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What part of diversity does the University not understand?

SOUTHWEST COLLECTION

By Bidal Agüero

Our new pulse of the Hispanic Community question of the week asked about recently named Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance and his concern or lack of concern for the Hispanic Community. The question pointed out that "To date, Chancellor Kent Hance has not had any type of special meeting with Lubbock Hispanics to discuss any special needs or to investigate ways to address special problems that Hispanic students encounter at Tech."

We asked "Do you feel this shows a lack of concern from Texas Tech and what do you think should happen"

exas Tech presently has a student enrollment of 28,007. Of these only 3,217 or 4.7% is Hispanic.

When we asked the University's to tell about their efforts in the Hispanic community. In their response we were surprised to find out that in reality the Chancellor's office is apparently misinformed about the percentage of Hispanics that attend Tech.

The office claims, "the Hispanic student population is 11.49% of the total student population. In the Fall 06 semester, there were 3217 Hispanic students enrolled, an increase of 4.69% from Fall 2005. There has been an increase in Hispanic student enrollment at Texas Tech every year since 1999."

Despite this inaccuracy claiming an 11.49% Hispanic enrollment, the Chancellor's office claims various efforts to increase enrollment. They say, "the number of Hispanic students that are retained has improved steadily over the last few years as has the number of Hispanic faculty. In fact, Hispanic faculty hold Chair positions in Academic Departments, Associate Deans positions, and are represented in the President and Provost offices."

The Chancellor's office states that "there are several ongoing initiatives to further increase the number of Hispanic students at Tech, including a recent program to attach Hispanic faculty to

participate in high school recruitment teams that will be visiting area schools that often have significant Hispanic student populations."

TEXAS TECH

The answers from the community in our Hispanic Pulse questions were varied. One of our readers Jerry Perez, also pointed out that Hispanics "in the Lubbock community benefit from several Texas Tech programs that address special problems that Hispanic, Black, Asian, and other minority students, staff, and faculty on campus may encounter..."

He goes on to name many of the programs and later in his letter points out to ElEditor that "at this time, Chancellor Hance's office is not responsible for community outreach. Anyone who says otherwise doesn't understand how Texas Tech works and should refrain from criticizing something they do not understand. Currently, the TTU President's office has taken the task to spear-head community relations and minority outreach.

Perez' answer was clarified by Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez who in giving us a brief history of the Chancellor's office efforts to help Hispanics explains that, "minority recruiting and outreach is not normally a function of the TTU Office of Chancellor."He states that the previous Chancellor Dr. David Smith abandoned the ordinary and made recruitment of minority students a facet of his administration.

"He created an Office of Diversity, a Minority Advisory Council, and a Pastor's Forum and allocated significant dollars. Mr Kent Hance appears to be following the more traditional role of Chancellor as chief fund raiser and lobby-

Perez saysn that "many of us have met with City Council, the Mayor, the Commissioners, and local Hispanic activists to discuss matters such as Caesar Chavez Blvd (It will happen!), City Council board assignments, and recruiting Hispanics for senior city positions. Also, all of us marched in May to show our support for our Hispanic community. I have the pictures on my hard drive!"

According to the Editors of this newspaper, Mr. Perez letter is well taken but other than mentioning that the Chancellor's office is not responsible for community outreach the question asking about the concern of the Chancellor's office is still not answered

Two more of our readers agreed with Mr. Perez that our question is inappropriate. Robert Pratt, a local talk show host said "The question sounds to me as if you are trying to pick a fight where none exists and are engaging in a bit of racebaiting at the expense of Texas Tech."

Ruby Vidaurre said "I personally think the Chancellor Kent Hance has other things on his mind. I don't believe that having a special meeting with the Hispanic community is a top priority with the Chancellor."

The University said that Chancellor Hance, and Texas Tech, is committed "to creating and maintaining an environment where Hispanic students, indeed all students, can be successful."

Commissioner Gutierrez differs with the Chancellor's statement when the Commissioner writes "Whether it is deserved or not, Texas Tech has a reputation of less than nominal success and increases in its percentage of Hispanic students. The percentage of Hispanic students in 1990 was about 2.5%. In 2007 the percentage is 4.9%. To the outside observer, TTU efforts at recruitment of the



In the same period, Hispanic student population in Public Schools has grown from about 30% to 53%. Dallas is closer to 65%.

The Chancellor's office saidthat "the Office of Enrollment Management is working on an aggressive student recruiting plan that emphasizes minority recruitment. Dr. Juan S. Munoz, special assistant to the president

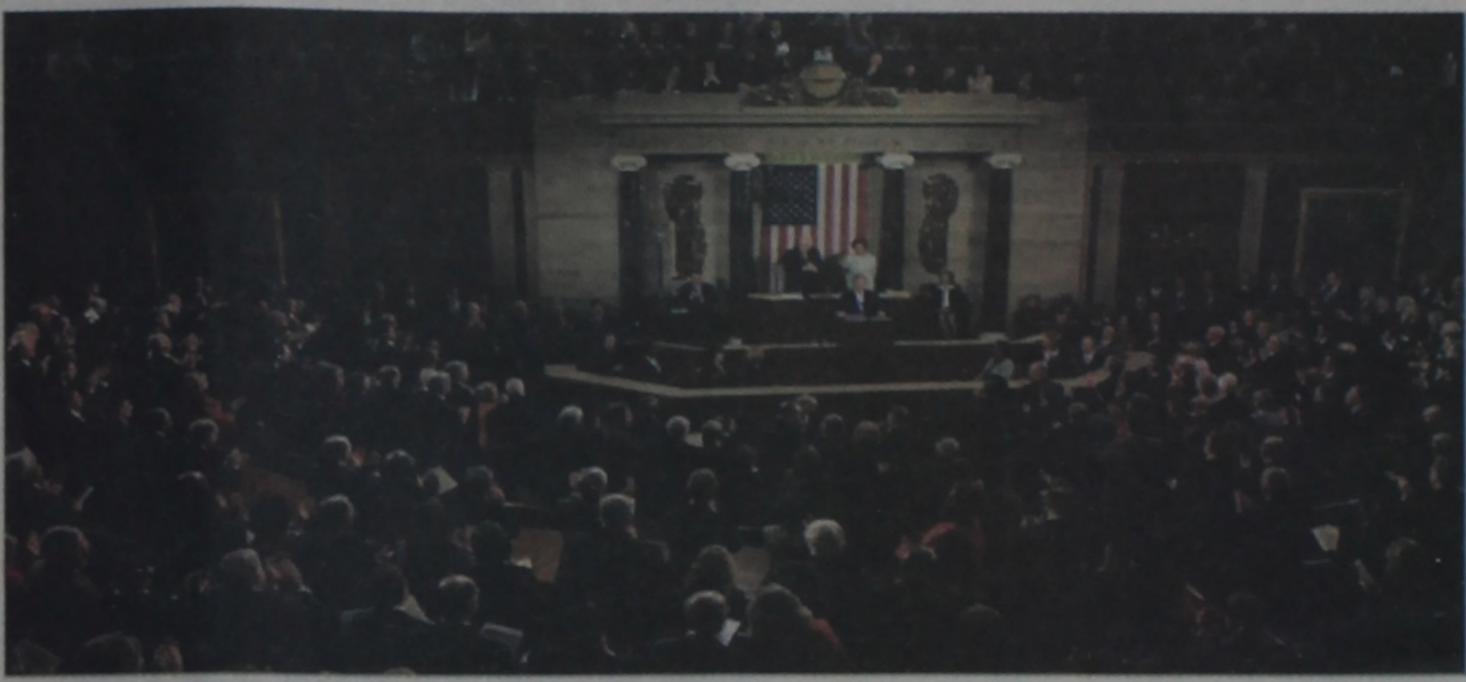
for institutional diversity and associate vice provost is the director of the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center oversees the largest Hispanic students' retention program, Mentor Tech, which is instrumental to the success of Hispanic students at Tech.

Commission Gutierrez again differs with this states as he writes "To compound the problem, Hispanic students have little cause to choose TTU. TTU Administration is visibly devoid of diversity. TTU publications such as magazines and posters are also devoid of diversity as is the TTU elective curriculum"

His statements are echoed by Frank Hernandez as he writes "Under Kent Hance we can be assured that Tech will continue in its old ways of ignoring us and not even encouraging our community to be part of it."

Another responses to our question raised concern about Chancellor Hance's efforts. Steve Bustos wrote: "I believe the current Lubbock population is approximately 1/3 Hispanic and of the 29,000 students now attending TTU only a little over 10 % are listed as Hispanic."

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Bush's words at address on immigration split Hispanics

U.S. President George W. Bush's pledge to push for an immigration overhaul in an address to Congress on Tuesday, met a mixed response from Hispanics who said it was broadly positive but lacked details.

In his annual State of the Union address, Bush urged lawmakers to support "comprehensive immigration reform" that included a temporary

guest-worker program and beefed up security on the porous Mexico border.

The issued has divided lawmakers on Capitol Hill. The last Congress, which was controlled by Republicans, backed divergent initiatives, with one chamber seeking broad legislation and the other tougher enforcement.

The National Council of La Raza said renewed interest on immigration

from Bush, together with a shift to Democratic control of Congress, has created the conditions to move forward on the issue.

"I think that we have the best opportunity that we have had in some time ... to take this to the next step," said Michele Waslin, the NCLR's director of immigration policy research.

"The leadership of both the House and the Senate have talked about the need for reform this year, and now the president has put it on the table once again."

Not all Hispanics were encouraged by the president's remarks, given in an address overshadowed by widespread concern about the war in Iraq.

The League of United Latin American Citizens said Bush's speech contained nothing new about immigration policy in general, and was unclear about the status of 10-12 million illegal immigrants living in the shadows in the United States.

"I am disappointed ... I really didn't hear anything new from the president," Rosa Rosales, the group's president, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"We want to see more than just a guest-worker program, and it didn't go into any detail about the situation of immigrants already living here," she added.

