







## Play It Again Uncle Sam

By Antonio Stevens-Arroyo

The contradictions of U.S. policy toward Cuba have reached the point of lunacy. What could be more absurd than granting political asylum to a whimsical 21-year-old Cuban windsurfer blown to Florida by accident on the same day that the Coast Guard forces back to Haiti two small boats jammed with 63 people seeking escape from misery?

After nearly 35 years, it is clear that the Cuban embargo has not worked. Fidel Castro and the Revolution have outlasted eight U.S. Presidents and the collapse of the Soviet Bloc. Latinos are concerned that Washington can maintain diplomatic relations with Vietnam, China and even

Serbia, but picks on Latin America for this embargo.

Prejudice against Cuba affects Latinos, and we all have a stake in rectifying such misguided foreign policy and the law written by U.S. Rep. Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) that props it up. The reason for ending the last act of the Cold War are many.

First, it isn't good for our pocketbooks. Investment money from Europe and other parts of Latin America has been pouring into Cuba during the past three years. Opportunities to develop tourism, trade and specialized industries like bio-medical technology are open to everyone but U.S. investors.

Bilingual Latinos would be prime choices to head up new operations in Cuba, but are prevented by law from profiting from the new Cuban economic changes.

Second, it isn't good for our soul. Given the cut-off in trade between Cuba and the disintegrated Soviet Bloc, the chief victims of the embargo have been the 3.5 million children of Cuba. Some 75 percent of the trade affected by Torricelli's law have been supplies of food and medicine. The Catholic bishops of Cuba and Cuban civil rights activists like Elizardo Sánchez have joined humanitarian groups the world over in calling for an end to the embargo.

In times of crisis, hardliners grow stronger and more anti-U.S., so that the embargo is probably preventing reforms. Ironically, the same ideological types who urged war against Iran because they said embargoes "don't work" are the ones who want to continue this reckless policy against brown children.

Third, it weakens the United States' image abroad. The Torricelli act pretends to make laws for other countries and penalize them if they trade with Cuba. Even Thatcherite Prime Minister John Major of Great Britain has declared this an encroachment on sovereignty and refused to obey it. The same is happening without fanfare in other countries such as Mexico and Spain. Upholding an unenforceable law makes Uncle Sam the emperor without any clothes.

No one can pretend Cuba is a military threat to the United States. After all, if Cuba intended to attack us it would have made its move long ago against the Navy base Guan-

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minority community since Judge McKinley Shephard announced a few days before the deadline that he would not seek re-election.

The announcement signaled the minority community to start looking for viable candidate for the position. Black community leaders were unable to find a successor to Shephard because of lack of time.

The position had been considered by Hernandez for some two weeks prior to the Shephard announcement with Councilman Hernandez talking with Shephard several times.

Gutiérrez encouraged by many of his supporters after running a close second to incumbent Maggie Trejo for the City Council decided to file for the position some 5 days before deadline.

His supporters were successful in gathering the necessary signatures in lieu of the \$800 filing fee.

Hernandez paid the \$800 filing fee to show "a well financed campaign" accord-

ing to statements made to this writer by Councilman Hernandez.

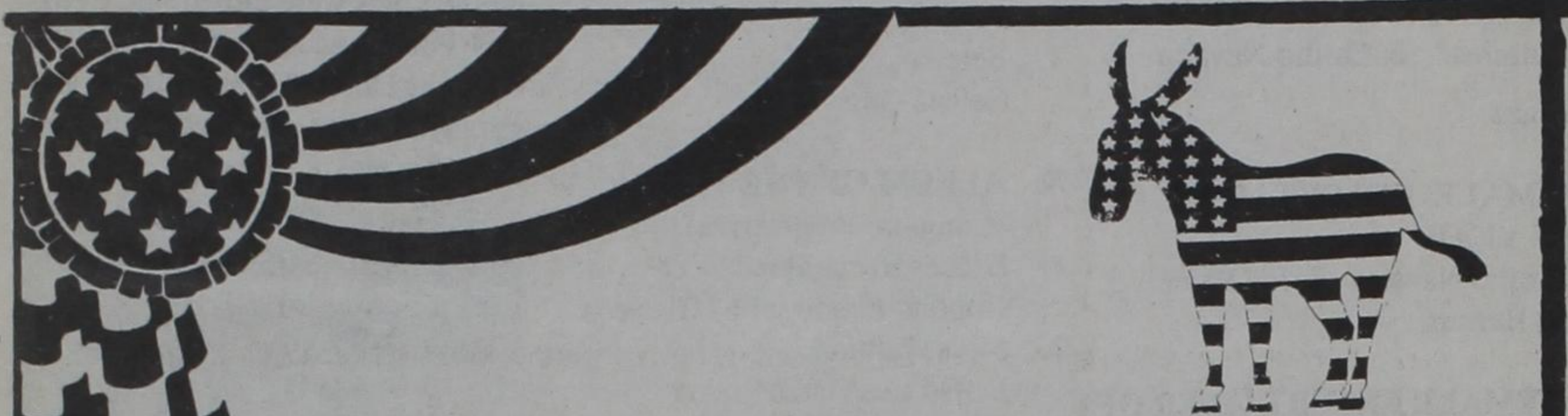
The race has proven to be expensive with Hernandez buying both TV and radio and billboards.

