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Viva Aztlan Festival Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Viva Aztlan Festival (VAF) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary of Ballet Folklorico Dance Competitions, Mariachi Workshops & Concert on March 14-15, 2014 held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. VAF is honored to hold the record of longest running Ballet Folklorico competitions and invites everyone to come and witness why it continues to thrive!

Lubbock Centro Aztlan Organization is under the umbrella of Ballet Folklorico Aztlan, was founded by the late Bidal Aguero in 1989 with a purpose to enrich the community with the Mexican and Mestizo culture through art and stage productions. The production of the event, "Viva Aztlan Festival" began in 1993 with Ballet Folklorico competitions and Theatre productions, but as time passed the festival continued with only Folklorico competitions and later added Mariachi workshops. VAF will honor the origins of the festival and include a short scene from the play,

"The Wonderful Santa Suit," written by Bidal Aguero at a reception in celebration of its 20th year. Original artwork from various local artists will also be on display.

VAF competitions begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and run throughout the day. The competitions are open to the public because all performances are unique and very entertaining, but above all crowd participation is encouraged! Participating groups arrive in Lubbock from around Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma after months of preparation. The crowd's energy will help fuel the groups' entire performance; although, technique and skill is the ultimate judge. Three qualified Maestros (master teachers) will score all participating groups



and hold the final tally until Saturday night where VAF will crown, 'Best of Festival!'

Following the day's competitions, each evening at 7:00 p.m., VAF will feature two spectacular performances. Friday evening,

March 14th, be prepared to sit back and enjoy the sounds of Mariachi Mexico Lindo along with other local Mariachi groups, followed by a beautiful production by 2013 Best of Festival winner Edinburg Parks & Rec Folklorico Dance Team from Edinburg, Texas. Edinburg Parks will dance to a production called, "Stories Live Forever, But Only If You Tell Them." Saturday evening, March 15th, will feature a performance by all the Mariachi workshop participants then Mariachi Los Arrieros from El

Paso, TX will hit the stage with an explosive performance that is a must see! Each evening represents what this Festival embraces which is to continue to educate the community about the richness of the Mexican Mestizo culture through art.

The festival is open to the public. Pre-Sale tickets are \$10 on Friday and \$12 on Saturday and are available to purchase online at vivaaztlan-festival.ezevent.com. Last day to purchase pre-sale tickets is Thursday, March 13 at midnight. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12 on Friday and \$15 on Saturday. For more information, contact Zenaida Aguero-Reyes at rey24@sbeglobal.net or 252-2828.

This program is made possible in part through a grant from the City of Lubbock, recommended by Civic Lubbock, Inc. as well as grants provided by the CH Foundation and Sybil B. Harrington fund provided by the Lubbock Area Foundation. This project is supported in part by a Grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts. Additional sponsorship provided by El Editor Newspapers.



LTD Chairman Responds to Abbott's Allegation

The Lubbock Tejano Democrats press conference at Jimenez Restaurant and Bakery, held the day after Republican Greg Abbott's visit to Lubbock on February 26, created an uproar in Texas Republican circles. It also created a political opening for Republican Gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott and his campaign.

A few days after the event, Abbott used Twitter to accuse Hernandez of calling his "Latina" wife, as Abbott has referred to her, "a prop"; an allegation that Hernandez quickly denied.

Shortly thereafter, a story was published in the Texas Tribune, "Abbott's wife now in political fray", which created even more controversy throughout the state and in local media. The story even resulted in Lubbock Mayor Glenn Robertson apologizing to Abbott; although it was unclear to many people why an apology was necessary.

Victor Hernandez, Chairman of the Lubbock Tejano Democrats and issued the following statement concerning the matter.

HERNANDEZ REFUSES TO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING HISPANIC, DOES ISSUE APOLOGY FOR THE TEXAS REPUBLICAN PARTY'S INSENSITIVITY*

"My name is Victor Hernandez and I am the current Chairman of the Lubbock Chapter of Tejano Democrats.

As you know, I delivered a statement publicly this past Wednesday (February 26, 2014) concerning the overall negative tone being taken against the Hispanic community by Republican candidates vying for their party's nomination.

Since then, commentary on my statement has included two primary assertions. The first concerns the use of the metaphor "our house" and the second, concerns a tale involving candidate Greg Abbott's wife and the word "prop." Since I have publicly addressed both of these issues, I will not revisit them here.

However (and related to the responses by the Abbott campaign to my February 26th statement), I must admit that I find perplexing the fact that the Abbott campaign responded to my statement at all. Surely it cannot be because of any clout I sway in either local or state Republican Party politics. And, surely it cannot be because of any personal financial wealth which I could contribute to his opponents.

After much thought and reflection, I realized that the Abbott Campaign is not faint-hearted when it comes to me personally

but rather, the Abbott Campaign is afraid of the message I, and others across the state (including fellow Republicans), have brought forth. Sadly, the message the Texas Republican Party fears is one of basic humanity, i.e., Hispanics are "people," Hispanics are fellow "human beings," Hispanics should be respected, engaged and understood.

One would believe that all people, whether seeking political office or not, would recognize these basic tenets. One would believe that, in the year 2014, we should not have to have this discussion at all. And, one would believe that the Texas Republican Party would not engage in such tactics.

I will not apologize for being an American of Mexican descent. I will not apologize for being a Texan of Mexican descent. I will however, apologize to all people of goodwill, regardless of race or ethnicity and, regardless of party affiliation, for the insensitivity being exhibited by the Texas Republican Party towards the



Hispanic community.

The Latino community is not a problem to be dealt with or worse yet, to be dismissed. The Hispanic community is very much a part of Texas, the Hispanic community is very much a part of America.

In closing, my name is Victor Hernandez. I am a person. I am a human being. I am a first generation American of Mexican descent. I am a first generation Texan of Mexican descent. I deserve to be respected, to be engaged and to be understood."

*Victor Hernandez is not affiliated with the Texas Republican Party. In fact, Victor Hernandez is a Democrat and cannot speak for, much less on behalf of, the Texas Republican Party.

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Medina Resigns City Attorney Post

Citing the ongoing controversy surrounding him and his family, and calling his legal troubles "distractions", City Attorney Sam Medina submitted his resignation to Lubbock Mayor Glenn Robertson on Friday March 7. The letter states that his resignation is effective at the next Lubbock City Council meeting which is set for Thursday March 13.

Medina was appointed Lubbock City Manager in 2009 after serving as a judge in the 237th District Court.

