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SPC's new dean of Arts and Sciences

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Yancy Nunez has been named the new dean of Arts and Sciences at South Plains College. He joined the faculty on July 1.

The Carlsbad, N.M.-native grew up in Odessa and graduated in 1980 from Odessa High School. Nunez went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree and master's degree in mathematics from Texas Tech University, in 1988 and 1993, respectively.

Prior to joining the faculty at SPC, Nunez was the director of Academic Center for Excellence at Sul Ross State University for five years. He also worked as the chairman of the department of mathematics and engineering at Odessa College for nine years.

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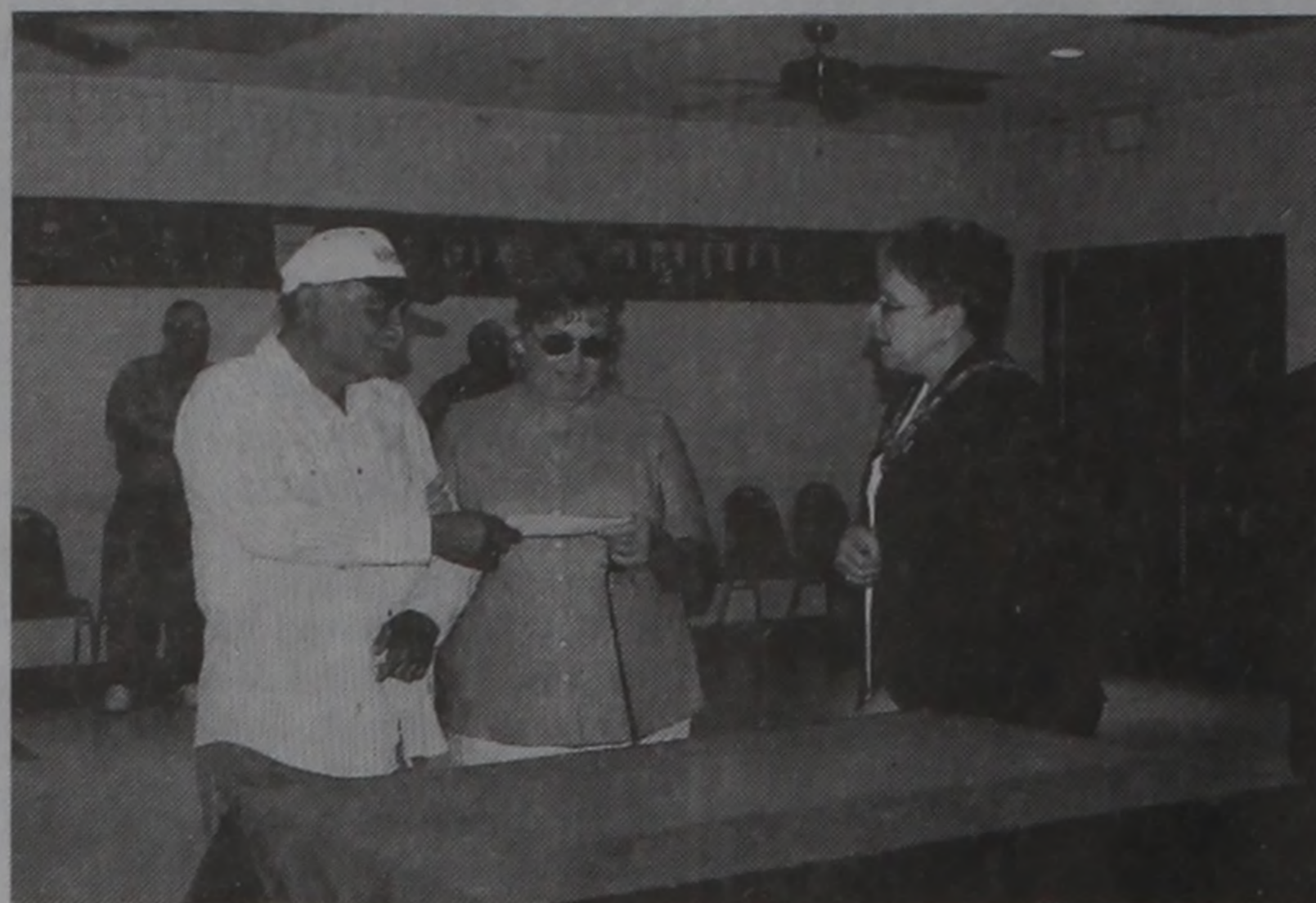
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Tony R. Thornton, President and CEO and the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock, Inc.

