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## Residents Protest Animal Shelter

A courtroom full of residents from City of Lubbock Districts I and II greeted District Judge Ruben Reyes on Tuesday morning to attend a hearing on a suit that will try and block the building of a dog pound that would be built at MacKenzie Park. The suit was brought by the residents to decide if park land was adequately being used by the pound.

During the hearing the Judge heard could be described a two poorly prepared attorneys both for the plaintiff and the defendants who were asked by the judge to come back in 30 days with specific briefs.

"I think what the hearing this morning did was prove to the City that we are not going to stand for something just about our throat," said Lile Medina de Quirino. Quirino is currently a plaintiff and immediate past president of the Guadalupe Neighborhood Association.

The City is proposing to build the new dog pound to make it more attractive to visitors but the attorney for the plaintiffs offered to present testimony



En este foto, los residentes del Distrito I y II de la ciudad de Lubbock se unieron este pasado martes para demandar a la Ciudad por tratar de poner un edificio de exterminar animales en el Parque MacKenzie. Los ciudadanos dicen que la tierra del MacKenzie fue designada para recreación y no para el fin como el tal que se usó para otras funciones mas que la recreación se debe de tener una audiencia publica la cual no se llevo acabo aqui en Lubbock. El Juez Ruben Reyes dijo que le daría a los abogados de ambos partidos que submitieran mas informacion para el 14 de Julio

from local residents that the smoke from animals being killed would bother their daily lives and a possible hazards to their health.

In prior statements from the Lubbock City Council, Councilman Floyd Price said that he had agreed to the proposed location because there were no residents affected. In previous actions, Councilman Price and Linda DeLeon had held a meeting at Clapp Park to instigate opposition to the building at said Park. At the meeting over 200 persons attended claiming the park was not a suitable location. "Councilperson Ms DeLeon, what is the difference in children at Clapp and children at MacKenzie?" asked immediate past County Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez at a previous City Council meeting.

"The City is calling it an animal shelter, but how can it be that if 85% of the animals are euthemized?" asked the plaintiff's attorney.

Judge Ruben Reyes gave attorneys until July 14 to provide the requested briefs.



## Más hispanos optan por educación superior

Washington, D.C. (CronicaNews) — El aumento de estudiantes hispanos en las aulas de estudios superiores está obligado a las instituciones educativas a cambiar sus maneras tradicionales de enseñar y de atraer a más alumnos.

Un estudio reciente demuestra que el futuro de Estados Unidos depende del nivel educativo de su población.

"Liderando en una América Cambiante", es una investigación realizada por las organizaciones Excellence in Education y Lumina Foundation for Education, que reúne entrevistas con estudiantes y presidentes de 12 universidades en el país que se caracterizan por tener un alto número de estudiantes no tradicionales, en hasta más del 25 por ciento.

Los estudiantes no tradicionales son aquellos que se caracterizan por ser mayores en edad, estudiar medio tiempo, por no tomar muchos créditos cada semestre, que no viven en la universidad, no tienen muchos recursos económicos, que viajar todos los días para asistir a las clases, y algunas veces son la primera generación de sus familias que va a la universidad. Esto incluye a los hispanos.

Los estudiantes tradicionales son aquellos que por lo general viven en la universidad, reciben ayuda financiera de sus padres o tienen préstamos estudiantiles. La investigación revela que desde 1980 hasta 2007, los estudiantes no tradicionales aumentaron en un 194 por ciento, mientras que los tradicionales disminuyeron en un 18 por ciento. El grupo se encuentra en un mayor crecimiento en los centros educativos de los hispanos, con un 300 por ciento más de estudiantes hispanos matriculados en 2004 a comparación de 1980. Según proyecciones del Censo, se estima que para el 2020, los hispanos conformarán el 22 por ciento de la población de los Estados Unidos educativos.

Según Dóvala Santiago, líder de la investigación que se centró en lo que "como va este país, si sigue cambiando, aun hemos dado cuenta que las universidades tienen que prestar más atención a los estudiantes hispanos, es lo que está haciendo estos 12 universidades".

Santiago también asegura que estas instituciones se caracterizan por tener horarios flexibles para los estudiantes —con clases en la noche y los fines de semana, al igual que los servicios de tutorías— para prestar más apoyo comunitario y accesibilidad a los estudiantes que trabajan o que también tienen otro tipo de responsabilidades.

Estas organizaciones también han tratado de crear un trabajo en equipo con otras entidades educativas para motivar más a los estudiantes a continuar con sus estudios terminados los años de la educación se dieron cuenta que una gran mayoría de estudiantes terminan los estudios de dos años, de las Community Colleges y después no continúan sus estudios universitarios. Por eso, una de las estrategias es usar la misma señalización en ambos centros educativos para los préstamos financieros y de aceptación de planes.

"Lo que están tratando de hacer es tener la entrada y la ayuda financiera. La aplicación para ambos: así aplica para una institución, después le sirve para la otra instituciones también", dijo Santiago. "Encontramos que hay más estudiantes hoy en día que empezaron en el colegio comunitario y no siguen la universidad".

La recomendación del estudio para los centros educativos que están aumentando su población de estudiantes hispanos, es que tienen que analizar lo que otros organizaciones están haciendo sobre este tema y ponerlas en práctica.

Los investigadores encontraron que existen pocos estudiantes que se emplean en los latinos. Solo el 7 por ciento de los más de 6,000 organizaciones en el más de educación superior e investigación que tienen más de un 50 por ciento de estudiantes hispanos. El 75 por ciento de estos se encuentran en los estados de California, Texas, Puerto Rico.

Para más información sobre recursos educativos para hispanos, llame a la línea de ayuda al 1-800-473-3003.

Para encontrar más información sobre el estudio visite: [http://www.educacion.org/nrelcd/download\\_report.asp](http://www.educacion.org/nrelcd/download_report.asp)

## NCLR CALLS FOR HEALTH REFORM THAT INCLUDES ALL WORKERS AND FAMILIES

Washington, DC — As the nation's leaders consider health care reform in the coming weeks, NCLR (National Council of La Raza), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, strongly urges President Obama and Congress to make every effort to ensure that health care reform reaches all communities. No single community stands to gain as much from this important debate as Latinos. In the U.S., one of every four uninsured persons and roughly 40% of all uninsured children are Latino. NCLR stands for health care reform that makes coverage affordable and accessible for everyone — all families and all children.

