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House Passes Congressional Redistricting Maps

The Texas House tentatively passed SB 4 on Tuesday afternoon, following nearly four hours of debate in which Democrats argued that the congressional redistricting plans under consideration would "ensure" minority voters will lack proper representation in Congress. The bill now heads to third reading, though lawmakers on both sides of the aisle acknowledge the issue is likely to be settled in court.

The plan approved by the lower chamber largely resembles the version that came out of the House Redistricting Committee on June 9. In short, it preserves the GOP's overwhelming majority the state's congressional delegation.

Democrats proposed several amendments that would have created more so-called minority opportunity districts to account for growth in the state over the last decade that was fueled by increases in the Hispanic, African-American and Asian-American populations. Those efforts were tabled along party-line votes.

State Rep. Dawanna Dukes, D-Austin, called SB 4 an example of "purposeful, intentional discrimination" because it keeps the heavily Anglo population in West Austin in

one district while it splits the eastern part of the city, largely inhabited by Hispanics and African-Americans, into nine districts. She said that "diminishes" their power as a voting bloc.

This "ensures that for the next 10 years we won't have a voice in Washington," she said, before asserting that GOP members have told her privately they know the plan goes too far in favor of their party.

The fight wasn't just between Democrats and Republicans. Early in the debate, state Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Tomball, attempted to move 300 acres of undeveloped land and 28 voters out of U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady's district and back into the district represented by U.S. Rep. Ted Poe, R-Humble.

"This 300 acres was Ted Poe's... This is my district. This is my

county, and this is important to my district and my county that Ted Poe has that 300 acres," Riddle said. "It is a power grab for Brady to come in



and grab this." Riddle's amendment failed, but it represented yet another example of how the redistricting process can lead lawmakers to be territorial. However, the vast majority of the

House debate centered on the issue of minority representation.

State Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Forth Worth, argued that SB 4 is "blatantly

crooked congressional districts, each connected to distant communities across Texas, is maliciously designed to prevent any Austinite from serving our community in Washington during an entire decade. Whether, like me, Austin is the only place you've ever called home, or you are new to our community, all can see how the Republicans, cunningly schemed to deny a voice for our unique city. Rep. Dawanna Dukes and her colleagues spoke eloquently about the harm this scheme imposes. The courts should reject this illegal plan."

The Tribune also just heard from Brady's office regarding Riddle's comments on the floor over the ExxonMobil land. Spokeswoman Tracee Evans said she and Shaylyn Hynes from Poe's office have offered the following statement: "There is no animosity between Rep. Poe and Rep. Brady over the current map. These Members of Congress share a close relationship and share the belief that the Texas Legislature, not the Congress, should be drawing redistricting maps. Both Members remain committed to representing their constituents and appreciate the efforts of the legislature to create a fair plan."

While the current congressional lines include 11 minority districts, he said the new plan only draws 10. Veasey asked House Redistricting Committee Chairman Burt Solomon, R-Carrollton, how he could justify adding three out of four new congressional seats to Anglo districts, ignoring the fact that 90 percent of the state's population growth came from minority communities.

Solomons defended the bill as the Legislature's best effort to recognize historical lines combined with population growth and the number of voters in each district. "In context, this is the map we came up with," Solomons said several times, in addition to pointing out no one would be perfectly happy. "What we did with the map was fair and legal. We're probably going to go to the courts and decide whether we're right in that issue."

Updated: On Tuesday afternoon, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, responded to the House's passage of SB 4 with the following statement: "Cutting Travis County into five

Illegal Reentry Cases Surge Under Obama

LULAC Files Redistricting Suit Against Texas



Texans are hammering away at Barack Obama for failing to secure our borders and for refusing to put forward a comprehensive immigration reform plan, but the number of federal prosecutions for "illegal reentry" has quietly skyrocketed under his administration.

U.S. Department of Justice data obtained from the Transnational Records Access Clearing House shows that prosecutions for attempting to enter the country after having "been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed" are on pace to surpass 37,100 for the year, an increase of more than 1,200 from 2010. If the trend continues, the Obama administration will have prosecuted more illegal immigrants in his first term than George W. Bush's administration did in his two terms combined. From 2001 to 2008, 111,920 aliens were prosecuted for the crime — 42,465 in Bush's first term and 69,455 in his second, an annual average of about 10,600 and 17,360, respectively. Obama's administration is averaging about 34,355 annually and is on pace to surpass 103,000 in his first term.

TRAC estimates that almost half all criminal immigration cases prosecuted and nearly a quarter of all criminal prosecutions of any kind involve charges of illegal reentry, which is a federal felony. TRAC esti-

mates the average sentence for an immigrant convicted of the offense to be about 14 months.