The campaign has also centered around community involvement and qualification. The Gutiérrez campaign has stressed his continued community involvement with local non-profit organizations. The Hernandez campaign has stressed her education.

The Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 includes all of east and north Lubbock. Early voting continues at Alderson Jr. High, the S.P. Mall and the County Courthouse until March 4. The election will be Tuesday March 8th.

by Bidal Agüero

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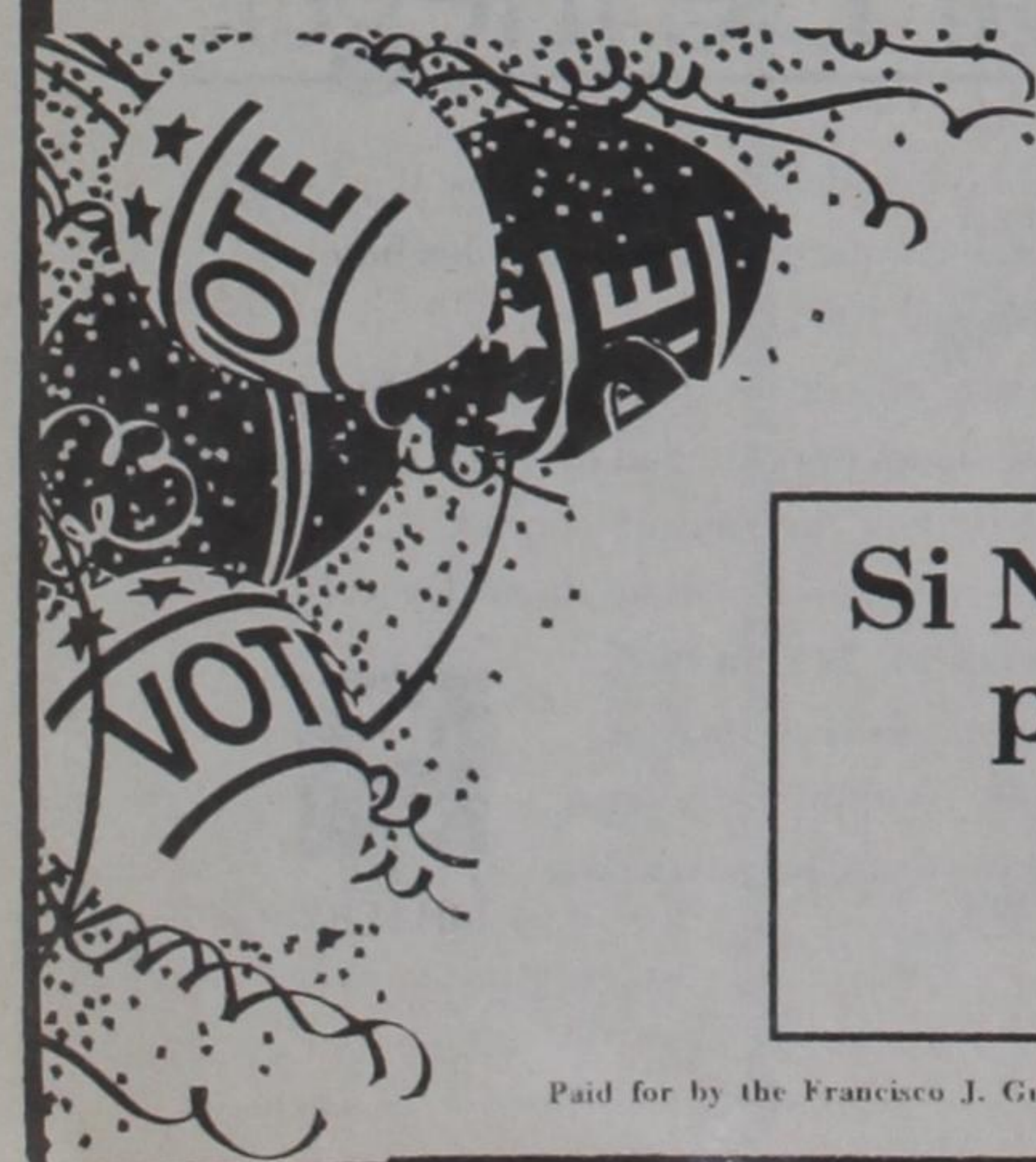