"We all use doctors and hospitals for care, so it's right that everyone in the U.S. should contribute to a new health system. Latinos expect their responsibility, and if they have the opportunity, they will pay their fair share for the health coverage they need," said NCLR President and CEO Jan Murguía.

NCLR cautions, however, that the positive impact of several reform proposals on the table may be diminished by additional measures that would severely restrict access to health coverage by mandating new, expensive verification and documentation procedures. "This debate should be about health care for all, and settling the nation on a pathway to future health and well-being. Adding layers of immigrant verification and bureaucratic red tape to a new health care system would guarantee that millions of children and children are effectively barred from accessing preventive care and would raise the cost of health care," Murguía noted.

For this reason, we are extremely concerned that some view health reform as a way to accept immigrants," Murguía continued. "We agree that the immigration system needs to be fixed, but address that problem separately through immigration reform. The best way to reduce costs in our health care system is to ensure that people do not have to follow a long paper trail to get to the doctor and that everyone shares the costs of a new system. Making health care easier to use and accessible for all workers and children is simple common sense."

For more information, visit [www.nclcr.org](http://www.nclcr.org) or call 1-800-473-3003.

## Why California's Economic Future Depends on Latinos

By Armando Vázquez-Ramos

These dreary economic times seem to get gloomier by the minute in California, as the news from Washington is that the Obama Administration turned down emergency funding June 15 that could help the state avert an economic collapse that would cost \$24 billion.

The future seems even worse when you couple this with a recent study by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) that projects a major shortage of professions in California by 2010. But there may be a silver lining through these dark clouds. While the PPIC's "California's Future Workforce: Will There Be Enough College Graduates?" accurately predicts this phenomenon, it reaffirms the reason why the future of California's economy depends on Latinos.

According to the study, the number of college-educated workers in the state grew from 28 percent in 1990 to 34 percent in 2006, but due to California's fast-changing demographics, the state will need a fourth out of every 10 workers to have earned at least a bachelor's degree by 2025.

At the same time, the bulk of the baby-boom generation will retire and the Latino population in the workforce will grow from 20 percent in 2006 to 40 percent by 2020. As of 1990 only 7 percent of Latinos had a bachelor's degree. The study predicts that just 12 percent will attain that level of education by 2020.

## POR QUÉ EL FUTURO ECONOMICO DE CALIFORNIA DEPENDE DE LOS LATINOS

Armando Vázquez-Ramos

Este tiempo económico deprimente se empiezan a poner todavía más triste en California con la noticia el 15 de Junio desde Washington, la administración de Presidente Barack Obama ha rechazado una petición para fondos de emergencia que pueden ayudar a los estados evitar un desastre que va a costar alrededor \$24 mil millones. Los estudios predicen que just 12 por ciento de los residentes de California se van a graduar de universidad en 2020. Pero probablemente hay algo positivo en esta mala noticia. Si bien el estudio de PPIC, "California's Future Workforce: Will There Be Enough College Graduates?" es una predicción oscura del futuro, vuelve a afirmar el por qué el futuro económico de California depende de los latinos.

De acuerdo con el estudio, el número de trabajadores con título universitario en el estado subió del 28 por ciento en 1990 a 34 por ciento en 2006. Pero probablemente hay algo positivo en esta mala noticia. Si bien el estudio de PPIC, "California's Future Workforce: Will There Be Enough College Graduates?" es una predicción oscura del futuro, vuelve a afirmar el por qué el futuro económico de California depende de los latinos.

California's policymakers and educational leaders need to recognize that the state's economy depends on the quality of education it offers K-12 students. It needs to fund fully its universities, with targeted spending focused on the fast-growing Latino student population, which represents 48 percent of the state's 6.3 million public school students.

The collapse of California could also be detrimental to the entire U.S. economy. With an ever-growing share of the state's budget by 2010, as the PPIC study predicts, it's hard to see how the United States can get by without the 8th largest economy in the world.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has already proposed an estimated \$1.4 billion in cuts to education that may not get worse with the economy. Without a substantial investment in the preparation of Latinos during the next few years California will not move from its current 49th place national ranking of high school graduates who go on to college and per capita spending level.

Coincidentally, the same scenario is playing out throughout the United States since Latinos already make up 20 percent of all students in the nation's public schools, and today 66 percent of all kindergarten pupils in the Golden State are Latino.

Thus, California needs to lead the way with steps that will reflect how the next generation of students will



be prepared, in order to retain its competitiveness as the eighth largest economy of the world.

"Not surprisingly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell has stated that graduating more children of color through college is the state Department of Education's top priority, and that "it's more critical than ever to have a well-skilled, educated, critical-thinking workforce that will come from the subgroups who continue to lag behind their peers."

Undoubtedly, this challenge will test the ability of our political and educational leaders to recognize the state's changing face and the inevitability of funding the educational

infrastructure.

While the PPIC study on the future of California's workforce is utterly revealing, the data on Latinos is not new. This is not the first alarm bell that has been rung. Will the message be heard this time, regardless of the condition of the economy?

For California, Latinos are the silver lining in its economic future. Professor Armando Vázquez-Ramos is a lecturer in the Chicano and Latino Studies Department, California State University, Long Beach, and coordinator of the California-Mexico Project. ©2009

difícil ver cómo sobre vivirá los Estados Unidos sin poder contar con la cultura económica mas grande del mundo.

El Gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger ya ha propuesto \$1.4 mil millones en cortes a la educación los cuales pueden incrementar más adelante. Sin invertir sumas importantes en la preparación de latinos durante los siguientes años no se mudará de la posición 49.º su actual ranking nacional de estudiantes egresados de la secundaria quienes continúan con estudios universitarios y el gasto público por estudiante.

Por coincidencia, esta misma escena se describe por todo Estados Unidos, ya que los latinos ya son el 20 por ciento de todos los estudiantes de las escuelas públicas a nivel nacional, y hoy el 66 por ciento de todos los estudiantes de kinder en California es latino. Por ende, California tiene que ser el primer estado en dar pasos que reflejen la manera en que se preparará a la siguiente generación de estudiantes, para poder tener su competitividad como la otra economía más grande del mundo.