Illegal reentry recently surpassed illegal entry, the first-time offense for entering the country without permission, as the leading criminal immigration charge. Prosecution for illegal entry, a federal petty misdemeanor, have declined since 2009. That year there were about 54,200 prosecutions, followed by about 43,700 in 2010. If the pace seen during the first six months of 2011 continues, this year's total may be less than 35,000. Despite the decline, however, the total prosecutions for illegal entry under Obama, projected to be about 132,400 by year's end, would surpass the Bush administration's eight-year total of 122,385. The numbers reflect an annual average of 7,154 and 23,442 during Bush's first and second terms, respectively.

The increase in prosecutions is a Catch-22 of sorts for Obama as he begins his reelection campaign in earnest. Conservative politicians, including Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, accuse the administration of paying insufficient attention to border security. Liberal politicians, including several border-area Hispanics and legions of the President's 2008 supporters, say he is caving in to the GOP on comprehensive reform. On the eve of Obama's

visit to El Paso last month, the Border Network for Human Rights, an immigrants' rights coalition based there, asked why he didn't act when his party was in control of both chambers.

"The increase in deportations in the last two years is disturbing considering your 2008 campaign promise to make comprehensive immigration reform your priority," BNHR executive director Fernando Garcia wrote in a letter to the President. "We understand that you face serious challenges in Congress to pass reform now. But we do not understand why we weren't able to create reform when there was a Democratic Congress."

On Monday, U.S. Rep. Luis Gutiérrez, D-Illinois, led immigration activists in issuing a harsh rebuke of Obama's efforts to court Latinos on a trip to Puerto Rico this week while continuing to deport undocumented students, or DREAMERS — a moniker derived from the controversial Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act.

"The President obviously sees his visit to Puerto Rico as part of a larger Latino voter outreach strategy for 2012," Gutiérrez said, "but one of the most important, concrete steps he can take to show Latino voters he is on their side is to stop deporting DREAM Act students. Right away. Today."

The League of United Latin American Citizens, the oldest and largest Latino membership organization in the United States, filed suit today against the State of Texas challenging the manner in which redistricting for the United States House of Representatives, the State House of Representatives and the Texas State Board of Education have been drawn or will be drawn.

LULAC attorneys including Luis Vera, Jose Garza, Rolando Rios & George Korbell have been working since last November on

the redistricting process in Texas. Once the 2010 Census figures for Texas were made public, George Korbell drew redistricting maps that were used by Texas LULAC leaders in their testimony before the state legislature. These maps made clear that the four new congressional districts that Texas gained as a result of its fast growing Hispanic population, could be drawn in a manner that would create four new Latino performing districts.

"For 82 years, LULAC has worked to defend the voting rights

of Latinos in the state of Texas and throughout the nation," stated Margaret Moran, LULAC National President. "The lawsuit filed by LULAC today against Texas will ensure that Latinos in Texas benefit from the new districts that state gained as a result of Hispanic population growth."

LULAC joins by way of intervention the suit filed originally by the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. The motion and complaint are attached and can be downloaded at the following link www.lulac.org/suit

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Enan californios, amargados a los periodos español y mexicano. Y habían demostrado ser líderes antes y después que California se hiciera estado. Y Del Valle fue uno de los primeros alcaldes de Los Angeles. En 1882, Reginaldo, un joven abogado, ganó la elección de presidente

pro tem del Senado estatal. Veinte y cinco años más tarde, después que comenzara la revolución mexicana en 1910, sirvió de comisionado estadounidense ante México y luego como tesorero para Roosevelt en 1912.

Está en la evidencia que yo busché — que la temprana influencia hispana en California se había extendido al periodo del New Deal, tiempo en el que los mexicanos americanos, muchos de los cuales habían escapado de la violencia revolucionaria, se incorporaron al New Deal. Después de haber sido embajador jefe del presidente Harry Truman.

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THE LATINO DEMOCRATIC TRAIL STRETCHES WAY BACK

By Keneth Bar-Hispanik Link News Service

Several years back I came across a 1932 letter on the stationery of the Democratic State Central Committee's Roosevelt-Gómez MacAdoo campaign headquarters in Los Angeles that included photographs of Franklin Roosevelt, John Garner, William McAdoo and the names of the state's 22 presidential electors.

Set in the evidence that was R. F. Del Valle. I recognized the surname, but was uncertain as to the family's role in modern politics.

R. F. — also known as Reginaldo Del Valle — and his father, Ignacio Del Valle, was closely associated with civic life in early California.

