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Gutierrez-Flake Propose New Immigration

WASHINGTON - Bipartisan legislation to be unveiled Thursday in the House of Representatives would offer temporary legal status to millions of undocumented immigrants but would require them to leave the country before they could be eligible for permanent residency and U.S. citizenship.

The bill by Reps. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., and Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., is the first major immigration legislation to be introduced in the current session of Congress, as lawmakers address the status of more than 11 million immigrants who are in the country illegally.

A comprehensive Senate immigration bill died in the previous, Republican-controlled Congress amid intense opposition from Republican members, who rebuffed President Bush's call for a sweeping overhaul of immigration laws. With Democrats in control of Congress, Bush again has made immigration a centerpiece of his domestic agenda and thinks he has a strong chance to succeed now.

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The Gutierrez-Flake proposal includes many of the ingredients of the failed Senate bill. It would create a guest-worker program that would enable foreign workers to stay in the country for up to six years to hold jobs that U.S. workers have bypassed.

Bush has insisted that a guest-worker program be part of any immigration bill to give U.S. businesses a steady source of foreign workers to fill what they say is a chronic labor shortage in low-skilled and unskilled jobs. Under the Gutierrez-Flake bill, qualified foreign guest workers would get three-year visas that they could renew for another three years, then they'd be required to return home.

Flake said in an interview Wednesday that illegal immigrants who were in the country now also could be eligible to work legally

here for up to six years if they paid back taxes and fines, learned English and passed criminal background checks.

If they wanted to stay in the country to be eligible for a green card - denoting permanent legal residence - and eventual citizenship, they'd be required to leave the U.S., most likely for Mexico or Canada, and register back in the United States through a port of entry.

The so-called "touch-back" provision was also in the Senate bill, in an attempt to soften objections among conservatives who oppose blanket legalization of undocumented immigrants. The Senate measure applied different standards for categories of immigrants based on their lengths of stay in the country, but that feature isn't in the Gutierrez-Flake bill.

The bill also would require the Department of Homeland Security to certify that certain steps have been taken to secure U.S. borders before the guest worker and legalization programs go into effect. Those conditions would include a sharp increase in border enforcement personnel and substantial progress on a multibillion-dollar high-tech surveillance shield that's under construction on the U.S.-Mexican border.

Tamar Jacoby, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a research center that's pressing for an overhaul of the immigration system, said the provisions were aimed at pulling the legislation to the center of the political spectrum by attracting Republicans who might otherwise oppose a comprehensive immigration plan.

"This is a recognition that you can't pass the bill without at least 20 Republicans in the Senate and 40 Republicans in the House," she said.

White House officials have been consulted about the bill, Flake said, but haven't embraced specific legislation. Conservatives in the Senate have been meeting with top-ranking Bush administration officials in discussions that could spawn a White House-sanctioned bill. The meetings have included Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez and two senators who sponsored an alternative to the failed Senate bill: Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Bush made immigration a major component of his State of the Union address in January, calling for a "rational middle ground between a program of mass deportation and a program of automatic amnesty."

A 'War' for Inclusion

Hispanics seek a role in the new Ken Burns

By Arian Campo-Flores
When Raquel Garza watched a short preview in November of the upcoming World War II documentary "The War," by acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns, she was impressed. "It was very cool, definitely very interesting," says Garza, project manager for the U.S. Latino and Latina World War II Oral History Project at the University of Texas at Austin. The 14-hour series examines the conflict through the eyes of 40 people in four American towns. But Garza's enthusiasm dimmed in a question-and-answer session with Burns and co-director Lynn Novick. When a Navajo veteran asked if Native Americans were included in the film, the directors said no. Garza asked Novick afterward if they'd included Latinos, 500,000 of whom served in the war, by some estimates. The answer, again, was no. "It was just one more thing we would be left out of," she says.

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Garza wasn't the only one disappointed. After Hispanic veterans attended other previews of the documentary, the complaints mounted. It didn't help that the series is scheduled to air in September, Hispanic Heritage Month. The resulting grass-roots protest grew to include scores of Latino organizations and members of Congress. Their demand: that Burns and PBS, which is airing the documentary, incorporate new material in "The War" that reflects the Hispanic experience. Last week the filmmaker and PBS announced that they would shoot new footage about Latinos and include it at the end

of each episode or in the breaks. Splicing in new material would undermine the narrative structure of the documentary, they said. But Burns's comments—that the new material would be like "an amendment to the Constitution"—ranked many. "I don't think of the Hispanic community as an amendment to anything," says Sen. Robert Menendez. "An addendum, in my mind, is not an appropriate response."

Latino leaders say they will keep up the pressure. Though several Hispanic groups hailed Burns's proposal as a victory, many continue to demand that the filmmaker reedit the original documentary. Menendez



and Sen. Ken Salazar have called for a meeting with PBS president Paula Kerger. And this Wednesday, a coalition of Latino groups will brief members of Congress as part of a "Hispanic Patriots on the Hill" event. "We owe it not only to those people who died on those battlefields," says Antonio Gil Morales of the American GI Forum, "but also to the hundreds of thousands of veterans who came home to the same discrimination and segregation that were there when they left."

Burns has seemed surprised by the uproar. "We have been saddened that some organizations and individuals have been upset," he said in a statement. But he clarified that "the film was never meant to be a definitive or comprehensive treatment of the subject." The documentary does feature blacks and Asian-Americans. When Burns and his crew traveled to the four towns in the film, they sought to reach potential profile subjects through historical societies and veterans groups. But, according to a Burns spokesman, no Latinos responded. For its part, PBS has tried "to balance the desire for the inclusion of more content" with the filmmaker's "artistic vision," says John Willson, the head of programming at the network. He insists that the additional material isn't an afterthought and will become a permanent part of the broadcast, including the DVD set.

U.S. Latino and Latina WWII Oral History Project-AP
Hispanic Stories: U.S. Latino WWII soldiers in the Philippines
Garza says the oral-history project could have furnished plenty of profile candidates. Among the 550 her group has interviewed: William Carrillo, a Los Angeles native who lacked the college degree necessary for the Air Corps cadet program and wrote on his application that he'd attended the "College of Hard Knox." He ended up slipping through anyway and went on to fly 55 B-17 missions in Europe. He was shot down over Berlin, imprisoned in a POW camp in Poland and was eventually rescued in Munich. "All of these guys had fantastic stories," says Garza. Perhaps they'll find their way into a different documentary.

smiled Satepauhoodle, leave tracks, which just look different.

"Sooner or later, they will brush against a cactus and leave a fiber from their clothes on its thorn," she continued. "Or a mesquite tree will get in the way, and a tiny branch will get broken."

Inch by inch, yard by yard. So far, the road showed no sign of human activity, but miles still lay ahead.

Other Shadow Wolves patrols were doing similar inspections to the east and west in the hope of narrowing the search area. Smugglers often hide their loads in the desert if they sense danger, preferring to face arrest and voluntary departure as undocumented immigrants. Then they can return for their goods later.

Gun play is rare. All bets are on patience and attention to detail.

By morning, three suspects and a total of 1,250 pounds of marijuana were tracked by the Wolves and detained in windowless cells at Immigration and Customs Enforcement headquarters in Sells.

More were to come. If not today, then tomorrow.

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Shadow Wolves Stalk Our Southern Border

By Maxim Kniazkov
TOHONO O'ODHAM INDIAN RESERVATION, Ariz. —

The alert sounded in John Bothof's patrol truck shortly after midday.

Somebody has stepped on the side of a road. Somebody whose footprints said he was up to no good.

"See how deeply the rim of the shoe sinks into the sand?" Bothof, a Lakota Indian from the Black Hills of South Dakota, crouched by the print together with his partner, Carol Kirkpatrick, a Navajo from northern Arizona.