No es de sorprenderse que el superintendente estatal de educación pública, Jack O'Connell, ha dicho que lograr que más niños

de color terminen la universidad es prioridad para el Departamento de Educación de los estados, y que "Será más crítico que nunca tener una fuerza laboral bien capacitada, educada y de mentalidad crítica. Lo cual vendrá de los subgrupos quienes continúan a rezagarse de sus pares."

Si nada, esto rotar la capacidad de nuestros dirigentes políticos y educativos a reconocer el rostro cambiante de los latinos y la inevitabilidad de tener que financiar la infraestructura educativa necesaria para que la economía de California prospere.

Mientras que es absolutamente revelador el estudio de PPIC sobre el futuro de la fuerza laboral en California, los datos sobre los latinos no son nuevos. No es la primera vez que se ha tocado la campana de alarma. ¿Se oír de mensaje esta vez, sin reparar en el costo de la economía?

Para California, los latinos son lo positivo de su futuro económico.

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### THE LONE WOLF THEORY OF MURDER

**By José de la Isla**  
 Hispanic Link News Service  
 HOUSTON, Texas — James W. Von Brunn, 88 years old, is the alleged lone wolf who went into the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10. Steven T. Jones, the 39-year-old security guard, in an act of kindness, opened the door for the elderly gunman who had a concealed rifle and shot Jones in the chest to escape. Now Von Brunn — a Holocaust denier, with a history of anti-Semitism and extreme racist views — was shot in the face, his guards who returned fire. He now faces homicide charges.

While no one can't other homicide of Steven Jones, we can ask whether there really aren't other wrongdoers in carrying out the act, others and elements who act like microbes, fester and turned up the fever that leads to murder.

James Von Brunn, born in 1920, is said to have been associated with right-wing white supremacists. It's known that in 1964, former Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Pedro Del Valle gave Von Brunn a copy of "The Iron Curtain over America," by John T. O'Beary, which Von Brunn said, "For the first time, I learned how Jews had destroyed Europe and were now doing the same in America."

"The Iron Curtain over America" (1951) was called by the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith one of the most anti-Semitic books ever written in the United States. In it, O'Beary claimed Eastern European Jews, such as Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and Senator Joseph P. Kennedy, were conspirators of the Jew. It was part of that conspiracy. The book also gave intellectual currency to some of the anti-communist outages Sen. Joseph McCarthy was associated with.

Del Valle also recommended Von Brunn to a position with right-wing book publisher Nolton Press, whose founder Wilbur Carto was a Holocaust denier, and who formed Liberty Lobby that aspired to have public policy influence.

General del Valle previously had a very distinguished military career in both World Wars and was the first Hispanic to reach the rank of lieutenant general. In 1946 he was considered by President Truman as a possible governor of Puerto Rico when the post was an appointive one. Del Valle came from the military in 1948. In 1953, he and four other high-level former military officers formed the Defenders of the American Constitution, intent on purging the U.S. of supposed communist influences and they organized citizen-vigilantes to guard against sabotage and treason. Del Valle ran for governor in 1953 but was overwhelmingly defeated in the November primary because of his controversial views.

At a local bar in Cambridge, Md., in 1968, Von Brunn was celebrating having landed an advertising account. After a few beers, he watched a news anchor announce Lyndon Johnson's nomination of Abe Fortas, a Jew, to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Von Brunn's entire remark drew a scowl from a prominent Jewish businessman, and in an altercation Von Brunn knocked the businessman to the floor. Von Brunn was arrested. Then a fight broke out with the police.

At the trial, General del Valle testified in Von Brunn's behalf but infuriated the jury. The judge convicted and sentenced Von Brunn to two years in jail.

There followed another situation in Idaho, then another in Redding, Calif., then a conviction for an incident at the Federal Reserve in Washington. Later, screeds came like howling from the moon on the Internet about his intense righteousness and the inferiority and conspiracy of others. "What stands out over and over are the networks of people and organizations. Extremism was rebuffed but mutated. A genealogy of discarded notions going back to World War II, with no intelligent currency, were the forebears of a succeeding extremist episode."

The propaganda machines continue pitting one group against another, appealing to those parts of the brain that neuroscientists know atrophy how the mind works.

This infection runs in packs. It is not the work of a lone wolf. [José de la Isla's latest book, Day Night Life Death Hope, is distributed by The Forward Foundation. He writes a weekly commentary for Hispanic Link News Service and is author of The Rise of Hispanic Political Power (2003). E-mail him at jose@isla@yahoo.com.]

### LA TEORÍA DEL LOBO SOLITARIO ASESINO

**By José de la Isla**  
 Hispanic Link News Service  
 HOUSTON, Texas — James W. Von Brunn, de 88 años, es el presunto lobo solitario quien cargó un rifle de asalto y disparó a Jones en el pecho de mayo de 2009. Steven T. Jones, guardia de seguridad de 39 años, en un acto de amabilidad, le abrió la puerta al pistolero cuando alguien cargó un rifle de asalto y disparó a Jones en el pecho de mayo de 2009. Steven T. Jones, guardia de seguridad de 39 años, en un acto de amabilidad, le abrió la puerta al pistolero cuando alguien cargó un rifle de asalto y disparó a Jones en el pecho de mayo de 2009. Steven T. Jones, guardia de seguridad de 39 años, en un acto de amabilidad, le abrió la puerta al pistolero cuando alguien cargó un rifle de asalto y disparó a Jones en el pecho de mayo de 2009.

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### The First Six Months under Obama

By Sydno Gutierrez

Time crawls when you're in turmoil and the first six months of the Barack Obama presidency have been pure hell for Conservatives and has brought Christians to their knees. For a person who is both a Christian and a Conservative the first six months have been torture of the withering kind.

I told my friend Odo that I would give the new president at least 6 months before I wrote an analysis and interpretation of his policies and pen a prediction of where his presidency will take the country. The first six months have provided ample evidence suitable for this commitment.

Two common methods of analysis are to listen to what the man says and to watch closely what he does.

Let us first consider his silky rhetoric. Any analysis should weigh his words lightly and his speeches are not his own; he reads them from a teleprompter albeit with aplomb. The second standard for measuring the man is what he does. In the case of Barack Obama, his actions are resoundingly louder than his words.

