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House Passes Bill To Grant Congress Veto Power Over White House Rules

A bill that would give the controlling party of either chamber veto power over any major new regulation passed the House of Representatives Wednesday.

The measure, dubbed the Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny — or REINS — Act, would require Congress to sign off on any new rule estimated to cost more than \$100 million. It passed 241 to 184, with a handful of Democrats crossing the aisle.

The REINS Act is only the latest of a slew of bills aimed at placing back regulations, which House Republicans have pushed for in the name of cutting red tape and freeing up businesses. The GOP sees the regulations as overbearing rulemaking by unelected bureaucrats.

"Who do the regulators answer to? No one," said Rep. Ted Poe (R-Texas) in debate on the House floor.

"When the regulators go to work every-day, like most people go to work, their work assignment's a little different," Poe said. "In my opinion, they sit around a big oak table, sipping their lattes. They have out their iPads and their computers."

and they decide. "Who shall we regulate today? And they write a regulation and send it out to the masses and make us deal with the cost of that."

Rep. Ben Quayle (R-Ariz.), argued that if Congress can stop rules in their tracks, businesses will flourish.

"Full after poll of small business owners, of medium-sized business



owners — they will show you and tell you that major regulations are holding back their expansion and the ability of them to hire more workers," Quayle said.

The bill would effectively give either chamber a veto on a regulation because leaders could simply not put it on the calendar for a vote, and the rule would expire after 70 congressional working days.

The Senate is unlikely to pass the measure.

Opponents of the bill argue that there is actually no evidence that regulation is a drag on the economy. Although REINS advocates frequently point to an estimate that regulations cost business more than \$1 trillion a year, opponents point to a recent report from the Congressional Budget Office that found the benefits of regulations

often outweigh their costs by spurring economic activity.

Environmental advocates have been especially alarmed about the REINS Act because many environmental regulations fall into the "major" category, with their impact often exceeding \$100 million in cost. They fear the measure is simply a way to let the Tea Party and special interests shoot down any new rule to protect the air and water.

The Act's opponents also note that it's ironic the GOP legislative attempt comes during an administration that has promoted fewer regulations than the previous one,

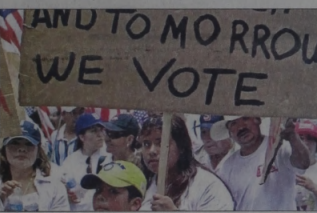
and that the regulations Congress wants to block stem from laws passed by Congress itself.

Democrats cast the entire exercise as a partisan distraction from attempts to do something about the economy, including extending a payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits that ran out at the end of the year.

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat — please to put a dollar in the workers' hand," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said. "I urge my colleagues to vote no on this REINS Act, and to get to work to extend the payroll tax cut and unemployment insurance for the American people."

"Only then will we increase demand in our economy, create jobs, promote economic growth and put money into the pockets of 160 million Americans," Pelosi said. "Think of the difference that would be instead of putting forth legislation for the American people."

McCain: Hispanic vote 'up for grabs'



Sen. John McCain said Sunday that the potentially powerful Hispanic vote in the upcoming presidential election remains "up for grabs" because neither President Barack Obama nor Republicans have convinced these voters that they are on his side.

The one-time Republican presidential hopeful, whose own 2008 candidacy was shaped in part by immigration, said that large Hispanic populations in his home state of Arizona and elsewhere are listening carefully to what Republican candidates have to say on immigration and could become a "major factor" in 2012.

Recommended: Gingrich takes control in Iowa
"I think that the Republican party has to discuss this issue in as humane way as possible," he said. He later added, "the enthusiasm on the part of Hispanics for President Obama is dramatically less than it was in 2008, because he has not fulfilled his campaign promises either. So I view the Hispanic vote up for grabs."

McCain's comments, on CNN's "State of the Union," is a warning to the Republican presidential primary candidates who have mostly embraced a hardline on immigration, lest they be accused of supporting any kind of "amnesty" for the some 12 million illegal immigrants estimated to be living in the U.S.

Newt Gingrich, the former speaker of the House of Representatives, was most recently attacked by his opponents for saying he would grant legal status to those illegal immigrants with longstanding family and community ties in the U.S. he has since endorsed a South Carolina law that allows people to demand a person's immigration status.

