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## Two Year College in East Lubbock may Become Reality

By Abel Cruz

One of Armando Gonzales' campaign goals during his unsuccessful campaign for the Lubbock City Council District 2 seat against incumbent Floyd Price was to establish a 2 year junior college in East Lubbock.

After Tuesday's City Council meeting; he may be close to realizing his dream.

Gonzales appeared before the council in an effort to garner support for a 2 year college in an area which has long been in desperate need of not only educational facilities but economic development as well.

Gonzales told El Editor that it just makes common sense to establish a campus on the east side. He says: "considering the high price of gas; how can students which are barely

making it be expected to drive all the way out to the Reese campus or to Levelland?"

He says the ideal situation would be to have student dorms since his research shows that the average age of students attending 2 year colleges is 22. He says that would also provide the catalyst for commercial development since retailers would build retail stores close to the campus and the dorms.

But why the council; what can they provide? "Land or an empty unused building" which could be put on the tax rolls and begin to generate some revenue. Gonzales says he went to the council in the hopes that the council will buy into the idea and provide maybe a parcel of land where classrooms can be built or perhaps some city property where

which the city could donate.

And Gonzales is not alone; appearing in support of his idea at Tuesday's council meeting was Vice President for Academic Affairs for South Plains College; Darrell Grimes. Grimes told the council that he was there in full support of the idea and expressed the support of South Plains College. Also there was SPC Dean of Arts and Sciences, Yancy Nunez.

Gonzales says his plan is "based on the college doing rigorous recruitment of future students. We need to start preparing students as young as six to ten years of age for a professional career, a type of apprenticeship program".

He continues: "Now, including all ethnicities, only thirty percent of students in Region 17 are academically eligible; that means ready to start at any college; Hispanics comprise only 14% of students who are ready for college even though the total Hispanic population in Region 17 is about 52% of about 40,000 students".

Gonzales emphasizes that that means that 86% of Hispanic high school graduates are not considered to be "college ready". Gonzales says that these are the students which need to be targeted; those that graduated but need "remedial or intensive review" to qualify for



"A two year college will certainly be a welcome sight to replace the old abandoned building in east Lubbock" Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez

admission. Otherwise, colleges will not accept them; including schools like Texas Tech which has similar requirements.

Gonzales says the college could offer basic core curriculum courses based on this areas needs like ag-

riculture; nursing; medical technicians; dental hygiene; and a fine arts school".

"This college would be a great step in creating a pipeline into the future where secrets await our student's discoveries" added Gonzales.

Gonzales says that this is a private effort by him and a group of friends and other interested individuals he has contacted. It was not clear when if at all, Gonzales might get a commitment from the council.  
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## Our Community's Drop-out Dilemma: Culture and History -- Part 2

By Abel Cruz

There were two young men; each one had grown up in the same neighborhood; both were Mexican American and had experienced similar up-bringsings. Both came from a 2 parent family and a family of at least 5 siblings each.

In their 10th grade year at a local high school; one of them finds out that his girlfriend is pregnant and contemplates dropping out. The other young man; for no reason other than "I don't like school" decides he's had enough and drops out at the age of 15.

He tells no one; because in his opinion "no one cares"; not even his parents and he speculates it will be a long time before his mom finds out that he has even dropped out. Betting on the fact that his dad will not care one way or the other and never graduated himself; he figures he will get a job like his dad and make it just like he has.

The other young man; decides that he needs to be in school if he's ever going to accomplish anything and is also scared about what his mom and dad will say if he drops out.

He's always done well in school; is fairly popular and thinks that if he works hard he and his girlfriend can get married and raise their baby together. So he stays in school; graduates with fairly good grades and later on in life is able to get his bachelor's degree from college.

The scene described above is more than 40 years old and is based on my recollection of scenes which were often repeated in the late 1960's and early 70's. And they could just as well apply to two individuals today; just as it did many years ago.

Continuing our series of examining or at least exploring the question of why some teens drop out of high school would not be complete unless we examine it from a historical and cultural context. In going forward with this series it was decided that instead of just providing statistics and data; which are also important and which we hope to provide at a later date; I would also take a look at cultural background and historical perspective to see if there is any connection with today's drop out problem and past histories.

In this case; I use the word cultural or ethnic because it is an ethnic group experiencing the highest number of high school drop outs on the LISD system; most are Mexican Americans; followed closely by African American students.

We have all heard the stories from older siblings and parents about how back in the 40's and 50's; no sooner had the kids been enrolled in public schools that the farm work would run out or that simply the family moved and the kids would be uprooted and it was months before they saw the inside of a classroom again. Prior to a certain generation; school districts were not as resourceful in tracking these students and most would be gone before their name hit the records book.

Another scenario would play out when older siblings reached a working age; usually 15; they would quit school to get a job and help the family out financially.

For example; in the 1950's and 1960's, and not based on any specific data; but rather personal observations and conversations held with many individuals in discussing this issue; a large percentage of Mexican American youth had to drop out of school in order to help the family out financially. That is a fact; even though there is no practical data to support that. There were also the traditional reasons such as teen pregnancy; high truancy; and getting in legal trouble.

Back then, some of the guys I went to school with ended up in what we called "correctional school" or "la corre" as we referred to it at the age of 11 or 12. When they returned from their stay at correctional school they were so far behind they lost any interest in school and eventually dropped out. By that time; they were wise beyond their years and figured their life had already been changed forever and school was not going to make a difference.

And while in many instances back then economics and social pressures were valid reasons; I wondered if that was still the case today? Surprisingly; at least one long time Lubbock educator feels that some of the same reasons still apply today; albeit in a different way.

Jesse Garza; has served as an educator and administrator and has worked with students in the LISD system for 36 years. His experience has crossed over several generations as he served as Assistant Principal and then Principal of Mathews Junior High in the Arnett Benson area for 15 years. He was also the principal at Neil Wright Elementary for 14 years.

As such; he often saw siblings from the same family go through the schools he worked at. In addition, Garza has a varied background including service in the military and also taught Spanish at Hutchinson Junior High for 5 years. He eventually retired in May of 2008 after working as an attendance officer for the last year of his career.

Garza says that in his opinion the top 3 reasons most kids drop out are "socio economic; a lack of home resources relative to school work

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## GNA Asks City for Continued Cooperation; for Development of Canyon Lakes #3

The Guadalupe Neighborhood Association continued in their efforts to address the needs of the north side of the city by making a presentation to the Lubbock City Council at the August 12 council meeting.

Association Secretary, Carlos Quirino Jr. made a presentation detailing the efforts of the association and how the clean up of the "Arroyo" area of the neighborhood was accomplished.

In his presentation, Quirino said that the association had shown "what cooperation between a neighborhood association and local government could produce". He credited association members, residents from Guadalupe and from other communities and some Tech organizations for contributing to the efforts. He also credited Lubbock County's county jail inmate program for providing help on some of the 5 Saturdays that volunteers came together in the effort.



Quirino said that he was pleased with how the presentation had gone and mentioned that Mayor Tom Martin had said they would look at the proposals that the association had made and follow up with the organization.

## TSTA Sues Texas Education Agency; Fails to get Injunction on Grant Disbursement

Is it non-profit organizations or the public school systems in Texas which are responsible to make sure that kids who drop out of high school are getting some much needed assistance?

That question will have to wait to be decided in the legal court system. But for now, State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky ruled that Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott is well within his authority to award grants or state funds to non profit corporations who run "drop out recovery programs".

At issue is whether non profits should be allowed to compete with the public school systems that also provide some of the same services to people who have dropped out of school. Some of these services are GED programs or remedial classes or both.

The ruling stems from a lawsuit

filed by the Texas State Teacher's Association (TSTA) against the Texas Education Agency (TEA); the state agency which has control over the funds.

In their argument the TSTA said that the TEA and in particular TEA Commissioner Robert Scott did not have the legal authority to award the state funds to a non profit. They argued that by doing so the commission was creating an unfair competition between the non profits and school systems in Texas which offer the same services.

They also argue that by awarding the state funds to the non profits; the commission is doing what amounts to providing school vouchers for private entities. The issue of private school vouchers where parents could get state money to send their child to a private school instead of a public school; has been an issue which comes up in virtu-

ally every election and is a main point of contention in this lawsuit.

While the judge ordered that the TEA did have the authority to disburse the funds as they saw fit and declined to grant a temporary injunction in favor of TSTA; he has allowed the lawsuit of whether the TEA can award money to non profits to continue. It is expected that the lawsuit will be heard later this year.

At issue was how Commissioner Scott was going to award part of \$6 million dollars designated as grants. Part of that money went to public school systems and some of the funds went to 3 non profits; the Christian Fellowship of San Antonio; San Marcos-based Community Action Inc.; and Healy Murphy Center Inc. of San Antonio, TX.

Also, speaking before the council were two other Guadalupe residents. Epifanio Aguirre stressed the importance of following up and reminded the council that the "north side of the city had been ignored for years". He also stressed the importance of residents and local governments working together.

Lala Chavez also thanked and recognized the many volunteers and city staff who volunteered in the clean up effort.

Quirino closed his presentation by inviting the mayor, other council members and city staff to visit the Guadalupe Neighborhood.

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## Fiestas to Honor Lubbock Civil Rights Leaders

A highlight of the Fiestas Patrias celebration this year will be a 30 Year Celebration of Single Member District Representation. The event will be at the Lubbock Civic Center the afternoon of Saturday, September 13.

In 1976 plaintiffs A. Gene Gaines, Gonzalo Garza, and Juan Antonio Reyes filed a class action lawsuit against the defendants, the City of Lubbock, its mayor, and its city council members to have the at-large system for election of the city council declared unconstitutional. It was clear that that system effectively excluded any minority citizen from any hope of election to city council. The suit contended that the at-large system constituted, "a denial to the plaintiffs of those rights, privileges, and immunities secured to them by the Constitution of the United States of America."

The lawsuit submitted by lawyers, Willis T. Taylor, Albert Perez, Daniel H. Benson, and Tomas Garza contended that the at-large election

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# Iraq Earns Millions in Interest; LISD Earns Unacceptable Ratings

By Abel Cruz

This bit of news from The New York Times is enough to make even the most patriotic among us gnash our teeth and utter a few choice words.