When the allegations against Medina were first made public, the pronouncements coming from Medina and his attorney were much different from what was in Medina's letter of resignation. During the initial press conference, Sam Medina's attorney, Rod Hobson, declared that the "allegations are ridiculous, ludicrous and false", according to various reports in the Lubbock media. Hobson also stated that Medina would be found innocent of the allegations made against him and that the accuser should "put up or shut up". Medina also called the allegations "absolutely false",

during that press conference, but Medina did not revisit that question in his letter.

Medina first asked to be placed on paid administrative leave prior to his news conference of January 13; The council voted to approve that request 3 days later but then revisited the issue at Medina's request and placed him on unpaid leave effective February 13. One day prior to that, on February 12, Lubbock District Attorney Matt Powell had asked Potter County (Amarillo) District Attorney Randall Sims to take the case. Since then, there has been no indication from Sims as to what happens next.

Since Medina's January 13 news conference, some unpleasant testimony related to Erik Medina's divorce case has been made public in Lubbock media; a mistrial was declared in the same divorce case; a search warrant has been served at 2 Lubbock homes listed in public records as being owned by Sam Medina; and reports have been published concerning other legal issues involving his son Erik Medina.

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Hernandez Draws Two Opponents in District 1 Race

It comes as no surprise to anyone who follows District 1 politics that one of the organizers of the failed attempt to recall Councilman Victor Hernandez will continue in his efforts to unseat him. Frank Gutierrez, who along with Ysidro Gutierrez led the effort, appears to be confirming the speculation that the recall effort was just a political ploy. Many District 1 residents had speculated that a recall attempt against Hernandez was just a first step in creating an advantage for his op-

ponents. But, Gutierrez may have a hard time overcoming the fact that Hernandez easily won his recall election in November. Lana Bear Moore has also filed for the District 1 seat. In District 3, the seat being vacated by Todd Klein has drawn 3 candidates. Jeff Griffith, Maurice Stanley and Deanne Clark have filed to run. In District 5, Dr. Brian Carr will challenge current Councilwoman Karen Gibson. Carr, a licensed psychologist and

current Chairman of the Lubbock Board of Health led the fight in 2011 to keep the Lubbock Health Department open after then City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld made recommendations to close the facility located on 19th street near the Depot District. Here are some important dates to keep in mind: April 10 is last day to register to vote; April 28 is first day of early voting; May 6 is last day of early voting and May 10 is Election Day. Email: eleditor@sbeglobal.net

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The 20th Viva Aztlan Festival

Felicidades y Bienvenidos

In On behalf of Publisher Olga Aguero and El Editor Newspaper we extend a warm welcome to the participants of the Viva Aztlan Festival and to the hundreds of visitors from Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, and the Lubbock region; here to attend the 20th Anniversary of the Viva Aztlan Festival.

Twenty years ago, when the idea of holding a festival was born, our founder, the late Bidal Aguero, envisioned a cultural event that would showcase our "Mexican and Mestizo culture whose purpose would be to enrich the Lubbock community through art and stage productions". As we celebrate the 20th anniversary, we can proudly say that our founder's goals have been achieved and his vision of a cultural event that

inspires and educates the community about our culture and our heritage has become a reality.

There have been many, many people, people involved in the success of the festival since the beginning of the first Ballet Folklórico competition and theatre productions in 1994. To the many dancers and folklórico groups, parents, and musicians who have participated over the years we say "Thank You" for your support and for your continued participation. To those from different states who have attended our events throughout the years also, we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

To our funding partners who provide the grants including the City of Lubbock through Civic Lubbock Inc., the CH Foundation, the Sybil B. Har-

ington fund provided by the Lubbock Area Foundation, the Texas Commission on the Arts and El Editor Newspapers, we also extend our gratitude and ask for your continued financial support. To the thousands of Lubbock residents who have attended and supported the festival over the past 20 years, some who have probably attended every year, we also extend our sincere gratitude.

But as with any endeavor such as this festival which has to be produced year after year, there is always that one individual who takes the responsibility of leading and directing the event. For the Viva Aztlan Festival, Director Zenaida Aguero Reyes is that person.

From the beginning, she stood side by side with her father Bidal as they struggled to fund the festival and attract groups to compete in the dance competition. And when Bidal passed away

in 2009, Zenaida was there to accept the responsibility of continuing her father's dream and his legacy.

As we celebrate the 20th year of the festival, we are certain that it is through the hard work and dedication of Director Zenaida Aguero Reyes that the festival is now seen as one of the most important cultural and dance competition festivals in Texas. That is evidenced by the many folklórico and Mariachi groups from different states that participate.

We thank Zenaida for her hard work and dedication and congratulate her on the 20th anniversary of the Viva Aztlan Festival. We firmly believe that her father Bidal, is still guiding Zenaida in her determination to continue his legacy and look forward in the coming years to many more anniversaries.

¡Que Viva Bidal Aguero y que viva Zenaida Aguero-Reyes.
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Our EDITORIAL Voice

Mayor Was Wrong to Apologize

Lubbock Mayor Glen Robertson has every right to do as he wishes on a personal level, but since his apology to Republican candidate for Governor Greg Abbott was made in his official capacity as Mayor, as his constituents we take exception to it and we think the mayor was wrong to do so.

Aside from coming off looking like a small minded, small town mayor, is he not inserting himself into partisan politics and dragging along all the constituents he represents?

Oh wait, isn't that what the Mayor accused Victor Hernandez of doing? No one in their right mind who is completely honest about what was said by Councilman Victor Hernandez, really believes that Hernandez called Greg Abbott's wife a "prop". What they do believe in is using an old political strategy which says: make something out of nothing and use it to confuse and detract from the real issue; something Republicans do very well.

What they also believe is that they can fool people into believing their man made malarky by masking their comments in fake outrage and respond according to their political ideology in an effort to score some cheap political points.

Take Mayor Glen Robertson's apology, the mayor begins by saying that he tries to keep his personal feelings to himself and then proceeds to make his personal and partisan political feelings known and clearly addresses the "General" (what's that all about?) in his capacity as Mayor. He proceeds to tell Abbott that "our local government is non partisan" and that he finds it "troubling" that a council member would attempt to use his influence as an elected official to personally attack you".

But isn't that what Robertson is doing, attacking Hernandez for exercising his right to exercise his free speech as the Chairman of the Lubbock Tejano Democrats?

Of course he is.

What bothers us is that the Mayor makes the assertion that Hernandez was acting as a city councilman when he delivered his remarks, when in fact Hernandez had made it clear in both the press release announcement and statement at the restaurant that he was the Chairman of the group. In fact the statement had been formulated and approved by the Tejano Democrats executive committee.

What does the Mayor expect, that elected officials not join civic groups? Perhaps we should check with the Mayor to see if he is a member of the Lubbock County Republican Party?

