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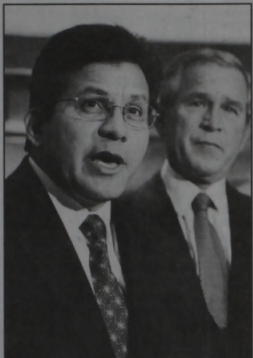
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Alberto Gonzales – un Hijo del Pueblo, With a Sense of History

Alberto Gonzales announced he was stepping down as US Attorney General on August 27, 2007. Since returning to private life he has spoken to only a few political, business and civil rights groups. Therefore it was rare, that he would address the "LULAC Bring out your Best Scholarship Banquet." He spoke about his life growing up Hispanic in Texas and about the issues of immigration reform and education. Mr. Gonzales spoke endearingly about his parents. His parents Pablo and Maria Gonzales were migrant workers. They eventually settled in Houston and raised a family of eight children. His father, Pablo, worked in construction and later was employed in a rice mill, but as was the case for most Hispanic families in those days, there were few luxuries for the family of ten.



Alberto Gonzales childhood was no different than most Hispanics of his era. His family was a working class. They struggled to make ends meet but always, his parents wanted the best for their children. Alberto did not disappoint. He went on to fulfill his parent's dreams and his own as well. "We live in a country where dreams come true," he said. He attended the Air Force Academy,

Rice University and Harvard. He became a partner in a prestigious law firm in Houston and later entered politics and became a close friend of President George W. Bush. His

friendship with "Dubya" led to his becoming the first Hispanic US Attorney General in US history. Alberto Gonzales: The former Attorney General recounted the time his mother Maria visited the Oval Office in the White House. It was a special moment for both. He credits her as the person who instilled religious values in him and his siblings

and encouraged them to get an education and to do well in school. Mr. Gonzales told the attendees at the banquet about the historical significance of the Bush years. He told about the terrorist attack of 9/11 and how the US came together as one nation in response to the attack. He emphasized the solemnity of the moment when the President ordered American armed forces to liberate Iraq and of the President's deep concern for the safety of American military men and women. Mr. Gonzales took time to assure that everyone understood his sense of history of those days. He then went on to speak of the need for reform of the nation's immigration laws. "We must have a path to citizenship," he said. "The US simply does not have the ability or the resources to deport 13 million. Reform must include fines to those who come here illegally and no special consideration. They must stand in line for citizenship. We must not have amnesty." Finally he addressed the topic of education. By the example of his own life and experience he demonstrated that the path to fulfillment of dreams lies in educational achievements. In his closing remarks Gonzales stated "America needs

leadership today more than ever. When I was in Washington I dealt with a lot of politicians and did not see many true leaders or statesmen. I think our country yearns for leaders who will inspire hope and offer a vision of a better tomorrow. I think she years for leadership as courageous and consistently upholding to the winds of public opinion. I believe Americans want leaders who say this is who I am and this is where I stand. America needs leaders who care more about principals than popularity and say that they will not compromise what is best for our country for their own political gain. And sadly from my perspective today the leadership of both political parties is dominated by individuals with extreme ideologies who have little interest or incentive to compromise and I think that is harmful to the American people. In spite of the insatiable petty partisan politics that permeates at seemingly at every level of the federal government serving in Washington was a remarkable experience one I would not trade. Some wonder why I would want to go through that again. I know my wife would wonder as well that it is a very understandable question. When I worked at the White House I would be at my office in the West Wing at 7 in the morning and until 7 at night and work every Saturday and many Sundays. The cost of living in Washington and the surrounding area is ridiculously high and the fed pay is ridiculously low. The media is constantly searching every aspect of your life trying to dig

out skeletons in your closet and the enemies of the President will attack you or try to destroy you so to hurt the President and serve their political interest. My service in Washington was one of the hardest things that I have done or experienced but I would do it again for two reasons first and during the darkest times I remembered that we are a nation of public service and a tradition of our history men and women have entered the arena of public service during the most extraordinary hours of need. I have been in Iraq three times and have been amazed at the

coupage of 17 year olds the same age as my own son. Every day they put the lives on the line for us. Why? Because we need them to. America needs the talents of all the people and I was proud to step up and do my duty and the other reason I would do it is because my service in Washington since 2000 working in the White House is one of the greatest things that can happen to any citizen." El Editor According to the Texas Department of Health Services, Hispanics will make up the majority in Texas by 2015.

LULAC 27TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS BANQUET

Local chapter LULAC 263 held its Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet last Saturday and was a great success. The organization had Texas Tech professor former US attorney general Alberto Gonzales as the keynote speaker for the event. The main topics that he spoke to the audience was the importance of education for our children, and explained that way the reason why he joined Texas Tech to recruit and meet new students. Gonzales also spoke on the illegal-immigration policies which is in need of improvement. The undocumented immigrant should wait in line for citizenship and immigrants already here and with a job should be allowed to continue to work on a process to become citizens. Gonzales indicated in his speech to a almost 200 people attending.

Awards were given to individuals that were nominated by the organization. Pastor Gloria Pineda of the central gave the Presidential Award to Jose Luis Trevino, Young Entrepreneur Award to Norma Hernandez, CEO of Fabrics Restaurant, Community Leader Award which is an award given to non-LULAC members but recognized for their contribution to the community. Eddie "the Dog" Moreno and Kenneth Martinez, La Chisnora of Miguel 97.7. There was one special recognition given out by Lubbock City Councilman District 1 Linda Dela Torre for her 24 years of public service, and Dr. Nade Perrone for his outstanding dedication to the community in different areas but highly valued for all he does for LULAC 263.

Closing remarks were given by mayor of ceremonies which was Alberto Alvarez of KCRB-TV Channel 11.

Patterson's bump in the road leads to lifetime achievements



In true form of recognition, the beautiful library that was built and dedicated to TJ and his wife Bobbie Patterson, was packed with individuals eager to celebrate a local hero. TJ was recognized for all his accomplishments in Texas by Congressman Randy Neugebauer who presented him with a plaque and a special Texas pin during the event held last Friday.

exemplified as the role of a public leader. TJ was the first African-American elected to serve on the Lubbock City Council. He is a great pillar and an outstanding role model for young children not only here in Lubbock but throughout the State of Texas. TJ remembered that he wasn't even supposed to be here in Lubbock, he was on his way to Atlanta to assist Martin Luther King Jr. He was just coming to Lubbock to pick up a car but everything changed. TJ said in closing remarks, "God has a strange way of doing things."

Congratulations TJ Patterson for your friends at EL EDITOR and the whole city of Lubbock.

Indocumentados dudan del Censo

La Constitución de EE.UU. establece que el gobierno debe llevar un registro de los residentes en el país, no estrictamente de los ciudadanos

La gran campaña que ha emprendido la oficina del Censo para convencer a la población inmigrante de participar en el recuento demográfico de 2010 no llega a convencer a quienes consideran que responder a los encuestadores puede complicar su situación en EE.UU.

