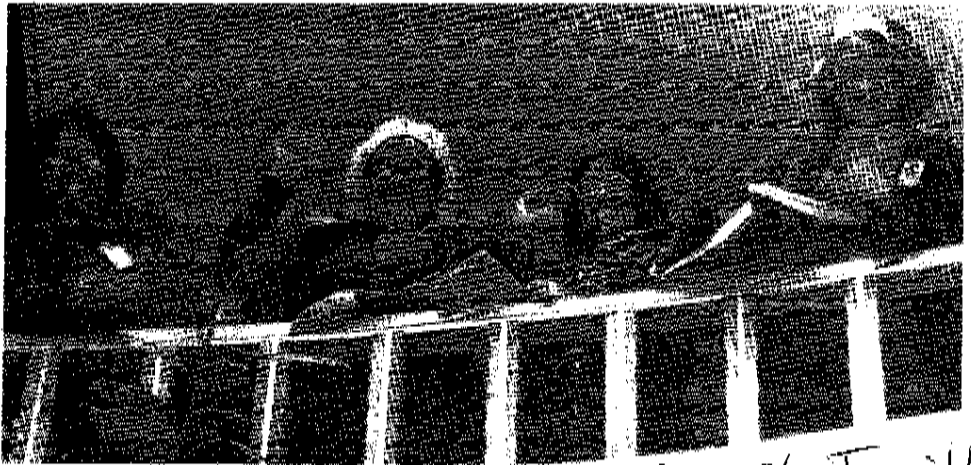


# News of Roswell



↳ to R. Patsy Meza, Concha Lopez, Margarita Jaramilla  
+ Simona Meza.  
Señoras de Roswell apoyan a los huelguistas de Artesia

## N.W.R.O. Pickets Roswell Welfare Department

On Monday January 22, 1973, the Chicano Welfare Rights Organization met with representatives of the Health and Social Services. They discussed: free clothing for La Raza; more justice in the Welfare Dept; the fact that food stamps are too high priced; and more jobs for our people.

They were to meet at the Roswell Airport at 9:00 am but at 8:13, Señora Concha Lopez received a phone call that one of the representatives had taken sick and the meeting had been postponed.

At 9:30 the Welfare Rights mothers went and started to picket in front of the Welfare Office. Eight mothers carried signs saying:

"Less for food stamps or free."

"Clothing for our children."

"More jobs."

By 10:00 am, the director of the Welfare Dept. came out and told them that at 1:00 pm three representatives would come and meet with them. Picketing was discontinued at about 10:10. It was announced over the Spanish radio station that the representatives would come and meet with them at 1:00 at Señora Concha Lopez' house. Approximately one hundred persons attended the meeting.

The representatives said they would take all of this into consideration. They also said Welfare checks would be raised starting in July.

Maybe nothing will ever become of this, but, we will keep fighting until we achieve VICTORY!

## Vivan Los Dichos

El que no habla no se oye.

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A ver si es el león como lo pintan.

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## La Familia Center gives Culture Class

The Chicano Welfare Rights Organization and the C. Y. A. (Chicano Youth Association) of Roswell have put together several plans of action to help La Raza. The plans are: a center for the barrio of Chihuahuita; a cultural library; cultural classes; food and clothing drives to support the Artesia city strikers.

The cultural classes will help the Chicanos of the barrios to be aware of who they are, where they come from, and how their land was swindled from their forefathers.

Mothers who know the old dances of our culture, like La Raspa, are teaching our little brothers and sisters the dances so that our culture will keep on living.

We are fighting for what is ours. All Chicanos are welcome to attend our classes at 118 East Alameda, Roswell, N.M. 88201. For more information, call (505) 622-4609 or write to the above address.

## Raza Remodel Centro

Chicano C. Y. A. and Chicano Welfare Rights are asking for the support or help of the people in the barrio, in remodeling the Familia Center.

The people who are remodeling the center would appreciate donations of nails, paints, sheet rock, and used furniture. We hope to open the Center during the month of May, and we need these items by May 1. For information, call David Hernandez or Concha Lopez at 622-4609, Roswell.

--Johnny Contreras, Jr.

El que se duerme se la lleva la corriente.

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# HELP SUPPORT THE ARTESIA CITY STRIKERS

After ten years of struggle to no avail, the city workers of Artesia were finally forced to go on strike on Sept. 18, 1972 after their pleas for a union went unheard.

Their requests were not for more money, but only for what was rightfully theirs. Their demands consisted of:

- A retirement plan.
- Accumulated sick leave.
- Promotions through seniority and qualification.
- Overtime pay (not time and a half)
- Better working conditions.

The strikers are not just strikers by name. They are ready to fight in every meaning of the word. Pickets have been initiated by supporters of the strikers. In protest against the Artesia merchants, car caravans have been formed to take shoppers to Carlsbad, a nearby town.

52 employees, under the leadership of Ramon Hernandez, had their jobs filled by Texans,

Oklahomans, and Californians who were given the benefits the strikers were asking for. This is really hitting low.

Despite much oppression and harassment by vigilante groups, the strikers have remained united because they know that God and their brothers are behind them. Que Viva La Huelga!

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Union Headquarters  
104 Cleveland  
Artesia  
New Mexico de Atzlan 82210



Cesar at Albuquerque Rally

## CCTP Workshop

This leaflet was made by the second Chicano Communications Training Program Workshop, held in Las Vegas February 17th-18th. The first was held last December.

The purpose of the workshop is to teach Chicanos the basics of producing leaflets, newsletters, newspapers, posters, silkscreen posters and photography. Included in the workshop was a complete tour of a local printshop.

