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Questions Abound as Candidates Hope for a High Hispanic Voter Turnout

By Abel Cruz

Will Hispanic voters turn out in high numbers in this year's city and school board elections? Will the citywide school board race finally see the first Hispanic woman elected in a city wide race?

By all accounts, it looks like this election cycle will see a record number of city voters turn the wheel on the new electronic voting machines at the polls, and help decide who is worthy of getting their vote.

Early vote totals obtained from various sources showed over 16,000 people voting in the first 8 day early voting period which ended on May 9. What is yet to be seen is which candidate will most benefit by the large voter turnout.

According to city election records, the 2004 city elections saw 13,741 voters cast their vote in that year's mayor's race. So far, 16,282 votes have been cast at the various locations during the early voting period. Assuming that most of those voting cast their vote in the mayor's race, one can see where the 2006 totals will far surpass those in 2004.

But the question of which race is driving the higher numbers remains. Is it the race between the perceived "gentleman" Miller and "meanie" Martin? Or is it the race in which 2

highly respected local Hispanic leaders are going against each other in an attempt to recapture the confidence of District 1 voters? Or is it both?

By all accounts, the DeLeon versus Hernandez race has gotten the attention of District 1 voters. Both candidates have made several campaign appearances at sponsored debates and candidate forums. And as recently as Tuesday, candidate Linda DeLeon bought radio air time with local station "Magic 93.7FM" in an effort to encourage voters to get out to the polls. The station set up remote facilities at Cavazos Jr. High and held

comes will have a hard time making repairs to their homes. But in a campaign statement received by El Editor very late Wednesday night, DeLeon disputes Hernandez's claims and provides information that alleges that Hernandez has misinformed District 1 voters when he has said that he is representing individual Arnett Benson residents impacted by codes inspections.

The information was received too late to get a comment from Mr. Hernandez.

Totals so far at the United Super Market on North University, which is located in a predominantly Hispanic area of the city, indicate that numbers from that location alone will surpass 2004 numbers. Through May 9th, 947 votes had been cast at that voting location which is located in the heart of the Arnett Benson neighborhood.

The DeLeon vs. Hernandez race has not been the only one generating interest

though.

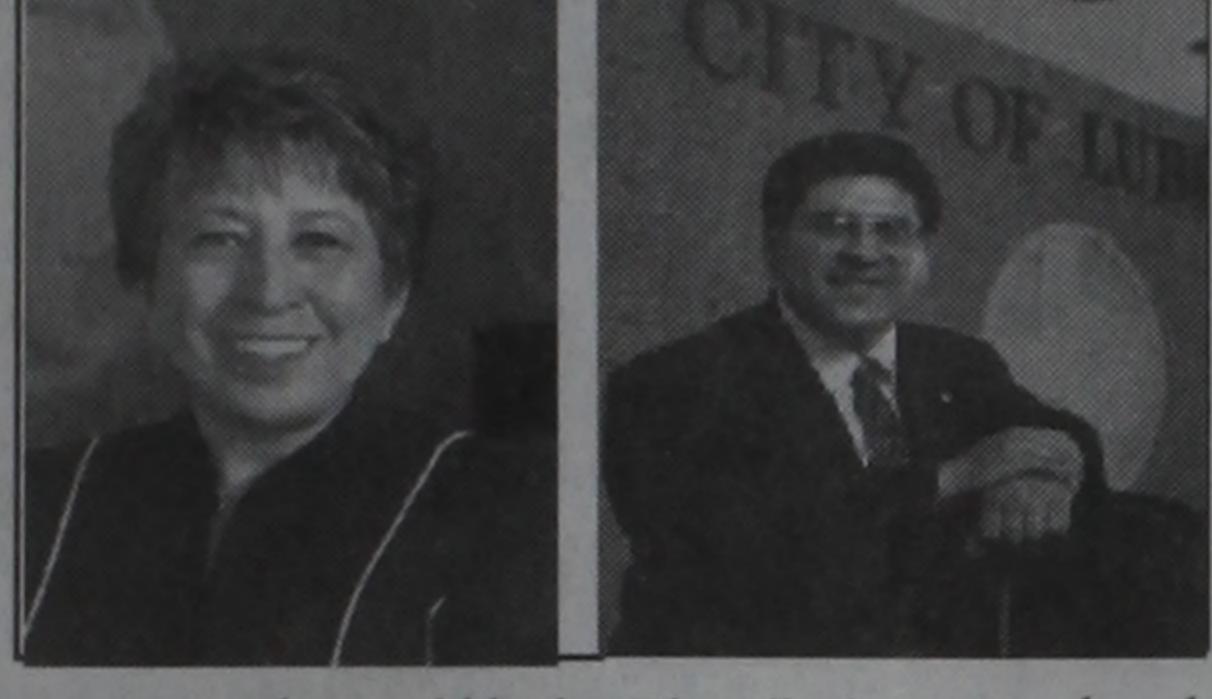
The race between Miller and Martin has also captured the interest of city voters. Although voters get 4 choices at the ballot box, the mayor's race is largely seen out of reach of candidates Ysabel Luna and Gilbert Montes. Handicapped by an inability to raise the necessary political contributions to buy print or

broadcast advertising, these two candidates will most likely finish 3rd and 4th. In what order is anybody's guess.

What started out as a race which would not deteriorate into a personal one, has suddenly become more and more personal. In the beginning, both Miller and Martin were interviewed in the local media, with Martin saying that the race would be one about the issues. And that was mostly the case, until the last 2 weeks of the campaign. In a print ad which appeared in the local daily Martin's photo is positioned as a professional complete with suit and tie, while Miller is shown in casual wear with what seems to be a cowboy hat. Leaving the impression that Martin is all business while Miller has no plan to address certain issues facing the city. Television spots by Martin also try to leave the impression that Miller is a candidate with no substance or plan for the city. Will city voters buy Martin's high dollar campaigning, or will they decide that Miller is the candidate that will bring more city unity to the council. Based on a strong anti-Martin sentiment among some Hispanic voters, Hispanic voters could swing the vote totals toward Miller; if they get out to the polls on Saturday the 13th.

Another race which seems to be a foregone conclusion is the District 3 race between Gary Boren and Richard Quade. While Boren seems to

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what could be best described as a 2 hour "voting radiothon" appeal. It might have just worked.

Another hot button issue that has surfaced is the issue of code enforcement. During several campaign appearances Hernandez has claimed that the Arnett Benson neighborhood has been unfairly targeted and that the elderly and people on fixed incomes

through.

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Latino Boycott Leaders Press Ahead, Plan March on Capital

By Alex Meneses Miyashita

Immigrant rights leaders from across the country are gearing up for a massive march in the nation's capital May 19 as part of their continued efforts to press the U.S. government to offer a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

The march is the next major event planned by organizers of the May 1 "Day Without Immigrants,"

which included boycotts of work, schools and businesses, and hundreds of demonstrations similar to those launched nationally in April.

"We're going to continue pushing with calls to Congress and visits to our representatives," Raúl Murillo, president of Los Angeles-based Hermandad Mexicana Nacional, told Hispanic Link News Service.

Working with Latino Movement USA, Hermandad was a leading voice in the May 1 coalition that initiated the boycott call.

Other groups, such as those encompassed by Greater Washington's National Capital Immigration Coalition, held voting registration activities May 1 in lieu of supporting the boycott.

At the same time, the National Council of La Raza launched a voter mobilization campaign, "LEAP of Action," in coordination with organizations in 15 states.

Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-Calif.) made the point to Hispanic Link, "If we voted in bigger numbers and held elected officials accountable, that could change the whole direction of the debate on immigration."

Murillo insists the protests are still necessary. More coordinated communication is essential, he concedes, adding he plans to reach out to Washington, D.C., groups, many of whom spoke against the May 1 boycotts.

Jaimie Contreras, president of the National Capital Immigration Coalition, says his coalition will announce new "creative" steps this week that include engaging "people we have not been communicating with in a very productive way. We don't want to look divided when we're really not."

Other groups such as the League of United Latin American Citizens state they will support all activities aiming to stop anti-immigrant measures and that call for legalizing undocumented immigrants.

Despite mixed reports on the effects of May 1, Murillo said the boycotts "surpassed our expectations." In Los Angeles, for example, some 500,000 people rallied, hundreds of businesses remained closed and as many as 70,000 students missed school.

Louis DeSipio, a political science and Latino studies professor at the University of California, Irvine, calls the impact more symbolic than economic.

"It would be very hard for any group of two or three million in society to have a discernible impact on the American economy," he contends. "What's important is that it showed for the first time that there are alliances between immigrants and business owners recognizing that their employees had legitimate cause for protest."

One such example is New Jersey-based Goya Foods, a Hispanic company that suspended deliveries nationwide, except in Florida, in support of immigrants. Other companies such as Tyson Foods gave workers in a number of their plants the day off anticipating a large absentee rate.

DeSipio suggests sustained targeted economic boycotts against opponents of the immigrants' goals as a more effective approach than one day of massive boycotts.

May 1 also fueled some anti-immigrant action. A few hundred civilians joined in putting up a 250-foot barbed-wire fence on the San Diego-Tijuana border, while others in Dallas began a "Stop the Invasion" billboard campaign which they plan to carry nationwide.

A group of Hispanics organized by the Federation for American Immigration Reform announced in Washington its own anti-legalization coalition. "These illegal immigrants don't speak for me," says coalition leader, retired Col. Albert Rodriguez. "They are demanding rights they don't even have the right to demand."

Murillo responds, "Those are movements of 20 people compared to movements of millions and millions of immigrants."

Africans, Asians, Canadians, even a group from Ireland, participated in the May 1 capital protest. DeSipio sees the protests as demonstrating the value of collective organization "and that is very hard in contemporary U.S. society," he says, emphasizing, "Each successive round of protests has to have a more multi-ethnic flavor."

Contreras promises, "Our immediate goal is comprehensive immigration reform, but the movement should not be just that."

