

JLo "Very Happy" With Her Babies

Murió el actor Alan Ledesma

Javier Bardem Dedicates Oscar to His Mom

A source close to the singer talked about López's first days of motherhood



Jennifer López is ecstatic to be a mother. According to sources close to the singer, she and her husband Marc Anthony feel blessed to have the twins in their lives.

López's friend, Maid in Manhattan producer Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas, told People.com that the new mom "sounds very peaceful and happy and blissful. She said 'I can't take my eyes off of them.'"

"She and Marc are so ready for a family," Goldsmith-Thomas continued. "They love each other so much and built this beautiful life together. It feels like the only thing missing were these children and now they have them."

López, 38, and Anthony, 39, welcomed twins last Friday at a hospital in Long Island, N.Y. Their daughter was born first, and the boy came along minutes later. "Marc and Jennifer are twice blessed and they couldn't be happier," the producer gushed.



El mexicano perdió su lucha contra el cáncer a los 29 años de edad; participaba en Las tontas no van al cielo

A los 29 años de edad, el actor mexicano Alan Ledesma falleció producto de un cáncer de estómago el pasado lunes en Ciudad de México.

El joven había comenzado un tratamiento de quimioterapia el pasado 13 de febrero, por lo que debió abandonar su participación en la telenovela Las tontas no van al cielo, de la productora Rosy Ocampo.

"Me detectaron un tumor muy grande y me cortaron seis pulgadas de intestino, después se me había ido al hígado, me quitaron una parte. Luego, vinieron quimioterapias y la reconexión del intestino", explicó semanas atrás el fallecido actor al programa La oreja (Televisa).

Entre otros proyectos, el artista participó en los programas mexicanos Otro rollo, Toma libre, Mujer, casos de la vida real, Punto de quiebra y En canteles. Los restos de Ledesma fueron incinerados ante la tristeza de amigos y familiares, quienes recordaron la bondad del actor.

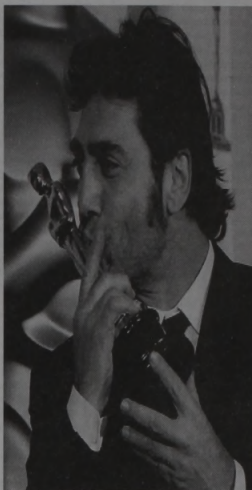
The Best Supporting Actor winner gave his speech in English and Spanish

Just as expected, the Best Supporting Actor Oscar went to Javier Bardem Sunday night during the 80th annual Academy Awards ceremony at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre.

The Spanish actor won the statuette for his role as the villain in Joel and Ethan Coen's No Country for Old Men, and he dedicated the award to his mother Pilar Bardem.

"Whoa," Bardem, 38, said as he held on tight to his trophy. "This is pretty amazing. I have to speak fast here, man."

The Oscar winner then switched to Spanish, dedicating the statuette to his mother. "Mom, this is for you, for your grandparents, for Spain's comedians, for Spain and for all of us. Thank you very much," he exclaimed amidst a burst of applause.



Pablo Montero da positivo en pruebas antidroga

Pablo Montero da positivo en pruebas antidroga. Seis pruebas de orina del cantante indicaron que ha consumido marihuana, cocaína y alcohol

El cantante y actor Óscar Daniel Hernández, mejor conocido como Pablo Montero, está metido en serios

problemas. Luego de haber sido sorprendido por la policía de Florida con cocaína en su vehículo el agosto pasado [la cual aseguró no ser suya] y de haberse comprometido a ingresar a un programa de prevención de drogas para evitar ser acusado, todo indica que ha vuelto a consumir

narcóticos.

La agencia Notimex informó que aunque él niega depender de estupefacientes, de acuerdo al juez de la corte de Florida, Jeffrey Rosineck, en seis de los exámenes de orina realizados al actor de 38 años como parte de su proceso legal, se hallaron

residuos de cocaína, alcohol y marihuana.

El programa de prevención y educación de drogas al que accedió ingresó voluntariamente Montero requiere periódicas muestras de orina por parte del actor, para demostrar que ya no consume sustancias prohibidas.

