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Immigration Reform: John Cornyn's Current Take

BY LEE NICHOLS

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Tohn Cornyn doesn't yet know who his Democratic opponent will be, but Texas' Junior U.S. senator knows that immigration reform is a land-mine issue that can't be avoided. And he's not shying away from it - he addressed what he called "the single most significant domestic issue facing our country today" head-on at last Tuesday's meeting of the Rotary Club of Austin.

"I have never seen an issue that the people got more engaged," Cornyn said. "A lot of you wrote, e-mailed, faxed, phone-called, showed up at gatherings like this, and asked the tough questions, as you should, about what in the world the United States Congress is doing when it comes to immigration reform.

"My biggest concern and, of course, the concern that I think ultimately brought that immigration bill down was a concern with, 'Will it work?' Will it perform as advertised, or is it another example of the federal government overpromising and underdelivering, reminiscent of 1986, the last time we had a comprehensive immigration-reform bill, where President Reagan signed an amnesty

for 3 million people, premised upon the promise that we would actually begin to enforce

an amnesty, and we got no enforcement." Cornyn continued to tie illegal immigration



Immigration Protest outside of Corbyn's office our immigration laws thereafter? And of to terrorism. "What made the immigration iscourse, you remember what we got: We got sue so important at this point in our nation's

history is the security aspect. In a post-9/11 world, we have to know who's coming into our country and why they're here. We can't assume any longer that people are coming just because they want a better life and they want a job. I'm sure that describes the vast majority of the people, but we know the same broken borders that can allow those economic migrants to come into our country, basically at their will, are also available for common criminals, drug dealers, and yes, in a post-9/11 world, even potential terrorists."

He also continued to voice support for the much-reviled idea of a border wall, especially in urban areas. The issue is red meat for the Republican base but poses a big threat to GOP gains among Latinos in recent years. Earlier this month, Massey Villarreal, a Hous ton businessman and one of America's most prominent Hispanic Republicans, told the Rio Grande Guardian that he was abandoning Cornyn for challenger Rick Noriega, a Demo crat ic state representative from Houston. While Noriega is ostensibly still in the "exploratory" stages of his candidacy, it is widely expected he will face San Antonio attorney Mikal Watts in next spring's primary.

"I have decided to support Rick Noriega for

U.S. Senate as a Democrat. I just don't think John Cornyn hears my community," Villarreal told the Guardian. "I know he supports some issues that affect my community, but immigration reform is one of the defining positions in my community. I have got to support what is good for my community. At the end of the day, regardless of party, we have to come home to our community, where we grew up in the grassroots."

Villarreal later told the Houston Chronicle, "I've been trying to put my finger in the dam of Hispanics leaving the Republican Party,

and I can't any more. I've run out of fingers. After the Rotary speech, Cornyn told reporters, "About a third of my constituents are Hispanic, and of course, I'm in regular communication with people in the Hispanic community. I can't really comment on what an individual, who is a Republican but claims to be supporting a Democrat, why [he] would make that choice; that's up to him. But I have talked to a number of other Hispanic Republicans, and we're in regular communication about issues that they're concerned about, including the immigration issues, and I've told [them] that I am committed to finding a solution to

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David, as he is better known

among his parishioners, will

our Christian tradition."

the problem."

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LULAC opposes law enforcement role of enforcing immigration law

Cases of racial profiling and police discrimination on the rise

The League of United Latin American Citizens National President Rosa Rosales denounced ICE's new ACCESS ID program which will provide local law enforcement agencies along with ICE the ability to enforce federal immigration law in their communities.

"LULAC has always co me out firmly against involving city police in immigra-tion matters. This is the role of the federal government. The local police departments do not have the resources or training to enforce immigration law," said LULAC National President Rosa Rosales.



the same direction, formally declaring that local officials, including the police, will not ask about immigration status. The Mayor of Newark Cory A. Booker has taken such a stand against implementation of 287 (g).

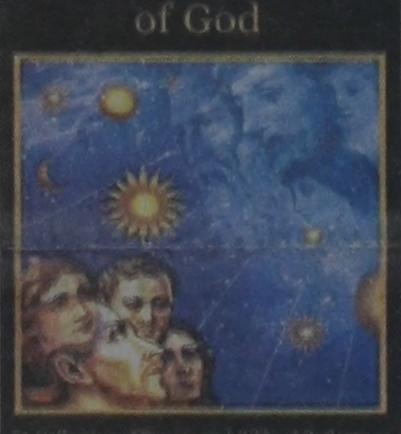
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Lubbock Priest **Publishes Book:** "The Human Face of God"

It's been a little over 20 years since Father David Cruz; a Lubbock native was ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese

of Lubbock. During his many years of ser-The Human Face



vice, Father Cruz has served in

many capacities for the diocese; as a parish priest in various parishes in Lubbock and the surrounding communities; and as director of the Christian Renewal Center and the Cursillo Movement.

Currently, Father Cruz is Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in the Arnett Benson Neighborhood in Lubbock.

More recently he became a published author when Pleasant Word Publishing released his first book titled; "In Praise; The Human Face of God".

The book is Father David Cruz's first; and is the product of many years of pastoral work with Catholics and non-Catholics alike in the Lubbock community; while serving in various capacities in the Lubbock Diocese and San Antonio Archdiocese; where he served as President and Rector of Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas for 6 years.

In an endorsement of the new book posted on Amazon.com, the internet site book seller, noted and respected Catholic Theologian, Virgilio Elizondo calls "The Human Face of God" a "marvelous book (which) not only paints a beautiful, warm and welcoming face of God but even more so invites the reader to experience the personality and the heart of God. One of the many great contributions of

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War funding should be limited to appropriations necessary to achieve a quick and safe withdrawal of all our forces Governor Bill Richardson Calls on Congress to Stand up to George Bush

Governor Bill Richardson released the about his following statement today regarding reports legacy and that George Bush will request an additional \$50 billion in Iraq war funding.

"The only appropriation Congress should pass for this war is funding for a safe and quick withdrawal. This Congress was elected to end the war in Iraq. They need to stand up to President Bush and do the job. This is an issue where leadership means no compromises. It took us too many years and far too many lives to end the war in Vietnam, and we cannot repeat that mistake.

"Congress should use every power at its disposal to end this war, including deauthorization and refusing to fund the war beyond what is necessary for the safe redeployment of our troops.

"George Bush should show less concern

attention to the lives of our men and women in harm's way. The best way to support our troops is

to get them all out of Iraq as soon as it can safely be accomplished.

"This administration miscalculated the intelligence before the war, mismanaged the war itself, bungled the surge, and now has the audacity to ask Congress for more funding to continue this tragic misadventure. The answer should be a resounding no."

City Issues Clarification on DeLeon Response to Media Question

By Abel Cruz

Last week, El Editor reported that in response to a question from a local radio station media representative, Councilwoman Linda DeLeon had stated that she received the results of the recall petition a day before they were made public by City Secretary Becky Garza.

In response to the question asked; which was; when did you receive the petitions; which this newspaper's media representative understood meant "the petition results"; Deleon responded that she had received a copy of the petitions on Monday August 20.

Last week the city sent a press release from Pam Fitch out to 2 local radio talk show hosts to clarify what DeLeon said. DeLeon forwarded the release to El Editor this week and it reads:

It's come to my attention that there may be some confusion about the information Ms. DeLeon received on Monday. During a media interview on Tuesday, Ms. DeLeon was asked when she received a copy of the petition. She stated that she requested and received a copy on Monday.

The copy of the petition Ms. DeLeon received did not contain working notes from the City Secretary's office. She did not receive information regarding the identity or number of names there were declared invalid. On August 14, petition organizers received a copy of the same information received by Ms. DeLeon on August 20.

Once the petition was received in the City Secretary's office on August 13 it was made available to any interested citizen who requested a copy.

Another question has been asked if she had to pay for the copy. Copies of the petition were made available to petition organizers, Ms. DeLeon and local media at no cost.

In a follow up email to Ms. Garza, El Editor asked her when Councilwoman DeLeon first was made aware of the petition re-

sults. Here is her response: "I don't know when Ms. DeLeon first found out what the out-

come of the petition was. That's a question that would be better directed at her. I contacted both Ms. DeLeon and Mr. Ortiz late Tuesday morning (August 21, 2007) and let them know the petition had failed and what the numbers were." We also reported that organizer Armando Gonzales had been

asked to file a freedom of information request in order to obtain a copy of the results. Garza confirmed this information and stated that "Armando Gonzales requested a copy late Tuesday afternoon. We didn't have any copies made, since all ten sets were passed out to the media earlier. Proper procedure was followed in my office: he was asked to complete an open records request. He would have been asked to complete one whether we had a set available or not. The information was copied the next day, and he was charged the same amount that any citizen requesting would be charged." Email:acruztsc@aol.com

News Briefs Lubbock Western Takes release; "The number of uninsured, as well as the

Third; Wins Hearts and Minds of Fans

They got further in the tournament than any other Lubbock little league team ever had; they rode the arm of left handed pitcher Garrett Williams to victory after victory after victory; compiling a 20 win unbeaten record along the way.