Robertson's letter also confirms that he didn't bother to check into what Hernandez had really said and whether he had said it acting in his official capacity as a council member. All the Mayor had to do was pick up the phone and call Hernandez and ask him if what he had read or heard was true. But he didn't do that because to do so would have taken away the ammunition that Robertson needed to attack one of his own colleagues on the council, a colleague who, it is clear to us, Robertson clearly dislikes and can't figure out a way to get rid of.

We follow city hall politics and are not blind to the personal friction and animosity between Hernandez and Robertson since before Robertson was elected Mayor. Remember, Robertson once ran against Hernandez for the District 1 seat.

If he had taken time to research the matter, Robertson would have educated himself a bit more and found out that the Lubbock Tejano Democrats were addressing the vile comments that Ted Nugent had made about minority ethnic groups and women and Abbott's relationship with Nugent.

What about those comments Mayor, the ones where Nugent refers to female political leaders as "bitches and whores", and refers to African Americans like President Obama, as subhuman mongrels; why not communicate your feelings to the "General" about those? After all, don't you lead a city comprised of a combined over 43% Hispanic and African American population? And how about women leaders, two of whom sit on the council with you; plus the two ethnic minority members.

In a story on FOX 34, the Mayor continues to try and convince us that he was right to apologize. Here's what he told reporter Ashley Claster. "He may be speaking for the Hispanic Democrats, but I didn't want the Attorney General to think... you know that's a representative of Lubbock. This gentleman is most likely going to be our next governor. I'm going to need to be able to work with him. I have to work with whatever elected officials we have in Austin. So I just want to make sure that relationship is still good."

It is clear to us that Robertson is implying that Abbott will somehow retaliate against the city because of Hernandez's statement which does not speak well of how Abbott would govern should he win the election.

One other thing Mayor, the group's name, which is comprised of many of your constituents is the Lubbock Tejano Democrats, not "Hispanic Democrats". The least the Mayor could do is get the name of the group right.

Here's another telling quote from the same story: "At one point in his statement, he (meaning Hernandez) mentioned the word 'prop', and then the other point in his statement he did it plural, 'props'. I don't know what he was referring to, but I can tell you that Attorney General Abbott assumed and felt like he was talking about his wife."

Is that what the Mayor calls being non partisan? What if the Attorney General was a Democrat and the same things had been said about him by a Republican group?

Take it from us, an editorial voice that enthusiastically endorsed Robertson two years ago and has written several editorials agreeing with his actions, he is not the Mayor we asked the voters who read our publication to vote for. Rather in the past 2 years, he has shown that he was all talk when he was soliciting votes in the Hispanic community; telling us he understood what our issues were.

Many of our Hispanic community leaders know what we are referring to. See, this is the kind of politicking that some politicians practice, they come into "our house" to use a popular cultural metaphor and promise to listen to our issues only to never be seen again once they are elected. And they often win due to Hispanic voter turnout. We have been around this city for a long time, and we recognize the practice of political pandering and the use of political props when we see them.

Many people don't understand or pretend not to understand why the statement read by Hernandez included the word props; but we do.

We understand it because for many, many years we have seen it too often not to recognize it. Because part of the political prop strategy used by politicians is to act and behave differently depending on the group they are speaking to. There is a history of Republican politicians, some Democrats too, who come into our communities and use props.

Some politicians wear sombreros, some mangle the few Spanish words they have been taught by their staffs to create the illusion of solidarity with Hispanics. Some, as many of us know and have seen, come to our Jamaica's, our festivals, dressed in their coat and tie in the searing 90 degree weather and pretend to be enjoying themselves as they try to eat a tamal with the husk still on it.

You know they have no clue about our culture.

What these politicians have in common is the use of props. And that is what Abbott practices. He used the restaurant as a background prop to create the illusion that he is supported by the Lubbock Hispanic community.

Greg Abbott introduces his wife as the "first Latina first lady of Texas" in front of mostly Hispanic groups or what could be described as Hispanic events. How do you think he introduces her at mainstream events where the majority of the crowd is anti-immigrant and Tea Party zealots?

Now, they will never admit to using props, but we recognize it. It's just like that odor from the Lubbock feedlots; all you have to do is experience that once, and you'll never forget it.

Letters to the EDITOR

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RACE ISSUES CONTINUE AT FAST PACE

While watching the local evenings news today, I saw that (3) Lubbock TV stations (13, 28, and 34) gave a report on the Tejano Democrats press conference that was held today 2-26-14 at Jimenez Bakery and Restaurant. Lubbock Councilman Victor Hernandez, who identified himself as the T-Democrats representative and chairperson at the onset of the conference, initiated the press release which was about Mr. Greg Abbott's visit to Lubbock the day before. There was another Lubbock TV station that did not report on the event, which did not come as a surprise to most of us due, to several negative comments the station's general manager has made in the past about councilman Hernandez. What did surprise me though was the reporting done by FOX 34! FOX 34 did an interview with County GOP Chairman, Carl Tepper, asking for his comments on what Victor Hernandez had said. I never thought this interview was necessary, as Mr. Abbott had given his comments concerning his political stance, and Mr. Hernandez gave his comments on what Mr. Abbott had said, on behalf of the T-Democrats. Then 34 also provided video clips concerning what Abbott said during one of his campaign interviews about education, which went directly against what Victor had said about him. That wouldn't be an issue with me, had 34 also played video clips of what Mr. Abbott has done against public education since he's been in office and particularly the past couple of years! I believe that would have validated Victor's original comment, regarding how Mr. Abbott should concern himself with the issue of education. Just ask LISD and other local and state school districts! His pathetic record on state education funding and services speaks for itself! During his interview, Tepper said several things that fall right in line with why most Hispanics don't follow the GOP! His comments affected me personally because I for one am really tired of this rhetoric that some like Tepper use against Victor and other minorities consistently! Tepper stated that Hernandez is continually using the race card! Nothing could be further from the truth! Victor Hernandez states what he sees, knows, and learns from listening to his constituents. That's why they continue to support him, even when well funded attempts to recall him from office are carried out against him. I suppose Mr. Tepper wants us to believe we don't have a racial problem in Lubbock Texas, only Victor does! That's a very simple issue to counter! All we have to do is remind Mr. Tepper about some comments he made at one

of the Mexican Independence day fiesta's parade, a couple of years ago. According to several witnesses I know, he made a comment regarding welfare recipients, which seemed to be addressed to a mostly minority crowd riding in one of the floats close by! I know, he had his own story, as did the minority float riders. Second comment regarding Tepper's race card comment is how some members of city government were ready to kick Victor off the city council, due to his alleged misconduct toward some city office staff members. This came to a screeching halt when a brave and honest city office employee came forward with the truth surrounding the entire matter. And she did so at the risk of losing her own job, as she had been told might happen to her, by the then city manager (who was terminated) if she did not file a complaint against Councilman Hernandez! How soon Mr. Tepper and others forget all these things. But judging from his race card comment, the truth does not seem to matter to him. One last comment regarding this issue. I recall some years back that a talented, experienced, and established Hispanic Lubbock business owner donated 1 million dollars to TTUHSC. A year or so later, he ran for a city council position and lost the election by a fairly good size margin. I have often asked myself, what else could this Hispanic man have done, to have gotten more of the majority group's vote, in Lubbock Texas? The list goes on and on Mr. Tepper! But regardless of the obvious facts surrounding us, and those presented above, I doubt very seriously that Mr. Tepper and other like minded individuals will ever stop pushing the race card use issue by minority representatives.