The first six months have provided a veritable cornucopia of evidence to draw clear and authoritative conclusions. Judging his actions — not his words here are some thoughts:

The first bill he signed made it very easy for employers to sue their employees. The bill, when considered with other bills, is a clear attempt by administration leaders even the casual politician to argue convincingly that his administration is anti-business. An anti-business presidency will hurt the poor. His actions — not his words will suffer equally. Except that the poor will reap squall much quicker.

Judging by his actions — not his words, Barack Obama is strongly anti-Christian. In just six months, his administration has already passed 30 abortion programs, projects and bills. True Christians bring a discarded number of many innocent lives yet Obama was elected with 52% of the Catholic vote. When invited to Notre Dame to speak at their commencement he took the Catholic audience to snuff and the Notre Dame Administration responded with ructions.

**THOUGHTS THAT GREET THE APPROACHING SUMMER**  
 By Elisa Martínez  
 Hispanic Link News Service  
 EL PASO, Texas — Nothing tears me up as thoroughly as Rodolfo's cry of anguish in La Balam when he realizes that Mimi has died. So much pain. So many regrets. A fitting finale to a full life.

Most of us will die at home or in a hospital surrounded by family or caring strangers. It's not natural to die alone. Someone should be there to shed a tear and say our name for the last time. Someone with a warm touch to utter a prayer and a soft adios; someone with familiar hand to send us away with a fond wish for the journey ahead where with an outstretched hand, La death, waits to greet us all. Needed is a final resting place where family or friends can visit, place flowers and remember.

I think about this as I sit in the comfortable church pews and listen to the priest beseech the elegant coffin and in tune the final prayers at the altar. "May the angels escort thee to paradise. May the choirs of angels receive thee with Lazarus who once was poor. Mayest thou have eternal rest. May perpetual light shine upon thee."

This is not the case with the undocumented. They die alone in the desert. They die of heat stroke and hypothermia. They drown alone in river currents and get swept up in isolated highways headed to unknown destinations. They carry no ID and remain nameless in death. Not a fitting finale for a full life.

They cross the border to the north for many reasons. It is not easy to sit idly by when there is so much need. They lack the basics, food, shelter, clothing and medical care.

There are almost uncountable from the most of the poorest of the poor in Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala and other Latin American countries, and so they come. They leave with great

apprehense and gave homage. Not with an award.

Judging by his actions — not his words, Barack Obama is strongly anti-Latino. Yet he wore the Jewish vote in November. Kinds make one pause to ponder perplexing political problems.

Judging by his actions — not his words, Barack Obama is strongly Socialist. Over the last 300 years millions of Americans have paid with their lives, shedding blood to keep Socialism out of the mainstream. Grated America has had bit-of-bit of Socialist embedded within but these were because of the compassion of the American people. Under the Obama administration Government now owns General Motors, a large share of Banking institutions, the insurance giant AIG and is maneuvering to take ownership of health insurance. At the cost of trillions of dollars that will have to be paid back with interest in perpetuity.

Most Democrats delight in the idea of a Socialist America in which the Government owns and controls the banks and the means of production.

This is very good for Christians and Conservatives. My prediction is that the Democrats will be short-lived.

What are we doing ever trying to assure that they own the Socialism of America and it will stick to them? I predict for the next hundred years. The American voter will settle the matter by the next election.

By that time the pain and suffering inflicted on the common man on the street by the HYPER-INFLATION which will be an American pocket book by the time the Democrats take over Government spending is that happening now. This is not theory. Economists know that spending at the levels we see today lead to Hyper-Inflation. This means that Americans will lose about 20% of the value of their take-home pay. Every American will get a pay cut of 20%. After next summer, and just in time for the next National Election, the American people will embrace Christian values and rid themselves of the extreme left-wing liberal tax and spend socialist Obama Administration.

They will bring great courage. They will be behind their families, their country, and those things they love the most and they go to the unknown with hope and deep faith.

They will look for ways to sustain their families. That's all they want. Work, be it what it might, and be it where it is and for as long as it may be necessary. They are taken advantage by their own posing as "coyotes," by unscrupulous contractors and farmers, thieves and predated people. They're the nobodies of their country going to remain nobody someone else.

They began their long journeys with others like them and so often die alone, left behind without a trace as the others continue on.

It's impossible to imagine how hot it will be in the desert. Only when you've actually stood under the desert sun might you have an idea of the horrors of such a death. The burning sand, the insects, the cactus, the cruel beating sun, the thirst and the desperation.

Their bleached bones and swollen bodies lie, rotting, but remain. Without identification they become numbers in their morgues, and after years of waiting they're buried in nameless graves without ceremony and without a prayer. Not a fitting finale at all.

Does everything even out after we die? Are we equal in death? Will the angels escort these souls to paradise? Will the choirs of angels be there to receive you and bid you welcome? Or even though they died alone and were buried as the poorest of the poor? Their names will never be known and there won't be a gravestone to mark their resting place.

Who will bring them flowers and clean their graves? Who will know that they were even on this earth? Their families will never know what happens to their loved ones. Not even their sons again, wives will know their husbands and the children will never know the touch of their father's rough hand on their cheek. Not a fitting

Your Honorable Mayor Tom Martin, Lady and Gentlemen of the Lubbock City Council,  
 I regret not being able to be present to express my opinion in regard of the new proposed animal shelter or dog pound as its most often called by everybody people of the City of Lubbock.

I feel that our District Leaders (District 1-Linda DeLeon & District 2-District 2-Priddy) did not give us the chance to express our opinion on whether we wanted the dog pound or not. It just seems that our own district leaders do not seem to ask us for our opinion. Both Mrs. Linda DeLeon (Dist. 1) and Mr. Floyd Price (Dist. 2) led an all media effort for the opposition of the placement of the DOG POUND in K.N. Clapp Park. But when it came down to putting it in our kids playground the stayed quite when they did not think that we will not not a word.

Well not this time... WE WILL NOT STAY QUITE!!!!