But in the end; whether it was fatigue or nervousness, a few fielding and pitching errors did the team in during the Unites States Championship game against the Southeast Region team; and they lost to the team from Robbins, Georgia, the eventual series champion by a score of 5-2.

But on Sunday they bounced back with a 1-0 victory in the

Little League World Series consolation game against the island of Curacao. And once again, it was ace Garret Williams who nearly tied the record for strikeouts; finishing the series with 41 before giving way to league rules which say that a pitcher can only throw a total of 85 pitches in one game.

It was the team from Georgia representing the Southeast Region; the only team to beat Western which eventually beat the International Champion, Japan on Sunday afternoon, by a score of 3-2, with a walk-off home run by Dalton Carriker in the eighth inning. The game had gone into extra innings after the teams were tied at 2 runs a piece after the regula-

tion six innings. The Lubbock team was greeted by over 100 fans when they arrived at the Lubbock airport on Monday evening. Fans lined up to give them a hug, to congratulate them and ask

for their autograph. Next up, aside from school and football for most of the players on the team, is a victory parade this Thursday evening, August 30, which is expected to draw large crowds to the parade route which will run from 50th and Indiana west to Slide Rd. and then North; where it will end at 34th and Slide at the City Bank parking lot.

Congratulations to the team, their coaches and families on a successful year.

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Once-in-a-life-time Chess Events this Labor Day! The Susan Polgar Institute (SPICE) and the Knight Raiders

chess club at Texas Tech are proud to announce the following free events that will take place on Labor Day Sept. 3. Both events are tentatively held in Room 1 (basement) in the College of Education of Texas Tech University.

Chess-in-the-Schools Workshop for Teachers 10 am - 4 pm with a lunch break Presenters:

Grandmaster Susan Polgar - A Chess Curriculum for Schools International Master Sofia Polgar - Teaching Children Chess FIDE Master Paul Truong - Tournaments

Dr. Haraldur Karlsson (tentative) - Role of Computers All participants will receive a copy of Polgar School Curriculum for free. Door prizes will be awarded. Limit 50 - please pre-register Polgar-Polgar Simultaneous Exhibition

5-10 pm

Play a chess match against two of the legendary Polgar sisters. Games will start around 5 PM. Latecomers will be added. Limit: 100? - please pre-register. Preference will be given to children and youth. To sign up please contact Dr. Karlsson - (hal.karlsson@ttu.edu)

or at 742-3130 or Paul Truong

According to information received by El Editor about this event, "The Polgar Chess Curriculum is highly recommended and it is being used by more than 30,000 clubs, coaches, parents and chess organizations in over 90 countries. We will use this curriculum and system to help teachers and students in Lubbock. It will be one of the key discussions at this conference. Everyone is interested to hear and discuss more about SPICE in the next few days. They all feel that this is the biggest step so far to further chess, education and research with the backing of a major university like Texas Tech."

Uninsured Texans Top List

The US Census Bureau issued a press release on Tuesday which shows that Texas tops the list of states with the most uninsured residents.

According to the Census Bureau report, the number of uninsured Texans was 24%; New Mexico and Florida were the next highest with 20% and Hawaii and Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Maine, were at the low end of the scale; below 10%.

The issue of uninsured Americans has been at the forefront in the national social and political conversation for years. And this year, 2008 presidential candidates have been discussing it more and more with at least one candidate; John Edwards, calling for universal health care.

Nationally, 45.1 million people live without insurance. In Texas that number is 5.5 million. According to the press

rate without health insurance, remained statistically unchanged in 2006 for non-Hispanic whites (at 21.2 million or 10.8 percent). For blacks, the number and percentage increased, from 7 million in 2005 to 7.6 million and from 19 percent in 2005 to 20.5 percent. The number of uninsured Asians remained statistically unchanged, at 2 million in 2006, while their uninsured rate declined to 15.5 percent in 2006, from 17.2 percent in 2005. The number and percentage of uninsured Hispanics increased from 14 million (32.3 percent) in 2005 to 15.3 million (34.1 percent)"; the largest increase by any ethnic group.

In addition, the bureau also reported that the total number of households in the country living in poverty declined to 12.3% from 12.6%.

'Among the smaller cities (65,000 to 249,999 population), Brownsville, Texas; College Station, Texas; and Edinburg, Texas, had some of the highest poverty rates"; while Allen and Flower Mound, Texas had some of the lowest rates. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

Republican Senator Gets Caught Doing the "Bathroom Boogie"

Another Republican Senator is embroiled in yet another case of sex related illegal activity.

In June, Senator Larry E. Craig, Republican from Idaho, was arrested by an undercover officer working the men's bathroom at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. The location was under surveillance because the bathroom had become a local hot spot for gay men looking for sexual partners.

According to the police report, the undercover officer detected "signals" from Craig which indicated the Senator wanted to engage in sexual activity; specifically homosexual activity. According to the police report, "Mr. Craig had tapped his foot, in what the officer called a known signal to engage in lewd conduct, and had also brushed his foot against the investigator's and waved his hand under the stall divider several times before the officer showed him his badge"

About a month after Craig was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct; he pleaded guilty and on August 10 was fined \$500.00 and placed under unsupervised probation for one year. The judge in the case also suspended a 10 day jail sentence.

On Tuesday, Craig appeared before the news media in Boise, Idaho and made a statement which included his admission that he pleaded guilty in the hope of making the whole situation "go away". Craig denied that he had done anything wrong and disclosed that he had not told even his wife or family about what happened. In other words he felt that if he kept it quiet; he would not have to go

Craig went on to blame the Idaho Statesman, Boise's leading newspaper saying: "I overreacted in Minneapolis, because of the stress of the Idaho Statesman's investigation and the rumors it has fueled around Idaho.

through what he's going through now.

Craig's denial and blame game.

previously surfaced in the Statesman concerning Craig's sexual preferences and the newspaper had been following the story; and in his statement, Craig made it a point to say, "I am not gay". But Craig's most recent behavior confirms what the newspaper has been reporting all along; despite Mr.

The rumor that the newspaper had been reporting,

according to Craig, is that he is gay. Reports had

The Republican leadership in Congress was quick to condemn Craig's actions and moved to strip him of his committee assignments; with some Republican Senators calling for his resignation. They also plan to ask the Senate Ethics Committee to investigate the incident. Craig did not address that issue and did not take any questions from the media.

Craig joins a list of Republicans who have been involved in sexually charged affairs; with the most recent being Louisiana Republican Senator David Vitter admitting to having a relationship with a Washington, DC woman known as the DC Madam; alleged to have run a private prostitution service. Up until now, Craig has been one of the most conservative Republican members of Congress; but his sexual preference has come into question before. Perhaps this will be the last time the Senator will have to deny it as a sitting United State Senator; since most political observers give Craig little to no chance of surviving this latest Republican "sexcapade".

Editorial

Gonzales Resignation Long Overdue

fter months and months of repeating that he served at the President's pleasure and that he would not resign from his position as Attorney General; like a typical politician that he is; Attorney General Alberto Gonzales took advantage of the fact that national media cameras would be trained on Atlanta Falcons football player Michael Vick and announced his "conclusion of public service".

Conclusion or resignation; it doesn't matter what Gonzales called it; what does matter is that he took the last inevitable step which was long overdue. For months and months, it had become increasingly clear to both sides of the political spectrum that Gonzales had to go.

But Gonzales' prior refusal to take the slow walk to the "resignation gallows" was fueled by a belief that his bosses at the White House would stand by him; come what may. But loyalty is repaid only when one is an asset. And it wasn't until the President and his remaining loyalists felt that he was no longer an asset but rather a liability that the pretense of loyalty came tumbling down.

Although the resignation was long overdue and most politically sane people welcomed the news; it still comes with a price.

For many people around the country, Gonzales failure may also serve as a reminder that perhaps Hispanics are "not yet ready for primetime".

Many politicians and pundits, Republican and Democrats alike have often referred to Gonzales as "incompetent" and "ill-equiped" to handle the questions asked of him during congressional committee hearings. Gonzales' outright assertions that he played no role in the firing of 8 US Attorneys in his testimony and his "I can't recall" excuses made him look pathetic and incompetent; and that's putting it nicely.