Here's my last example of how Hispanics are disrespected and discriminated against to win elections! Let's look at what most of the Texas GOP political ads are about on television, including one of our own area races! They begin by making slanderous and disrespectful statements about ignoring or fighting president Obama and his ideas for our nation, militarize and secure the borders with Mexico, and stop the rampant voter fraud going on in the state! Then they picture themselves either standing in front of the Alamo (as one did), and or surrounded by law enforcement personnel! All these scenarios relate directly to Hispanics, and most of them are not true, and nor are the problems they represent! Talk about use of the race card! I've even had non-Hispanic friends and relatives point that one out to me! And they say it's sickening! But to listen again to what Mr. Tepper says, Victor Hernandez seems to be the only one who has race issues!

Miguel Torres, Lubbock, TX

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Group Expresses Concern Over Lubbock Outer Route

The recent public discussions concerning the creation of an outer route in Lubbock, which would extend from US 84 northwest of Lubbock to US 84 southeast of Lubbock; similar to a half loop, has created some concern among some current and former elected officials.

This past week, the group compiled a list of comments and concerns which it submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation. A public meeting was held on February 25 by TXDOT to gather public input.

The group of 7 is comprised of the following current and former elected officials: Ms. Vernita Woods-Holmes (LISD Trustee), Mr. Mario Ybarra (LISD Trustee), Mr. Floyd Price (City Councilman), Mr. Victor Hernandez (City Councilman), Mr. David Langston (former Mayor), Ms. Maggie Trejo (former Mayor Pro Tem), and Mr. Gilbert Flores (former County Commissioner).

In a press release distributed by Councilman Victor Hernandez on behalf of the group, 4 reasons were given for the letter to TXDOT:

1. To mitigate and/or not delay project decisions, if possible, by providing additional input as to: a) the Lubbock Outer Route Study; and 2) the Lubbock Outer Loop.
2. To initiate the process (feasibility study, route study, etc...) by which the remainder of the outer loop (portion not included in Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the Lubbock Outer Route Study) is included as part and parcel of the Lubbock Outer Route Study.
3. To notify TXDOT of the inadequacy of their public notice (in both English and Spanish) as to their written description of the Lubbock Outer Route and the necessity of republishing their notice of public meeting with greater specificity as to the location of the proposed new roadway known as the Lubbock Outer Route.
4. In addition, to request that an additional public open house be conducted in the northeast quadrant of Lubbock County.

The group also detailed what they believe will be "negative impacts" in 3 areas; the city of Lubbock, the Lubbock Independent School District and the downtown redevelopment project. They are: Specific examples of possible negative impacts on the following entities: were delineated as being:

- 1) Lubbock Independent School District (LISD): A) The Lubbock Outer Route will encourage and facilitate the continued out-migration of families and thus, LISD students, from central, north, northeast, east and southeast Lubbock. The practical effect of such out-migration will be the destabilization of neighborhoods which in turn, will negatively affect student census at LISD schools in central, north, northeast, east and southeast Lubbock. This in turn, will necessitate additional school closures.
- 2) City of Lubbock (COL): A) The Lubbock Outer Route will foster growth and prosperity in one direction at the expense of older, and in some

instances, underdeveloped portions of Lubbock. This is especially true of the residential and business sectors located within the service area of the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC), thus resulting in the destruction, disruption, and vitality of north and east Lubbock thereby, increasing isolation, exclusion, or separation of minority populations, low-income populations, elderly populations, children populations and person with disability populations from the broader community.

B) Additionally, the practical effect of such out-migration will be the destabilization of neighborhoods in north and east Lubbock which in turn, will necessitate additional infrastructure to be funded and placed in areas of high growth (northwest waste water treatment plant being an example) and/or continued annexation efforts, whether voluntary or involuntary.

C) Finally, sprawling growth, as compared to smart growth, is more expensive to a city. The practical effect of the Lubbock Outer Route will be the imposition of higher taxes to fund sprawling growth which in turn, equates to a disproportionate impact on minority populations, low-income populations, elderly populations, children populations and person with disability populations of the COL.

3) Downtown Lubbock Redevelopment: A) The proposed Lubbock Outer Route will negatively impact Downtown Lubbock Redevelopment efforts as well as stymie the ongoing growth patterns from west-to-northwest-to-north-to-northeast Lubbock.

The group concludes its letter by stating that a complete outer loop, which is not included in Phase 1 or 2, would "mitigate the negative impacts of the Lubbock Outer Route".

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Obama Courts China on Ukraine Crisis

The Obama administration stepped up its attempts Monday to court China's support for efforts to isolate Russia over its military intervention in Ukraine.

With official comments from China appearing studiously neutral since the Ukraine crisis began, President Barack Obama spoke to Chinese President Xi Jinping in a bid to get Beijing off the fence. The call was their first known conversation since Russian forces took control of Ukraine's Crimea region.

Obama appealed to China's well-known and vehement opposition to outside intervention in other nations' domestic affairs, according to a White House statement.

However, it remained unclear whether China would side with the U.S. and Europe or with Moscow, which has accused the West of sparking the crisis in Ukraine with inappropriate "meddling" in the internal affairs of the former Soviet republic. China is a frequent ally of Russia in the UN Security Council, where both wield veto power.

Obama "noted his overriding objective of restoring Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and ensuring the Ukrainian people are able to determine their own future without foreign interference," the statement said.

It said the two leaders "agreed on the importance of upholding principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, both in the context of Ukraine and also

for the broader functioning of the international system." They also affirmed their interest in finding a peaceful resolution to the dispute.

Obama's call to Xi follows a conversation last week between his national security adviser Susan Rice and Chinese state counselor Yang Jiechi.

In wooing China's support, the U.S. is seeking to capitalize on Beijing's policy of non-intervention, which Beijing has used as a rationale for limiting its involvement in North Korea and elsewhere around the world.

U.S. officials believe China may also be viewing the situation in Crimea through the prism of its own ethnic minorities in border regions. The officials say they were buoyed by comments last week from China's ambassador to the United Nations, who emphasized Beijing's support for non-interference while not directly taking a side in the dispute.