"It means he had a load," the track reader looked up. "Probably a backpack full of drugs."

The prey has revealed itself. It was time for wolves to go on a prowl.

The Shadow Wolves, a unique all-Native American tracking team employed by the Department of Homeland Security to hunt down drug smugglers.

There are only a dozen of them in the whole country, members of different tribes, who have learned and preserve the ancient skill of reading the Earth's private diary.

They have been working on this sprawling reservation southwest of Tucson since the early 1970s,

intercepting loads of illegal drugs heading from Mexico to the United States.

Now that border security has finally moved to the forefront of the national agenda, their job has taken on added urgency and importance.

The radio in Bothof's truck now spewed a steady torrent of coded traffic. The Wolves were getting oriented and gathering into a pack.

"There are probably six of them. We have a good count," the voice of Gary Ortega, a Tohono Indian and a nine-year veteran of the unit, crackled into the cabin.

The smugglers also revealed a degree of sophistication. They did not cross the road all at the same place.

Their tracks brought other bad news. They likely had crossed about 12 hours before, in the dead of night and ahead of a rainstorm they knew would wash away at least some of the tracks.

The hunt began. It was an eerie display of an ancient craft bolstered by modern technology, of a tribal skill making a stunning comeback.

Here, in the stern-looking Arizona desert, James Fenimore Cooper finally met the Robocops. Bothof made a sudden U-turn,

gunned the engine and headed about 10 miles north, toward the village of San Luis, where lay a parallel dirt road.

"We want to see if they've crossed this one, too," he explained. "If yes, they've gone north. If they have not, then they are somewhere between the two roads."

With the village in sight, the truck slowed down to a crawl. Earth reading is always slow. Inch by inch. Every tuft of sun- parched grass, every gnarled branch of cholla cacti.

"Some smugglers are good, very good at what they do," later explained Sloan Satepauhoodle, a Kiowa Indian from Oklahoma who has been with the Wolves for six years. "But the Earth registers everybody's presence."

They make shoes out of old carpets and tie them over their boots in the hope of rendering footprints less visible, they sweep behind themselves when crossing roads, they try to step on grass rather than sand or follow animal trails in the expectation that cattle will soon destroy the prints with their hooves.

But the grass will register abuse, the prints made by cowboy boots will still peek from under hoof prints, and carpet shoes,

car a narcotraficantes.

En todo el país sólo hay una docena, miembros de diferentes tribus quienes han aprendido y quienes conservan el antiguo talento de descifrar el diario privado de la Tierra.

Han estado trabajando en esta reserva amplia al suroeste de Tucson desde comienzos de los años setenta, deteniendo a cargas de narcóticos que salen de México hacia los Estados Unidos.

Ahora que la seguridad nacional por fin se ha colocado en primer lugar de la agenda nacional, su labor se ha vuelto más urgente e importante.

Del radio de la camioneta de Bothof se oía un torrente de tráfico codificado. Los lobos se orientaban, formándose en manada.

"Hay unos seis. Tenemos buena cuenta", chisporroteaba en la cabina la voz de Gary Ortega, indígena Tohono y veterano de nueve años del equipo.

Los traficantes también revelaron un tanto de sofisticación. No cruzaban todos en un solo punto del camino.

Las huellas traían más malas noticias. Lo probable era que habían cruzado unas doce horas antes, durante las horas muertas de la noche y adelantándose a una tormenta de lluvia que sabían les borraría al menos algunas de sus huellas.

Comenzó la caza. Fue una muestra misteriosa de habilidad antigua apoyada por tecnología moderna, de talento tribal en un deslumbrante renacer.

Bothof de repente dio una vuelta en U, aceleró a fondo y se dirigió unas 10 millas al norte, hacia el pueblo de San Luis, donde yace un camino paralelo.

"Queremos saber si han cruzado aquí, también", explicó. "Si lo hicieron, se han ido al norte. Si no, entonces se encuentran en alguna parte entre los dos caminos."

A vistas del pueblo, la camioneta iba muy despacio. El rastreo de la tierra siempre se realiza lentamente, pulgada por pulgada. Cada mata de hierba quemada por el sol, cada rama torcida del cacto chollí.

Lobos de la Penumbra al Cecho en Nuestra Frontera

Maxim Kniazkov
TOHONO O'ODHAM RESERVA INDÍGENA, Arizona ---

Sonó el pitido de alerta en la camioneta de patrulla de John Bothof poco después del mediodía.

Alguien ha dado paso a la ladera del camino. Alguien cuyas huellas delatan su mala intención.

"¿Ves cuánto se hunde el filo del zapato en la arena?" Bothof, indígena Lakota de los Black Hills, en Dakota del Sur, se acuclilló junto a la huella con su asociada, Carol Kirkpatrick, indígena Navajo del norte de Arizona.

"Esto significa que cargaba peso", dijo el rastreador alzando la vista. "Lo probable es que cargaba una mochila llena de drogas".

La caza se reveló. Ahora los lobos se ponen a rondar.

Los Shadow Wolves (lobos de la penumbra) son un equipo de rastreo compuesto enteramente de indígenas norteamericanos, empleados por el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional para bus-

quite por el camino, y se romperá una ramita".

Otras patrullas de los Shadow Wolves hacían inspecciones similares al este y al oeste con la esperanza de reducir el área en que buscaban.

Los traficantes muchas veces esconden su carga en el desierto si perciben peligro, prefiriendo enfrentarse a la detención como extranjeros indocumentados. Así pueden volver por su mercancía más adelante.

Los disparos se dan muy rara vez. Todos apuestan por la paciencia y atención a los detalles.

Al dar la mañana, los lobos habían rastreado a tres sospechosos y un total de 1.250 libras de marihuana; los sospechosos detenidos en celdas sin ventana en la sede de la agencia federal de inmigración, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, en Sells.

Llegarán más, si no hoy, entonces mañana.

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EDITORIAL AND COMMENTARY

HONOR THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE US

Will they or won't they? The question comes to mind as we attempt to predict whether the dysfunctional, or is it, "disjointed" Lubbock City Council, will rename a largely unknown and obscure park road after Cesar Chavez, the farm labor leader and founder of the United Farm Workers Union.

Our guess is that they won't and our position is that they shouldn't. First as to whether they will; we don't think so.

Opposition has come from the self appointed spokespersons and self appointed leaders in the black community; led by Councilman Floyd Price. Their opposition seems to stem from their protectionist attitude when it comes to any issue east of Ave A. Their territorial attitude comes from their belief that the east side is "their" part of town and that they somehow own it. Well they neither own it nor are entitled to it.

Our guess is that their opposition is strictly a NIMBY, "not in my back yard" reaction fueled by a self serving attitude; which has no place in this discussion.

We would remind Mr. Price that he represents a district which is 49.2% Hispanic, 21.4% Anglo, and 28.5% African American.

Our second point; prior to last year's election, El Editor posed the question of renaming a street after Chavez (we knew it would come up sooner or later) to then mayoral candidate David Miller. His response was a typical non-committal answer in which he left himself some wiggle room:

"I am open to discussing this topic. We must consider location of the street and how the change would impact citizens whose addresses would be changed. If there are minimal objections from those directly affected and if the new name builds goodwill and better friendships, then I would favor it" - mayoral candidate David Miller, ("In Their Own Words", April 27, 2006.)

That is hardly a ringing endorsement from a candidate who now as Mayor has probably secretly wished that the issue would not come before the council. And unless the Mayor has changed his criteria, we suspect that he will see this as a divisive issue; not one that has engendered "goodwill" and "better friendships".

Our opposition to renaming the street after Mr. Chavez is partly based on the location of the street itself. The road is an obscure hardly used park road and one that most of this city's residents never use. What would be the point of renaming a road that is largely out of the public's view?

Why not Ave Q or North University from 4th Street north to the Loop? Why does it have to be a street?