Our hope is that things have changed and that the American public will judge Gonzales by the friends that he kept; President George Bush; Karl Rove; Vice President Cheney among them; and not by his ethnicity alone.

In other words, "one bad apple doesn't ruin the whole bunch".

In his statement to the press, Gonzales said: "I often remind our fellow citizens that we live in the greatest country in the world and that I have lived the American dream. Even my worst days as attorney general have been better than my father's best days,"

The problem was that Gonzales forgot that very thing as he climbed the political ladder.

He forgot the principles which guided his Mexican father and which he probably passed along to his son; which said that one does not compromise principle for political gain.

What he should have remembered, first and foremost, was that his father's best days were achieved through hard work and honesty; not deceit and a false sense of loyalty to a person; and not to the people of this country which he swore to serve.

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Sound the Alarm! The Hispanics are Coming!

By Abel Cruz

ometime around 1987 or 1988 when I was working at the Lubbock AJ; I was involved in a series of meetings and discussions involving the question of how to increase newspaper readership among this city's and the region's growing Hispanic population.

Back then the Hispanic population was in the 20 something percent in our newspaper market if I remember correctly and it was common knowledge that if we were to grow our circulation we would have to find a way to appeal to a diverse market; and the most logical way it seemed to me was to diversify the newsroom to better reflect the population we served. We would have to improve our coverage; and more accurately and realistically cover the Hispanic and black communities. Back then there was one lone Hispanic female reporter; no black reporters; and that may still be the case.

I don't recall the exact dates, but it was either after the decision had been made by the folks at Morris Communications, the AJ's owner, to discontinue the evening edition of the AJ or around that time that the issue came up.

That decision meant that when we discontinued the evening paper, we stood to lose some valuable circulation and so the discussion began over how we could replace those subscribers who subscribed to the evening paper only.

Since our research showed that very few Hispanics were regular subscribers; it seemed logical to me that changes would have to be made in order to appeal to that market. My contribution back then in the discussions was that it wasn't that Hispanics didn't read; it was that there was nothing in the paper that they wanted to take the time to read. I still think that is true today and that is why the AJ's circulation numbers do not show a high market penetration number within the region's Hispanic consumer market; although they try to make advertisers believe otherwise.

Back then, a gentleman by the name of Frank Anderson was the Publisher and having been the Circulation Director at the now closed Washington Star in Washington, DC in the late 70's or early 80's; he knew about diversity. He recognized that Hispanics made up the largest minority here just as blacks did in DC and he attempted to understand that better by attending a few COMA or Hispanic Chamber of Commerce functions with me in order to better get to know the community. He even made it a habit of meeting from time to time with

some representatives from LULAC and COMA is order to gauge their perception of the newspaper's coverage of the Hispanic community and again to familiarize himself with some of the community's Hispanic leadership.

See he knew that in order to attract a diverse readership one had to understand some of thei characteristics first.

But making people who were in the editoria department back then see that it would take more than cosmetic changes to attract a diverse reader ship proved to be an impossible task. And after all the discussions, after all was said and done including a reader's survey which we conducted the only thing done was to change the "Living' section; or whatever it was called back then to "Vista".

That was it; Vista. The reasoning behind the change was that by changing the name to a Hispanic word; Hispanics would be motivated to subscribe to the paper.

I know; it sounded absurd to me too at the time. You may recall that recently the "Vista" section was changed to "Living". I guess the name change back then to attract more Hispanic subscribers didn't work?

Why do I mention these "fascinating" memories from my days at the AJ; besides to try and fill up some space? Just kidding...

Because these recollections came back to me a couple of weeks ago when I saw more proof that not much has changed at 710 Ave J; for some reason they are still stuck in reverse and going backwards fast.

Here we are almost 20 years later and we get an editorial from the AJ editorial board titled; "West Texas becoming more diverse".

Becoming; what did we just get here or what? To what ethnic percentage point does an area have to grow to before it is judged to be diverse period; and newsworthy? This area has been diverse since its inception and throughout the subsequent years; it's just that long time institutions like the AJ have failed to recognize and find a way to deal with that fact.

Here's an excerpt from the editorial: "For people who think most Hispanics do migrant labor and recently arrived from south of the border, it's time to leave the 1950's."

My first thought was; are there still people who live here and read the AJ who believe that? My second; there must be if the AJ is addressing their comments to them?

They go on to point out that all one has to do to see proof that "Hispanics are well past the stereotypes and are now sitting next to you in the office" is to "look to other states, California...or other parts of Texas".

Why do we need to look further than the AJ's own back and front yard? Could it be because Hispanics don't occupy those desks in the offices of the AJ that they suggest we look elsewhere?

Don't the AJ editors realize that Hispanics in this city have been sitting "next to you" whoever "you" is; for many years now? Or do they think that we are all vill cleaning the bathrooms and mopping the floors?

If they do, it might be because the AJ has done an extremely poor job of staffing its newsroom with a diverse group of editors and reporters. Don't believe me? Just look at the management; reporters and editors names on page A2 next time you pick up a copy; how many Spanish surnames do you see?

You'll see 3 Hispanic surnames; one a Human Resources Director who may not be Hispanic but rather may be married to a Hispanic; one a features editor and one a sports editor. In fact I would venture to say that the current sports editor is the first Hispanic to hold that position and that only happened in the past 3 or 4 years; after how many decades of publishing?

And frequently when a "Hispanic" event such as the annual fiestas; a concert or play needs to be reviewed; editors will outsource the story to some local "Hispanic" writer; because their own reporters are not bi-cultural enough to cover these events themselves; they don't understand them enough to write about them.

I do know this; no Hispanic has ever held an

Another disturbing part of the editorial was the fact that the editors seem to be sounding the alarm and they seem to be saying; all you "folks who expressed unkind, unfair or otherwise inappropriate sentiments, comments or attitudes about ethnic minorities could find (your) words returning to haunt (you)" and you better look out; because as Hispanics grow in number, they will definitely

The implication being that Hispanics cannot be expected to act in a civilized way and we will make sure there will be hell to pay.

How absolutely absurd!

But the next part is the best: "Although the world has changed, there unfortunately still are some people who put ethnic minorities in a stereotypical box."

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black?
That sentence is an exact description of what I see the AJ doing; putting ethnic minorities in a stereotypical box. Just look at their stereotypical coverage; like the headlines which still have the obligatory description of Hispanic or black. One cannot simply be a writer; one has to be a Hispanic writer or Hispanic editor. Do you ever hear the term white or Anglo writer or white editor?

El Editor is not just a weekly newspaper; it is a Hispanic or Spanish newspaper. Do you ever hear the AJ described as the English paper or the Anglo paper?

A professional educator such as a school principal is not just a school principal but rather a Hispanic principal. A crime suspect becomes a Hispanic suspect; if he or she has a Hispanic surname; they must be Hispanic. Ever read about a "white suspect"?

Somehow, we can never quite get away from that all purpose description. We are still seen as Hispanic this or Hispanic that. No matter what we do or how long we've been contributing members of the whole community; we never seem to get past the "color commentary". Even if the day comes when Hispanics become the majority we'll still be seen as Hispanic according to the editorial.

And finally, I'm glad the editors have figured out why Hispanics here don't vote. They tell us it's because "minorities still think their vote doesn't count because it's still a white man's world".

A "white man's world" bub? Well I guess

A "white man's world" huh? Well, I guess if anybody would know it's the editors at the AJ. After all; they do live in one don't they? Email:acruztsc@aol.com



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El Que Pica con la Cola"
El Hijo Del
Alacrán
(The Son of the Scorpior.)



Back in the 70's and 80's "El Alacrán"; "the scorpion that stings with his tail" was a regular guest on the pages of this newspaper. Many years have passed, "El Alacrán" has now retired his poisonous pen; but now along comes his son...and as they say; "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree".

Jijo...que si no se puso caliente la jamaica de Nuestra Señora de la Gracia.

Quesque se puso hasta las cachas de gente. Pues me dicen que Ysidro estaba muy sin vergüenza cante y cante...Quien le diría a Ysidro que podía cantar? Te apuesto que fue su hermano Johnny G. Ha!

Pues las fiestas del Ya No ya están agarrando vuelo, que viene Little Joe y Joe Posada y un montón de otros artistas. Quesque el certamen de la Reina va estar bastante divertido. Ya todas las Señoritas pagaron su dinero pa' ser concursantes. Y que también van a tener una Júnior Señorita. No se ha escuchado como se va elegir o que se llevo pa' que ellas se enlistaran.