Previous statements from Chinese officials have stressed Beijing's determination to hold to its longstanding policy of opposing threats to any country's sovereignty and territorial integrity. But they have also referred obliquely to "reasons" for why the Ukraine situation has evolved as it has, suggesting sympathy with Russia's complaints.

But even if China were to publicly oppose Russia's military maneuvers in Crimea, it would likely be a symbolic gesture, and there's no expectation China would levy economic penalties against Russia

or take other punitive action.

U.S. officials say China may be acting more out of self-interest than anything else as it watches Crimea and its majority ethnic Russian population prepare to vote on breaking away from Ukraine. China is grappling with its own ethnic minority groups in border regions that may feel stronger ties to neighboring countries.

Obama's call to Xi was part of a broader effort by the president to rally world leaders around the notion that Russia's incursion into Crimea violates international law. The Kremlin has so far shown little sign of backing down, and a referendum on whether to join Russia is scheduled in Crimea on Sunday.

Ahead of that vote, Obama will host Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk at the White House on Wednesday. The U.S. has promised Ukraine's new government \$1 billion in loan guarantees, which would supplement a \$15 billion aid pledge from the European Union.

European leaders have joined Obama in condemning Russia's push into Crimea, where 60 percent of the population is ethnic Russian.

Russia moved into Crimea after Ukraine's pro-Kremlin President Viktor Yanukovich fled the capital of Kiev. Yanukovich had faced three months of political protests after he scrapped plans to strengthen ties with Europe, a move Russia opposed.

¿Que Pasa?

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Spring Break Camp at Maxey Community Center

Ages 6-12, \$85 per child ~ 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-register at Maxey Community Center, 30th and Oxford, Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.- Noon and 1:00-8:00 p.m., Friday until 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 767-3796.

Spring Break Camp at Hodges Community Center

Ages 6-12, \$85 per child ~ 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-register at Hodges Community Center, 41st & University Avenue, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.- Noon and 1:00-8:00 p.m., Friday until 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 767-3706.

Spring Break Camp at Rawlings Community Center

Ages 6-12, \$35 per child ~ 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-register at the Rawlings Community Center, 213 40th Street, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 am-6:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For information, call 767-2704.

Spring Break Camp at Mae Simmons Community Center

Ages 6-12, \$35 per child ~ 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-register at Mae Simmons Senior or Community Centers, E. 23rd and Oak Avenue, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, call 767-2708.

Spring Break Camp at Maggie Trejo Supercenter

Ages 6-12, \$35 per child ~ 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-register at Maggie Trejo Supercenter, 3200 Amherst, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Friday 8:30 am-6:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, call 767-2705.

Spring Break Tennis Camp at Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center

Juniors of all ages! \$125/person ~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pre-register at the Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center, 3030 66th Street, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.. For more information, call 767-3727.

MEALS ON WHEELS

For over 20 years, Lubbock Meals on Wheels has benefited from "Annie's Chat and Chew". This fundraiser was started by long time volunteer Annie Sanders and is being continued in her memory again this year at the Mae Simmons Senior Center, 2004 Oak Avenue, on Saturday March 29, 2013 from 11:00a.m. -1:00p.m. Guests can enjoy some great fried catfish and other tasty dishes while visiting with old friends and remembering a very special woman, Annie Sanders. Donations will be accepted at the door to help fund the purchase of meals for the homebound community served by Lubbock Meals on Wheels. Help us keep Annie's giving spirit alive by joining us at Annie's Chat and Chew. For more information, please call 792-7971.

PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Lubbock Chess Club at Mahon Library

The Lubbock Chess Club will meet at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, on Sunday, March 16 from 2 to 4:45 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Contact cmw02b@gmail.com for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Program at Mahon Library

Kids, come to the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 17 for games, crafts and refreshments. Don't forget to wear green! For more information, please call 775-2838.

Harness the Wind this Spring Break at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will have wind-themed stories and crafts from 2 to 5 p.m. on March 17, 18, 19 and 20. Children of all ages are welcome. We will make wind socks on Monday (3/17), kites on Tuesday (3/18), pinwheels on Wednesday (3/19), and paper airplanes on Thursday (3/20). For more information, please call 767-3300.

Children's Movie at Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, will present a movie for kids at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18. Tickets are required for this program as space is limited. Tickets are free and will be available at 9 a.m. the day of the program. For movie title and other information, please call 775-2838.

Spring into Fun at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, presents an afternoon of crafts and games for children on Tuesday, March 18 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Share a Book at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents a special storytime for all ages at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18. The theme is "Under the Sea." Each child will receive a free book courtesy of Literacy Lubbock. For more information, please call 767-3300.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Join us for an evening of fun while learning the basics of Continental style knitting at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Children's Movies at Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, will present movies for kids at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 20. For movie titles and other information, please call 775-2838.

Teen Movie Program at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will show a movie for teens at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. For movie title and other information, please call 767-3733.

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Left-to-Right book discussion group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 to discuss A Hustler's Wife by Nikki Turner. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call 767-3300.

LUBBOCK SENIOR CENTER HOSTS AMERICAN SENIOR IDOL

Calling all singers, dancers, comedians and musicians! Entertain your family and friends at Lubbock Senior Center's American Senior Idol on Friday, March 14, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. Everyone will enjoy this senior talent show based on the hit television series, American Idol. It's free to enter, and a grand prize will be awarded to the top performer! Contestants should be age 50 or older and register by calling the center at 767-2710 no later than Wednesday, March 12 by 5:00 p.m.

Lubbock Senior Center is located at 2001 19th Street. Hours of operation are Mondays and Wednesdays-Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 767-2710.

Ferías de salud son vitales para indocumentados

A sus 58 años, Guillermo Castro asegura que nunca se ha hecho un examen físico completo o ha acudido al doctor. Esta semana, por primera vez en su vida, le tomaron la presión y le revisaron el nivel de azúcar y el colesterol.

Su presión arterial estaba tan elevada que Sara Ramos, coordinadora de atención comunitaria del Hospital St. Vincent, en Los Angeles, llamó inmediatamente a una clínica comunitaria para encontrarle una cita lo antes posible.

"A veces me dan dolores de cabeza, me tomo una pastilla y se me quita", dijo Castro.

Esta semana, gracias a la feria de salud gratuita en el Consulado de El Salvador, patrocinada por el Hospital St. Vincent, Castro se enteró que ese persistente dolor de cabeza puede ser el inicio de un derrame, de ceguera o de ataque al corazón.