McCain said he believes the Hispanic vote could swing Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. The key, he said, was for Republicans to address immigration in a humane and pragmatic way that every voter could appreciate. More specifically, McCain said, Republican presidential candidates should find a way to address the status of illegal immigrants already in the country while finding a way to secure the border to deter others from entering the U.S.

"It's a careful balance of addressing this issue, which I think the majority of Hispanics would appreciate... We have to have empathy. We have to have concern. We have to have a plan," he said. In 2008, McCain watched his own standing in the election suffer when he backed a plan to give some illegal immigrants an eventual path to citizenship.

Gingrich has challenged his Republican opponents to come up with their own plans for dealing with the millions inside the U.S. illegally.

"What is it that you're going to do? Are you really going to go in and advocate ripping people out of their families?" he said.

In 2008, Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, had supported the idea of allowing some illegal immigrants to sign up for permanent residency or citizenship. More recently, he has said it would be a "mistake" for the Republican Party to support a policy that would allow anyone to "jump ahead of the line" and characterized Gingrich's approach as a "doorway" to amnesty.

In the interview Sunday, McCain declined to comment on the position of individual candidates, but "I respect the views of the voters," he said.

Cartas para Obama: Cinco mil niños piden al presidente que detenga las deportaciones de indocumentados

Isamar y Gabriel son jóvenes, demasiado jóvenes para votar, pero pueden escribir y contar lo que pasa en sus familias y en sus comunidades cuando alguien es deportado, cuando el miedo se apodera de los hijos que no quieren perder a los padres o regresar a un país que no conocen.

"Señor presidente Obama, creo que la deportación es horrible. Creo que si me despertara un día y vierá que están deportando a mis padres y yo tuviera que ir a un hogar de crianza me moriría," escribió Gabriel. "Por cierto, las Navidades serían un buen momento para arreglar este problema".

La familia de Gabriel inmigró de Filipinas y hoy en día está legalmente en el país. "Mi mamá me contó lo que está pasando y yo quisiera escribir, porque no es justo que castiguen a las familias por querer una vida mejor".

Para Isamar, las deportaciones han tenido un cariz más personal.

"Mi papá fue arrestado por manejar sin licencia y ahora está en proceso de deportación. Estuvo en la cárcel por 12 largos días... esta situación ha devastado a mi familia. Mi familia es muy unida, mi papá es mi ejemplo e inspiración. El vino a este país en 1997 y ha trabajado duro y tiene un gran corazón. Me siento orgullosa de que este gran ser humano sea mi padre", lee la carta de la joven, residente de Chicago y recién graduada de secundaria.

El papá de Isamar está en proceso de deportación y este hecho "me ha cambiado por completo la vida, a veces no puedo dormir, ni comer, estoy pasando los peores días de mi vida", agrega la muchacha. Estos son apenas dos de más de cinco mil niños y jóvenes de todo el país que han escrito cartas al presidente Obama y a los integrantes del Congreso para compartir su preocupación por lo que ocurre en sus familias y comunidades. Las cartas serán entregadas mañana por una delegación que irá a Washington conformada por estudiantes, maestros, activistas,

tas y padres, preocupados por la política de deportaciones de la Casa Blanca y la falta de acción por parte del Congreso.

Andrea, una maestra de Nueva York cuyos alumnos escribieron algunas de las cartas, dijo que los muchachos piensan que sería importante que los legisladores y el Presidente supieran de primera mano lo importante que es para ellos tener a su familia unida.

"La única manera de tener una voz es escribir una carta. No tienen



voto, así que su arma es explicar cómo se sentirían si llegaran a separar a sus familias", comentó la maestra.

Se estima que alrededor de cinco millones y medio de niños en todo el país viven con temor a que uno de sus padres sea deportado. Durante los primeros seis meses de este año, 42 mil padres de niños ciudadanos fueron expulsados del país y cinco mil niños acabaron en hogares de cuidado infantil debido a la deportación de sus padres o del único progenitor que los cuidaba.

Con la asistencia de algunas organizaciones pro inmigrantes y de mujeres como First Focus y el National Asian Pacific American Women's Focus, la campaña "We Belong Together" ("Queremos estar juntos") se han acumulado

más de cinco mil cartas.

Miriam Yeung, de National Asian Pacific American Women's Focus dijo que las mujeres tienen un papel preponderante, ya que constituyen más de la mitad de los inmigrantes y son "el motor" de nuestras comunidades.

