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Illegal immigrants gravitate toward Arizona border ; Que Pasa?

Booths Available at Community Garage Sale

Copper Rawlings Community Center will be hosting a community-wide garage sale on Saturday, June 12, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Limited booth space is still available. Pricing is \$10 for a 6' x 6' booth area with one six foot table provided for each booth. To register, come by the center or call 767-2704.

Rawlings Community Center offers classes and programs for youth, adults and seniors including Summer Camp, Tex-Mex Cooking, Sewing and Quilting, Kids Café, Computer classes, and much more. Their regular operating hours are Monday - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 767-2704.

Summer band camps at SPC get underway June 7

LEVELLAND - South Plains College's weeklong summer bands camps for middle school and junior high school students is slated from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 7-11. The camps include Junior High Band Camp, Drum Major Camp and High School Band Leadership Camp.

On-campus housing is not available. The Junior High Band Camp, which costs \$80, is filled with music, learning and friends. The camp costs include tuition, fees and a camp T-shirt. The camp is designed to allow students to participate in band rehearsals, section rehearsal, elective classes and various recreational activities. Students should plan on bringing lunch money or sack lunch each day. Check with your band director regarding group transportation.

The Drum Major Camp will provide educational classes each day along with recreational activities. Check with your band director regarding group transportation. The tuition is \$80 including tuition, fees and camp T-shirt.

The High School Band Leadership Camp provides students with the opportunity to learn skills such as leading section rehearsal and teaching drill, discussion of leadership philosophies, assist camp faculty with younger campers and enjoy recreational activities. Check with your band director regarding group transportation. The cost is \$40 including tuition, fees and camp T-shirt.

The highlight of the camp will be featured concerts starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Levelland Intermediate School Auditorium on June 11.

For more details, contact the camp director, at (806) 716-2265 or email lreid@outhplainscollege.edu, or contact your band director.

Covenant School of Nursing "Picnic in the Park" to Raise Money for Local Man's Heart Transplant Fund

Enjoy a "Picnic in the Park" and help raise money for Jim Fortenberry, a former Covenant patient, who is on a transplant waiting list at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

The fundraiser, organized by the Covenant School of Nursing, will take place on Sunday, June 6 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Macey Park, located at 30th and Oxford. Bring the entire family out to enjoy food, family games and live music.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Jim Fortenberry Heart Transplant Fund, National Foundations for Transplants.

Tickets for "Picnic in the Park" are \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the Covenant School of Nursing, 2002 West Loop 289, Suite 102 or at Covenant Guest Services, 3615 19th Street.

CASA Training Sessions & New CASA Speaks Presentations

The next new Advocate training sessions for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the South Plains will begin June 7th, 2010 at the CASA Office in Lubbock. Training will last three evenings from 5:30-9:30 p.m. each day with additional online training. To become a CASA volunteer, one must be at least 21 years of age, able to pass a criminal background check, and have the time to commit approximately 5-15 hours monthly for at least an 18 month period. Volunteer Advocates provide an independent voice in court for abused and neglected foster children by communicating with teachers, foster placements, therapists, etc. and then making recommendation to the Judge as to what is in the best interest of the child. If you are unsure if Advocate training is for you, CASA has begun hosting free, informational presentations about the mission of the organization. These "CASA Speaks" event are less than one hour and open to anyone who is interested in attending. CASA simply asks that you call 763-2272 to learn about the upcoming dates and times. CASA is a nationally known non-profit organization dedicated to the advocating of children who have been removed from the home due to child abuse or neglect. CASA of the South Plains currently advocates to six counties including Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, Terry and Yoakum. More information about eh CASA organization including upcoming events and news can be found at www.lubbockcasa.org <http://www.lubbockcasa.org>



Along a rugged stretch of the Mexican border here in southern Arizona, U.S. authorities captured 687 illegal immigrants in a 24-hour period last week, three times the number captured near San Diego. During the past eight months, agents have apprehended 168,000 migrants along this sector of the border.

The border crossings are so determined, and so impervious to a long-running buildup of federal agents and technology, that few here think President Obama's recent decision to dispatch 1,200 National Guard soldiers and \$500 million will make much difference.

"I doubt it, frankly," said Don Severe, a vocal opponent of illegal immigration who favors stronger measures, including certain incarceration. "It sounds good, but what are they going to do? We have a very serious problem."