It seems that the Iraqi government has a budget surplus of \$79 billion dollars. Compare that to this country's budget deficit which is in the trillions of dollars. And much of that deficit is due to the enormous amounts of money which has been poured into the war and reconstruction costs.

According to The Times article, the amount of money the Iraqi government has deposited in the Federal Reserve Bank is so large that our government has "been obliged to make \$435.6 million in interest payments" to Iraq through the end of last year.

How's that for a sickening revelation?

Add to that amount; the \$48 billion dollars we have spent on reconstruction costs while Iraq has spent just a fraction of its money to reconstruct its own country.

In my view, we're getting played like a fiddle by the Iraqis who are in no hurry for us to leave; so long as we continue to pay the bills.

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One of the most basic obligations as tax paying residents is to fund our public school systems. Recently there has been debate about how our schools are funded and a legitimate argument can be made that funding through property taxes in Texas is both unfair and outdated.

As someone who doesn't have kids in the public schools in Texas and hasn't since 1987; it does raise an eyebrow when I see how much in property taxes I pay to the Lubbock Cooper ISD every year.

So I was pleased to see that all Cooper schools received favorable ratings from the Texas Education Agency.

What was disturbing was that two Lubbock high schools received an "academically unacceptable" rating.

That is half of the high schools in this city. How pathetic is that?

Even more pathetic is the fact that it did not seem to faze LISD Superintendent Wayne Havens at all. If you saw him on the local news channels; it seemed like it was business as usual; no outrage; no holding anybody accountable.

Based on a press release posted on the school districts website; administrators opted to see the glass half full rather than half empty.

Here's how the administration saw it: "The schools that received the highest rating, "Exemplary," increased by 33 percent over 2007 and the number of schools receiving a "Recognized" rating increased by 80 percent over 2007.

That says to me that there was a lot of room for improvement to begin with; especially in the recognized category.

Contrast that to the following statement about the two high schools in the same press release: "Estacado and Monterey High Schools did not receive an acceptable rating. Monterey was rated "Academically Unacceptable" due to two student groups, amounting to fewer than three percent of students tested, failing to meet the standard in math".

To me three percent is a significant number and what they didn't say is that only 64% of the total number of the students met the standard. That means that 36% or 521 students out of the 1,448 did not meet the standard.

It is any wonder they only give us the bare minimum and then try to tell us that they are doing things to address the issue.

The superintendent is the one person responsible for setting the standards. Based on what I saw and read; Haven's standard is "mediocrity" at best. It's no surprise the two high schools received the ratings that they did.

And speaking of accountability, where are the voices of the school board members?

No wonder people lose faith in their elected officials to the point of not caring.

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## Our Community's Dropout Dilemma:

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required by the schools and a strong desire to find a job, work, buy a car, or marry or live with a girl or boyfriend".

He says that one of the reasons more Mexican Americans drop out is a matter of numbers noting that there are more Mexican American students enrolled in the school system than African Americans.

If we agree that socio economic reasons are one of the main things then one could conclude that that is a cultural and historical pattern; meaning that many students are still following the pattern established by prior generations.

And the pull is strong; in a society where peer pressure is strong to wear the best clothes; to drive the best cars; to have the latest cell phone and technological stuff; students from a lower socio economic group may feel the pressure to drop out because they cannot afford some of the same things enjoyed by their peers.

As to the question of home resources; that too could be economic related. As an example; I have known many students who feel inadequate and ill prepared due to the fact that they do not own a computer at home. Consequently they feel left out and feel that they are unable to compete.

Garza's third point provides some food for thought. Although hard to understand; it may provide more of a glimpse into the world of Mexican American youth and the family values they have learned. Garza notes that sometimes a "strong desire to work or get a job" is the driving force. This could be directly tied to economic pressures. A strong desire to marry might be the driving force behind the high rate of teen pregnancy which Lubbock and the region are experiencing right now.

But then the next question must also be asked: why do some siblings from the same family make it while some don't? I posed that question to Wayne Langehennig, Associate Professor of Spanish at South Plains College - Reese Center.

Langehennig says he has never come across any research that could explain it and support it. He says that "one aspect that we have seen brought up over and over again is the high drop out rates of Hispanic youth. Many tend to lump people into one big category without noticing the unique characteristics and the challenges that are faced within such a category. A child whose family has been in the U.S. for 2 or 3 generations may have a very different experience than one that has just arrived to this country or one whose family has been here for many generations".

And while that is true, many of the students dropping out today are second and third generation.

One organization which has been trying to combat the Hispanic drop out "crisis" as they refer to it is the "America's Promise Alliance" which was started by former secretary of State and Chairman of the Joints Chief Colin Powell. Previous to the report issued by the alliance it was thought that the overall graduation rate in the nation was at about 85%. The alliance found that figure to be closer to 70%.

More disturbing is the fact that the Hispanic graduation rate is closer to 58%. For African Americans the figure is 53%; Native Americans are at 50% while Anglos enjoy a 78% rate and Asian Americans an 81% graduation rate.

In Texas, the graduation rates vary from city to city but according to the report, the state and Lubbock are between a 70 and 80 percent graduation rate.

If we take note that the graduation rates are broken down by ethnic group then that is a strong indication that cultural differences coupled with social and economic pressures definitely play a role in how well or how poorly students from a specific background and perhaps a specific generation do in school.

The trick now is to figure out why and how to overcome it.

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This is the second installment of a series looking at the question of why the high school drop out rate for Mexican American/Hispanic youth is so high. We will continue to bring you new installments in future editions of El Editor.

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This week El Editor conducted a survey that asked our readers several questions through the survey service of "Hispanic Pulse". Following are the questions and some of the responses that we received.

Minerva Alaniz responded to our question about making Lubbock wet by saying: "I think Lubbock should be a wet county. I am in favor of legalizing alcohol package sales. This will not increase the drunken driving. As it is, there are so many drunken drivers with the alcohol sales being outside the city limits. This does not stop the people from going to the liquor stores to buy alcoholic beverages anyway."

On this same question, Ramon Leija said: "I am in favor of sales within the city limits for the simple fact that it would increase revenue for the city rather than a few bandits who have created a monopoly."

A writer that preferred us to not use his name said: "I favor package sales but with restrictions as to locations" while Henry Martinez said: "the town should already be wet but it won't be until the people that have to go out there to the strip Vote, where is the petition? I'll sign it." One writer, Linda Garcia stood against making Lubbock wet. She said: "My thoughts for Lubbock going wet is not a positive one. I do not want to have alcohol sold in our 7-11's and neighborhood stores. I understand the economical impact that would elevate the financial escalator in the Lubbock economy, but I also feel it would impact the social behavior of those individuals who have a problem with alcohol including our younger generation from public schools up to our college students. Our city has a problem with alcohol addiction. And it is not limited just to those groups I just mentioned, this also influences our family structures, our businesses, our health care, every area our of society where treatment is considered. There are individuals who can control their alcohol consumption and do not have a problem drinking. But in reality, for most people who do have an addictive personality, alcohol is the first drug of choice and is the most easily available to obtain. I do not want this brought into my neighborhood where my choice is either a soft drink or a beer." Juanita Lujan agreed: "Lubbock going wet has it's good and bad---for me it would be easier to get what I would like to have but then there is the safety of our store keepers and the children around us..... I'm undecided on this one yet I would say 'yes'" On supporting McCain or Obama, most of our readers favored Obama with Ramon Leija saying neither and giving his opinion that: "As far as whom I would vote for or favor for President, neither, for the simple fact that they have always made. Promises, promised but no compliance. They all promise something and NEVER followup. Politicians are like salesmen. One reader supported McCain and said "McCain has the experience we need and he's a hero to me for what he endured."

Our question of the Visitor's Center and whether it was needed or not brought a variety of responses with Minerva Alaniz stating: "Why does Lubbock need a visitor's center in the first place? The money should be spent on better things like supporting education in the public schools and increase resources in the public libraries." Leija said "Visitors center! Bologna! It is a politicians way of creating some outrageous paying jobs for friends and love ones." Another reader writes: "We need a visitors center in the depot district. I feel having it at an enlarged and repaired Buddy Holly Center would be the best place but \$5.9 is too high" Henry Martinez agreed "This city can't even finish the new jail or what they've started and they want to start something new where is all this money coming from?. Property taxes in Lubbock County and its hospital district would go up an average of almost \$40 per homeowner under rates proposed Monday Teresa Contreras echos Martinez "A Visitor's Center would do no good and those funds could be better utilized to build an attraction that would actually generate revenue for the City and be actually utilized by the citizens and visitors to Lubbock." Linda Garcia expresses "With the economy the way it is, who in their right mind would spend 5.9 MILLION DOLLARS for a visitor's center????? HELLO... that money can be used to do so many other things! Why not use that money to help some of our citizens pay their property taxes which has escalated beyond belief. A million dollars for a building that was torn down is still a hard thing for Lubbockites to swallow and then to think that a million dollars was not enough money to spend. I think we as citizens need to stand up and tell our city government making those decisions 'Enough is Enough' I don't want my taxes benefiting your illusions of grandeur and it's about time to think sensibly about where 'My money' is going!!!" On last week's story of two schools receiving unacceptable rating from TEA, Alaniz asked whether "the teachers and administrators doing their job? "If they were, these schools would not have gotten unacceptable ratings." Contreras said "I am very disappointed in hearing this. Considering the high numbers of minority students that attend these schools, we should be very concerned as a City. Juanita Lujan feels for the students "Too bad for those schools and the students..... I still feel that at Estacado the teachers don't want to help the poor Mexicans, poor Blacks and the poor Whites..... its a shame that those are the schools they are able to attend and it also falls on the parents that don't care if the kids go to school or not.... I have lots of mixed feelings on this subject" Garcia feels that there should be more involvement from the parents. "The unacceptable ratings for EHS and MHS is frightening especially since those most affected by the ratings is our public students, especially those who attend those two high schools. We need better involvement from parents to mentors who will invest their time and teachers and staff need a higher pay increase in their salary. We can no longer afford to invest in our children's education with the attitude that substandard education is okay. We get what we pay for and it is time for our students to expect better from our community, our schools, and our city officials. Leija said "No comment on the ratings of the two forementioned schools...go to LHS."

