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Neighborhood Associations host District I Forum

Guadalupe Neighborhood Association along with the Arnett Benson Neighborhood Association hosted the Lubbock City Council District I Political Forum on Tuesday evening

at the Cavazos Middle School located on 210 N. University.

All candidates seeking election were present and eager to share

how they would represent their district if elected. Rafael Gutierrez II, Victor Hernandez Esq., and Glen Robertson were welcomed by the Presidents of each Association, Carlos Quirino, Jr and Natalia Salazar. The moderator was Armando Rodriguez of Texas Tech KTXD and the panelists represented were Christy Martinez-Garcia with Lubbock Latino magazine, Esther Sepeda former CEO of Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Olga Riojas-Aguero of El Editor.

The panelist covered a range of issues which effects District I including Code Enforcement; District I 'Underserved'; Racial Profiling within the Lubbock Police Department; Taxes, City Services Increases; Bond Elections; appointments to Commissions and Boards and even the opinion of division within the Hispanic Community in District I.

Upon questioning about Code Enforcements, Robertson stated his evaluation allows room to make changes on the existing code enforcement while meeting the needs of the community.

Gutierrez stated that he would like to evaluate the number of individuals that would be in the unit in order to accommodate a change if needed. On the other hand, Hernandez's take was to require landlords to enforce codes, inspect the property, and have a overall human approach to the problem at hand.

Panelist Martinez-Garcia questioned the candidates about their stance on rolling back taxes or raising fees in city services. Each of

the candidates gave a brief deliberation regarding this issue. Gutierrez, who seemed to have gone in circles with the question finally answered in affirmation to each depending on usage of services

per unit. Later, Panelist Riojas-Aguero pressed Gutierrez for a direct answer. "Would you favor being open, honest and transparent about taxes? By this, I mean would you end increasing fees for city services because a FEE is really a TAX and the elderly, low income and fixed income citizens?"

All candidates including Gutierrez answered in favor to this question.

Panelist Sepeda then proceeded to question the candidates about the bond election. She inquired if they believed once a bond election takes place is it right or fair to shift bond money around to other areas for the city even though it was not part of the bond election? Robertson said, "You

same". In closing, questions were entertained by the audience and one question that stood out was from Lubbock County Commissioner Pct. 3, Gilberto Flores whose precinct includes District 1, 2 & 3.

He questioned if the candidates would support to add two more council members after the census, and if not why? The reply from all three candidates was an overhelmy yes. Robertson added he would favor 2 at-large after everything is evaluated.

"We have to keep in mind the reason behind the single member district, which was to allow equal representation on the council and with this mind I would be in favor of it as well," said Hernandez.

Other topics that were addressed by the audience was industrial zoning in neighborhoods, the homeless committee issues and more.

Hernandez and Robertson concluded the forum with a strong statement when asked why District I was considered underserved compared to the rest of the city. "It's not fair that almost everything is going to the southwest of the city," Robertson said. "We need effective leadership and I feel there is a loss of respect in the council but yet we are still one community. We need to work together to eliminate this."

"I have heard so much of this effective leadership, and I feel that I must respond to this," said Hernandez. "Does that mean you would go along to get along? My record speaks for itself when representing District I and I am very proud of it. I served in the Lubbock City Council for 11 years; been a military captain for 10 years, very successful lawyer and my education

speaks for itself and married for 25 years. I feel my leadership has been very effective and will continue to do this

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Obama falters on immigration reform promises

Advocates for illegal immigrants fear the White House is doing the bare

Obama telephoned Sen. Scott Brown (R-Mass.) from Air Force One and

a legislative proposal and "identify additional cosponsors from both parties."



minimum to appease Latino voters before midterm elections as it focuses on other issues.

A White House commitment to overhaul the nation's immigration system this year is collapsing, with the Obama administration undecided about the best way to proceed on an issue the president had identified as a top priority.

Immigration advocates who meet regularly with White House officials said the Obama administration had been considering several approaches, including convening a summit meeting devoted to the issue and putting forward its own bill. Those who attended a session Friday with administration officials said they came away with no indication the White House had settled on a course of action.

President Obama "made some commitments that he's supposed to be delivering on," said Angela Kelley, vice president for immigration policy at the Center for American Progress, a think tank with close ties to the Obama White House. "And that was over a month ago. So everybody can look at the calendar and make a pretty educated guess about how many days we have to get immigration done."

Immigration advocates fear the White House is doing the bare minimum needed to appease Latino voters before the midterm elections in November, while concentrating its efforts on issues it considers more urgent.

The White House stated Tuesday that it still wanted to pass a bill this year and was trying to round up cosponsors. Flying home from a trip to Los Angeles,

asked him to consider supporting an immigration bill, according to a Brown aide.

But the conversation wasn't fruitful. Brown told Obama that he would review any legislation that comes up, but that he believes "that the immediate focus should be on fixing the economy and creating jobs," the senator's aide said.

For immigration to pass in the narrow window left before campaign season fully kicks in, Obama needs to step up his involvement, members of Congress and immigration advocates said.

"The critical ingredient for whether we get immigration reform done this year will be whether the president has the courage to step forward and lead," said Deepak Bhargava, executive director of the Center for Community Change, an advocacy group for low-income people and minority groups. "That is the indispensable ingredient."

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), who met with Obama at the White House last month to discuss progress on immigration, said the president needed to put forward his own plan.