Según el consejero que atiende al mexicano, los recientes resultados indicarían que éste requiere una educación más intensa, puesto que aún no acepta que tiene un problema.

El juez citó al protagonista de Fuego en la sangre para que se presente en la Corte el próximo

3 de marzo, fecha en la que se dictará una medida sobre su caso.

Hasta el momento, Montero asegura que no ha consumido estupefacientes. Peopleenespanol.com se comunicó con la oficina de prensa de Montero, sin obtener respuesta hasta el momento.

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Mayweather to try wrasslin' as part of WWE's WrestleMania

Floyd Mayweather Jr. is a champion boxer and has tested his moves on Dancing With the Stars. Now the man many consider the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world is preparing to drop the gloves and do some wrasslin'.

A \$20 million payday awaits the undefeated WBC welterweight champion when he takes on Big Show as part of WWE's WrestleMania XXIV at Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on March 30.

"It's entertainment. You have a chance to just be you and do what you want to do," Mayweather said Monday after a chaotic Staples Center event that masqueraded as a news conference.

The boxer nicknamed "Money" clearly likes the way WWE does business.

"Wrassling takes care of business right on the spot," Mayweather said. "Whatever they say they're going to do, they do it right on the spot. There's no waiting three, four, five months. Quick results, quick money. Quick big money, too."

His manager Leonard Ellerbe and WWE executive Shane McMahon confirmed Mayweather's

eight-figure payday for the outdoor match to be shown on live on pay-per-view.

Mayweather incited the couple hundred of already hyped fans at Staples Center by whipping out a



thick wad of cash and repeatedly tossing \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills into the crowd that had nearly as many women as men.

A mad scramble ensued, with a light pole nearly getting knocked

over and two small children caught in the chaos. One lucky man emerged from the pileup clutching six \$100 bills.

Mayweather played to the frenzied crowd after appearing from

will run the WWE," he boasted.

At 5-foot-8, 150 pounds, Mayweather gives up big numbers to the bald Big Show, who stands 7-foot and weighs 430.

"I weigh three times as much

floor, where it splintered and the attached two mics lay like broken sticks. Clearly, Staples Center officials hadn't expected the move.

Mayweather hopped onto a chair and exchanged glances with Big Show while WWE regulars Randy Orton, John Cena, Triple H and Edge looked on, witnessing a newcomer who clearly understands the theatrics of modern-day wrestling.

"WWE is the biggest it gets," Mayweather said. "This is going to be an event like none other."

Ellerbe scoffed that hard-core boxing fans won't take Mayweather seriously after his WWE antics.

"After March 30, when Floyd goes out and takes care of his business at WrestleMania, he's still going to be the best fighter in the world and the face of boxing," he said. "Tell me what changes about that? Nothing changes."

The wrestling gig is another part of Ellerbe's carefully crafted plan to expand Mayweather's fan base.

"Either I'm going to be a genius with this or I'm the biggest

idiot," he said. "Boxers have such a short window of opportunity. He can't become any bigger in boxing."

That's why Ellerbe snaggled Mayweather a spot on ABC's reality hit "Dancing With the Stars." Mayweather hit the win the disco ball trophy, but he wasn't the first to vote off, either.

"I crossed him over and took him into the households of many middle-aged Middle Americans and turned him into a mainstream superstar," Ellerbe said. "Now when Floyd goes into the grocery store, the first thing 65-year-old ladies say is, 'You're Floyd from Dancing With the Stars.'"

Mayweather plans to train with WWE Latino star Ray Mysterio, who wears a mask on his face. "I'm outside the box," he said, lapsing into the third person. "Floyd Mayweather is not just a fighter, he's an entertainer. That's what he's most known."

But he hasn't forgotten his night job. Mayweather alluded to a possible rematch with De La Hoya in September. De La Hoya lost a split decision in their last bout May 5.

De La Hoya figures on three more fights before retirement

Oscar De La Hoya plans to fight three times this year, then retire.