"Encontramos a mujeres que tienen miedo a llevar a sus hijos al médico, o caminar a la parada del autobús. El sistema de inmigración tiene estereotipos a nuestras

comunidades y esto es un error. Separar familias es un error", dijo Yeung.

Wendy Cervantez, de First Focus, dijo que los niños

cus, citó estudios que ha analizado el efecto de las deportaciones en los niños y las familias. Particularmente se refirió a un reporte reciente de Applied Research Center: Familias destruidas donde se analiza la problemática de los niños que quedan atrás tras la deportación de uno o de ambos padres y de cómo muchos quedan en hogares de crianza y permanentemente separados.

También indicó que "reconocemos que la Casa Blanca ha comenzado a ir en la dirección correcta, hablando y emitiendo un memo para priorizar la deportación de delinquentes y las reformas al sistema de deportación".

No obstante, la realidad aún no refleja las buenas intenciones. Un reporte de TRAC de Syracuse University da a conocer esta semana revela que entre los deportados por las cortes de inmigración más del 85% siguen siendo indocumentados comunes y sólo un 13 ó 14%



Gilbert Flores kicks off campaign

Gilbert Flores will kick off his campaign for County Commissioner - Precinct 3, December 8 at the Lubbock Courthouse, 2 p.m. Flores was originally elected in 2008.



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UNITED'S WAY OF HELPING WITH FLU SHOTS

Did you know that more than 200,000 people are hospitalized in the United States from flu complications each year?

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Please let me know if you would like to speak with a United representative regarding National Influenza Vaccination Week or its health and wellness initiatives.

ALL ABOARD THE PATTERSON EXPRESS!

Kids, come to the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, for a special holiday program on Tuesday, December 13. Listen to a reading of "The Polar Express," then hop on our recycled cardboard train for a ride to the North Pole, where we will make a craft. There will be programs at 5 and 6 p.m. Registration is required; please call 767-3300 to register. Ages 4 through 10.

MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS A HAPPY ONE FOR A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE!

There will be over 1,000 children in foster care on the South Plains this Christmas. YOU can make sure that everyone of those children has the happy Christmas they deserve by providing a gift for a local child in need... because every child deserves a gift to open on Christmas morning. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates®) of the South Plains is partnering with FOX 34 News and Mr. Gatti's Pizza to host the 8th Annual Kids-4-Kids Toy Drive to promote the spirit of giving this holiday season by encouraging the community to donate toys for foster children. CASA trains community volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the foster care system on the South Plains. The Annual Kids-4-Kids Toy Drive will provide gifts to these children so they can experience the Christmas they deserve. New, unwrapped toys or gift cards can be dropped off at Mr. Gatti's Pizza between November 18th and December 12th, 2011. Each child who brings a gift valued at \$10 or more will receive a free child's buffet during that visit to Mr. Gatti's. Great gift ideas include: dolls, trucks, board games, sporting items, inexpensive jewelry, make-up, and nail polish. Gift cards are especially needed for older children and teenagers.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE AT THE MUNICIPAL MUSEUMS

The Buddy Holly Center and Silent Wings Museum are proud to announce their participation in the United States Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots toy drive this holiday season. Both museums will be accepting toy donations to benefit local children Thursday, December 1 through Wednesday, December 14. Guests who bring a new toy for donation will receive one free admission to either Municipal Museum for each toy they donate.

The toy drive is a wonderful way to make a child's Christmas memorable. All toys will be given to local children in need this holiday season. Toys for Tots, which began in 1947, aims to deliver a message of hope to those in need, through a shiny new toy. The Toy Drive helps to build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive citizens and leaders.

CITY WORKING TOWARD SANTA LAND

The City of Lubbock's Parks and Recreation staff is again transforming an area of parkland inside Mackenzie Park into a winter wonderland in anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus. Park staff has been working for the past month to make this year's event the best Santa Land yet! This year's site is being expanded and will house several new scenes including A Peter Pan Christmas, which has a 36-foot pirate ship as its centerpiece, the Princess Fairy Tale Forest, a Smurf scene, the Lion King scene, and many more new characters! These new additions have added more than 5,000 square feet to the festive holiday village, making this the largest Santa Land ever!