"From the last years of Mexican rule through the first 74 years of California statehood — 1839 to 1924 — the Del Valle's were among the most prominent families in Southern California," Cecilia Raussen had written in the Los Angeles Times.

They were Californians, with roots in the Spanish and Mexican periods. And they had demonstrated leadership before and after statehood in 1850.

Ignacio Del Valle was one of the first mayors of Los Angeles in 1882, Reginaldo, a young attorney, won election as president pro tem of the state Senate. Twenty-five years later, after the start of the Mexican Revolution in 1910, he served as a U.S. commissioner to Mexico and then as a Roosevelt elector in 1912.

This was the evidence I had sought — that early Hispanic influence in California extended into the New Deal period, at which time Mexican Americans, many of whom had escaped the revolutionary violence, were becoming part of the Roosevelt-Del Valle Democratic Party.

After spending some time in Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, N.Y., I discovered that Reginald's daughter, Loretta, had continued the tradition. Loretta Del Valle Gray was a fascinating individual. She was a stage actress who in 1917 married Harry Gray, dean of U. C. Berkeley's College of Commerce from 1928 to 1939 and a U.S. ambassador under President Harry Truman.

She served on the Democratic National Committee as the commissioner from California, an important post, given that the large state had only one male and one female representative on the national body. As the commissioner, in 1936 she was honorary vice chair of the National Roosevelt Campaign Committee in California. She worked with approved electoral officials and business.

Loretta Del Valle Gray likewise provided assistance to the most prominent Latino elected official of the late 1940s and early 1950s: Edward Roybal. When in 1954 Roybal ran as the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor — an office that eluded her father in 1890 — Del Valle Gray headed the state women's committee for Roybal.

Roybal fell in love but was elected to Congress in 1962. He was the first Hispanic from the state in that body in many years.

Interestingly, Roybal and the Del Valle's shared roots in the Spanish period. Roybal's ancestors settled in Santa Fe, N.M. Both families were residents of Mexico before the Southwest became part of the United States.

Roybal is well remembered. Loretta Del Valle Gray deserves to be remembered, too, as a pioneering Latino state and national politician, as does her father, a state senator, and grandfather, the Los Angeles mayor some 150 years before Antonio Villalonga.

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Letters to the EDITOR

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The attack is SB9, and the targets will be Hispanic communities. Latino communities need to be alert about attacks that are looming within the Texas Legislature. In Lubbock areas such as the Amett-Benson Area, Gualadular area, and east Lubbock will be significantly affected. People currently living in the shadows will be pushed further away.

SB9 is part of the anti-Hispanic. SB9 supporters say the bill benefits citizens and officers paid to protect them. SB9 is bad for local policing. Police officers would be required to ask immigration status on traffic stops and street encounters. SB9 is a burden to taxpayers and police officers that would be required to enforce it. SB9 will increase racial profiling, and increase illegal conflict with federal laws and enforcement. A police officer's civic duty is to "protect and serve" their job should not be to "detain and deport." How many crimes will go unnoticed? Who will call 911 in the time of need? If SB9 is passed the relationship people have with LPO will be damaged. Crime will be underreported because of the fear SB9 will create.

If SB9 wins, Latinos will lose. Latino Lubbockites identify and educate our allies. We have a voice; it is time to use it. If this anti-Hispanic agenda passes, we will make sure we mobilize our voters to elect people who really care about the security of Texas and not someone who needs to score political points by saying that they were tough on illegal immigration.

Alejandro Huerta Lubbock, Texas

Rep. Alonzo Participates in House Redistricting Hearing in Austin; Challenges Action Taken by Committee; Calls Action a Ruse, Deception, as it Lacks to Create the New Latino-Opportunity Congressional Seats That Texas Warrants, including one for West Texas

AUSTIN, TX — Texas State Rep. Roberto Alonzo (D-Dallas) today challenged the Anglo dominated leadership of the Texas Legislature to treat fairly the rapidly-growing Hispanic community in Texas. That was after Thursday's hearing of the House Redistricting Committee which voted out Senate Bill 4, a plan which ignores all Latino opportunity congressional districts. "I call upon the leadership to 'leave and desert' their efforts to diminish the political influence of minorities in Texas by alternately packing and fragmenting Black and Hispanic voters in the redistricting process," Rep. Alonzo said.

Rep. Alonzo, a member of the House Redistricting Committee, announces that he and State Rep. Marc Vesey (D-Fort Worth) will file substitute Congressional redistricting plans for consideration on the House floor Tuesday, June 14. At Thursday's hearing, the House committee rejected all amendments which were brought forth by minority committee members.