Aziona, home of a controversial new law that makes it a state crime to be in the country illegally, has become the least porous portion of the nearly 2,000-mile border. The continuing flow of illegal immigrants, compounded by a rise in narcotics traffic and the slaying of an Arizona rancher, perhaps by a border crosser, has triggered a fresh fight over immigration policy, animating activities on both sides of the debate.

On Saturday, as thousands rallied in Phoenix for and against the new law, Jan Brewer (R) sought to remove Attorney General Terry Goddard (D) from defending Arizona against expected legal challenges.

Although Brewer said she feared that Goddard would collide with the Obama administration, which is weighing such a challenge, Goddard said he would faithfully represent the state despite personal opposition to the law. Meanwhile, Republican politicians, led by Brewer and Sen. John McCain, are calling for stricter border security measures.

The issue has polarized the community in ways that residents say are disturbing. "I have seen situations in families where they are fighting," said the Rev. Wil Valderama, a priest at San Felipe de Jesus parish in heavily Hispanic Nogales. He said beneficiaries who support the law have vowed to withhold contributions from the Tucson Catholic Diocese because clergy publicly oppose it.

"There are not a lot of places in this community where you can have a civil dialogue," said the Rev. Randy Mayer, pastor of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Sahuarita, 30 miles north of Nogales. "The conversation has changed in its tone. It has become much more polarized, much more hostile."

Nogales is the heart of a 262-mile stretch of border defined by sharp rises, steep ravines and brutal desert heat. As border controls are tightened elsewhere, including through the construction of a border fence in parts of Arizona, California, Texas and New Mexico, Mexican migrants and smugglers have gravitated to the 90,000-square-mile area known by U.S. Customs and Border Protection

as the Tucson Sector.

"When you plug a hole in the wall, the water looks for another spot to flow through. Arizona is that spot," said Nogales police chief Jeff Kirkham, who reported that immigrants are "going over the wall, going through the wall or through tunnels."

Others try to make their way through the remote desert where the high fence stops. Once across the border, they face a daunting trek that can stretch 30 miles or more in heat approaching 100 degrees. Agents staff checkpoints and crossers are aided by millions of dollars worth of sensors, cameras, surveillance aircraft and computer technology.

Since 2006, staffing of the Tucson Sector has increased 30 percent, to about 3,200 officers. But immigrants from across the globe keep coming over the border - alone or in groups, sometimes guided by smugglers, sometimes arriving at official crossings neatly dressed and with fake papers.

On a typical day, nearly 1 million people cross from Mexico into the United States, according to U.S. government figures. About 270,000 vehicles cross the Southwest border every 24 hours, along with about 57,000 truck, rail and sea containers. Sixty percent of the Mexican fruit and vegetables entering the United States comes through Nogales. "This is our busy time of year," said Robert L. Boatright, deputy chief of the Tucson Sector, talking

about illegal immigrants, not produce. He said it would be impossible to "seal the border," as some critics demand. "The number of agents it would take 24-7 would be incredible."

Border agents have "close to daily" encounters with smugglers with guns, most linked to drug smuggling, he said. In announcing the National Guard deployment, which echoes earlier approaches, Obama emphasized the need to slow the drugs flowing north and the guns and cash heading south to the cartels waging war on Mexican state authority.

By the same token, the number of captured border crossers - an indication of the volume of people who are getting through illegally - dropped 41 percent between 2005 and 2009.

The border is at "an unprecedented state of control," Boatright said. "I know that's hard to believe with what you see and read right now."

Although the flow of drugs appears to be rising, Kirkham said, Nogales's 64 police officers are not seeing a spillover of violence from Mexico. Property crimes have been static, and Nogales has had just one homicide in the past three years.

"People that do cross here, they want to get out of this area as quickly and quietly as possible," he said. So far, 210 miles of the 262-mile Tucson Sector border is fenced. McCain, facing GOP primary challenger JD Hayworth, a border hawk, made waves by declaring in a campaign advertisement filmed in Nogales: "Complete the damned fence."

Boatright said the rough terrain makes finishing the fence impossible or unnecessary.

"We're looking at a very small portion that we need to address," Boatright said. "I'm talking two or three miles."

McCain is seeking 6,000 more National Guard soldiers, including 3,000 in Arizona. Yet in Nogales, Gustavo Lozano, an activist who favors comprehensive reform, believes that no measures now in the pipeline will stop illegal immigration.

"Whatever they build up, whatever troops come to the border," Lozano said, "people are still going to cross."

Primera hispana candidata a gobernadora

La republicana Susana Martínez, una fiscal del sur del estado de Nuevo México, ganó el martes la candidatura a gobernadora, siendo así la primera mujer hispana nominada para gobernador estatal por cualquiera de los dos partidos mayoritarios.