Last year, the Republican-led House of Representatives derailed an immigration bill because it would have given a path to citizenship for many of the illegal immigrants who entered the country illegally



Maddam Chair

For the first time in hisstory, a woman will lead the House of Representatives and will be third in line in case something happens to the President and Vice-President

Por primera vez en la historia de los Estados Unidos de America, ua mujer sera oradora principal de la Casa de Representantes. Ella fue electa en la ultima eleccion en Noviembre por sus colegas de la Casa.

Hate Politics and its Price Tag

By Mercedes Lynn de Uriarte Tt's not often that hate politics slaps back so fast and so hard. But the icecoated, estimated \$3 billion loss of the California citrus industry packed a wallop. The fruit, say farmers, couldn't be harvested in a timely fashion or as needed due to pending treacherous weather "because of a lack of labor." And where were the needed pickers? In deportation facilities or hiding for fear of the same.

What brought us to this state of "oops"? Anti-immigrant campaigns designed to placate nativists and those who prefer to blame the vulnerable rather than hold politicians accountable to pass immigration legislation designed for the country's wellbeing and for fair treatment of labor.

As a nation, we depend on thousands of undocumented workers to supply most of our food from planting to picking, to cooking, to serving and washing up afterwards. To a great extent, U.S. families can't eat without immigrant labor. So why are both ends of this survival chain starved for enlightened labor laws that disregard borders of origin in favor of mutual

need and supply? For one thing, undocumented workers are constantly fed to political appetites. With public support for the war in Iraq plummeting and an election looming, last fall, politicians and TV hucksters like CNN's Lou Dobbs turned to a convenient whipping group. Dobbs didn't have to venture far from his home base. Exploitable labor, it seems, is in demand everywhere. He and others struck a familiar drumbeat and threw in the fear of terrorism, no matter the lack

of threat to document it.

country's undocumented immigrants are convenient, voiceless victims of sudden deportation sweeps. For the first time in more than two decades, they hit here in Austin. Soon even simple daily chores elicited panic. Principals reported that mothers were sending their children to school with grocery lists in hopes that someone would help them shop. Mothers feared they would be seized and separated from their children. Families fret until fathers returned at night after long hours for little pay.

Today, farm workers in California face a new threat in a hostile environment.

As ice-coated fruit spoils, nearly 80 percent of the citrus is insured and farmers can expect some disaster relief, typically about 50 percent of their uninsured crops' market value. Those migrant farm laborers who are citizens can turn to unemployment benefits. Los Angeles' La Opinión, the nation's largest Spanish-language newspaper, estimates 20,000 undocumented workers and their families face an abrupt end to income with no assistance in sight.

According to Armando Elenas, the United Farm Worker organizing director, much of the suffering is yet to be seen. Work is gone for a year in the citrus orchards, the most visible casualty, except for the brief time it takes to remove fruit. But the strawberries, green leafy vegetables ready for harvest are also gone. Truckers and vendors will be impacted, too. Already men without disaster assistance plan to leave their families in search of work in other states. Unseen is the assault to the dignity of these men used to hard

work and self-sufficiency who find themselves suddenly desperate.

This disaster comes at the height of immigrant bashing, a long-established national pattern targeting workers and their children, seeking to deny them health care and education. It is part of a push-pull syndrome. We beg them to come and do our agricultural work, build our railroads, fill in for others serving in the military, as we did in the 1940s; and help harvest in the 1950s. Today we recruit them into our fast food industry, meat processors and as caregivers for our sick and elderly.

This ugly victimization flip side began long ago. In the 1880s, we excluded Chinese; in 1912, we pushed away all foreigners, blaming them, according to members of the U.S. Immigration Commission for "disease, pauperism, crime and vice"- a litany often repeated since then to whip up an ignorant chorus. With "Operation Wetback" in the 1950s, we rousted them from our factories and fields.

In the 1980s the Reagan Administration mounted sweeps of workplaces in "Project Jobs." Then, like now, the mantra claimed that immigrants, with or without papers, took jobs from "real Americans." (A stupid claim since employers hire.) The vacated jobs stayed empty. Fruit and vegetables withered, prices rose. Quietly, deported immigrants returned to meet recognized needs. This will happen some more.

Why then this yo-yo policy? They are convenient scapegoats - invisible casualties - who assure a higher profit margin for employers and cheaper prices for consumers.

EL EDITOR NEWSPAPER

I personnally think the Chancellor Kent Hance has other things on his mind. I don't believe that having a special meet- if he doesn't not only will he at fault in not doing the ing with the Hispanic community is a top priority with the Chancellor. I think that we should take the first step and invite the Chancellor to the next Hispanic Chamber of Commerce our state as well. meeting or any other meeting where we know that the Hispanic community is going to be present. Ruby Vidaurre via email

Dear Editor,

I believe the current Lubbock population is approximately 1/3 Hispanic and of the 29,000 students now attending TTU only a little over 10 % are listed as Hispanic.

My only question to Mr Hance would be what part of the advantaged and discriminated segments of society. word "diversity" do they not understand?

I would like to give them (TTU) the benefit of doubt and say this first-rate education. Though the Hispanic youth of

is just an unfortunate over site on their part.

Hopefully, the new Chancellor will be notified of this error in the very near future and steps to rectify this error will be ad- include them as first-class citizens in every sense of dressed immediately.

However, as a realist I'm sure we will still be addressing this ing that they become first-rate students. very same question about this time next year!

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to respond. Steve Bustos

The question sounds to me as if you are trying to pick a fight tion age we must ensure for our common-good that where none exists and are engaging in a bit of race-baiting at the all members of society are given access to the best expense of Texas Tech. Robert W. Pratt

Dear El Editor.

Hispanics in the Lubbock community benefit from several Texas Tech programs that address special problems that His- new chancellor has been selected. panic, Black, Asian, and other minority students, staff, and faculty on campus may encounter. Upward Bound, Raiders Ro- a more representative student body of first-class stujos, PASS Center, LEARN, Mentor Tech, Latino(a) Hispanic Faculty Staff Association (LHFSA), Hispanic Student Society, a Flagship University on par with Texas and A&M. Black Student Society, and many, many more. The LHFSA is helping the TTU campus and local Hispanic community with the following initiatives: Arte Hispano Project to promote di- Asians, and others as part of the student enrollment, versity, Cultural Awareness Seminar to promote tolerance, New and to more closely involve the city as a vital partner Employee Orientation to welcome new Hispanic employees to financially and otherwise. Texas Tech, Hispanic Visual Presence Project to increase Hispanic visual presence on campus, and a very successful series of art and Hispanic poetry exhibits by the Sabor Hispano celebration. All of these projects are aimed to help the local Hispanics in the community to participate with us at the University and to encourage young Hispanics to become college educated so that when he was a Congressman either. Texas Tech will they may break free from the curse of the barrio: poverty.

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cizing something they do not understand. Currently, the TTU President's office has taken the task to spear-head community relations and minority outreach. As a diversity leader at Texas Tech, I am somewhat dumbfounded at munity to be part of it. this weeks El Editor question because of its appearance of a lack of understanding of the roles of senior leadership at Texas Tech and lack of knowledge of the good work performed for the local Hispanic community by Texas Tech diversity leaders. Many of when the term was ending and the campus was preus have met with City Council, the Mayor, the Commissioners, paring to close for the holiday break. Because of

Chavez Blvd (It will happen!), City Council board assignments, many issues. and recruiting Hispanics for senior city positions. Also, all of us marched in May to show our support for our Hispanic commu- the new chancellor and had a chance to hear him nity. I have the pictures on my hard drive!

I do know that El Editor supports Hispanic initiatives at TTU through free advertising for cultural events and we Hispanic on campus, leaders at Texas Tech do appreciate this immensely! However, my personal feelings were somewhat hurt because I felt this week's El Editor question assumed we Hispanics at Texas Tech who work for diversity and equal rights are not doing anything do" list from the former chancellor. and that somehow the new Chancellor has a magic wand to wave over the local Hispanic community to fix every problem. We know even if he could, it wouldn't work. Welfare never there is no action from the chancellor the lack of conworked for the Hispanic or Black communities. Communism doesn't work in America. Hispanics need to help themselves before they are ready to receive help from others. Begin with made known and is kept in the public's eye. graduating from high school! Nada mas y nada menos!

Hance, a Texas Tech graduate, will focus on several key areas. At the Health Sciences Center, he is expected to establish need to LEAD the way....they ARE the FUTURE! a search committee for a new president later this month. He also will concentrate on securing legislative funding for the four-year medical school in El Paso.

Fundraising is another major part of the chancellor's job duties. He will work to raise funds for both universities for scholarships, faculty endowments and capital improvements. He also will work closely with the State Legislature, Congress and private donors to increase research funding at both Texas Tech and the Health Sciences Center. http://www.depts.ttu.edu/communications/news/stories/06-12-hance.php http://www.depts. ttu.edu/communications/news/stories/06-12-hance.php>

Sincerely, Jerry Perez, PhD(c), MBA ************

Question of the week If a university has less than five percent Chicano enrollment, it seems obvious that this is how the university system wants In a meeting organized by Raiders Rojos, a concertit. Texas Tech is not a poor university. It claims to have some ed effort was made to go to him. of the most talented people on the planet working for it. And with all it's money and greatness Tech can only whimper less question and is a clarion call for frank discussion of than 5% Chicano enrollment. This would be a great opportunity for Chancellor Hance to be a heroe to future university age sue of our times - Education, which directly corre-Chicanitos, and Chicanglitos. My first suggestion would be for lates to a person's life-time earnings. Chancellor Hance to insulate himself from the good ol'boys and do what he knows is the right thing. Next, he must avail him-students. In the year 2040, which is the year most self of people that are genuinly concerned with the plight of the experts are using in reports of future change, there Country and who have committement of progress for Chicanos. will be 8 million. Of the 8 million students, 60% or Chancellor Hance must reach deeply into the future and stop 5 million will be Hispanic students, thousands more the growing School to Prison pipeline that exists today. Being el Mero, Mero of Education on the South Plains it is essential that argues this point. The demographic patterns and Chancellor Hance start an assessment of all schools from K-12 trends clear. in order to find the truth behind the embarrassing drop out rate of Chicanos in the Public School System, especially LISD. One reputation of less than nominal increases in its perof my Professors, Dr. Olivárez, put the problem in perspective centage of Hispanic students. The percentage of for our class. How is it that the drop out rate in the Rio Grande Hispanic students in 1990 was about 2.5%. In 2007 Valley of Texas, where there are majority Hispanic teachers and the percentage is still 2.5%. To the outside observer, principals and school board members, has the same or higher drop out numbers for Hispanics as in other parts of the State? It segment of students seems stagnant. To compound is not an easy problem to solve. But, it must be solved. Having the problem, Hispanic students have little cause to been in Congress, Congressman Hance has an innate knowledge of the importance of having all the populace educated. Our of diversity. TTU publications such as magazines way of life depends on it.