"I'm at that stage of my career now where I can't take it further," the 35-year-old De La Hoya said Tuesday. "I can't go on for the next two years, three years. It's just time to hang up the gloves."

"This is the year," De La Hoya was speaking with a small group of reporters after a news conference to discuss his May 3 bout against Steve Forbes, a runner-up on television's Tournament of Champions.

A former champion in five weight classes and one of boxing's most recognizable fighters, De La Hoya wants to meet Floyd Mayweather Jr. in a September rematch of their bout last May. Mayweather

won by split decision.

A third fight, if all goes according to De La Hoya's plan, would be determined afterward. He has a 38-5 record, with 30 knockouts, but has lost three of his last five.

"I've been thinking about this for the longest time now, and now is the perfect year," he said. "The fact that my body can still do it, the fact that my mind wants to do it."

"This is the perfect moment for me to hang up the gloves and be one a few, or maybe be the only one, to do it right. I don't want to be categorized as an athlete who retired too early, then had to come back and fight one more time.

"I really want to go out with a big bang."

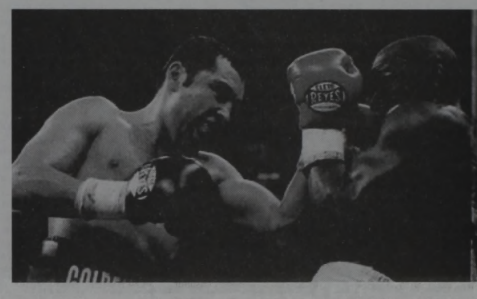
De La Hoya got the nickname "Golden Boy" when he won the gold medal at the 1992 Olympics. He went on to become the biggest non-heavyweight draw of his generation.

Forbes will bring a 33-5 record, with nine knockouts, into their bout at the Home Depot Center.

De La Hoya's three-bout outline for the year first depends, of course, on getting past Forbes. A stocky 31-year-old, Forbes said he has never been knocked down as an amateur or pro.

De La Hoya termed it his most important fight, with some reason. If he loses, his "farewell tour" will be spoiled, and he almost certainly will not get to fight Mayweather again.

De La Hoya said he is returning to his "roots," going back to his former training camp, in the mountain resort of Big Bear, Calif., and training like he did when he began his career. Advertisement



He insists he won't look past Forbes.

"I'm not falling for that trap of this being a tuneup fight," he said. "This is the fight of my life. He was a (TV) contender,

and I'm not a champion, I'm a

contender." Forbes thought someone was playing a joke on him when he first got a call about a match with De La Hoya, then finally realized he really was going to be in what

is easily his biggest bout. "I'd been waiting for that my whole life," Forbes said. "Oscar's the face of boxing. I've never had a chance to prove myself until now. "It's like a Rocky movie."

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all people to benefit."
So far there's not much to show how that's done.
No doubt the intentions are good. But where is the insight? When do the candidates getting instructive about the practical reality of life in North America? Are we getting fed more fat than fact? Or OMG are we getting walzed once more.
I posed Obama's statement to Congressman Henry Cuellar. He was in the spin room supporting Hillary Clinton. His Texas district borders Mexico and he was the only one to bring up sovereignty. "They (Mexico) have to come up with their own solutions. Can't tell them what they ought to be doing," said Cuellar.
That night, more college degrees were congregated at the Universi-

ty of Texas except for commencement. This is the place where the world-class LBJ policy school is located. The university has one of the finest Latin American literary collections in the world.

Surprisingly, the policy talk was kind of hollow. Timid even.
If, as Obama's people so often suggest, transparency is the path to getting better policy, may I remind them 7.6 million viewers were watching on CNN and Univisión.