Martínez se enfrentará a la demócrata Diane Denish para lograr el puesto, con lo cual Nuevo México tendrá por primera vez una mujer gobernadora.

Martínez, una fiscal del condado de Doña Ana, venció a sus cuatro oponentes republicanos con un 51 por ciento en recuentos no oficiales y con casi la mitad de los precinctos reportando resultados. El ex presidente del partido en el estado, Allen Web, obtuvo un 29 por ciento.

Por otro lado, en Alameda, un congresista que esperaba ser el primer gobernador afroestadounidense del estado perdió el martes las primarias del Partido Demócrata ante un oponente blanco que había logrado el

apoyo de los cuatro principales grupos políticos afroamericanos del estado. Con un 58 por ciento de recuento de votos, el comisionado de Agricultura Ron Sparks ganó la primaria demócrata para gobernador con un 65 por ciento de apoyo popular ante el representante de la cámara baja Artur Davis, quien obtuvo tan sólo el 35%.

Las organizaciones tradicionales de derechos civiles del estado apoyaron a Sparks después de que Davis votara en contra de la reforma del sistema de salud del presidente Barack Obama. Sin embargo, Davis, un abogado de Harvard que lideró la campaña de Obama en el estado en 2008, había recibido el apoyo del representante John Lewis, pionero en la defensa de los derechos civiles en Alabama, y del primer alcalde afroestadounidense de la ciudad de Mobile, Sam Jones.

Siete candidatos del Partido



Republicano competían en las primarias de su partido el martes en Alabama. Los principales ganadores participaron en una segunda vuelta programada para el 13 de julio.

La reforma del sistema de salud también fue un tema clave en la otra batalla electoral del estado, en la que los votantes

republicanos del quinto distrito congressional decidían el futuro del representante Parker Griffin, un ex demócrata que se unió al Partido Republicano en diciembre.

En Mississippi, Alan Nunnelle ganó la nominación republicana para un escaño como representante en Washington.

The Health Care Bill has Become Law: How Are You Affected?

Weeks after passage of a historic health bill, Hispanic advocacy groups say the sweeping new law will generally bring much needed benefits to Hispanics and businesses across America.

These same groups, however, are raising concerns about how the health care reform bill will affect illegal immigrants who currently have coverage.

While it was widely reported that illegal immigrants are left out of the newly signed health law, less talked about is how the new law could actually make things worse for insured illegal immigrants -- as opposed to merely maintaining the status quo.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will bring coverage to 32 million of the current 45 million uninsured Americans and cost roughly \$850 billion over 10 years. But it could also cause many illegal immigrants to lose the coverage they have. And the number of illegal immigrants with coverage is surprisingly large.

The Pew Hispanic Center estimates that roughly 40 percent of the 11 million or so illegal immigrants residing in this country are insured, either because they purchased health coverage themselves or received it through their employers. The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce puts the estimate even higher.

"I don't think many people know that approximately 50 percent purchase coverage," Javier Palomarez, president and CEO of the chamber, told Hispanic Business magazine. "These folks are in jeopardy of losing what little coverage they have."

The bill that was signed into law March 30 not only prohibits illegal immigrants from receiving federal subsidies, it also -- to the chagrin of immigration-rights advocates -- bars them from purchasing insurance with their own money on the soon-to-be created statewide exchanges that will pool ratepayers to lower premiums.

To be sure, under the new law, illegal immigrants still will be able to purchase coverage out of pocket. It's just that, because their plans will be excluded from the exchanges, they could see the cost of their premiums skyrocket out of reach.

This is because the creation of the new exchanges could have the effect of draining current risk pools of almost everyone except the illegal immigrants, said Jennifer Nganda, deputy director for health policy project with the National Council of La Raza.

"I think you could say on some level that undocumented immigrants (with coverage) are the ones who will be worse off than before," she told Hispanic Business magazine.

chamber's vice president for government affairs, told Hispanic Business magazine. Mr. Ferrera said one disappointment to the chamber is how the law requires businesses with more than 50 employees to provide coverage. The chamber had hoped that the threshold would be set at 100 employees -- or, better yet, dropped altogether.

But in terms of how the bill affects Hispanic-owned businesses, the difference between 50 employees and 100 employees is relatively slight, he added. While about 99 percent of all Hispanic-owned companies employ fewer than 100 people, about 98 percent employ fewer than 50.