Also, Chancellor Hance should recruit Chicanos from West Texas area high schools. We are blessed with great Chicano talent in all of our schools.

Being educated, Congressman Hance is fully aware of the greatest gift that any person can receive - an education. Congressman Hance seems to be a reasonable man, and I believe that he will answer to the duty of his office in full spirit and competence. God knows that we need a heroe for all of our children now. Hopefully, Chancellor Hance will make a difference.

Thanks very much. All the best, always. Armando Gonzales, M.Ed.

Kent Hance must recruit Hispanics intensely. For right thing by the majority of our youth, but also at fault in not serving the interests of Texas Tech and

The future of Tech and Texas lies in educating our youth today.

Yet, to speak truth to the crisis of the educationperformance gap between Whites and so-called Non-Whites I have mentioned time and again this also requires Hispanic families to place a higher premium on higher education as well as our educational institutions to work harder to bring in historically dis-

All members of our society deserve and need a today may not face the disadvantages and discrimination of their elders, we must thoroughly strive to the word and we do this first and foremost by ensur-

For knowledge is not only the backbone of success for individual members of society it is the backbone of civilization itself.

If Texas wants to move forward in the informaeducation possible.

I would urge the new chancellor to immediately begin meetings with the community to spell out his plans for Texas Tech. Tech is a public university and it is time the public be included in the process, certainly now that the

I hope that the top priority, in addition to attracting dents, would be to establish Tech as nothing short of

Part of achieving that goal will require Tech to do more to include Hispanics, African-Americans,

Todd Klien via email

It is really no surprise that Kent Hance has not shown an interest in communication with the Hispanic community. I don't remember him doing it be a good home to him. He will be surrounded by a Board of Regents comprised of the likes of Windy Sitton and a bunch of other white men who have never stepped a foot into our community much less know any of our problems. Under Kent Hance we can be assured that Tech will continue in its old ways of ignoring us and not even encouraging our com-

> Frank Hernandez via email *******

Chancellor Hance came to the university at a time and local Hispanic activists to discuss matters such as Caesar this, there just has not been time to formerly address

> I was present at the TTU System "welcome" for speak. I truly believe he will rigorously strive to resolve any problems that Hispanic students are facing

The first step should come from the Hispanic student body by bringing those issues to light ASAP, instead of waiting for him to "come across" it in a "to

The squeaky wheel gets the grease!

Students must make their needs known, and then if cern will be seen by the community and the campus. Change can only come about when the need for it is

As the Hispanic students begin to take a stand....the rest of the Hispanic community will stand with them! They Thanks, Tena Gonzalez M.B.A. via email

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El Editor's question of the week raises a higher the Hispanic community's single most important is-

In 2006 Texas Public Schools have 4.3 million than the whole student population of today. No one

Whether it is deserved or not, Texas Tech has a TTU efforts at recruitment of the fastest growing choose TTU. TTU Administration is visibly devoid and posters are also devoid of diversity as is the TTU

elective curriculum. I would offer the following statistics to TTU for consideration as we move closer to the year 2040. In the future, 90% of jobs will require college. College graduates earn twice as much as those without degrees. Economic loss to Texas increases due to the continual cycle of decreased earnings as low income earners cannot afford college. Welfare rolls, prison populations, and high risk behavior increases as education level decreases. Revenue lost to Texas taxpayers is \$11 Billion per year.

Commissioner Pct 3 - Ysidro Gutierrez

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Have Flat Tires; But Will Travel

By Abel Cruz

fter sitting on the sidelines for the past few months(except for on a couple of Occasions) and watching the world go by, I'm clearing the ice (and "snow" that never materialized) off the old "Cruzmobile" and taking a quick spin to see what has been happening out here in the "Giant side of si-

Who Let the Air Out? Who? Who? (Sung to the tune of "Who Let the Dogs Out") What happened here? Two of my tires have been punctured and two are missing! I guess a couple of local yokels decided to have a little fun at my expense. Wonder if I should call the LPD; punctured tires and driving on tire rims is something they definitely know a thing or two about.

Do I Have a Deal For You! And speaking of the Lubbock Police Department, can you believe the explanation given by Lubbock Police Chief Claude Jones for why some LPD officers punctured ex-cop Jacob Opperman's tires? You remember that story right; the one about the cop who was caught driving a police cruiser with two flat tires. It turns out the other cops at the party were just trying to keep Opperman from driving his cruiser because they knew he had had too much to drink! The chief even said he believed the reason why the other cops did it.

Well, if you believe that one, I have some beach front property in Arizona I'd like to talk to you about.

Double Standard

TASER International recently announced that it has developed a Taser gun which will be made available to the public. In an ironic twist, the most vocal opposition against the sale of Tasers to the general public came from law enforcement groups. So, it's ok for them to have it, but they object to you and I having our own Taser which we can use for our own personal protection because they say that Tasers could be used against police officers and they could get hurt. So, they're safe when used by the cops, but not when used by the general public; talk about a double

Where Have All The Recruits Gone? In a recent report on Fox Channel 34, Reporter Mario Roldan tells us that out of

University Deversity The facts are that 4.7%

of the student enrollment is Hispanic. Lubbock and the area presently make up close to 20% of graduate of the high school student population. Tech's 4.7% Hispanic enrollment can be compared to another higher education institution, South Plains College that has a Hispanic student enrollment of 27%

The diversity statement from the University states the number one goal of the university will be "to increase student diversity to more closely reflect the high school graduates in Texas." They also stated that in a personal effort, the Chancellor had attended the Installation of Officers of the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

In closing, Mr. Bustos asks in his letter, "My only question to Mr. Hance would be what part of the word 'diversity' do they not understand?"

This article was written with excerpts from letters written by our readers to the Hispanic Pulse Question of the Week. In an effort to convey their whole thoughts and answers their entire response is included in our Community Voices column on page 2 of this edition.

What I hope to see in tonight's State of the Union Address

Todd Klien

It is ironic, if not cynical, that the Bush Administration is now prepared to admit to Global Warming after all these years of denial, sadly it seems that if it addressed in President Bush's speech tonight it will be to divert our attention from the disaster of Iraq.

If the president does not now deny that Iraq is a disaster he has yet to offer a sensible way to successfully phase out of Iraq and stabilize the region.

Beyond admitting to global warming and man-made climate change I hope the president will offer real solutions to address this environmental disaster, and explain how we will withdraw from the brewing civil war in Iraq and stabilize the region.

I hope the president will explain how we will also will the War on Terrorism, or more precisely the battle against Islamo-fascism in the Middle East and Muslim World. Add to that an explanation of why he has failed to implement the 9/11 Commission Recommendations, and shore up our domestic, homeland security.

There are clearly more areas for the president to speak to but I hope he will at least clarify these issues of critical concern to our well-being and without being hyperbolic the very way of life as we currently know it.

His failure may not be our tragedies today but they will be felt by generations to come. It is time President Bush face the truth of his failures and do so now. We do not have the luxury of time and denial. Let's roll!

117 LPD recruits who have joined the police force in the past 2 years, 33 are no longer with the department. Well, we know why one of them left, but what happened to the other 32? Roldan doesn't go into any details as to why these officers are no longer with the force; but that is the real question. Why have 28% of the recruits left so soon after being hired? Why the high turnover? And how much is this revolving door situation costing Lubbock taxpayers in recruiting and training costs?

Will They Run?

I am looking forward to the 2008 city and county elections. Up for re-election is none other than District 2 Councilman Floyd Price, District 4 Councilwoman Phyllis Jones, and Precinct 3 County Commissioner, Ysidro Gutierrez. No word yet on whether any one of these 3 will run for re-election; but the political drums are already saying that all 3 of these politicos will have strong and formidable competition if they decide to run for re-election. I can't wait...

Obama Bandwagon

Two years ago, no one outside of Chicago had heard the name Barack Obama, and now some people are saying that he could be this country's first African American President. Although the Senator from Illinois represents a breath of fresh air, I'm not quite ready to jump on the Obama bandwagon. Problem is that the Senator has little to no experience in foreign policy. And the election of "Dubya" is proof of the catastrophe that can come from electing someone with no foreign relations experience. But I'm keeping an open mind and reserve the right...

Congressman in Denial The recent op-ed piece about Iraq by Congressman Randy Neugebauer in the AJ was nothing short of laughable. Is the Congressman in denial or what? All we got from the Congressman during this past election cycle

was "duck and weave"; a refusal to debate

his opponents on the important issues; like Iraq for example.

The truth is that the situation in Iraq is nothing short of a close to \$1 trillion dollar disaster which has cost 3,065 American lives and counting; over 20,000 thousand injured or maimed American soldiers and thousands upon thousands of dead innocent Iraqis; the country's infrastructure is in shambles.