Ramos dijo que con demasiada frecuencia se encuentra a personas como Castro que tienen la presión tan alta y que necesitan atención casi inmediata. Lo más triste es que si no fuera por

las clínicas móviles gratuitas, personas como Castro, no tuvieran acceso a los servicios de salud más básicos.

"Hay muchas personas que necesitan servicios básicos y que no los tienen porque son indocumentados... nuestros servicios son para cualquier persona que lo necesite. Vamos a consulados, iglesias y llevamos nuestra unidad móvil a

organizaciones sin fines de lucro", dijo Ramos.

Fuera del 'Obamacare'

Los inmigrantes indocumentados como Castro —cerca de 11 millones de personas—, no califican para obtener seguro médico a través de la nueva Ley de Cuidado de Salud Asequible (ACA), firmada por el presidente Barack Obama en marzo de 2010.

Estas personas no podrán adquirir una póliza privada a través de los Mercados de Seguro de Salud, aunque cuenten con su propio dinero para hacerlo. Mucho menos podrán beneficiarse con la expansión de los seguros de salud públicos para personas de bajos ingresos (Medicaid y CHIP), y tampoco podrán obtener créditos tributarios u otra ayuda financiera federal.

Sin embargo, en algunos estados como Nueva York, las embarazadas, los niños, los ancianos y las personas con discapacidades pueden recibir servicios médicos de emergencia de Medicaid, sin importar su situación migratoria. También podrán acudir a los centros de salud comunitarios y las ferias de salud parecidas a la que acudió Castro, en las que pueden recibir pruebas y servicios gratuitos o a bajo costo.

Para la enfermera Lily Granjo, encargada de revisar el nivel de azúcar en la sangre, éstos exámenes muchas veces son la diferencia entre la vida y la muerte para muchos inmigrantes. Ella explicó que muchas personas se dan cuenta que tienen diabetes o presión alta hasta cuando

algún órgano, como por ejemplo los riñones o los ojos, les dejan de funcionar.

Castro llegó al consulado por su Documento Único de Identidad (DUI) y a mitad del día ya sabía que no tiene diabetes, pero que necesita ir al médico para controlar su presión arterial.

Al igual que él, otras 30 personas que llegaron con el fin de renovar el pasaporte o hacer algún otro trámite oficial en el Consulado, pudieron enterarse si tienen riesgo de sufrir de diabetes o de enfermedades cardíacas.

No hay razón para tener miedo

Los activistas le recuerdan a los latinos que, incluso aquellos que no son elegibles al 'Obamacare', debido a su estatus migratorio, tienen la posibilidad de obtener cobertura de seguro para los miembros de su familia que sí lo son, incluyendo sus hijos ciudadanos.

En el caso de las familias de estatus mixto, que siguen preocupadas y tienen temor de que un familiar indocumentado puede ser deportado si inscribe a los niños ciudadanos y otros familiares elegibles, el gobierno federal les ha garantizado que no deben tener miedo.

A través de un comunicado, la Casa Blanca explicó la semana pasada que nadie puede investigar el estatus legal del resto de los familiares en caso de que un interesado en inscribirse viva al lado de personas sin documentos.

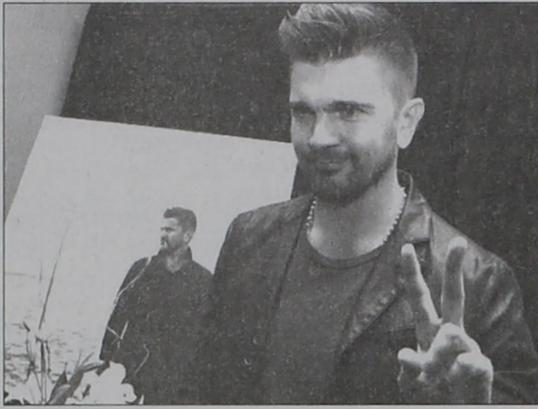
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Juanes lanza nuevo disco en show de Jimmy Fallon

El cantautor colombiano Juanes lanza este martes al mercado su nuevo disco, "Loco de Amor", durante su participación en el popular programa de televisión estadounidense "Tonight Show con Jimmy Fallon", de la cadena NBC.



Con su actuación en este programa nocturno, Juanes se convierte en el primer latino en cantar en el show de Jimmy Fallon, que recientemente sustituyó en el puesto al popular presentador Jay Leno.

"Creo que el amor es la energía más poderosa que hay en esta vida. Quería escribir canciones que pusieran un rayo de luz a través de un prisma. Ver las diferentes formas del amor", declaró Juanes en declaraciones recogidas en un comunicado de su casa discográfica, Universal Music Latino.

En este disco, compuesto por once canciones, Juanes buscó usar únicamente guitarras acústicas y grabar los temas en una sola toma, con toda la banda en el estudio.

En una reciente entrevista con Efe, Juanes explicó que esa combinación le permitió tener un sonido fresco que fusionó perfectamente lo acústico con lo rockero.

Colaboraciones estelares En el estudio, Juanes se rodeó de músicos como Emmanuel

"Meme" del Real, del grupo mexicano Café Tacvba, el baterista Abe Laboriel y el guitarrista de Paul McCartney, Brian Ray, quien se hizo cargo del bajo.

Con letra y música del cantautor colombiano, "Loco de Amor" es el primer álbum en español producido por Steve Lillywhite, quien ha trabajado en más de quinientas canciones con grupos como U2, The Rolling Stones, The Killers y Dave Matthews Band, entre otros.

El primer sencillo del álbum, "La Luz", logró situarse en el primer puesto de la lista Latin Airplay de Estados Unidos, que recoge los temas más difundidos a través de la radio de habla hispana, y en otros quince países, entre ellos México, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile y Argentina.

Shakira asegura que ella y Rihanna tienen el ritmo en la sangre

A pesar del revuelo que ha generado su último videoclip, 'Can't Remember To Forget You', y las críticas que ha recibido por parte de algunos sectores conservadores, la cantante colombiana Shakira se siente muy orgullosa del trabajo realizado junto a su amiga Rihanna en una canción que, a su juicio, representa fielmente el espíritu "caribeño" y sus ganas de mostrarse "fiel" a sus orígenes musicales.

"Creo que Rihanna y yo tenemos muchas cosas en común, por lo que sentía que ella era la cantante perfecta para compartir este tema conmigo. Los dos somos caribeñas y siempre nos hemos sentido muy apegadas a esos ritmos de las islas que tanto nos gustan".

"La conexión entre las dos fue instantánea porque, más allá de lo musical, compartimos ciertos rasgos de la personalidad. Los dos nos mantenemos fieles a nuestras raíces, a ese entorno en el que hemos crecido, y estamos muy unidas a nuestras familias", aseguró Shakira a la emisora

estadounidense Saturday Night Online.