"We're fighting over inches at this point," he said. Other benefits: The new law stands to benefit U.S. Hispanics in many ways, advocacy groups said. It comes with a huge prevention component, meaning, for instance, that doctors will have financial incentives to discuss healthy lifestyles with patients. This is particularly beneficial for Hispanics, who suffer disproportionately from obesity, diabetes and heart disease, Dr. Rios said.

The new law also means doctors and nurses in many areas of the country will have to undergo cultural competency training, which could include taking Spanish classes or hiring translators.

"It exists now, but not like with the current system," Dr. Rios said. "The health care system has been light years behind. This is going to bring the system into the 21st Century."

As it is, she added, just 5 percent of the nation's doctors and nurses are Hispanic -- a percentage that the National Hispanic Medical Association would like to see grow.

The new law also increases to 26 the age in which young people can stay on their parents' plans. The current age varies from state to state, but in general countries with the college years of middle-class families, which generally end around age 22, Dr. Rios said.

Also experiencing some improvements are the citizens of the U.S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which received about \$1 billion to establish an exchange and provide more affordable care.

"In the end, we think there are key gains that give us a foundation to be able to extend affordable insurance to many Latinos and immigrants across the country," Ms. Nganda said. "The bill was by no means what we hoped to have, but it's something we believe sort of lays the foundation for a better health care system."

With 98 percent of Hispanic-owned businesses employing fewer than 50 people, the legislation's effect on small business is of primary importance to many Hispanics.

Over the past decade, the meteoric rise of health care costs has significantly hampered the ability of small businesses to offer health benefits to their employees.

Since 2000, the proportion of small businesses offering health benefits has dropped more than 20 percent, from two-thirds to less than half. The bulk of that drop has occurred over the past three years.

The new law benefits small businesses in several ways. Mr. Palomarez of the chamber said. First, it allows them to purchase insurance through the exchange.

Also, small businesses that opt out will stand to benefit, as most of their employees will qualify to purchase individual plans on the exchange, improving the ability of those businesses to stay competitive with larger companies.

Finally, and most immediately, all small businesses offering health benefits to their employees will qualify for tax breaks. "They can avoid themselves this year of essentially free money," said David Ferrera, the

Hispanic Caucus wants Napolitano to cut ties with Arizona police

Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) have called on the Department of Homeland Security to sever its ties with Arizona police in response to the state's new immigration enforcement law.

Calling Arizona's recently-enacted law requiring police to question and verify the citizenship of anyone they reasonably suspect to be an illegal immigrant "appalling," three leaders of the Hispanic Caucus wrote Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to demand the termination of its immigration-enforcement partnerships with law enforcement entities in the state. "The federal government should not

be an accessory to the unconstitutional actions of the Arizona state government," Rep. Laclede Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) said in a statement. "By continuing to work with Arizona police departments operating under SB 1070, the Department is implicitly condoning the shameful tactics authorized by the new law."

Roybal-Allard was joined in signing the letter by CHC Chairwoman Nydia Velázquez (D.N.Y.) and Immigration Task Force Chairman Luis Guterrez (D-Ill.). "While we applaud your recent statement opposing the new law, we ask

that the Department of Homeland Security immediately suspend its 287(g) and Secure Communities programs in Arizona," the letter states.

The 287(g) and Secure Communities programs are database-sharing agreements that give local law enforcement agencies instant access to federal immigration databases. According to information provided by Roybal-Allard's office, DHS currently has a total of 13 such agreements with jurisdictions throughout Arizona.

DHS has maintained that it is studying the civil rights implications of the Arizona law, which will inform the government's actions going forward.



Lubbock County Commissioner Pct. 3 Gilbert Flores endorses former councilman and local attorney Victor Hernandez for the Lubbock City Council District 1 Run-Off Election that will be held on June 12. "I want to invite all my constituents that live in District 1 to vote for the best, qualified candidate for this position," says Flores during the Swimming Annual Party that was celebrated in honor of the pioneer, founder of Montelongo's Restaurant. You can vote early for this election from now until June 8 at the North United Supermarkets which are located at either University and at 50th & Avenue Q. Two other locations is the City Hall and Election Office downtown. For site or locations for voting information you can call 775-1338. Photo by Mariol Aguiro of El Editor.

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Diego Luna rompe récord con "Abel"



El largometraje "Abel" del actor y director mexicano Diego Luna rompió en su primer fin de semana el récord de ventas en una película con una distribución de 65 copias o menos, afirmó hoy el mismo realizador.