The final two questions asked who Obama and McCain should select as their running mates. One writer states, "I don't know and don't care." Another reader wrote "MMMMMMMMMMMMMM --- I don't know"

Questions were submitted to readers through "Hispanic Pulse" via email. eleditor@sbcglobal.net

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# "Freedom of Expression"

An Open Forum Where Readers Express their Views and Opinions

Submitted to eleditor@sbcglobal.net

Editor's Note: Councilman Klein's letter was not received in time to be included in our story. Therefore include here.

What are your thoughts on Lubbock going wet? Are you in favor of legalizing alcohol package sales within the city limits?

I believe it is always a good thing when the people can petition their government. Plain and simple, the public has a right (and quite frankly deserves the opportunity) to have a say on how their lives are affected by the government, and particularly so in terms of their private affairs.

That is simply an operating principle for me as a private citizen and as an elected official. As an elected official I always try to maintain the personal maxim of "what does it mean to live in a free society and respect the rights of others while exhibiting personal responsibility."

We live in a free and democratic society and we have nothing to fear from our fellow citizens, and certainly not here in Lubbock. As much as I will always respect differing views I also believe we much all be mindful to avoid the appearance that the opposition to the citizens simply being granted the right to vote on the issue of off-premises alcohol sells seeming to go against everything we are fighting for abroad so that others might have the very rights in foreign countries some here would appear to wish to deny their fellow citizens.

Furthermore, when it goes beyond the issue of privacy and the appropriate role of government in a limited constitutional system such as ours to the issue of public safety--which I view the matter of alcohol sells to center around--then I really think we must question the matter at hand; which is a status quo policy that fails to achieve its own desired aims.

So, yes for me as a public safety issue I do believe it is better for the city to more responsibly, and quite frankly maturely, sell alcohol in a manner that will make our streets potentially safer from those bad actors who will drink and drive regardless of how difficult you make it for them to obtain.

As a Councilman I (with the support of several other members who deserve great credit for their leadership on this matter) have taken the necessary step of being pro-active and responsibly initiating a zoning case to establish the appropriate ordinance for how we will allow for off-premises alcohol sells should the public ever place this issue on the ballot and elect to make Lubbock "wet."

Beyond that, my role as a Councilman in this matter has been served, and it is up to the public to decide for themselves what they wish to do, as it should be.

Who do you support for President; Obama or McCain?

I am undecided at this point, and I want to know more about both candidates (and Bob Barr) before attempting to make a decision.

What is your opinion of the visitor's center? Should it be built at the cost of \$5.9 million dollars?

I believe that every city should have one... on the internet as a world-class website, and a multitude throughout their city in the form of kiosks located at the major points-of-entry into the city.

What are your thoughts/opinion on Estacado and Monterey High Scholl receiving "unacceptable ratings" from the Texas Education Agency?

It is very unfortunate for the students who will not be fully prepared to compete in an ever growing global workforce, and we as a community need to send the message that if you want to be successful you must take school seriously. We must also hold our administrators and teachers accountable. As stake holders in our public schools, we must all do more than just pay the taxes that fund our schools. We need to make sure that our children are getting a first-rate education. We can mentor and volunteer and finally we, as a community can ask the tough questions; how this happened and what can be done so it never happens again? We are better than this and our children deserve better than this.

Who do you think Obama should select as his VP running mate?

I would predict that he will choose Indiana Senator Evan Bayh, but let's see if that turns out to be more than a wild guess. I have recommended that Democrats choose now former-Senator Sam Nunn since 1992, but know one has taken that advice to date.

Who do you think McCain should select?

I have been recommending Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty or former-Governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney on my radio show which is weekday mornings 9:30 to 11 on AM580 KRFE, for more information go to [toddrklein.com](http://www.toddrklein.com) <<http://www.toddrklein.com/>>, and I am confident it will be one of the two along as Senator McCain does not try to go for a "pizzazz" pick and feel compelled to go with a female or minority simply to rival the excitement of Senator Obama's candidacy.

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## FIESTAS DEL LLANO TO HONOR LUBBOCK CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES

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system violated, "the right guaranteed to these plaintiffs, the classes they represent, and all citizens to the equal protection of the laws and their right to vote pursuant to the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Nineteenth, and Twenty-Sixth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America." This was the beginning of a hard-fought and very expensive court battle that lasted for seven years. The city fought "tooth and nail", at great expense to Lubbock taxpayers, to keep the at-large status quo in place. In the first round, First District Judge Halbert O. Woodward ruled for the defendants and the status quo, and upheld the system of exclusion. Round two started in 1978, when the federal Appeals court in New Orleans overturned the decision and sent it back to Judge Woodward. Judge Woodward was forced to reevaluate the case and in 1983 he ruled that the at-large system was, indeed, unconstitutional. He remapped the city into six single member districts which would make it possible for minority candidates to be elected to the City Council, beginning with the election of April 1984. In that election Maggie Trejo and T. J. Patterson were elected under the single member district plan.

This year is the 30th Anniversary of the success of the Appeal and the beginning of the organization of the single member district system and the ending of the system which excluded minority citizens from election to public office. This victory was the "keystone" victory opening the election process to minority candidates for other local, county, and school board offices.

The Plaintiffs, Lawyers, and First Minority City Council Members will be honored as Lubbock Civil Rights Heroes at the 30 Year Celebration 1:00-5:00 P.M. Saturday, September 13 at The Terrace Suite, second floor, Lubbock Civic Center. The Celebration is sponsored by the Fiestas del Llano, Inc., and other sponsors that will be recognized.

Besides this highlighted event, Fiestas Patrias will include an all day Symposium on Mexican-American Heritage and Empowerment on Friday, September 12, in Meeting Room 104-105, Lubbock Civic Center. This event is free to the public. Also, attend Fiestas for great food and entertainment Friday September 12, through Sunday, September 14, the Miss Hispanic Lubbock Pageant Friday evening, the Parade on Saturday morning, and the Grito de Dolores at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Monday evening September 15.

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## Hispanic Parents Taking Active Role in Their Kids' Education

A program of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund seeks to improve the chances of success in

their children receive an equitable education that can prepare them to go to college.

"Our community is the minority



school among Hispanic students by actively involving their parents in their education.

MALDEF's National Parent School Partnership Program, or PSP, is directed at parents, school personnel and community organizations with an eye toward creating a more cooperative relationship among the parties.

"We're teaching parents how the school system works, the rights and responsibilities they have within the system, the opportunities their children have with regard to scholarships, generally how to ... learn about the functioning of the school from the time the children begin going until they finish," PSP director Isabel Sance told Efe.

In 1989, MALDEF began to implement the program that has trained between 8,000 and 10,000 parents, especially in cities with big Hispanic populations, such as Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.

Another of the objectives of the program is to help parents, many of whom are immigrants who have only been in this country a short time - overcome cultural and language barriers.

"It's important to inform the parents, above all those who have just arrived from other countries, about how the school system in this country works to help them get the best education possible," Sance said.

Via the free program, the organization also seeks to train parents to keep an eye on things so that

(community) that has the highest percentage of kids who leave secondary school without obtaining a diploma," Sance said.

The program's promoters say that teachers must also take an active role to break down cultural barriers that can discourage the parents of Hispanic students from participating in education and affect the possibilities of their children's success.

To do that, one of the pillars of PSP consists of creating alliances among teachers, principals and school administrators and community organizations that help in the process.

Although the organization concentrates its efforts in predominantly Hispanic schools, the program can be implemented in any case where the need exists for part of the community and there are at least 20 parents interested in participating, she said.

The organization recommends in those cases that interested people recruit a representative group of parents, community and educational organizations and contact MALDEF to receive the proper training.

Also, with the aim of making a greater impact, the organization has developed a program to train people who are interested in training others.

Parents, teachers and school administrative personnel can participate in the workshop, in addition to community leaders interested in attending to the educational needs of their communities.

## Clinton Options Loom Ahead of U.S. Democratic Convention

An element of uncertainty looms ahead of the late Aug. Democratic National Convention of the United States as Senator Hillary Clinton's role there are being closely watched, analysts said Tuesday.

Clinton, though defeated by Senator Barack Obama in this year's presidential primary election, can still seek nomination at the convention, in Denver, Colorado, between Aug. 25 and 28, according to party rules.

She can still seek nomination and if she does so, it wouldn't be the first time that a candidate was beaten in the primaries and still formally contested the nomination at the convention.

Moreover, Clinton can still win votes from delegates at the convention even if her name isn't placed in nomination.

But in that case, it'll be the first

time in the modern era of U.S. presidential primaries that a losing candidate has so visibly endorsed an opponent so many months before the convention, and then gone on to have his or her name placed in nomination.

In theory, delegates are free to vote for anyone they want to at the convention. At past conventions, delegates have even been known to vote for fictional characters and dead people.