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Dirigentes del Boicot Latino Avanzan con Planes de Una Marcha en la Capital

Alex Meneses Miyashita

Dirigentes de grupos pro derechos del inmigrante por todo el país se preparan a realizar una marcha masiva en la capital de la nación el 19 de mayo como parte de su esfuerzo por presionar al gobierno de los Estados Unidos a ofrecer un camino a la ciudadanía a los inmigrantes sin documentos.

La marcha es el próximo gran evento que planifican los organizadores del "Día sin inmigrantes" del primero de mayo, que incluyó boicots de lugares de empleo, escuelas y negocios, además de cientos de manifestaciones similares a las que se lanzaron a nivel nacional en abril.

"Vamos a continuar presionando al Congreso con llamadas telefónicas y visitas en persona a nuestros representantes", le dijo Raúl Murillo, presidente de la Hermandad Mexicana Nacional,

basada en Los Angeles, a Hispanic Link News Service.

En colaboración con Latino Movement USA, la Hermandad fue una voz importante en la coalición del primero de mayo que inició la convocatoria a un boicot.

Otros grupos, tales como los que abarca la Greater Washington's National Capital Immigration Coalition, llevaron a cabo actividades relacionadas a la inscripción de votantes el primero de mayo en vez de participar en el boicot.

Al mismo tiempo el Consejo Nacional de La Raza lanzó una campaña de movilización del voto llamada "LEAP of Action", coordinando con organizaciones en 15 estados.

La representante demócrata por California, Linda Sánchez, recalco lo siguiente a Hispanic Link: "Si más de nosotros votáramos y exigíramos que los funcionarios electos cumplieran con su responsabilidad, eso podría cambiar por completo la orientación del debate sobre la inmigración".

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Will Lubbock Hispanics turn out the vote in this election? Will the number be higher than usual? Our readers know...

No One Showed Up After Rally

I don't know that we will or will not, however, I work for the Office of Elections for Lubbock County and we were told after the Rally on Monday, May 1st, the organizer's of the event were going to encourage those attending to walk to our office to vote. We were prepared to handle a large crowd, however no one showed up! Talk about an impression on the first day of early voting that would have made!

Ruth Martinez, Lubbock via Email

Hispanics can Make a Difference

I believe there will be a high Hispanic voter turnout this election because we as a people are becoming more aware of our strength in numbers. The only way change can come about is for us to demand it....this is done by voting! This country was founded by the people for the people...so the people need to take advantage of the opportunity given. We can make a difference!

The squeaky wheel gets the grease....we need to squeak!!!!

Thanks,

Tena Gonzales, M.B.A., Lubbock via Email

Take Someone with You

I am hoping that there will be a high Hispanic voter turnout. The media has been focusing on the elections and how it is important to vote. But it still takes much encouragement to get the voters out to vote. If every Hispanic voter who plans to go vote will take a friend or two or family members with them, the turnout will be good. Hispanic voters need to get the word out of who is running and what their issues are. I know there are many people who don't know how to read. If others who do know how to read and understand the issues, would pass it along to others who don't know how to read; I know that the other voters wouldn't mind going to vote. It takes cooperation and encouragement.

Minerva Alaniz, Lubbock via Email

And they want the Latino Vote!

Does anybody need to borrow a flashlight so they can find the light switch? "Para que se les prenda el foco!" We've always known that Immigration was not the real issue! It's racism, just like it was back in the 60's when most of us were growing up, and they didn't try to hide it. Slowly but surely, next (with the help of the Shrub) will be English only, only this time with a lot more support!

MT, Lubbock via Email

The 3M's of Effective Campaigning

I believe voter turn-out in the Barrio will be very high. At the end of Early Vote, 16,246 voters had already cast their ballots. This is a record high turn-out for Early Vote. My prediction of Saturday's turn-out is 12,000. Traditionally Early Vote is about 50% of the total, but I'm erring on the side of caution.

My "Why" half of El Editor's question of the week is predicated on what Linda Deleon is doing with a new record high. She is working very hard to Get People out to Vote. Large voter turn-out always depends on the candidate knocking on doors, meeting people, shaking hands, getting to know what is important to the people, developing a strategy to serve the people, and asking for their vote.

This is exactly what Linda is doing. She understands what the voters want. Linda's campaign includes the 3M's of effective campaigning. She has a strong "Message," her supporters have contributed "Money," and she is a person of high "Moral" fiber and integrity and a person of impeccable character. This is a winning combination.

Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez, Lubbock via Email

An Avid Golfer

I was just sitting here thinking about Saturday. Should I work the Election, get people out to vote, or should I go play Golf with LULAC in Slaton.

Life's NEVER easy.

Anonomous

"Community Voices" would like to hear from you, the readers. You may remain anonymous, but El Editor reserves the right to edit all comments for offensive language, offensive or distasteful content, or personal attacks, and for space. Mail your comments to Community Voices, 1502 Ave M, Lubbock, 79401, or email your comments to acruzsc@aol.com

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Mexicanos pagaron más "mordidas" en el 2005, según estudio

Los mexicanos tuvieron que dar el año pasado diez "mordidas" (sobornos) por cada cien trámites efectuados, frente a las ocho del 2003, lo que implica un incremento en el índice de corrupción en el país, según una encuesta publicada.

La muestra de Transparencia Mexicana (TM) fue realizada en 15,123 hogares en todo el país y es la base que sustenta el Índice Nacional de Corrupción y Buen Gobierno (INCB) en México, que aplica TM.

Según explicó el organismo, este indicador señala las veces que se pagó un soborno o "mordida" por cada cien ocasiones que se realizó un trámite o se obtuvo un servicio público.

Ese índice se ubicó el año pasado en 10,1 puntos frente a los 8,5 puntos de 2003. "Los trámites de mayor nivel de corrupción" tienen que ver con infracciones de tránsito, entre ellos ser detenido o evitar que el automóvil sea llevado por una grúa de la policía, según la encuesta.

Los de menor nivel de corrupción tienen que ver con trámites en el pago del impuesto a la propiedad del suelo, solicitar una beca de estudio o recibir correspondencia.

El INCB del año pasado se ubica "así en niveles comparables a los del 2001, cuando alcanzó una frecuencia de 10,6 puntos. TM explicó que el aumento en el índice refleja una mayor incidencia de la corrupción en un trámite o servicio, mientras que una contracción señala la disminución de estos hechos.

El presidente del organismo no gubernamental, Federico Reyes Heroles, explicó que el indicador identifica en 2005 a 16 estados en los que bajaron los hechos de corrupción, aunque fue insuficiente para mantener un ritmo de reducción comparado con el 2001.

Los estados de Guerrero, Hidalgo, Tabasco, Estado de México y Distrito Federal tuvieron las mayores cifras de corrupción en los servicios públicos. Los de menor incidencia fueron Querétaro, Chiapas, Baja California Sur, Sonora y Guanajuato, afirmó el director.

Reyes Heroles señaló que este índice contribuye a identificar la corrupción como un impuesto regresivo que afecta los ingresos de los hogares mexicanos y su propensión a pagar sobornos.

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In Their Own Words

No One Asks to Die

I am writing you to Thank You for writing the article of Juan Manuel Nunez, III (RE: One More Senseless Death, April 27 edition) it's good to know that there is someone out there actually writing the truth instead of telling a long fairy tale that has so many twists and never once stating the truth. You had many good points in the article about the way the police and everyone handled this tragedy. And the truth is what everyone needs to know, he was a good person and so talented. Some people want to believe it was alcohol or maybe he was taunting the officer. No one asks to die and maybe this tragedy will open everyone's eyes and it's sad to know that it takes as much as someone dying for people to realize that there is so much going on in the community that is not right.

So thank you again for writing an inspiring article.

F. Barenas, Lubbock via Email

"We" the People pay the Price

Have you had enough of the present Republican administration? They have everything to do with the high gasoline price's that are putting a heavy burden on the average income family and those who's income is at poverty level as well as those that are on a fixed income. The GOP's (Republican) arrogance, corruption (Tom Delay and others) and ruinous, right wing policies have left us (Americans) out in the cold. Records deficits, loss of jobs, the highest gasoline price's that we have ever seen, high health care cost, their attack on Social Security, and the senseless war in Iraq (over two thousand dead American Soldier's) with no end in site. And "WE" the people of this country are paying the price. I urge you to join me in voting Democrat at every opportunity.

Mr. Bush shows no concern with the needs of the ordinary American citizen like you and me!

Joe Davila, Lubbock via Email

Proud to be an American

When I awoke on the morning of May 1, I knew it would be a day I would not soon forget. It made me feel so proud to be American, when I drove up to the Parking lot of St. Michaels Catholic Church; there I saw at least 50 cars full of people ready to go and let their voice be heard: waiting to go to Lubbock to the march and rally.

It made me realize one thing; that America was still alive and well, that we still cared about our fellow man; our "hermano".

I would like to thank Mrs. Arlene Brooks and Mrs. Digennaro and their staff at CARVER ADULT LEARNING CENTER in Levelland for all that

you do for our migrants and the Hispanic community. Both of whom have really inspired me to reach out to all Americans and you truly understand what social justice means. To Dr. John Booth, thanks for your support of our kids and families that went to march on May 1st; you also understand social justice. Thanks also to Dario Rendón, Jr. and Vicki Hernandez for all you do for our people. I would also like to thank Bidal Aguero for having the courage to obtain the permit so that we could all march and rally; men like you are hard to find.

Thank you also to the only radio station that came to Levelland and followed us all the way to Lubbock. To the staff at "La Ley", "thanks a million, you showed us you were willing to stand up for the right of freedom of the press.

A great big: "thank you" to the people of Levelland, Sundown, Whiteface, Morton, Muleshoe, Littlefield, and all the West Texas cities that joined us in Lubbock. I really believe that had it not been for all these people that I just mentioned the march would never have happened.