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Piruetas y Valses en Austin Sobre Mexico

José de la Isla
AUSTIN, TEXAS - En los dos minutos anteriores al debate de los demócratas sobre la primaria en Texas, Lou Dobbs vió en su comentario propagandístico en el canal de cable CNN contra la tal llamada carrera de NAFTA (Tratado de Libre Comercio Norteamericano).
Mantuvo que los candidatos no se asegurarán siquiera en la tor que "deja tanto dinero a los hispanoamericanos." Los candidatos, sugirió, no querían perturbar el muy importante voto latino en Texas el cuatro de marzo.
En realidad, Barack Obama ya había afirmado en Dallas, que, "Tenemos que mejorar nuestra relación con México para que su economía produzca empleos de ese lado de la frontera".
Durante el debate, Obama dijo que George Bush "ha estado tan obsesionado con Irak que no hemos visto el tipo de asistencia y trabajo de colaboración que asegurará que la economía mexicana funcione no sólo para los muy pudientes en México, sino también para toda la gente".
En el salón de la manipulación favorable del mensaje de cada candidato, y del país a la representante del estado, Ana Hernández, sustituta para Obama, que me explica lo que Obama quería decir. Hija de inmigrantes mexicanos, cree, padre quedó desolado antes de irse hace mucho tiempo, dijo sin embargo que México no cuenta con una clase media. "Tienen que arreglar su política económica. La economía mexicana está desbaratada".
Lo de la clase media parece ser una creencia curiosa y popular. Sin embargo, la revista Business Week reportó en el 2006 que, "La clase media mexicana se inició a prácticamente el 40 por ciento de todos los hogares mexicanos, versus el 30 por ciento hace unos pocos años".
En octubre del año pasado, el ex presidente de México, Vicente Fox, se encontraba en Houston promocionando su libro y jacinándose del ascenso de la clase media - tras un declive trágico en las décadas de los 1980 y 1990.
Parece que no lo entendemos por entero. Si el crecimiento en México es demasiado lento. Requiere de reformas. Pero la imagen que dibujamos es de una economía que está en sus diluvios.

Esta Navidad pasada, los consumidores mexicanos hicieron aumentar el gasto por motivo de al por menor de lado estadounidense de la frontera en un cinco por ciento, mientras que el resto de los Estados Unidos se estancó por lo que era vivo del recortador de la vida real sobre cómo México, nuestro tercer socio comercial más grande no sólo toma sino que también da. No hay necesidad de fingir la verdad del tema. Y los temas mutos queda abundantemente claro, por ejemplo, que nuestro hábito de consumo ilícito de drogas promueve el crimen y la corrupción en México. Entonces, es importante controlar la ilegalidad al lograr control sobre nuestros hábitos de consumo de drogas. Es por esto también que fue asombroso que Obama sonara como Nancy Reagan articulando "¿de qué cosa? Algo como el tratamiento, la legalización y el eliminar la ganancia económica del tráfico de drogas tendrá más sentido.
Federico Peña, anterior secretario de transporte bajo Bill Clinton y un asesor de Obama, me dijo

después del debate que lo que se necesitó es reemplazar la política latinoamericana de Bush con "una manera que toda la gente se beneficie".
Hasta el momento no hay mucho que mostrar sobre cómo se lo hacen. Sin duda son buenas las ideas. Pero, ¿dónde están las intenciones? ¿Cuándo se pondrán instructivos los candidatos sobre la realidad práctica de la vida en América del Norte? ¿Se nos está dando más de que hechos? O por Dios, me sés este debate piruetas de vals otra vez.

Le planteé la declaración de Obama al congresista Henry Cuellar, quien se encontraba en el salón a favor de Hillary Clinton. Su distrito en Texas tiene frontera con México, y fue el único en tener una colación en tema de la soberanía. "Ellos (México) tienen que idear sus propias soluciones. No podemos estar diciéndoles lo que tienen que hacer", dijo Cuellar. Esa noche había más títulos universitarios conciliados en la Universidad de Texas salvo el día de la graduación. Aquí se encuentra la escuela de políticas de renombre internacional Lyndon B. Johnson. La universidad tiene una de las mejores colecciones de biblioteca sobre América Latina en todo el mundo.
Fue sorprendente que la conversación sobre políticas fuera algo hueca. Hasta tímida.
Si, como tanto sugiere la gente de Obama, la transparencia es el camino a lograr mejores políticas, quisiera recordarle que 7.6 millones de personas los veían por CNN y Univisión.
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Based on the numbers provided by Salazar, essentially both candidates are correct in their assertions. When Flores says money has been returned to the fund; that's true and since Guierrez took office, \$182,600 dollars have been returned. But that has been so because any unused monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year are automatically sent back to the county's general fund. County Commissioners do not have a choice of keeping the unused funds in the budget and rolling them over to the next year.
So when Flores says that a large amount of money has been returned, he is correct in his claim but not in the amount returned; that happens because of county practices and it happened during his tenure in office also.