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### Un Rayito De Luz

Por Sra. Sofia Martinez

Despues de que Jesus fue bautizado fue llevado por el Espiritu Santo al desierto, para que fuera puesto a prueba. Alla estuvo cuarenta dias y cuarenta noches sin comer, y despues tuvo hambre. el diablo se le acerco a Jesus para tentarlo, y le dijo: Si de veras eres Hijo de Dios, ordena que esas piedras se conviertan en pan. Pero Jesus contesto: "Esta escrito que no solo de pan vive el hombre, sino tambien de toda palabra que sale de los labios de Dios".

Luego el diablo lo llevo a la parte mas alta del templo y le dijo: Si deveras eres Hijo de Dios, dejate caer hasta el suelo, porque esta escrito que: "Dios mandara Sus angeles para que te cuiden y ellos te van a tomar en sus manos, para que no tropiese tu pie en ninguan piedra". Jesus le contesto: "Tambien esta escrito: "No tentaras al señor, tu Dios". Y finalmente, el diablo se lo llevo a un monte muy alto y desde alli le hizo ver la grandeza de todos los reinos del mundo y le dijo: "Te doy todo eso, si te arrodillas y me adoras". Pero Jesus le hablo muy duro diciendole: "retirate, Satanás, porque esta escrito: "Adoraras al Señor, tu Dios, y solamente a El le servirás". Y en ese momento se alejo el diablo y se acercaron los angeles y le servian. (Mateo 4, 1-11)

No nomas de pan vive el hombre...pero, tambien de pan, y de tortillas, y de frijolitos, y de muchas otras cosas...pero debemos de saber que nuestro principal alimento debe de ser la "Palabra de Dios". Alla en mi tierra, hay mucha gente que, en estos tiempos tan caros, no tienen ni un pedazo de pan, ni frijoles, ni tortillas, ni leche pal bebido ni para ellos. Con mucha razon, el Papa Juan Pablo Segundo, desde que fue elgido Jefe de la Iglesia Catolica, no ha dejado de recordarnos esa verdad, que Jesus predico a los que lo seguian. No esperamos a que sea muy tarde para socorrer a Jesucristo, que esta en la carcel, o desnudo, o es perseguido, o anda por alli de ilegal, o tiene hambre, o no tiene donde dormir y necesita que la ayudemos. Como buenos Samaritanos, detengamosnos en el camino, para reconocer a nuestro hermano, y ponernos a su servicio compartiendo "con el" nuestros bienes. Abramosle nuestras puertas, de par en par, a Jesucristo, para darl las gracias en nuestros hermanos necesitados. no debemos de tener miedo. (Isaias 43, 1-5a). Hablamosles a todos de Dios, que tambien es su padre, "No tan solo de pan vive el hombre, sino tambien de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios".

Mucha gente nunca ha oido las Palabras de Dios. No ha habido alguien que conozca a Dios que les de a conocer la "Buena Nueva de Salvación" o si acaso nos hemos hecho los sordos y peresosos... Pongamos nuestro granito de arena, con Cristo, porque de lo contrario estamos ayudandole al Diablo...Y, eso no nos conviene. Dios nos ama muchísimo, con amor eterno. Y, Dios merece que le correspongamos. (Isaias 54, 10)

### From the Pastor's Desk

1 Corinthians 13:7 reads: Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but I have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave redely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

If we say we have love, then we must understand love reaches far beyond ourselves. Love can be characterized as being cautious, being wise and sensible and yet many times not taken to great extremes in the sense of value.

Many times love is abused in many area. The lack of love between a husband and wife is abused. The lack of love between parents and children is abused. But if there be a greater sin than this is the lack of love towards our Creator God Almighty.

When was the last time you were driven to do something for God out of love? Many times the things we do, we do out of obligation to a hurting world and yet the Bible tells us that we have become like a sounding cymbal. For thou we speak with the tongues of men and angels and are able to supply many needs for many people and we have not love, it is of no value. Thou God has given the gift of uderstnading all mysteries and the fit of knowledge and if I have the greatest faith to believe in the things I do not see or hope for & do not have love, it is of no value.

