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White House to Address **Rising Healthcare Costs**



industry trade groups were to meet Monday with Obama, who also will speak about the group's

saut. Representatives for physicians, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and insurance companies and paranece companies and paranece companies and paranece companies pledged to cut the growth rate of healthcare spending in the United States during the next 10 years. Obama said in a statement released Sunday. He said the groups 'are voluntarily coming together to make an unprecedented commitment.' The proposed sawings would cut the rise in healthcare costs by 1.5 percent a year, The Washington Post reported. "I don't think there can be a more significant step to help struggling families and the federal budget," a senior administration official said during a

"Over the next 10 years — fron 2010 to 2019 — they are pledg-ing to cut the growth rate of national health care spending by 1.5 percentage points each year — an amount that's equal to over \$2 trillion," Obama said in his

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One former hospital chief executive officer, however, al-ready is running ads against any government-run program. Rick Scott, founder of Con-servatives for Patients' Rights and a multimillionaire investor, is pumping in \$5 million of his own money and up to \$15 million more from supporters to mount a counter-campaign, the Post reported.

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"Everybody wants to say I'm against Obama's plan, but I'm not necessarily," Scott told the Post.

"The bottom line is that this is happening fast, and there is not much of a debate going on about what will happen if we go down this path."

Medicare Fund Projected to Run Out in 8 Years

Sparring new demands to overhaul the nation's health or care system, Medicare trostees announced Tuesday that the program's biggest flund for serving the elderly would run out of money in just eight years.

But the announcement—the latest in a succession of dire predictions about Medicare's fiscal condition—also pointed up the growing chasm separating Democrates and Republicams as the Obama administration and its congressional allies ramp for another major attempt to reshape health care as a whole.

GOP lawmakers seized on the latest announcement to attack Democrates and eye overment health insurance program that people could choose if they are unhappy with their private insurance options, Such a "public option" is a centerpiece of President Branck. Obama's health care agends. "The government-run health care programs we already have are unsustainable," said Rep. Tom Price, Red, who heads the House Republican Study Committee. "It should be obvious that putting more people under the inflexible control of Weshington is no way to bring down medical

Administration officials and their allies on Capitol Hall, meanwhile, cast Medicare's troubles as an opportunity to advance their own campaign. Medicare is central order effort to promote high quality, affordable health care for all Americans, 'said Health and Health and Services Secretary Kathleen Seebelina, a member of the Social Security and Medicare Board of Trustees.

"As the nation's largest insurer, its success would both improve the lives of seniors and set the standard for other insurance

Medicare, now in its fifth decade, currently provides health insurance to some 45 million people, mostly senior citizens. But the impending eligibility of baby bosomers, who are projected to start joining Medicare in 2011, and the unrelenting rise in health care coots have devine concerns in recent years about the program's long-term viability. The current economic downtrum, which has eliminated millions of jobs and reduced workers payments into the system.

The fund's fiscal health is tied to the economy. As recently as 2002,

although five years before that, they warned of a collapse by 2001, precipitating a rescue by Congress. Social Security and Medicare

AARP Executive Vice
President John Rother called the
report a 'clarion call for health
care reform.' Obam and groups
such as the AARP are pushing
for cuts in how much the federal
government pays private insurers
who contract to provide Medicare insurance for sentions as
well as faster approval of generic
drugs. Both steps challenge major health care industries.

The president and his allies
on Capitol Hill are also exploring broader changes in the way
Medicare pays for services,
including new penalties on
hospitals and doctors who don't
meet new quality standards.

War Complexity Led to McKiernan's Removal from Afghanistan

A shift in the war in Afghanistan helped set the stage for the removal of Ger David McKieman as U.S. commander in the country, Pentagon officials said. When he announced Monday that he was seeking McKieman's resignation,

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said "fresh eyes" were needed and that a "new approach" to the war in Afghanistan was in "our best

The leadership change indi-cates defense officials think the Afghan war is growing

more complex, The New York Times reported Tues-day, Defense Department officials said McKierman was removed mainly because he was conventional in his ap-proach to the 7-year-old war. Gates recommended U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Stanley A.

McChrystal, a former com-mander of the Joint Special Operations Command, as McKiernan's replacement. McChrystal was in Afghani stan as chief of staff of mili-tary operations in 2001 and 2002 and recently ran com-mands acceptations in Jraq.