To all of those of you that jumped on the band wagon and want to take credit for what took place that day, you better take a long look at yourself. Example I read somewhere that what Neptali De Leon said was wrong. Well let me remind all of you that all he was doing was expressing his right of free speech. Sometimes we forget what our grandparents and parents went through so we could have the right to march and rally! And just because our poet doesn't sound politically correct we want to dog him out and say that he is wrong. I was deeply saddened when I saw some people try to stop him from saying what he had to say.

I DONT KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I AM AMERICAN AND I AM TIRED OF BEING TREATED LIKE A SECOND CLASS CITIZEN! IF A MAN STANDS FOR NOTHING THEN HE WILL FALL FOR ANYTHING!!!!!!

Manuel Méndez Jr., Levelland, TX, via Email

Dear Editor

On April 17, Easter Sunday, Bidal, Olga Aguero, Neptali, Josie DeLeon and Ysidro Gutierrez were giving up Easter Sunday working to make the May 1st March.

When no other so called Hispanic leaders or organization did anything.

It was very disturbing to read last issue on El Editor about what this man by the name of Jerry Perez wrote.

For your information Mr. Perez, Neptali DeLeon was born in Mexico.

No, not one priest that was there including Father Pena confronted

Neptali. Shame on you lying about a priest!

Next time, Mr. Perez you need to study the history on the huelgas in California. Immigrants were used to break up huelga's. I suggest next time Mr. Perez do a little research!

Lile Quirino - Lubbock

Juan Manuel Núñez III

I want to thank you for your article in the El Editor. I was Juan's fiancé and your article made me feel good after all the other papers made him seem like he was an angry, violent monster. That was just the opposite of the way he was. We planned to grow old together and that was taken away from me all too soon. He loved me and I loved him and he took very good care of my son and me. He was a smart and caring man who made me the happiest woman on earth.

Mary Benítez, Lubbock via Email

Sabrán lo que es Sufrir

Viéndola bien la marcha fue a lo menos un éxito para promover el análisis del problema a mano. Quienes son los verdaderos promovedores? La clave es en la suposición. Quizás? Fue la red quien ha encadenando la gente al la lucha por derechos humanos. Si! Pues que bien. La defensa al quien ayude esos es simplemente el derecho ha auto-auxilio. (Legal self-help) No los podemos dejar que se mueran de hambre. Para la abogadilla hoy tenemos nuevo tema para defensor de los que ayudan indocumentados.

O', Pueda ser la Jerarquía, es decir los multe billonarios de México, los mismos quienes siembran polémica en estos periodicos que so saben uno de donde agarran para mantener apoyo económico. Por qué siempre son gratis, Incluso Norte=Americanos Ricos quienes explotan la mano de obra. La cabeza no es para el piojo, dice mi Mama. Será? Por los propios trabajos de los listos Mexicanos quienes buscan salida con nuevos reglamentos, en ser aventados ha las fronteras cortesía de no el Anahuac, pero por La raya Verde. Y eso porque? Para ir y gastar el tesorito de enviados. La extradición culmina en sentencia cumplida. Quizás? Es la orden federal aquí dentro un periodo de Guerra. Tiene que haber manera que la promuevan los republicanos. Con eso de la creación de Homeland Security. No será que teman más los remanentes del hijastre de los pésicos! Ala Jodida! Con razón, haya sale mucho hasta en la idioma y en la historia ibero-Española.

De todo modo el que tiene intención para quedarse, lucha. Los que se salen con la suya caen en traba. Porque los quienes deberás sufrieron en aquellos tiempos no los burlaran. Pregúntenles como eran tratados "Mi Raza", como grito el de ayer. Sabrán lo que es sufrir.

Recuerden cuando los llamen ha ser miembro de un jurado, Digan "Not guilty" de haber sido cómplice de socorrer ha los necesitados.

Para la Iglesia, digo Si lo somos siervos del mal o bien que no nos burlen con el Opio de la multitud. Si dice amar unos a los otros. Así sea.

Con eso, "Si Se Puede," "El Pueblo Unido no Será Vencido," etcétera, etcétera.

Al que me tamboreo ayer, Ya oí.

Fernando de la rosa Rodriguez, Lubbock

'Remember the Alamo' - A Slogan Tainted by Selective Memory

By Maxim Knaizkov

Hispanic Link News Service

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - It's a barrio with no redeeming grace. Rusty railroad tracks run alongside a garbage-strewn knoll. Paint-stained day laborers mill around waiting to be picked up.

The good news is the hero rests among his own people. The bad news is nobody knows where exactly.

Gregorio Esparza is one of a handful of Hispanic defenders of the Alamo who fought to give Texas independence, a conflict that would result in the United States becoming a continental power. He doesn't have a proper grave anymore.

"It's sad, really, that it has been destroyed," says Socorro Morales, a 64-year-old fifth-generation great-granddaughter of the Alamo defender. "I'd like to be able to come to his grave from time to time and bring flowers. But I can't."

Gregorio Esparza is much less known than fort commander William Travis, knife fighter Jim Bowie or frontiers-

man David Crockett, who organized the Alamo's 13-day defense in early 1836 against the army of Mexican dictator Antonio López de Santa Anna. But few historians disagree that Esparza faced more wrenching personal dilemmas than any of those fighters.

On top of the issues of loyalty and patriotic duty came the knowledge that each cannon ball he fired at charging Santa Anna troops could hit his own brother Francisco, who fought on the Mexican side.

He knew many in Mexico would brand him a traitor, and they did, says Morales. But he realized that joining the ranks of the Santa Anna army would in effect prop up a tyrannical regime.

The same dilemma had confronted the U.S. founding fathers half a century before - and the same answer, rooted in belief in the primacy of individual rights.

"He had to be loyal to the land that fed him and his family, and that land was here in Texas," points out Morales,

Forgiveness Lives in the Heart of a Mother

By Abel Cruz

The following is taken from an internet website. If you are like me, most of us do not know the history behind Mother's Day.

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the "mothering cake", was often brought along to provide a festive touch. As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Massachusetts every year.

In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

No one holiday evokes more emotion or sense of happiness or longing than the one day devoted to the one person mostly responsible for our being here in the first place. For some of us, the day is filled with memories which seem to grow in meaning as the years since our mother's passing go by. For others, fortunate enough to still have their mother, the day will be filled with much happiness and hopefully a feeling of gratitude for what she continues to represent in their lives.

Our mothers represent many things for each one of us. For me my mother was always at the forefront of my life and was the guiding light which has illuminated my path; although many times I took that for granted.

But being the mother that she was, she always understood and always seemed to forgive. To me she proved time and time again, that when it comes to her children, forgiveness lives in the heart of a mother.

For that I will forever be grateful to her.

Happy Mother's Day...Amá!

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'Remember the Alamo' - A Slogan Tainted by Selective Memory

a sparkle of pride lighting up her eyes.

After the Alamo garrison was massacred on March 6, 1836, brother Francisco and Gregorio's widow pleaded with Santa Anna, who relented and allowed them to pull his body from a funeral pyre that was about to be set ablaze.

They buried him at the nearby Campo Santo cemetery, in what would later be registered as burial site No. 1563.

Esparza thus received something no other Alamo defender had - a proper grave.

One would expect a proud monument to be erected at this site. But history often works in unexpected ways.

Fast forward about 85 years. Expanding Christus Santa Rosa Hospital, built initially next to Campo Santo, is clamoring for more space. So, sometime in the 1920s, a company is hired to move the bodies to what is now San Fernando Cemetery No. 1.

However, according to Félix Almaraz, a long-time member of the Bexar County Historical Commission, the reinterment was purely "symbolic."

The company, says Morales, most likely indiscriminately hauled remains mixed with dirt to the new site in a horse wagon and dumped them there.

"Because the dead were Hispanic, they didn't care," she shrugs.

A five-foot-high chain-link fence with a perennially padlocked gate surrounds the unkempt patch of San Fernando, a magnet to the local homeless community.

"No, Esparza has no grave," sighs Almaraz. "All that exists is an aluminum sign saying he is buried somewhere here."

Yet, even this may not be true. According to another theory, the modern

Santa Rosa medical complex now stands upon what used to be the Catholic section of Campo Santo that was reserved for people of Mexican origin.

"Many of us Tejanos believe Esparza could be and probably is still buried underneath the hospital building," insists local historian Robert Garcia.

Curiously, the only Campo Santo grave that has been preserved is that of independence war hero Ben Milam, who was killed outside San Antonio nearly three months before the siege of the Alamo. His towering statue now dominates the square bearing his name. But then again, he was a Kentuckian and spoke English.

If there is any anger among local Hispanics, it's simmering inside. But the wound is real and still hemorrhaging.

When asked about the destruction of Esparza's grave, Richard Santos, a former chairman of the Bexar County Historical Commission, replies, "He was a Mexican for them, and that says it all. Nobody cared!"

Morales recalls that when she was in school, she wrote a paper for her history class detailing the exploits of her great-great-great-great grandfather.

"The teacher called me a liar in front of the whole class." She contrives a faint smile. "She said there was no such person at the Alamo."

The slogan "Remember the Alamo!"

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Halle Berry, Benicio Del Toro to Star in new Drama



Oscar-winning US stars Halle team up to star in a new drama to be made by Danish director Su-

sanne Bier, Daily Variety said Monday.