In the committee hearing, Representatives Alonzo and Vesey offered plan CD42 which would have provided effective minority opportunity districts in Texas, out of a new total of thirty-five. This would provide Hispanic and Black citizens the chance to elect the candidate of their choice in 4% of the state's congressional districts.

"According to the official 2010 U.S. Census, the combined non-Anglo population of Texas exceeds fifty percent, but the Anglo leadership in the legislature is attempting to gain Anglo dominance in seventy percent of the districts," said Rep. Alonzo.

The Alonzo/Vesey plan added four new Hispanic opportunity districts and one new one for Black voters. "The population growth in Texas this decade has been driven by the Hispanics and Black communities," Rep. Alonzo continued, "and they should gain the additional representation in Congress."

Additionally, CD 19 in West Texas provides opportunity for Hispanic growth, becoming a district of less than 500,000 residents. "The continued rapid demographic changes on the high plains of West Texas will make this a majority Hispanic district by the end of the decade," said Rep. Alonzo. CD 19 splits only the county of Potter.

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ANOTHER FAMOUS ROBERTO IS COOPERSTOWN-BOUND

By Emily C. Bar-Hispanik Link News Service

NEW YORK CITY — Iconic humanitarian and baseball legend Roberto Clemente must have been smiling in heaven last June.

That is the day Roberto Velázquez Almarón will team with the two other Puerto Rican giants in Cooperstown, New York, joining Clemente and Orlando "Baby Bull" Cepeda as the only Puerto Ricans enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Like many other Latino baseball players, Clemente helped break down the barriers of segregation in "America's pastime," widening a path for Latinos in the game. He certainly would be proud of Almarón, who will induct into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 2011.

In an interview with Hispanic Link News Service, the 12-time All-Star and 10-time Gold Glove-winning second baseman expressed the sentiment, "I always took great pride in being Puerto Rican and doing everything for Puerto Rico."

Snatched by a jury of baseball writers as his first year of ball-boss began in 2010, he played 15 seasons in total, to my family's delight. Almarón also will be recognized as a member of another exclusive fraternity this year: He, Willie Mays and Ernie Banks are the only three players in history to have career batting averages higher than .300, earned at least 100 Gold Glove, played for at least two World Series winners and selected to play in no fewer than 10 All-Star games.

It's also extending a family tradition. His father Sandy and his brother Sandy Jr. are employed distinguished careers as players and coaches.

Roberto told Hispanic Link that he thought that he was the best he wanted to play in the game. "Being in ballparks all my life, I saw a lot of great players. Now, being elected into the Hall of Fame with some of the same guys I watched when I was a kid is a special treat."

Born in Ponce and raised in Salinas, Almarón broke into the majors in 1985. Almarón broke into the majors in 1985. Almarón broke into the majors in 1985. Almarón broke into the majors in 1985. Almarón broke into the majors in 1985.

Asked what it means to him to be the third Puerto Rican elected, he says, "This is a great honor for all Puerto Ricans. I always let them know that they are part of this. (Emily C. Bar-Hispanik is a freelance writer based in New York City and regular contributor to Hispanic Link News Service. Email her at e.c.bar@bnet.com) ©2011"

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In Deal, Lawmakers Reduce Cuts to TEXAS Grants

A proposal adopted by the Legislature's budget conference committee Thursday would provide funding for TEXAS Grants — the state's main source of higher education aid for financially needy students — for about \$3.100 million more than last year. That's far less than the estimated \$3,000 million in higher education cuts that would have been made if the House had passed its budget on Tuesday.

"It's terrible and it saddens me, but it couldn't be worse. It could've been much worse," said Senate Higher Education Chairman Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, in reference to the House's initial proposal to eliminate funding for all freshman students. "We strive to enhance access and to facilitate affordability of higher education. So when TEXAS Grants are not funded fully, there is a dampening of access to higher education and certainly there is a diminishing of higher education. So basically it's a giant step backward in terms of closing the gap."

State officials also said that the 44,200 students who already receive state aid can count on TEXAS Grants being available to them until they graduate, provided they still meet the eligibility requirements.

"Just last week, it appeared the TEXAS Grants could be a casualty of the state's budget woes. Students around the state have been pulling their future plans on how to pay for colleges and universities to finance their education and offers, something the institutions had been cautioned to hold off on until the Legislature could give a clear indication of its spending priorities."

The TEXAS Grants, designated for students from low-income families that can't contribute more than \$4,000 toward their kids' education, proved to be a priority item for lawmakers. Though nothing is set until lawmakers vote on a final budget, the conference committee charged with setting differences between the House and Senate spending plans sided with the upper chamber's recommendation on financial aid spending, which reduces funding for the program by \$59 million compared

to the last two years. Two scenarios are now in play: one that will address funding for current and new students during the next biennium, and another that will prioritize who receives that money starting with the graduating class of 2013.