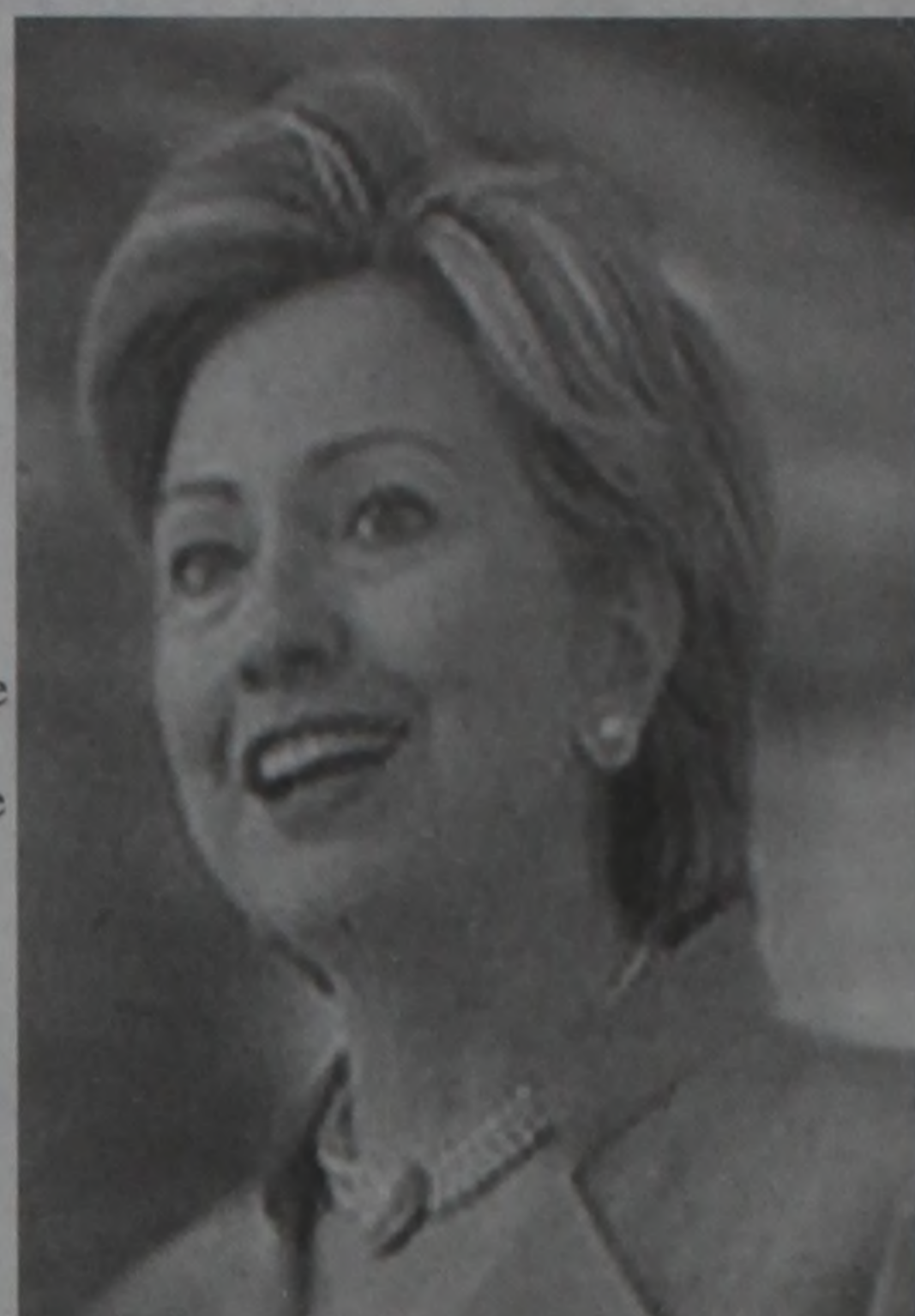
It's likely that Clinton will pick up some votes unless Obama is nominated by overall acclamation.

But the buzz is that Clinton may take it a step further and have her name formally placed before the convention, complete with nominating speeches, seconding speeches and all the hoopla they produce.

Such a move hasn't happened at either party's convention since 1992, when former California Gov. Jerry Brown had his name placed in nomination after losing the race to Bill Clinton in the primaries.

Between 1972 and 1992, 10 Democratic candidates who lost the nomination in the primaries went on to have their names formally placed in nomination at the convention.

However, none of them publicly endorsed their opponent months before the convention, as Clinton did in June.



## Casi 8 millones de hispanos sin médico

Unos 7.5 millones de adultos hispanos no tienen una clínica o un doctor de cabecera, pero casi la mitad de este sector se beneficia de un seguro médico, anunciaron el martes los autores de un estudio.

La encuesta —realizada por el Centro Hispano Pew y la Fundación Robert Wood Johnson— muestra también que aunque un 71% de hispanos recibió atención médica durante el último año, una gran parte (el 83 obtuvo información sobre temas de salud en medios de comunicación como la radio, la televisión o la internet.

El 79% de estos, además, puso en práctica las recomendaciones que escuchó en los medios.

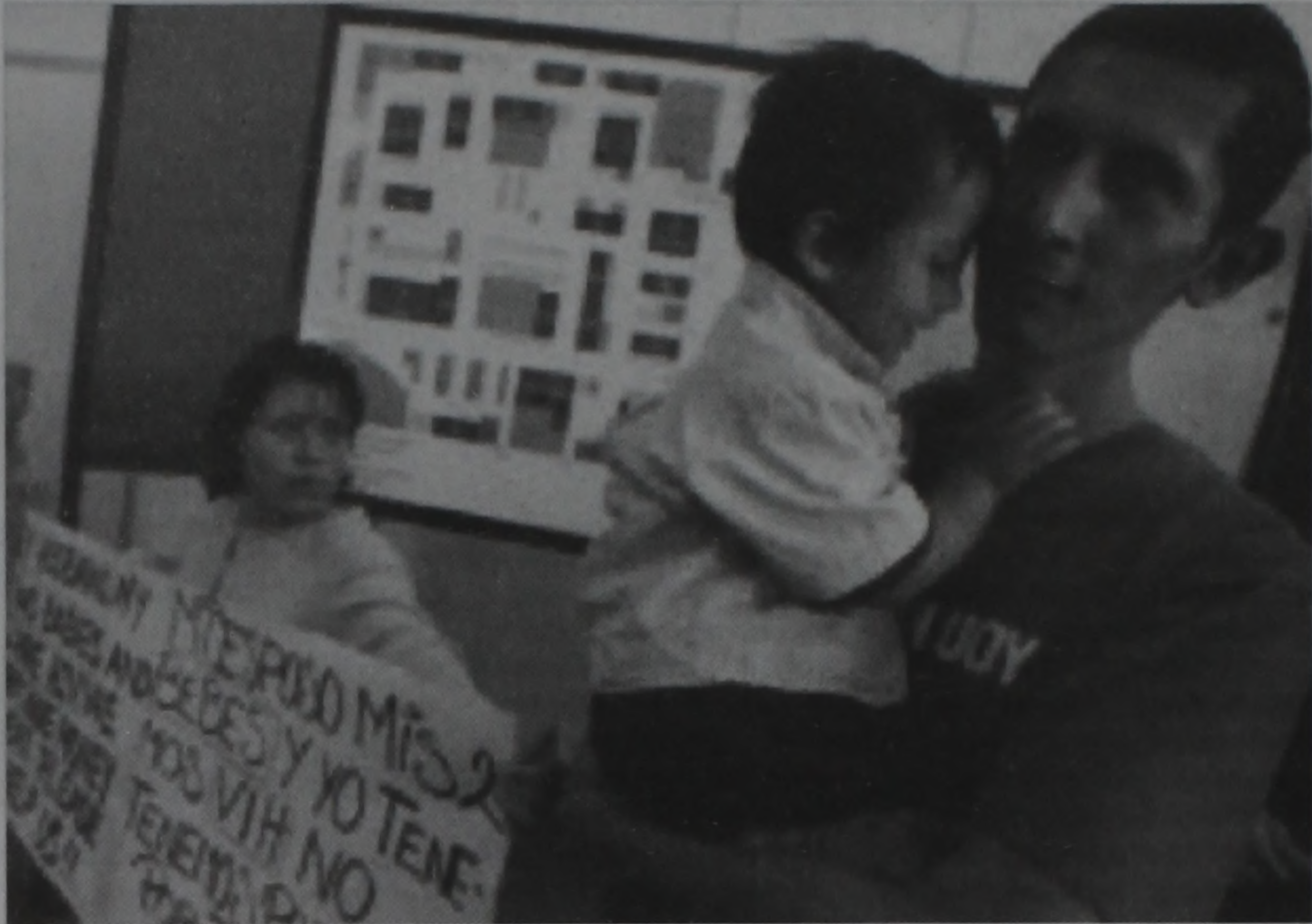
Los autores del estudio señalaron que la población hispana de Estados Unidos se duplicará antes del 2050, lo que impactará de manera significativa al sistema sanitario del país. Si gran parte de los hispanos no van al médico ahora, sus problemas de salud en el futuro serán más serios, dijeron los expertos.

Los hispanos presentan mayores niveles de diabetes, obesi-

dad y sobrepeso que los blancos

la Universidad de California en

El margen de error es de más



en Estados Unidos.

"Es sorprendente que un importante sector de los hispanos nacidos en Estados Unidos y con seguro médico aún no tenga una fuente regular de cuidado médico", indicó William Vega, profesor de medicina familiar en

Los Angeles. "Muchos de ellos pasan dos o tres años sin visitar a un especialista, lo que puede acarrear serias consecuencias".

La encuesta se basó en las respuestas ofrecidas por 4.013 hispanos adultos entrevistados entre julio y diciembre del 2007.

o menos 1,8 puntos porcentuales.

Según datos del estudio, unos dos millones de los 4,8 millones de hispanos mayores de 18 años que considera son indocumentados no tienen un médico de cabecera.

## Interrogantes raciales arrojan dudas sobre sondeos presidenciales

Barack Obama mantiene una estrecha ventaja en muchas encues-

fenómeno fue notado por primera vez en 1982, cuando Tom Bradley sufrió sorpresivamente una derrota en la contienda por gobernador de California, luego que los sondeos a boca de urna indicaban que él había ganado. ¿La razón de esas disparidades? Un número significativo de blancos no admitió que el factor



En esta foto del 18 de septiembre de 1989, el demócrata L. Douglas Wilder celebra durante su discurso de aceptación de la candidatura de su partido a gobernador de Virginia.

tas. Pero, ¿puede se confiar en esas cifras? Una cuestión central acerca de raza y política no ha cambiado desde 1982: ¿Mienten los electores blancos - a encuestadores e incluso a sí mismos - acerca de su disposición a votar por un candidato negro?

En el pasado, el consenso era claramente que sí. Hoy, sin embargo, existe un amplio desacuerdo sobre si Obama está sujeto al dilema conocido como el Efecto Bradley o Efecto Wilder, sobre si en la intimidad del recinto de votación, los blancos van a votar por el primer candidato negro con posibilidades reales de llegar a la presidencia.

Dado que los sondeos pueden tener problemas para descubrir la verdad acerca de muchas cosas, aparte de la raza, además de los enormes cambios demográficos, culturales, y tecnológicos, esta pregunta contribuye a generar a un aire de incertidumbre casi sin precedentes en los sondeos de este año.