"El programa pretende conectar a la comunidad inmigrante, especialmente los indocumentados, con lo que



A partir de marzo la oficina del Censo comenzará a repartir los formularios para que todas las personas, incluyendo inmigrantes indocumentados sean contactados y ha enfatizado en numerosas ocasiones que la información que se recoja será confidencial. De hecho, la Constitución de EE.UU. establece que el gobierno debe llevar un registro de los residentes en el país, no estrictamente de los ciudadanos. Sin embargo, dentro de la población de personas sin estatus legal como María Figueroa hay temor para hacerse contar. "Si me preguntan sobre el estatus migratorio simplemente no le diría si sí o no, porque no sé si va a compartir esa información con Immigration", dijo Figueroa. Este miedo lo expresan los inmigrantes a través de sus llamadas telefónicas a programas de radio con participación popular y destinados a la comunidad inmigrante en Illinois, como el que dirige Tania Urzeta en Chicago. Su programa "Sin papeles" ofrece ayuda a la comunidad inmigrante, con consejos y recomendaciones sobre la vida en Estados Unidos.

está pasando en la política nacional y local", explicó la locutora. El tema del censo es uno de los que se trata en este espacio radial y por ello durante la programación de la emisora comunitaria Radio Arte habrá espacio para el recuento demográfico y los inmigrantes indocumentados. "Es una doble misión, por una parte informando a la gente sobre la importancia de participar en el censo y por otra informando sobre sus derechos", señaló la locutora que también da consejos a sus oyentes sobre qué hacer en el caso de que un agente de Inmigración llegue a su casa. Hay inmigrantes sin papeles que confían en las versiones oficiales como es el caso de Yenni

Popoca que, a pesar de ser indocumentada, no tiene temor de abrir las puertas de su casa y recomienda que se "conteste el cuestionario", ya que considera que "no tiene nada que ver con Inmigración". En el mismo sentido se manifiesta Valeria López, que no tiene dudas de que es bueno

abrir la puerta al personal del Censo 2010. "Es mejor que llenen el formulario, que no va a pasarnos nada", dijo López, con seguridad. La oficina del Censo recuerda que si las personas contestan los cuestionarios y los devuelven a tiempo, no serán visitados por los encuestadores en abril cuando se empiece a realizar

SU VOTO ES SU VOZ

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 2
LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING IS FEBRUARY 26

Commentaries - Opinions

ELECTION DAY IS MARCH 2, WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR?

El Editor newspapers has once again strived to help and provide all type of resources of information for our readers to use in order to help them and be aware of the upcoming elections that will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

We encourage everyone to take time to read the questions that were addressed to some of the candidates by El Editor and read and evaluate their answers. We say thank you for those candidates that took the time and the opportunity to reach out to the community through El Editor and especially the Hispanic community who according to the Texas Department of Health Services, will make up the majority in Texas by 2015. In addition, for those that didn't bother to answer the questions sent to them, that's on them, they just didn't have time for you or me! It's their loss and our gain in getting to know that true candidate.

We encourage everyone to go out and practice their right to vote. **Election Day is Tuesday, March 2 and the last day to cast your ballot is Friday, Feb. 26.** Hopefully with the following information available will assist people in making their choices more convenient when voting.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES DIST. 83 & 84 CANDIDATES QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

1. If you are elected, will you support redrawing district lines that assures equal representation of Lubbock's minority population?

2. What would you say to Lubbock's minority population to reassure them about your decision concerning the new district lines?

ANSWERS: Candidates for State Representative District 83

Zack Brady:
1. I believe in equal representation and fair district lines for all West Texans. And all our citizens deserve a representative who listens and fights for their interests.

2. I will fight to make sure that West Texas districts are drawn fairly, accurately, and with an eye to assure equal representation of all West Texas.

John Treviño:
1. Yes.

2. I have always worked to protect the minority interests in the re-district process.

Charles Perry:
1. All voters stand to lose representation due population decrease. This will probably be settled at the judicial level.

2. This is a district wide issue that will impact all constituencies. The redistrict lines will be determined by population district boundaries within the rules of the statutes. I will look hard to see that the new lines represent all constituencies.

Candidates for State Representative District 84

John Treviño:
1. Federal law requires that lines be drawn such as not to weaken the voting strength of minority populations. I will support that position.

2. Part of our strength comes from diversity. It's important to remember that we're all in this together and we must work as one. I will work for the betterment of our district.

Mark Griffin:
1. One Man, One Vote is sacred to our democracy. I will give my best efforts to see that all constituencies are represented equally and fairly.

2. My message to Lubbock would be that I will fight with all I have to protect the cross sacred right we all enjoy as free Americans, and that is the right to vote.

Ysidro Gutierrez:
1. All Texans are equal under the law. The one-man one-vote standard for Texas guarantees that all Texans have equal representation in Austin. Redistricting must be in line with these important principles.

2. Texas is a great State because of the greatness of its people. Your achievements in business, education, medicine, banking etc... are evidence of your full participation in Texas politics. You guarantee your voice is heard in Austin.

SHERIFFS' CANDIDATE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

1. Explain how you will reduce the disproportionate numbers of minorities incarcerated in the Lubbock county jail?

2. What are your plans to reduce or eliminate racial profiling in Lubbock County?

Dan Carter:
1. So far on my delay in this response. I am however quite concerned about magnitude of the questions you posed. Question 1 is a very serious issue that can in no way be answered in 30 words or less with out the risk of being misinterpreted or misrepresented.

2. As for question 2:
As for Sheriff of Lubbock County, the best means of reducing or eliminating racial profiling is to be intolerant of any staff engaged in racial profiling.

Ramona O'Neal:
1. Work to establish a pre-trial release program, quicker access to attorneys and more reasonable bonds. Many financially disadvantaged defendants are minorities without funds to hire attorneys and post excessive bonds.

2. Racial profiling will not be tolerated. I will institute constitutional rights training for deputies to prevent racial profiling.

Kelly Rowe:
1. As the Sheriff I am responsible for the security, housing and safety of the inmate population in Lubbock however it is the courts that determine who is to be legally committed into the county jail and it is the prosecutor who recommends the bond amount for someone who has been arrested.

2. That said, do have an active crime prevention program and it is one of my priorities to expand that program with work in the schools, in the various communities and in distributed throughout West Texas in retail outlets. Opinions expressed in El Editor are those of the individual writer and not necessarily those of the publisher or the advertisers. Advertising information available by emailing us at eleditor@sbglobal.net or by calling us at 806-763-3841. Opinions and commentaries are welcome and can be sent to the same email address. All opinions and letters to the editor must contain the writer's name, address and phone number but name can be withheld at the writer's request. Address and telephone number will not be published.

3. Just important and required by statute, is the use of in-car video and subsequent reporting that is mandated. In addition to this to have the procedures in place to investigate and respond to citizen complaints if they occur.

COUNTY JUDGE CANDIDATE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

1. What are your thoughts on the delay of the opening of the new jail and projected cost over run? As the chief executive officer what over sight could have been provided to avoid the high cost on this IMPORTANT project?

2. Should a County Judge engage in partisan, racist politics on county property, such as the incident involving the bulletin board at the Lubbock County Courthouse?

Tom Head: No response to the questions which were emailed and faxed per request.