I wish that they would treat their districts the same overall. They seem to think that some areas are more valuable or more favorable than others, when they came out of those same areas. We are tired of being treated as the last resort. The area or part of town that people think that since it is on the North or East part of town then we don't care. Hell you're wrong... We Do Care!!! We care how our neighborhoods look or how other people in Lubbock see our neighborhoods. We are not the dumping grounds that people seem to see us or think about us. But what it does seem like... is that even our own District leaders think that.

Another District leader seems to think the same... Mr. Todd Klein (Dist. 3) seems to think that he knows what we want in our district. During a City Council meeting he stated and I quote... "site was not perfect, but was the best option." at the end of the day, I believe people will be happy with it. Well... again he is wrong!!! We are not happy!!!

We want a chance to give our opinion or other options. One option we can use is the same option the our great leaders of District 1 and District 2 used to just pull the rug from under a profitable business, spend over 1.2 million dollars and just say we need it for city use. That way we don't place it in a city park and we stay with normal city spending habits.

With all the studies the city do for all kinds of projects I would like to see a formal study of travel of city vehicles, how much traffic will the Dog Pound would get if it placed in a central of Lubbock rather than the north side of Lubbock. I would say that people would rather go to a central part of town to travel north Lubbock.

I wish that you comply with our petition and consider other options that have yet to be discovered or other options that have been neglected.

I think this is an opportunity for the City Lubbock to place in a central part of the town and other office satellites as a city plaza to revitalize parts of the city that need city services of the shelter and other City offices that Lubbock citizens need. Instead of traveling a far distance.

In my closing notes I would like give thanks Honorable Mayor Tom Martin and District 5 Councilman Leonard III for voting NO for locating the dog pound in Mackenzie Park.

Also to add that as I was writing this letter I decided to look up Mackenzie Park on the internet...I noticed that in every site that listed Mackenzie Park it stated "248 acres, Mackenzie Park is Lubbock's largest recreation area and features a wide variety of fun for all ages. Tee off at Meadowbrook Golf Course; the park also offers a world-class disc golf course and more than 1,000 trees. I would say that people would rather go to a central part of town to travel north Lubbock.

And now we can add "Visit our city dog pound and enjoy the noise and smells as you Picnic in the main entrance of Lubbock's largest Recreation area!!"

Thanks again Lubbock City Council for making great decisions!!! Sincerely, Fr. Epifanio Aguire District 1 resident

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Our nation's leaders pledged to fix health care in the U.S. in 2009. Please join our efforts to make sure that this promise is not an empty one and that health care reforms work for Latinos and everyone in America. We only have a short time to act.

Sign our petition to congressional leadership to act for health care for all - <http://capwiz.com/nclriat/1JWCMKRRMQDHXXCKRRMD-VK3496337916/>

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# Healthcare Reform Would Be Deficit Neutral

The \$1 trillion, 10-year price tag for reforming the U.S. healthcare system is steep, but inaction will cost more, President Obama told physicians Monday.

Obama raised his vision of healthcare reform before the American Medical Association's annual meeting in Chicago, saying providing affordable healthcare for all Americans "will be a cost" but only in the short-run.

"(Failing) to reform our healthcare system in a way that genuinely reduces cost growth will cost us trillions of dollars more in lost economic growth and lower wages."

He also stressed that healthcare reform would be deficit-neutral over the next decade, explaining how the price tag would be covered.

Over the next 10 years, \$635 billion will go toward the Health Reserve Fund that was included in the budget passed several

months ago. More than half of the amount will come from revenue-raising efforts such as limiting the tax deductions the wealthiest Americans can take.

Other changes and estimated savings over 10 years include:

- Introducing competitive bidding into the medical advantage program, \$177 billion.
- "Use Medicare reimbursements to help reduce preventable re-admissions, \$25 billion.
- "Generic biologic drugs into the marketplace and asking well-off seniors to pay 'a little bit more,' \$30 billion.
- "More efficient purchasing of prescription drugs, \$75 billion.
- "Rooting out waste, abuse and fraud" throughout the healthcare system, \$1 billion.
- "Adjusting Medicare payment to reflect advances and productivity gains in the economy, \$109 billion.

"I know people are cynical we can do this," he said, "I know there will be disagreements about how to proceed in the days ahead. But I also know that we cannot let this moment pass us by."

# Obama's Health Tak Has Holes

U.S. President Obama's public healthcare option doesn't address cost projections of such a plan if modeled after Medicare, the Heritage Foundation said.

When explaining that a public option was only a healthcare choice for Americans during a speech Monday to the American Medical Association in Chicago, Obama said, "So when you hear the nay-sayers claim that I'm trying to bring about government-run healthcare, know this: They're not telling the truth."

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, said research conducted by a healthcare economics firm, Lewin

Group, indicated about 70 percent of those with private insurance -- 119.1 million policyholders -- would be shifted onto a public plan if Obama's plan uses Medicare reimbursement rates to healthcare providers.

Because the federal government would be both regulator and participant in the same market, it would have an unfair advantage of being able to improve artificially lower rates on doctors and hospitals where private insurers could not, the Heritage Foundation said Lewin's research indicated. As a result, fewer insurers would be able to keep up with the artificially low

premiums that a public plan likely would use, making the public plan the dominant option for Americans.

"President Obama may call conservative opposition to a public option 'legitimate' and mock the idea that it would serve as a Trojan horse leading the United States into a single-payer system, but he fails to explain how the government would restrain itself from creating an uneven playing field in the insurance market," Robert Moffitt, director for the Heritage Foundation's Center for Health Policy Studies, said in a news release.



"Who is ultimately going to make the key decisions in that area of this economy that has so much direct, personal impact on the quality of your life?"

# Jueza Sotomayor responde a senadores republicanos

La candidata a jueza de la Corte Suprema Sonia Sotomayor justificó su afiliación a un club exclusivo de mujeres al que pertenece, asegurando que no discrimina injustamente contra los varones, se informó ayer.

En una carta enviada a la Comisión de Asuntos Jurídicos del Senado el lunes, Sotomayor sostiene que el grupo Belizean Grove permite la participación de hombres en eventos y viajes.

Agrega que hasta donde ella sabe, ningún varón ha solicitado ser admitido como miembro del club.

Varios senadores republicanos habían puesto en duda la afiliación de Sotomayor en el grupo, ya que por ley un juez federal no puede ser miembro de una organización que discrimine por raza, sexo, religión o nacionalidad. La jueza de ascendencia puertorriqueña acompañó su carta con copias de varios fallos y discursos que no había entregado antes al panel.