The Congressman would do well to listen to some of his Republican brethren in Congress like Senator Chuck Hagel, R-Neb, who was quoted in the national press as saying that "The speech given last night [Jan. 10] by this president (Bush) represents the most dangerous foreign policy blunder in this country since Vietnam, we are projecting ourselves further and deeper into a situation that we cannot win militarily... To say that we are going to feed more young men and women into that grinder, put them in the middle of a tribal, sectarian civil war, is not

going to fix the problem." Listen to the Senator, Congressman Neugebauer, you might just learn something.

Pesos and Death Threats

In Dallas, owners and employees at a pizza joint called Pizza Patron have incurred death threats because they ran a promotion to accept Mexican "pesos" as form of payment. Yet in upstate New York, across from the Canadian border, businesses regularly accept Canadian dollars; and my guess is they don't get death threats. Goes to show how for some people the immigration debate has managed

to put them over the edge of reason. And no, don't tell me that they accept them in the border towns only because they are close to the border. There is no rule that says that foreign currency can only be accepted in cities close to international borders. The sad truth is that it's pure racial hatred that drives

these kinds of reactions. \$78,000 Smackers

Idiots in White Sheets

In a colossal waste of taxpayer dollars; the Lubbock City Council quietly approved spending \$78,000 on a second entrance to the city of Lubbock cemetery. Wonder if Councilman Price will point to this wasteful debacle as one of his impressive accomplishments if he decides to seek re-election? I wouldn't either...but I bet, and I'm hoping, his opponent will.

Just because the scheduled KKK rally didn't materialize on MLK Day; that doesn't mean these "kooks" aren't out there. The fact they called for a rally in the first place is proof of that.

And finally we make a quick u-turn under the watchful eye of big brother's red light camera and head for home...

In the December 21 edition of this newspaper, I wrote an op-ed called "Behind the Blue Wall of Silence", (www.eleditor.com). Well, it won't surprise you to know that the whole drunken affair has once again just been swept under the carpet and once again an LPD internal investigation produced more questions than answers.

Since the incident, the officer involved has quit the police force; resulting in an end to the internal investigation; which is probably exactly what the powers that be at the LPD wanted to happen anyway.

But for some of us it is just further confirmation that investigations such as these will lack credibility until this city creates an independent review or police oversight board. In the Opperman case, we the citizens will never know what really happened or if any of the other officers involved will be held accountable for the damage caused to public property. It's a serious issue, one that deserves more attention than it has gotten from the Lubbock City Council and mainstream

Only out here in Lubbock...the "Giant side of silence".

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Another Potpou ri... Musings on Variousings

By Roger Quannah Settler El Indio

Lubbock attorney CHARLIE DUNN has been a regular contributor to El Editor of late. This writer always enjoys reading his viewpoints, which are well-taken, and I am certain that the El Editor readership does as well. Consequently, it was something of a shock to read the "PRATT ON TEXAS" entries last week. ROBERT PRATT, who was forced out as Lubbock County Republican Chair last year after committing a number of shenanigans, listed CHARLIE's article right beside an article attacking CHARLIE on a personal level. Not surprising, but distressing...PRATT is known as a GOP NeoCon who becomes disturbingly angry every time someone disagrees with him, and like his hero KARL ROVE, will have them arrested if he can for the temerity of that disagreement. Just what Lubbock needs...another fanatic! *********

Speaking of fanatics, the not-so-secret drive to eliminate all of Lubbock's strip clubs continues, with SHERIFF DAVID GUTIERREZ being the latest to weigh in with disapprovals of two clubs out in the County. As you may remember, TALIBAN TOM MARTIN, the former City Councilman [isn't it a RELIEF that he's gone?] led a successful drive to shut down BABY DOLLS, the only strip club within the city limits. City Councilman FLOYD PRICE correctly pointed out that permit procedures should be fair for ev-

A new company is attempting to purchase BABY DOLLS, and re-open the club under a "grandfather clause". Naturally, they ran afoul of Lubbock's nitpicky rules [applied only to businesses that the "elite" disapprove of], and the permit application is going to some kind of an appeals board on 2 February. Isn't it odd that a company which successfully runs other clubs in other Texas cities suddenly can't meet Lubbock's rules? What is the origin of this drive? Do they REALLY think Lubbock can become the major cosmopolitan city it so craves to be with biased and corrupt permit procedures and without strip clubs and packaged liquor and free speech???

"Free Speech"? Another report this week detailed the failed "Neo-Nazi Rally" at a south Lubbock park on MLK day. The ralliers didn't show, but a small crowd of protestors did, and threatened to "shout down" any attempt

to stage a rally.

MADNESS!

This represents a disturbing trend in America today... attacks on free speech. If protestors like this can intimidate the Neo-Nazis or Klansmen today...or the Communists...then they can "shout down" and intimidate ANY-ONE ELSE who voices a public opinion...YOU or ME or anyone else. This writer believes that for America to be America, the right of free speech MUST BE RESPECTED, for even the most disagreeable viewpoints, or we could all lose our rights.

On the American Indian reservations of my people, the right to free speech is inviolable...if someone gets up to speak in the longhouse or a Tribal Council meeting, he or she is allowed to speak at length WITHOUT INTERRUPTION...and no one heckles or comments during that speech. We could all learn from this principle!

Congratulations to LINDA DeLEON, who cast one of her first lone NO votes last week at City Hall. Unlike her predecessor, VICTOR HERNAN-DEZ, LINDA almost always votes with the majority...but last week...as El Editor readers were carefully watching her vote...she voted WITH THE PEOPLE and against the new City water rates! Excellent, LINDA! Keep up the good work!

The Avalanche-Journal reported last week that the new Convention Center and four-star hotel is to be build in Overton North. DELBERT McDOU-GAL stated that: "This is a day the entire McDougal family has looked forward to. The truth is, this hotel is the crowning jewel that I've dreamt about since the beginning".

So often, the McDOUGALS "dreams" come at taxpayer expense! This ill-advised project is going to tap into the taxpayers' wallets once again, in the form of TIF [Tax Increment Financing...more on that later] monies from Overton North, a portion of the hotel-motel tax, and one percent of the room revenues generated by the new hotel. In a budget pinch...the TIF monies and the hotel-motel portion could go into the City's General Fund, rather

than toward YET ANOTHER Boondoggle! It must be noted that Lubbock already has a Convention Center...the Lubbock Civic Center...and that YET ANOTHER "Convention Center" is going to be built on the Loop in Northwest Lubbock soon. Rumours are circulating that yet another "Convention Center" is in the works. This is reminiscent of the Amphitheatre situation...a city of 200,000 has TWO amphitheatres, FOUR Wal*Marts, and is about to have THREE or more "Convention Centers". There seems to be NO END to the MEGALOMANIA...it is time for Lubbock's responsible citizens to SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE

*********** This writer noticed a full-page ad in last week's West Texas Hispanic News touting the new Wal*Mart on 82nd Street. No such ad here in El Editor...wonder why? *********

It is only a matter of time before the new Wal*Mart feeds off of the other three stores...yes, THREE stores...and forces one of them to close down. This writer goes on record as saying that the new Wal*Mart at 4th and Avenue Q is the likely candidate...this ill-advised project, sponsored by the McDOUGAL companies, never should have been built, and in the future will contribute to the decay of downtown Lubbock by creating YET ANOTHER VACANT store which, because of size, shall be impossible to rent. And...of course...a few hundred local businesses and local jobs will be vacated as well...thank you, Wal*Mart...always a problem, always!

Parcells quits after four seasons in Dallas, retires from coaching

IRVING, Texas -- Bill Parcells could have returned to the Dallas Cowboys for one more shot at becoming the first coach to lead three teams into the Super Bowl.COMMENTARY

He could have come back to try ending the longest playoff drought in the franchise's proud history. Or he could have come back to finish what he started in developing quarterback Tony Romo and a 3-4 defense.

Instead, a couple of weeks after a gut-wrenching playoff loss in Seattle, Parcells decided Monday to call it a career, ending a four-year run in Dallas and a 19-year tenure in the NFL that produced two championships. COMMENTARY "I am retiring from coaching football," Parcells said in a statement. "I want to thank Jerry Jones and Stephen Jones for their tremendous support over the last four years. Also, the players, my coaching staff and others in the support group who have done so much to help. Dallas is a great city and the Cowboys are an integral part of it. I am hopeful that they are able to go forward from here." Known for a gruff demeanor and colorful quotes, Parcells leaves with the ninth-most wins in NFL history and career record of 183-138-1.