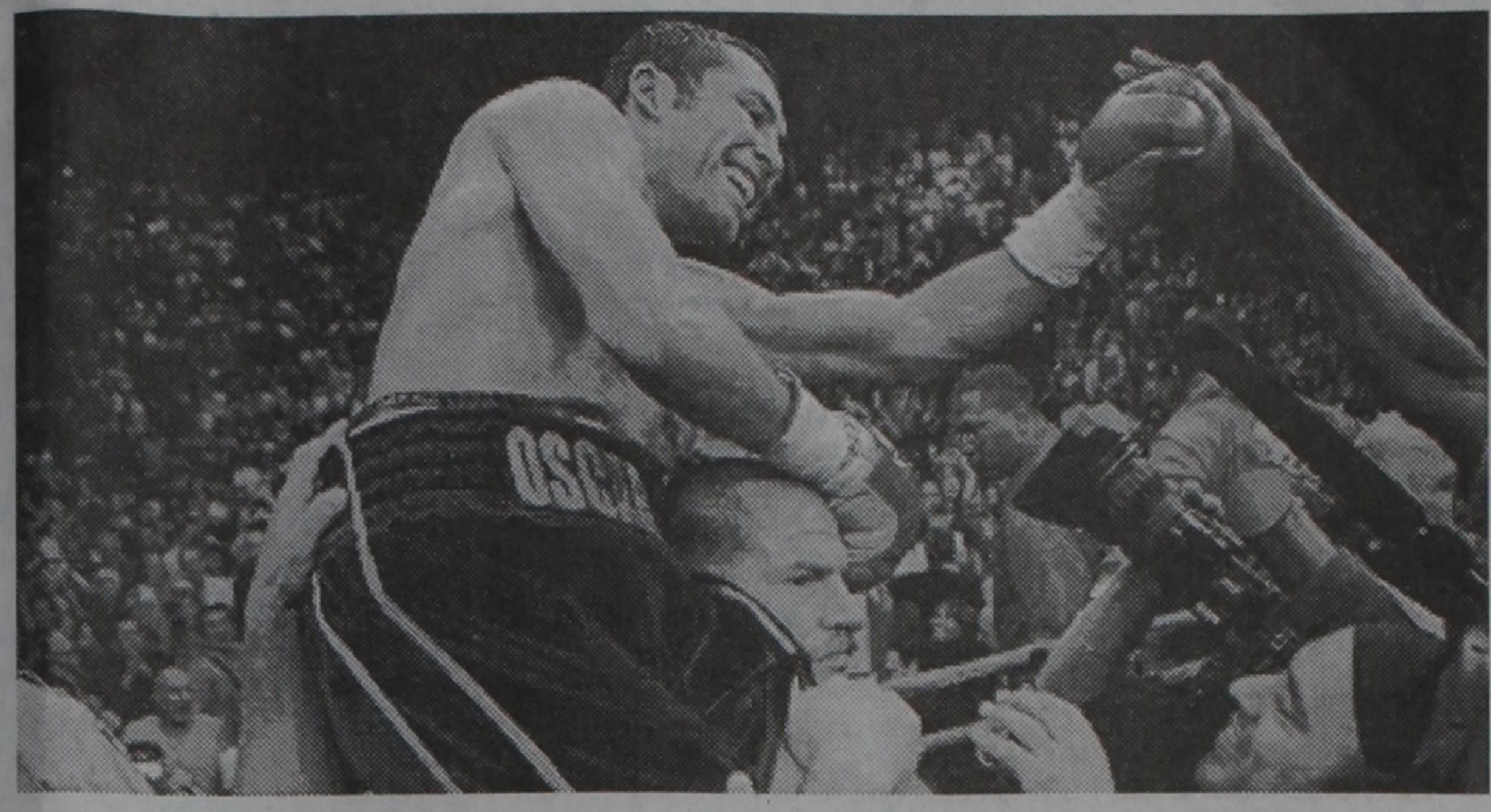
The pair will team up as a widow and her family friend in "Things We Lost in the Fire," which is being made for Tinseltown's DreamWorks studios.

Berry will play a woman who invited her late husband's troubled best friend, played by Del Toro, to live with her family.

The movie will mark an English-language debut for Bier, who directed the acclaimed Danish film "Open Hearts," which is set to be remade in Hollywood this year.

Berry, 39, won the best actress Oscar for her role in 2001's execution drama "Monster's Ball" and also starred as a Bond girl in the 2002 007 outing "Die Another Day".

Puerto Rican-born Del Toro, 39, won the best supporting actor Oscar for the 2000 drug saga "Traffic".



Sixth-round TKO of Mayorga hands De La Hoya 154-pound title

Oscar De La Hoya went into the ring Saturday night knowing he might only be a few minutes away from the end of his lucrative career.

He left as a champion who might want to rethink his retirement plans after turning in his most impressive performance in years.

Fighting for the first time in 20 months, the Golden Boy dominated Ricardo Mayorga, knocking down the Nicaraguan brawler in the first round before finally stopping him in the sixth to claim the WBC's 154-pound title.

Showing no signs of rust or reluctance, the 33-year-old De La Hoya flattened Mayorga in the opening minute and never let up, unleashing waves of punishing head shots until Mayorga went down for the third time at 1:25 of the sixth. De La Hoya then jumped onto the ropes with the flair of a champ who was back in his element once again.

"No matter what, I was going to stand up to him, let him know right away that I was here to fight," De La Hoya said. "I had to show the bully that I wasn't going to

back down. He fought recklessly, but I stood my ground, and he saw I wouldn't back down."

From the opening shots to the fantastic final flurry, it was the best fight for De La Hoya since he stopped Fernando Vargas four years ago, and a near-perfect result in what De La Hoya claims will be his penultimate fight.

De La Hoya has said he wants to finish his career Sept. 16 -- and after this performance, there's a genuine chance of a tantalizing bout with Floyd Mayweather Jr., the world's top pound-for-pound fighter whose father trains De La Hoya.

Mayweather watched De La Hoya's dominance from ringside, then said he wants the September fight, calling it "the biggest fight in boxing history."

"If Oscar wants to go out on top being the best, I believe on Sept. 16 we must meet," Mayweather said. "It's about legacy."

De La Hoya (38-4, 30 KOs) clearly hadn't lost his passion for the ring since Bernard Hopkins stopped him in the ninth round with a devastating body punch in

September 2004. Spurred by Mayorga's pre-fight insults toward his family and courage, he overwhelmed the wild-punching Mayorga with clinical right hands and a handful of devastating left hooks, stalking him around the ring and controlling nearly every moment of the fight.

He sent Mayorga to the canvas just 60 seconds in, artfully ducking a wild punch and responding with a strong right and a brutal left hook. The crowd stood, and De La Hoya cast a disdainful glance over his shoulder as he walked to the neutral corner.

The fight got no better for Mayorga (27-6-1), with De La Hoya's tactical precision -- using his right hand with uncommon grace -- and surprising power taking a quick toll.

De La Hoya knocked him down again in the sixth, when a glassy-eyed Mayorga stayed momentarily on his wobbly feet before finally going down for good. De La Hoya also went to the canvas when referee Jay Nady pushed him away from his fallen opponent, but he sprang up to climb the ropes

Vargas, Mosley feel there's something left to prove in rematch

Fernando Vargas contends he would have won if a head butt hadn't puffed up his left eye. Shane Mosley says Vargas committed the only head butt in their last fight.

"The head butt was when the top of his head hit my chin," Mosley said Tuesday at a news conference.

Mosley recalled throwing an overhand right in the first round, hitting Vargas on the eye and "watching the cherry form."

"I didn't know it was going to get that big later on in the fight, but after punching on it round after round, his eye shut," Mosley said.

Vargas' eye was swollen shut by the seventh round of their fight in February, and the referee finally stopped it and declared Mosley the winner in the 10th after he landed several hard blows to Vargas' head.

Mosley, saying he wants to

prove that he's "the best fighter out there, and let them know that I can beat Fernando Vargas," agreed to a July 15 rematch in Las Vegas.

"Fans liked the fight so much, they want to see if the eye caused him to lose," said the 34-year-old Mosley, a former four-time champion who has a 42-4 record with 36 knockouts.

Despite Vargas' vision being impaired, Mosley was barely ahead through the first nine rounds, up by one point on two

judges' cards and trailing by a point on the other.

The 29-year-old Vargas, 26-3 with 22 knockouts, called the rematch "unfinished business."

"I'm thankful I got it. I thought I had the momentum, but my eye swelled up from a head butt, not a punch," he said. "Even with his best shot, it didn't even feel like he hit me."

Mosley's training camp will be a family affair again, with his father, Jack, back as trainer after the two

split their working relationship several years ago and John David Jackson became the fighter's trainer.

"We had some scheduling problems with John, and I couldn't see anybody else coming into my corner," Shane said of bringing his father back. "I know he will make sure I'm in the best shape of my life."

Jack said, "He wanted his pop back and I said, 'OK, we'll work together to get this thing rolling.'"

Shakira, Daddy Yankee shine at Alma Awards

Marc Anthony and Andy Garcia were honored with special tributes at Sunday's 2006 ALMA Awards, which celebrated achievements by Hispanic artists from the worlds of music, television and film.

Anthony received the Celia Cruz Award for Excellence in Music while Garcia took home the Anthony Quinn Award for Excellence in Motion Pictures.

Colombian songstress Shakira and reggaeton artist Daddy Yankee were named outstanding musical performers. Shakira also won the Best Spanish Album award.

"Lost" stars Michelle Rodriguez and Jorge Garcia each were recognized for their supporting roles on the popular ABC television drama. "The West Wing" and series star Jimmy Smits also won awards.

Actress Eva Mendes, actor Clifton Collins, Jr. and director



Fernando Meirelles were recognized for their achievements in film.

The National Council of La Raza, the country's largest Hispanic advocacy organization, created the ALMA Awards in 1995 to honor Hispanic performers and promote positive images of Hispanics in entertainment.

Sunday's ALMA's, which stands for American Latino Media Arts

Recordemos El Alamo' Un Lema Teñido por la Memoria Selectiva

Maxim Kniazkov

Es un barrio sin remedio. Rieles oxidados de la vía ferroviaria corren paralelo a una loma llena de basura. Jornaleros manchados de pintura pululan esperando que alguien los recoja.

Lo bueno es que el héroe descansa entre su propia gente. Lo malo es que nadie sabe exactamente dónde yace.

Gregorio Esparza es uno de un puñado de defensores hispanos del Alamo quien luchó por dar a Texas la independencia, un conflicto cuyo resultado fuera que los Estados Unidos se volviera potencia continental. Ya no tiene una tumba digna.