En 1989, L. Douglas Wilder llevaba hasta 15 puntos de ventaja en los días antes de los comicios para gobernador en Virginia, pero ganó el puesto apenas por 6.700 votos. David Dinkins tuvo una experiencia similar ese año cuando se convirtió en el primer alcalde negro en Nueva York. Y el

racial desempeñó un papel en su decisión de voto, dicen encuestadores y académicos. Otro factor: Cuando la persona que hacía la pregunta era negra, los encuestados en muchas ocasiones dijeron favorecer al candidato negro.

En las recientes primarias demócratas, sondeos a boca de urna en 28 estados sobreestimaron las cifras reales de Obama en el conteo final.

Andrew Kohut, presidente del Centro de Investigaciones Pew, dijo que no piensa que la gente esté mintiendo hoy acerca de su apoyo a Obama "porque no pienso que haya mucho estigma asociado con votar por John McCain". Kohut dice que los encuestadores no están preguntando "¿vas a votar por el blanco o por el negro?".

Pero dijo que veía potencial para error basado en la gente de declina participar en sondeos, a quienes describe como mayormente blancos de bajos ingresos, entre los que predominan más opiniones de intolerancia racial que entre la población general.

"La fragilidad real de nuestros sondeos es que tenemos una tasa muy alta de rechazos", dijo Kohut.

Entonces, ¿son acertados los sondeos actuales? "No lo sé", dijo Kohut, "y para ser sinceros, eso es algo que preocupa a todos los encuestadores".

## Texas Education Agency Reauthorizes Fast For Word Software for State-Sanctioned Intensive Reading Instruction Programs

For the second time in a row, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has named Scientific Learning Corp.'s (NASDAQ:SCIL) neuroscience-based Fast ForWord(R) products to the state's "Commissioner's List of Approved Intensive Reading Program Providers." A component of the Texas Intensive Reading/Intensive Math Initiative, the list is presented to eligible schools, with struggling readers in grades four through eight. These schools can receive non-competitive grant funding for purchasing the approved intensive instruction programs of their choice.

The state's Intensive Reading/Intensive Math Initiative was created in 2005 to help public schools that were having the most difficulty in improving students' reading or math performance. The reading component of the initiative is the Texas Intensive Reading Instruction (IRI) program and funding is estimated to be \$15 million for the 2007-09 period. "We were one of only 10 reading program providers named to the original list back in 2006 when the initiative was launched," said Robert C. Bowen, chairman and CEO of Scientific Learning. "The grant was reauthorized in the latest legislature session, and we are very proud to be once again included in the select listing that TEA has created for Texas schools."

According to the IRI mandates, comprehensive research-based instruction; assessment and performance outcome measures; data-driven instruction systems; and professional development are among the necessary components of any approved comprehensive intensive reading program. "We were able to demonstrate that although this was not a technology grant, our Fast ForWord software more than met all the IRI requirements," said Bowen.

The Fast ForWord software is based on more than 30 years of scientific research into how the brain learns. In addition, Fast ForWord's Progress Tracker feature provides continuous monitoring, assessment and performance outcome data, while a fast, easy-to-use computerized assessment called Reading Progress Indicator provides a clear picture of every student's reading

skills in terms of grade equivalents, percentile scores and normal curve equivalents. Teachers use the data collected via both of these assessment and analysis tools to guide their instruction.

Finally, Scientific Learning provides intensive and thorough professional development about the science behind the Fast ForWord products, best practices for implementation and use, and the many ways to integrate the products for classroom, before- or after-school, weekend or summer instruction. The professional development service also includes follow-up training, implementation management as well as installations and consultations at the school sites.

"For the past eight years, the Fast ForWord family of products has been helping Texas students succeed in school districts such as Dallas, Marshall, DeSoto, Arlington, Killeen, United, Laredo, and Amarillo," said Bowen. "Hundreds of school districts nationwide have performed independent evaluations and reported improved performance. That includes the Dallas Independent School District, which conducted a four-year longitudinal study that showed participants closing the achievement gap by an average of 23 percent after just five and a half months. Now, we're eager to spur the achievements of another cohort of Texas students."

The four-year longitudinal study in the Dallas Independent School District (ISD) investigated the effects of the Fast ForWord products on the reading skills of struggling students in 20 high schools from 2004 to 2007. After Fast ForWord participation, students improved their Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) reading scores. In addition to achieving gains immediately after using the Fast ForWord software, the struggling readers continued to increase their achievement levels in the following years. In the three years after the students' initial participation in Fast ForWord program, the average decrease in the achievement gap between the students in the study and other students statewide was 25 percent.

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Participants can start teams, join existing teams or register as individuals. Team registration is \$20 per person, and individual registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and younger. Breast cancer survivors can register for \$20 and will receive a special cap, pink T-shirt and access to a pre-race breakfast at the "Think Pink" Café. Every participant will receive a short sleeved Race T-shirt. los 75, el yugoslavo Mate Parlov en los 81 y en los pesos completos el antillano Teófilo Stevenson.

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Bishop to host September 6 book-signing for history of area's 'first, largest' church

LUBBOCK –The Most Rev. Plácido Rodríguez, CMF, Bishop of Lubbock, will sign copies of a brand new book on the history of the Diocese of Lubbock, the area's "first and largest" church, according to Deacon Leroy Behnke, diocesan communications director.

Bishop Rodríguez will sign copies of the book, "Of This We Are All Witnesses (Acts 2:32): An Illustrated History of the Diocese of Lubbock," while at Brothers John's Catholic Books & Gifts on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"The roots of the Catholic faith in the Diocese of Lubbock go back to 1541 when Father Juan de Padilla celebrated Mass with the Coronado Expedition in Blanco Canyon. This book is the story of the first church on the Llano Estacado area of West Texas," said Deacon Behnke. "With more than 80,000 Catholics in the 62 parishes that make up this one local church under the apostolic pastoral care of the Bishop of Lubbock, this is also the story of the largest church on these South Plains...the 25 counties around and including Lubbock."

A full-color, 186-page "coffee table" edition, "Of This We Are All Witnesses" features more than 300 photographs -- including pictures of all 62 churches and the area's Catholic institutions. Explanatory paragraphs of all Catholic lay organizations are also included, along with representative pictures. The book sells for \$30 a copy.

"This book has drawn rave reviews from those fortunate enough to already have a copy," said Deacon Behnke. "It really is a treasure that should be in every Catholic household. It's also a great gift idea for Catholic fam-

## Lubbock's Veneno Fastpitch Softball Club participate in USSSA World Series tournament



Teams that participated in the USSSA World Series Tournament were asked to bring goodies bags to exchange with other teams that were in the tournament as well. Veneno was assigned to do this with the Ladies Athletics from Oakland, California. The teams got to know each other and supported each other throughout the tournament. In photo are team members of Veneno and Ladies Athletics.



Veneno Fastpitch Softball Club team went to participate in the USSSA World Series tournament that was held all last week in Plano, Tx.. Just being eligible was a great challenge for the team to be part of the tournament. After a long hard experience of different fundraisers, banner sponsors of local merchants, friends and family this trip was possible.

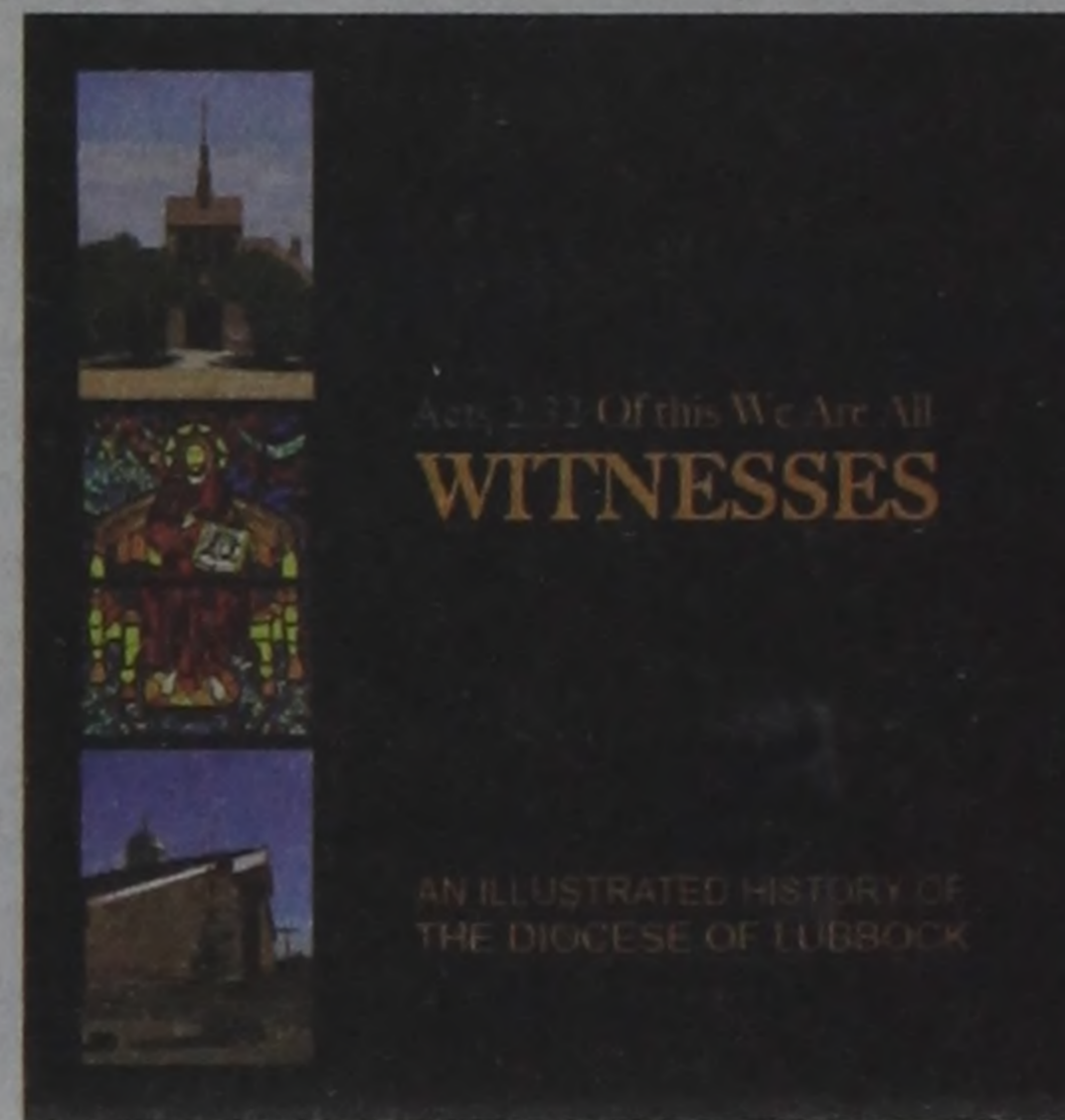
El Editor newspapers is the proud sponsor of Veneno and would like to express its greatest gratitude to all the support that was received for Veneno throughout the whole community. "This was a great experience that we enjoyed being part of it with Veneno. Lubbock and the

surrounding communities came together and helped Veneno out in order for them to have a lifetime memory of going to the World Tournament," said Bidal & Olga Aguero, owners of El Editor newspapers.