He was 34-32 in Dallas, counting two playoff losses. He had one year left at more than \$5 million on a contract extension signed last January. "I am in good health and feel lucky to have been able to coach in the NFL for an extended period of time," the 65-year-old coach said. Although he failed to make the Cowboys champions again, Parcells leaves the Cowboys better than he found it. The club went from three straight 5-11 seasons before he arrived to making the playoffs twice in four years. "His contributions to the game of football and to the NFL are immeasurable," team owner Jerry Jones said in a statement. "We will always be grateful for his dedicated effort and commitment to the Dallas Cowboys." Parcells expected big things in 2006 and, thanks to the emergence of

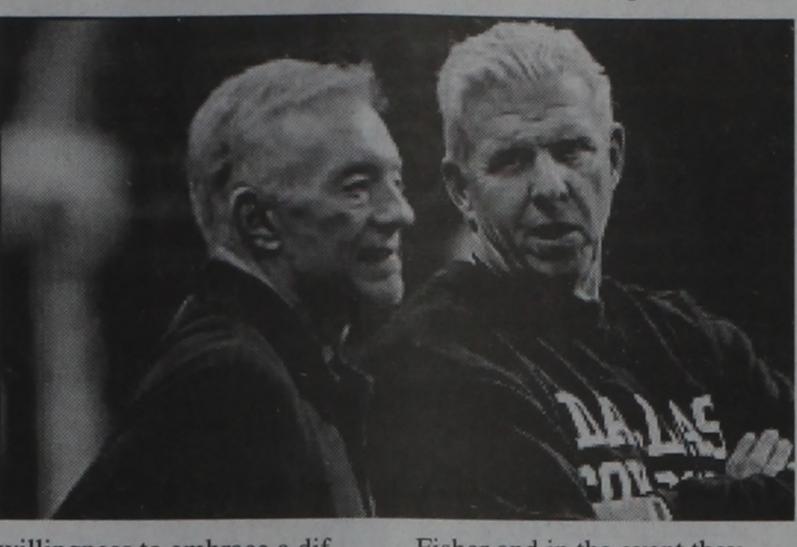
Romo, Dallas had a two-game division lead in December. Then the Cowboys lost four of their final five games, including the last three. The capper came against the Seahawks

after Romo bungled the hold of a short field goal with a little more than a minute left. "I did the best I could," Parcells said following that game. "But it wasn't quite good enough." Bill Parcells finishes 34-32 in four

seasons in Dallas, including an 0-2 playoff record. (AP) The going theory was that Parcells wouldn't end his career that way. The longer he waited to make an announcement, the likelier it seemed that he would return -- especially since he was going to his office every day. Then came Monday's statement via a morning e-mail. He didn't even hold one last news conference to entertain with old stories and witty lines. But Parcells isn't exactly rushing out the door. "Bill will continue to come to work here at Valley Ranch throughout at least the end of this week, and we will continue to meet and address the present status of our team while also discussing the future," Jones said. "Clearly, we wanted Bill to return for next season, but I am completely understanding and respectful of his decision to retire from coaching." A team spokesman said Jones and Parcells will discuss various aspects of the organization -- though not necessarily whom Parcells thinks should take his place. Expect Jones to handle that himself, as he's done with varying degrees of success since buying the team in 1989. His first two hires, Jimmy Johnson and Barry Switzer, combined to win three Super Bowls, keeping up the reputation started by Tom Landry. But the Cowboys haven't even won a playoff game since 1996, under Switzer. Chan Gailey, Dave Campo and now Parcells all tried and failed. "To our fans, I would like them to know that it is still all about winning," Jones said. "We have made progress on that front in the recent past, and

we will continue to build on that progress with the belief that we have to do better." While Parcells spent the last two weeks-plus deciding whether to return, four other teams picked new coaches and a fifth, Oakland, ended its search hours after he stepped down. Jones has given no indication of what kind of coach he'd hire next. The only hint in his statement was this: "Bill's coaching the Cowboys represented a

to the Steelers and a massive salary. He also might chase a big-name college coach, from Notre Dame's Charlie Weis, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops to Southern California's Pete Carroll, who replaced Parcells in New England a decade ago. The Tennessee Titans made it known Monday night that the Cowboys would not be allowed to talk with their coach, Jeff Fisher. "Dallas has not requested permission to speak to coach



willingness to embrace a different philosophy and approach toward winning. This experience will reinforce that willingness to be flexible." Jones could go for proven a commodity such as Bill Cowher, recently resigned from Pittsburgh, but he would require compensation

Fisher and in the event they did, there are no circumstances under which permission would be granted," Tennessee chief operating office Steve Underwood told the Tennessean in Nashville on Monday night. Or, maybe Jones will pursue Chicago defensive coordinator Ron like San Diego defensive coordinator Wade Phillips or San Francisco offensive coordinator Norv Turner. Turner would be a popular choice locally. He called plays for Dallas' Super Bowl team in 1992 and remains close to Troy Aikman. All candidates will have to accept Jones being the general manager. That might have driven away others before, but four years of avoiding ego clashes with Parcells likely has changed his reputation. The next coach also will face a decision of what to do about receiver Terrell Owens, who is due a roster bonus in March. T.O. certainly isn't Parcells' problem anymore. The first time Parcells walked away from coaching, his heart was an issue. The next time he supposedly was content that coaching was out of his system. He turned down several chances to return before accepting Jones' offer. He said he took it because he liked the challenge of trying to make the Cowboys champions again, comparing it to playing on the main stage instead of being a lounge act. After four well-paid years, Parcells could be serious about retiring this time. He's already built a home in Saratoga, N.Y., to spend his

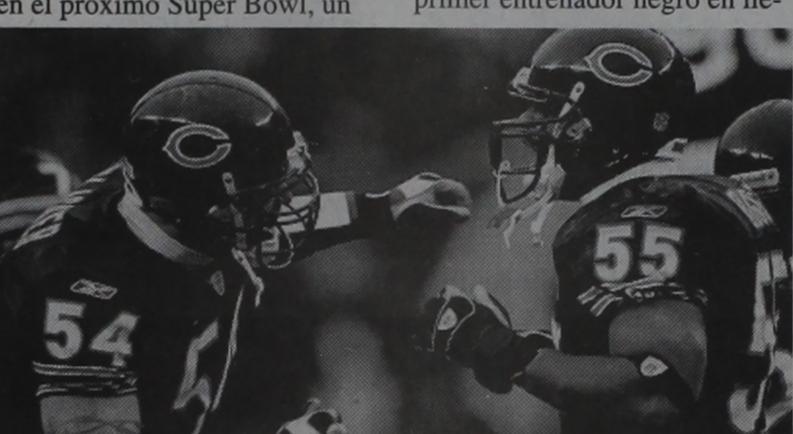
Rivera, or former NFL coaches

post-football days near his family and the racetrack. Parcells' influence will remain because of all the coaches who worked for him, from three-time Super Bowl champion Bill Belichick of New England to New Orleans' Sean Payton, this past season's Coach of the Year. Tom Coughlin of the Giants and Romeo Crennel of Cleveland also paid their dues under Parcells. "Bill's an excellent football coach and a very good friend," Coughlin said. "We're going to miss Bill Parcells on the sideline and we'll miss him in the NFC East. I look forward to the continuation of our friendship at a different level now. I think Bill's looking forward to having the opportunity to do some of the things he truly wants to do. I wish him well." Parcells' specialty in football was defense. His greatest trait as a coach, though, was his ability to turn around downtrodden clubs. All four teams he coached had losing records before he arrived, but all four were in the playoffs by his second season. No other coach has taken that many franchises to the postseason. "We're losing one of our all-time great coaches in our profession," Chicago Bears coach Lovie Smith said.

Osos y Potros disputarán Super Bowl histórico

NUEVA YORK - Dos entrenadores amigos serán los rivales y el centro de atención en el próximo Super Bowl, un faltan dos semanas para que se realice.

Lovie Smith se convirtió en el primer entrenador negro en lle-



partido al que desde ahora todos consideran histórico, y eso que

gar al Super Bowl, el domingo, cuando los Osos de Chicago

se coronaron en la Conferencia Nacional (NFC).

Unas cuatro horas después, su amigo y mentor Tony Dungy se le unió como rival en el partido por el título de la NFL, cuando los Potros de Indianápolis conquistaron la Conferencia Americana (AFC).

Por primera vez en los 41 años de historia del Super Bowl, no sólo uno, sino dos entrenadores negros estarán en el partido.

"Esto significa mucho", dijo Dungy tras la victoria de los Potros, 38-34 sobre los Patriotas de Nueva Inglaterra. "Estoy, pecialmente por la forma en que

Ios entrenadores afroestadounidenses".

Los apostadores en Las Vegas colocaron a Indianápolis como favorito por siete puntos para el Super Bowl, previsto para el 4 de febrero en el Dolphin Stadium de Miami.

Smith amarró el boleto cuando los Bears aplastaron por 39-14 a los Santos de Nueva Orleáns.

"Me sentiré incluso mejor si soy el primer entrenador negro en ganar el trofeo de campeón de la NFL", dijo Smith.

Esa misión no parece fácil, es-

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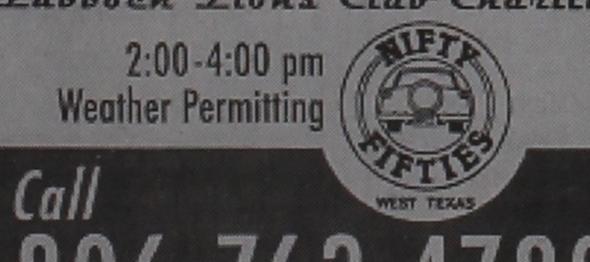
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Billy Crystal serenades Clinton confident but competition Ali on birthday says vote a 'lifetime' away says vote a 'lifetime' away

Tempe, U.S., January 20, 2007 (AP) - Muhammad Ali celebrated his 65th birthday Wednesday night watching his

old friend Billy Crystal perform at Arizona State University. The

former heavyweight champion joined the comedian on stage, receiving a minute-long standing ovation from the crowd and a cake from Crystal's wife.

"He's been a truly great friend to me and a great friend to the world," Crystal said. "Please join me in singing happy birthday to the greatest senior citizen of all time."

The nearly 2,000 people who came to see Crystal's one-man show, "700 Sundays," chanted "Ali! Ali! Ali!"

Crystal and Ali held up fists in a mock stare-down as Crystal's wife, Janice, came out with a cake with one candle lit. Ali

> dipped his finger in the cake and, arm in arm, the boxer and the comedian blew out the candle and walked off stage. "I'm really happy we had tickets tonight,"

> > said Cher-

yl Tama-

sauckas of Scottsdale. "Even though I'm not a boxing fan, everybody knows him."

David Tipp, of Tempe, said the moment brought a tear to his eye.

"If I was onstage and I was Muhammad Ali, I'd be taken aback by that," Tipp said. "I'm going to tell everybody that story now.'