Oh, y por ultimo, tuvieron oportunidad de leer el editorial en el periódico diario. Pues nos dicen que somos un montón de revanchistas que nomás estamos esperando que seamos la mayoría en población pa' tener venganza en contra los gringos.

Es todo por ahora. ¡Cuídense que recuerden que este hijo del alacrán le puede picar con la cola cuando menos espere!

Hasta la próxima.

LULAC and Immigration

migration officials. This is the role of the Border Patrol," said LULAC National President Rosa Rosales.

Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act allows state and local law enforcement agents to investigate, detain and arrest on civil and criminal grounds. When their training is complete the deputies will have earned the security clearance to use federal computer systems and databases which raises other privacy concerns.

ICE developed the ACCESS program in response to local law enforcement agencies requests. More than 60 municipal, county, and state agencies nationwide have requested 287(g) and more than 400 local and state officers have been trained under the program.

We encourage mayors from around the country to also take a firm stand and oppose ICE's new ACCESS ID program.

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Normally, you would find an executive summary at the end of a discussion paper but here, I've opted to place it first and foremost. The summary of what I'm about to say below is, "North and East Lubbock got screwed once again!"
Randy Hopmann, Lubbock District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation was on the radio this week crowing about all the new road construction going on in Lubbock, Texas. For example, there's the "comes from nowhere and goes nowhere Marsha Sharp Freeway" which is draining so many financial resources that the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County will be feeling the ill-effects of not having any additional financial resources for roads for almost a decade to come.

Normally, I would listen to the interview and wonder why Randy is currently on a radio tour pimping his wares? But what caught my attention instead was a caller's question. The caller wanted to know the status of the "outer loop" project,

For those of you who might not know, there exists an organization whose purpose is to plan roads and highways for Lubbock's future. According to their website, htp://www.lubbockmpo.org/index, "The LMPO, more formally called the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, is a federally mandated organization developed to coordinate the highway, transit, and land use planning process in order to receive federal funds for highway and transit improvements..."

But back to the question, what is the "outer loop?" Of course everyone's heard of Loop 289 which encircles the City of Lubbock. Well, the "outer loop" is just that, another road, just like Loop 289 but further out. Further out into Lubbock County. In fact, if you take a look at a map of San Antonio, Texas you will see an excellent example of what I am talking about. Two big circles going around the city of San Antonio, making the city look like a bullseye from above.

So why is North and East Lubbock screwed? Because the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted for a partial loop around the City. Of course, the loop will be completed in northwest Lubbock, and going counterclockwise, the loop will continue into west Lubbock, southwest Lubbock, south Lubbock and even into southeast Lubbock. But the loop WILL NOT go all the way around into northeast Lubbock.

Randy's response to the caller's question was that a consulting firm had already been hired to determine the best route for the loop as designated. The caller was happy, but I'm not. We should all be asking why didn't the MPO plan for the "outer loop" to go completely around the entire city? Everyone knows that the building of roads leads to potential development along those roads. More housing, more businesses, more people for a shrinking, and some would say dying, northeast Lubbock. After all, the City was willing to spend tons of money to push Milwaukee and Frankford further north, and you can see all the new growth that it has brought to west Lubbock.

Take a look at the MPO's website and see where the majority of funding is going to go to for years to come. Did North and East Lubbock get even close to getting their fair share?

So in closing, I'll say this, "Randy go peddle your wares somewhere else." The people of North and East Lubbock know the truth, we got screwed again! Rosa Silvas, Lubbock via Email

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District 1 Citizens: You are the envy and an example to other districts across Lubbock for your efforts of "freedom of speech and the press, the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." (Source: US Constitution, First Amendment).

Your participation in local government is to be commended. Hopefully, that enthusiasm will carry itself over to every vote in the future and will inspire other Lubbock citizens to pay attention and get involved.

Unfortunately, I have serious doubts if the democratic process was truly fair and applied equally in the recent controversy. There are still too many things done behind closed doors and without any explanation until the "deeds are done". As my Granddaddy would say, "It don't pass the smell test boy."

Any level of government, at least in the USA, should be open and transparent.

The government should welcome tough questions, just not the ones that are easy or make them look good. Thomas Edison the great inventor once said, "Restlessness and discount are the necessities of progress".

I think there is a majority (know matter what present leadership think or say) of Lubbock citizens in every district that are restless and discontent with the present leadership (elected and appointed). Let's now see, if we get progress.

I was not necessarily for the recall of Councilwoman DeLeon, but I was cer-

tainly for the process and the right for voters to petition. District 1 citizens who signed the petition are to be commended. Those citizens who refused to sign the petition are to be congratulated. The citizens who refused to sign or not sign, just because you did not want to get involved, hopefully, will participate next time when your opinion matters (which I think is all the time).

Dixon Platt, Lubbock via Email

Editor's note: Mr. Platt served as Lubbock City Council Chief of Staff until he was terminated in May by City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld. Platt then filed a request for a public grievance against the city; saying that it was politics which had motivated his termination and not inappropriate behavior as the city claimed. After 2 days of hearings, on August 3, Platt announced his intention to drop the grievance against the city; saying that it was impossible to get a fair hearing from the city appointed attorney who had been selected to act as hearing officer. Platt also indicated at the time that he reserved his right to bring further legal action against the city. That decision has not been made and is still pending.

National Poverty Rate Decline

Five years into a national economic recovery, the share of Americans living in poverty finally dropped.

The nation's poverty rate was 12.3 percent in 2006, down from 12.6 percent a year before, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Median household income increased slightly, to \$48,200.

Individual earnings dropped for both men and women in 2006, but more members of each household worked, resulting in the overall increase in household income, said David Johnson, chief of the Census Bureau's Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division.

The numbers provided some good economic news at a time when financial markets have been rattled by a slumping housing market. But they were tempered by an increase in the number of Americans without health insurance, from 44.8 million in 2005 to 47 million last year.

Some advocates said the numbers were evidence of an uneven economy that is leaving many Americans behind.

"Too many Americans find themselves still stuck in the deep hole dug by economic policies favoring the wealthy," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., said in a statement. "Income remains lower than it was six years ago, poverty is higher, and the number of Americans without health insurance continues to grow."

Douglas Besharov, a resident scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, said there is a lot of good news in the numbers.

"We're looking at a situation where unemployment was down, and it was down for single mothers, who make up a substantial portion of the people in poverty," Besharov said. "We need a good economy. That's not all we need, but we should not complain when it helps lower poverty."

The last significant decline in the poverty rate came in 2000, during the Clinton administration, when it went from 11.9 percent to 11.3 percent.

The poverty rate increased ev-



ery year for the next four years, peaking at 12.7 percent in 2004. It was 12.6 percent in 2005, but Census officials said that change was statistically insignificant.

"When we keep taxes low, spending in check, and our economy open - conditions that empower businesses to create new jobs - all Americans benefit," President Bush said in a statement.

The poverty level is the official measure used to decide eligibility for federal health, housing, nutrition and child care benefits. It differs by family size and makeup. For a family of four with two children, for example, the poverty level is \$20,444.

The poverty rate - the percentage of people living below poverty - helps shape the debate on the health of the nation's economy.

Democrats on Capitol Hill said the insurance numbers justify spending more money for a popular government health insurance program for children.

Both chambers of Congress

recently passed bills that would dramatically increase funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP. The Bush administration, however, opposes both measures saying they would result in people abandoning private coverage for public coverage for children.

The share of Americans without health insurance hit 15.8 percent last year, the highest percentage since 1998. In 2005, 15.3 percent were without insur-

The annual increase was fueled mainly by a decline in the share of workers covered by employerprovided health insurance, said Johnson.

The income group with the most people losing insurance was households making \$75,000 or more a year, showing that the issue is not limited to the poor.

Bush said the growing number of people without health insurance presents a challenge. "Containing costs and making health insurance more affordable is the best way to reverse this long-term trend," Bush said.

Several Democrats running for president said the insurance numbers point to weaknesses in the nation's health care system.

"These statistics show what most Americans know: Tens of millions of our fellow citizens

are completely left out of the economic progress enjoyed by the individuals and corporations on the very top," said Democrat John Edwards, who has made eradicating poverty a centerpiece of his campaign. "We need truly universal health care and a national effort to eliminate poverty."

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton noted that there were a lot fewer people without health insurance when she first addressed the issue as first lady. In 1993, there were 39.7 million Americans without health insurance, according to the Census Bureau.

"It is an even deeper outrage today," she said in a statement.