Daniel Nelson:
1. There hasn't been a full disclosure as to why there is a delay. It's disturbing that we have incurred debt on the jail more than taxpayers have approved. This delay of well over a year costs the taxpayers thousands of dollars every day. These problems are the result of the lack of strong leadership by the current County Judge. As the chief executive officer what over sight could have been provided to avoid the high cost on this IMPORTANT project? I would have asked questions and demanded answers early in the process. As an attorney, I would have forced actions through the legal process.

2. This incident is an embarrassment to Lubbock County and should have never happened. If you elect me as County Judge, I will work hard to represent all citizens of Lubbock.

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This is a great opportunity for us to have good representation in District 84. We will have time during early voting to VOTE FOR YSIDRO. The election will take place on Tuesday, March 2nd.

In case you haven't noticed, Ysidro Gutierrez speaks the Spanish language very well. Ysidro grew up in the Guadalupe Neighborhood in Lubbock, Texas when it was not a neighborhood. More than anything else, it was a place to sleep and read oneself for the next day's work.

Ysidro knows what it like to be the poor but happy and believing in God. Ysidro was born a Catholic and is devoted to his life. He worked very hard early in his life in the fields. He served in the Army as a Sergeant Major and earned a Masters in Business Administration from Texas Tech University. He served as Lubbock County Commissioner fighting tax increases and giving his personal portion of a pay increase to charity. Who else has done that? Certainly, not the current County Commissioner.

Ysidro is RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICE. We can easily say that Ysidro is one of us. Ysidro is one of us. Ysidro is one of us. You know who we are. Ysidro is not only Hispanic, but a conservative as well, like you and me. Hispanics are generally, fiscally and socially conservative. Don't believe me? Our great grandparents and parents were able to stretch a penny further than CPA, accountant, or MBA ever could. Our folks were tight as a drum with money. Still don't believe me? The day, how hard was it to get permission from parents just to speak to a girl? Some guys never got permission. I believe Hispanics are very conservative.

It does not matter whether Ysidro Gutierrez is running as a Democrat, Libertarian or Republican. The way I see things he is running for us. Ysidro is running for

our grandchildren, grandparents, and their futures. Now is the time TO VOTE FOR YSIDRO GUTIERREZ. If Ysidro does not get elected I can pretty much predict that Hispanics in West Texas will not have representation for the next twenty to thirty years. We must make our wish to GO VOTE NOW -- if we want to be well represented in AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Do you think that Mark Griffin (Ysidro's opponent) knows the difference between a guinea and a tamale? Heck no? Do you know whether Frullo (Ysidro's opponent) has ever spent a day with the Hispanic elderly at the Maggie Trep Center. I doubt it very much. But Ysidro Gutierrez has spent months and months with our Hispanic elderly and our youth at the Boys Club in Armet, Brown.

If we are anything like our grandparents from the fifties, sixties and seventies we will bond together and VOTE FOR YSIDRO. If not, then we deserve what we get. I know Mark Griffin or Frullo, because Carol what's her name (the Democratic opponent) will not have a chance against them.

One more thing. Remember what Tom Head said last summer? He spit in the face of every minority in Lubbock County by posting the RACIALLY MOTIVATED cartoons on the County wall. Now, he has the gall to run for office, again.

Please send a strong message to Tom Head and the rest of the racist that believe his actions were justified and innocent. Vote for David Nelson. I am very happy to hear that John Miller will run for this position in November. I will volunteer to help John Miller get elected.

Be safe everyone and we will catch on the side of the Primaries... ready for November 2010.

All the best, Armando Gonzalez

Letters to the Editor

Send Mail to: eleditor@sbglobal.net

Dear Editor,

There was lots of controversy and chaos in community politics in the last three years, but it seems to have come to an end. El Editor covered this news more thoroughly than any other media in Lubbock.

During all this time, many people might have overlooked other even more important things that El Editor has covered. El Editor is to be commended for continuously covering the immigration question and the hysterical anti-Hispanic proposals and rhetoric from the Republican party.

Just last week El Editor had important articles about the immigration issues, demographic issues, and the impact of those two on Hispanic influence in politics.

No one else in Lubbock is covering those things. No one is likely to cover them. That is why it is so important that El Editor IS covering them.

It is more important than ever that people take note of these issues that El Editor has consistently covered so well and so thoroughly.

Why is that so? It is so because the hate campaign against Hispanics can only be combated if everyone understands EXACTLY what is happening about immigration and Hispanic political participation, and how the political parties are handling these issues.

Only if people KNOW what is happening can they do something to influence what is happening.

Therefore, I commend El Editor for keeping us all informed on all this, and I say, "KEEP IT UP, YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB ON THIS."

C James

Dear Editor,

My sincere thanks to you, Amalia and the rest of the family for continuing to keep Bidalitos pride and joy this newspaper alive and growing. I am sure he's happy and proud of all of you for being so strong and dedicated.

I wish to congratulate you on the beautiful article in the Feb. 11-17, 2010 issue thanking our dear friend and proven leader Linda DeLeon. I agree with you that she was a great leader and weathered the storms very well although she was criticized and attacked she didn't give up, she kept on trying to do the best she could for her constituents and our community.

What saddens me is to see how rude and actually mean our own people and friends (so called) can be. Why do we try to condemn one another and bring our own people down when Gods command is to "Love one another" but instead many try to hate and destroy those who are trying to serve and help us. So, I pray to our Lord God that we can stop bickering and fighting and unite so we can work together and accomplish in addressing and fighting for the needs of our community.

In closing, thank you for what you are doing and may God Bless you and the family. Keep up the good work.

Esther Sepeda - Lubbock, TX

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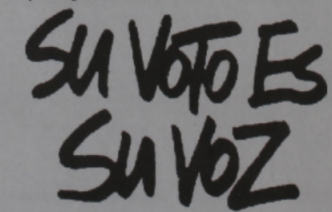
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¿Que Pasa?

Social Security Office Opens in New Location

The new location at 8825 16th Street, Lubbock, TX., provides a full range of Social Security services. The office is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 am until 4 pm, except on federal holidays. The new location is behind Academy Sports and can be reached from West 19th by turning north on Frankford and then west on 16th Street. Services associated with a Social Security office are available either by telephone or online at the Social Security website, www.socialsecurity.gov. The Social Security toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213. During the first week of March limited services will be available at the old office location.

Register for Upcoming Adult Softball Tournament

The 17th Annual USSSA Shut Up and Play! Slow Pitch Tournament will be hosted by the City of Lubbock's Parks and Recreation Department on March 6-7, 2010, at the Bert Huffman Athletic Complex. Entry deadline for teams is Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 12:00 Noon in the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010 9th Street or by phone at 775-2672. Men's and Mixed Divisions will be offered, and the entry fee is \$150 per team. There is a two-hour run limit. Game times will be available after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010. The Bert Huffman Athletic Complex is located at North Loop 289 and Landmark Drive.