NEW YORK - The topic was supposed to be health care for children, but Hillary Clinton faced only questions about the 2008 presidential race Sunday as she made her first public appearance after her dramatic website announcement she has

entered the contest. While the former first lady said she launched her campaign on the Internet because of the technology's extensive reach, she appeared Sunday in a cramped New York community health clinic where even the microphones were not working.

Like much of what a seasoned politician such as Clinton decides, however, the choice of venue contained a message: that her work for

Lady Raider!

in regulation, but Texas Tech rallied to go ahead 67-63 with 44.2 seconds left, and Oklahoma needed a 3-pointer by Erin Higgins with 7.6 seconds left to forge a 68-68 tie."It's one thing to execute that play and get the shot," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "It's another thing to make it. Higgins stepped up and did what a senior shooter does. She knocked the bottom out of it."Texas Tech's Chesley Dabbs, who scored 13 points, missed a winning 10-footer at the buzzer of regulation play. The Lady Raiders fell behind by three points early in the first overtime but took a 75-73 lead with 1:16 left. Kendra Moore tied it seconds later on a drive at the other end. After a Paris miss, Texas Tech had another chance to win, but she altered a jumper by Dabbs and the ball went out of bounds with eighttenths of a second left. Paris stole the ensuing inbounds pass and her heave from 70 feet hit the rim and bounced away.



New Yorkers as U.S. senator

would not suffer despite her

Before a crowd in which

parallel presidential campaign.

parents and children, Clinton announced she and Representative John Dingell (D. MI) would present Congress with legislative proposals to not only renew, but extend a health-care coverage scheme for children across the United States.

"I think the attention (my presidential campaign announcement) brings to this issue today increases the effect I and my colleagues will have," she said. "I am going to be working as hard as ever."

But she claimed she's setting

her sights on the White House to do even more.

"I'm looking forward to being in a better position than ever to help the nation," she told the audience at the Ryan Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center - whose name is unrelated to that of the Clintons' daughter.

Given Clinton's stature, her announcement Saturday she is forming an exploratory committee to gauge support for her as a presidential candidate re-shaped the race, which still has almost two years to go.

To a field in which leading Democratic contenders include Senator Barack Obama of Illinois and former Senator John Edwards, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, who served in former President Bill Clinton's administration as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and energy secretary, added his name Sunday.

While the campaign of both Clinton, 59, and Obama, 45, are historic in that the former seeks to be the first woman,

and the latter the first African American to enter the White House as president, Richardson would be the first Hispanic U.S. president, if elected.

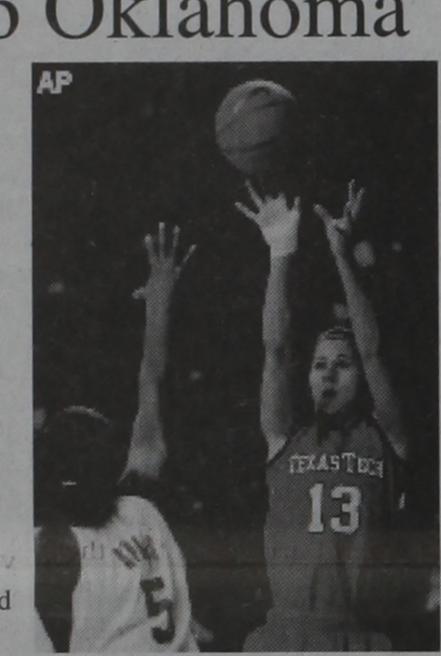
Announcing the formation of his own exploratory committee, Richardson, 59, said the country is ready to elect someone other than a white man, but added he presents himself as an "American proud to be Hispanic," rather than a Hispanic candidate.

However, even though Hispanics make up a major voting bloc in the Democratic Party, a Washington Post/ABC poll published Sunday gave Richardson only one per cent of the vote against front-runner Clinton's 41 per cent, Obama's 17 per cent and Edwards's 11 per cent.

In its focus on the Republican side, the same poll pegged former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani as that party's front-runner. He won national praise for his leadership in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks. With 34 per cent support, the poll placed him seven points ahead of Senator John McCain of Arizona, a hawkish former Vietnam PoW.

Texas Tech clashed with No. 6 Oklahoma

NORMAN, Okla. - Texas Tech clashed with No. 6 Oklahoma for two extra overtimes on Monday but couldn't pull off the upset, falling 86-81.Courtney Paris recorded her 45th straight double-double, finishing with 22 points and 17 rebounds for Oklahoma (16-1, 6-0 Big 12). It was Oklahoma's first double-overtime game since Dec. 21, 2000, when the Sooners beat San Diego. Texas Tech played its last two-overtime game on Feb. 23, 2000, a win over Texas. The Sooners led by six with three minutes left



Bush insurance plan gets cold reception

President Bush's proposed tax deduction for health insurance appears to be shaping up as a tough sell in the Democratic Congress.

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Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., said Monday that the tax changes, which Bush is expected to promote in Tuesday night's State of the Union address, would encourage employers to stop providing health

insurance. "Under the guise of tax breaks, the president is pursuing a policy designed to destroy the employerbased health care system through which 160 million people receive coverage," the lawmaker said.

Stark, who oversees a key House Ways and Means subcommittee, said he would not consider holding hearings on the proposal, which includes a trade-off. Contributions from employers toward health insurance would begin to be treated as taxable income. At the same time, a standard deduction for taxpayers with health insurance would be set at \$15,000 for families and \$7,500 for

individuals. The White House says that 80 percent of workers with health insurance through their jobs would see a tax cut as a result of the change. But about 20 percent would see a tax increase - those workers whose health insurance cost more than the standard deduction.

The change in tax policy is one of two major health proposals announced by Bush last

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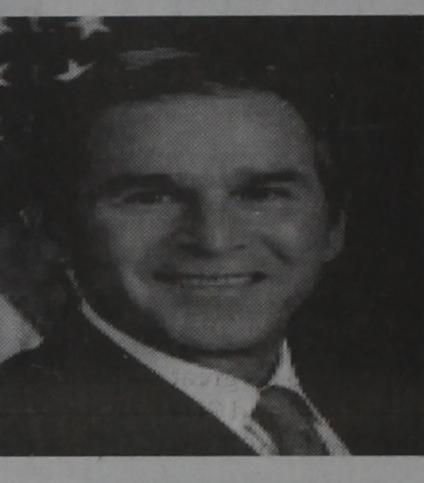
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weekend. The other would take some federal money now going to hospitals and other facilities and give it to states for programs to reduce the

number of uninsured. Insurers said the tax



proposal would mostly help the nearly 17 million people who buy coverage through the individual or small group market. Their ranks include real estate agents, consultants and employees of small businesses that don't offer health coverage. Also benefiting would be those in newer industries where the workers tend to be younger and the health coverage is more basic, such as technology.

Meanwhile, many state employees, teachers, and older workers in such established industries as automobile and steel manufacturing could see their expenses go up, said Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, the insurers' trade group.

The trade group has not yet taken a position on the president's proposal. However, the insurers like the

president's focus on health care going into the year.

"With the president coming forward and making health care such a major issue on his priority list, I think progress is definitely possible," Ignagni said. "We're going to see views and positions from all sides. We see that as a very promising thing. More and more people will come to the view that we've reached a tipping point."

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están jugando Peyton Manning y los Potros.

Durante años, Manning ha sido fustigado por los críticos, quienes consideran que su grandeza queda opacada ante el hecho de que no ha podido ganar un partido de relevancia. Después de llevar a'que su equipo remontara una desventaja de 18 puntos, el quarterback de los Colts tendrá ahora la oportunidad de acallar a sus detractores, en el máximo escenario del fútbol estadounidense.

"Eso suena muy atractivo", dijo Manning. "Realmente".

Smith y Dungy están abriendo brecha para los entrenadores negros en la liga, así como Doug Williams, de Washington, lo hizo por los quarterbacks afroestadounidenses en el Super Bowl de 1988.

"Evidentemente los jugadores sabían esto, al ser yo el primer entrenador negro en guiar a este equipo", dijo Smith. "Y ellos querían ayudarnos a hacer historia. Así, me siento privilegiado por estar en esta situación".

Smith fue asistente de Dungy cuando ambos estuvieron en Tampa Bay, de 1996 al 2000, y cultivaron una amistad que se ha fortalecido desde entonces. Ahora, los dos amigos disputarán el Super Bowl

"Debemos tener un rival. En un mundo perfecto yo quisiera jugar contra los Potros", dijo Smith luego del triunfo de los Osos. "Tony Dungy ha hecho mucho por este deporte. No ha tenido la oportunidad de dirigir en el Super Bowl, y me encantaría verlo".