It seems to us that in selecting which road or street to submit for renaming, organizers chose to take the path of least resistance; seeming to settle for a location which will impact the least amount of people; one not too many people will object to; or ever use.

We agree with the Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee

that Mr. Chavez should be recognized and honored as one of this country's heroes. But we respectfully disagree with the committee on how Mr. Chavez should be honored.

Why not a park? Why not build a monument or erect a statue in Mr. Chavez's honor; a place where people can come and learn about Chavez's many accomplishments and contributions? How about a museum of our unique Mexican American history which could include Mr. Chavez's contributions?

Cesar Chavez deserves something that will serve as a testimonial to his contributions and his greatness.

Renaming a street after him in this city is not it.

We also question whether Mr. Chavez truly represents **Lubbock's Mexican American** history. Many people, our great-grandparents, grandparents and parents, went before us and suffered the indignations of racism and class separation. They worked in the fields; they provided the labor that picked and ginned the cotton and built the buildings that stand in this city today. They knocked down the barriers; they overcame the odds so that future generations could succeed; do they not deserve to be honored?

The cradle of our history, the roots of this city's Mexican American community are in the Barrio Guadalupe, in the "Barrio Nuevo"; the "Barrio del Hueso"; Arnett Benson; and some sections of the East side. That's where the majority of our history originated. Those are some of the places which represent a time and a place when we genuinely lived and celebrated our culture; "nuestra herencia"; our heritage.

It was the people from these barrios who fought for equal representation and led the fights against city and school board single member districts. It was the people from these barrios who marched in the "Marchas de Fe" in the early 1970's; marches or demonstrations of their faith and solidarity when they felt that some of their own had been treated unfairly.

It was the people, some of our elders, from the Barrio Guadalupe, many of our cultural brothers and sisters, who were lost in the May 11, 1970 tornado.

They are the ones who went before us; they belonged to a cultural generation which played a more direct role in our history; their story deserves to be told through a memorial or commemoration. When we will honor them?

In our view, we would prefer to honor them first, before we honor Mr. Chavez.

of the 50s, World War II air raid SIRENS were used to alert the populace.....couldn't we have modern sirens to do the same thing?

 "**Grace Under Pressure" was the phrase NBC used to headline the recent JOHN EDWARDS announcement that he would continue his Presidential campaign despite his wife's tragic illness.

JOHN EDWARDS and BILL RICHARDSON are the class of the Presidential field, along with RON PAUL and DENNIS KUCINICH.....if I were choosing today, I would put these two statesman together.....EDWARDS-RICHARDSON or RICHARDSON-EDWARDS.....an ethnically diverse ticket which represents principle and vision rather than mere symbolism. I would encourage voters of both parties to consider this ticket, a Populist alternative to the Necon, Globalism which has engulfed both Republicans and Democrats. Traditional labels of "Liberal" and "Conservative" no longer matter.....rather, we should heed the words of one of my favourite political heroes, Senator RALPH YARBOROUGH....."Are you for BIG GOVERNMENT, BIG BUSINESS and BIG LABOR, or for the people.....as for me, I stand with the people!"

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Editor
Re: Lubbock City Council

In regard to city's lawsuit with Terry Ellerbrook, the Lubbock Avalanche Journal reported that a settlement was imminent and would probably be settled at last Monday's morning meeting. All the city council had to do was to vote for the settlement. If they had done that at the morning meeting that case would have ended and probably for less money. So why did three of the commissioners and the Mayor vote not accept the settlement that morning? And why did Phyllis Jones present a resolution that would make public the contents of any depositions taken, even at this late date. I had been racking my brain trying to figure out the answers to these two questions.

My first reaction Monday morning when I heard the news was that Council woman Phyllis Jones was again acting as a puppet on behalf of the Mayor like she has done on other issues. Another thought I had was that Mayor Miller was doing this in an attempt to place the blame for the Terry Ellerbrook case on Tom Martin and thus eliminating him as a potential future opponent. If an election between David Miller and Tom Martin were held tomorrow, Tom Martin would win this time around. This conspiracy, and yes, I do mean conspiracy between the Mayor, Phyllis Jones, Linda DeLeon and Floyd Price went even beyond what I could have imagined. Their actions were strictly politics at its worse. It is obvious that this conspiracy led by the Mayor was to accomplish four things.

1. To eliminate Tom Martin from ever being a candidate again for city office.
2. To eliminate the independent voice of Gary Boren who has refused to be a puppet or rubber stamp for the Mayor. The Mayor is not even satisfied with the votes coming out 4 to 3 in his favor. He wants a little more cushion in case one of his puppets is absent of defects.
3. These actions will allow the Mayor to go out and recruit another puppet or rubber stamp to fill Gary Boren's seat.
4. To intimidate anyone who might

oppose the mayor or be an independent voice on the council even if they represent the views of their constituents.

It has been shouted out loud and clear that - you had better toe the line or we will do a Gary Boren on you.

All of this by a Mayor who promised when he was a candidate for that office, not to bring politics into City Hall.

Gary Boren and John Leonard's actions and votes on the council pretty much represent my views and I have told them so. My elected representative on the City Council, Phyllis Jones and the Mayor do not represent my views. Now with Gary Boren gone, large parts of our city and its citizens are without representation of their views. This even includes those districts even where there are elected council persons filling those seats.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

It was not supposed to happen. After all, Texas Tech's motto is "growing leaders". Our son had been groomed by the National Hispanic Institute for leadership in our local community so we did the groundwork for him to attend Tech's law school. Bidal Aguero and Emilio Abeyta are getting up in age and our son wants to continue the fine work they have done for our community. My wife and I sacrificed and sent our son to one of the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the nation. The school is well known in academia for preparing students for law school. In his interview for law school at Tech, the interviews had never heard of the school. I guess they never heard looked at U.S. News's annual list of top schools or the Princeton Review's list of top colleges and universities (Tech is not on the list). It was no surprise when the rejection letter finally came in the mail. I do admit that things have gotten better then when I graduated from Tech in 1980. I applied for a job at good old double T. I never heard a word. At least my son got something in the mail. Sergio Mikel Ceja received a scholarship to attend law school at the University of Arkansas and will be attending in the fall of this year.

Sergio Mario Ceja

A Candidate's Thoughts on Red Light Cameras

As to the question of the proposed red-light cameras my position is that I am very reluctant to go forward with them, and I personally would certainly not implement them prior to addressing three specific concerns I have. First, the issue of due process is tantamount to any support I would give to red-light cameras. Is there a means for the owner of the vehicle in question to contest their ticket beyond "is or is not that your vehicle?" And on that point I would like it to the refrain regarding guns. The statement that "guns don't kill people; people kill people" is used to refocus the public back to the person responsible for the death of someone. Well, clearly vehicles running red-lights is the issue at hand, but as cumbersome as it may be in a free society governed by the rule of law we have to hold the driver (the accused) responsible and not merely cite the property, vehicle owner for the offense. Unless there is a clear and legally acceptable means, process, by which the owner can contest whether or not he/she was the driver at the time of the red-light violation I would not support such a system for citation. Secondly, I would not support a red-light camera system merely for revenue enhancement, though that has been the means by which vendors of such systems often promote them to local officials, my motive for implementing red-light cameras would be solely public safety reasons. Thirdly, as a public safety issue I believe citing such violators is a real and serious need in our community and one I hold as a high priority, both as a candidate for office and as a citizen who has family members daily driving our streets.

I see red-light cameras, if done appropriately, as another law enforcement tool against such violators, but not the only piece in the puzzle. I chiefly believe police officers should remain the primary source for addressing this critical public safety issue, and that deterrence by prevention before the offense occurs is the best approach.

Cameras are good at nabbing red-light violations after the fact but that stills puts at risk those in or around the intersection once the vehicle goes through the intersection unlawfully.