"Hoy me desperté directo a la computadora a ver cómo nos había ido", confesó un emocionado Diego Luna al noticioso Noticias Uno, del canal Televisa.

"Todavía faltan algunos conteos por yo rompí los récords con lanzamientos de este tamaño y estamos vueltos locos, felices", indicó el actor de filmes como "Y tu mamá también" (2001) y "Milk" (2008).

De acuerdo con Luna, la diferencia con el anterior récord es "gigante", ya que el primer lugar lo tenía en México el filme "Shakespeare in Love" (1998), del británico John Madden.

Este filme en su primer fin de semana ganó 2 millones de pesos (153,038 dólares), mientras que "Abel" ya recaudó casi 3 millones de pesos (232,558 dólares), aunque "faltan bastantes cines por

contar", aseveró.

"Abel" venció a "películas que se estrenaron ya hace mucho tiempo", lo que muestra que se trata de un auge, "difícil" en el cine, aseveró Luna, quien también dirigió el documental

"J.C. Chávez", sobre el boxeador mexicano Julio César Chávez. Las primeras cinco películas en ese ranking lo integraban "Shakespeare in Love" (1998), "Borat" (2006), "Wild Things" (1998), "El Cid-La Leyenda del Cid" (2003) y "El Alico" (2008).

"Recibí una llamada de los distribuidores el sábado contándome que estaban felices que era un éxito gigante, ellos ya lo podían predecir viendo las cifras del primer día", relató Luna.

"Yo todavía estaba medio escéptico, pero ya ayer (domingo) si me di cuenta que esto ya iba en serio", puntualizó.

Luna indicó que recibió a través de la red social Twitter mensajes de seguidores que no pudieron ver el filme porque los boletos estaban agotados, y fotos de las colas que se formaban afuera de los cines.

It's a companion novel to Hijuelo's Pulitzer-winning "The Mambo Kings Plays Songs of Love." Pentimenti are the shadows of images covered over by later brushwork that sometimes emerge in old paintings. As all good Lillian Hellman fans know, the word derives from the Italian "pentirsi" — to repent — which suggests that the artist reconsidered an earlier choice.

It does nothing to undermine the warm, exuberant triumph that Oscar Hijuelos has achieved in his much-anticipated new novel, "Beautiful Maria of My Soul," to say that it is a kind of pentimento on his hugely successful 1989 book, "The Mambo Kings' Story of Songs of Love."

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It's been 20 years since that letter book — subsequently a film and Broadway musical — made Hijuelos an internationally bestselling writer and the first Latino American to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. Hijuelos, the American-born son of Cuban immigrants, grew up in Spanish Harlem, played guitar with Top 40 bands in the 1960s and earned a master's in creative writing from the City University of New York. (He now teaches in the English Department at Duke.)

"The Mambo Kings" recounts the story of two Cuban musicians — brothers César and Nestor Castillo — immigrants to New York at the height of the Latin dance craze. They work breakdancing day jobs and play in Cuban dance clubs at night.

Back in Cuba, Nestor had fallen hopelessly in love with a beautiful dancer who ultimately throws him over for another man, a brutal but affluent businessman, Ignacio. Nestor nevertheless nurtures his undying love for her, which inspires a song, "Beautiful Maria of My Soul," that he reworks 44 times until it becomes their band's signature piece. Desi Arnaz hires them to play, it strikes up a friendship and invites them to appear on "I Love Lucy." Suddenly, the Mambo Kings are a hit — until tragedy strikes.

It takes a certain amount of nerve to revisit a novel so successful and compelling, but Hijuelos has nerves of steel and the skill to back them up. "Beautiful Maria" retells the "Mambo Kings" story through the eyes of María García y Cifuentes, "the lady behind a famous song." We meet her as an illiterate peasant girl fresh from the provinces, so beautiful that she turns the head of every man she meets.

"If that mirror were a man," Hijuelos writes of her before a looking glass, "it would have been salivating; if it were a carpet it would have taken flight; if it had been a pile of wool it would have burst into flame."

In Havana, where she meets Nestor when he rescues her from a beating in an alley, she acquires street smarts and what she thinks is a kind of realism. It ultimately betrays her, when she elects to stay with her abusive but moon-eyed lover rather than Nestor.