Spring Break Staycation Crafts

Having a staycation in Lubbock for Spring Break? The Buddy Holly Center invites children ages 4 and up to participate in creating Spring Break Staycation Crafts! Join at the Buddy Holly Center from 1-3pm Tuesday, March 16th-Friday, March 19th for spring related crafts! Come one day or the whole week! Each day will have a spring theme including springtime (Tuesday), Saint Patrick's Day (Wednesday), insects (Thursday), and flowers (Friday). We will create everything from a bumblebee bookmark to a coffee filter holder! Children 6 & up welcome; children younger than 6 will need adult supervision. Supplies are limited so come early to have the best chance to make your favorite spring themed craft! The event will March 16th, 2010 - March 19th, 2010. Come and go between 1pm - 3pm and the cost is Free! Ages: 6 & up; children younger than 6 will need adult supervision. For more information please call Heléna Cohen, Education Intern at 806.775.3567.

Heart Matters Health Care Reform

Covenant Health System will host a presentation on "Health Care Reform: New Dawn or Falling Sky?" Friday, Feb. 26.

The presentation will take place from 9 - 10 a.m. in the Knippling Education Conference Center, located on 21st Street and Louisville Avenue, and will be delivered by Clarke E. Cochran, Ph.D., vice president of mission integration for Covenant Health System.

Cochran's presentation will include a review of past efforts at health care reform, the elements involved in past efforts and why reform is currently stalled. The presentation will also delve into likely future scenarios regarding health care that will "keep the sky from falling." The class is part of a free series called "Your Heart Matters" and is open to the community. A continental breakfast and free parking will be provided for participants.

To R.S.V.P., please call 1.866.426.8362. This program is offered in partnership with the Covenant Community Resource Center.

Breaking News from CASA of the South Plains

For all citizens who have ever thought they did not have enough time to become a CASA child advocate volunteer, Lubbock Christian University is pleased to announce a partnership with our local CASA program to now offer an online version of CASA's New Volunteer Training Course! The course is set up just like any other online course at LCU and will provide participants the option of completing a large portion of the training on their own time schedule. Hands on training as well as a limited number of classroom hours will still be required to comply with state and national CASA standards. The inaugural online course will open March 22. To register for this online course, please contact Peggy Horn at 763-2272 or peggye@lubbockcasa.org.

CASA is a nationally known non-profit organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of children who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. CASA of the South Plains advocates in six counties including Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, Terry and Yoakum www.lubbockcasa.org

MAD reitera su apoyo a Farouk Shami y pide a los latinos votar a favor del precandidato demócrata

La organización política Demócratas México-Americanos (MAD) reiteró hoy su respaldo

a Farouk Shami tras destacar que el precandidato demócrata a la gubernatura de Texas continúa manifiesto su apoyo a todas aquellas iniciativas

a favor de los inmigrantes, incluida la de otorgar licencias a indocumentados, MAD resaltó que el día de hoy Shami expresó su total respaldo a la iniciativa de ley del diputado estatal Roberto Alonzo que demanda del Congreso texano otorgar licencias de conducir a los inmigrantes indocumentados. La dirigencia de los Demócratas México-Americanos enfatizó que la postura proinmigrante del precandidato demócrata en las elecciones primarias de su partido, "es un compromiso más de respecto que ha: Farouk Shami a la comunidad latina y las personas que viven sin documentos legales en este país". "Por todas esas declaraciones y acciones que hemos escuchado y visto de Shami a

favor de los hispanoparlantes, incluidos los indocumentados,

a todos los votantes latinos a participar en las elecciones primarias demócratas a favor de Shami. El mencionado grupo pidió a los electores hispanoparlantes mostrar su poder político a través del voto desde estas que son llamadas elecciones anticipadas, las cuales

culminan el próximo viernes 26 de febrero. Asimismo, MAD urgó a todas las personas que no pudieron votar en los comicios tempranos, hacerlo el 2 de marzo que es el día de las elecciones estatales para las primarias demócratas. "Sin duda alguna, el candidato de los inmigrantes y latinos es Farouk Shami, ya que mientras él nos ha demostrado que nos apoya, su continuante político está a favor de leyes tan inhumanas como la 287-G", afirmó MAD, cuyo presidente es Steve Salazar.



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entrante", recalcaron los líderes de esa influyente organización. MAD también destacó la postura del precandidato demócrata de criticar la ley 287-G que permite a los Departamentos de Policía local y estatal arrestar a personas sospechosas de ser indocumentadas para entregarlas al Servicio de Inmigración. Por tal motivo, MAD volvió a lanzar un llamado de exhortación

de protección, ayuda, bienestar y desarrollo, MAD reitera su total respaldo a la candidatura de Farouk para ser el abanderado del Partido Demócrata en los comicios para la gubernatura de Texas, a celebrarse en noviembre entrante", recalcaron los líderes de esa influyente organización. MAD también destacó la postura del precandidato demócrata de criticar la ley 287-G que permite a los Departamentos de Policía local y estatal arrestar a personas sospechosas de ser indocumentadas para entregarlas al Servicio de Inmigración. Por tal motivo, MAD volvió a lanzar un llamado de exhortación



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Los Demócratas Mexicanos Americanos Urge que Latinos VOTEN el 2 de Marzo a Favor de Farouk Shami

Los Demócratas Mexicanos Americanos Brindo Su Respaldo a Farouk Shami por:

- Su compromiso de crear, entrante, miles de empleos y hacer crecer la economía.
- Apoyar con fuertes recursos a la pequeña y mediana empresa.
- Expandir la cobertura del seguro médico a más niños y familias pobres.
- Mejorar la calidad de la educación pública.

"A todos los inmigrantes se les respatarán su derechos civiles y humanos durante mi gobierno, para que junto con sus familias puedan vivir con dignidad en Texas," enfatizó Farouk Shami.

Hijo de ex pandilleros latinos llega a "American Idol"

Andrew García fue escogido en el top 24 del show de telearreality que hoy comienza la competencia en su novena temporada.

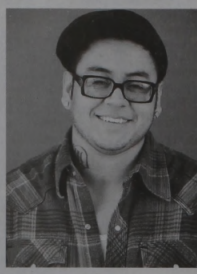
Como si se tratara de una película en la que los sucesos comienzan a hacerse realidad para un joven que ha tenido una vida complicada, Andrew García, el hijo de dos ex pandilleros latinos de Los Angeles que creció en medio de dificultades, ganó un lugar entre los 24 finalistas de American Idol (Fox).

El joven de 24 años, quien reside en Moreno Valley, CA, y

es amante de la música desde pequeño, no solo se echó al bolsillo al jurado de la competencia con la interpretación de sus canciones en las eliminatórias que concluyeron la semana pasada sino que además se ganó el cariño del público gracias a su historia de superación.

"Él es un cantante genuino y es muy bueno, me gusta y me gusta mucho conocerlo", dijo Simon Cowell, uno de los jurados al referirse al talento de García.

El joven, quien narró que de niño vivió en un ambiente pesado que marcó su vida por la actividad de sus padres, ha dicho también que quiere ser famoso para darle una vida mejor a su esposa y a su pequeño hijo, Caeland.



En los sitios de internet y en Twitter, García ya cuenta con un batallón de seguidores que muy seguramente lo harán llegar muy lejos. Dinos qué piensas de este joven y las opciones que le ves para ganar la competencia.

Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez is a New York Times bestselling author of six novels, with more than one million books currently in print. In 2005, Time dubbed Valdes-Rodriguez, "The Godmother of Chic Lit," and named her one of the twenty-five most influential Hispanics in the United States. Valdes-Rodriguez was nominated for a Pulitzer by the age of 24.

While a student at Berkeley, Valdes began writing freelance music reviews for the Boston Globe where she later became a staff writer. After graduating from Berkeley in 1992 where she majored in tenor saxophone performance, she took an unpaid internship at the Village Voice before going back to school to earn a master's degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in 1994.

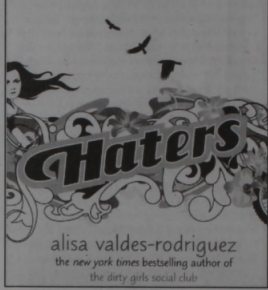
Alisa is also a former on-air reporter

for WH-DH-TV in Boston, where she narrated an Emmy-winning documentary. In 1999 she was hired as a staff writer for the Calender section

of the Los Angeles Times, where she was the first American reporter to cover the

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alisa valdes-rodriguez the new york times bestselling author of the dirty girls social club

Latin music industry as a full-time beat. Valdes-Rodriguez is a three-time nominee for the Pulitzer Prize in feature writing; and is the recipient of the SUNMAG contest for best newspaper essayist in 1998. She also holds several first place awards for her feature writing. Her articles have appeared in dozens of newspapers and she has written cover stories for Glamour Magazine and Redbook.

Alisa's novel The Dirty Girls Social Club is currently in development as a TV series with Ann and George Lopez. Alisa's novel Haters is currently in development with Teen Nick as a TV series with Nick Cannon as executive producer. Alisa is an actor and has recorded her own

books; she is also a regularly featured guest on two national talk-radio shows.

Always eager to try something new, Alisa recently scored her first standup comedy gig at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood (March 2010), and hopes to do more comedy and acting.

Alisa Lynn Valdes was born in New Mexico. Her father, Nelson Valdes, is a retired sociology professor at the University of New Mexico, who emigrated from Cuba in the early 1960's. Her mother, Maxine Conant, is a seventh-generation New Mexican and a poet.

Alisa lives in New Mexico with her son and has two new novels due in 2010, including The Kindred, a young adult crossover supernatural romantic thriller.

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Texas Tech University will host the Regional SACNAS (Advancing Hispanics/Chicanos & Native Americans in Science) Meeting, Friday, February 26th - Saturday, February 27th, 2010. Over 75 students and faculty from area colleges will be in attendance to present research, attend workshops and network with area colleges. SACNAS is a national society of scientists with a 36-year history of dedication to fostering the success of Hispanic, Chicano and Native American scientists - from college students to professionals - in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership. The society is comprised of over 20,000 members, partners, and affiliates from a diversity of disciplines, institutions, ethnic backgrounds, and levels along the educational trajectory. SACNAS members are dedicated to giving back through mentorship, peer networks, and professional development, and to engaging in science research and leadership of the highest caliber. The organization and its members are committed to encouraging minority students and scientists to advance to their utmost capability.

This is the first year for Texas Tech to host a regional SACNAS meeting. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their research in a poster presentation format, attend workshops geared towards professional development, grad school prep, and network with other SACNAS chapters. The Honorable Alberto Gonzalez, former US Attorney General will speak at Saturday's luncheon. For more information about SACNAS visit: <http://www.cisr.utexas.edu/sacnas-conference.aspx> For more information, please contact Jacklyn Canas at (806) 885-4567.

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First Lady Michelle Obama Launches Let's Move:

America's move to raise a healthier generation of kids

First Lady Michelle Obama today announced an ambitious national goal of solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation so that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight and unveiled a nationwide campaign—Let's Move—to help achieve it.

The Let's Move campaign will combat the epidemic of childhood obesity through a comprehensive approach that builds on effective strategies, and mobilizes public and private sector resources. Let's Move will engage every sector impacting the health of children to achieve the national goal, and will provide schools, families and communities simple tools to help kids be more active, eat better, and get healthy.

To support Let's Move and facilitate and coordinate partnerships with States, communities, and the non-profit and for-profit private sectors, the nation's leading children's health foundations have come together to create a new independent foundation—the Partnership for a Healthier America—which will accelerate existing efforts addressing childhood obesity and facilitate new commitments towards the national goal of solving childhood obesity within a generation.

Almost a year ago, Mrs. Obama began a national conversation about the health of America's children when she broke ground on the White House Kitchen Garden with students from Bancroft Elementary School in Washington, DC. Through the garden, she began a discussion with kids about proper nutrition and the role food plays in living a healthy life. That discussion grew into the Let's Move campaign announced today.

Over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled, and today, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese. One third of

all children born in 2000 or later will suffer from diabetes at some point in their lives; many others will face chronic obesity-related health problems like heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, and asthma. A recent study put the health care costs of obesity-related diseases at \$147 billion per year. This epidemic also impacts the nation's security, as obesity is now one of the most common disqualifiers for military service.

"The physical and emotional health of an entire generation and the economic health and security of our nation is at stake," said Mrs. Obama. "This isn't the kind of problem that can be solved overnight, but with everyone working together, it can be solved. So, let's move."

The First Lady launched the Let's Move campaign at the White House where she was joined by members of the President's cabinet, including Agriculture Secretary Vilsack, HHS Secretary Sebelius, Education Secretary Duncan, HUD Secretary Donovan, Labor Secretary Solis, and Interior Secretary Salazar, Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, Members of Congress, mayors from across the nation and leaders from the media, medical, sports, entertainment, and business communities who impact the health of children and want to be part of the solution.

Program participants included: Tiki Barber, NBC correspondent and former NFL football player; Dr. Judith Palfeff, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Will Allen, Founder and CEO of Growing Power, Mayor Curatone of Somerville, Massachusetts; Mayor Chip Johnson of Hernando, Mississippi; and local students, including a student from DC's Bancroft elementary school, and members of the 2009 National Championship Pee-Wee football team, the Watkins Hornets. Let's Move is comprehensive,

collaborative, and community-oriented and will include strategies to address the various factors that lead to childhood obesity. It will foster collaboration among the leaders in government, medicine and science, business, education, athletics, community organizations and more. And it will take into account how life is really lived in communities across the country—encouraging, supporting and pursuing solutions that are tailored to children and families facing a wide range of challenges and life circumstances.

President Barack Obama kicked off the launch by signing a Presidential Memorandum creating the first ever Task Force on Childhood Obesity which will include the DPC, Office of the First Lady, Interior, USDA, HHS, Education, NEC and other agencies. Within 90 days, the Task Force will conduct a review of every single program and policy relating to child nutrition and physical activity and develop a national action plan that maximizes federal resources and sets concrete benchmarks toward the First Lady's national goal.

The review is underway. Administration and public and private efforts are already moving to combat obesity and reach the First Lady's national goal.