"No creo que mi afiliación al Belizean Grove violé el Código de Conducta Judicial", escribió.

Sus partidarios observaron que la única jueza del tribunal superior, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, pertenece al exclusivo International Women's Forum, como también la ex jueza Sandra Day O'Connor, quien justificó su participación en grupos exclusivos de mujeres durante sus audiencias de confirmación en el Senado.

Mientras los republicanos escudriñarían los antecedentes de Sotomayor, un senador de ese partido planeaba una serie de discursos con críticas al presidente Barack Obama y a los demócratas por su método para escoger jueces, aduciendo que amenaza el sistema judicial y el imperio de la ley.

Se anticipa que así lo hará el senador Jeff Sessions, el republicano de mayor rango en la Comisión de Asuntos Jurídicos. Sessions planeaba contraponer la visión del juez ideal, según los padres de la patria, con un movimiento que según dice se propone que los



jueces impongan sus políticas y sentimientos personales en sus fallos y cambien el significado de la Constitución.

Los planes de Sessions -- que no incluyen críticas directas a Sotomayor ni sus antecedentes -- salieron a la luz mientras los republicanos trataban de conocer cómo manejar el debate políticamente cargado para la confirmación de la jueza que sería la primera hispana en la Corte Suprema. Los senadores republicanos no tienen los votos ni el

apetito para tratar de bloquear su confirmación y parecen reacios a criticarla demasiado energicamente por temor a ser asociados con los conservadores fuera del Senado que la calificarán de racista.

El riesgo es particularmente elevado para Sessions, a quien hace más de 20 años le negaron una banca federal cuando se denunció que había pronunciado afirmaciones racistas y que había atacado a líderes negros de los derechos civiles en su época como fiscal.

# Perseguidos por el narco y sin refugio

La "narcoviolencia" en México es cuestión de vida o muerte para empresarios, periodistas, policías y otros profesionales, pero sus leyes en EEUU son tan rígidas que el asilo para estas víctimas puede llegar tarde o nunca.

La violencia derivada del tráfico de drogas en la frontera común ha despertado el interés de la clase política y de los principales medios de comunicación en EEUU, que transmiten crónicas imágenes de la lucha entre los carteles de la droga.

Se calcula que cerca de 11 mil personas han fallecido desde 2006, cuando el presidente mexicano, Felipe Calderón, lanzó una ofensiva con unos 45 mil miembros del Ejército en los estados más afectados por las pugnas territoriales entre los narcos.

Los asesinatos, algunos realizados a quemarropa, parecieren ir en aumento, cuando queda menos de un mes para los comicios legislativos en ese país.

A toda esta dinámica hay que incluir la tóxica influencia de los carteles para sobornar y corromper a ciertos políticos y miembros de las fuerzas del orden.

Los narcos ni perdonan ni olvidan y un agente que no ceda a sus presiones es agente muerto, en muchos casos.

El agente tiene tres opciones: aceptar el soborno o combato de datos sobre los operativos policíacos a protección de los narcos, morir en la vía pública, o enfrentar un destino incierto en un país ajeno.

Muchos escogen la primera opción, como fue el caso de 54 policías, de 87 arrestados a comienzos de mes en Nuevo León, que admitieron que aceptaron sobornos. Tres confesaron que, a sueldo de "Los zetas" --el brazo armado del cartel del Golfo--, secuestraron soldados.

Los noticieros en EEUU raras vez explican el drama de quienes están en la mira de los narcos, ya sean los agentes que los combaten con balas o los periodistas que, pluma y grabadora en mano, intentan cubrir la debacle del tráfico de drogas y la corrupción política.

Según la Federación Internacional de Periodistas, en

México no solo asesinados 49 informadores desde el año 2000, cuatro de ellos en la que de este año. Casi la totalidad de estos crímenes permanece impune.

El Gobierno de Washington se ha comprometido a dar a México más recursos para la lucha antinarco.

Pero en el Congreso, paralizado como está respecto a la reforma migratoria, nadie habla de modificar las leyes que imponen una cantidad de requisitos y plazos para quienes solicitan asilo o refugio en Estados Unidos.

Las leyes son muy claras: el solicitante tiene que demostrar que ha sido víctima de persecución o que tiene temor "bien fundamentado" de que será perseguido en base a sus creencias religiosas, raza, nacionalidad, opinión política, y pertenencia a un determinado grupo social.

El abogado de inmigración José Perriera, afirmó hoy que el problema es que los policías, por naturaleza, asumen el riesgo de su profesión y "si EEUU comienza a darles asilo, no quedará un solo policía en México".

En el caso de los periodistas, citando como precedente el "caso McMullen" de 1981, agregó que éstos tendrían que demostrar fehacientemente que el gobierno de México es incapaz de controlar a quienes cometen actos de persecución.

"Aquí la solución no está en la ley de EEUU sino en atacar de raíz el problema que aqueja a México", señaló Perriera. Según el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, 60,108 extranjeros recibieron estatus de refugiados y otros 22,930 estatus de asilados en EEUU en 2008, lo que les confiere permiso de trabajo, servicios de asistencia pública, Seguro Social, y otros beneficios.

En fin, les permite dar atrás la violencia y hacer "borrón y cuenta nueva" en su país adoptivo. Algo que, por ahora, le es negado a la mayoría de las víctimas de la violencia en México.

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# Romo-to-Roy still work in progress for Cowboys

Roy Williams figures it is pointless to watch film from his 10 games with the Dallas Cowboys last season. There is nothing the receiver really wants to see.

"Maybe if I watch T.O. or something," Williams said. "But I'm not going to watch myself block all day long. ... I didn't get many opportunities to catch a ball, which was tough on me because I know what kind of player I am."

But with Terrell Owens gone, Williams now gets his chance to be Dallas' top receiver.

Considering what the Cowboys gave up to acquire Williams in the middle of last season, including first- and third-round draft picks and a \$45 million contract extension through 2013, that is what they expect.

"The pressure's on me," Williams said. "The expectations are big. But that's fine. That's how I want them to be."