"Es triste, en realidad, que se haya destrozado", dice Socorro Morales, de 64 años, biznieta de quinta generación del defensor del Alamo. "Yo quisiera poder venir a su tumba de vez en cuando para traerle flores. Pero no puedo".

Gregorio Esparza se conoce mucho menos que el comandante del fuerte, William Travis, o Jim Bowie, diestro en la lucha con cuchillo, o el pionero David Crockett, quien organizara la defensa del Alamo que duró trece días a comienzos de 1836 contra la fuerza armada del dictador de México Antonio López de Santa Anna. Pero pocos historiadores discuten que el señor Esparza haya enfrentado más dilemas personales dolorosos que cualquiera de aquellos combatientes.

Más allá de los temas de lealtad y honor patriótico iba el saber que cada cañonazo que lanzara contra las tropas atacantes de Santa Anna podía caerle a su propio hermano, Francisco, quien peleó del lado mexicano.

Sabía que muchos en México lo considerían traidor, y así fue, cuenta la señora Morales. Sin embargo, él se dio cuenta que el alistarase a las fuerzas de Santa Anna podía, en efecto, prolongar un régimen tiránico.

Con el mismo dilema se vieron enfrentados los fundadores de la patria estadounidense medio siglo antes - y a la misma respuesta llegaron, arraigada en la primacia de los derechos del individuo.

"Tenía que ser leal a la tierra que lo alimentaba a él y a su familia, y esa tierra fue aquí en Texas", señala la señora Morales, los ojos iluminados de un brillo orgulloso.

Después de la masacre del Alamo el 6 de marzo, 1836, su hermano Francisco y su viuda le rogaron a Santa Anna, quien cedió y permitió que retiraran su cadáver de la ho-

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Irán endurece posición contra Estados Unidos

El desdén que expresó la secretaria de Estado norteamericana Condoleezza Rice por una carta del presidente iraní causó ira en este país, y algunas voces advirtieron que reforzaría las actitudes intranquillas y la desconfianza hacia Estados Unidos.

Mientras el presidente Mahmud Ahmadineyad iniciaba una publicitada visita a Indonesia, un país musulmán crucial, un ex funcionario iraní dijo que la respuesta de

Rice daría argumentos a quienes se oponen a mantener vínculos con Estados Unidos.

El portavoz del Ministerio de Exteriores iraní, Hamid Reza Asefi, dijo ayer que la carta que el presidente Ahmadineyad envió a su homólogo estadounidense, George W. Bush, no tiene relación con el caso nuclear iraní.

"La carta del presidente (iraní) a Bush no fue enviada con el propósito de influir al caso nu-

Un Rayito de Luz

por Sofia T. Martinez

En el evangelio de San Lucas llemos que Jesus invita a un joven a seguirle, pero este no quiso porque temía muchos bienes. El maestro dijo entonces a sus discípulos: "que difícil le va a ser a los ricos entrar en el reino de Dios!". Los discípulos quedaron sorprendidos ante estas palabras; pero Jesus insistió: "que difícil es para los que confían en las riquezas, entrar en el reino de Dios! Mas fácil le es a un camello pasar por el ojo de una aguja, que aun rico entrar en el reino de Dios" Mc 10, 17-25; Lc 18, 24-25.

Pero, quien es un rico? Serán los que están en una posición más alta que la nuestra. Según los criterios de evangelio, se puede considerar como un rico a aquel que tiene su corazón puesto en los bienes de este mundo; que nunca comparte, sino que acumula solo para sí. Y puede darse el caso de que una persona "pobre" ponga toda su seguridad y se apegue a sus pocas cosas, esta persona es también, desde la perspectiva evangélica, un rico.

Jesus describe, mediante este ejemplo, cual es la actitud de los que ponen su confianza en los bienes materiales: "Había un hombre rico al que sus tierras le habían producido mucho, y se decía a sí mismo: 'que haremos porque ya no tengo donde guardar mis cosechas! Pero pensó: 'Ya se que lo que voy a hacer, encareceré abajo mis graneros y construiré otros más grandes, para guardar mi trigo y mis reservas. Entonces me dire a mí mismo: alma mia, tienes muchas cosas almacenadas para muchos años; descansa, come, bebe, banquetea'. Pero dios le dijo: 'Necio, esta misma noche pedirán tu alma. Para quien sera lo que acumulaste?' Así le pasa al que acumula para si mismo en vez de trabajar para Dios" (Lc 12, 16-21). Aquí entendemos, que el mal no está en tener muchos bienes materiales, sino; en no compartir con los que menos tienen y en poner toda nuestra confianza en ellos y no en Dios. Si deveras confiaras mas en Dios, podríamos desprendernos con mayor facilidad de las cosas, estariamos confiados en que "Dios Proveera", así lo dijo nuestro padre en la fe, Abraham.

El Señor Jesus dijo: "Donde esta tu tesoro, esta tu corazón". (Lc 12) Preguntate con sinceridad: Quien es mi tesoro": Dios o las cosas? Compartir los bienes que Dios nos ha dado no es solo un acto de generosidad, sino que es también una obligación y una responsabilidad de la que habremos de dar cuenta a Dios. El nos preguntará por el uso que hayamos hecho de los "talentos" que nos entrego. San agustín era plenamente consciente de la obligación que tenemos los cristianos de compartir nuestros bienes con los necesitados: "Si dieras de lo que es tuyo sería generosidad; pero como das de lo que es de el (de Jesus presente en el pobre) es una simple restitución". Es darle lo que es de el. "Y Dios ama al que da de alegría."

Un rico, entonces, es el que idolatra y sobrestima los bienes que posee. Y esta idolatría de riquezas es lo que impide acercarse al verdadero Dios. Porque no podemos "servir a Dios y al dinero" (Lc 16, 13). El dinero-las posesiones - fue precisamente lo que impidió al "Joven Rico" seguir a Jesus.



clear", dijo Asefi, en declaraciones recogidas por la agencia oficial IRNA. El portavoz ministerial añadió

que su país "tiene suficientes criterios legales y jurídicos para (resolver) el caso nuclear".

Asefi aseguró que la coincidencia del envío de la misiva con la discusión del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU sobre el caso nuclear de su país fue meramente accidental.

El ex embajador iraní en Francia, Saeq Kharrazi, dijo que la misiva —la primera de un jefe de Estado iraní a un presidente estadounidense en 27 años— "podría haber marcado un punto de inflexión en las relaciones". Pero Rice desperdicó la oportunidad con su "reacción apresurada", acotó.

"Esto da un pretexto a quienes se oponen a que Irán reanude relaciones con Estados Unidos", dijo.

La carta de 18 páginas de Ahmadineyad a su colega estadounidense George W. Bush se refiere apenas indirectamente al asunto

más candente: el programa nuclear iraní. Habla de historia, filosofía y religión, presenta una larga lista de reclamos contra Estados Unidos y dice que la fe común en Dios permitirá resolvérlos.

Rice dijo que la carta "no se refiere de manera concreta a los problemas que enfrentamos".

"Esta carta no es el lugar donde uno encontraría una apertura sobre el problema nuclear ni nada por el estilo", dijo la funcionaria.

El analista político iraní Said Leila dijo que la respuesta desdenosa de Rice alimentaría los sentimientos antinorteamericanos en Irán.

"Podría haber sido el comienzo de un proceso nuevo", dijo. La respuesta de Rice "fortalece la sospecha (dentro de Irán) de que Estados Unidos sólo piensa en la opción militar y no en una solución política" al enfrentamiento.

Fox mantendrá discurso sobre continuidad, dice su vocero

Pese al exhorto del Instituto Federal Electoral (IFE) para que el gobierno se mantenga neutral en el presente proceso electoral, el presidente Vicente Fox seguirá promoviendo las obras públicas y llamando a la continuidad durante las próximas semanas.

"Se mantendrá el discurso del Presidente como siempre se ha mantenido", declaró el vocero presidencial Rubén Aguilar.

Recalcó que las declaraciones del mandatario mexicano se producen en "respeto absoluto a las leyes electorales y a los señalamientos que ha hecho el Instituto Federal Electoral", y que por tanto "somos los primeros en asumir el cumplimiento".

El funcionario federal replicó que si otros actores (políticos) piensan de otra manera "o quieren interpretar" el desempeño de Fox, corresponde entonces a "ellos hacer esas interpretaciones".

Ante los constantes cuestionamientos de los reporteros sobre la permanente publicidad del gobierno y el discurso político del presidente, Aguilar sostuvo que "nosotros nos sujetamos cabalmente, punto por punto, a los señalamientos de nuestra ley electoral y los acuerdos que ha tomado el IFE".

En sus presentaciones públicas a lo largo y ancho del país, Fox, del Partido Acción Nacional (PAN), ha estado llamando a los mexicanos a "seguir por el mismo camino" y a "no cambiar de caballo".