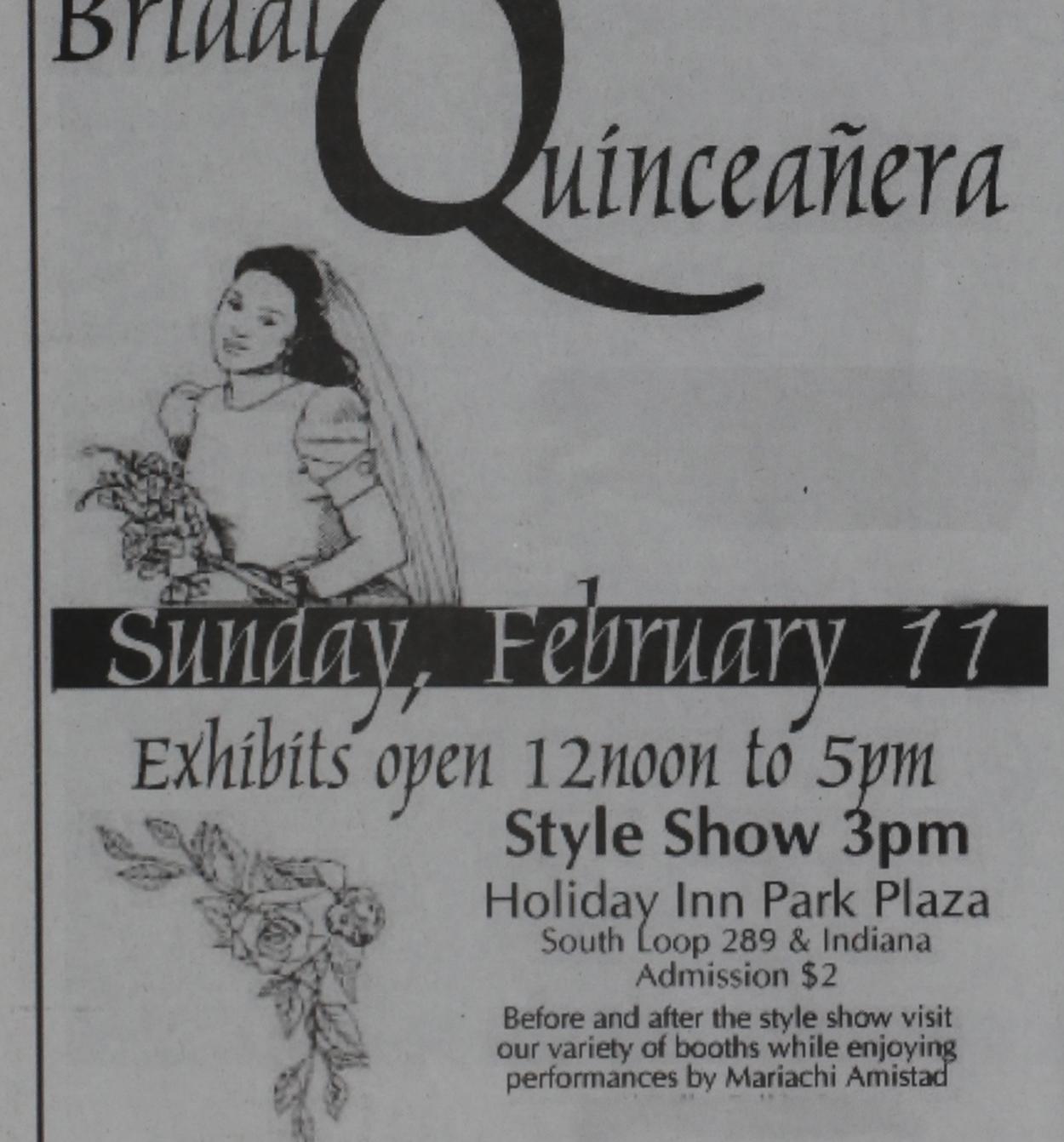
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He's done everything from starring in his own hit sitcom to writing a best seller to acting in feature films. Now, this versatile and popular performer makes his solo debut on the HBO when the live comedy special George Lopez: America's Mexican debuts Saturday, Feb. 24 (10:00-11:05 p.m. ET/PT).

Fresh from his triumphant performance at Comic Relief 2006 on HBO last November, George Lopez delivers an all-new stand-up show before a live audience at the Dodge Theater in Phoenix. Among the topics he's expected to cover in the special are: immigration and naturalization, "minute men," dysfunction, modern-day kids, old-school values, hybrid cars, cars that run on corn, interracial relationships, dementia and the future.

Now in his fifth year as star of his self-titled sitcom on ABC, Los Angeles native George Lopez is one of the country's most popular stand-up stars. His long

list of credits includes co-hosting duties on the Emmy(r) Awards, the Grammy-nominated CD Team Leader, the current comedy CD El Mas Chignon, the best-selling autobiography Why Are You Crying?, his own morning radio show in LA, and such feature films as the upcoming Focus Features comedy Balls of Fury, scheduled for release April 27, as well as Bread and Roses and The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl.

In addition to Comic Relief 2006, Lopez' varied list of HBO credits includes acting in the HBO Films presentation Real Women Have Curves and serving as guest commentator on HBO Sports' Inside the NFL.

Lopez has received numerous honors for his charitable endeavors, including the 2004 Artist of the Year and Humanitarian Award from Harvard University. That same year he was honored with the "Spirit of Liberty Award" by People for the American Way. In 2005, Time magazine recognized Lopez as one of "The 25 Most Influential Hispanics in America."

George Lopez: America's Mexican is produced and directed by Marty Callner. Other HBO playdates: Feb. 27 (10:00 p.m.) and March 2 (12:30 a.m.), 8 (12:30 a.m.), 14 (midnight) and 19 (3:50 a.m.).

Latino Plastic Surgeon Is the New Face on Popular Reality Series 'Dr. 90210'

John Diaz, MD is changing the face of how we view plastic surgeons in Beverly Hills. Combining his Dominican background and extensive cosmetic surgery training, Dr. Diaz sets a novel angle on Latino beauty and cosmetic surgery in his practice.

With the popularity of cosmetic surgery shows coupled with the never-ending desire for self-improvement, interest in cosmetic surgery continues to increase with the general population. With this, the trend for plastic surgery

among Latinos has also been growing in leaps and bounds. To no great surprise, from 2000 and 2004, the total number of cosmetic procedures performed on U.S. Hispanics jumped by 49 percent, according to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). In 2005, Latinos accounted for nearly 10% of all plastic surgery procedures across the US -leading all minority groups. As cited from ASPS 2005 data, the most requested surgical procedures among Latinos include breast augmentation, liposuction and

nose reshaping.

But with the rise of Latinos undergoing plastic surgery, the percentage of Latino plastic surgeons has not been tracked. At this time, Dr. John Diaz is in fact one of the few Latino Plastic Surgeons practicing in Beverly Hills.

Having been featured on E! Channel's "Dr. 90210" and starting his own private practice in recent months, Dr. Diaz explains, "being Latino has enabled me to more fully understand the rich variety of this culture. With this innate knowledge, I understand better than anyone else, what the ideals for beauty are among Latinos. I can perfect without taking away the cultural aspects of beauty. I focus on creating the kind of result my Latino patients want, and modify my surgical techniques so that I can create this."

Dr. John Diaz, an Ivy league graduate from Cornell University, attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, graduating with top honors. Dr. Diaz trained at the highly accelerated plastic surgery residency program at The Montefiore Medical Center in New York. He then went on to be accepted into the Aesthetic surgery fellowship directed by Richard Ellenbogen, MD in Beverly Hills. In 2006, Dr. Diaz opened his own private practice -- conveniently located at 421 North Rodeo Drive, Terrace Level South in Beverly Hills, CA.

Dr. Diaz has extensive e Dr. Diaz has published articles and a textbook chapter on plastic surgery. He has been quoted in several national magazines and has been featured on E! Entertainment Channel's "Dr. 90210." For more information, visit www.drjohndiaz.com

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Mexico's sweet film success inspires Sundance

Even before they heard their countrymen had garnered a dozen or so Academy Award nominations on Tuesday, the Mexican contingent at this year's Sundance Film Festival was brimming with confidence.

Together "Babel" and "Pan's Labyrinth," by Mexican directors Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and Guillermo del Toro, won 13 Oscar nominations -- giving the Mexican film industry its biggest boost to date on the other side of the border.

"In another period, you had the Italian directors all over and then the French directors, and I think it is now the Mexican directors," said Mexican filmmaker Patricia Riggen, 36, after her premiere at Sundance, the leading U.S. festival for independent film.



"It is just going to grow.
The audiences and studios are realizing there is talent and good stories and everybody likes them."

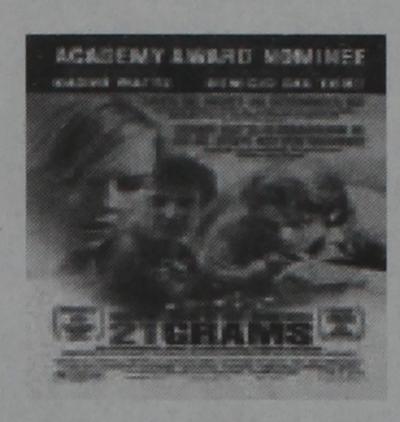
Riggen's "La Misma
Luna" (The Same Moon)
received a rare standing
ovation at Sundance. The
film about a mother and
child separated by the
U.S.-Mexico border is not
in competition, but is
expected to walk away
with a big distribution
deal.

Riggen lives in Los Angeles, but other Mexicans at Sundance believe staying in Mexico City is a key to their distinctive work.

"Human nature in
Mexico City is stronger
and more raw and I think
that is reproduced in
Mexican cinema," said
Guillermo Arriaga, the
Oscar nominated screenwriter of "Babel" and
producer of "El Bufalo de
la Noche" (The Night

Buffalo) in competition at Sundance.

Arriaga, who also wrote "Amores Perros and "21 Grams," said



that environment spurs him to create films with "guts and balls" -- the qualities he most desires in his work.

"Buffalo" is a tough film to watch as tormented young lovers destroy their lives and those around them. It is based on Arriaga's novel of the same name, drawn from his years as a university professor, and stars the popular Mexican actor Diego Luna working with a cast of unknowns.

LONG-AWAITED ATTENTION

The Mexican directors and writers have built a tight-knit film community that is prone to take risks and bet on raw talent.

Four years ago, Arriaga brought Venezuelan-born Jorge Hernandez Aldana to Mexico to co-write and direct "Buffalo," his first long feature film, after seeing a short feature he had done at a festival.

"As the Mexicans gave me so much support when I arrived, I feel the plethora of Oscar nominations for Mexico is not a sudden phenomenon, but rather the result of several years of excellent productions that did not get much exposure in the United States.

Gonzalez Inarritu's
"Amores Perros" in 2000
and Alfonso Cuaron's "Y
Tu Mama Tambien" in
2001 got the ball rolling.

"What we needed was more attention from the world, and that is what we are getting now," Hernandez Aldana said.

But not only directors and writers were celebrating the rise of Mexico at Sundance.