To make cameras true deterrence there must be clearly displayed signs by the signal itself to warn potential violators "not to chance it" better signaling of yellow-lights as they change to red, and "road flashers" built into the surface to alert absentminded drivers of red-lights at night.

As a part of this (and particularly during the day) bright strobe-like lights might be mounted near the signal light as well.

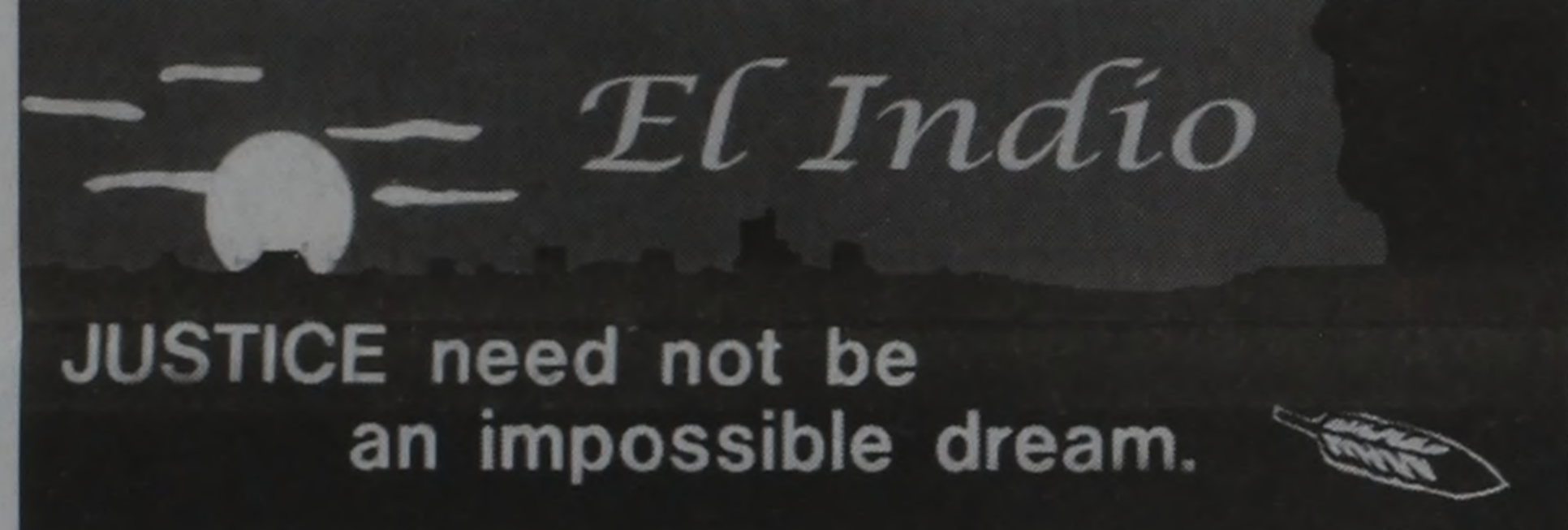
Both of these measures would likely reduce violations of red-lights as many are inadvertent errors and not intentional violations--and yet, both forms of red-light violations are equally dangerous.

This raises the overlooked fact that red-light cameras really only address intentional violators.

The greatest deterrent to both intentional and inadvertent red-light runners are patrol cars, whether manner or not, near the intersection.

Again, I would see the need to reduce red-light runners as part of the larger need to increase the number of police officers on the streets.

Todd Klien - Candidate City Council Dist. 3



"Nothing is so powerful in all the world as an idea whose time has come." -George Bernard Shaw

This writer is saddened to hear of the controversy surrounding the proposed CESAR CHAVEZ BOULEVARD. When Quint Avenue was changed to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, it enjoyed wide support in the minority community and the city at large. Unfortunately, the decision to rename CANYON LAKES is ill-advised. When I first heard of it, I was a little insulted.....well, maybe more than a little.....the greatest leader of Chicano and Indian peoples in our time, CESAR CHAVEZ, deserves better than to be relegated to a seldom-used road on the periphery of town.

In Austin, CESAR CHAVEZ BOULEVARD proudly runs through the heart of Austin's traditional Chicano neighborhood. In CRYSTAL CITY, SAN JUAN and many other Texas towns, not to mention LA and other American cities, the name of the esteemed civil rights leader is associated with MAJOR thoroughfares.....not some country road serving a park. What horrid form of inferiority complex would lead folks into suggesting some obscure place rather than a center of activity? This is a way of MARGINALIZING the Chicano community, pushing El Chicanismo into some dark corner.

Only a MAJOR thoroughfare should be considered.....since Lubbock's neighborhoods don't share a major street like the one in Austin, I would suggest NORTH UNIVERSITY Avenue.....isn't this where the Mercado is supposed to be? The Gateway entrance to the community? It is the PERFECT choice for Lubbock's new CESAR CHAVEZ BOULEVARD.....beginning on 4th Street, and on to the north. I predict that little or no neighborhood or business opposition would develop to such a plan.....NORTH UNIVERSITY is already the center of Lubbock's Chicano business community, like East Broadway used to be.

The leader or leaders of the CANYON LAKES idea BUNGLED the proposal..... preliminary legwork should have been done to check out the opinions of Dunbar-Manhattan Heights neighborhood, and the supporters of the City of Lubbock Cemetery. We had already witnessed a "sticky wicket" between those two groups over the new entrance to the Cemetery. This should have been discussed in advance, long before any proposal was

made, and a preliminary consensus reached.

Of course, our "Non-Representative" was nowhere to be seen.....again.....

If, for any reason, NORTH UNIVERSITY doesn't work out, Clovis Road from University to the Loop, or 4th Street from Indiana to the Interstate.....but this writer boldly predicts that NORTH UNIVERSITY as CESAR CHAVEZ BOULEVARD is "an idea whose time has come!"

Last Sunday, the 15th of April, on a beautifully warm and sunny afternoon, a fired-up team of nine people of good will gathered to establish a new OVERTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. The team included past officers of Overton neighborhood group officers and community leaders. Finally, Overton is going to have the representation it deserves!

By the time you read this column, the CITY COUNCIL RECALLS are likely to be in progress. A wide cross-section of Lubbock voters are on board in support of new and invigorated leadership for our city.....the time for SILENCE and INACTION are gone.....or worse, misguided action which hurts, rather than helps, the minority community.....like the destruction of South Beach. Public-spirited folks are going to be knocking at your door and walking your neighborhood.....WELCOME THEM, and join La Causa! Another "idea whose time has come!"

The thoughts and prayers of all of us go out to the students, faculty and staff of Virginia Tech University in their dark hour.....what a tragic, needless waste of life. It is heartening to see the positive leadership of so many in this time of crisis. Calls are already being made to strengthen campus security at Texas Tech and LCU..... this writer would hope that this legitimate concern is not misdirected into more officers and hardware, or in restricting access to the campus for visitors, alumni and the business community. Someone pointed out that most Virginia Tech students logged into their computers to follow the crisis.....wouldn't it be a good idea to create a master EMail list of all students, faculty and staff, and color-code some kind of alert that could be quickly sent to take cover or move with caution? This could be supplemented by some kind of alarm system.....in the Cold War days



Clinton taps prof for help courting Hispanic vote

Presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., is looking to an ASU professor for help with her campaign and courting the Hispanic community.

Clinton announced Thursday that Raul Yzaguirre, a professor in the College of Public Programs, will co-chair her campaign and lead the Hispanic outreach effort.

Yzaguirre was unavailable for an interview, but Isaac Baker, a spokesman for Clinton, said there was mutual interest between the two.

"We're thrilled to have him on board," Baker said. "He's going to be offering both his advice and leadership in not only reaching out to the Hispanic community, but a wide range of areas Sen. Clinton is concerned about."