The majority of the girls in this team are mostly from Lubbock High. Team members are: Marisol Aguero, Amanda Garcia, Cynthia Hernandez, Maya Hernandez, Celinda Hinojosa, Mariah Lopez, Monica Perez, Cassandra Mendez, Alyssa Cavedo, Vanessa Ramirez, Cynthia Salazar, Alanna Zuniga and Amanda Zuniga.



Of course, we cannot forget our coaches Daniel Perez, Noey

Zuniga and owner Bidal Aguero. "Daniel & Noey are one of a kind, you can clearly see that they enjoy coaching Veneno. No stress, no friction just playing hard ball but at the same time having fun doing it. That is what the sport is all about." said Olga Aguero. "I need to say thanks for all their hard work and time that they dedicated to the team. And, also need to thank all the parents of the team in helping and providing their 110% in making this an adventure for the girls to have with them for ever. The Coaches also expressed their satisfaction that some the junior and senior girls were allowed the opportunity to visit with college recruiters.



ily members and friends -- especially any who have moved away."

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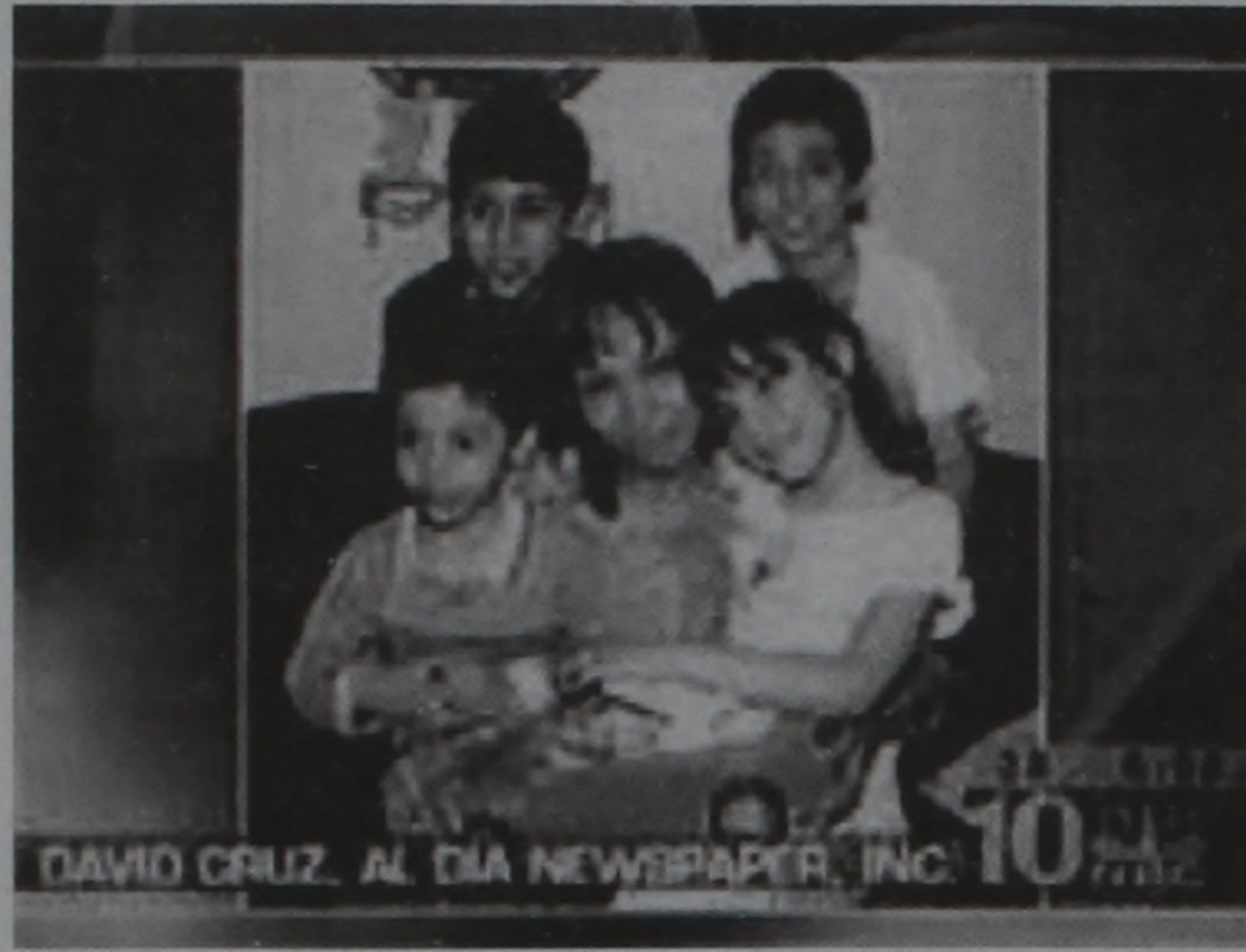
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# THE DELIMAR VERA STORY ON LIFETIME

JUDY REYES, ANA ORTIZ AND A MARTINEZ STAR IN THE LIFETIME MOVIE NETWORK ORIGINAL MOVIE PREMIERING SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 Judy Reyes ("Scrubs"),

Luz remains convinced that her daughter was kidnapped and that she's still alive. Luz and her husband (Bustamante) attempt to put the tragedy behind them for the sake of their other children, however, Luz continues to suspect



Ana Ortiz ("Ugly Betty"), A Martinez ("General Hospital") and Hector Luis Bustamante ("The Shield," "24") star in the Lifetime Movie Network original film "Little Girl Lost: The Delimar Vera Story," the incredible real-life tale of a mother's (Reyes) intuition that never wavered throughout her six-year search for her daughter. The movie also stars Marlene Forte as Tatita ("CSI," "Real Women Have Curves") and introducing Jilian Bruno ("Dexter") as Delimar. "Little Girl Lost" will premiere on Sunday, August 17, at 8PM ET/9PM PT, on Lifetime Movie Network.

In "Little Girl Lost," Reyes portrays Luz Cuevas, a working-class mother who is told that her infant daughter, Delimar, has perished in a suspicious fire in their Philadelphia row house. Despite the evidence, and based only on her intuition as a mother,

her distant cousin (Ortiz) of foul play and enlists the help of Angel Cruz (Martinez), a sympathetic State Representative.

In order to help keep other children safe, Lifetime Movie Network is partnering with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. A public service announcement with stars of the movie, as well as online content on lmn.tv, will provide families with helpful tips, a hotline number and other important resources. Lifetime Movie Network will also host a special screening event for the film in Los Angeles on August 7, 2008 with special guest, the Honorable Angel Cruz.

"Little Girl Lost: The Delimar Vera Story" is being produced by Lifetime in association with TF1 International, and is directed/executive produced by Paul A. Kaufman. Harvey Kahn, Joey Plager, and Larry Thompson also serve as executive producers.

On Intocable's new CD "2C," the group discovered that sometimes looking back is a smart way to move forward says singer Ricky Munoz.

"We didn't plan anything in the studio. We usually don't," Munoz said in a recent interview. "But this time, somehow we got a more rootsy direction."

On "2C," Intocable focused on the traditional conjunto and folk roots of Tejano/norteno and downplayed the experimentation they've done with country and pop in previous albums.

"In our last CD ("Crossroads") we experimented a lot with different sounds, like some country flavors and pedal steel," said Munoz. "We got some good feedback from fans who liked the new directions."

"But we also got some fans wondering what was up."

So, to please those type of fans and swing the musical pendulum back.

That is evidenced with the first track "Que Facil Es Amarte," a conjunto instrumental with extended accordion jams. The polka recalls the glory days of pioneers Tony De La Rosa and Valerio Longoria and the golden age of classic conjunto music.

HoroscopesLos020407.JPG" It feels good to get back to the roots of the music," said Munoz. "Yet at the same time, we did add a few new things, added some new flavors just to keep things contemporary."

For example, the norteno polka tune "Me Deje Caer," still has that country ballad touch. "You can feel the core polka

beat but it also has a little pedal steel in it, but not as in your face as 'Crossroads.' All of us are very excited, very excited. We had a lot of great comments, for our fans."

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**Y para nuestros amigos que hablan español, las noticias en español:**

lista Regional Mexicano. Este nuevo sencillo formará parte de su producción "2C", álbum número doce en la carrera de la agrupación.

"De igual forma "La frescura musical" esta por concluir su gira por la República Mexicana, este fin de semana se presentará en el Distrito Federal, Aguascalientes, Zacatecas y Querétaro.

"Cerrarán con broche de oro el próximo 24 de mayo, sumando un record más en su carrera, siendo el primer artista grupero en presentarse 3 fechas consecutivas en palenque de la "Expo Guadalupe" Nuevo León, ya que debido a la demanda de boletos para las 2 primeras fechas, se abrió una nueva

fecha para el día 22 de mayo. "Así mismo la agrupación originaria de Zapata, Texas, anuncia el próximo inicio de su gira por la Unión Americana que llevará por título: "Unidos

Tour 2008". Como su mismo nombre lo indica, se unirán los máximos exponentes de la música regional mexicana: por una parte el 1 Intocable por el lado norteno, por el otro el 2 "Los Horoscopes de Durango", representando lo mejor de la música duranguense. Ambas agrupaciones recorrerán las ciudades más importantes de los Estados Unidos.