Sen. Barack Obama issued a statement that said, "We can keep making excuses for this or ignore it altogether, but as long as these statistics exist they will always be a betrayal of the ideals we hold as Americans."

The Census Bureau on Tuesday released 2006 income and poverty figures for all the states and every city and county with a population of 65,000 or more.

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el miércoles, al cumplirse el segundo aniversario del huracán Katrina. La sensación de pérdida sigue viva en esta ciudad, donde las inundaciones causadas por la

ruptura de diques dejaron más de 1.600 muertos y destruyeron prácticamente la urbe. Las iglesias realizaron servicios e hicieron sonar sus campanas en

recordación de las víctimas. "Hacemos sonar las campanas por las 1.700, 1.800 personas que pasaron a mejor vida", declaró el alcalde Ray Nagin. "Las hacemos sonar en una ciudad que se recupera, que lucha, que hace

milagros todos los días". El presidente George W. Bush visitó una escuela en un barrio pobre, de mayoría negra, que fue destruido cuando Katrina inundó el 80% de la ciudad. "Se avecinan días mejores", prometió el

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luego de la tragedia.

"Le seguimos prestando atención. Comprendemos" por lo que están pasando, expresó.

Se había programado una marcha para protestar la falta de ayuda.

"La gente está furiosa y quiere hacerle llegar a los políticos el mensaje de que esperan que hagan más, y más rápido", afirmó el reverendo Marshall Truehill, de una iglesia bautista. "Aquí nadie celebra".

"Este es un momento emotivo. La gente revive lo que pasó, recuerda cómo todo el mundo sigue disperso incluso ahora. Hay amistades que se acabaron para siempre", se lamentó Robert Smallwood, un mesero de la zona. "La ciudad sufre una muerte lenta. No hay escape. En Nueva Orleáns hay malas noticias todos los días".

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En Misisipí, el gobernador Haley Barbour dijo que había progresos. Afirmó que hay solo 13.000 familias viviendo en casas rodantes, comparado con las 48.000 del primer momento.

"Hicimos enormes progresos. La gente de Misisipí sacó a la luz su carácter y fue muy positivo", acotó.

El aniversario da a Nueva Orleáns la oportunidad de concentrar la atención de la prensa y decirle al país lo que sucedió desde Katrina. La ciudad fue invadida por periodistas y equipos de televisión.

Bush y su esposa llegaron a la ciudad el martes por la noche y cenaron con Leah Chase, considerada la reina de la cocina creole, el quarterback de los Santos de Nueva Orleáns (NFL) Drew Brees y el músico Irvin Mayfield. Varios aspirantes a la presidencia, incluidos Barack Obama y Hillary Clinton visitaron la ciudad en días recientes.

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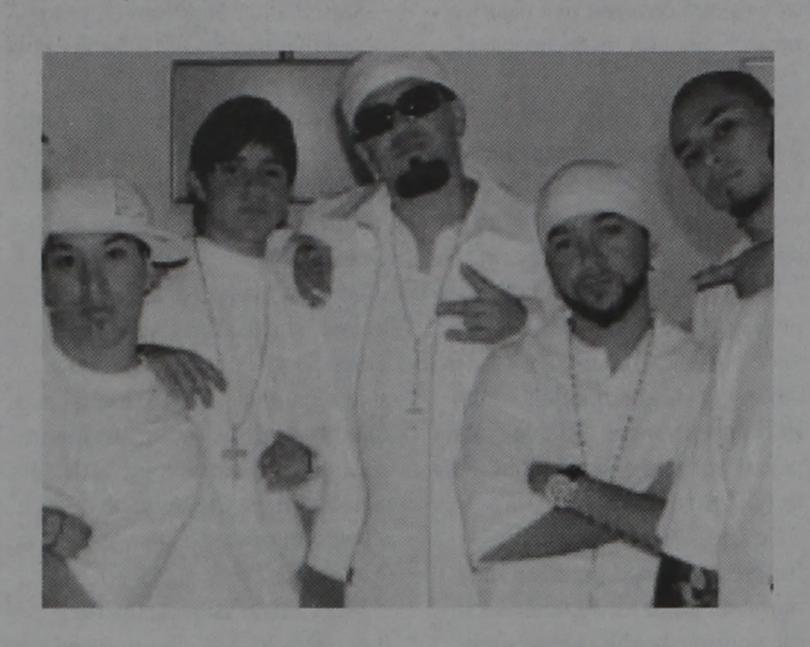
Los Super Reyes Evolve from Kumbia Kings

When something works, you stick with it, and that's why Los Super Reyes retained the youthful urban cumbia sound on the new CD "El Regreso de Los Reyes."

"I think it was so important to take care of the essence of the sound -- the Kumbia Kings sound," said bandleader Cruz

produced in studios in Miami and Mexico, the song samples Freestyle's dance hit, "Don't Stop the Rock," where the main melody flies over hard-chugging keyboards and percussion backbeats.

Elsewhere, tunes like "Mirame (No Controles)," "Yo"



Martinez during a recent in-store CD signing in Dallas. "The Kings were a pinnacle group that practically invented a genre of urban Latino music back in '97."

Super Reyes? Kumbia Kings? Yeah, it can be confusing if you're not a die-hard follower.

Los Super Reyes is the new name of the group that used to be called the Kumbia Kings. More on that controversy below.

Martinez didn't want to tweak too much with the young dance sound of Los Super Reyes. Judging from record sales and concert turnouts, it is a popular sound that combines Mexican cumbia rhythms, hard dance percussion, sweet vocal harmonies, and a little urban hip-hop and rap. Like Menudo, 'N Sync or the Backstreet Boys, Los Super Reyes rely on a hip urban look, fancy dance moves and lots of eye candy for the young female followers, who drive the fan base in both the United States and Mexico.

Highlights on the 16-track CD include the first single, "Muevelo," which shot to the top of the charts. Recorded and and "Oye Mi Amor" mix cumbia rhythms with touches of vallenato, reggaeton, rap and R&B.

"At one point, I think we were losing in the sense that our albums were really focused towards kids under 12," said Martinez.

"One thing I wanted to take care of was to go back to that urban, street Latino fusion. That's why there are more hard-edged songs like 'Muevelo,' that's up-tempo, very urban-beat.

"There's songs like 'Mirame (No Controles)' that's rhythmic. There's a lot of rap on this album."

As with other boy bands, Martinez said, including some R&B tunes was a natural.

"We've got two R&B English songs. We stopped focusing on that on the last three or four years, you know what I'm saying? And it's something we definitely dig. It's also been a great success for us in the past -- English crossover success. "We used a lot of new samples

and sounds, more than anything. I respected the essence of that sound, a signature sound that also made us one of the first groups to sing rap on TV, when, back then, they didn't allow rap artists to participate on TV shows."

The ballads -- "Nada No Va a Separa," written by Claudia Bryant and Andrew Thomas, and "Roses" -- have all the requisite elements for radio play, including whistleable melodies, low simmering heat and dulcet harmonies.

Also notable: "Quedate Mas (I Want You Back)," a cumbia, percussion-heavy version of the Jackson Five's "I Want You Back." And "Perfect Girl," a sweet R&B hip-hop tune with special guests Frankie J and Damon Reel.

Martinez and his group begin a new tour as the conflict between him and his former bandmate, A.B. Quintanilla III, enters its 15th month.

Martinez has been waging a bitter battle against his old bandmate Quintanilla, Selena's brother, over the rights to the Kumbia Kings name. In April 2006, Quintanilla abruptly left the KK, claiming he had been backstabbed.

He then formed the new Kumbia All Starz.

Since then, there have been almost constant tit-for-tat accusations, recriminations, charges and countercharges in the U.S. and Mexican media between Martinez and Quintanilla. Last month, Martinez announced he had regrouped the Kumbia Kings and renamed them Los Super Reyes.

For months, Martinez and Quintanilla argued in the media over who had the legal right to use the old Kumbia Kings name. Last week, Martinez appeared on the Univision TV show "Cristina" and announced he had won the KK name rights.

He chose not to discuss that subject in the interview and focused instead on Los Super Reyes' busy schedule ahead.

"That's (KK name) a process that's in the hands of my attorneys, so I'm focusing on the Super Reyes project."