If God calls upon me as an

individual to bestow all of my goods to feed the poor, or to help the needy and I do not do it in love, it is of no value. The greatest gift God has given us is to share the Gift of Love. One of the characteristics of love is the gift of surrender, to be totally committed to our usefulness to God's Kingdom. To be surrendered to God is greter in value than our personal holiness. When we focus our eyes on ourselves it is so easy to forget the needs of those that surround us. When we have that perfect love, talked about in 1 Corinthians 13, we have a love that is not only perfect but also a love that breaks all barriers. The love the Apostle Paul spoke about is love that suffers many things and yet expects nothing in return. it is a love that bears all things, hopes for all things, but most important it endures all things. If we have this pure love it will never cease or fail to impact the lives of all those that we may contact everyday. Our prayer is that if you have this love, the love of God, allow it to be used. If you want to know more about this love, we invite you to know Jesus. Pasto Ed Sena Iglesia Bautista Templo

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Clinton and indulged in a frenzy of anti-Mexican vitriol to boot. The White House -- and other Latinos -- would be better served to listen to new groups such as the 17,000 members of the Cuban American Committee for Peace, and two new associations like Cambio Cubano and the Cuban Committee for Democracy. It's time to start over again with a sensible Cuban policy.

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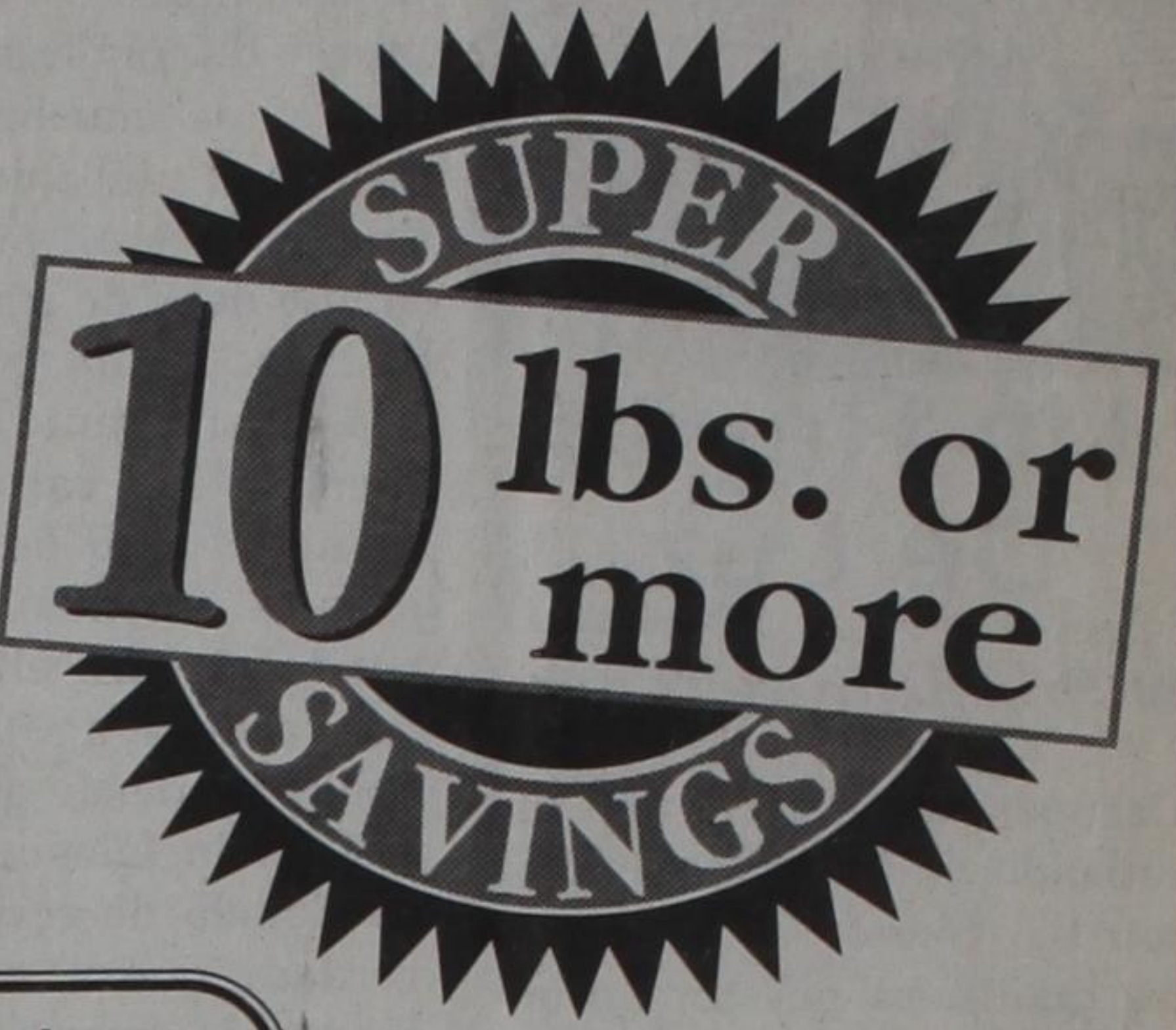
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