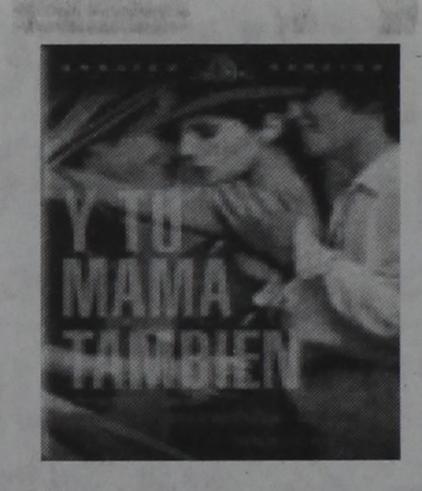
Mexican actors played major roles in two U.S. feature films in competition, "Padre Nuestro" (Our Father) about the dog-eatdog life of immigrants in



New York City and
"Trade," a look at the
trafficking of children as
sex slaves from Mexico to
the United States.

"Doors are opening for the major talent of Latin America to cross over to the United States," said Mexican actor Eugenio Derbez who plays acclaimed supporting roles in "La Misma Luna" and "Padre Nuestro."

"I think it will be a great year for Mexico."

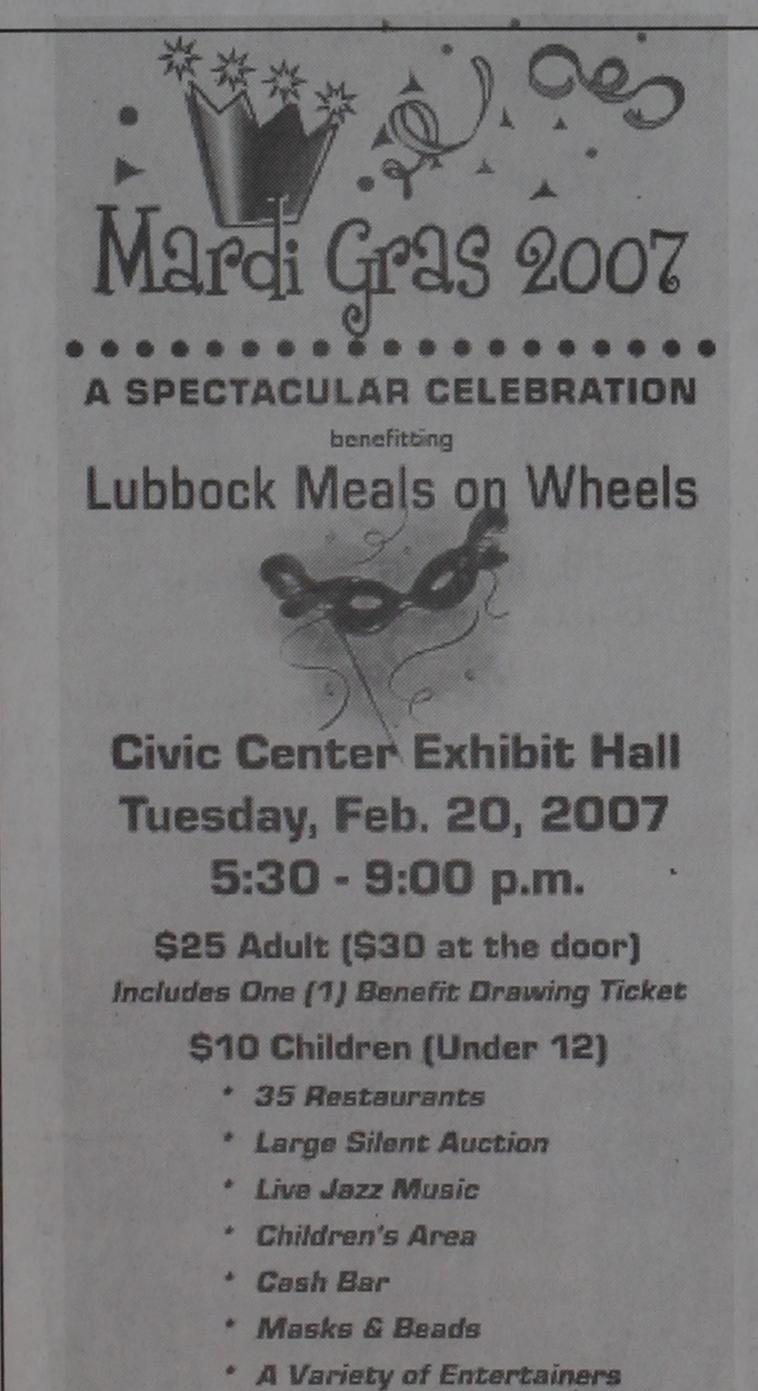


need to fight for Mexican filmmaking," said
Hernandez Aldana, 37,
who is now a naturalized
Mexican citizen.
He believes the

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La deficiencia extrema de agua es conocida como deshidratacion. La deshidratacion sucede cuando el cuerpo no tiene suficiente agua para cumplir sus funciones normales. Pero sin ir a extremos, una ligera deficiencia de agua tambien tiene varios efectos negativos.

Es por eso que es importante reemplazar el agua a diario. De por si

perdemos este valioso liquido con funciones simples: al respirar, sudar, orinar y defecar.

No todo liquido es agua No todo lo que tomamos ayuda a nuestro consumo de agua. Las bebidas gaseosas, o 'sodas', no cuentan como un vaso de agua. Estas son mas bien un carbohidrato ya que estan compuestas mayormente de un jarabe y gas que, en vez de hidratar al cuerpo, lo hacen trabajar mas fuerte al proporcionarle una concentracion de azucar que este tiene que limpiar y distribuir.

El cafe, aunque contiene agua, esta compuesto por cafeina. La cafeina, quimico tambien presente en el te, el chocolate y muchas sodas, es un diuretico. Los diureticos incitan la perdida de agua al entrar en el cuerpo, y con esta perdida el cuerpo no solo se deshidrata sino que tambien puede perder valiosos minerales.

Otro diuretico es el alcohol, sustancia que segun un estudio hecho en atletas, hasta en cantidades medias incita la perdida de magnesio,

potasio, calcio y zinc, todos elementos importantes en el mantenimiento de la salud y la presion sanguinea.

Tomar el agua sola es la forma mas segura de asegurarse de su pureza y de su efecto hidratante en el cuerpo. Las sopas son otra opcion, las menos cremosas y mas aguadas, ya que traen el beneficio de la temperatura mas elevada, que es la que prefiere el estomago para la digestion.

Cantidad y calidad
Sabemos que debemos
tomar agua, pero cuanto?

Segun la Clinica Mayo, una persona adulta con una buena salud y un clima de temperaturas medias, puede adoptar dos actitudes: la de reemplazo

y la de recomendaciones dieteticas. La primera trata de reemplazar lo perdido.
La mayoria de las personas pierden un promedio de 1.5 litros de agua al dia por medio de la orina y un litro adicional con la respiracion, el sudor y la defecacion. La comida ayuda con un 20% de la cantidad de agua ingerida, asi que si usted consume dos litros de agua (un poquito mas de ocho vasos) con sus alimentos,

podra reemplazar lo perdido.

La otra forma es seguir las recomendaciones dieteticas. El Instituto de Medicina recomienda que los hombres consuman un promedio de tres litros (unos 13

que los hombres consuman un promedio de tres litros (unos 13 vasos) de agua a diario y que las mujeres consuman 2.2 litros (mas o menos nueve vasos).

Ademas de estos dos metodos, se dice que se ha bebido suficiente agua al dia si es que uno nunca tiene sed o si produce entre uno o dos litros de orina sin color o con color amarillo claro a diario. Al venir la sensacion de la sed, por lo general el cuerpo ya esta ligeramente deshidratado.

En cuanto a calidad, es importante investigar cual es la mejor opcion:

si un filtro para el cano de la cocina, o el agua en botella, que viene en variaciones desde destilada (mejor para los rinones) a natural. El agua potable del cano es tratada y por lo general contiene demasiados quimicos como para ser la mejor opcion para ingerir.

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Cancer initiative is launched

With a Texas-size ambition to find a cure for cancer, the state's leading medical scientists joined Gov. Rick Perry, world cycling champion Lance Armstrong and state lawmakers Monday to call for a \$3-billion, decade-long project they compared to landing a man on the moon. Funding for the homegrown initiative remains tentative but likely would require voter approval of a constitutional amendment to authorize state borrowing against bonds. "What we're really talking about is something that could change the world. It could happen right here in Texas," said Cathy Bonner, former state commerce secretary, who hatched the idea while the late Gov. Ann Richards was undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.

The cure-for-cancer quest could be comparable in scope, Bonner said, to President John F. Kennedy's 1960s commitment to land a man on the moon or the fast-tracked Manhattan Project, which

created the atom bomb.

"This is a project that could be that big," said Bonner, noting that 35,000 Texans will die this year of cancer while another 88,000 will be diagnosed with some form of the disease. "It would make Texas the global leader of cancer research."

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Austin's Four Seasons
Hotel by Perry, Armstrong
and University of Texas
M.D. Anderson Cancer
Center President John
Mendelsohn in pushing
for the cancer research
funding.

About 50 state leaders joined former Democratic state Comptroller John Sharp and officials from the University of Texas Health Science Centers, the Lance Armstrong Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for the announcement.

"I can't imagine that this wouldn't have full support from all legislators," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, who plans to author a constitutional amendment to raise \$300

million per year.

The measure would need two-thirds approval from both the House and Senate before Texas voters would have the final say.

"It's not going to be a partisan thing. It's not going to be a regional thing. Every one of us have had our lives touched by cancer," added Nelson, whose co-sponsors will be Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and Democratic Sen. Kirk Watson, former Austin mayor and a survivor of testicular cancer. Perry touted the potential project as one that could create trillions of dollars in economic wealth and make Texas the "epicenter" of cancer research. "This is a very powerful moment in Texas history,"

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