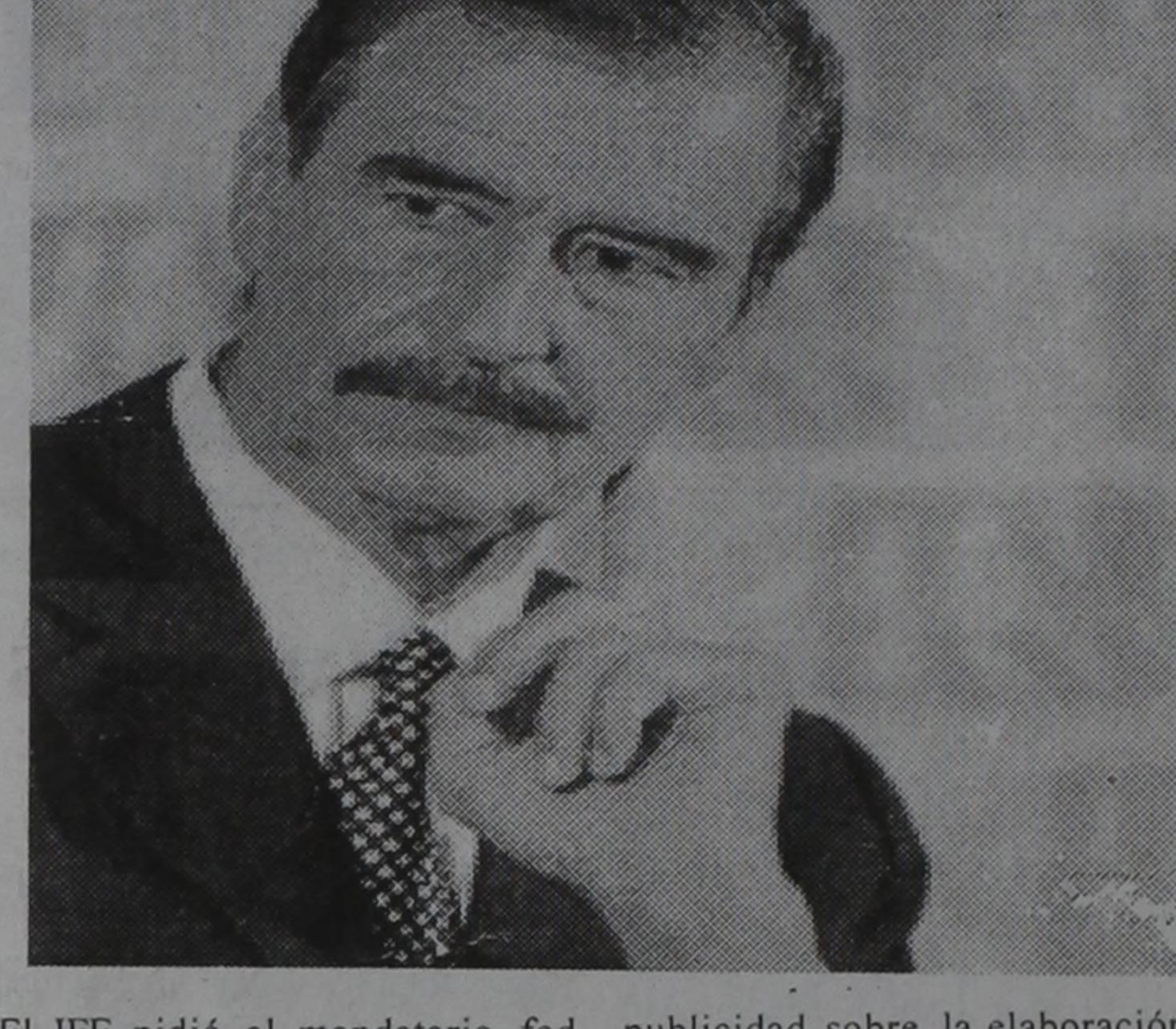
El lunes pasado el IFE manifestó que en la actualidad el jefe de la Nación debe adoptar "una actitud plenamente neutral en sus declaraciones públicas y en las acciones

de su gobierno".

El órgano coordinador de las votaciones consideró, mediante una misiva enviada a Los Pinos, que la neutralidad del Poder Ejecutivo constituye un "elemento necesario y fundamental para garantizar un voto libre, auténtico y efectivo el 2 de julio".

Fox para recordarle la prohibición que establece tal acuerdo por 40 días antes de los comicios.

Al respecto, el portavoz Aguilar insistió en que "si la prensa cubre el evento de la inauguración (de obras públicas) y da cuenta de él, es absolutamente en el marco de la carta, lo que no puede haber es



El IFE pidió al mandatario federal, a los gobernadores de los estados y al jefe de Gobierno del Distrito Federal para que ajusten su conducta al acuerdo de neutralidad política que fue aprobado el pasado 19 de febrero.

Por tal motivo, los consejeros Luis Carlos Ugalde, Teresa González Luna, Lourdes López Flores, Alejandra Latapí, Marco Gómez, Virgilio Andrade, Rodrigo Morales, Andrés Albo y Arturo Sánchez Gutiérrez, enviaron carta a

publicidad sobre la elaboración de obras en ese periodo, pero no queda suspendida la inauguración de las mismas".

El presidente del IFE, Luis Carlos Ugalde informó ayer que el 2 de julio, día de los comicios presidenciales, se tomarán "medidas especiales" para garantizar el desarrollo de la sesión del Consejo General de este órgano, conforme lo establece la ley en la materia.

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capacidad de pedir la colaboración de los cuerpos policiales para que las votaciones se lleven a cabo sin contratiempos en las miles de casillas que serán instauradas en la vía pública.

Al considerar los antecedentes de comportamientos de los partidos políticos durante los últimos procesos electorales, Ugalde admitió que la clase política procederá de manera "institucional para manifestar sus inconformidades".

Hizo hincapié en que la autoridad electoral estará en condiciones de dar resultados la noche del 2 de julio, siempre y cuando la diferencia sea superior a 1%, entre el primer y segundo sitio.

Por su parte la Fiscalía para Delitos Electorales (Fepade) notificó que en lo que va del proceso electoral se han recibido más de cien quejas relacionadas con este concepto.

Maria de los Angeles Fromow, titular de esta dependencia, enumeró que en esta serie de denuncias, por parte de la población, prevalecen las que tienen que ver con el desvío de recursos de programas sociales y el uso indebido para fines electorales.

Detalló que esta instancia oficial, de la Procuraduría General de la República (PGR), trabaja con el gobierno federal y los estatales para erradicar la "cultura de compra del voto", mediante la implementación de programas de capacitación para la denuncia de este tipo de delitos.

No dudó en pronosticar que durante los meses de junio, julio y agosto, —en la etapa inmediata a las votaciones—, se elevará el número de quejas.

Elections

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be running a highly visible campaign, purchasing print ads and billboards to get his message across to voters. Quade has mostly relied on candidate's forums and debates and run a mostly one issue campaign.

Quade has left no doubt that his concern for the Tech Terrace Neighborhood is what has driven his campaign. Unfortunately for him, District 3 has become a diverse district with more than just the Tech Terrace neighborhood to concern the person who will represent the residents. Quade has not bothered to address these other issues.

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Perhaps the most watched race in the LISD school board elections has been the one involving Christy Martinez. Martinez is up against 4 other candidates; all vying for 2 at large seats on the board. In LISD history, only one Hispanic, the late Jose Ramirez, has ever been successful in a city wide school board election.

Martinez is hoping that she has convinced voters that having a woman and mother on the school board will add a much needed diverse voice on a board which oversees a student comprised of 47% Hispanic students.

To her credit, Ms. Martinez has focused on the issues and has made it clear that she will be equally representative of all students and educators; regardless of ethnicity or skin color.

Will the Hispanic vote in this year's election be one for the record books? Will Hispanics turn out on Election Day in numbers high enough to determine who the future mayor of Lubbock will be? Will the residents of District 1 witness a reversal of fortune for the incumbent Linda DeLeon or challenger Victor Hernandez? Will Christy Martinez become the first Hispanic woman to win a citywide school board election?

For a lot of people who are political observers and who are interested in city politics, these questions might be the most important ones of all.

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Murillo insiste en que las protestas siguen siendo necesarias. Es esencial mayor comunicación coordinada, concede, agregando que piensa entablar comunicación con grupos en Washington, D.C., muchos de los cuales se expresaron en contra de los boicots del primero de mayo.

Jaime Contreras, presidente de la National Capital Immigration Coalition, dice que su coalición anunciará nuevos pasos "creativos" esta semana con el fin de llegar a "la gente con la que no nos hemos estado comunicando de manera productiva. No queremos que se nos perciba como divididos cuando en realidad no lo estamos".

Otros grupos, como la Liga de Ciudadanos Latino Americanos Unidos indican que apoyarán toda actividad que tenga como objetivo para la implementación de medidas anti-inmigrante y respaldarán actividades que busquen legalizar a los inmigrantes indocumentados.

A pesar de los informes variados sobre los efectos que surtió el primero de mayo, Murillo dijo que los boicots "sobrepasaron lo que anticipábamos". En Los Angeles, por ejemplo, se sumaron unas 500,000 personas a la manifestación, cientos de negocios cerraron sus puertas y hasta 70,000 estudiantes no fueron a la escuela.

Louis DeSipio, profesor de ciencias políticas y estudios latinos en la Universidad de California en Irvin, indica que impacto fue más simbólico que económico.

"Sería muy difícil que cualquier grupo de dos o tres millones en la sociedad tenga un impacto discernible sobre la economía estadounidense", mantiene. "Lo que es importante es que mostró por primera vez que existen alianzas entre los inmigrantes y los dueños de negocios en reconocimiento de que sus empleados tenían causas legítimas por las que protestar".

Un ejemplo es la empresa Goya Foods, con sede en Nueva Jersey, una compañía hispana que suspendió entregas de productos a nivel nacional, menos en la Flor-

ida, en apoyo a los inmigrantes. Otras empresas, como Tyson Foods, les dieron el día libre a los empleados de varias de sus plantas en anticipación de un gran número de ausencias.

DeSipio sugiere que realizar boicots puntuales y sostenidos contra los opositores de las metas de los inmigrantes es un enfoque más eficaz que un día de boicots nacionales.

El primero de mayo también atizó unas acciones anti-inmigrante. Varios cientos de personas privadas se unieron a levantar una valla de púas de 250 pies en la frontera de San Diego con Tijuana, mientras que otras personas en Dallas comenzaron una campaña de carteles con "Stop the Invasion" que piensan llevar a nivel nacional.

Un grupo de hispanos que organizó la Federation for American Immigration Reform anunció en Washington su propia coalición contra la legalización. "Estos inmigrantes ilegales no hablan por mí", dice líder de la coalición, el coronel jubilado Albert Rodriguez. "Exigen derechos que ni siquiera tienen el derecho de exigir".

Murillo responde, "Eso son movimientos de 20 personas a comparación con los movimientos de millones y millones de inmigrantes".

