

Connection with roots, family inspires five Hispanic writers

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REPORTER

Five Hispanic writers agreed Friday that their inspirational voices come from the Hispanic tradition of deep connection with roots and the extended family.

Hispanic authors spoke to a crowd of about 50 people about their inspirations — the inner and outer voices that inspire them to write.

Denise Chavez, poet, playwright and prose writer from Houston, Genaro Gonzales, an author from the Rio Grande Valley, Carlos Morton, a playwright from El Paso, Evangelina Vigil-Pinon, a poet from Houston and Alejandro Morales, an author from California participated in

the book fair sponsored by the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture (CAMAC) and the Arte Publico Press.

They said inspiration also comes from friends and environment.

"I get my characters from going to the laundromat and observing or in the elevator just listening to people," Chavez, a professor of drama at the University of Houston, said.

Pinon, who works for the Cultural Arts Council in Houston, said, "I get my inspirations from things such as music or my grandmother. In the end, the voices all become one and we are able to talk through our characters."

Arte Publico Press, based in Houston, is the largest publisher of Hispanic writings in the United States. Most of the works published are

textbooks for Hispanic literature courses and ethnic studies.

"Johnny Tenorio" a play by Morton, a professor of psychology at the University of Texas at El Paso, was performed by Texas A&M's Hispanic Group Theater, a newly formed division of CAMAC, on campus Thursday. Chavez will be directing a play by Morton about AIDS and high school students called "At Risk." The play will tour Houston schools and possibly come to A&M.

Chavez said, "Writers feel the need to express their worlds with others."

"When we listen to our voices we can communicate the stories of others that may never be told. It is the vital task of a writer to communicate the silence of the people."

New restaurant rescues 2 of oldest Houston oaks

HOUSTON (AP) — Two of Houston's largest and oldest trees, a pair of towering oaks on prime vacant land at the corner of Westheimer and Augusta in southwest Houston, once seemed destined to eventually give way to development.

Some people urged the city to save the towering trees by acquiring the two-acre-plus tract as park land. But the financially distressed city government couldn't come up with the money to do that.

Now, however, Becks Prime, a Houston company, has incorporated the massive trees into the design of a new restaurant it has constructed at the site.

It appears to have done everything that urban forestry experts call for to safeguard trees.

Both trees stand about 50 feet tall. The largest one divides into two huge trunks, topped by a crown of branches measuring 100 feet across. The crown of the other stretches 80 feet across. Their root systems reach beyond their crowns.

The largest has long been a favorite with people interested in trees. Lanny Dreesen, a forestry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, describes the tree as "the classic old southern live oak with spreading branches close to the ground."

"It's a fantastic tree," Dreesen said.

No known records indicate whether the oaks sprouted naturally or settlers planted them. Estimates of their ages range from about 100 years to more than 200 years.

Newspaper reports police response times vary in certain areas

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police officers respond to emergency calls from the exclusive River Oaks neighborhood quicker than they do to calls from crime-ridden neighborhoods in the city, the *Houston Post* reported Sunday.

A police spokesman says response times vary because the number of requests for help in any given neighborhood will vary, but some council members say that should not happen and police manpower should be increased according to need.

"For life-threatening emergencies, the response times should be the same citywide," said City Councilman Dale Gorczyński, who represents the crime-ridden Acres Homes area in north Houston. "There should be only minor variances in response times citywide. Four minutes isn't a minor difference. Four minutes is a major difference."

According to police figures obtained by the *Post* under the Texas Open Records Act, the response times across the city vary greatly, with some neighborhoods receiving police response to Priority 1 calls in less than half the time of other neighborhoods.

The average response time to River Oaks emergency calls was 6.7 minutes while police get to calls from Acres Homes residents in an average of 10.7 minutes, the newspaper said.

The *Post* requested the average response times in 1988 for all 103 police beats in which the department assigns its officers for patrol duties. While the department had the capability of pulling that information from its computer-aided dispatch system, officials had never asked for response times broken down that way, a police spokesman said.

The numbers show a wide disparity in the response times throughout the city, with police generally getting to emergencies more quickly inside Loop 610 and slower to sparsely populated areas near the city limits. Generally, northwest Houston fared better than northeast Houston, and the southwest fared better than the southeast, where only one police beat was below the citywide average of 8.3 minutes for 1988, the newspaper said.

Some affluent neighborhoods, like River Oaks, received good police response, but other affluent neighborhoods, like Inwood Forest in northwest Houston, had an average response time of 10.2 minutes, the *Post* said.

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Panel to discuss library education careers

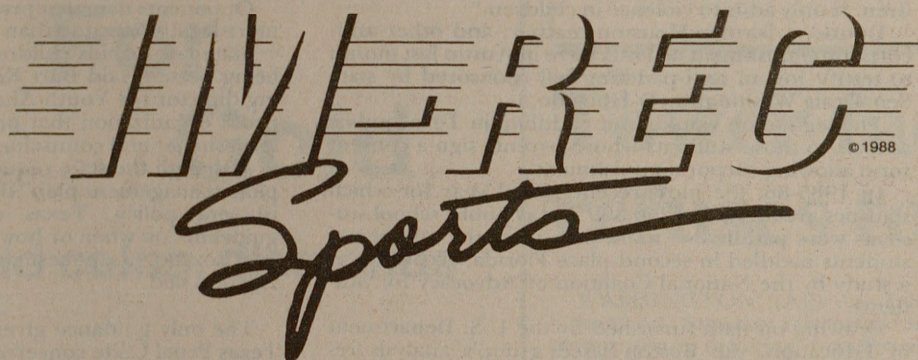
A program concerning careers in library science and library education programs is scheduled Tuesday at 2 p.m. in 204C Evans Library.

"The Future is Information; Take Charge of the Future" is open to all faculty, staff, students

and anyone interested in library education.

A panel composed of academic, public and school librarians will present recent trends and developments in library education programs and requirements for a master's degree in library science.

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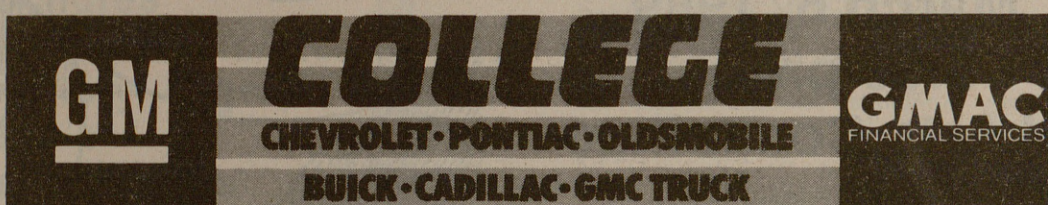
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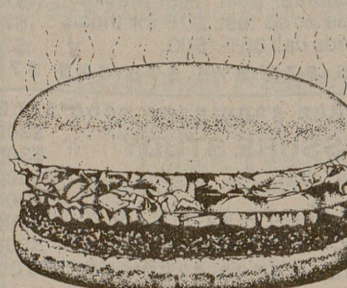
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