Casa Blanca critica presión hispana



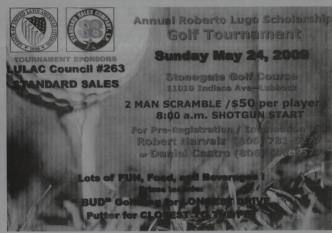
Las presiones de los grupos de interés pueden ser contraproducentes en el proceso para cubrir la vacante que deja el juez David Souter en el Tribiunal Supremo, advirtió ayer la Casa Blanca.
Grupos prohispanos han puesto en marcha una intersa campaña para conseguir que el presidente estadounidense, Barack Obama, nombre para cubrir esa vacante a un juez latino, que sería el primero de esa comunidad en la más alta Corte del país.
En su rueda de prensa diaria, el portuvoz de la Casa Blanca, Robert Gibbs, afirmó que esta decisión es una "que el presidente esde comunidad en la más alta Corte del país.
En su rueda de prensa diaria, el portuvoz de la Casa Blanca, Robert Gibbs, afirmó que esta decisión es una "que el presidente tomará solo". "No creo que las presiones de los grupos de interés vayan a ayudar Creo que de muchos modos las presiones de los grupos de interés vayan a ayudar Creo que de muchos modos las presiones que la presidente todos las presiones que de manda de la contraproducentes", indica Gibbs, que asegurá que en las lustas, que se han publicado en los medios "no hay una sola que indeve el presidente todos de su contraproducentes", individad por la contraproducentes", individad por la contraproducente de la contr

acuciantes del país.

Ante la ausencia de jueces latinos en los inveles más altos del sistema judicial de EE.UU, la coalición consideró que el nombramiento de un hispano sería "muy oportuno" y daría "muy oportuno" y daría "mu modelo muy visible y necesario" para los jóvenes en este país.

Ramona Romero, presidenta de la Asociación Nacional de Abogados Hispanos (HINBA), dijo que la juez puertorriqueña Sonia Sotomayor, cuyo nombre se baraja entre los posibles sustitutos, es "una de tantos excelentes candidatos", y denunció la ola de ataques en contra de la juez.

Estuardo Rodríguez, un abogado que también trabaja com MALDEF, advirtíó que no se trata de apoyar a un latino simplemente por su apellido sino para que defenda los intereses de la población en general.

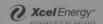




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Undefeated Dawson outpoints Tarver to defend light heavyweight titles



of 116-112, 117-111 and 117-111 from the three judges.

punches in the final four rounds, including a flurry of punches at the end of the
minh round- a rguably his most
impressive round.
Tarver was the clear aggressor,
throwing 749 punches to Dawson's 677. But De 20year-old Dawson had a 62-14 advantage
in punches that connected with
the body and connected on 31
percent of his punches against
Tarver's 16 percent.
"He pushed the fight and took
my off my game plan," Dawson
said. "He threw a tot of punches,
but I was catching most of
them."

but average rematches.

The underdog pieced together successful combinations, espe-cially in the earlier rounds that showed the veteran champion wasn't going to be an easy op-

"I don't feel like a loser up here tonight. I truly don't," Tarver said. "I fought 12 hard rounds and I was in it every round. Let up hands go, and when I like my hands go, I can compete with anyone in the world. I showed that tonight.

"I just went 12 rounds and feel area!"

Dawson, a former WBC light

MVP LeBron unanimous pick for All-NBA first team

and the team's first up seed in the playoffs.

"It doesn't surprise me at all,"
"It comes with being the MVP.
He's proven he can do it all."
They we only been gaining momentum since then.
The Cavaliers made it 8 for 8 in the postseason Monday, completing a second straight sweep with as 84-74 win over the Hawks.
Along with heir dominant sweep.

Game 6 Thursday night.
Howard had 17 rebounds but just 12 points while taking only 10 shots in the Magic's 92-88 toos Tuesday night, but he's the biggest reason Ofatand is still alive. After becoming only the fourth player to lead the league in rebounding and blocked shots since 1973-74, when the locke beame an official statistic, the 6-foot-11 forward has averaged 20 points and leads all players with 16-1 rebounds in the postseason. Bryant finished that din the league in very the 26 spoints, leading the Lakers to a Western Conference-best 65-17 finish. He needed only three quarters to score 26 points Tuesday night, when the Lakers routed the Houston Rockets 118-78 to take a 3-2 lead in their series. They play Game 6 Thursday night. Wade was a first-team selection for the first time after leading the league in scoring at 30.2 points, finishing second in steals and eighth an assists. He also became the fifth player in league history in league history to reach 2000 points, 500 assists.

season.
Nowitzki was the league's fourth-leading scorer and helped the Mavericks to a 50-32 finish. "This is a gore thonor and means that you have played solid basketball for the whole season," Nowitzki said. "This is about being consistent and helping the team night in and night out." Dallas beat the San Antonio Spurs in five games in the first

T.O.'s reality show ready to hit Buffalo

Owens reached the deal with VH-1 in January while still a member of the Dallas Cowboys Producers had to scramble to change plans after Owens was released by the Cowboys on

the Bills two days later.
Filming of the series coincidentally began the week Owens was released by the Cowboys, and is scheduled to run through

run through Wednesday, when the Bills complete their three-day minicamp. Along with VH-1, the series is being produced by Evan Prager and Jesse Ignjatovic.