In Flores' last full year in office, 2003-2004, \$50,700 dollars were returned in the fund and consequently were returned to the General Fund.
What is surprising when one looks closely at the numbers is how much money is not being used. We posed the question as to why not to Salazar and her response was "It's not necessarily mean that the need is not there; the overage can be attributed to several factors, including but not limited to clients not using their applications, clients finding assistance elsewhere, landlords asking for tenants and waiting to accept payment from clients not returning purchase orders for payment". So it would seem that when Flores claims this money somehow bears responsibility for the overages being returned to the general fund, that assertion is not totally accurate.

Salazar says that county residents learn about the program through word of mouth or by calling 211. They are also referred to the program by other assistance agencies or through the county's website. But in this case, it could be a situation where requirements are so stringent that not many county residents qualify or simply an issue of county residents not being aware of the fund and not making use of it.
Amounts budgeted for each category differ. But one thing is striking, in a county seat in which approximately 20% of residents live under the federal poverty level, money budgeted for food and emergencies is being returned. In Flores' last year in office in 2004, only \$2,500.00 was budgeted for food and \$652.00 was returned. In Guierrez third year in office, \$3,000.00 was budgeted and \$1,099.00 was returned.
In the category of indigent funerals, the budgeted amount has not changed in any of the years we looked at. The budgeted amount has stayed constant at \$80,000; and in 2007 had to be supplemented towards the end of the year by \$6,463.00 dollars due to a shortage of funds. Typically though, an average of about 22% of the money budgeted for indigent funerals has been returned every year. But this category is out of anybody's con-

trol since no one knows how much money will be needed in any budgeted year to bury county residents who cannot afford funeral costs.
The other issue which has yet to be resolved is one which received widespread media attention: the use of campaign signs by Flores using the phrase "Re-Elect"; giving potential voters the impression that he was the incumbent.
The letter is dated January 29 and filed a complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission. That issue still has not been fully resolved, but El Editor did obtain a copy of a letter addressed to Flores informing him of the complaint filed by Guierrez and requesting that he respond to the letter "not later than 10 business days from the date you receive the notice".

The letter outlines that the complaint from Guierrez will be "processed as a Category One violation" and that the "executive director has determined that the Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over Guierrez's conduct in the (Guierrez) sworn complaint". El Editor asked Flores if he would like to comment on the sign situation and that he would like to reply to that specific question.

So at the end of the campaign how do the candidates feel about the campaign in general and their chances of winning? El Editor asked both candidates to share their thoughts about the campaign in general and their chances for success.

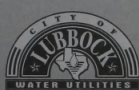
Guierrez told El Editor that he "enjoyed the opportunity to listen to the people and to be able to discuss my record of service and my new ideas with them. Meeting I am confident of widespread support and about my re-election". He continued, "The voters appreciate a positive message about me as the candidate and my record of service and new ideas. Voters do not appreciate negative campaigning. My campaign is about hard work to get my message to the voters. I have been a true public servant who cares about the people and about good government".

As for Flores, he told El Editor in an email that "I feel very comfortable and at peace with the positive response from everyone. As for winning, it is up to our community to decide. We have tried our best. When elected I will serve our community well."
So finally it is up to the voters to decide: Will it vote for another 4 years of Guierrez's leadership or will they return Flores to the office he held for 12 years?
As the old saying goes, only time will tell; and in this case, we should know shortly after the polls close on March 4; Election Day.
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