It's not clear Obama intends to do that. In a statement Tuesday, the White House suggested it wanted Congress to take the lead.

Graham and Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) have outlined a proposal that combines tough border security with a path to legal status for undocumented immigrants that involves payment of fines and back taxes.

The White House statement said the proposal represents a "framework that the president supports." The White House said the senators should develop

Obama's push to line up bipartisan support has foundered this point. Asked Tuesday whether any Republicans other than Graham had pledged support, one Obama administration aide simply laughed.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), once a proponent of a sweeping immigration overhaul, released a 10-point plan on Monday that focused exclusively on border security.

Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), a supporter of the 10-point plan, said in an interview: "The prospects this year are not very good" for passage of an immigration bill. He cited as the reason "huge violence" at the border and the lack of consensus on the elements of an immigration bill.

Obama initially had promised to take up the issue in his first year in office. He missed the deadline amid an all-out push to enact a healthcare overhaul. Now, Obama is pushing for new regulations for the financial industry, tighter campaign finance laws and a new Supreme Court justice to replace John Paul Stevens, who is retiring.

Amid disappointment with Obama, Latinos also are anxious over a bill passed by Arizona state lawmakers to crack down on illegal immigration. Critics say the bill will empower police to engage in racial profiling.

An Obama aide said the White House is reviewing the bill, which has not yet been signed by Arizona's Republican governor, Jan Brewer.

In a statement Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Luis V. Guterrez (D-Ill.) said: "Latino and immigrant voters remind me the promises they hear and are tuned in enough to see they haven't been kept."

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How tough seems to be when the fight kicks up a notch?

by Gregory Trebb

As we begin celebrating the right rhetoric from Democratic officials who want a respectful Latino voter turnout this year and who want to see some support for our ethnic brethren who have issues with their immigration status.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., recently said that he can get 56 of the 59 senators who Democrats or independents to block an immigration reform bill. This means there are enough votes to pass it. The only issue is if about four Republicans could be persuaded to side with him so as to eliminate the chance that GOP senators use the filibuster procedure to prevent a vote from being taken.

WE ALSO HAVE Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., going out of his way recently to remind us that his political adviser or immigrant (although that's wrong) the years he has always talked positively of having ethnic origins in Lithuania.

We have many Democratic officials saying they'd like to support the issue. Even President Barack Obama has made vague statements saying something will happen "this year," although what and when exactly has never been specified.

It sounds sweet. Democrats who have an majority in both chambers of Congress say they're sympathetic to making changes in the nation's immigration laws so as to make it possible for people already living and working in this country to remain here openly - no longer having to worry about some minor issue like a traffic stop somehow uncovering the fact that they do not have a valid visa.

BUT WHAT I AM wondering (and I'm sure I am not alone on this point) is how much of a backbone will those government officials aligned with the Democratic Party show when the Republican parties who are more than willing to play politics with this issue decide to start attacking people who...

Are we going to see some serious political gamesmanship get something past this outspoken opposition - so serious for now as in the thermometer? Or are we going to get to the point where Democratic politicians about how they would have liked to have addressed the issue, but were prevented from doing so by political gamesmanship on the part of Republicans?

What is what a filibuster really is - let's be honest! REALIZE THAT Latino activists who follow political activity seriously are correct when they make comparisons to the civil rights movement that had its earliest origins in the late 1940s but didn't get Congress and a president to pass serious legislation until Lyndon B. Johnson showed political backbone in 1964.

These things take time. They build up to a boiling point. If we're going to get to the point where we're getting close to that boiling point when action of some type must occur, and that if something does not happen this year a good part of the momentum will be lost.

That is part of the power of the overwhelming Democratic Party majorities that were achieved in both the House and the Senate, and that likely to be reduced significantly due to the natural ebb and flow of partisan politics where things go back and forth. THERE IS an issue that one must hit on certain issues at a certain time. It may very well be that immigration reform's "time" is now, even though I am not one of those people who is irrevocably upset because immigration "reform" was not Obama's first act as president. This issue will become an ugly partisan battle, and some people will go out of their way to camouflage their tenorships by claiming that the national consensus exists as well as evidence for the past two years make this exactly the wrong time to address this issue.

Why encourage non-citizens to stay in this country at a time when painful employment "cuts" will still say.

Of course, that ignores the fact that these economic downturns come up. How much more if we're going to wait for a time when we will be guaranteed that we will never face financial struggles again, that only means immigration reform will never occur.

THE REALITY is that the two "issues" are not connected. If anything, we'd probably be helping the native worker in this country with immigration reform because by stabilizing the status of these undocumented workers who are attractive to unscrupulous employers because they see them as a source of workers who can be taken advantage of, we're helping the native worker.

Which very well means that, if given a choice between being required to treat a citizen and a non-citizen worker identically, the citizen would pick a more proper. Provided, that is, you can find many citizens who want to pick vegetables or push a mop or do any of the other menial (and sometimes dangerous) jobs that newcomers to this country use as an entry ticket into society.

This is an issue whose time has come, and addressing it will be beneficial to us all. SO WHAT WILL it be for our Democratic parties (who do rely heavily on Latino voter support this day to counter the types who are ideologically inclined to let Tatio Party support them)?

Will they fight? Or are they already preparing their list of reasons why nothing could be done this summer?

ALEXIS, LORENZO AND THE 18-PERCENTERS

Alexis de Tocqueville, the French political thinker and historian who wrote "Democracy in America" in 1835, has fed public debate ever since his first book appeared.