Zaffirini's counterpart in the House, Higher Education Committee Chairman Dan Branch, R-Dallas, said the cut looks worse because the Legislature infused the TEXAS Grants with a large funding increase in 2009.

For the 2011-12 academic year, graduates who attend a public university or health-related institution are qualified to receive \$7,100 per year. Technical college students will be rewarded \$3,450 per year. Community college students can expect \$1,800 per year. Current law entitles TEXAS Grant recipients to receive their full amounts. Universities are allowed to award less in order to spread those allocations to a broader pool of students, but they must make up the difference using other sources.

Dominic Chavez, a spokesman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, told the Tribune that officials there will "wait until the ink dries a little more" before they provide the state's higher learning institutions with their next instructions. Overall, he said the message will be to "give as many students as you can your allocation."

Coordinating board officials will consider whether it is necessary to redefine the need-based criteria for the grants. "We may decide to focus on the need of the needy," Chavez said, suggesting the new estimated family contribution limit might be \$2,000 or even zero. "That decision has not been made."

This week, a bipartisan conference committee also voted to adopt SB 28, a bill that provides a priority model for the TEXAS Grants. The measure passed the House on Tuesday and is expected to sail through the Senate. Lawmakers plan to enforce the law beginning with the graduating high school class of 2013. That would give students two years to prepare for the new expectations and, lawmakers hope, improve the state's graduation rates, which hovers just over 50 percent for

TEXAS Grant recipients. Many of the low-income students who start college have a hard time staying due to personal or financial hardship.

"We were having a lot of money going into [TEXAS Grants] and a lot of people getting the certificate, either their bachelor's or associate's degree," Branch said. "Now what we want to see is we're helping students out and we're getting the completion... so that we can have evidence of the rest of the country and the world that we have an educated workforce."

State Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, said he is "very disappointed" with the final budget for TEXAS Grants, but he believes the distribution model that rewards students on a first-come, first-served basis should transition toward one that identifies students with the strongest potential.

"Needy students will still be the only ones that qualify for TEXAS grants, but the ones that will receive the money first are those who've performed best and demonstrated that they're most college ready," he said.

In order to receive a TEXAS Grant, students will have to demonstrate need and meet two out of four academic criteria: advanced coursework, assessment tests, a B average or placement in the top third of their class, or completion of a math class above algebra II. Zaffirini said the priority model is necessary because the TEXAS Grants have never been fully funded by the Legislature and may not be anytime soon.

Overall, about 43,000 fewer students will receive state aid in the next biennium. The coordinating board said a small number of those students are double-counted because they receive other grant funding such as work study aid and for graduating in their class's academic top 10 percent.

Senate Finance Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, offered a blunt assessment of the budget cut's effect on higher education in the months to come, especially compared to other ballooning portions of the budget like K-12 education and health services. "It's just going to be harder for poor kids to go to college."

¿Que Pasa?

PATRIOTIC PICNIC

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will host an all-day July 4th picnic at Council #8907 home, 1619 Ertisma. Bands, food, fun. It will be begin after the City of Lubbock July 4th parade. Proceeds benefit the Catholic Renewal Center gazebo fund. For more information: Bill Youngren-806-778-9004 or Joe Martinez-806-778-7789.

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The transportation service and hot lunch program are offered Monday through Friday at the senior centers listed below for anyone age 60 and over. There are suggested donations for each program, but no one is turned away for inability to pay. Suggested donations are \$1 per one-way trip and \$2 for lunch. The lunch program allows anyone age 59 and under to purchase a meal for \$5. Lunch is served weekdays at noon. To register for the transportation call, the Lubbock Senior Center at 767-2710.

- Lubbock Senior Center, 2001 19th Street, 767-2710 Open M-WTHF 8 am-5 pm, Tuesday 8 am-8 pm, Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm.
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Information on all of our swimming lessons plus over 600 other summer activities is available in our 28-page Recreation and Leisure Services Summer Activity Guide, which can be viewed and downloaded online at www.playlubbock.com. To have a free copy mailed to you, call 775-2685.

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AVISO DE RECEPCIÓN DE SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER RENOVACIÓN DE PERMISO ATMOSFÉRICO PERMISO NÚM. 16744A

SOLICITUD Venture Chemicals, Inc., ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ por sus siglas en inglés) renovación del Permiso Núm. 16744A, de Calidad Ambiental...

Esta solicitud se le presentó a TCEQ el Mayo 9, 2011. La solicitud estará disponible para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina Central de TCEQ, para revisarla y sacarle copia, en la oficina regional de TCEQ en Terry County Courthouse, 500 W. Main, Brownfield, TX en condado de Terry empezando el primer día de la publicación de este aviso.