Parks and Recreation has hosted Santa Land for the past 55 years, and admission for all ages is free! Santa Land will be open for 14 consecutive nights from December 10-23, 2011, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. nightly. More than 30,000 people visit Santa Land each year to gaze at its huge lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and, of course, to share Christmas wishes with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Each evening from 6:30-8:00 p.m., local schools, church choirs, youth groups, and bands, as well as socialists and dancers, perform for the crowds at Santa Land. Parks and Recreation is currently scheduling entertainment groups in 30-minute increments for the entertainment portion of Santa Land throughout its 14-day run. Anyone interested in performing should call 775-2670.

Santa Land is located inside Mackenzie Park. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway park entrance just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds. For more information regarding entertainment opportunities, sponsorships, and this year's Santa Land, contact Whitney Wise at 775-2670.

TEEN GAME DAY AT GROVES BRANCH LIBRARY

Teens in grades 6 through 12 can play a variety of board games and video games at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

"BELLE'S ENCHANTED HOLIDAY" AT THE MAHON LIBRARY

Preschoolers, join us for a special storytime with Belle from "Beauty and the Beast" at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15. There will be crafts, games and snacks. Don't forget to bring your camera! For more information, call the library at 775-2838.

BOOK DISCUSSION AT PATTERSON BRANCH LIBRARY

The Left-Right book discussion group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 17. This month's discussion book is "Still Waters" by Patricia Haley. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, call the library at 767-3300.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

DONATIONS of canned goods and money are always welcome, especially during the holidays. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to Catholic Family Service, 102 Avenue J, Lubbock 79401. New or gently used toys may be dropped off at the Resale Center, 2218 34th, Lub.

SOUTH PLAINS YOUTH SUMMIT

SOUTH PLAINS YOUTH SUMMIT - "Equipped, Informed & Connected" - Saturday, January 7, 2012, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Science Spectrum Education Building, 2579 South Loop 289, Lubbock. Lunch will be provided. Topics include: suicide prevention, teen pregnancy, distracted driving, child abuse, tobacco education, teen straight talk, resources. There is no cost to attend this summit. Lunch will be provided. To receive a registration form please contact Tricia Vowels, 806-783-6482 or tricia.vowels@dshs.state.tx.us

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

GUADALUPE PROCESSION - Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m., beginning at Byron Martin ATC, 3201 Avenue Q & 34th Street.
Mass celebrated by Bishop Placido Rodriguez at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 4:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Family Services and AARP Tax-Aide® are partnering to provide free tax services, by appointment, during the 2012 tax season. We are looking for volunteers to assist in tax return preparation and other volunteer duties. Many kinds of volunteer opportunities are available from tax counselor to greeter to technology help. The schedule of services has not been confirmed but would be offered on select Saturdays and possibly some evenings between February 1st and April 15th. Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to participate. Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training and the only requirement is that a volunteer be computer literate to prepare returns. The 20-hour training sessions will be held in January on Saturdays or possibly evenings depending on the prospective volunteer's availability. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please call 806-765-8475 at Catholic Family Service.

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Longoria arremete contra Gingrich

La actriz Eva Longoria cargó hoy contra el aspirante mejor situado a la candidatura republicana para la Casa Blanca, Newt Gingrich, por sus recientes declaraciones en las que criticaba la falta de disciplina y capacidad de trabajo de los niños desfavorecidos. A través de su cuenta de twitter, Longoria recriminó a Gingrich "por saber muy poco acerca de los emprendedores latinos que comienzan sus negocios seis veces más rápido que la media nacional". Asimismo, la protagonista de "Desperate Housewives" recomendó al político republicano la lectura de un artículo del diario The New York Times que arremetía contra las propuestas de éste.

Longoria, estadounidense de origen hispano, es una reconocida simpatizante



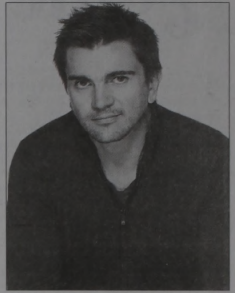
demócrata y es habitual verla en actos de recaudación de fondos para el partido del presidente estadounidense Barack Obama. Gingrich, quien ha visto

incrementar notablemente su popularidad en las encuestas en las últimas semanas, afirmó en un acto en Iowa la pasada semana que "los niños pobres no tienen hábitos de trabajo y que deberían trabajar como conserjes en los colegios para aprender disciplina". El aspirante republicano afirmó que mucha gente con éxito "comenzó sus primeros trabajos entre los 9 y 14 años. Todos ellos vendían periódicos de puerta a puerta, hacían algo o lavaban automóviles". Las declaraciones de Gingrich, que algunos columnistas creen sacadas de una novela de Charles Dickens, se han difundido rápidamente en internet y programas televisivos estadounidenses.