"Estamos muy contentos de llevar a cabo esta gira. Somos dos grupos regional mexicano con diferentes estilos pero "unidos" por la música, el idioma, la cultura, pero sobre todo por el corazón" - afirma Ricardo Muñoz, vocalista de Intocable.

# Intocable's Munoz says new CD '2C' is a 'back-to-the-future' work



In keeping with their reputation as being one of the most creative Tejano/norteno groups, Intocable teamed up with the Duranguense band Los Horoscopes de Durango on the new Unidos Tour.

"Los Horoscopes are kinda of like Intocable, they appeal to young crowd, and it is not real traditional Duranguense from what I have heard," said Munoz. "They like to experiment. And nowadays I think you have to join forces with younger bands and go out on tour and give their people their money's worth. That is what we're trying to do."

The next dates for Intocable/Horoscopes include Aug 22, Cumberland County Fairgrounds, Millville, NJ; Aug. 23, Manhattan Center, NY; Aug 29, Disco Rodeo, Raleigh, NC. Opening the shows is new singer El Gringo.

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## Crystl Bustos hits two-run homer against Australia

Cat Osterman pitched a no-hitter, Crystl Bustos hit a two-run homer and the U.S. softball team extended its Olympic winning streak to 16 games with a 3-0 win over Australia on Wednesday.

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Cat Osterman no-hits the Aussies Wednesday, the second-straight no-no for the USA. Osterman was locked in a pitcher's duel for four innings with Tanya Harding, who had handed the U.S. team two of its four losses in the games since 1996. Osterman struck out 13 and walked just two as the Americans, seeking a fourth straight gold medal, posted their 14th shutout during the winning streak in a rematch of the gold-medal game from 2004 in Athens.

"It's good to get a game like this under our belts," Osterman said. "It's good to have your backs against the wall every now and then. It shows how we keep fighting. We're not just going to let down because another team is competing with us."

Natasha Watley hit an RBI single off Harding to snap a 0-0 tie in the fifth, and Bustos, the most feared hitter in softball, connected for her 10th career Olympic homer in the sixth.

Earlier, China improved to 2-0 with a 7-1 win over Venezuela. In the evening session, Japan faces Taiwan and Canada plays the Netherlands.

One day after scoring an Olympic record 11 runs in a tournament-opening rout of Venezuela, the Americans were blanked for four innings before finally pushing a run across against Harding in the fifth.

Lovianne Jung walked with one out, and one out later, the U.S. team's second baseman stole second. Up came Watley against Harding.

Watley battled to a full count before slapping a single to left-center, scoring Jung without a throw.

The Americans made it 3-0 in the sixth when Bustos, the pony-tailed powerhouse, hit her second homer in China.

Jessica Mendoza walked leading off and Bustos, who normally pulls her homers deep over the fences in left, dropped one over the right-field wall, giving the U.S. and Osterman a cushion for the seventh.

"She's a beast when it comes to hitting," Osterman said of Bustos. "You can throw her outside and she can beat you. You can throw it inside and she can beat you. You can throw it in the dirt and she can golf it. You can throw it 10 feet over her head and she can tomahawk it."

"We all kind of laugh because she can do almost anything that she wants."

Osterman then struck out the side in the final inning.

The 36-year-old Harding, known simply as "Tee" to her teammates, handed the U.S. its last loss in the Olympics, beating them in a 13-inning marathon on Sept. 21, 2000 in Sydney. Harding struck out 18 that day in going the distance and out-dueling Lisa Fernandez, who fanned 25.

Harding also defeated the U.S. in 1996 at Atlanta, the Americans' lone loss en route to winning its first gold in softball's debut.

For a while, it looked like Harding would bedevil the U.S. again. But the world's best lineup came up with the big steal, clutch hit and another Bustos blast.

Don't they always? "It," said Bustos, "was just a matter of time."

It was Australia's second straight loss after the defending silver medalists dropped a 4-3 decision to Japan in its tourney opener.

Osterman worked her way out of a situation as sticky as the heavy air in Fengtai Softball Field in the third.

She walked Danielle Stewart leading off and Belinda Wright sacrificed. With a 3-2 count, Osterman was called for taking longer than 20 seconds between pitches by Canadian plate Nancy Morrison, who monitors a clock on the center-field wall. The infraction is an automatic ball and Morrow was awarded first base.

Osterman, though, struck out Kelly Wyborn and Stacey Porter, punctuating the last one with a scream and fist pump as she headed to the dugout.

In other round-robin play, China improved to 2-0 with a 7-1 win over Venezuela, and Japan won its second straight by beating Taiwan 2-1. Canada plays the Netherlands in Wednesday's final game.

On Thursday, the U.S. will face the Canadians, who nearly beat the Americans in June.

# Phelps wins two more golds, runs Olympic-record total to 11

Michael Phelps swam into history Wednesday as the athlete to win the most Olympic golds ever with his 10th and 11th career gold medals — and five world records at the Beijing Games.

Michael Phelps is all smiles after moving to five-for-five in his gold medal hunt. (Getty Images)

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A day after etching his name alongside Mark Spitz and Carl Lewis, Paavo Nurmi and Larisa Latynina with gold No. 9, Phelps claimed the record all to himself when he won the 200-meter butterfly Wednesday morning. An hour later, he returned to swim the leadoff of a runaway victory by the U.S. 800 freestyle relay team, which shattered the old mark by more than 4 seconds.

Phelps claimed the 200 butterfly record in 1 minute, 52.03 seconds, lowering his old mark of 1:52.09 from the 2007 worlds. Laszlo Cseh of Hungary took the silver in 1:52.70. Takeshi Matsuda of Japan got the bronze in 1:52.97.

In his individual event, Phelps had a problem with his goggles. But that didn't keep him from touching first.

No such worries in the relay. Seemingly impervious to fatigue, the gangly American set a blistering pace of 1:43.31 that got the Americans rolling toward a winning time of 6:58.56 — the first team ever to break the 7-minute barrier.

"Come on! Come on!" he screamed at teammates Ryan Lochte, Ricky Berens and Peter Vanderkaay.

The previous record of 7:03.24 was set by the Americans at the 2007 world championships. Russia took the silver, more than 5 seconds behind the Americans, who mainly had to make sure they didn't jump in the water too soon. Australia won the bronze. "Safe start! Safe start!" Phelps yelled at Berens before he dove in.

Phelps is now all alone at the top of the career golds list, with three more chances to stretch his lead before he leaves China.

In his signature stroke, Phelps was second at the first flip, then pushed it into another gear.

Phelps barely smiled as he looked at the board, breathing heavily and hanging on the lane rope. He rubbed his eyes and said climbing from the pool, "I can't see anything." A pair of leaky goggles kept him from even seeing the wall as he touched.

"My goggles kept filling up with water during the race," Phelps said. "I wanted a world record, I wanted 1:51 or better, but in the circumstances not too bad I guess."

Still, he had two more golds and two more records before lunchtime, leaving him only three victories away from beating Spitz's record of seven gold medals in a single games.

He is also keeping pace with Spitz on the record front. Spitz's set new world standards in all of his victories at Munich; Phelps is now 5-for-5 in China.

Three worlds records fell before Phelps even walked on deck the first time.

In the semifinals of the 100 free, Australia's Eamon Sullivan and France's Alain Bernard exchanged the record Sullivan set two days earlier.

In the first heat, Bernard won in 47.20 to knock down Sullivan's mark of 47.24 from the leadoff leg of the memorable 400 free relay. That record lasted all of 2 minutes. Sullivan won the second heat in 47.05, setting up a thrilling showdown Thursday in the final.

"Records don't mean much," Sullivan said. "They don't win medals at the end of the day, unfortunately. But it gives me confidence that I can swim my own race under pressure."

Then it was Federica Pellegrini's turn in the women's 200 free. The Italian broke the mark she set a day earlier in the semifinals, winning gold in 1:54.82. The old record was 1:55.45.

Sara Isakovic of Slovenia claimed the bronze in 1:54.97, and China's Pang Jiaying thrilled the home fans by passing Katie Hoff of the U.S. on the final lap to take bronze in 1:55.05.

In the 200 individual medley, Australia's Stephanie Rice completed her IM sweep with another world record, her time of 2:08.45 erasing the mark of 2:08.92 set at the Australian trials in March.

Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe took the silver in 2:08.59, also below the previous world record. Natalie Coughlin of the U.S. won the bronze in 2:10.34, her third medal of the games, beating Hoff by 34-hundredths of a second.

"It's a big surprise for me," said Coughlin, who began swimming the IM only a few months ago. "Any medal in an event that is not on your (regular) program is great."

The glamorous Rice, wearing big green earrings that matched her country's colors, added to her victory in the 400 IM.

"It's something I have dreamed about for a long time," she said. "It's the ultimate goal."

Then there's Hoff, who looked to be one of the big stories of the game when she qualified in five individual events -- the same number as Phelps.

The 19-year-old American, who says Phelps is like a big brother, has yet to match his success in the water. In her first two races, Hoff settled for a bronze and a silver. Now, she has got only one more event -- the 800 free -- to win an individual gold.

"I would have liked to medal,

but I got my first personal best



of the meet and I think that's a good effort," Hoff said after the 200 free. "I can't be upset with that, and I'm just moving on to the next heat."

An inspiring Olympic story came to an end in the semifinals of the 200 breaststroke.

Eric Shanteau, who was diagnosed with testicular cancer just before the U.S. Olympic trials and put off surgery until after the games, failed to advance to the final.

He finished sixth in his semifinal heat and 10th overall, 13-hundredths of a second out of the last spot into the final.

Japan's Kosuke Kitajima, trying for his second successive sweep of the breaststroke events, cruised along as the top qualifier at 2:08.61. He already won the 100 with a world record after taking both golds in Athens four years ago.