He was from an aristocratic family, was exiled in England during the French Revolution and then returned to France. In 1817, he came to the United States, with his first mission to be the basis for the history of the country, but his first volume was about his travels and how the markets, Western expansion, and Jacksonian democracy were transforming life in this young nation.

Democracy was the fulcrum that balanced the quests for liberty and equality. (Well, not quite, because slavery did not allow liberty, equality, nor democracy.) Services which Tocqueville opposed was the great contradiction embedded into the high ideals of the nation's founding.

As he observed, he observed the United States did not have an aristocratic elite. It was a society motivated by hard work for people to become better off by making money, giving a common man an unprecedented dignity. People didn't have to come to elites. Individualism and market capitalism were at the root. The democratic system had a new way to confront unresolved issues when the old, traditional ways failed.

Tocqueville had a predecessor who also came to observe the United States from abroad. He tested his powers of insight about society, politics, and people-by-people.

Lorenzo de Zavala wrote "Journey to the United States of North America," a book about democratic culture. It first appeared in France in 1831. The English translation was published about 1980, a century and a half later.

Zavala was a liberal (as in "liberty," not as in Democratic Party), a seminarian graduate, and founder of newspapers in Yucatan, Mexico. He was recognized for his views and his journalism by the Spanish colonial government. Fluent in several languages, he taught himself from medical books and became a doctor while in prison.

Experience Did Not Matter More than Anti Government Tea Party Stance - Delwin Jones vs. Charles Perry, April 2010

Neale Pearson, Prof. Emeritus of Political Science, Texas Tech University, April 15, 2010

Apparently anti-government, anti-tax, and perhaps anti-establishment Tea Party attitudes affected voter turnout on Election Day April 13 resulting in the defeat of Delwin Jones in District 83 and Mark Griffin in District 84. An analysis of the results of data for Early Voting and Election Day shows Jones lost 1,839 of his March 2 votes when the smoke of combat cleared while 1,209 more voters supported Perry in the runoff than in the first round of voting. The skilled voter identification and turnout actions of Perry's Campaign Organizer Jordan Berry (from East Texas) enabled Perry to defeat Jones in twelve of fifteen Jones won in the March 2 voting including Jones' home precinct 118, Bayless. See Table 1 below. Clearly, the endorsements of Jones by Zack Brady, the third candidate in the March election, and State Senator Robert Duncan did not help the long term incumbent. It is doubtful that any Brady or Duncan activists helped Jones and probably few or no Brady supporters helped Perry's campaign in block walking or telephone calling. John Frullo, who won 4,992 votes March 2, received 4,203 votes in the Runoff but Griffin, who received 5,652 votes in March, only won nearly 3,698 in the Runoff Election, a much larger loss than Jones of Frullo in both Early Voting and Election Day voting.

Precincts with an 'R' or # were considered to be crucial on Election Day because they were neighborhood "strongholds" of one or the other candidate. * Voters in Prec. 84, 62, and 124 went to the Rader Ridge Method. Center. # Voters in 78, 104, 109, 111 went to Crestview 129.

Table 1: Voter Preferences in High Population Precincts. Columns include Precinct, Dem. Mar. 2, Dem. Mar. 2 + E.D., Rep. Mar. 2, Rep. Mar. 2 + E.D., Total Mar. 2, Total Mar. 2 + E.D., Margin Mar. 2, Margin Mar. 2 + E.D.

ALEXIS, LORENZO Y LOS DEL 18 POR CIENTO

Alexis de Tocqueville, pensador político e historiador francés quien escribió "La democracia en América" en 1835, ha alimentado el debate público desde que salió su libro.

Proveniente de una familia aristocrática, estuvo exiliado en Inglaterra durante la Revolución Francesa y luego volvió a Francia. En 1817, vino a los Estados Unidos, con su amigo Gastave de Beaumont, para estudiar el sistema de cárceles, pero su primer trabajo publicado trató acerca de los usos y costumbres de los mercados, la expansión de la ciudad y la democracia en circulación hasta la invención de la sociología y las ciencias políticas.

Como lo Tocqueville, Zavala reconoció que la sociedad y las políticas conformadas en los Estados Unidos eran importantes pero no necesariamente un modelo para México. Los Estados Unidos tenía una historia esclava. Sus ideales de "igualdad" no correspondían a la realidad. La historia colonial de México, por su parte, tenía elementos "serviles" cuya tendencia era hacia un gobierno centralista. Mientras tanto, en Francia se desarrolló la aristocracia y el quacero se impuso que le imponían establecer una democracia presidencial más reciente.

Si de de Tocqueville o a Zavala estudiara escribiendo sobre la sociedad estadounidense, hoy, el libro diría probablemente que la cultura estadounidense, como en el universo en expansión, se alejó más de un pasado indefinible en el 2008. Sin embargo, como los dos desfilos a continuación en el nuevo siglo.

La elección de Barack Obama fue una importante ruptura con el pasado, como no fueron las elecciones de Andrew Jackson y Abraham Lincoln y Franklin Roosevelt y John F. Kennedy. Estas elecciones, como una democracia práctica y no simplemente teórica, significaron el triunfo del optimismo, al cual se refirió como "esperanza" en la campaña presidencial más reciente.

Entonces, ¿qué trató todos los gritos de protesta y la iría e hablar de armas y llamar a la gente con "ismos" y ocupar y echar pestes?