Juanes grabará un MTV Unplugged

Tr3s. MTV. Música y Más anunció la presentación del especial Juanes MTV Unplugged, durante el cual el cantautor colombiano presentará sus éxitos, así como canciones compuestas con la colaboración de Juan Luis Guerra, a quien el cantautor colombiano le ha pedido que actúe como director musical del proyecto y productor del álbum. El especial y el álbum del mismo nombre se grabará en febrero del 2012, en el New World Center en Miami Beach. "Grabar un unplugged significa todo para mí, es volver al centro de todo, a lo básico, a la esencia y a la humildad de mi música", dijo Juanes muy

entusiasmado por grabar en el formato acústico. Guerra también ha manifestado expectativa por la realización del gran evento. "Juanes está cantando y tocando mejor que nunca. Este Unplugged será el escenario perfecto para conocer el más íntimo rincón de su música", dijo el cantautor dominicano.



Gloria Estefan y Ricky Martin en 'Glee'

Los artistas latinos Gloria Estefan, Ricky Martin e Iyonna Coll se unieron al reparto de la teleserie musical "Glee" de la cadena Fox para un capítulo que se podrá ver el próximo mes de enero, según informó la agencia de publicistas Espada PR. Estefan interpretará a la madre de una de las integrantes del equipo de animadoras Cheerios que recientemente reconoció que era lesbiana, una descripción que encaja con el person-

aje de Santana a la que da vida la joven Naya Rivera. La veterana actriz Iyo-



nne Coll encarnará, por su parte, a la madre del personaje de Ricky Estefan, mientras que Ricky Martin aparecerá en el

serial haciendo las veces de un profesor de español del centro escolar. El episodio se podrá ver en enero y se espera que incluya música de Estefan y Martin. Los creadores de "Glee", Ryan Murphy y Brad Falchuk, aseguraron que los seguidores del programa se han mostrado muy interesados en conocer a los padres de los personajes protagonistas, algo que esperan responder con ese episodio.

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AP voter says LSU can't drop out of No. 1

Enrik Gee believes LSU can't lose.

Oh, the Tigers can score fewer points than Alabama in the BCS title game but they can't lose his No. 1 vote. They've done enough. That's Gee's belief and he intends reinforce it with his Associated Press ballot.

The 39-year old radio host in Albuquerque, N.M. is going to vote LSU No. 1 pretty much win or lose following the BCS title game.

"I would have to be something like a 63-0 passing [by Alabama]," for Gee to change his mind, he told CBSSports.com this week.

His is a stance we haven't heard of this week as talk of a split national championship starts to bubble up. Now we have a face and a name and reasons why LSU should stay No. 1 in AP. That's the only place it could happen, by the way, if Alabama wins. The coaches' No. 1 vote is committed to the BCS title game winner, although there have been some defectors among voting coaches over the years.

"They've beaten Alabama once, what else do they need to do?" Gee said of LSU.

"I honestly feel this is the first year somebody is getting screwed by the system because they beat a team on the road, won the division, won the conference and now the system is saying, 'Play it again, this time on a neutral field.'"

This is the first time in BCS history two teams from the same conference have met. It is the third time a team that hasn't won its conference is playing for the title. Complicating matters is No. 1 LSU being asked to beat No. 2 Alabama again after winning the SEC and beating eight ranked teams, three of them in the top three.

Gee's opinion shouldn't be a shock. We have seen weirder things - this week, Nick Saban

conspicuously voted Oklahoma State No. 4, seemingly attempting to hold the Cowboys underwater so they couldn't challenge his Tide for No. 2. No coach voted Alabama lower than third. Five coaches voted Oklahoma State lower than third.

Since LSU won the SEC title game Saturday there has been some talk of a split national championship, but not in detail. Oklahoma State finished behind No. 2 Alabama by the closest margin (.0086 of a point) since the BCS formula was changed in 2004. The last split national title occurred in 2003 when USC remained No. 1 in AP, LSU, which beat Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, won the BCS title.