Participaron en la protesta del primero de mayo en la capital africanos, asiáticos, canadienses y hasta un grupo de Irlanda. DeSipio encuentra que las protestas demuestran el valor de una organización colectiva "y eso resulta muy difícil en la sociedad estadounidense contemporánea", explica, y enfatiza, "Cada ronda sucesiva de protestas tiene que tener un sabor más multi-étnico".

Promete Contreras, "Nuestra meta inmediata es la reforma comprensiva del sistema de inmigración, pero el movimiento no debería tratar de simplemente eso".

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Tiempos Verdes y de Oro; Una Carta Para Recordar

Armando Gonzalez

Hey! Did you see that? Did you see what she just did? I can't believe it!

She just did it again! Pos? ¿Qué se trae esta muchacha - vida loca? If she does it again; I'm going to send her to the office.

Bato, I wish you were here. Si acaso estuvieras aquí, te quedaras con los ojos pelones y la boca abierta. I mean for sure carnal. You would be amazed at what I see everyday here, saggars y toda la cosa - some people call it a circus, bro. Pero, aparte de eso, esta chica es la misma que estuve en I.S.S. porque le hizo mal modo a la Mrs. Smith.

Ahora, sí que lo creo Bidal. Parece que esta rookita está CHIRIANDO -CHUY! Next time que lo haga la voy a bostiar - pero bonito - va a verlo.

Pos. Sí, carnalito, aunque no lo creas soy un teacha, un profe, un jefe de la sala, maestro, o como dicen muchos un high class baby sitta tech. Pero todo depende en cómo lo hagas log on en tus sesos, cerebro, cerebellum, cabeza, compuda, la chaveta, el coco broder. Anyway, después de cuatro años en la University - qué nunca pensé que iba a finalize - entonces me di para el certify. Bidal, esto fue lo más pesadote, Chuy.

¡Hijole! Cuánto papelaje se llevó. Tuve que llenar papeles para llenar más papeles puro pinche lio - carnal. Quiero que sepas que investigaron todo de mí. No hay ningún bujero, orifice, cueva, o esquina dónde no se pudieron meter - if you know what I mean.

Pos. Orale - y no es todo. Siguió con el examen el D.P.S., F.B.I., L.P.D., R.M.A., U.F.O. y también el I.O.U. que también me esculeaban en todo lugar con el guante (you know). Pero,

¡watchale! Brodita - al fin soy certify. Soy un certified teacher. F

... I wish you were here, man!

¿Por qué fuiste carnalito? Nunca qué me hiciste caso. Te decía, y te decía - don't play 'round with dem damn snakes. Not even Terry was able to bring you back.

Pos, sí. Okay. Me consiguieron jale en un escuelin haya pal norte de Lóbica, en una escuelia pero grande. Hay como 70% latinos, más o menos, vites. Mi chamba es enseñarles hablar el español a los chavitos - ¿entendies? Lo que pasa es que estos esquincles ya hablan el español porque sus jefes son de Méjico o otros países latinos. Es difícil enseñarles porque piensan que ya hablan el español correcto debido a que sus jefes lo hablan en casa. Pero, eso sí, que lo hablan bonito - aunque no correctos todo el tiempo - y son bilingües, cosa que me facina porque no tienen ningún acento en los dos idiomas. Es fabuloso escucharlos. Es decir el cambio de hablar el inglés al hablar el español es instantaneo; without skipping a beat. I love it.

Otra cosa. Ya no me pagan .65 centavos la hora; como nos pagaban a ti y a mi en el azadón. Ahora gano un poco más. Nunca voy a comprar un Lexus. Pero no lo compraría aunque fuera multimillonario. Pero, por lo menos puedo pagar el cable t.v. - no puedo estar sin ver el food network - tú sabes. Watchate, que nuestro primo, Chale, gana 62,000 en dollars carnal manejando una trailla para Funny Foods. Yo no alcanzo a ganar ni los 35,000 en dollars. Y fijate que Chale solo llegó al ochavo haya en la Roosevelt Junior. Las maestras siempre lo mandaban al I.S.S. por testarudo y terco. Todo es igual. Carnalito sabes a como yo lo figuro; el sixty percent de estudiantes en el I.S.S. son chicanitos y negritos y minorías?

I wish you were here brodita. Yo sé que pondrás a los administradores en su merecido lugar.

Anyway, el primo Chale se avienta sus \$65,000.00 por año, sees the countryside in his truck/trailer, listens to his favorite music on the radio, is away from his wife most of the time (¿eso si que tiene su beneficio, verdad?), drives his Lexus when in town, and receives a big turkey on Thanksgiving from the company. What are you gonna do? Me, well, I deal with peoples

children all day long. And, I would not trade that for all the gold in Fort Knox. ¡Nombre! You know the reason don't you? It is because I have one chance, everyday, to straighten out that crooked line. One chance to finally color inside the borders. One chance to make it count. The chance to allow some kid the way to be a decent, moral, intelligent, generous and lista para todo human being. No one else has that opportunity to offer something in the future of a youngster. Who gives a damn about driving a Lexus! Anyway, it looks like a Crown Victoria. I wish you were here.

¡Dime, brother! Qué voy hacer con esta rookita que está mirando el paper de Eric. Es un test, and she is just looking over his paper.

¡Ya estuvo con sus huesos carnal!

¡Vamonos!

Catarina, come with me for a minute please. Let's go out into the hall.

Why are you looking at Eric's paper?

—Teacher, I wasn't doing nothing. I'm not looking at his paper. I'm just trying to think of the answers. Besides, Eric has the wrong answers most of the time. He's not good to copy off of.

Mira, Catarina, one more chance and that is all! ¿Okay? Don't look at anyone's paper and keep your eyes on your own work. If I catch you again, I'll send you to the principles office - ¿entendies niña?

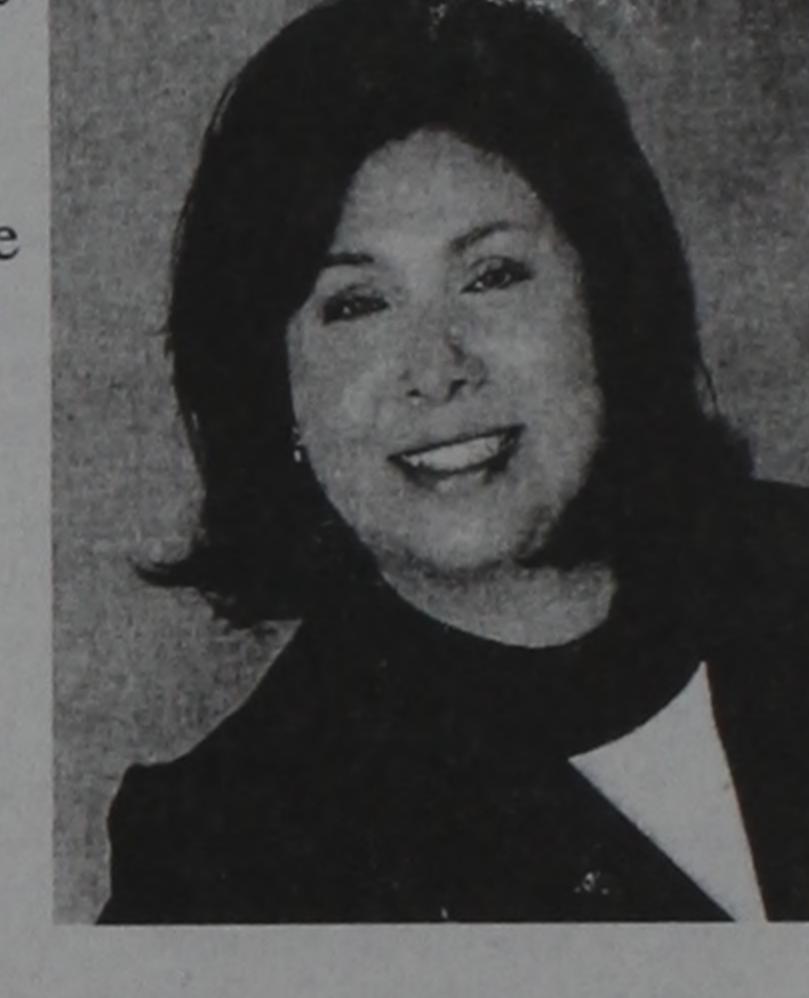
—Thank you, teacher, I promise I'll be good.

Pos, si carnalito, I gave her another chance. She deserves it. Her mother works at three different jobs, and her father has been gone since she was nine years old. Y el buey nunca manda el Child Support. Catarina WILL graduate this semester if I have anything to say about it. She has to cook, clean and watch over her two other brothers. Plus, she still has to turn in her homework on time. Man, I wish you were here.