La continuación/optimismo. Las palabras, acciones, las miradas severas, la retórica staccato, impulsada por lugares comunes, convierte la lluvia refrescante de primavera en una sopa de pepinillos curados.

De Tocqueville tenía un predecessor quien también vino a observar los Estados Unidos (desde el extranjero). Comprobó sus poderes de percepción acerca de la sociedad, la política y el ser persona en una forma de "Journey to the United States of North America" en 1831.

Apareció primero en Francia en 1831. No se publicó su traducción al inglés sino hasta 1980, siglo y medio después. Zavala era liberal (en tanto a "libertad" y no el partido demócrata), graduado de seminario, y fundador de periódicos en el Yucatán, México. Fue reconocido por su perspectiva política y su periodismo por el gobierno colonial español. Hablaba varios idiomas, aprendió de libros de medicina en la cárcel y se hizo médico durante su encierro.

Estuvo entre los primeros redactores de la Constitución de México (documento que abarca la legislación) y una de las

Will Hispanic voters end Texas Republicans' majority status?

By Mark P. Jones

The Texas Republican Party today finds itself in the uncomfortable position of possessing limited electoral support among Hispanic voters, generating scant enthusiasm among Hispanics to participate in its primary elections, having virtually no statewide non-judicial or legislative officeholders who are Hispanic, and running a minuscule number of Hispanic candidates for state and legislative office.

At present, Hispanics account for 38 percent of the Texas population. By 2040, an absolute majority of all Texans will be Hispanics, and by 2060 an absolute majority of Texas voters will be Hispanics. Yet, not a single one of the 95 Republican members of the Texas House and Senate or any of the 22 members of the Texas delegation in the U.S. Congress is Hispanic. These numbers contrast markedly with the Texas Democratic Party, where 34 of the 84 Democratic members of the Texas House and Senate are Hispanic, an 81 percent of the party's U.S. House members.

Statewide, only one of the nine Republican officeholders in Hispanic and Carroll will be leaving office next year after political unknown David Porter in the March primary. Carroll's defeat is largely attributable to the combination a lack of voter information about the two candidates and the tendency of Texas Republican primary voters in situations of limited information to cast a vote for candidates with Anglo surnames in the 2008 presidential election, two-thirds of Texas Hispanics voted for Democrat Barack Obama, while only one-third supported Republican John McCain. More recently, in the 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary, approximately 15 percent of voters were Hispanic. Even in Abilene (90 percent Hispanic) Hidalgo County, just 38 percent of early voters in the Republican primary were Hispanic.

The presence of Hispanics among the ranks of Republican state officeholders will not improve following the November 2010 general election. Only one of the 128 Republican candidates for the Texas House and Senate are Hispanic, and only one has a realistic chance of victory. In addition, none of the seven non-judicial statewide candidates are Hispanic. The situation is only modestly better at the congressional level, where four of the party's 32 U.S. House candidates are Hispanic. All are running against favored Democratic incumbents, and, realistically, the best the Republican Party can hope for in the election of one Hispanic congressman is November.

Lastly, the highly charged statements made over the past few years by many Texas legislators in Austin and Washington, D.C. regarding undocumented immigrants has contributed to a negative view of the Republican Party by many Hispanics, especially young Hispanics who are at the most influential point in their life in regard to the development of partisan identification. These statements, which are viewed as anti-Hispanic by many Hispanics, combined with a virtual absence of Hispanic officeholders and candidates, have created an impression among many Texas Hispanics that the Republican Party is not a welcoming place for them as well as not a strong advocate for their interests. In the short term, the Republican Party's majority status in Texas should remain unshaken. But the Texas Republican Party is likely to find itself returned to its former minority party status in 10 to 20 years, unless the party improves its support among Hispanic voters via actions such as the adoption of a more moderate and realistic position on immigration policy and the recruitment of, and provision of effective support for, Hispanic candidates.

No Choice for Voters to Hear Mayoral Debate

The Chamber of Commerce and News Channel 11 KCBD chose to break tradition and not have the bi-annual debate for the mayoral candidates, but decided to only have district 1 and 5 debates instead.

Gody Smart said that he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and in good standing, which has been the criterion in years past. Smart said that it would have been important chance for the voters to see the candidates discuss the issues facing the city.

"It means that Lubbock voters are asked to go to the polls on May 8th for the only at large election in Lubbock, without seeing a single face to face discussion of the issues between the two main candidates" Smart said. "This seriously harms the ability of voters to see the stark contrasts between the candidates, and make an informed decision."

In the past, mayoral debates have been held by the Chamber of Commerce for all those candidates in good standing, for all the voters to see before voting. This year, the voters don't get that luxury, and that is unfortunate. There are large and important differences between the views of Mr. Martin and Mr. Smart, and the citizens deserve the opportunity to hear them. Smart welcomes all answers to discuss the issues in plain sight for all to see.

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Lejana la reforma migratoria

No hay nada concreto en el Congreso, pese a las especulaciones

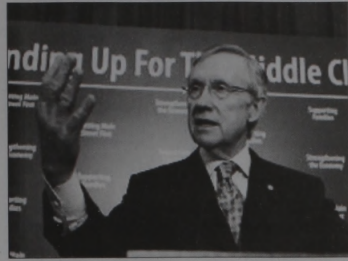
El líder de la mayoría Harry Reid (D-NV) des-

la agenda legislativa, los otros temas pendientes y las

retractaba de inmigración. Fue mal intencionado, equivocado e injusto", dijo Reid.