El director ejecutivo de TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y le evaluará a cabo una revisión técnica de la solicitud. La información que se incluye en la solicitud indica que esta renovación del permiso no resultará en un aumento de emisiones permitibles y no resultará en la emisión de un contaminante atmosférico que no hubiera emitido anteriormente.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos, o solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe al domicilio a continuación. TCEQ tomará en cuenta todos los comentarios públicos en la decisión final de la solicitud.

Después de que se concluya la revisión técnica de la solicitud, el director ejecutivo tomará en cuenta los comentarios y preparará una respuesta para todos los comentarios públicos pertinentes y materiales o significativos. Si solo se reciben comentarios, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo con respecto a la solicitud se enviarán por correo a todas aquellas personas que presentaron comentarios públicos o que se encuentran en la lista de correos para esta solicitud.

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LISTA DE CORRESPONDENCIA Aparte de presentar comentarios públicos, puede solicitar que lo/la incluyan en la lista de correos para recibir en el futuro avisos públicos para esta solicitud específica que envía por correo la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe enviando una petición por escrito a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe de TCEQ a la dirección a continuación.

INFORMACIÓN Los comentarios públicos o peticiones para una reunión pública o audiencia de caso impugnado se debe presentar a la Oficina del Funcionario Jefe, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box. 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, o por el Internet al www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. Para mayor información acerca de esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso para permisos, favor de llamar a la Oficina de Asistencia al Público, al 1-800-687-4040. Si requiere información general de TCEQ diríjase al portal electrónico www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Se puede obtener información adicional de Venture Chemicals, Inc., 106 Board Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508-3405o al Mr. Roger Reyna, Benton & Associates, at (806) 783-9944.

Fecha de Expedición: May 23, 2011

NFL source: Labor negotiations 80-85 percent complete

Inside the super duper not-so-secret meetings, jokes are exchanged, when threats were heard. Handshakes are commonplace. So are smiles and chat chat.

How's the wife? How's the kids? Good to hear. Tell them I said hi.

These are the new owners and player meetings that are now apparently moving faster than light speed with a great sense of politeness toward a collective bargaining agreement. The usual cautions caveats apply, but it's really clear now, the bullet train is headed toward a deal and the only thing that can stop it is last-minute, rampant stupidity. That is likely won't happen. Talks giving rise to optimism.

One source with intimate knowledge of the discussions tells me negotiations are 80-85 percent complete. They've made such big progress. In his bid, it's catching many of the principals by surprise. Some are now canceling vacations, believing an agreement will be reached within a matter of days. Basically, it seems, we and those who move solely into who threaten where

a season will be played, not if one will be played. Again, barring the knuckhead factor.

It's going to be very difficult for this to get screwed up," the source said.

That doesn't mean the negotiations can't revert back to the primordial days of disgust and hatred, or that the talks can't implode. It does mean, however, that the discussions are in such a good place it would be difficult for even the most selfish, destructive personality to affect them.

No one will try to pin specifics about what concessions are being made. What is being said is that both owners and players are making major ones and that has greeted the CBA sides.

"I think all the players want to get it back on the field," Minnesota Vikings tight end Visante Shinnock told me. "I think owners have a vested interest in getting this done as well."

The tone of the meetings has taken such a dramatic turn it has indeed been like a different set of gatehoppers. The players, I'm told, had no trust in

anything ownership said during the initial mediation sessions but that has completely changed. Different proposals are exchanged almost daily. The two sides are, well, finally and heartily negotiating.

In addition to the previously reported dinner involving trade association head DeMaurice Smith and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, several owners and players have had private lunches together. These smaller, informal meetings also have helped.

I've confirmed that lawyers for both sides have returned to the negotiating table after being kicked out of the room for weeks. Their return is another sign of good news since the talks are now getting more specific. Hopefully, the lawyers won't torpedo progress.

One person tells the story of how he saw more smiles in one recent negotiation than he had in almost all of the mediation sessions in Washington combined. If a deal is soon struck, more smiles will follow.

Cuban's next level idea for rewards rings hollow

Mark Cuban has never been hotter, as in more admired. He was in NBA title. He did not steal the show; in fact, he deferred to a remarkably gracious degree. He overtopped to you know he always wants to do something different, wants to do something bigger, but I mean, the ring is just so classic."

OK, except maybe by getting caught at business in the low with the Lakers' Brian Truitt. Going tackle out with the game's biggest prop in your free hand isn't exactly taking a low profile.