There are about 9.3 million registered Hispanic voters in the United States, according to 2004 U.S. Census figures.

Yzaguirre was the former president of the National Council of La Raza - an advocacy group seeking to reduce Hispanic poverty and discrimination and improve opportunities.

The Hispanic community makes up about 6.5 percent of all registered voters, a statistic Clinton is aware of, Baker said.

"Sen. Clinton is going to try and campaign for every vote, she's not going to concede any," he said. "She understands the importance of the Hispanic community."

The hiring comes as no surprise to Lisa Magana, a professor in the Department of Transborder Studies.

"I have no doubt that political players are courting the largest, fastest-growing ethnic group in



the country," she said in an e-mail. "Politicians, in the past, have ignored the group and are finding that these constituents can mean the difference between winning or losing a race."

In Arizona, Hispanic voters make up about 14 percent of all registered voters - up about 4 percent from a decade ago, according to census figures.

And to sway the votes, it takes a move like enlisting Yzaguirre, Magana said.

"Courting the group ... means more than just the occasional word in Spanish," she said. "Latinos are not a monolithic group. Mr. Yzaguirre provides incredible insight into some of the ways the group can be targeted."

But if Clinton really wants to win over the Hispanic vote, she needs to do more, said Joaquin

Rios, president of the Young Democrats of Arizona.

"She should be developing grassroots relationships ... on a more localized level in order to obtain respect in the Hispanic community," he said. "Signing on Yzaguirre as an adviser, that's something that will help her, but ... it certainly doesn't mean she has the Hispanic community locked up or leaning her way."

Yzaguirre is well-known by politicians, but that doesn't necessarily relate to the community, Rios added.

"Picking off isolated leaders who quite frankly have a lot of experience and name recognition in Washington, D.C. isn't how you're going to win," he said. "I think it would need to be much more comprehensive than just picking one guy."

U.S. Gun Laws Draw Heat After Massacre

The Virginia Tech shootings sparked criticism of U.S. gun control laws around the world Tuesday. Editorials lashed out at the availability of weapons, and the leader of Australia - one of America's closest allies - declared that America's gun culture was costing lives.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the government hoped Monday's shootings, allegedly carried out by a 23-year-old South Korean native, would not "stir up racial prejudice or confrontation."

While some focused blame only on the gunman, world opinion over U.S. gun laws was almost unanimous: Access to weapons increases the probability of shootings. There was no sympathy for the view that more guns would have saved lives by enabling students to shoot the assailant.

"We took action to limit the availability of guns and we showed a national resolve that the gun culture that is such a negative in the United States would never become a negative in our country," said Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who staked his political career on promoting tough gun laws after a gunman went on one of the world's deadliest killing sprees 11 years ago.

The tragedy in a Tasmanian tourist resort left 35 people dead. Afterward, Australia's gun laws were changed to prohibit automatic weapons and handguns and toughen licensing and storage restrictions.

Handguns are also banned in Britain - a prohibition that forces even the country's Olympic pistol shooting team from practicing on its own soil. In Sweden, civilians can acquire firearm permits only if they have a hunting license or are members of a shooting club and have no criminal record. In Italy, people must have a valid reason for wanting one. Firearms are forbidden for private Chinese citizens.

Still, leaders from Britain, Germany, Mexico, China, Afghanistan and France stopped short of criticizing President Bush or U.S. gun laws when they offered sympathies to the families of Monday's victims.

Editorials were less diplomatic. "Only the names change - And

the numbers," read a headline in the Times of London. "Why, we ask, do Americans continue to tolerate gun laws and a culture that seems to condemn thousands of innocents to death every year, when presumably, tougher restrictions, such as those in force in European countries, could at least reduce the number?"

The French daily Le Monde said the regularity of mass shootings across the Atlantic was a blotch on America's image.

"It would be unjust and especially false to reduce the United States to the image created, in a recurrent way, from the bursts of murderous fury that some isolated individuals succumb to. But acts like this are rare elsewhere, and tend to often disfigure the 'American dream.'"

Police started identifying the victims Tuesday. One was a Peruvian student identified as Daniel Perez Cueva, 21, according to his mother Betty Cuevas, who said her son was studying international relations.

Professors from India, Israel and Canada also were killed.

Liviu Librescu, 76, an engineering science and mathematics lecturer, tried to stop the gunman from entering his classroom by blocking the door before he was fatally shot, his son said Tuesday from Tel Aviv.

"My father blocked the doorway with his body and asked the students to flee," Joe Librescu said. His father, a Holocaust survivor, immigrated to Israel from Romania, and was on sabbatical in Virginia.

Indian-born G.V. Loganathan, 51, a lecturer at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, was also among the dead, his brother G.V. Palanivel told Indian media.

"We all feel like we have had an electric shock. We do not know what to do," Palanivel said.

Canadian Jocelyn Couture-Nowak, a French instructor, also died in the shootings, said her husband Jerzy Nowak, head of the university's horticulture department. "We're mourning," Nowak said.

The killings also hit a nerve for Virginia Tech alumni abroad.

"I think if this does prompt a serious and reflective debate on gun

issues and gun law in the States, then some good may come from this woeful tragedy," said British Home Office Minister Tony McNulty, who graduated in 1982.

"What exactly triggered the massacre in Virginia is unclear, but the fundamental reason is often the perpetrator's psychological problems in combination with access to weapons," it wrote.

The shootings drew intense media coverage in China, in part because the school has a large Chinese student body.

"This incident reflects the problem of gun control in America," Yuan Peng, an American studies expert in China, was quoted as saying by state-run China Daily.

Only 7 percent of the more than 26,000 students at Virginia Tech are foreign, according to the school Web site. But Chinese make up nearly a third of that.

"The latest attack on a U.S. campus will shake up America, maybe it will provoke more vigorous reactions than in the past, but it won't change the culture of a country that has the notion of self-defense imprinted on its DNA and which considers the right of having guns inalienable," Corriere wrote in its front-page story.

Several Italian graduate students at Virginia Tech recounted how they barricaded themselves inside a geology department building not far from the scene of the shooting.

In Mexico, radio commentators criticized the availability of firearms in the U.S. Others renewed Mexico's complaint that most guns in Mexico are smuggled in from the United States.

The killings led newspapers' front pages, with Mexico City's Dario Monitor reporting: "Terror returns to the U.S.: 32 assassinated on university campus." The tabloid Metro compared Mexico's death toll Monday from drug violence to the number of people killed at Virginia Tech, in a front-page headline that read: "U.S. 33, Mexico 20."

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Largest latino museum opens in Texas

A hot-pink building with colored lights in this city of Hispanic immigrants will house the nation's largest museum devoted to Latino culture and arts.

As the debate over the growing number of Hispanic immigrants intensified, organizers decided it was important to showcase the blend of Latino culture with American culture, including that of other immigrant groups, said Ruth Medellin, executive director of the Museo Alameda, a partnership between the Alameda National Center for Latino Arts and Culture and the Smithsonian Institution.

"It's the Latino experience in art, culture and history, but it's about the American experience," she said, noting a photo exhibit of Latino musicians who borrowed the accordion and polka music of German immigrants to create a unique style known as conjunto.

"There's a lot of blending, the weave of a fabric that we share as a nation," she said.

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The metal wall will be backlit with continuously changing colored lights synchronized to music.

One exhibit on display when the museum opens is a 6-foot-by-26-foot digital mural titled "Somos," or "We are," by George Cisneros. It includes images such as a statue of St. Michael and old family photos as well as undulating rainbow-colored images meant to resemble woven serapes.

"We're offering a montage of visual imagery that brings personal memories out," said Cisneros, who was asked to interpret his own experience growing up in San Antonio.