Cada día que pasa los avances en la legislación parecen más lejanos, considerando que aún no existe nada concreto como un proyecto de ley. Varias fuentes demócratas en el Senado aseguran que los senadores Charles Schumer (D-NY) y Lindsey Graham (R-SC) han llegado a un nivel avanzado en sus negociaciones, con áreas definidas y cerradas en el proyecto de ley. Además, insisten en que gran parte de la propuesta está escrita. Sin embargo, ningún documento ha salido a la luz pública, excepto por la columna de opinión publicada en el Washington Post. Otras fuentes vinculadas a inmigración hablan de la reticencia de Graham para ir más allá este año, a pesar de su voluntad para concretar en una propuesta. Eso ha llevado a evaluar la posibilidad de que los demócratas presente un proyecto solos, como lo hicieron con salud.

"Si" dijo Reid consultado por La Opinión sobre si esto estaba siendo considerado. Sin embargo, esto se habla con cautela, y es enunciado aún como una opción lejana, que si fracasara, puede condenar a inmigración al ostracismo por muchos años.



cartó el 1 de mayo como una fecha viable para tener un proyecto migratorio presentado ante el Congreso, después de que los grupos activistas hubieran señalado esta fecha como crucial para la supervivencia del proyecto de ley este año.

"Yo no voy por estos límites de tiempo arbitrarios, no se a quién se le ocurrió eso. Pero la respuesta a eso es no, no pienso eso, no pienso que sea el caso. Me encantaría tener el proyecto para entonces, pero una vez que lo tengamos nos podemos mover muy rápidamente", respondió Reid a La Opinión, cuando se le consultó por el 1 de Mayo como el día final para tener una propuesta ante el Congreso.

Grupos pro inmigración indicaron este periodo como crucial, considerando

elecciones de noviembre, que restringen considerablemente los avances en el Capitolio los últimos meses del año.

Reid habló con la prensa hispana, tras una difícil semana en el Capitolio. El senador fue cuestionado por medios estadounidenses respecto a si la agenda demócrata empujará la reforma migratoria este periodo de trabajo -que dura hasta el Día de la Recordación (Memorial Day)- tras las declaraciones realizadas el fin de semana, en un evento público en Nevada, donde llamó a concretar una reforma migratoria en el 2010.

Sin embargo, "No mencioné inmigración para las siguientes semanas, no tenía la intención de hacerlo y gracias a eso, la prensa hizo mucho ruido diciendo que yo me

Dorothy Height's Legacy Is An Inspiration To Today's Civil Rights Leaders

Janet Murguía, President and CEO of NCLR (National Council of La Raza), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, joins the nation in honoring the legacy of civil rights pioneer Dr. Dorothy Height, who passed away this morning at the age of 98.

Height was the leading female voice in the American civil rights movement. Throughout her distinguished career, she served as President Emerita of the National Council of Negro Women and Chair of The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, where she worked closely with NCLR for more than three decades. In 2004, Congress honored her with its highest mark of civilian distinction, the Congressional Gold Medal.

"Dorothy Height was a role model to me and other women leaders in the civil rights com-

munity. She broke down barriers for so many of us to follow—with

her signature grit and consummate grace—and for that, we will always be deeply grateful," said Murguía.



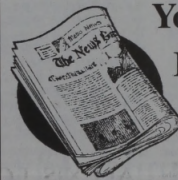
Our nation has lost an unparalleled leader, the civil rights community has lost one of its most powerful activists, and minority communities have lost one of their most resounding voices,"

said Murguía. "Dr. Height's unrelenting fight for justice serves as a charge to all civil rights leaders to continue working to make this nation live up to its values of fairness and equality."

"Dr. Height's legacy will undoubtedly live on through the work of the many civil rights organizations that are founded on the very same principle she spent her life advocating for: justice for all Americans, despite race or gender. "Her never-ending work for women's rights and equality for all is a model for the spirit of excellence that every civil rights leader should strive to maintain. Though the times have changed, the challenge to make this country live up to its fullest potential, despite adversity, remains the same. My thoughts and prayers are with the Height family," Murguía concluded.

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King Coya, Mexican Institute of Sound to Remix Julieta Venegas

As it was expected, Julieta Venegas' 'Otra Cosa' currently stands as the year's most successful Pop-Alternative record in 2010. The artist

and famous for his highly textured fusions of Cumbia and traditional South American music. Also in the list are Los Macacos and Los Am



up and rising indie acts. Although she couldn't confirm it, she mentioned the plan to have Matias Aguiar as one of the guests. The other remix would come from fellow Mexican friend Camilo Lara, better known

is currently on a promotional tour sponsored by Jack-Dani's Studio No.7 Latino, becoming the first woman to tour the U.S. on Studio No.7's private gigs. Julieta is currently cooking a great surprise for her fans, a collection of remixes from her new album.



as the Mexican Institute of Sound, whose remix of first single Bien o Mal was already included as a bonus track on the Deluxe edition of 'Otra Cosa'. While recording 'Otra Cosa', Julieta took the initiative of remixing a couple of songs herself, something unprecedented in her career. She remixed the rock anthem 'Bestia' by Hello Seahorse!, as well as a gorgeous remix for Ceci Bastida's 'Como Soy'. The release of 'Otra Cosa Remixes' is expected to arrive in a few months.