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Richardson Struggling to Stay in Race Despite Strong

Bill Richardson, the Democratic presidential contender with the heavyweight resume -- former congressman, U.N. ambassador, energy secretary and now governor of New Mexico -- is wrapping up his six-point plan for a Richardson presidency when he suggests that his audience is skeptical of his chance to win.

Despite his credentials -- negotiating with despots, balancing a state budget, pursuing global diplomacy, pushing green technology as energy secretary -- Richardson has been overshadowed in early debates and polls by rivals with better name recognition and vastly more money.

"I know you're saying, 'Gov. Richardson, we've met him, good guy, good-looking guy, too, good credentials,'" Richardson says to a small but receptive crowd at a backyard party. "But then you're saying, 'Can he win?' I know you're thinking it. You read the polls."

Such is the plight of the underdog. Even as he seeks to position himself as the candidate with the most experience, Richardson has to persuade skeptics to take his candidacy seriously.

"This should be a race about who's got the best plan for this country, who's got the credentials to lead this country," Richardson says. Several in the audience nod. "Not who's the biggest rock star or who has the most money or the most political legacies."

PERSONAL TOUCH
Lacking big bucks, Richardson politicks voter by voter. The gregarious governor actually holds the Guinness world record

for hand-shaking. He's counting on strong showings, though not necessarily the top spot, in early voting states to catapult him into the top tier.

As he lumbered along a New Hampshire parade route during the Fourth of July holiday week, one woman pressed him on global warming. Richardson, who tells his audiences he would expect Americans to "sacrifice" to ensure energy independence, stopped to share his ideas. Behind him, the parade backed up.

"They almost threw me out," Richardson later joked.

On the trail, Richardson presents a detailed recitation of what he would do as president, including pulling all U.S. forces out of Iraq within six months of taking office -- before taking question after question. He offers his thoughts on energy conservation, the importance of arts in schools and immigration -- not shying away from his support for earned legalization.

"I'm at 10 percent [in the polls], I gotta move up here," Richardson quips at the house party. He agrees to take one more question as his handlers nudge him to wrap it up, but he fields nearly a half-dozen more.

Voters say he comes off as a regular guy. Though Richardson relishes the personal touch, he's surprisingly stingy with personal details on the trail.

He mentions briefly -- and only in the context of explaining his love for Mickey Mantle -- that he grew up in Mexico City. His father was a white non-Hispanic banker; his mother is Mexican. In an interview, he said he's not interested in campaigning as the first Hispanic candidate.

'PROUD TO BE HISPANIC'
"I'm trying to convey that I'm a mainstream American governor who's very proud to be Hispanic," Richardson said. "I don't try to be a wedge candidate. I've never wanted to be categorized as a professional Hispanic. I want to compete with everybody."

"I'm asking voters to base their choice on competence, on record, on vision for the country," he said.

With every close, Richardson acknowledges skepticism about his winning. His poll numbers are up in New Hampshire and Iowa, but he jokes that he started out "below the margin of error."

He gets serious only when he closes, telling voters that Americans elect governors as president, not senators.

And he suggests that New Hampshire voters have a special affection for the unanointed.

"You're first; you have a special responsibility," Richardson says to about 100 Democrats in Stoddard.

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