos Muñoz, Jr. brings a tremendous insight to the understanding the how the United States will be redefined in the 21st century as more and more Latinos become a part of the population equation.



**Youth, Identity, Power**  
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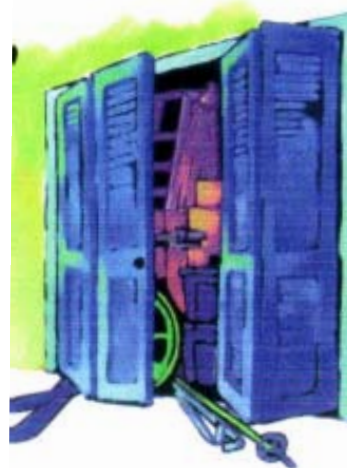
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