The Roman evolution, beautifully evoked here, intervenes, and María and her daughter Teresa find themselves in Miami. There, María finds life and, if not happiness, a kind of contentment with her Cuban lady friends and, most of all, in the pride she feels in her dutiful, serious daughter Teresa, who becomes every immigrant mother's studious dream, a pediatrician. (María

does despair, however, of ever teaching Latin dance to Teresa, who doesn't particularly care for the Cuban music that is the soundtrack of her mother's life.) While Teresa is working through her residency in New York City, María, the once-illiterate peasant girl who learned to read and write late in life, begins taking a poetry class at a local community college. The other students are fiftysomething Cuban American women and the instructor a Cuban immigrant. In their company, María moves wondrously from muse to the writer of verses that evoke the dancer who once made art with her body:

I'd faint in his arms. He would smell so sweetly of flowers. And of the rain at three o'clock.

He would, she writes, "speak deliciously like a song..." That brings her back to Nestor, whom she recalls one night as she sits alone at the kitchen table in Miami with the "the Frigidarium humming beside her and the GE radio turned low, just scribbling the words:"

Oh, Nestor, I have something To tell you. Even if what we had Was long ago. Without knowing it I loved you. And love you now, Wherever you are... So, believe me when I say I just didn't know.

At this point in the story, Hijuelos makes a daring authorial choice that, in hands less skilled, and, more important, less affectionate toward his characters, easily could read as another postmodern conceit. He introduces himself and "The Mambo Kings" into the narrative. Teresa, back living with her mother in Miami,

reads the book and, realizing that her mother is the inspiration for "Beautiful Maria," is horrified by the invasion of privacy and candid sexual portrayal. She consults a lawyer, weighs suing, then confronts the author when he comes to Miami for a reading. He agrees to apologize to María, though she doesn't seem to require it since she rather likes the book (even though it's "dirty"). Ultimately, she becomes a minor celebrity and, after the film premiere of "Mambo Kings," she tells a television interviewer what Nestor Castillo was really like:

"When I met Nestor, on the street where I lived in Havana, he was just one of those poor souls I knew from my childhood, the kind of fellow who would never hurt anyone intentionally — he was a romantic sort, loved to sing to me, loved to dream aloud in my presence... I knew no one else like him. He treated me as if I were made of gold, loved me as if there were no tomorrow — why I let him go to America without me, I cannot say. But he was the one, as the old songs say, who got away."

Suffice to say that through the inadvertent good offices of the author-character Hijuelos, the last hanging thread of the "Mambo Kings" is reweoven into this reconsideration, and both María and her beloved Teresa avoid the tragedy that befell the Castillo brothers and find, each in her own way, unexpected happiness.

"Beautiful Maria of My Soul" can be read on its own, but you might want to enrich the experience by picking up the paperback reissue of "The Mambo Kings Plays Songs of Love." Read them in tandem and savor the mysterious power of a master's pentimento.

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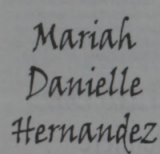
He is a graduate of Estacado High School - Go Matadors! He is the son of Bubba & Christy Vasquez and brother of Brandi. He enjoys baseball especially representing Estacado High.

Congratulations Lisa Nicole Briceño



She is a graduate of Lubbock High School - Go Westerners! She is the daughter of BB & Stephanie Briceño and sister of Eric Briceño.

Congratulations Mariah Danielle Hernandez



She is a graduate of Lubbock High School - Go Westerners! She is the daughter of Lucio and Marie Hernandez.

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would like to congratulate the Class of 2010 who graduated from Lubbock Schools and the surrounding communities. We wish you the best in the future! Remember to thank your parents for their continued support throughout the years. Continue your education and take advantage of the opportunities before you that will help shape your future!

Area Citizens Unite to Oppose Arizona-Style Immigration Legislation

LUBBOCK - A grassroots coalition of area citizens, led by Citizens in United Discourse Against Discrimination, is holding a march and rally to oppose the recently passed Arizona immigration law and its president, [CIUDAD] is a non-partisan organization of men and women united in support of the traditional American beliefs in liberty and justice for all.

The coalition asks that all participants arrive at Aztlán Park (101 Ave. J, Lubbock, Texas) SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010 by 9:30AM. There, they will provide some short instructions and then begin marching (at 10:00am) towards the Lubbock County Courthouse Gazebo (Texas Ave. and Broadway). The route will go south on Buddy Holly Ave. and transition to Texas Ave. (at the underpass just past 4th St) and continue to the Gazebo. The group should arrive at the Gazebo by 10:30-11:00am and a short program will be held. The featured speaker is Miguel Levato, PhD and Daniel Sánchez will also address the crowd.