But he did manage one significant error in this, his time of ultimate triumph. He gave voice to thought on the subject of one of the most important icons in sport, and was as on the wrong as LeBron James was as the planet's few non-millionaires.

He suggested bracelets instead of rings for his players/employees. "Rings are done," Cuban said to NBA TV. "It's time to take it to the next level."

The next level? Gold cars? Platinum flying cars? Robotic domestic help? No. Bracelets.

An interesting notion, but it begs a question: When did the nature of the players' reward go up for grabs?

Before we get too worked up here, it seems that Dirk Nowitzki, who can use Cuban as an ottoman these days and get away with it, basically declined for his team-

mates. "We got to talk to him about that," Nowitzki said with what was described as a big smile. "I don't think the last word has been spoken yet. You know he always wants to do something different, wants to do something bigger, but I mean, the ring is just so classic."

Which it is. Athletes talk incessantly about "the ring," in the same way that regular folks talk about "the kids." The ring is what defines true greatness. It is the money for those who have too much money.

Cuban's significant error in his time of ultimate triumph? Suggesting championship bracelets, not rings.

How Cuban missed that...well, he always does that kind of foul. Give him that.

Still... "It's got to be rings," I don't know what he's thinking," head coach Rick Carlisle said. "You win an NBA championship, you gotta have a ring. If he wants to give guys something else (in addition to a ring, that's great)."

Oh, so it's a jewelry-off. Anklets, navel studs, tongue doorknobs—it's all in play now.

Before that it isn't, not really. It would be the equivalent of paying Nowitzki's twice-monthly salary in silver dollars, glued to a statue. Yeah, it's different. It's also some-

thing that would make all the other kids in the schoolyard laugh. We're actually half-hoping he really means to do it, of course, because nothing lives up an end-of-year team party quite like the phrase, "What the hell is this?"

But we suspect this is just Cuban being Cuban. Having held his tongue for so long (and no, he does not segue into a trophy-at-the-urnal joke), he probably realizes that cursing on the air isn't the same jaw-dropper it used to be.

But this... this definitely extended the debate over the Finals at a time when LeBron James' second do-over of his postgame presser was beginning to fade, and it delayed the "Holy crap, here comes the lockout" story for a day. And hey, we're willing to play along. That's how much the other two stories blow.

It's also a thought, though, that extends the Cuban's Kind Of Duff Isn't He? brand a bit farther than we thought he was willing to go. It raises an issue nobody ever thought could be an issue. It messed with the one truly inviolate thing left in the game—the currency everyone of any character lusts for, even after the currency that everyone's agent lusts for.

The Ring. Although a nice nine-carat emerald-encrusted check bolti wouldn't be considered too gooey, would it?

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Marc Anthony: Nuevo show, gira, linea de ropa y, ahora, papel fijo en 'Hawthorne'

El cantante Marc Anthony volverá a la pantalla pequeña con un personaje fijo para la nueva temporada de Hawthorne, en la que dará vida a un detective puertorriqueño, que al igual que el nació y creció en Nueva York.

La nueva temporada de la serie — que transmite la cadena TNT — comenzará esta noche y con ella regresa Nick Renata, al que interpretó como actor invitado de la serie el año pasado.

"Nick Renata es un puertorriqueño que nació y creció en Nueva York y luego se mudó a Virginia. Es interesante, complicado, pero sencillo a la vez", dijo recientemente durante una entrevista el cantante de origen

puertorriqueño.

La actuación de Anthony en dos episodios de la serie dio paso a que Nick Renata se convirtiera en un personaje fijo del programa, que protagoniza y produce Jada Pinkett Smith (esposa del actor Will Smith). "Tengo mucho que ver en cómo se definió el personaje" para la nueva temporada, dijo el intérprete, que cuenta este año con una campaña agenda de trabajo, que incluye la gira de conciertos en EEUU que comenzará a septiembre y la grabación de un disco de salsa y otro en inglés.

Además, en julio iniciará un viaje junto a su esposa Jennifer López y el productor de American Idol, Simon Fuller,

para la creación del programa 'O'Viva! — The Chosen en la búsqueda de nuevos talentos en América Latina.

Marc Anthony explicó que tras su participación en la serie en 2010, Pinkett, su esposa y su equipo de producción — "de los que he aprendido mucho" — le contaron sobre los planes para la nueva temporada y le ofrecieron continuar en el personaje.

Hawtome es un drama médico que gira en torno a Christina Hawthorne (Pinkett Smith), una testaruda jefa de enfermeras del hospital Richmond Trinity del estado de Virginia, que hace lo necesario por defender a sus pacientes.