The lineup of remixes is yet to be known, but on a recent radio interview for Reactor 105.7, she announced some of the names responsible for recreating her songs. First off, is Argentina's King Coya, part of the ZZK Collective

Has Conan O'Brien Leno'd George Lopez? Reports are Mixed

Conan O'Brien is moving his show to TBS, knocking talk show comedian George Lopez back an hour, to midnight.

So has Lopez been Leno'd? Lopez has adamantly insisted on his show that he loves the idea, but the NY Post's Page Six yesterday quoted sources saying Lopez faced a stark choice: embrace the idea or head to the woodshed.

What's more, Conan's contract states that if Lopez leaves, Conan will possibly take over the midnight slot as well, according to the story.

"It's in Conan's best interest for Lopez's show to fail," an unnamed TBS source told Page Six. Reps for both Conan and Lopez have called the claim "completely untrue" and "fabricated." They say the initial storyline is the one that is true.

When news of Conan's new contract broke last week, it was reported that Conan wasn't even approached until Lopez gave executives his blessings. Lopez then went out of his way to say that he is fired up about the plan, which is slated to take effect in September.

"I'm completely 100 percent on board with this move. I talked to Conan on Wednesday... and I said 'I welcome you into my deep, loving embrace.'" Lopez said on his show last week. "Then I said let's take the party and make it bigger and take it into the next generation of late-night TV."

With this, the crowd -- which at first seemed uncertain -- roared. "Everybody has heard 'I'm with Coco,' but now everybody can go 'Lolo!'"

Comedian Chris Rock later put Lopez on the spot, saying half-jokingly that Lopez was moving to make room for the "white man."



Lopez responded: "I get to go to work an hour later -- that's a Latino's dream come true!"

Unlike what happened with the O'Brien-Leno debacle, Lopez might have more to lose about O'Brien's move to TBS. Both men cater to a young

audience; many believe they represent the genre's future. And for Lopez, whose profile is quite a bit lower than that of O'Brien or Leno, the benefits of the O'Brien boost could very well outweigh the costs of a later start date. Only time will tell.

Movie Review: "The Secret in their Eyes"



"A person can change everything about themselves but their passion." That statement is crucial by a supporting character at a key point in the Oscar-winning *The Secret in their Eyes*, but watching the film, you gotta hope that it applies to director Juan Jose Campanella as well. One of Argentina's top behind-the-camera talents, he has fashioned a satisfyingly complex movie -- part suspenseful thriller, part

police procedural, part big-budget love-romance and even part comedy -- that gets under your skin and stays there. Can't wait to see what he does next.

The Secret grabs you from the start, thanks to lead actor Ricardo Darin, who plays Benjamin, a recently retired court investigator writing a novel based on an unsolved rape-murder case that has haunted him for 25 years. In flashbacks, he also plays Benjamin the young man in the prime of his life, bent on hunting down the killer for the sake of the victim's husband, who loved his wife with the same intensity that Benjamin loves his smart, beautiful upper-class boss (Solead Villamil). Whether he's

trying to keep his emotions in check around the woman that he's secretly in love with (in flashbacks) or trying to analyze what went wrong in the case and in his own life (in the present), Darin's fleshy face and piercing light eyes form a compelling mix of pent-up emotion and a spark of still-burning vitality.

Campanella's mix of tones in the movie doesn't sacrifice any one aspect of the movie for another: You are as captivated by the haunting story behind the crime as you are by scenes that explore Benjamin and Irene's unspoken decades-long love for one another; Guillermo Francella as Benjamin's best friend and colleague, a lovable drunk who

was seemingly born spouting witticisms, brings much needed catharsis to the film. Along the way, there are some bravado scenes, including a five-minute, one-take scene in which Benjamin and Pablo chase down a suspect at a packed soccer game, and another in which Benjamin and Irene question the suspect. But Campanella packs the most heartbreak, shocking, and redemptive moments for the last 20 minutes of the movie. It would be unforgetable to give away any of those moments here. Suffice it to say that passion -- whether deferred, explosive, quiet, disturbing or burnt out -- is at the heart of the film and at the heart of its shocking, rewarding last moments.

El camino de Camila: El trío mexicano alcanza el éxito

Quizás formar un trío pop masculino con nombre de mujer no sea la manera ideal de cautivar a miles de personas por toda Latinoamérica, pero el grupo mexicano Camila parece estarlo logrando. Después de su éxito a mediados del 2005 con "Todo cambió", su primer álbum que vendió 500,000 ejemplares a nivel mundial y que comparte título con la balada romántica que los dio a conocer en el ambiente, Camila busca dejar una huella más profunda con "Dejar de amar", su actual producción que viene sonando desde febrero. Con la meta de alinear su poco

del pop tradicional, los vocalistas Mario Domín y Samuel Para "Sinos", junto al guitarrista Pablo Hurtado, se han lanzado con una mezcla de rock, guitarras más cargadas, percusiones y una participación de la orquesta en el álbum que ya ha sido catalogado disco de oro en Colombia y Venezuela. Camila expone un emotivo sonido a lo largo de la producción con las armonías vocales de Sinos y las melodías de Domín, junto a las coreístas de Hurtado con su guitarra.