Additionally, the names of those elected officials and candidates with the courage to stand for civil liberties will be read. Conversely, the coalition will denounce those who lacked the conviction to stand for civil liberties and the constitution.

The latter is in keeping with the group's promise of identifying and holding accountable local, city, county, state and national leaders who support immigration legislation similar to the Arizona law.

Through this action and future efforts the group will work toward the reversal of the Arizona law and closely monitor all proposed immigration legislation in Texas. Citizens interested in joining this effort may email Sanchez at dsanchez16@excite.com [CIUDAD]'s charter and purpose statements are included following.

[CIUDAD] Charter Statement Communities in United Discourse Against Discrimination (CIUDAD) is a non-partisan organization composed of men

and women united in the belief that the recent passage by Arizona of SB1070 as amended by HB 2162, is against American beliefs of liberty and justice for all. We view the legislation as a threat to the civil liberties of people in the United States.

[CIUDAD] will mobilize to identify and hold accountable local, city, county, state and national leaders who support legislation like the recent Arizona law. [CIUDAD] will lead this action on behalf of people who believe that the Arizona legislation, borne of discrimination and fear, is fundamentally flawed and would strip away our civil liberties.

[CIUDAD] will publicly identify, monitor and work to unseat local, city, county, state and national leaders who do not take a public stand against the discriminatory legislation or its equivalent. We will work to elect candidates who oppose Arizona-style legislation. Moreover, we will work with other like-minded groups who support civil rights and American

core beliefs in liberty and justice for all.

[CIUDAD] Purpose Statement [CIUDAD] acknowledges the need for immigration reform but denounces tactics used by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. This discriminatory law makes being in the state without proper immigration paperwork a state crime and mandates that police check the immigration status of people they suspect to be undocumented. We do not agree that local law enforcement should be permitted to question the legal status of an individual. Contrary to what HB2162 states, we believe this will lead to profiling resulting in illegal detainment, false arrest, denial of services and the alienation of many U.S. citizens.

[CIUDAD] will work toward the reversal of all such legislation. We will secure a promise from our civic, state and national leaders that no law or statute be passed that violates the rights of American citizens in the name of immigration reform.

Felicita Roberto Alonzo a los alumnos graduados y pide apoyo para la aprobación del Dream Act

Dallas, Tx. - Ante varios cientos de estudiantes que este año se graduaron del nivel preparatoria, el diputado estatal por el Distrito 104 de Dallas, Roberto Alonzo, se refirió a ellos como "nuestra próxima gran esperanza de profesionistas y de una comunidad latina mucho más combativa para pelear por sus derechos civiles y humanos".

En diversas ceremonias de graduación a las que asistió para dar su discurso a los alumnos, padres de familia y maestros, Alonzo lamentó también que miles de estos jóvenes no continuarán una carrera universitaria por "problemas familiares, económicos y por ser indocumentados".

Sin embargo, dijo que ninguna de esas problemáticas debería ser en la actualidad un obstáculo para que "nuestros estudiantes abandonen la escuela y dejen de convertirse en los profesionistas que demandan las exigentes necesidades y retos que enfrenta nuestro país".

"Ustedes como padres son el pilar más importante para que sus hijos puedan terminar cada uno sus ciclos escolares hasta graduarse de la universidad, por lo que les pido que les sigan dando todo su amor, apoyo, consejos y todo el tiempo necesario de comunicación para crear hijos y estudiantes más seguros de sí mismos y con buenos principios morales y éticos", enfatizó.

Asimismo, aunque reconoció que los factores económicos son "los grandes males que padece nuestra comunidad latina por los que miles de estudiantes abandonan las escuelas, el luchar día con día y tener seguridad a que ustedes vezan ese obstáculo, como lo han demostrado muchos de los estudiantes que hoy se gradúan", aseveró.

Roberto Alonzo criticó al mismo tiempo con severidad que sea la cuestión migratoria la que deje sin estudios universitarios a más de un millón de estudiantes que cada año terminan su preparatoria. Lamentó que entre esos alumnos se encuentren una gran cantidad de excelentes estudiantes que por ser indocumentados "ven frustrados sus estudios y por ende sus vidas".

"Como diputado estatal he apoyado desde hace años en la Cámara de Diputados y Congreso federal la aprobación del Dream Act y no descansaré hasta que por lo menos en Texas este programa migratorio sea puesto en vigencia", enfatizó ante el aplauso de los asistentes.