During the two day event, Chicanos from Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Roswell and Portales planned and produced this leaflet. The workshops will enable Chicano organizations to establish better communication with their communities and with other areas of the state.

If anyone is interested in attending future workshops write to: Chicano Communications Training Project, 1020 Sixth St., Las Vegas, N.M. 87701

# CESAR SUPPORTS ARTESIA STRIKERS

Approximately 2,000 people gathered in Albuquerque on February 10th to welcome and offer their support to Cesar Chavez and 70 other farmworkers. The farmworkers are on a cross-country caravan to New York and other areas in the East. While in Albuquerque, Cesar asked that people support the lettuce boycott, the boycott of Safeway stores, and the Artesia city strikers.

Speaking at a news conference held at La Llave Saturday afternoon Cesar said, "If you want to support us do not buy lettuce when you are in doubt" (as to whether it is union or non-union lettuce). He also asked people to boycott Safeway stores. Safeway, a six billion dollar a year corporation, is the largest purchaser of western iceberg lettuce in the country. The Board of Directors of Safeway includes many large agri-business growers and therefore has refused to cooperate with the farmworkers in any way.

Later that evening Cesar, along with the 70 huelguistas, joined the crowd that was anxiously waiting. As the huelguistas marched in, they led chants of "Si se puede!" and "Viva la Huelga!" They also sang a song which expressed the warm atmosphere of the evening, Solidaridad. The crowd rose cheering and chanting along with the huelguistas. Throughout the rally, the crowd greeted the speakers with cries of "Viva la causal" and "Viva Cesar!"

There were many striking Artesia city workers present. Ramón Hernández, representing the Artesia strikers, spoke about their struggle for better working and living conditions. Following Hernández, Cesar spoke about the farmworkers and stressed solidarity between the farmworkers and other striking groups such as the Artesia city workers.

The rally ended with a moving film about the farmworkers struggle, "Si Se Puede."

--Bobby Garcia Clinic Staff

## ¡VIVA LA HUELGA!

# Nuevas de Portales

## Centro is Improved

In December, 1972, the community people of Portales went before the City Council and requested funds to make improvements on the North Portales Community Center. Among other uses, the Center houses the children in the tutorial program; this greatly increased the need for repairs.

The fact that the community members were willing to repair the Center themselves and only asked money for supplies helped the \$1000 proposal to be unanimously accepted.

Repairs are being made by dedicated community people after work hours. On Saturdays they are assisted by E. N. M. U. students.

This goes to show what can be done when our Raza becomes united in a common cause. United actions such as these will help to eliminate the stereotype of the Mexican sleeping under a cactus and change it to the true picture: that of a concerned and hard-working Chicano.

Cyndi Martinez

## Help to Artesia

Realizing the pressure and doubting moments that the Huelguistas of Artesia must come up against, members of the Portales community and AHORA members have come together several times to support the strikers. AHORA is a student organization at Eastern New Mexico University which stands for Association to Help Our Raza Advance.

In November, Los Niños de Aztlán (a group of children ranging from grades one through six, under the direction of Señora Meza) presented the huelguistas with several Mexican dance numbers. Not only were they beautiful, but one could feel the appreciation for the support in the hearts of the huelguistas.

During the Christmas season, the students and community residents united to collect a total of 500 lbs of food for the Huelguistas.

On Feb. 3, 1973, AHORA members worked long dedicated hours under the direction of Sylvia Larez to perfect three skits. El Teatro Chicano then presented Las Dos Caras del Patroncito, Los Vendidos, y Los Huelguistas.

The students and members of the barrio feel that through their united efforts, they have done their best to show their fellow Raza that they are concerned and that they support the huelguistas in their fight for justice.

C. M.

¿Que se necesita para que nuestra raza avance y progrese? Se necesita que nos ayudemos el uno al otro. Aun la escuela no nos enseña y desgraciadamente nos ha enajenado completamente. Pero con el favor de Dios estamos cumpliendo con este deber en la ciudad de Portales.

En la universidad de Eastern, situada en Portales, varios estudiantes Chicanos han organizado un program tutorial. Este programa se toma el trabajo de ayudar a los Chicanos del barrio que están en la primaria, en los estudios que se les hallan difícil y que el profesor o profesora no ha cumplido en su trabajo de enseñar.

Usando lo poco que tienen, estos estudiantes han organizado varios viajes educativos, uno siendo una visita al Cannon Air Force base para ver los aviones y otro una visita para introducir la universidad a los niños y para conocer la biblioteca. Con estos viajes tratamos de darles experiencias que aun sus padres no pueden darles y de desarrollar el espíritu y corazón para luchar por la buena educación que merecen. También tratamos de darles el saber de usar su habilidad para avanzar nuestra raza.

No olvidando las otras areas de educación igualmente importantes, los líderes del movimiento en Portales se daban cuenta de las injusticias que ocurrían en las escuelas allá. Estos actos de racismo dieron a luz un pleito contra el cuerpo educativo que resultó con que el juez (dist.) Edwin L. Meechum dió 90 días a las escuelas para someter un programa de cambios. El juez concluyó que el sistema educativo no estaba satisfeciendo las necesidades educativas y sociales de los estudiantes Chicanos, y ordenó que:

- emplearan mas Chicanos como profesores
- investigen y utilizen modos de conseguir fondos para proveer igualdad de oportunidad educativa a los estudiantes Chicanos
- engrandezcan los programas para las necesidades especializadas de estos estudiantes.

Aunque los oficiales de las escuelas presentaron un programa el 14 de febrero 1973 que parece cumplir con todo eso, solo será en papel y no en acción como bien lo saben los que las escuelas ya corrieron y los que siguen estudiando en estas escuelas.



Rubén Aguilar