Other exhibits include pre-Columbian vessels from Peru, an emerald ring that belonged to Mexican Emperor Maximilian and a pearl and gem necklace designed by Paloma Picasso. Those pieces are on loan from the Smithsonian.



Alamo and the San Antonio Riverwalk, the 39,000-square-foot facility is expected to attract more than 400,000 visitors a year. All the exhibits but one will rotate, displaying pieces ranging from Smithsonian artifacts to work by emerging Latino artists.

The one permanent exhibit is designed to look like a botanica, a shop jammed with everything from homeopathic herbs to fragrant soaps and religious statues. The display at Museo Alameda was created with inventory from San Antonio's oldest botanica, which closed two years ago.

The hot-pink exterior of the \$12 million museum includes an enormous steel and aluminum plate wall with designs punched in it to resemble a luminaria, a Mexican light fixture used for celebrations.

Museo Alameda was one of the first projects designated as a Smithsonian-affiliated site. The partnership was announced a decade ago, shortly after a report found that the nation's museums had failed to adequately reach out to Hispanics.

"The time is right for a more robust cultural presence in the form of museums just because of demographics. The Latino community is growing and its presence is being felt," said Pilar O'Leary, director of the Smithsonian Latino Center.

As the nation's largest minority group, Latinos want their history and culture represented in museums, O'Leary said. And non-Latinos are increasingly interested in the culture that has a growing influence on the country, she said.

Henry R. Munoz III, the founding chairman of Museo Alameda's board of trustees, said the effort has also helped breathe new life into a building that sits at the city's historic Market Square, where vendors have bought and sold goods for nearly 200 years.

New Children's Books Series Breaks New Ground



Lucky Red Press is pleased to announce the publication of the debut book in the Frankie & Her Little Pals (R) book series. Stir It Up is the story of Frankie, an energetic five year-old girl, with a group of pals who are always looking for new adventures. In Stir It Up, Frankie and her pals help a family bakery make a traditional Quinceañera cake. Through this story, they learn each step of the baking process, from measuring ingredients and mixing, to frosting the cake and the proper names for common baking tools.

Provided along with the entertaining story of baking a cake, complete with charming dialogue and mischievous mishaps, are recipes for children to try at home with their parents. The baking process is broken down into basic steps to facilitate easy learning for children and to be used as a parenting tool for adults.

Included in Stir It Up, as well as each book in the series, are helpful tips for parents and fun facts about the book's subject matter. Stir It Up both teaches children the process of baking as well as gives parents a guidebook to use when participating

in their child's learning process. Ideally, these books are intended for children between the ages of three and five. However, the story and activities will likely appeal to any age group.

The idea for the Frankie & Her Little Pals (R) book series came out of author, Susan Mills' recognition of what she considered to be a missing genre. She wanted to be able to teach her young children new skills while entertaining them, but when she went in search of a source to guide her, she came back empty-handed.

The Frankie & Her Little Pals (R) series provides books on many different topics. The next book, Save the Watermelons, is scheduled for release in June and will illustrate how children can participate in weeding and gardening along side their parents. Future books will be about pet care, cooking, chores, tools, and siblings. Each book is complete with skill building activities and useful tips for parents.

Hispanic to help Burns with WWII series

PBS has hired a Hispanic documentarian to assist filmmaker Ken Burns with his upcoming World War II series, which had drawn complaints for failing to include the contributions of Hispanics.

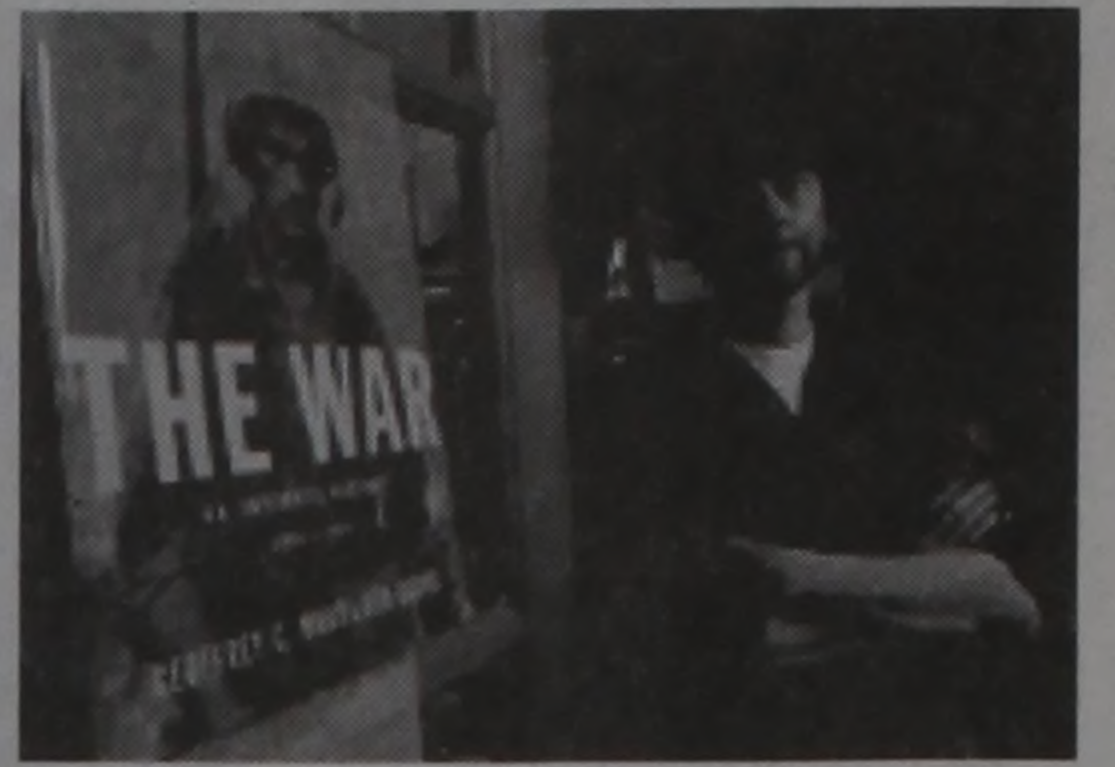
Hector Galan, a film and television producer from Austin, Texas, will be brought in to assist Burns with the 14-hour series, which has already been produced and is scheduled for release in September.

Burns and PBS President Paula Kerger announced Galan's hiring during a private meeting at a Washington hotel Tuesday with members of various Hispanic groups, members of Congress and other public television officials. Galan also attended the meeting.

Darting into an elevator afterward, Burns said: "I feel like we listened, had a fair exchange and are moving to a win-win, positive solution to the problem."

"It's fantastic," said Galan, who produced the 1996 series "Chicano! History of The Mexican American Civil Rights Movement" for PBS.

Galan said he viewed the series over the weekend.



There were images of Hispanics, he said, but no discussion of their role in the war or how the war affected their place in American society.

Hispanic groups protested that oversight, and asked that the film and educational materials be redone to add the stories of Hispanic veterans. PBS agreed to some of the requests last week.

About half a million Hispanics are believed to have fought in the war and 15 were Medal of Honor winners.

Burns' series, made over six years, tells the story of the war through people from four communities — Waterbury, Conn.; Mobile, Ala.; Sacramento, Calif.; and Luverne, Minn. The film's co-producer is Lynn Novick.

Galan said he is putting aside work on another film on Latin rhythms to work with Burns. He described himself as a World War II buff whose father served in the war as a member of the Army Corps of Engineers.

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Investigadores del Centro Dana-Farber y el Hospital de Niños de Boston, Massachusetts, han desarrollado una crema que podría proteger del cáncer de piel a las personas de piel muy blanca al provocar un proceso similar al del bronceado natural, a diferencia de las lociones y cremas bronceadoras, que colorean la piel a fin de aumentar la resistencia a la luz del sol.