Con un segundo sencillo, "Aléjate de mí", sonando en las estaciones

radiales de México, Puerto Rico y Argentina, entre otros lugares, y una gira de conciertos lista para arrancar en junio, Domín está seguro que el trío va en buen camino hacia alcanzar su deseo. Aléjate de mí lleva más de dos meses encabezando las listas de las principales estaciones radiales argentinas y mexicanas. "Este (disco) es más intenso, con más rock y hasta folk. Queríamos un disco mejor y distinto al primero", afirmó Domín, compositor de nueve de los 11 temas de la producción. "Dejar de amar" ganó la certificación de doble platino por

sus altas ventas en su México natal, donde los tres integrantes dicen sentir el mismo apoyo del público que los recibió hace cinco años. La producción refleja lo que han vivido los tres desde la salida del primer disco -- uno que fue acompañado de una gira de tres años. "Para hacer algo de nuestras carreras dejamos el amor, dejamos muchas cosas atrás, cosas importantes", dice Hurtado, quien es el responsable de las largas secciones de guitarra y de la letra de la canción "Me voy". "Nos vivimos con mucha soledad y dolor durante la gira pero... cada canción en

este álbum está hecha con ganas y mucho amor". Aunque existan pequeñas diferencias entre los tres integrantes, muchas veces es un reto difícil trabajar juntos para llegar a un acuerdo. "Se sabe que tenemos que trabajar en equipo para poder llegar a un mismo lugar", dice Domín. "Hay una admiración tremenda entre [nosotros] y funcionamos muy bien en equipo". Después de escuchar más de 30 temas para luego grabar 11 canciones -- todas escritas entre hoteles y aeropuertos durante la gira anterior -- Para y Domín dicen

estar motivados por la oportunidad de llevar su música a donde todavía no saben quién es Camila. La oportunidad de exponer su música aún más allá empieza el 26 de junio cuando el trío abra su gira en San Juan, Puerto Rico. Domín expresó que las presentaciones del grupo estarían llenas de efectos visuales y producciones con mucha creatividad. "Queríamos llevar nuestra música a Brasil, Francia, Italia, Alemania y todos los lugares a donde no saben quién es Camila", dice Para. "Queremos que el público sienta una conexión con la música".

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Mexican Golf Star Lorena Ochoa Retiring

MEXICO CITY — Mexican golfer Lorena Ochoa, who has been No. 1 in the world for the past three years, said Tuesday she was retiring after a 10-year career that saw her win 27 tournaments.

Ochoa said in a statement that she would hold a press conference in Mexico City on Friday to discuss her reasons for calling it quits.

Last year, Ochoa won her fourth straight Ladies Professional Golf Association player of the year award, edging out South Korea's Jiyai Shin by one point in the final standings.

The Mexico City daily Reforma broke the story that Ochoa was retiring, saying that the golfer

planned to bid farewell to the tour



on the day that she will have held the No. 1 spot for three years.

Ochoa married Aeromexico chief Andres Conesa on Dec. 4 and has been talking about the importance of her family since then.

The golfer has not won a title since October and started the 2010 season with lower-than-expected results.

Ochoa needed to spend 10 years on the LPGA Tour to meet the minimum requirements for a shot at admission to the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, Florida, but she meets the requirements under the tour's point system.

The 28-year-old Ochoa is one of the greatest female athletes in Mexico's history.

Five bold draft predictions: Starting at No. 1

5. St. Louis trades out of the first pick

I reported that the Browns were having internal discussion about offering a package of picks to the Rams for the rights to the No. 1 selection two days before Cleveland general manager Tom Heckert publicly acknowledged the talks.

While trading out of the top pick is rarely feasible, the 2010 draft is unique in that the Browns appear to be enamored with Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford and have the ammunition (five picks in the top 100) to make St. Louis a tempting offer.

Most important, sources tell me the Rams are not significantly more sold on Bradford than some of the other quarterbacks in this draft, namely Texas' Colt McCoy.

If the Rams believe they can get McCoy with the first pick of the second round — the 33rd pick overall — don't be surprised if they trade out of No. 1, collect their extra picks and take advantage of this year's deep talent level to reshape their roster.

4. New TV-friendly format leads to plenty of drama, multiple trades

The NFL may have changed the draft format to better suit prime-time television, but the impact could produce far more than just increased viewership as the new format will give teams more time to formulate trades.

The Seahawks and 49ers, with two first-round picks each, are obvious candidates to make moves.

The Denver Broncos, Miami Dolphins and New England Patriots are all exploring trade-down opportunities, sources tell me. The Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas

Cowboys, on the other hand, are looking to move up.

3. Trent Williams will be drafted over Russell Okung

Oklahoma State's Russell Okung is the top-rated offensive lineman in the 2010 draft by NFLDraftScout.com and most teams. He will not, however, be the first offensive tackle off the board, as the Washington Redskins will take Oklahoma's Trent Williams with the fourth overall pick.

Williams is seen as a better fit in Mike Shanahan's zone-blocking scheme.

Okung won't be on the board for long, however.

The Kansas City Chiefs or Seattle Seahawks will take him with one of the next two picks.

2. Ryan Mathews leapfrogs C.J. Spiller

I stand behind the comparison to Tennessee Titans star Chris Johnson that I've been making with C.J. Spiller since September. The Clemson running back is the most dynamic runner and returner in this draft and is such an explosive athlete that he's an obvious candidate to be the Offensive Rookie of the Year wherever he may end up.

Will Sam Bradford be bound for the Browns after a big trade? (Getty Images)

However, I've spoken to several clubs who feel that Fresno State's Ryan Mathews could sneak ahead of Spiller simply because of the fact that at 6-feet, 218 pounds, Mathews has the bulk to be an every-down

back.