SHAKIRA Y RIHANNA, DOS REINAS JUNTAS

Otra razón que explica su entusiasmo a la hora de trabajar con Rihanna tiene que ver con el carácter "sencillo y espontáneo" que exhibe la barbadense en las distancias cortas, una forma de ser que nunca resultó sorprendente para Shakira pese a que su compañera es una de las estrellas del pop "más exitosas" y extravagantes de los últimos tiempos. Tanto es así, que la diva latina está convencida de que su trabajo conjunto en el estudio y en el set de grabación ha ayudado a ambas a estrechar los lazos personales que las unen.

"Es una chica maravillosa, sencilla, espontánea y mucho más cercana de lo que podría parecer. Nada en ella tiene que ver con la imagen que presentan los medios, y lo cierto es que desde el principio nos llevamos fenomenal. Esa complicidad que proyectamos en el videoclip es real, nos divertimos mucho grabándolo y creo que encaja

perfectamente en nuestro estilo tanto musical como personal", explicó la diva del pop.

LA SENSUALIDAD DE SHAKIRA Y RIHANNA EN SU NUEVO VIDEO

Aunque Shakira reconoció recientemente que su pareja, el futbolista Gerard Piqué, le había "prohibido" desplegar su faceta más sensual con otros hombres y, de esta forma, le había obligado a recurrir únicamente al sexo femenino para desarrollar su carrera musical, en la actualidad la intérprete prefiere destacar cómo el "apoyo" de su chico y de su hijo Milan resulta "fundamental" para poder seguir cosechando éxitos.

"Llevo muchos años de trayectoria profesional, pero siempre tengo la impresión de que cada disco es como una montaña nueva que tengo que escalar desde la base. Sin ellos [Piqué y Milan] no podría hacer nada de lo que me gusta hacer, es fundamental contar con su apoyo para seguir trabajando porque son las personas más importantes de mi vida", apuntó.

Comedian Paul Rodriguez takes his act to the Inn Of the Mountain Gods

No regrets. At 59, and kicking at the door of a new decade, comedian Paul Rodriguez has seen, heard and said a lot in a career that has spanned more than 30 years, and he wouldn't change a thing.

"I love that I'm going to be 60," Rodriguez said. "That just gives me another year to develop more stories."

This is a man, who can deliver zingers in a heartbeat with precise timing in an ordinary conversation. In front of an audience, the consummate entertainer captures the crowd by remember the

past, telling stories, sharing life experiences and simply making them laugh. He plans to do just that when he brings what he personally calls his "50 Shades of Brown" tour to the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino in Mescalero, N.M., just about two hours outside of El Paso.

"My show is about every day things," Rodriguez said in a phone interview from his home in California. "It's a relief, makes you laugh. It brings a sense of nostalgia. It brings back memories that the audience can relate

to. I don't rehearse, because I've lived it."

Lived it he has. Rodriguez has been making audiences laugh all over the world in Spanish and English, sharing his Latino heritage and his journey as he chased the American dream. Born in Culiacan, Mexico, Rodriguez came to the United States with his family when he was four years old.

"We came over to Tijuana as campesinos," Rodriguez recalled. "I'm not ashamed to say we were very poor, very humble beginnings. My parents worked hard.

They just wanted a better life." Eventually growing up in Compton, Calif., Rodriguez found his calling when he attended one of his first movies that starred famous Mexican comic film actor Cantinflas.

"My uncle Benny took me to see Cantinflas' movies and I loved it," Rodriguez said. "I loved everything he did. If you were Mexican, you knew Cantinflas. He was so funny; he was one of us. I wanted to be like him and I asked my uncle if he thought I could and he told me, 'Don't tell your mom and dad, but I think you can do it.' That was it. I had someone who believed in me. He inspired me to try and I did."

The entertainer recently wrote and performed his first-ever one-man show, "Just for the Record," now on DVD, where he tells the story of his remarkable life, including his childhood in Mexico, to his family's move to California, his career and the significant relationships and moments that helped shape his life along the way.

As an actor and comedian, Rodriguez's multifaceted career includes starring roles and featured appearances in more than 45 films and countless television series and comedy specials. His film credits include "Without Men," with Eva Longoria and Christian Slater; "Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore;" "The Deported;" "Disney's blockbuster hit "Beverly Hills Chihuahua;" "The World's Fastest Indian;" "A Cinderella Story;" "Ali;" "Tortilla Soup;" "Crocodile Dundee in LA;" "Rat Race;" "Bloodwork;" "Chasing Papi;" and "D.C. Cab," among others. He was key in creating the film, "The Original Latin Kings of Comedy," which featured himself with fellow Latino comedians Cheech Marin and George Lopez on tour, and he also wrote, directed and starred in "A Million to Juan."

Voted one of the most influ-

ential Hispanics in America and awarded the Ruben Salazar Award by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, Rodriguez has been a force in the community.



He remains involved with various charitable, civic and educational organizations, including the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), to name a few. Rodriguez is also part owner of the world famous Laugh Factory, working with popular and up-and-coming comedians, inspiring them along the way.

"It's important to give back," Rodriguez said. "We should be the ones setting the examples, living by example." And yet, there's still so much more Rodriguez wants to accomplish on tour, on stage, on TV, on screen in life.

"The key to success is to have a passion for what you do," Rodriguez said. "I have passion, I've always had passion. I tell my story and talk about life and love every minute."

"I'll be doing this forever. They may have to wheel me out there, prop me up, but I'll keep telling my stories."

Carlos Santana Unveils His 'Corazon' Album Cover, Collaborations

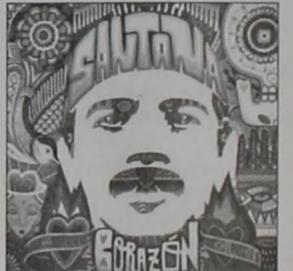
Guitar legend Carlos Santana is going back to his roots and allowing fans to have a peek at his "Corazón" ("Heart").

The Mexican-born icon will be releasing his first, ever, Latin music album on May 6, the star announced Thursday via Facebook. In the post, Santana also unveiled the cover art for the upcoming record, which will feature collaborations with some of the biggest Latino stars in the world.

Last week, Santana's team published the official cover art for "Corazón." According to the artist's website, the concept and design is by Madrid-based art collective Boa Mistura.

The 66-year-old legend achieved mainstream success with his Grammy-winning album "Supernatural" in 1999. The record featured several successful collaborations, including "Smooth" with Rob Thomas and "Maria Maria" with Product G&B.