PBS to Offer Special Programming for Hispanic Heritage Month

From comedian George Lopez to artists Diego Rivera, Jose Clemente Orozco and Frida Kahlo, from Latina garment workers in Los Angeles to the extraordinary contributions of Hispanic veterans to the U.S. effort in World War II, PBS will present a number of broadcast premieres and encore presentations that recognize the cultural, historical and societal impact of America's growing Hispanic community. The programs air during Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated each year from September 15 - October

"Orozco: Man on Fire" Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET This is the vibrant story of an artist whose dramatic life, iconoclastic personality and dynamic painting changed the way we see art and politics. Jose Clemente Orozco's travels back and forth across the U.S.- Mexico border are emblematic of the experiences of millions of Mexican migrants and immigrants who come seeking a better life in America. His personal convictions and tenacity in the face of daunting obstacles make him a compelling figure with universal appeal. Shot on location in Mexico and the United States, the documentary weaves a rich tapestry of images and sound, evoking Orozco's artistic style while opening a window onto the artist's inner life, passions and convictions. http://www.pbs.org/wnet/ americanmasters BROWN IS THE **NEW GREEN: GEORGE LOPEZ** AND THE AMERICAN DREAM Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

Latinos, this nation's largest and fastest-growing minority group, are big business. This smart, fast-paced program examines how efforts to profit from this group are shaping the contemporary Latino identity. The documentary's focal point is George Lopez, an icon and advocate for Latinos' move into the mainstream. As Cosby did for African Americans decades ago, Lopez normalizes the image of Latinos in a way that delights and entertains. **BROWN IS THE NEW GREEN** contrasts his endeavors with the efforts of marketers intent on spinning Latinos as a wholly distinct subculture. The show also features conversations with members of the much-coveted Latino youth market, whose tastes and interests are far

more eclectic than the marketers would have us believe.

THE WAR will air over two weeks, beginning Sunday, September 23, 2007 (four nights the first week and three nights the second week) from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on three nights). THE WAR, a seven-part series

directed and produced by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, tells the story of the Second World War through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four quintessentially American towns. The series explores the most intimate human dimensions of one of the greatest cataclysms in history -- a worldwide catastrophe that touched the lives of every family on every street in every town in America -- and demonstrates that in extraordinary times, there are no ordinary lives.

The series will include new content with stories focusing on Latinos and Native Americans. http://www.pbs.org/thewar/

"Rivera in America" Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 10:00-11:00 p.m. ET Considered the greatest Mexican painter of the 20th century, Diego Rivera had a profound effect on the international art world. He is credited with the reintroduction of fresco painting into modern art and architecture. His radical political views and tempestuous romance with the painter Frieda Kahlo were then, and remain today, a source of public intrigue. In a series of visits to America, from 1930 to 1940, Rivera brought his unique vision to public spaces and galleries, enlightening and inspiring artists and laymen alike. http://www.pbs. org/wnet/americanmasters/database/rivera_d.html AUSTIN CITY LIMITS "Los Lonely Boys/The Gourds" Saturday, September 8, 2007, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET

It's an evening of diverse Texas roots rock. First, San Angelo trio Los Lonely Boys consolidates its massive success with songs from Sacred, its slab of "Texican rock 'n' roll." Then the Gourds bring their iconoclastic country/folk/Tex-Mex/Cajun rock to the stage with tunes from their album Heavy Ornamentals and crowd-pleasing favorites from their early years. http://www.pbs.org/klru/austin/ JUSTICE FOR MY PEOPLE

tells the story of Dr. Hector P. Garcia -- Mexican Revolution refugee, medical doctor to the barrios, decorated war veteran, civil rights activist and presidential confidante -- as he fought to bring attention to the Mexican-American civil rights movement. Returning to Texas after World War II with six battle stars, Garcia found that while Mexican-American veterans had been changed by the war, prejudiced America had not. His people faced public school segregation, squalid living conditions in labor camps and second-class citizenship. In 1948, Dr. Garcia founded the American GI Forum, empowering Mexican Americans to fight numerous legal and political battles against discrimination.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRIDA KAHLO September 2007 (check local listings)

The extraordinary life of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is framed in relation to the full spectrum of the historical and cultural influences that created her. THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRIDA KAHLO explores the 20th-century icon who became an international sensation in the worlds of modern art and radical politics. Among those interviewed in the documentary are Carlos Fuentes and Carlos Monsivais. The film is narrated by Rita Moreno; Mexican singer Lila Downs is the voice of Frida Kahlo. http://www.pbs.org/ weta/fridakahlo/

"Al Otro Lado (To The Other Side)" September 2007 (check local listings) The proud Mexican tradition of corrido music -- captured in the performances of Mexican band Los Tigres del Norte and the late Chalino Sanchez -- provides both heartbeat and backbone to this rich examina-. tion of songs, drugs and dreams along the U.S./Mexico border. "Al Otro Lado" follows Magdiel, an aspiring corrido composer from the drug capital of Mexico, who faces two difficult choices to better his life: to traffic in drugs or to cross the border illegally into the United States. Interspersing performance footage by corrido superstars with the dayto-day struggles of Magdiel as he embarks on an uncertain journey, filmmaker Natalia Almada paints an illuminating portrait of the narcotics underworld, illegal immigration and the corrido music that chronicles it all. An Official Selection of the Tribeca Film Festival.

Fiesta Del Llano Fiestas Patrias 2007 Schedule

Friday -- Sept. 14th, 2007

7:00 p.m. -- Miss Hispanic Lubbock Scholarship Pageant

Civic Center

11:00 a.m. -- Festival Opens for Lunch, No gate fee,

plenty of great food 1:00 p.m. -- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

5:00 p.m. -- Festival opens for evening activities

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5:30-6:30 p.m. -- Animo (X)

7:00-8:00 p.m. -- D.J. Sancho & Krystal Melody

8:30-10:30 p.m. -- La Conquista 11:00-12:00 p.m. -- Mojave Sol

12:00 Midnight -- Festival Closes. Thank you. Gracias!

Saturday -- Sept. 15th, 2007

10:00 a.m. -- Fiestas del Llano PARADE route will be from

> 1st Baptist Church on Broadway down to Ave. M & then north to the Civic Center Parking Lot.

11:00 a.m. -- Festival Opens for Saturday activities: Vendors, Music & other activities.

12 NOON - 1:00 p.m. -- Xsel

1:30-2:30 p.m. -- Traction 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. -- Ilusion

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. -- X-Caliber

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. -- Los Primos

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. -- Jimmy Edward 9:30 - 10:00 p.m. -- Grito de Independencia

Bishop Placido Rodriguez

10:00-11:00 p.m. -- Ardiente

11:00 p.m.-12:00 Midnight -- Festival Closes

Sunday -- Sept. 16th, 2007

11:00 a.m. -- Festival opens: Vendors, Music & Car Show

12 NOON - 1:00 p.m. -- Barrio Bums 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. -- Ballet Folklorico Aztlan

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. -- X-Tremo

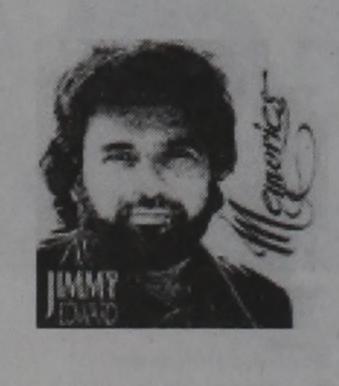
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. -- Atrevido(X)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. -- Heroe/Battle of the Bands Winner