El producto se ha probado en ratones pelirrojos, cuya piel enrojece en lugar de broncearse al ser expuesta a los rayos ultravioleta.

"El estudio comprendió el uso de una pequeña molécula para, esencialmente, copiar el proceso que ocurre cuando las células de la piel reciben la luz ultravioleta del sol", dijo el autor principal de la investigación, David Fisher, director del Programa de Melanoma en el Hospital de Niños.

En lugar de quemarse, los ratones se tomaron bronceados. El compuesto no se ha probado todavía en humanos, pero se espera que pronto se puedan llevar a cabo las pruebas necesarias.

• El consumo de alimentos ricos en colesterol, como mantequilla, carne roja o queso duro, aumenta el riesgo de desarrollar el mal de

Alzheimer, según un estudio realizado por el Instituto de Investigación Médica Príncipe de Gales de Sidney, Australia, que halló que ese tipo de alimentación favorece la fabricación en el cerebro de las proteínas llamadas beta-amiloideas, vinculadas a la enfermedad.

Esto concuerda con un dato ya conocido, de que la ingesta de estatinas para rebajar el nivel de colesterol en la sangre también reduce el riesgo a largo plazo de padecer el mal.

La directora de investigación de la Sociedad del Alzheimer del Reino Unido, Susanne Sorensen, ponderó la importancia de las investigaciones.

"Nuestro mensaje es que un corazón sano --a través de una dieta equilibrada-- conduce a una mente sana", añadió.

• Una pequeña ingesta diaria de una bebida alcohólica, especialmente vino, podría ayudar a prolongar la expectativa de vida de los hombres, según los resultados de un estudio holandés realizado durante cuatro décadas en un pueblo industrial en el este de Holanda, con un grupo de 1,373 personas de sexo masculino, nacidas entre 1900 y 1920.

A los sujetos se les realizaron

encuestas siete veces durante 40 años acerca de su consumo de bebidas alcohólicas, la última de ellas a mediados del 2000.

"Nuestro estudio muestra que la ligera ingesta a largo plazo de alcohol en hombres de mediana edad estuvo no sólo asociada a menor riesgo de muerte por enfermedades cardiovasculares y otras causas, sino también a una expectativa mayor de vida a los 50 años", indicó la principal autora del estudio, Martine Streppel, doctora de la Universidad Wageningen y del Instituto Nacional para la Salud Pública y el Medio Ambiente en Bilthoven, Holanda.

Los investigadores descubrieron que los hombres que toman en promedio medio vaso de vino todos los días tienen una expectativa de vida de 3.8 años por encima de aquellos que no toman bebidas alcohólicas. En contraste, los hombres que toman alcohol en pequeña cantidad diariamente a largo plazo tienen una expectativa de vida de 1,6 años más que los abstemios.

• Científicos de la Unión Europea presentaron, tras tres años de trabajo en común en siete países,

un manual para reducir el impacto del Parkinson entre las personas que padecen esta enfermedad, a través de una serie de fichas con



pautas de tratamiento para el enfermo y su entorno.

La doctora Angels Bayés, de la Unidad de Parkinson de Centro Médico Teknon, remarcó que el manual --fruto del esfuerzo de especialistas de Reino Unido, Holanda, Finlandia, Alemania, Italia, Estonia y España-- da fórmulas para manejar el estrés, la ansiedad o la depresión, y propone técnicas de automonitoreo y estrategias para mejorar la salud del paciente y buscar actividades que le sean placenteras.

El Parkinson es una enfermedad neurodegenerativa, crónica y progresiva que afecta a las zonas del cerebro encargadas del control y coordinación del movimiento, del tono muscular y de la postura. Los síntomas más frecuentes son los trastornos del movimiento y el equilibrio, temblores, trastornos cognitivos y emocionales.



Samantha Alyson Ochoa who is 12 years old will be participating in the National American Miss Pageant in Houston, Tx on June 23 & 24, 2007. Samantha is the daughter of Cynthia Alaniz. El Editor newspapers wish her the best of luck in this event.



Mis Quince Años - Alyssa LeAnn Quevedo

Alyssa LeAnn Quevedo will be celebrating her quinceañera this coming Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Alyssa is the daughter of Chris Guajardo and Cynthia Chavez of Lubbock. A reception and dance will follow.

Padrinos are: Lisa Vasquez, Joshua Melendrez, Frank Benivides, Jessica Aguilar, Diana Guajardo, Amanda Rae Hernandez, Chris Guajardo, Arnulfo Guajardo, Macaria Guajardo, Alejandro Olbera, Manuel Rivera, Elena Gonzales, Jesus Olbera, Paul Aguilar, Oralía Chapa, Christobal Olbera, Fernando Olbera, Anita Luna, Johnny Gonzales, Jose Chavez, Robert Estala, Rosemary Maldonado, Richard Guajardo, Martha Alvarado.

Alyssa would like to thank all her damas and everyone that is helping out in order for this event to be successful and special.

National Council of La Raza Addresses NCLB Impact on Latino Children in Meeting with President Bush

"Janet Murguía, President and CEO of the National Council of La Raza NCLR - the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S. - met today with President George W. Bush on the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act NCLB. Joined by a small group of business leaders and school administrators, Murguía discussed ways in which the law could be improved for Latino students and the nation's five million English language learners ELLs, including fair but firm accountability for ELLs and adequate funding to fulfill the promise of the law.

"NCLR is at the table and advocating for NCLB improvements because we need to make sure that

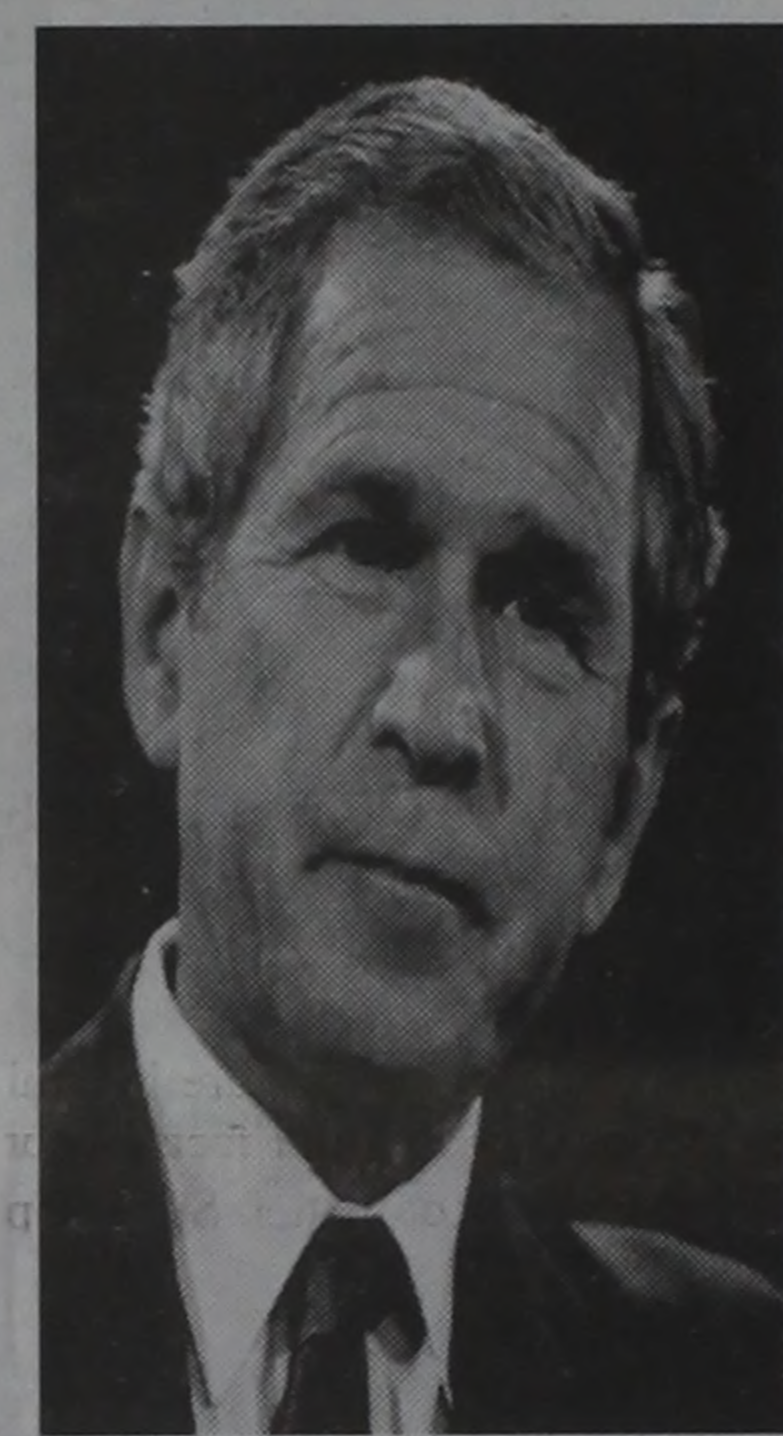
all of our children, including those who are learning English, get the attention, resources, and rigorous coursework they need to graduate from high school with a diploma that prepares them for college and the workplace," said Murguía.