(sigue la proxima semana solamente en El Editor)

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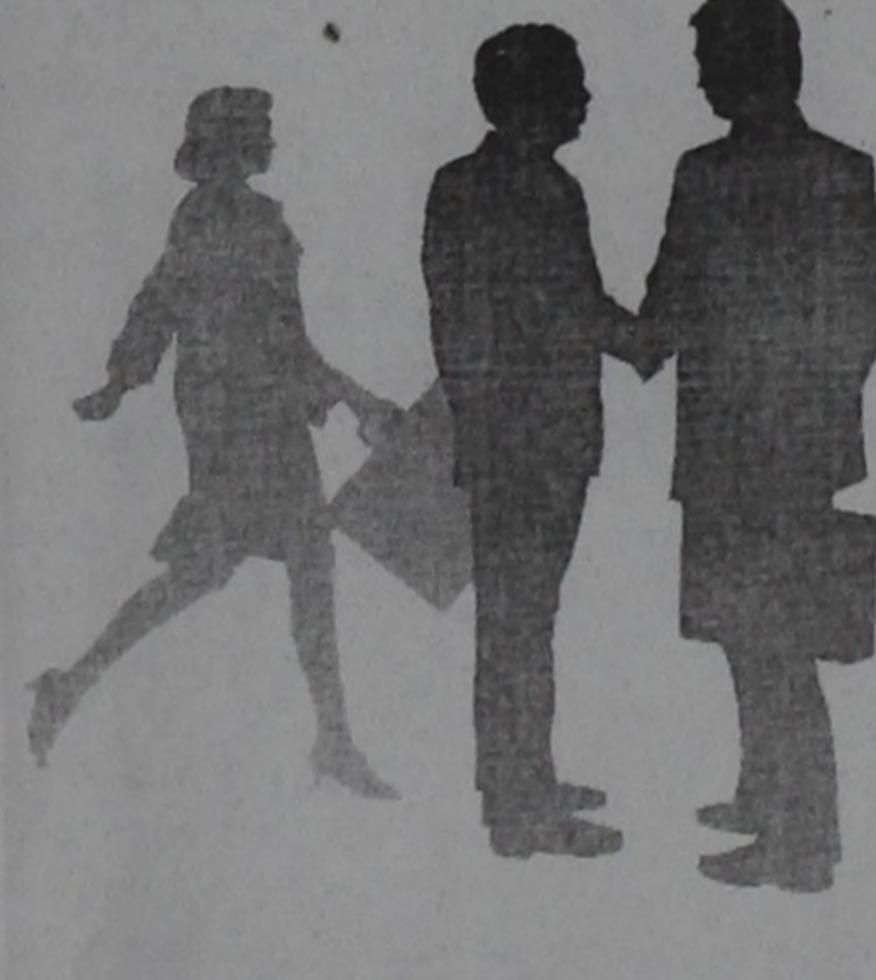
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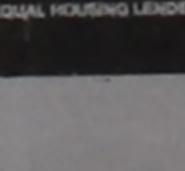
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Bush haría concesiones en las inscripciones de Medicare

EL PRESIDENTE se dirigió a decenas de personas mayores que se habían reunido en la conferencia Broward Aging Network, en el Broward Community College.

Apenas una semana antes de la fecha límite de inscripción en el nuevo plan de Medicare, la administración Bush dijo que dispensará las cuotas de penalidad para las personas mayores de bajos ingresos que lo hagan después de la fecha.

La pequeña concesión llega en medio de crecientes presiones para extender la fecha límite que el secretario de Salud y Servicios

Fusión de Albaricoque y Chipotle



La salsa de albaricoque y chipotle puede agregar un sabor ácido a casi cualquier comida.

(NAPSM)—Si usted está buscando una manera para dar sabor a su próxima reunión, agregue un poquito de salsa de albaricoque y chipotle al menú. Trate de utilizar la salsa vigorosa y sabrosa para ensalzar brochetas de puerco o agregar un sabor sureño a un pollo rotisado. Es fácil de preparar y permanece fresca en su nevera hasta tres semanas. Planeo por adelantado congelando parte de la receta en contenedores plásticos Ball o latas para freezer pequeñas para agregar sabor a sus comidas.

Salsa de albaricoque y chipotle

5 tazas de $\frac{1}{2}$ pulgada de albaricoques picados descarozados (alrededor de 14 medianos)
2 tazas de agua, dividida
4 chiles chipotle secos
 $\frac{1}{4}$ taza de cebolla finamente picada (alrededor de $\frac{1}{4}$ mediana)
1 diente de ajo, pisado
1 cucharada de cáscara de limón rallada
1 taza de azúcar
1 cucharilla de comino
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cucharilla de sal
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cucharilla de granos de pimienta blanca

Humanos, Mike Leavitt, afirmó que no estaba dispuesto a hacer. En las últimas semanas varios informes indicaron que los ancianos siguen confundidos cuando al escoger un plan y que no hay recursos adecuados para ayudarlos.

Ayer, el presidente Bush visitó la Florida para promover su plan de medicinas recetadas e hizo una breve parada en una conferencia sobre vejez en el Condado Broward para presionar a los seniors e incapacitados para que se inscribieran.

"Aproximándonos a la fecha límite del 15 de mayo queremos

que todos se hayan inscrito", expresó el presidente en Broward Community College en Coconut Creek, donde decenas de personas mayores se habían reunido para la conferencia Broward Aging Network. "Queremos que la gente comprenda que va a ahorrar mucho dinero en lo que se refiere a medicinas recetadas", agregó.

La gira de Bush en la Florida esta semana provocó insistentes pedidos por parte de los demócratas de la Florida, entre ellos la congresista Debbie Wasserman Schultz, para que extendiera la fecha límite. La congresista, cuyo distrito cubre gran parte del sur de Broward y el norte de Miami-Dade, con grandes poblaciones de ancianos, dijo que el periodo de inscripción de siete meses no era suficiente. "He recibido cientos de llamadas de personas que están tratando de comprender cómo firmar, y no saben por dónde empezar", apuntó. "Están pidiendo encontrar información en línea a gente que nunca ha tocado una computadora".

Las personas mayores elegibles que no hayan firmado para el lunes afrontarán un automático aumento de 7 por ciento en sus pagos mensuales (o una penalidad de uno por ciento al mes), puesto que la inscripción para cobertura en el 2007 no abre hasta noviembre.

Quite los tallos de los chiles chipotle. Ponga a hervir la taza restante de agua; retírela del fuego. Ponga los chiles en el agua caliente, cubra y permita que los chiles se agranden ablanden durante 15 minutos. Haga un puré con la mezcla del chile.

Combine el puré de albaricoques y el de chiles en una cacerola grande. Agregue mezclando los ingredientes restantes. Cocine la salsa a fuego medio-alto durante 15 minutos, removiendo para evitar que se pegue. Utilice inmediatamente o deje enfriar y ponga en contenedores Ball para congelar. Rendimiento: alrededor de seis jarras de media pinta.

Nota: Al trabajar con pimientos picantes, utilice guantes de goma para evitar quemarse las manos.

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Consejos Para Los Padres

Las clasificaciones ayudan a decidir qué juegos son adecuados para las familias



Los símbolos de clasificación en el frente y los descriptores de contenido en la parte trasera ayudan a los padres a tomar decisiones informadas respecto a la compra de juegos de video.

(NAPSM)—Los juegos de computadora y video son tan populares que el año pasado se vendieron 248 millones de ellos en los Estados Unidos. Eso significa dos juegos por cada hogar. Muchos de estos juegos se venden a los padres, quienes en realidad no los juegan.

La edad promedio de un "jugador" hoy en día es 30 años, por lo que cabe decir que algunos juegos se crearon para adultos. Los juegos de video han recorrido un largo camino desde los días de Pac-Man y Frogger. Aprender más sobre las clasificaciones de la ESRB de la industria puede ayudar a los padres a decidir qué juegos son adecuados para sus familias.

En el frente de casi todos los paquetes de juegos hay un símbolo de clasificación de la ESRB que indica qué juegos son apropiados para cada edad. En la parte trasera, al lado del símbolo de la clasificación, hay descripciones

que detallan el contenido del juego que puede haber llevado a una clasificación o que puede ser de interés o causar preocupación.

Este sistema de clasificación de dos partes se desarrolló basándose en lo que los padres quieren en un sistema de clasificación y se ha encontrado que es el más útil para los padres entre todos los sistemas de clasificación de entretenimiento. Existen seis categorías de clasificación de la ESRB:

- EC (mayores de 3 años)
- E (mayores de 6 años)
- E10+ (mayores de 10 años)
- T (Adolescentes mayores de 13 años)
- M (mayores de 17 años)
- AO (Sólo adultos mayores de 18 años)

La ESRB también asigna más de 30 descriptores de contenido que identifican el contenido que incluye violencia, temas sexuales, blasfemia, juegos de apuesta y consumo de drogas, alcohol o tabaco, entre otros.

"El mejor consejo para los padres es leer las clasificaciones en cada caja de juego de video", afirma Patricia Vance, presidenta de la ESRB y quien es también madre. "Estas pueden ser decisiones difíciles y las clasificaciones brindan una manera simple y eficaz para hacer una elección informada sobre qué juegos son adecuados para usted y su familia".

Vance también recomienda que los padres lean las críticas de los juegos en revistas y en Internet y que hablen con niños mayores y con los vendedores de las tiendas de juegos de video para aprender más sobre los juegos. "Otra gran cosa que pueden hacer es jugar los juegos con sus hijos", aconseja Vance. "Es una manera maravillosa de aprender sobre los juegos que consideran interesantes y emocionantes, a la vez que pasan tiempo juntos y se divierten".

Para mayor información sobre las clasificaciones de juegos de computadora y video, o para buscar información sobre las clasificaciones antes de ir a la tienda, visite el sitio Web de la ESRB en www.esrb.org.

diciendo que la línea de información de Medicare le estaba dando a los que llamaban una información errónea en 18 por ciento de las ocasiones.

"El presidente prometió que este nuevo programa mejoraría sustancialmente la cobertura de medicina.

nas de las personas mayores de bajos ingresos", dijo Ron Pollack, director ejecutivo de Families US, radicado en Washington, en una conferencia telefónica con reporteros. "Infortunadamente, estas promesas son más retóricas que reales".

Finalist Selected for Coca-Cola Scholarship

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This year, changes were made to the scholarship program's format to give more of the employees' children the opportunity to pursue their dreams of higher education. The most significant change was extending the program to current undergraduate college students in addition to graduating high school seniors, which resulted in the most application submissions since the program began in 2002.

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- Prueba de Ingreso (W-2, talón de pago, carta de TANF, Child Support, SSI, cheque de seguro social).
- Comprobación de residencia (factura de utilidad, talón de la renta factura de cox cable) no se usara factura telefónica o aviso de desconecta.
- Registro de vacunas actual (con vacunas de 4 años si aplica a su niño niña)
- Tarjeta de seguro social (de niño niña)
- Si reciben asistencia del gobierno: Cartas de TANF, del Seguro Social, Estampillas, etc.
- Tarjeta del Medicaid (Si es el caso)
- Comprobante de las Estampillas de Alimentos
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