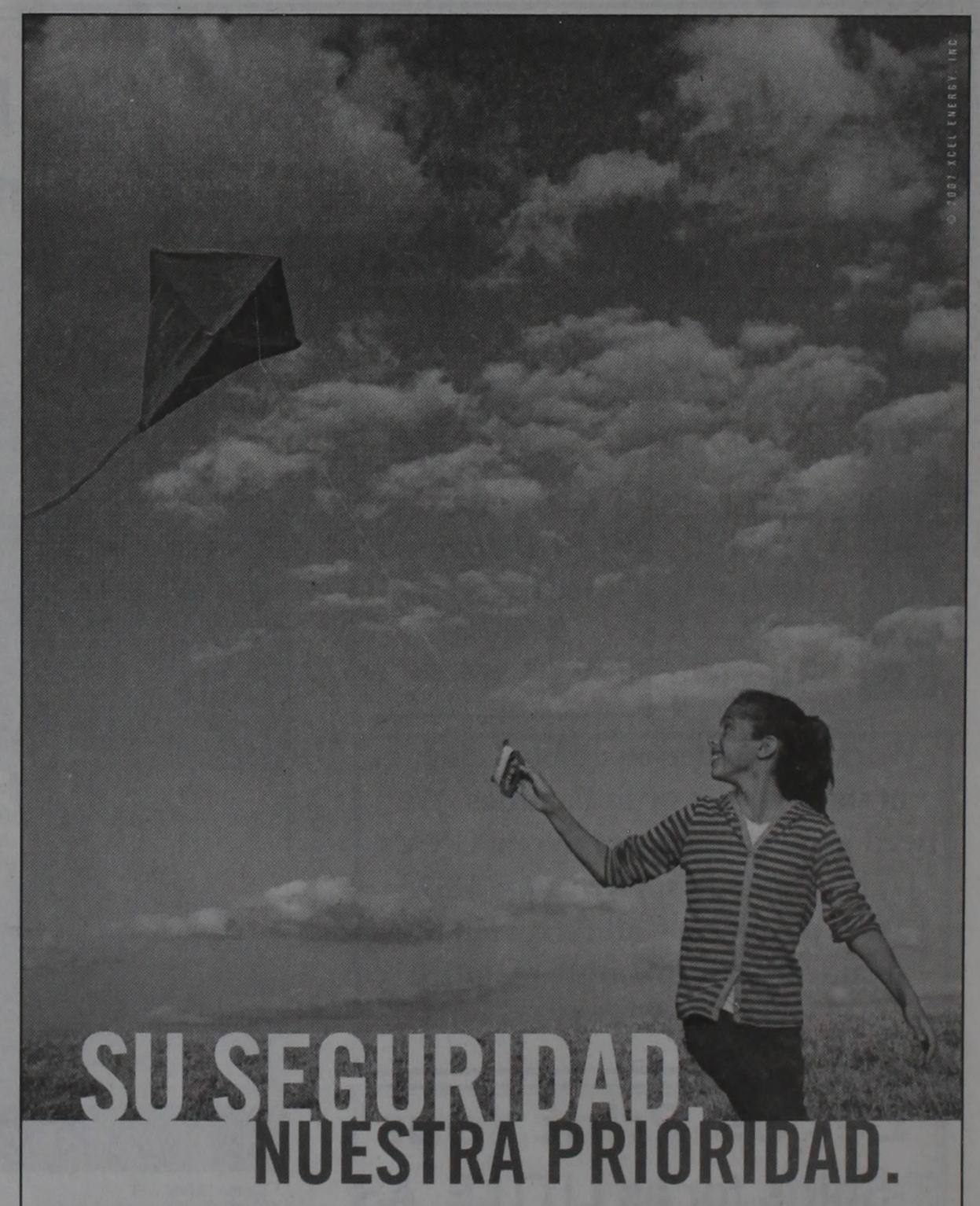
7:00 - 7:30 p.m. -- Battle of the Bands Winners 2007

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Camp tour: Phillips' Cowboys lighten up, shun heavy D

Shortly after taking over for Bill Parcells as coach of the Dallas Cowboys, Wade Phillips was asked a somewhat important question by his strength and conditioning coach.

"What weight do you want these guys to be this season?" asked Joe Juraszek.

In his folksy, sonof-Bum way, Phillips gave him an answer that certainly would never come out of the mouth of the micromanage-obsessed Parcells.

"I don't know,"
Phillips told the coach. "I just want them light enough so they can run as fast as possible."

There were no numbers given, which means there will be no constant cracks by a biting head coach who knew how to get under a player's skin, which was the Parcells way.

Just make the weights fit so they can run and chase and tackle.

Looking at the Cowboys now, especially on the defensive side, you'd think some of those players were following Kirstie Alley as weight-loss spokesmen.

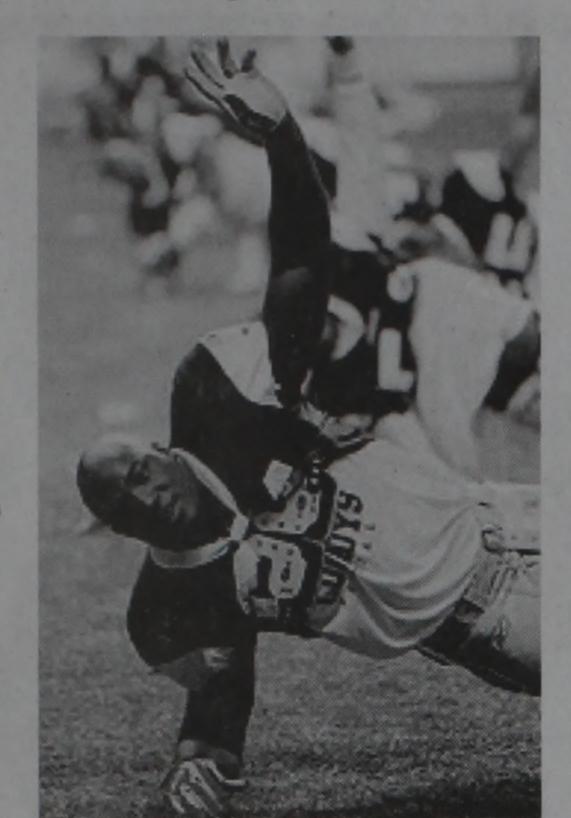
Linebacker Bradie James and defensive end Marcus Spears are down 20, while safety Roy Williams is down 15. Outside linebacker DeMarcus Ware is down five pounds.

"It's a different style of defense," James said. "We have to be able to run, run, and run some more. In the defense we played last year, I had to take on 320-pound guards every play. That's why I had to weigh 265 pounds. My body wouldn't have held up at the weight I'm at now. I needed the weight to have a chance to compete. But I feel so much better now. I'm so much faster. And we all need that to be successful in this defense."

One man vs. One fan

"You can't do anything but learn from what happened in Seattle, so I'm looking forward to them growing ..."

o-line MUST show improvement. If the blocking is not there up front, then Romo is trying to make plays he shouldn't. This



would lead to TO drama."

Phillips came to the Cowboys after putting together a swift, get-to-the-ball unit in San Diego as defensive coordinator of the Chargers. His 3-4 scheme featured an attacking bunch that was keyed by the play of the

The Cowboys used a 3-4 under Parcells last year, but it was a different style of defense. The front seven stayed in their spots, rarely moving around. That meant Ware, one of those explosive pass rushers that offenses hate, always lined up on the right side. He was easy to find.

It was a unit that saw the front three rarely stunt and loop. The inside linebackers also didn't come on the blitz much at all.

"Last year we lined up and people pretty much knew what we would do," James said. "There wasn't much to it." With Phillips taking over

he is expected to call the defense from the sideline — the talent-filled unit could make a big leap up the rankings. After starting off strong last season, the defense fell off in the second half. Dallas finished 20th in the league in scoring, giving up 21.9 points per game.

That was a bitter disappointment since there were six first-round picks starting on that side of the ball. More was certainly expected.

Of the group, Ware is the

most talented of them all.

He is a powerful speed rusher who has the ability to change a game for the defense, his off-the-edge ability as good as any in the game. During a workout Monday afternoon at the Alamodome, he blew past rookie left tackle Doug Free with a low-to-the-ground loop that made Free look as if he missed the snap count.

"I'm rushing a lot more so I dropped some weight," Ware said. "It can get tiring out there running around for four quarters with that extra five pounds. In this defense, you want to play fast."

Ware had 111/2 sacks last year, but his teammates say he was held back because he didn't rush enough, a shot at the former regime.

"There is no way DeMarcus should be dropping in coverage as much as he did," James said. "He's too explosive a pass rusher for that. That didn't make sense."

Phillips will move Ware around to better utilize his ability to get to the quarterback. The common perception is that Ware will fill the role that Shawne Merriman occupied in the Chargers defense, a role that he flourished in by getting 17 sacks last season. But Ware plays the weak-side spot, whereas Merriman plays the strong side.

"You actually rush more in our defense from the weak side," Phillips said. "That's why what Shawne did was so impressive last year."

Ware won't just be on the

weak side. He will move from right to left and even inside to the middle. The idea is to never let the other team get a bead on where he's coming from to get to the quarterback.

"If you line him up just on the right side, there are a lot of great left tackles," Phillips said. "If you match him up against a great player, he might win some, but the other guy will win some, too. If we flip him to the other side and let him work some, it should help him win more."

If the other players win more, too, this could be a special unit. Defensive coordinator Brian Stewart has already proclaimed that he expects his unit to be the best in the league, if everybody stays healthy.

That's high praise, and it was something that surprised even the candid Phillips. But the players have already bought into the lofty talk.

Both Ware and James say this is a talented unit that they expect to be the best.

"I do think we can get there,"
Ware said.

Watching them practice, they definitely look better. The speed is evident to the naked eye. The Cowboys fly to the football.

Parcells might have thought bigger was better, but the Phillips way is the right way in the modern NFL. You have to run to the football and speed is imperative.