NCLB holds considerable promise to close the academic achievement gap for Latino and ELL students. It challenges them to meet higher academic standards and for the first time holds schools accountable for improving the outcomes for these students.

"Making sure that ELL students remain included in this law is at the top of our agenda because nearly half of Latino children are ELLs," continued Murguía. "If this law doesn't work for English

language learners, it doesn't work for Latinos. And if it doesn't work for Latinos, who are one in five of all public school students, it simply doesn't work."

"The President and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings have stood firm on the responsibility of our schools in the education of ELLs, and we appreciate their support," concluded Murguía. "We look forward to working with the President - as well as with Senator Edward Kennedy and Congressman George Miller who have championed the law - to renew NCLB, fully fund it, and keep our promise to America's schoolchildren."



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THE PUERTO RICAN DIASPORA OF FRANK ESPADA

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HOUSTON — In the early 1980s, Frank Espada set out to capture, through pictures and words, the story about why so many people left their Caribbean homeland and where they went. The result is a traveling gallery of photographs that has toured much of the United States. Now there's the book, "The Puerto Rican Diaspora: Themes in the Survival of a People."

Espada himself is part of that diaspora. Now 77, he approaches getting the story across at a time when conventional ways have become sclerotic, where not much of importance gets through. It takes imagination to get reality out.

The Puerto Rican exodus started at the beginning of the 20th century when the United States acquired the island at the end of the Spanish-American War of 1898. A devastating hurricane hit the island the following year.

By 1901, 5,000 Puerto Ricans had already migrated to Hawaii, lured to do back-breaking, strike-busting work in the sugar industry. The same industry had squeezed Puerto Rico from near self-sufficiency to dependency on sugar as a cash crop. Land tenure increasingly moved into the hands of foreign investors and local elites. These were the catalytic elements to the 50 years of exodus.

People fled to places where security and family wellbeing were a prospect. Sixty communities with 10,000 or more Puerto Ricans exist today on the U.S. mainland. Among the first destinations were Hawaii and East New York.

The conditions in reaching Hawaii were often horrendous. Those who know about the lives of migrant workers are familiar with the lifecycle of a promised-land myth and hell to pay getting there.

For a few there was escape and renewal. Some jumped ship en route to start life anew in San Francisco. For those who reached the Hawaiian cane fields there were abuses, humiliations and beatings in an existence best described as indentured servitude. Many of the émigrés' descendants live today along Hawaii's Kona Coast. Espada's pages include the face of Santa Rodriguez, who explains she was born 70 years ago and has never been to Puerto Rico "to see where my parents came from." Yet, "I still feel very Puerto Rican."

Another descendant, Rodney Morales says, "Me, my sisters, brothers — we grew up in a world where there are not many Puerto Ricans around. My brother's wife is Hawaiian/Chinese/Haole. My younger sister is married to a black; my older sister is married to a Filipino. Their kids are all mixed up."

In that sense, so too is the whole world.

On page 40, in the section on East New York, there's a 1965 photo of Agropino Bonillo in a fedora. The sidebar on the next page tells you he was 57, worked two jobs, lived in a bad-ass apartment house and was mugged on the way home one night. He was dead the next morning.

Several thousand people participated in a candlelight procession through the neighborhood. Where Agropino Bonillo fell, a box filled up quickly with flowers and dollars and coins. The community grief led to a call to action.

On the rest of the page, Frank's acclaimed poet son Martin writes a literary version of the same facts: "a reminder of the wakes too many and too soon." A woman "slick in a drizzle of tears" drops some money in the box.

Three weeks later, when a black youngster in New Lots was killed, blacks and Puerto Ricans were pitted in the urban jungle against Italians. Several people were killed.

"Many promises were made but soon forgotten," Frank wrote about the Agropino Bonillo incident. This, he suggests, is what led to the urban disturbance. "And the beat goes on," he concludes.

Frank Espada (www.frankskada.com) was for many years a key activist on the New York civil rights and community development scene. During that era, few events in the formation of a national Latino identity occurred without him. He later moved to San Francisco where he taught photography at the University of California, Berkeley, Extension Program.

Espada's book is a testament to how art, not only photojournalism, can open up readers' consciousness to truth. That's where reality comes from and what makes the beat go on.

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On the Internet -www. eleditor.com Magic 93.7 Prepares for 5 de Mayo Celebration

LUBBOCK, TEXAS- KXTQ-FM, Magic 93.7, KSTQ-FM, Hot 97.3 & KXTQ-TV, Telemundo 46 will host their 17th Annual "Original" Cinco de Mayo Celebration 2007, on Thursday May 3rd thru Sunday May 6th at the South Plains Fair Grounds. The holiday of Cinco de Mayo, the 5th of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

The 17th Annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration will feature live entertainment, various food and commercial booths, carnival, kid activities, car show, car give-aways and more.

On Thursday, May 3rd, the celebration kicks off with the carnival with rides and games for kids of all ages. Carnival admission is free and ride wristbands will be available for \$15.

On Friday, May 4th, the celebration continues with the carnival with rides and games for kids of all ages. Carnival admission is free and ride wristbands will be available for \$15.

On Saturday, May 5th, doors will open at 12p.m with performances by Ballet Folklorico Fiesta Del Sol, Mariachi Mi Tierra, up and coming Artist, Los Tex-Mex Kadillaks, Tejano Music Award winner, Sunny Saucedo, Tejano Legend, Joe Posada, Grammy Award Winner, Chente Barrera y Taconazo, and closing out the festival will be Tejano Pioneer - Grammy Award winner, Little Joe Y La



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Familia. Carnival admission is free and individual ride tickets will be available for purchase.

On Sunday, May 6th, doors will open at 1p.m with performances by Zinzerro, Lubbock's own Peligro, Grammy Nominee, Siggno, and closing out the 17th Annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration for the first time ever outdoors in Lubbock, Music Icon - Grammy Award winner, Ramon Ayala y Los Bravos Del Norte. Carnival admission is free and individual ride tickets will be available for purchase.

\$20 two day passes are available at: Select-A-Seat (subject to service charge), Kings Food & Gas (19th & MLK), Montelongo's (3021 Clovis Rd), Pronto Mart (502 50th St.) and Arco Iris in Plainview. A two day pass is \$20 and children 42" and under will be admitted FREE! For more information call Magic 93.7 at 806-770-5937 or the 2007 Cinco De Mayo Celebration hotline at 806-748-2430.

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