Por tal motivo, pidió tam-



bién el apoyo y participación de los padres de familia, maestros y alumnos en las marchas, reuniones y todo tipo de actividad "que estamos realizando en los Congresos texano y federal en busca de mayor apoyo de los legisladores para la aprobación del Acta del Sueño".

Alonzo calificó de "injustas" las actuales leyes migratorias y de "ineficientes" el sistema migratorio federal, por lo que -afirmando- "urge que el Congreso de los Estados Unidos apruebe lo más pronto posible una amplia Reforma Migratoria para empezar a solucionar el problema de millones de indocumentados en el país,

incluidos los estudiantes", recalzó despertando un fuerte y prolongado aplauso de los asistentes.

"Ahora, todos juntos han dado un paso muy importante para terminar su preparatoria, quiero felicitar a todos ustedes como alumnos, padres de familia, maestros y directivos de las escuelas, por hacer este día una realidad de desarrollo como personas y próximos profesionistas que necesitan los Estados Unidos para enfrentar los grandes retos que demandan los tiempos actuales... Que Dios los bendiga a todos ustedes", terminó diciendo el reconocido diputado estatal Roberto Alonzo.



DOE-NETL Anuncia Reunión Pública de Scopings sobre el Propuesto Proyecto de Energía Limpia en Texas



El Departamento de Energía de EE.UU. (DOE) Laboratorio Nacional de Tecnología Energética (NETL) anuncia una reunión pública para ayudar al DOE a definir el alcance de una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental (EIS) para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con la acción propuesta de proporcionar \$350 millones en fondos federales para el proyecto Proyecto de Energía Limpia en Texas (TCEP). El sitio propuesto de TCEP se encuentra aproximadamente 15 millas al noreste de Odessa, Texas, a lo largo de la autopista interestatal 20, al norte de la comunidad de Pecoswell. Un anuncio de intención de preparar un EIS se publicará en el Registro Federal a principios de junio de 2010.

El proyecto consistirá en la planificación, diseño, construcción y operación por Summit Texas Clean Energy, LLC de una planta central eléctrica alimentada por carbón y de producción de productos químicos integrada con la captura y secuestro geológico de dióxido de carbono (CO2). DOE seleccionó este proyecto para la concesión de una ayuda financiera a través de un proceso competitivo bajo el programa de Iniciativa de Energía de Carbono Limpio (CCP).

DOE está organizando una reunión pública de scopings para presentar un panorama general de la acción propuesta del DOE, y el proyecto propuesto de Summit, y de ofrecer al público la oportunidad de someter sus comentarios o sugerencias sobre el contenido del EIS, las cuestiones que deben abordarse, y las alternativas del proyecto que deben ser consideradas. Los comentarios sobre el scoping deben describir claramente los problemas específicos o temas que el EIS debería abordar. La reunión pública de scoping se llevará a cabo:

Jueves, 17 de junio 2010
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Sesión Informativa de Píctores
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Presentaciones Formales y Comentarios

Las personas pueden inscribirse con anticipación para hablar en la reunión pública durante la sesión formal llenando al número gratuito 800-432-8330, ext. 4426 (o enviando un correo electrónico a Summit.EIS@netl.doe.gov) o inscribirse en persona en la reunión antes de las presentaciones formales. Comentaristas están invitados inicialmente a cinco minutos de tiempo que suficiente tiempo estará disponible para escuchar a todos los individuos. Los comentaristas pueden ser sometidos en la reunión en lugar de comentarlos en sitio. Si necesita asistencia, tal como un traductor del lenguaje por señas, para ser favorecido por favor póngase en contacto con Mark L. McKay por los menos 48 horas antes de la reunión para que se puedan hacer arreglos.

Los comentaristas escritos sobre el scope del EIS y cuestionamientos al proyecto propuesto deben ser dirigidos al Sr. Mark L. McKay, DOE-NETL, por correo electrónico (Summit.EIS@netl.doe.gov), fax (904-285-4403), o por correo postal (3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, MS B07, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880). Los comentaristas deben ser recibidos entre de 9 a 5 de la tarde del 2 de julio 2010 para garantizar cumplimiento.

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Communities In United Discourse Against Discrimination

¡CIUDAD! Invites YOU to Lubbock March/Rally Oposing Arizona SB1070 Immigration Bill Saturday, June 5, 2010

at Aztlán Park, 1st & Avenue J onto downtown Buddy Holly Avenue & ending at Lubbock County Courthouse Gazebo Start arriving time 9:00 AM MARCH STARTS AT 10:00 AM

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