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tipo, incluido su reclutamiento para participar en acciones bélicas o el tráfico sexual. Hay que poner limites pero lo importante es que el niño o el adolescente sepan valorar el dinero a través de un razonamiento, y hacerles ver que en la vida hay

deben de saber comportarse para evitar el rechazo social y aprender a desenvolverse para lograr que esa paga se convier-ta de adulto en un salario para formar un hogar. El aprendizaje se inicia en la escuela cuando el miño llega al uso de razón y recibe las

escuela cuando el niño llega al uso de razón y recibe las primeras lecciones de opera-ciones aritméticas elementales. Es entonces cuando empieza a valorar el dinero y está ya preparado para recibir su pri-mera paga de pocos centavos. A medida que crece, el mucha-cho irá demandando más can-tidad porque sus necesidades aumentaron.

La cifra tope de 20 euros

Ballet Folklorico Arthan directed by Zenaida Aquero-Reyes had a full day for Cinco de Mayo performing at different schools in Labbook. The group was full of energy and the dances were very colorful and brought out the enjoyment of celebrating Cinco de Mayo. The group ended the day long event by going to Lorenot be day long event by going to Lorenot and performing there at the school as well. Job well done by all the performers.

Photo by John P. Cervantez

anales es considerada adecuada por los educado-res, incluso en aquellas familias

Por otro lado

de abuelos, tios y otros familiares con motivo de los cumpleaños de los muchachos se malgasten en caprichos estépidos. Es mejor invertir ese dinero en ropa, libros u otros bienes tangibles y evitar que acabe en la hucha de donde el muchacho acabará sacándolo cuando haya administrado mal fa paga de la semana o del mes.

Se da también el caso de jóvenes orgullosos que se jactan de no haber pedido jamás un centavo a sus jamás un centavo a sus padres y que procuraron dinero para costear su ocio trabajando en empleos temporales o en períodos de vacaciones. En los currícu-los de empresarios em-prendedores de éxito suelen figurar estos antecedentes.



Americans not concerned with diversity on Supreme Court, poll shows

Reporting from Washington

— There is but one woman on
the nine-member Supreme
Court, in a nation where women outsumber men at polling
places, one black justice, in a
nation that shed legalized racial
discrimination only decades
ago; and there never has been a
Hispanic on the high court, in
a nation whose fastest growing
minority population is Latino.
Yet, with President Obama
weighing his first appointment for the high court and
promising to pick a nominee
with "diversity of experience,"
Americans apparently are in
no rush to even the score for
women or minorities on the
court.

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There is simply no large groundswell, "reports Frank Newport, editior in chief of the Gallup Poll, in a survey released this morning by the independent polling institute. Nearly two-thirds – 64% – of Americans surveyed say it "doesn't matter" to them if the president appoints a woman, according to the results of a Gallup poll conducted last week.

week.
Slightly more of those surveyed – 68% – said it doesn't matter whether Obama names a Hispanic justice. And even more – 74% – said it doesn't matter whether the first African



Desiree Soto of Lubbock and daughter of Amy Soto sang the National An-thern at the dedication of the landmark of the Migrant Labor Camps of Lub-bock County. The historical landmark was placed at Ardlan Park, everyone is

LHS Track Team Runs Away with **Great Memories**





The Lubbock High Westerner Track team group held its annual bunquet on Tuesday evening. The evening was full of joy & fun environment by students and family members.

Special recognitions were handed out my track head coach Trook. He also introduced his assistant coaches: Coach Johnson, Coach Reeves, Coach Goldie Coach Toad wat the feet.

Onch Trook said that this year was a good season for everyone. He aid he along with his assistants coaches were pleased with the overall utcome of entire year and gave thanks to all the individual for their mon an 100% given to the program. School records broken in 2009. Pole Vault 7:6" Allie Hogan, High map 5:0" Asseneth Urbinu, 4art 100m Relay 50.16 Krystal Johnson, Jun Nai Evans, Asseneth Urbinu, 4art 100m Relay 50.16 Krystal Johnson, Jun Nai Evans, Asseneth Urbinu, 4art 100m Relay 50.16 Krystal Johnson, Jun Nai Evans, Asseneth Urbinu, Maurita Rhodes; 400m Dash 26.31 Asseneth Hogan; 300 Hurdles \$2.22 janceptan Moses; 200m Dash 26.31 Asseneth Hogan; 400 Hurdles \$2.22 janceptan Moses; 200m Dash 26.31 Asseneth Mauricia Ribodes.

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