"Día a día, soy el primero en

llegar [a los estudios de grabación] y el último en salir. Es un lugar increíble para trabajar. Es una bendición", estar en la serie, aseguró el intérprete que ha actuado en las cintas Bring Out the Dead, de Martin Scorsese, y en Man on Fire, de Tony Scott.

"Esta temporada van a conocer mucho más de Nick Renata, que en Nueva York también era detective, pero algo pasó y se mudó a Richmond, en el estado de Virginia. Será algo totalmente diferente", indicó el artista, que también será el productor musical de Hawthorne y que estará en siete de los diez capítulos de la nueva temporada.

"Estamos trabajando fuerte

para darle a la serie una identidad musical, que si estás en otra habitación de la casa y oyes la música digas 'ya empezó'. Ellos no habían pensado en eso y yo ofrecí hacerme cargo de la música", indicó.

Aseguró además a sus seguidores que no tiene intención de dejar de lado su música, sino que tiene una agenda más complicada "y viendo cómo y cuándo descansar". "Estoy pasando bien. Este año he tenido que manejar mi tiempo un poco más a ver cuántas cosas se pueden hacer. Estoy rodeado de proyectos que me fascinan, así que para mí, no es trabajo", afirmó el famoso cantante, que también se manifestó complacido con

su nueva línea de ropa, para la cual trabajó con dos diseñadores, que se saldrá a la venta en septiembre.

Aseguró que la colección no sólo lleva su nombre, sino que ha estado involucrado en todo el proceso, desde los diseños hasta los materiales que han usado, e incluyó trajes de dos piezas, ropa deportiva, camisas de vestir, abrigos deportivos, bufandas y accesorios. "Vamos a comenzar con la colección de otoño y ya trabajamos en la de primavera, mi favorita. Estoy aprendiendo mucho y la línea en su totalidad me representa", indicó.

"Hawthorne" se emite los martes a las 10:00 p.m. por TNT

Maná habla del amor en redes sociales

El grupo de rock mexicano Maná puso hoy de relieve durante el rodaje del video de su tema "Amores clandestinos" que las redes sociales, además de sus muchos usos, potencian los amores secretos.

"Es una realidad actual, las conexiones entre personas a través del ciberespacio hacen más de moda el amar a contracorriente, para bien o para mal, y hay estudios que lo avalan", reflexionó el líder de la banda, el vocalista Fher Olvera.

Entre la broma y la seriedad, el intérprete también expresó que este tipo de

relaciones siempre ha existido y que "todo mundo ha tenido al menos una", como bien retratan las tres historias que componen el concepto del video que iban a rodar. La localización elegida para filmar



el video del segundo sencillo del álbum "Drama y luz" fue una antigua y ruinoso ópera de la capital mexicana, recientemente declarada como patrimonio nacional. El tema fue elegi-

do para rodar un video en conjunción por Maná y sus fans en Facebook, reveló el batera Alex González.

El grupo emprenderá su gira de presentación del álbum la próxima semana en Puerto Rico, de donde viajarán a EE.UU. y España, y en octubre la presentarán en México.

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Rita Moreno Brings Her Genius to TV Land's Happily Divorced

Winning an award is great. But winning all four major awards in show business is

a legend no less. Now, this saucy lady from Puerto Rico is bringing her

she auditioned like everyone else. And needless to say, she nailed it! The role of a New

were, as they say, Jewish and still are."

She added that she based her "Dori" character on a Jewish friend of hers.

Rita won her groundbreaking Oscar in 1962 for her role as Anita in the classic musical West Side Story. The Emmy, Grammy, Tony, the Golden Globe, the ALMA, and numer-

ous other accolades came after. And just last year, President Obama awarded her with the National Medal of the Arts at the White House.

What is even more remarkable is that after all these years, the honors, the awards, Rita still very much enjoys what she does because for a pro like her, acting is never like work.

"I love doing it," she exclaimed. "I love playing with Fran, because it is like playing."

Don't miss Rita Moreno's comedic performances when Happily Divorced premieres this Wednesday, June 15 at 10:30PM/9:30C on TV Land right after Hot in Cleveland. Watch it!



mind blowing. But, when you meet Rita Moreno, the legendary Latina entertainer who won the Oscar, the Emmy, the Grammy, and a Tony, you don't meet a walking ego, instead you meet a real, down to earth person—and

genius to TV Land's newest sitcom Happily Divorced, starring as Fran Drescher's outspoken mother, "Dori." How did she get the role? She wasn't handed the part, which, given her status she could probably do. Instead,

York Jewish mama is not new to the 79-year old Rita. In fact, it is almost like second nature to her. "I come by that very naturally because I lived in New York a good part of my life," Rita said. "And my best friends

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