The offseason work began in February, a month before Owens was released, when Williams started running routes and catching passes from Tony Romo. The final organized team workouts are at this week's minicamp

until training camp opens in late July.

"Oh, we're close. There's still little things, still routes," Romo said. "It's not just about running a route on air. It's about different coverages you're going to see and how you're going to come out of your break. ... It's our first full season. Once you see it from all of them, it's easier the next go-around."

Williams arrived from the winless Detroit Lions in mid-October, right after Romo sustained a broken pinkie on his throwing hand that forced him to miss three games. Williams was then bothered by a foot problem later in the season.

He never missed any games in Dallas, but it was easy to forget at times that Williams was even there. He had 19 catches for 198 yards, with only 21 yards the past three games.

There has been widespread scrutiny, including Troy Aikman saying the deal could be "one of the biggest busts in the history of the league" if Williams doesn't turn out to be a topflight receiver in Dallas.

"When things happen the way they're supposed to happen, I'm just going to have a smile on my

face," Williams said. "The only people that know I can do it is my family. They can't wait either."

Williams had a Pro Bowl season in 2006, when he caught 82 passes for 1,310 yards and seven touchdowns. The former University of Texas star had 362 catches for 3,884 yards and 29 TDs in 60 games with the Lions. He played with five different quarterbacks last season.

Now the focus is on building a relationship with Romo, and Williams knows the best way to gain the quarterback's confidence.

"Just catch the ball when he throws it to me," Williams said. "And butter him up, bring him some food, just let him borrow some money if he needs some. Just be his best friend. ... Put my arm around his neck and hug him and tell him that his girlfriend looks pretty good and go from there."

Romo said the two already have a good relationship and likes his personality.

"He's quarterback friendly with a lot of the stuff he does," Romo said. "He runs good



routes."

That doesn't mean they are always in synch yet.

During one practice this week, Williams was wide open across the middle of the field and waving his hands to get Romo's attention. The pass went elsewhere, and Williams returned to the huddle with his hands on his hips.

"I let him know, but that's what we're supposed to do," Williams said.

The next pass went to Wil-

liams, a high throw that deflected off his hands. But he later had a deep over-the-shoulder catch between two defenders, grabbing the slightly underthrown ball while falling to his knee.

"Whether we had Terrell or not, we were confident that Roy Williams was going to be a player and play well," coach Wade Phillips said. "That will come along with them practicing together."

Owner Jerry Jones admits it was "optimistic" for him to think

that Williams and Romo would be able to get develop a connection during the middle of last season. Jones still has no regrets about making the deal, though he will be "tremendously disappointed" if it doesn't work.

"The verdict is really still out, but I would absolutely do that trade again," Jones said earlier this offseason. "The only fair way to look at that trade is give it the benefit of how and what it does as we go ahead over the next year or two."

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## Mayweather injured rib cartilage, can't train

Floyd Mayweather Jr. has damaged cartilage in his ribs and will stop training for his comeback fight until a doctor says he can resume.

Richard Schaefer, chief executive of Golden Boy Promotions, told The Associated Press on Monday that Mayweather has been in tremendous pain since suffering the injury during training on Thursday.

"He tried to work through it. He really did not want to postpone the fight, but it came to the point where he could barely sit," Schaefer said. "He could not train, he could not move and there was really not much of a choice."

Mayweather (39-0, 25 KOs) was scheduled to fight Juan Manuel Marquez (50-4-1, 37 KOs) on July 18 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Schaefer said both fighters have committed to rescheduling and a September date has been mentioned. But promoters and the fighters won't agree to a date without the OK of doctors.

Mayweather's ribs are not broken, and the former five-division champ plans to see a doctor this week.

Schaefer said. He said he did not know exactly how Mayweather damaged his cartilage.

"Right now he cannot go and train, he cannot work out, he cannot

run, he cannot hit the heavy bag and the speed bags and jump ropes and all these kinds of things," Schaefer said. "He definitely will need some additional training but again, Floyd is such an amazing athlete - and really on top of his game - that I think it will be relatively easy for him to get right back into it."

Cartilage connects the ribs to the sternum, and can tear away after direct blows to the chest, other trauma or particularly violent coughs and sneezes.

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo injured his rib cartilage during the team's season ending game at Philadelphia last year, a disastrous 44-6 loss in which Romo fumbled, was sacked and benched. Coach Wade Phillips said a flare-up of the pain caused Romo to collapse in the shower afterward.

Mayweather and Marquez were scheduled to fight at a catch-weight of about 143 pounds, eight more than Marquez has ever fought and the

lightest weight for Mayweather since 2005.

Mayweather hasn't boxed since knocking out Ricky Hatton in December 2007. He was slated to fight a rematch with Oscar De La Hoya but instead abruptly retired last June, while still considered the sport's pound-for-pound king.

Now, many believe Manny Pacquiao holds that title after he beat De La Hoya and Hatton in fewer rounds than Mayweather.

It's possible that Mayweather and Pacquiao will eventually meet in the ring if Mayweather beats Marquez first.

But promoter Bob Arum also wants to set up a Pacquiao-Miguel Cotto fight in November, the earliest Cotto can get back into the ring after the "welterweight's win over Joshua Clottey on Saturday.


Cotto won by decision but left Madison Square Garden in New York with a big gash over his left eye that required six stitches.



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"Francisco Jiménez, author of "Reaching Out," published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

"Lucía González and Lulu Delacre, author and illustrator of "The Storyteller's Candle/La Velita de los CuENTOS," published by Children's Book Press.

"Rafael Gutiérrez, illustrator of "Papa and Me," written by Arthur Dorros, published by Rayo, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

"Amy Córdova, illustrator of "What Can You Do With a Rebozo?" written by Carmen Tafolla, published by Tricycle Press, an imprint of Ten Speed Press.

"Orla Guzmán de Cortés, co-founder of Pura Belpré Medal Award

Event highlights include a

musical performance by students from Our Lady of Guadalupe Ballet Folklorico and participating authors will sign copies of their award-winning books. Celebración speakers will include 2009 Pura Belpré Medal recipients; Luis Chaparro, president, REFORMA; Pat Seales, president, ALSC; and Claudette McLinn, chair, 2009 Pura Belpré Medal Award Selection Committee.