Gee graduated from Oklahoma but his second choice for college was LSU. He considers himself a passionate and educated college football fan. On Sunday, he voted Oklahoma State No. 2 in his latest AP ballot.

"Not because I believe they deserve to play in the national championship but because I believe they and Alabama should get to play for [second place]. LSU should get to kick back and watch everyone else make fools of themselves."

As for the realistic chances of a split national championship? So far, Gee seems to have a lot of support. For the last four weeks, all 60 voters were unanimous in voting LSU No. 1. Would a close Alabama win - say, three points - convince the majority of those 60 to keep LSU at No. 1?

"I think the majority of them [voters] would vote Alabama No. 1 [if the Tide won]," Gee said.

"But if it's a close game, there's enough of them out there to go, 'I'm not changing the vote.'"

You want more? Listen to Gee on "The Sports Bar" weekdays from 3-7 p.m. on KNML in Albuquerque.

En punto de las 12:00 p.m. (10:00 a.m., hora de Los Angeles), Saúl "Canelo" Álvarez, campeón súper welter del Consejo Mundial de Boxeo (CMB), se presentó a rendir su declaración al Ministerio Público de Guadaluajara, en donde daría la versión de sus hechos en contra de las declaraciones hechas por el también boxeador Ulises "Archi" Solís, el cual lo acusa de haber golpeado hace casi un par de meses.

Sin embargo, el "Canelo" se reservó el derecho de declarar y cesó la palabra a sus abogados para que se encargaran de manejar la situación.

Por esta razón, "Canelo" Álvarez deberá mandar una declaración por escrito a la brevedad posible, según las autoridades.

Asimismo, Álvarez no habló del tema y eludió a los reporteros para salir a del edificio; su visita duró alrededor de 15 minutos para después retirarse.

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El boxeador veracruzano Tomás Rojas terminó por aceptar que en la pelea que sostuvo con Jorge Arce en el 2007 se dejó caer en el sexto round a cambio de 100 mil pesos [unos 76 mil dólares]. Apenas el martes, el "Gusano" había negado a RÉCORD esta versión que se publicó en el diario local Notiver.

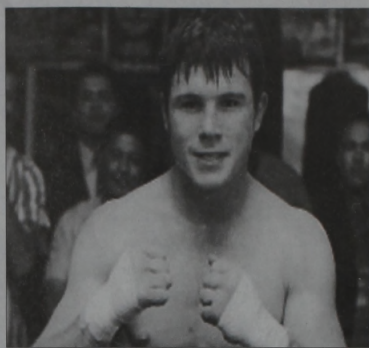
Sin embargo, ayer, en una entrevista con XEU Deportes admitió haber contado esto al reportero de dicho medio, aunque afirma que le pidió que no fuera publicado.

"Sin cosas que uno se molesta bastante. Sin medios o reporteros que abusan de la

ignorancia de uno y lo único que quieren es la nota, dijo Rojas.

¿Te ofrecieron 100 mil pesos por dejar caer? "Te soy sincero, sí fue así. La necesidad te hace hacer cosas que no quieres... No sé, estoy muy enojado. Ya lo dije, y ese reportero debe de tener ética".

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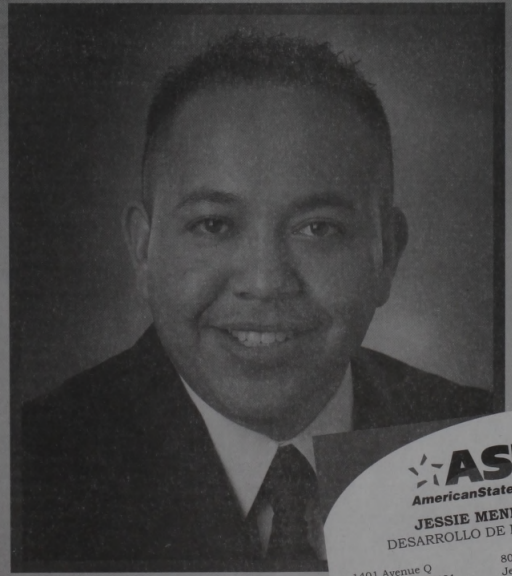
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
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