Helping Parents Make Healthy Family Choices
Parents play a key role in making healthy choices for their children and teaching their children to make healthy choices for themselves. But in today's busy world, this isn't always easy. So Let's Move will offer parents the tools, support and information they need to make healthier choices for their families. The Administration, along with partners in the private sector and medical community, will:

Empower Consumers: By the end of this year, the Food and Drug Administration will begin

working with retailers and manufacturers to adopt new nutritionally sound and consumer friendly front-of-package labeling. This will put us on a path towards 65 million parents in America having easy access to the information needed to make healthy choices for their children.

Already, the private sector is responding. Today, the American Beverage Association announced that its member companies will voluntarily put a clear, uniform, front-of-pack calorie label on all of their cans, bottles, vending and fountain machines within two years. The label will reflect total calories per container in containers up to 20oz. in size. For containers greater than 20 oz., the label will reflect a 12 oz. serving size. While more work remains to be done, this marks an important first step in ensuring parents have the information they need to make healthier choices.

Let's Move.gov: To help children parents, teachers, doctors, coaches, the non-profit and business communities and others understand the epidemic of childhood obesity and take steps to combat it, the Administration has launched a new "one-stop" shopping website—Let's Move.gov—to provide helpful tips, step-by-step strategies for parents, and regular updates on how the federal government is working with partners to reach the national goal.

Serving Healthier Food in Schools

Many children consume as many as half of their daily calories at school. As families work to ensure that kids eat right and have active play at home, we also need to ensure our kids have access to healthy meals in their schools. With more than 31 million children participating in the National School Lunch Program and more than 11 million participating in the National School Breakfast

Program, good nutrition at school is more important than ever. Together with the private sector and the non-profit community, we will take the following steps to get healthier food in our nation's schools.

Reauthorize the Child Nutrition Act: The Administration is requesting an historic investment of an additional \$10 billion over ten years starting in 2011 to improve the quality of the National School Lunch and Breakfast program, increase the number of kids participating, and ensure schools have the resources they need to make program changes, including training for school food service workers, upgraded kitchen equipment, and additional funding for meal reimbursements. With this investment, additional fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products will be served in our school cafeterias and an additional one million students will be served in the next five years.

Double the number of schools participating in the Healthier US School Challenge: The Healthier US School Challenge establishes rigorous standards for schools' food quality, participation in meal programs, physical activity, and nutrition education—the key

components that make for healthy and active kids—and provides recognition for schools that meet these standards. Over the next school year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, working with partners in schools and the private sector, will double the number of schools that meet the Healthier US School Challenge and add 1,000 schools per year for two years after that.

We are bringing to the table key stakeholder groups that have committed to work together to improve the nutritional quality of school meals across the country.

Often, when we talk about this issue, we begin by citing sobering statistics like the ones you've heard today—that over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled; that nearly one third of children in America are now overweight or obese—one in three.

But these numbers don't paint the full picture. These words—"overweight" and "obese"—they don't tell the full story. This isn't just about inches and pounds or how our kids look. It's about how our kids feel, and how they feel about themselves. It's about the impact we're seeing on every aspect of their lives.

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TTUISD Graduate Competes with Men's Speed Skating Team

Hector Camacho keeps fighting on



When Olympic speed skater Jordan Malone competes as part of the men's 5,000-meter relay team on Feb. 26, it may be the last time he participates with skating legend Apolo Ohno, who may end his career with this competition.

Though Malone did not compete in the Wednesday (Feb. 17) semifinals, the former Texas Tech University Independent School District (TTUISD) student still will have a chance to win a gold medal.

Malone, a native of Denton, makes his Olympic debut in Vancouver this year, beginning with short track after a hugely successful inline skating career.

Named the Fastest Man in the World for inline speed skating in 2003, he has since made the switch to ice speed skating, competing in the past five world championships and earning top-10 rankings

overall in world competitions. Malone said watching former inline skater Ohno compete as an ice skater in the 2002 Winter Olympics inspired the change, though he decided to achieve all he could with inline before making the switch.

"Imagine what that's like as an inliner (to watch Ohno)," Malone said. "It's like, 'He came from inline. Why can't I?'"

His life has taken him around the world to more than 154 different cities in 18 different countries on four different continents. Constant competition made attending a typical high school out of the question.

To receive his high school degree, Malone said he chose to attend TTUISD after hearing about it from some friends. The distance-education program within the University College of Texas Tech University offered Malone

the flexibility and convenience he needed as a full-time athlete and student. He graduated in November 2008.

Established in 1993, TTUISD has a total enrollment of 77,887 students who come from various locations and backgrounds. The programs serve students from kindergarten through the 12th grade who are home-schooled, part of military or missionary families or are non-traditional students.

The school district is the only accredited distance-learning, kindergarten-through-12th grade diploma program in Texas. It offers a rigorous high school curriculum through a combination of print-based and electronic courses.

During 2008-2009, TTUISD reached a record enrollment number of 1,802 full-time students.

Alumni include former Miss Texas Morgan Matlock; Sarah Le-

Maire, who plays Sarah Moody on "The Wannabes Starring Savvy;" "Friday Night Lights" star Jesse Plemons; and Hunter Parrish, seen on the Showtime series "Weeds" and featured in the Hilary Swank movie "Freedom Writers."

Though he has put his education on hold, Malone plans to go to college and get an engineering degree. When he is not practicing, Malone runs his own business out of his garage under the name Full Composite Racing (FCR), where he manufactures carbon fiber protective racing equipment for 80 percent of the Short Track National Team.

"It is a fun hobby to have on the side," he said. "It's a self-taught, independent venture and I'm working with some pretty impressive aerospace materials. This is part of my road to becoming an engineer after skating."

It's been nearly three decades since Hector Camacho won his first world title, and almost two decades since he won his last.

For those 10 years in between, he was among the most exciting and controversial figures in boxing. He was a brawler who reworked himself as a defensive fighter, whose rivalry with Julio Cesar Chavez made just as many headlines as his onerous personality.

He's 47 years old now, reduced to fighting in places like Coconut Creek and Flint, instead of Las Vegas and New York. The gritty Cuban has given way to hotel ballrooms and small convention centers, as the man nicknamed "Macho" keeps trying to stave off obscurity the best he can.

"This is something I've done all my life, you know?" Camacho said by phone after a workout for his next fight, against Allan Victor on March 26 in Kjellev, Denmark. "A couple years back, when I was doing it, I was still enjoying it. The competition, to see myself perform. I know I'm at the age that some people can't do this no more."

Camacho's life and career have taken more turns than a pulp novel, from the gritty streets of Spanish Harlem to the bright lights of the Golden Gloves, from walking between the bars of a jail cell to stepping between the ropes of the ring.

His recent stands by 79-5 draws, the most recent win coming just last year against Yory Boy Camps, another fighter far past his prime. But screech down the list of Camacho's opponents and names like Oscar De La Hoya, Felix Trinidad and Ray Leonard are sprinkled among the nobodies and never-weres that hoped to make a name for themselves.

"Hector Camacho is a fantastic boxer, one of the greatest in history," said Victor's promoter and father, Anders Vester. "Camacho is the biggest boxing name who has visited Denmark since Mike Tyson in 2001."