The Pura Belpré Medal is named in honor of Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian from the New York Public Library. As a children's librarian, storyteller and author, she enriched the lives of Latino children through her pioneering work of preserving and disseminating Puerto Rican folklore. The award is given by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and co-sponsored by the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking (REFORMA).

# Advocating for Immigrants: Filmmakers Tell the Story of the Hispanic Press in America

For many Americans, May 1, 2006 was when they first began to comprehend the power of the nation's Spanish-language media. Hispanic radio and TV played a key role on that day, urging Latino immigrants to take time off from work to demonstrate for immigration reform. Millions participated in the protests in cities across the country.

But while Hispanic media was credited for its role in bringing out the masses on the "day without immigrants," most people remain unaware of the long history of the Spanish-language press in America, and its tradition of advocating for Latino interests.

The first U.S.-based newspaper for Spanish-speaking readers - El Missipi - made its debut in New Orleans in 1808, nearly two centuries before the historic marches of 2006.

La Cronica, published in Laredo, Texas, served Mexican exiles in the early 20th Century. La Cronica, published in Laredo, Texas, served Mexican exiles in the early 20th Century. By the mid-19th Century Spanish-language newspapers were editorializing and covering news in New York, California, Texas, New Mexico and Pennsylvania. Among the causes they supported were independence for Mexico and Cuba, which at the time were Spanish colonies.

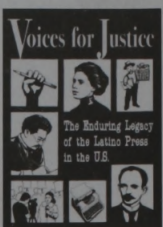
The nation's oldest continuously-published Latino newspaper,

-La Prensa - was founded in New York in 1913, and exists today as the daily El Diario-La Prensa.

"We've been around for years. We're not a new media," said Juan González, who chairs the Journalism Department at the City College of San Francisco.

González is producing a film that tells the story of America's Spanish-language media, "Voices for Justice: The Enduring Legacy of the Latino Press in the U.S. Along with fellow filmmaker, Félix F. Gutiérrez, a professor of Journalism at the University of Southern California, González recently showed a preview of the film to an audience of ethnic media journalists in Atlanta.

González told Feet in Two Worlds that the film intends to dispel myths about Latinos both among Hispanics and in the wider society. "Through the pages of our newspapers we really get an impression of what Latinos are like," he said. "Mainstream media always shows negative stories (about Latinos) - about gang activity and crime." González noted that many Latinos don't know the history of the Spanish-language press. "We're feeling a big gap of knowledge," - he said - "the film is going to fill a void in telling the story of a people." voices\_logos



The film project is also a way for González and Gutiérrez to prod the Hispanic press to be more aggressive in the way it reports the news.

Today there are hundreds of Hispanic newspapers and magazines across the country. Spanish-language TV is a huge business, and Hispanic TV networks Telemundo and Univision have become as mainstream as their English-language counterparts.

Despite the numbers, González, who founded El Telecine, a bilingual community newspaper in San Francisco, lamented that there's a "lot of fluff" in journalism aimed at Latino audiences. "It does a disservice to the community," he said.

"When it comes to hard stories, it's something I continue to push for," he said. "However much you don't want to do it, you have to do it. Your simple existence is not enough. You need to help the community change conditions through

## Mariach Vargas de Tecalitlán, June 20th at the Long Center in Austin, TX

The world-renowned Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán will perform in Austin at The Long Center - Dell Hall June 20 at part of the Texas Mariachi Vargas Concert Tour. The long awaited concert is the first time Mariachi Vargas will perform in Austin since March 2006.

Additional traditional mariachi instruments played by members of Mariachi Vargas include the harp, guitar, vihuela, trumpet and guitarrón. "Mariachi Vargas's innovations in instrumentation, orchestral technique, and stage presentation have influenced and inspired countless generations of mariachi performers," says D. Moore. "They set the standard for the mariachi music industry," he added.

Concert goers can expect to hear songs from their latest recording Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, Mas de 110 años y aquí estamos (more than 110 years and here we are) with popular favorites like "Para Siempre" (a love that will last forever) and "Estos Celos" (a song of jealousy) as well as traditional songs like "Por Amor" (a song about love) and "Urge" (a song about the longing to be with one you love).

Opening acts for the Mexico City based Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán include Esteban Velazquez from Odessa and Virginia Stille from Houston to be accompanied by the University of Texas - Mariachi Tejas.

Tickets to see Mariachi Vargas in concert are available at The Long Center 3M Box Office, www.thelongcenter.org -http://www.thelongcenter.org/ - or by calling 512-474-5664.

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# Summer flicks with a Latin touch



Michael Riquelme and Ramón Rodríguez in "The Taking of Pelham 123.3"

Summer movies mean more than just blockbuster time. It's also an opportunity for Latino actors to start their stuff, whether as stars - Cameron Diaz in "My Sister's Keeper," highly visible supporting players - Luis Guzmán in the New York-centric "The Taking of Pelham 123.3" - or talented character voices in animated films like the John Leguizamo in "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs."

Here are some summer releases with a definite Latin touch:

"The Taking of Pelham 123.3" (Opens tomorrow): A remake of the 1974 hit about criminals who hijack a New York subway train and hold the prisoners for ransom. Stars Denzel Washington and John Travolta, with Luis Guzmán and Ramón Rodríguez.

"The Proposal" (June 19): Starring Sandra Bullock as a pushy boss who forces her assistant of many, her co-see can maintain her immigration status, the film also

features Cuban-American actor Oscar Núñez. "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (June 24): The sequel to the 2007 blockbuster features Ramón Rodríguez.

"My Sister's Keeper" (June 26): Cameron Diaz stars as an attorney fighting for a young teen who wants to be emancipated from her parents. "Ice Age: Dawn of the

Dinosaurs" (July 1): John Leguizamo voices the character of Sid the Sloth in this second sequel to the 2002 animated hit.

"G-Force" (July 24): Penélope Cruz does voice-over work in this animated feature about specially trained guinea pigs fighting a billionaire who wants to take over the world.

"Shorts" (Aug. 7): The latest from director Robert Rodríguez about a boy whose discovery of a magic, wish-granting rock causes chaos in his hometown.

"Post Grad" (Aug. 21): Rodrigo Santoro co-stars in this comedy about a recent college grad (Alexis Bledel) forced to move back home with her wacko family.

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