Most believe Mathews could wind up with the Houston Texans on No. 20 or the San Diego Chargers at No. 28 due to the fact that both teams have obvious concerns at running back. Six running backs have been drafted in the first round the past two years, and each went to teams with established runners already on their roster.

Spiller and Mathews are going in the top 32 — and where they end up might prove to be two of the more surprising stories of the Thursday's opening round.

1. Some team to draft to severely reach for South Florida defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul Let's be clear about this. I'm not so in love with Georgia

Tech defensive end Derrick Morgan's game that I think he warrants a top 10 selection — and considering that he plays one of the true premier positions in the game, that is saying something about my top-rated pass rusher.

To rate Jason Pierre-Paul over Morgan, the ACC Defensive Player of the Year, is lunacy in my opinion. Pierre-Paul has seven career starts at the D-I level. Those starts were not consecutive, but spread out over 11 games, and he wasn't a dominating presence.

He's wonderfully athletic, possessing the quick burst off the snap and long arms that every team operating out of the 4-3 alignment is looking for. He has very little understanding of gap alignment, however, and offers next to nothing in terms of run defense.

The team that selects Pierre-Paul with a top 20 selection can expect similar results from his rookie season: that Vernon Gholston in 2009 (Jets) and Aaron Maybin (Bills) and Robert Ayers (Broncos) last year — three other severely over-rated (by some) — produced.



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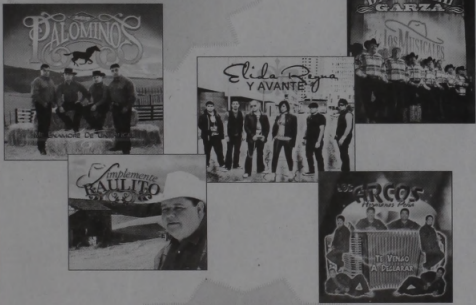
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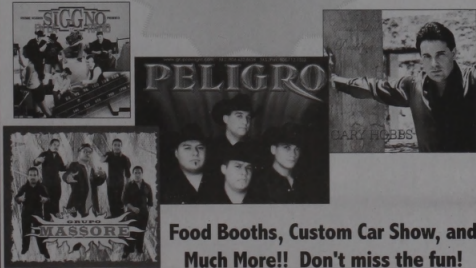
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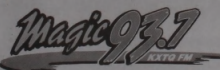


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The Authority of Jesus Questioned

By Sal Hernandez



Question 3: What is or where is purgatory? Why does one go to purgatory?

Well, it is simple and yet so many have a hard time with it because of several reasons; good reasons but they happen to be incorrect. If Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and He is all perfect, what must be when in his presence? If we are to exist in Him for all eternity and we are not perfect, what must take place? As you some might think, Jesus dying covers our sins and we have a guaranteed salvation. Well, we do have a guaranteed salvation, but we must fight the good fight if we don't we very simply fail in what is already ours. Too many people have this attitude of we can be free and live openly to a way of sin. This is not true in that all go to heaven because Jesus died for us, thus saving us and giving us all an automatic pass into heaven.

When we die, we will go to one of three places: heaven, purgatory, and hell. Our soul is immortal, meaning our soul lives forever. God will judge and will decide which of these three places we will reside in. Heaven and hell are permanent in purgatory is not a permanent place for anyone. It is temporary. God wants us with Him, therefore if we do not remain in purgatory.

Here is why one goes to purgatory: "Before we enter into full communion with God, every trace of sin within us must be eliminated and every imperfection in our soul must be corrected." (Pope John Paul II) Not all sins are mortal or grave but there are venial or sins that are not mortal or grave. If we die in this state of not going to confession, having venial sins on our souls, we go to purgatory for purification. Again, this is a state of existence where purification takes place. It is not a permanent place or not a state of permanent existence. Purgatory is where all souls who have died with sin on their soul, must go to be purified for the reason that nothing unclean, or unholy, or stained with any discrepancy can exist in God. Again, if we are the body of Christ and He is perfect, how does He make us perfect? If we are perfect now, we would not make mistakes nor would we feel some of the feelings or emotions that we feel therefore, the statement of that we are going to straight heaven after we die.

In the Old Testament they knew and understood the state of purgatory calling it different names, more commonly Sheol, meaning the grave. That is why they knew and understood the great significance of the coming of the Messiah. Once Christ came, died, and resurrected, so many souls were happy as they entered heaven.

We do not have to wait for us strive for perfection, but only by way of the Sacraments can we obtain the holiness that God himself imparts on us. It is only through the Sacraments that Christ himself gave us, will we enter heaven, for that is the only way we receive the graces we need to be able to be in His presence. If not, there is no way we can be in His presence, in heaven, one, with Him.

In the simplest of explanations, this is what purgatory is. One easier way to explain is to avoid purgatory and strive for heaven.

Some scriptures to prove that purgatory exist: 2 Mac. 12: 42 - 46; 2 Sam. 12: 13 - 14; Matt. 5: 18 - 30; Mk. 9: 49; Luke 12: 58 - 59; 1 Cor. 3: 15; Heb. 12: 14; Heb. 12: 22 - 23; Rev. 7: 13 - 14. Purgatory is not an invention, nor is it a place where one goes permanently rather it is simply a place where one is sent too for purification. Nothing unclean can enter heaven, so, where is one purified or how?

It always about God and how He wants things done and purgatory is one way in how He gets things done. May God bless us and grant us a great day with Him!

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