Camacho claims he doesn't need the money - that's not why he's fighting in Europe for the first time, in the co-main event alongside a woman's title fight. He simply needs action, and points to guys like George Foreman who had successful comeback years past their prime.

"He's still very confident," said Camacho's adviser, Steve Tannenbaum. "His still got a bit of that wild child in him." Like many fighters who achieved fame

and fortune during the 1980s, Camacho became entangled in a web of drug and alcohol abuse - problems he said are now in the past. Twice his wife filed domestic abuse complaints against him, and she finally filed for divorce several years ago.

More recently, Camacho was sentenced to the maximum seven years in prison for a burglary charge in Mississippi. A judge suspended most of the sentence and gave him probation, which Camacho said he violated about three months ago. After a two-week stint in jail, Camacho was back in the gym and getting ready for his next fight.

"When I came out, I've been training every day for four, five months it's been," he said. "And now I'm ready to take on someone like Allan Victor, you know?"

Camacho became reviled during his career for his showboating style, making the long walk to the ring in everything from diapers to towels to leeches.

He promised that hasn't changed. "I'll give them satisfaction," Camacho said. "I never fought in Denmark, I never fought in Germany. Those people want to see me, they want to see the Macho Man."

While he claims to want to fight at least five or six times over the next year, Camacho is also realistic. He admits that losing in Denmark would likely be the end, and he might have attention fully to promoting training young fighters.

"He's worked for years with his son, Hector Camacho Jr., who turned 31 last year. The two once appeared on the same undercard in Tucson, Arizona, and they have even fought a common opponent."

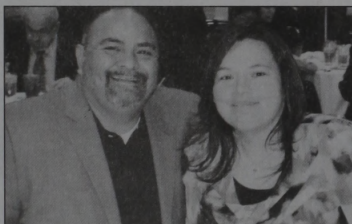
"They're the best things I put in the world," Camacho said of his kids. "I want them to be proud of me, which they are. I just want to do this and do it well."

Although he never quite reached the same stratosphere of contemporaries such as Roberto Duran, Camacho could sell tickets. He brought a certain exuberance to boxing that never diminished, one of the reasons he was continually featured on high-profile undercards.

Even if those days are long past, that boyish enthusiasm hasn't dimmed entirely.

"This is what I do best," he said. "I can probably come back and promote fights. I'd like to go to Hollywood, do movies, entertainment. But this is what I've done all my life, so I'm just going to ride it out. I'm going to ride it out."

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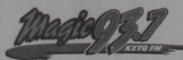
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Declaraciones del Presidente sobre la implementación de la Ley sobre Tarjetas de Crédito

HoY, entran en vigor las importantes reformas de la Ley de Rendición de Cuentas, Responsabilidad y Divulgación para Tarjetas de Crédito (Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act) que promulgó en la primavera, un cambio crucial y significativo a favor de los consumidores estadounidenses. Durante demasiado tiempo, las compañías de tarjetas de crédito han tenido carta blanca para emplear tácticas engañosas e injustas que les impusieron costos desmesurados a los consumidores responsables. Pero hoy, estamos cambiando el equilibrio de fuerzas a favor del consumidor y haciendo que las compañías de tarjetas de crédito rindan cuentas.

Las nuevas normas que entran en vigor hoy significan que las compañías de tarjetas de crédito ya no pueden aumentar las tasas retroactivamente ni aumentar las tasas el primer año en que se abre una cuenta, cobrar multas engañosas por

retraso en el pago o por exceder el límite de crédito. Ahora se requiere que notifiquen con la debida anticipación si planean cambiar las condiciones de sus tarjetas de crédito, y las fechas y horas de pago deben ser claras, simples y fijas. Hay nuevas protecciones para los consumidores menores de edad, restricciones sobre el cobro de financiamiento usando dos ciclos y límites para tarjetas de crédito con cuotas altas. Las nuevas normas son parte de los esfuerzos en curso y sin precedente que realiza mi gobierno para mejorar las medidas de protección a favor del consumidor y promulgar una reforma financiera significativa.

Estas nuevas normas no dispensan a los consumidores de su obligación de pagar sus cuentas, pero finalmente crean condiciones equitativas para que toda familia y pequeña empresa que usa tarjetas de crédito cuente con la información que necesita para tomar decisiones financieras responsables.

Statement by the President on the Credit Card Bill Implementation

Today, the major reforms of the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure Act that I signed into law last spring take effect, marking a significant turning point for American consumers. For too long, credit card companies have had free rein to employ deceptive, unfair tactics that hit responsible consumers with unreasonable costs. But today, we are shifting the balance of power back to the consumer and we are holding the credit card companies accountable.

The new rules taking effect today mean that credit card companies can no longer retroactively increase rates or increase rates in the first year you open an account, charge misleading late fees or use over-limit fee traps. They're now

required to send ample notification if they plan to make changes to the terms of your card and they must employ clear, simple standard payment dates and times. There are new protections for underage consumers, restrictions on double billing and caps on high-fee cards. The new rules are an unprecedented step in my administration's ongoing efforts to strengthen consumer protections and enact meaningful financial reform.

These new rules don't absolve consumers of their obligation to pay their bills, but they finally level the playing field so that every family and small business using a credit card has the information they need to make responsible financial decisions.

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The state of Texas and Lubbock County children 2009-10

Decades of being stingy has left us with more poor, uninsured, hungry children than almost any other state. On February 12, the Center for Public Policy Priorities will release the annual Texas KIDS COUNT data book: The State of Texas Children 2009-2010, a resource that offers an updated look at the well-being of children in Texas, and complete online data snapshots for every county in Texas. The data shows Texas' approach is not strengthening families or helping children.

Assessing the Texas Approach For decades, state leaders have told us that spending little on public services for children to keep taxes low leads to prosperity, making things better for children in the long run. But the data show this to be a failed approach: Texas spends less per person than any other state, but things aren't getting better for kids.

"Decades of belt tightening have left us with more poor, uninsured, and hungry children than almost every other state," said Frances Deviney, Texas KIDS COUNT Director. Child Poverty Much Too High in Texas With nearly 1 in 4 Texas children living in poverty (23 percent), Texas' child poverty rate exceeds most other states' (U.S. = 18 percent). That means nearly 1.5 million Texas children live in families making less than the federal poverty level (e.g., less than \$17,600 for a family of three in 2008). In Lubbock County, 14,189 children (or 21.9 percent) live below the poverty

level. High unemployment is a consistent indicator of high child poverty rates, and during past recessions, child poverty rates continued to increase for

Levels For the 10th consecutive year, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children in the nation, with 20 percent of Texas

available programs, intimidating enrollment procedures, and a broken eligibility and enrollment system that has improperly denied benefits to hundreds of thousands of Texans.

Hunger and Nutrition Support Texas faces the second-highest rate of child food insecurity in the nation, with 16.3 percent (1.4 million) Texas households unsure where their next meal will come from, or how they will afford it in 2006-2008. In 2007, one of every five children (1.3 million) received Food Stamps (now know as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP). In Lubbock County, 16,169 (or 25.2 percent) of children received SNAP. As further

evidence of the impact of the recession, that number grew to 1.8 million in February 2010. For Lubbock County, children receiving SNAP increased to 20,238 in February 2010. Even with these large participation numbers, 38 percent of all SNAP applications across Texas are not processed on time, leaving hungry families and children waiting. What Can You Do?