"Corazón" promises to also be a collaborative hit. The album, produced by Lester Mendez, already counts with the participation of Juanes, Romeo Santos, Pitbull, Gloria Estefan, Diego Torres,



Miguel, Lila Downs, ChocQuib-Town, Fabulosos Cadillacs, Ziggy Marley, Niña Pastori, Samuel Rosa of Skank, Cindy Blackman Santana, Soledad, Wayne Shorter and more according to a statement on the artist's website.

"All the artists, men and women, who have taken part bring their own light, their talent, their spirit, they want to work with me... I've surrounded myself with artists who see the invisible and do the impossible," Santana told Efe late last year.

On Monday, he also announced the first dates of the "Corazón Tour," to begin in Atlantic City on June 13th. "La Flaca" by Jarabe de Palo, sung by Colombian rockstar Juanes, is the first single off the upcoming album.

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City Attorney Post, cont'd.

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Here is Sam Medina's letter to Mayor Glen Robertson and the Lubbock City Council.

Dear Mayor and Council,
As the city attorney, I know you are facing some challenges in your efforts to provide the highest and best quality of life for the citizens. You do not need any added distractions. These distractions are unfair to you, to the citizens and to my family. After much prayer and consideration, I believe it is time for me to move into the next stage of my work life. "Therefore, please accept my resignation as your city attorney effective at your next meeting. I do this of my own free will and with a grate-

ful heart because of the privilege I have had in serving the wonderful citizens of my beloved Lubbock. "I have been presented with several opportunities that will allow me to support my family. I owe it to them to accept one of those opportunities. "I thank you and previous councils for the support you have shown me, even to this day. I also thank the citizens for the support they have shown me in having allowed me to publicly serve them for almost 20 years. I will continue to do everything I can to help my community. We live in a great city and I know you will continue to do everything you can to keep it that way. You will always have my support in that endeavor."

UMC CEO to speak on rewards of partnership at LISD forum

Lubbock ISD and the LISD Partners in Education program, in collaboration with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, invite the public to the Lubbock ISD Community Partnership Forum on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

Dr. Bill Daggett, international expert on education, will be the keynote speaker. David Allison, CEO of UMC Health System, will provide insight on the rewards of a robust partnership.

In past years, UMC has been recognized by the Texas Association of Partners in Education as a model partner of the local education system. Employees of UMC have donated and delivered food items, school supplies and clothing to elementary school students facing challenging socioeconomic issues.

This free, morning-long event will give an insider's look at the landscape of public education in LISD and the nation and how your

business or community group can get involved to help make a difference.

To reserve your seat for this event, please email Linsey McCutchin, lmcutchin@lubbockisd.org.

Who: Open to public; free of charge

What: Lubbock ISD Community Partnership Forum featuring guest speaker, David Allison, CEO, UMC Health System

When: 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 12

Where: Legacy Event Center, 1500 14th Street

UMC Health System is ranked among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation for patient satisfaction by HealthGrades, and has consistently ranked among the best places to work in Texas by the Best Companies Group. More than 300,000 patients a year choose UMC.



LULAC Council 263 held its "Bring Out Your Best" Awards and Scholarship Banquet on Feb. 22 at the Elegante Hotel. The group was entertained by Lubbock High Mariachi Band; Keynote Speaker was Hector Limon and among the awards that were handed out were Lubbock District 1 City Councilman Victor Hernandez with the 'Community Leader of the Year' Award. Photos submission by John P. Cervantez

Obituary Felice "Vica" Gutierrez Quirino



May 18, 1925 - February 27, 2014



Mrs. Quirino was put to rest on March 3, 2014 with a celebration mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

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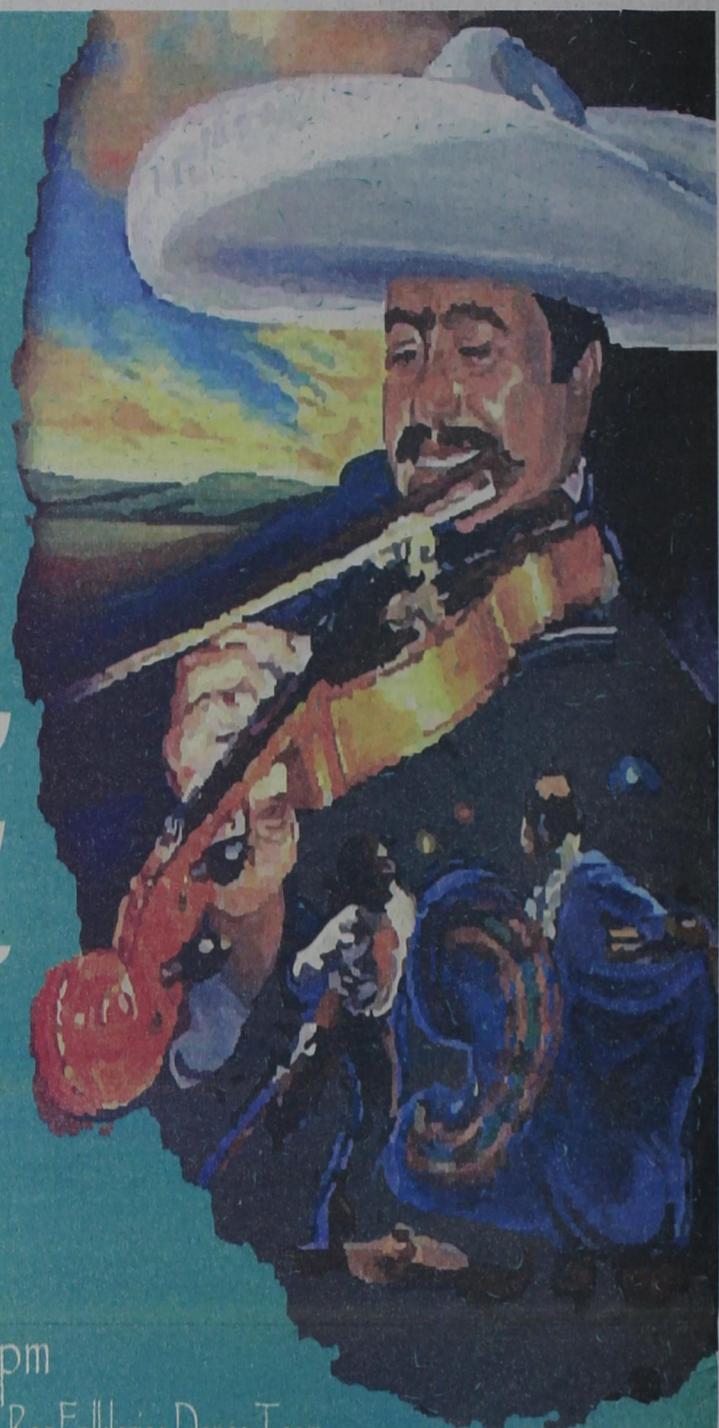
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