## Espinosa y Ortiz ganan primera medalla de México

Dicen que lo importante no es como se comienza sino el final, y

contentas, pues es el resultado de muchos años de intenso trabajo",



expresó Ortiz. "En lo particular, es más de lo que podía pedirle a la vida".

Espinosa y Ortiz arrancaron con dos

saltos fallidos que les hundieron en el último lugar y parecía que todo estaba perdido, con un binomio chino que parecía tener las llaves del imponente Cubo de Agua.

Fue en ese momento en que decidieron que no habían venido desde tan lejos para caer tan bajo, especialmente cuando tenían la convicción de que poseen el talento suficiente para mucho más.

"Al principio estaban algo nerviosas y eso les afectó en los dos primeros clavados", reconoció la entrenadora de ambas, la china Ma Jin. "Pero algo me decía que podían recuperarse".

Como si la estuvieran oyendo.

En el tercer intento, las mexicanas tuvieron una ejecución casi perfecta en la que cosecharon 77.76 puntos, sólo superadas por las chinas con 79.20, y con ello escalaron de golpe al tercer lugar.

Ya para el cuarto salto la pelea se hizo más dura contra los australianos y sólo en el último dieron la remontada final que las encaramó en el podio. En las postrimerías la dupla canadiense de Meaghan



Benfeito y Roseline Filion hizo un amago, pero no bastó para desbancar a las mexicanas.

"Sabíamos que esta competencia iba a ser así de dura", reconoció Ortiz. "A pesar de iniciar mal, nos mantuvimos serenas y motivadas para seguir adelante. Ya en el cuarto salto hasta bromas nos hicimos".

Esta medalla de bronce es la número 52 en la historia de México en Juegos Olímpicos y la décima

en clavados, donde han ganado una de oro, cuatro de plata y cinco de bronce. De esta forma, la disciplina iguala al atletismo como el segundo deporte que más medallas olímpicas le ha dado a México, con 10, sólo detrás del boxeo con 12 preseas.

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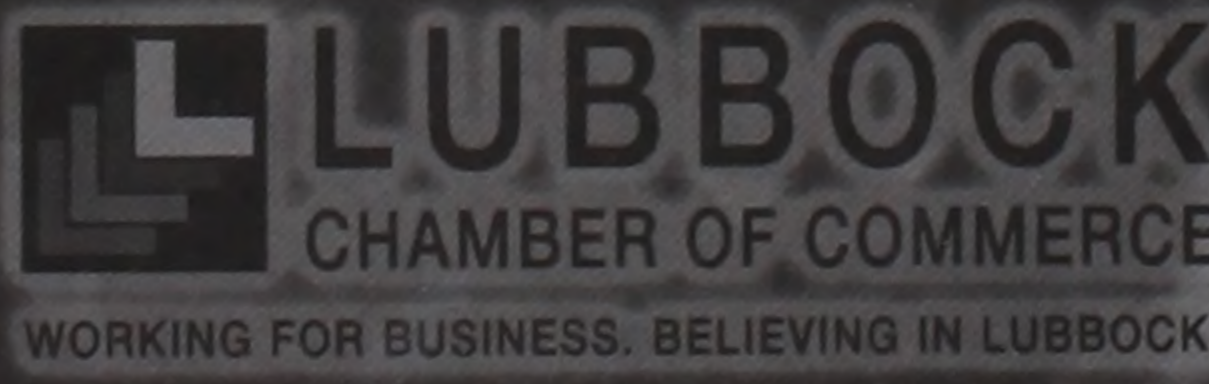
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# Acceso a salud en EEUU presenta desigualdades

Mientras entre la población general de Estados Unidos se registra un incremento del 26% en las personas que acuden al hospital o a su doctor, unos 7.5 millones de hispanos ni siquiera tienen un médico de cabecera, de acuerdo con dos estudios revelados ayer.

El Centro de Control de Enfermedades (CDC) indica que se registraron más de 1,000 millones de visitas al hospital o al doctor, un promedio de cuatro visitas al año por persona, y que siete de 10 visitas requirieron receta médica.

"El número de visitas a oficinas médicas, hospitales y departamentos de emergencias se ha incrementado en un 26% de 1996 a 2006, lo cual es un aumento mayor que el de la población de Estados Unidos, el cual llegó al 11%", señala el reporte federal. En ese mismo texto se explica

que "el incremento de visitas puede estar ligado al incremento en el envejecimiento de la población".

Graciela Hernández, residente del Este de Los Ángeles, ha visto cómo ha ido creciendo el número de personas en la sala de espera de su doctor de cabecera.

"Las personas a medida que nos hacemos más viejos necesitamos más cuidado médico. Lo veo en la oficina de mi doctor y con mis familiares. Algunos necesitamos ir más al doctor", comentó Hernández ayer a la salida de la oficina de su médico.

Por su parte, el estudio del Centro Hispano Pew y la Fundación Robert Wood Johnson revela que uno de cada cuatro adultos hispanos en Estados Unidos no tiene un proveedor médico primario. Mientras ocho de cada 10 reciben información médica

de la televisión, la radio y los periódicos.

Este estudio es uno de los primeros que toma en consideración las diferencias entre los latinos nacidos en Estados Unidos, los latinos inmigrantes con 15 años y más de residir en el país y los que tienen cinco años o menos.

"Los latinos nacidos en Estados Unidos tienden a ser menos saludables que los latinos inmigrantes, y los inmigrantes, entre más tiempo están en el país, son menos saludables. Esto está relacionado con la adaptación a la comida estadounidense", dijo William Vega, investigador y profesor de Medicina Familiar de la Universidad de California en Los Ángeles (UCLA).

Vega agregó que los hispanos nacidos en Estados Unidos y los que llevan más de 15 años de

vivir en el país tienen más acceso a seguro médico y a cuidados de salud.

Gretchen Livingston, investigadora principal del Centro Hispano Pew, señaló que este es el primer estudio que toma en cuenta a los inmigrantes indocumentados como una categoría dentro del rubro de los hispanos.

"Unos dos millones de los 4.8 millones de latinos que son indocumentados no tienen un doctor de cabecera", señaló Livingston.

Vega explicó que en una época en la que se discute la necesidad de una reforma de salud es importante comprender que si las personas carecen de un "hogar médico" o doctor de cabecera, hay más posibilidades de que termine en la sala de emergencia, aunque padezca de una enfermedad fácilmente controlable.

"Los hispanos tienen menos

acceso a fuentes de cuidado médico primario, pero las utilizarían si tuvieran acceso", señaló Vega.

Baltazar Espinoza, un inmigrante mexicano que ha vivido 20 años en Los Ángeles, experimenta la diferencia en cobertura para su familia que ha sido identificada por los investigadores.

"Mis hijos y nosotros [su esposa y él] tenemos seguro médico y un doctor al que vamos regularmente, pero mi sobrino [Juan Pablo Vallecillo] que vino hace dos años no tiene seguro ni doctor, y cuando se accidentó tuvo muchos problemas para conseguir cuidados después de que pasó la emergencia. Le pedían número de Seguro Social y él no tiene", manifestó Espinoza.

Vallecillo forma parte del



segmento de los hombres jóvenes que son menos probables de contar con un doctor primario.

El estudio indica que el 36% de los hombres no tienen un proveedor de cuidado, comparado con un 17% de las mujeres.

El 41% de los latinos que carecen de un "hogar médico" reporta que casi nunca se enferman, mientras que un 13% asegura que prefiere tratarse por su cuenta. Además, un 17% reporta que no tiene un médico de cabecera porque carece de seguro médico, en tanto que un 3% indica que no entiende el sistema de cuidado médico de Estados Unidos.

## Miss Universe wants to generate awareness for HIV/AIDS prevention

This week, Mexico City was the site of the XVII International Aids Conference. Among the 22,000 in attendance was Dayana Mendoza, the newly crowned Miss Universe 2008. Ms. Mendoza received her crown last month in Vietnam where the world learned that she hails from Venezuela and speaks English, Spanish and Italian.

However these days, Ms. Mendoza is speaking on behalf of the Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA) to generate a higher awareness for HIV/AIDS prevention. Before the Mexico City convention, the LCOA released a report citing how Latinos comprise 22% of all U.S. cases of HIV/AIDS in 2006.

The LCOA was specifically waiting at the international conference for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) officials to release their report on the estimation of HIV incidence in the United States to get a more precise picture of

how badly infected is the Latino



community.

Yet, because the CDC relied on outside sources to conduct their

research who did not include

Puerto Ricans from the island of Puerto Rico, the results proved to be a gross undercount of how many Latinos are truly infected with the disease.

According to the LCOA, the undercounting is significant because it has a "direct impact on the allocation of funding and resources brought to bear on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Hispanic community, as well as creating confusion regarding the success or failure of prevention efforts."

The LCOA is working with the CDC to rectify the discrepancy brought about by omitting Puerto Ricans from the research.

In the meantime to help with their prevention efforts, the LCOA has created the "Madrina" program to elevate awareness of HIV/AIDS among the Latino community. This year's madrina is Miss Universe 2008.

## White Americans no longer a majority by 2042

WASHINGTON - White people will no longer make up a majority of Americans by 2042, according to new government projections. That's eight years sooner than previous estimates, made in 2004.

The nation has been growing more diverse for decades, but the process has sped up through immigration and higher birth rates among minority residents, especially Hispanics.

It is also growing older. "The white population is older and very much centered around the aging baby boomers who are well past their high fertility years," said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "The future of America is epitomized by the young people today. They are basically the melting pot we are going to see in the future."

The Census Bureau Thursday released population projections through 2050, based on rates for births, deaths and immigration. They are subject to big revisions, depending on immigration policy, cultural changes and natural or

manmade disasters. The U.S. has nearly 305

million people today. The population is projected to hit 400 million in 2039 and 439 million in 2050.

That's like adding all the people from France and Britain, said Steve A. Camarota, director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington group that advocates tighter immigration policies.

White non-Hispanics make up about two-thirds of the population, but only 55 percent of those younger than 5.

By 2050, whites will make up 46 percent of the population

and blacks will make up 15 percent, a relatively small increase from to-



day. Hispanics, who make up about 15 percent of the population today, will account for 30 percent in 2050, according to the new projections.

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