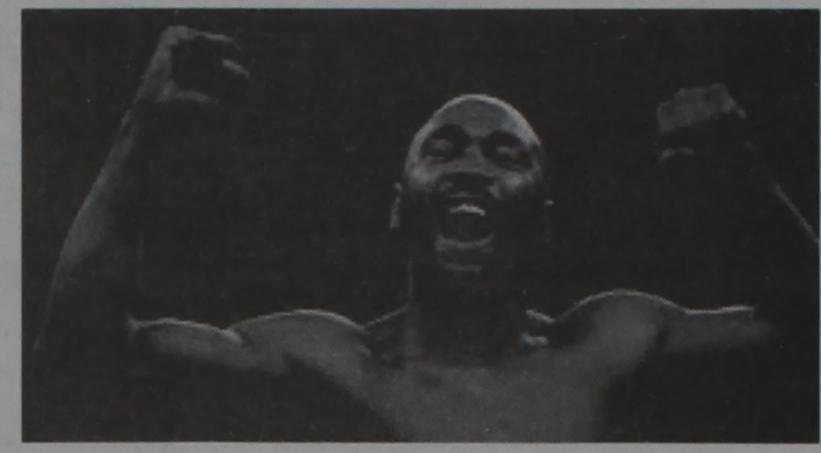
The trimmed-down Cowboys can do that now.

"I was looking at some Colts tape the other day form last year and I looked big and slow," James said. "We all know that we needed to drop some weight to be faster. And now you're seeing why. This defense is about running to the football. I feel so much better, too. I don't have to stuff myself to keep my weight up. Now I'm eating normal. I feel better. We all do."

Forget Doomsday. This is the Jenny Craig bunch. Hey, whatever works, right? The formula is simple: Lost weight = more speed = better defense = possible division title.

al conquistó títulos mundiale las 130 y las 135 libras, derro a adversarios como el falleció californiano Diego Corrales, Campbell y Roberto García.

De La Hoya le tiende la mano a Casamayor



Tal vez la unión de Joel "Cepillo" Casamayor a la empresa de Oscar de la Hoya, Golden Boy Promotions, represente más para el boxeador cubano que sus títulos mundiales, porque al menos le garantiza dos cosas: mejores bolsas y peleas atractivas.

Llevado de la mano durante toda su carrera profesional por el promotor Luis De Cubas, Casamayor -que seguirá siendo representado por el hijo de De Cubas- boxearía antes de que termine el año en una de las carteleras de HBO, la principal cadena que transmite el deporte.

"Este es un pacto muy bueno para Joel", comentó De Cubas.
"Podría subir al ring como parte de la cartelera de Floyd Maywheater y Ricky Hatton [8 de diciembre] o la de Miguel Cotto y Shane Mosley [10 de noviembre] y todos tendrán una visión más certera de Casamayor".

Nativo de Guantánamo y residente en el sur de la Florida, Casamayor (34-3-1, 21 KOs) fue uno de los más grandes boxeadores amateurs, al conquistar numerosos títulos, incluyendo la Medalla de Oro en los Juegos Olímpicos de Barcelona.

Poco antes de los Juegos Olímpicos de Atlanta 1996, Casamayor desertó en México y fue hacia los Estados Unidos, y como profesional conquistó títulos mundiales en las 130 y las 135 libras, derrotando a adversarios como el fallecido californiano Diego Corrales, Nate Campbell y Roberto García.

"Joel Casamayor es un boxeador brillante y uno de los campeones más menospreciados en los últimos 25 años", comentó De la Hoya en un comunicado de prensa. "Estamos honrados de tenerlo en nuestro equipo, y con su talento y nuestra habilidad promocional, le conseguiremos a Joel las grandes peleas que se merece y haremos que el mundo vea cuán bueno es".

El cubano ha sufrido tres derrotas (el mexicano José Luis Castillo, Corrales y el brasileño Acelino Freitas) y un empate.

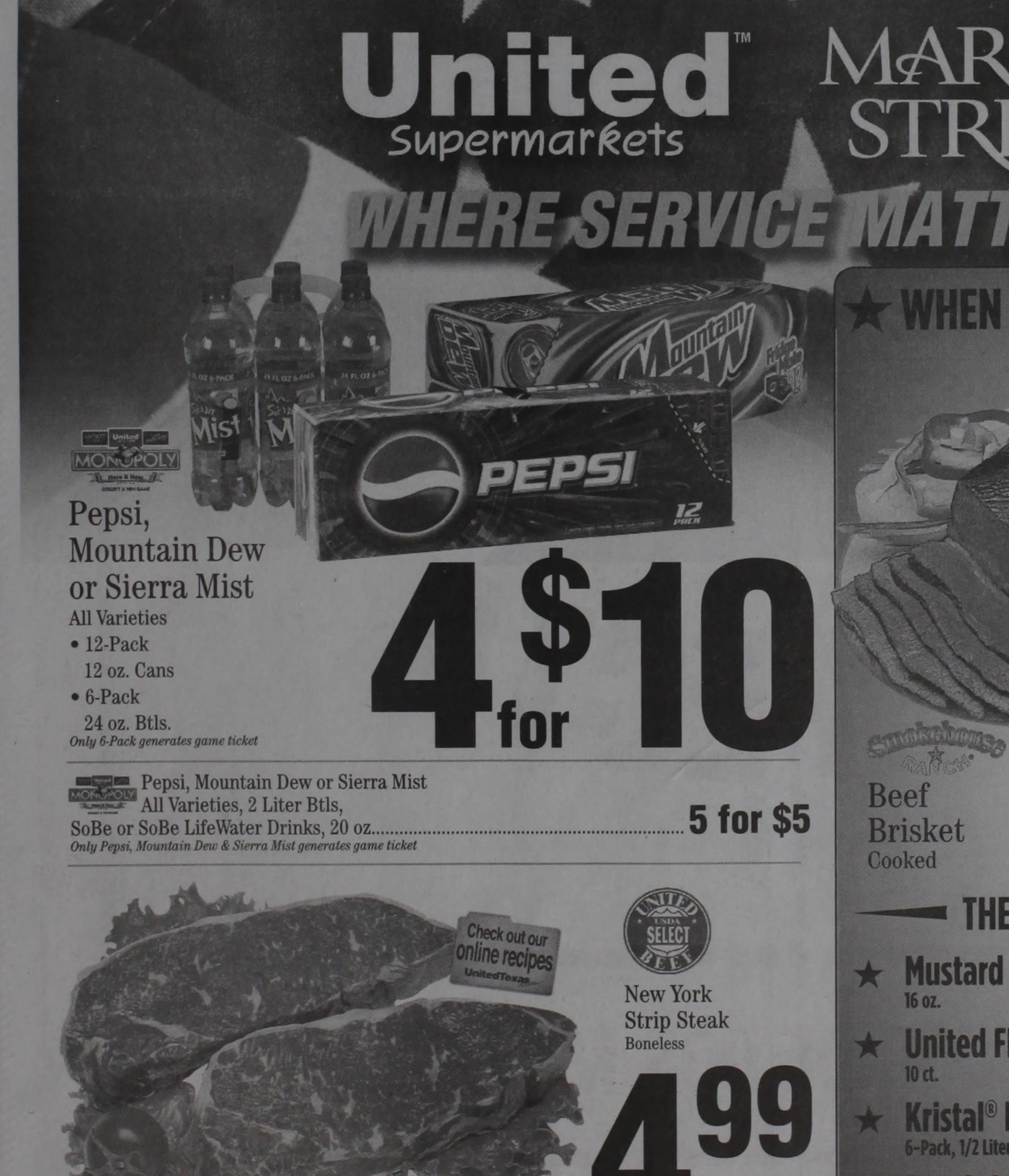
Sin embargo, muchos expertos del boxeo opinan que en esos combates se produjeron controversiales decisiones que debieron ir a manos del púgil antillano.

"El récord de Joel debía ser otro, sin derrotas", afirmó De Cubas. "Ha tenido mala suerte con algunas decisiones, pero al final del día todos conocen su clase".

Ahora, Casamayor, de 36 años, no se enfoca en el pasado, sino que está preocupado con su futuro y lograr la mayor cantidad posible de buenas peleas para tratar de solidificar sus credenciales para el Salón de la Fama.

"Oscar y su compañía saben lo que puedo hacer en el ring y yo sé lo que ellos pueden hacer por mí fuera del cuadrilátero para llevarme donde deseo estar en este deporte", declaró Casamayor.

"Quiero pelear con los mejores y estar en las peleas más importantes, y confío en que Golden Boy me llevará allí".





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