- You can insist that Texas help kids today to ensure prosperity tomorrow by:
1. Ensuring access to quality, affordable public and private health coverage for all kids.
 2. Reforming the eligibility system through policy simplification, better business processes, more staff, and improved technology.
 3. Support reform, making our tax system fair and adequate to ensure we can invest in the essentials—such as education—for our kids



a year or more after the rest of the economy made an initial recovery. Given that Texas' unemployment numbers doubled in the last two years (from 4.4 percent in January 2008 to 8.3 percent in December 2009, seasonally adjusted), we will likely see an increase in child poverty as the data catches up with the economic downturn. In Lubbock County, the unemployment rate went from 3.6 percent in January 2008 to 5.4 percent in December 2009, not seasonally adjusted. Compared to their peers, children living in poverty are more likely to drop out of high school, have worse health outcomes in adolescence and adulthood, and have worse employment outcomes, undermining our future prosperity.

Rate of Uninsured Children on the Rise for Most Income

children uninsured—nearly twice the national average. This rate is predicted to rise to 24 percent in 2010. In Lubbock County, 14,131 children (or 22.0 percent) are predicted to be uninsured in 2010. Children are falling through the cracks of both the private and the public health insurance markets. Fewer children are covered through their parent's employer (50 percent in 2003 to 46 percent in 2008). Increases in the rate of uninsured in 2008 were the largest for children whose families made too much to qualify them for public coverage but not enough to purchase individual private insurance plans. Even for families that do qualify for public health benefits—half of Texas' 1.4 million uninsured children do—lack of education about

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The largest study ever of breast "Importantly," Brinker said,



women. "Clearly, making continued progress against cancer in the United States, and certainly across the globe, will require many resources, both public and private. For this initiative, we are most grateful for the generous support of Susan G. Komen for the Cure," Niederhuber said. "Not only is it crucial that we understand cancer incidence and trends in different countries; newfound genetic, genomic, and population-based knowledge will help elucidate the origins of breast cancer in Hispanic women from all of our nations."

From there, the project will develop strategies for improved breast cancer detection, management and treatment in Latin America, enhanced research training and developing a clinical research infrastructure for the future.

An estimated 14,000 cases of breast cancer were diagnosed in U.S. Hispanic women in 2009, with more than 2,200 deaths, making breast cancer the leading cause of cancer death among Latina women in the U.S. Breast cancer in Latinas is more often diagnosed at a later stage (when the disease is more advanced) than when found in non-Hispanic women.

Cancer incidence in Latin American countries continues to rise, according to NCI, and takes a large toll on Hispanic/Latino populations in the United States. It is estimated that the U.S. Hispanic population will climb to nearly 60 million and represent approximately 19 percent of the U.S. population by 2020. Reducing the burden of cancer in the United States and abroad will depend heavily on understanding and controlling cancer in this population.

cancer in Latin American women is being launched this year in a unique multi-country, public/private partnership with \$1 million in additional funding from the world's largest breast cancer organization, Susan G. Komen for the Cure®.

Speakeheaded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Office of Latin American Cancer Program Development, the partnership signed today will support the development of programs for cancer research, clinical trials, training programs, technology and capacity building in five Latin American countries, with implications for Latinas in the United States and globally.

"Breast cancer is a leading cause of death in Latinas here in the United States and around the world, and requires a large-scale effort to address and overcome," said Nancy G. Brinker, founder and CEO of Komen for the Cure. "This landmark collaboration between Komen, NCI, and five Latin American countries will help us get to answers about genetics, environment and social issues that contribute to breast cancer deaths in Latinas."

"They will also help us develop strategies to reduce breast cancer incidence and death in this large and growing group — both in Latin American countries and among Hispanic populations here in the U.S."

The research will be conducted in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay. Brinker and NCI Director, John E. Niederhuber, M.D., signed an agreement for funding today in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. This follows the signing of bilateral agreements among the five countries and the NCI last fall.

The Latin American countries and the United States will link their research efforts through the cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid, an information network that allows researchers to share data and knowledge. They also will develop pilot projects to enhance research and improve delivery of cancer treatments to patients in the United States and Latin America.

This is the first major multi-country research effort specifically aimed at women in Latin American countries.

A crucial first step is building the information database to identify breast cancer patterns in Latin

Teen pregnancy a giant hurdle for Hispanics

One of the most stubborn barriers to success for young Latinas is teenage pregnancy.

More than one in four Latinas is a mother by the age of 19, a report by the Pew Hispanic Center found, a number higher than in any other demographic.

Experts said the high pregnancy rates could be in part due to cultural norms in rural Mexico, where having more children is seen as an advantage to the family and not as an economic burden.

But while that would explain why the birth rate dips for the first generation of U.S.-born Latinas, the rate actually increases for the next generation.

"The pattern is perplexing," said Lorena Garcia, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago who has studied pregnancy among minorities in Chicago Public Schools.

Rebecca Perez of Logan Square was 13 and in eighth grade when she found out she was seven months pregnant. The father was 18, the brother of a friend.

"I was the smartest one, you could say, for school," she said. "But when it comes to life and outside of school, that's when I had trouble, like, making the right decisions."

Perez, the youngest of six, was born in Los Angeles to Mexican immigrants and raised in Chicago.

In her peer group, her experience was typical, even though 75 percent of Latino youth told Pew they believe teenagers having babies was bad for society.

"I got a lot of friends who got babies," said Perez, whose son, Michael, is now 4. "They all got pregnant during high school."

One of the problems Garcia found in her research is that in sex education classes, "too much emphasis was placed on risk and the dangers of sex and not enough information on how exactly to talk with partners about

safe sex or where exactly to locate resources in the community."

She also said "images of Latinas and Latinas in the media... often-times glamorize sexual relations and early pregnancy."

Finally, Garcia said, pregnancies could be "more visible to us because Latina girls are more likely to go through with their pregnancy than other groups." The reason "seems to be a combination of religious values and financial constraints" in that they are less likely to be able to afford an abortion, she said.

Perez said that while she plans to openly discuss sexual health

work out like that."

Now a freshman at Northeastern Illinois University, Perez is studying to become a math teacher. But she spends a day Friday, Saturday and Sunday working as a car wash cashier to pay for supplies for her son and a car for her and her mom.

She relies heavily on financial aid to pay for school, and on her own mother for child care.

"I think [my mom] still is more like the mom to [Michael] because she spends more time with him than I do," she said.

When Michael was a year old, Perez joined New Moms Inc., a Humboldt Park program for at-risk teenage moms.



with her son when he is older, her mother was too "shy" to talk about sex with her.

"We had [sex education] in high school, which was already too late," she said.

Perez said her own pregnancy was the result of bad decision-making. As a student at Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School in Humboldt Park, a school where 63 percent of students are Latino, she said friends actively sought out pregnancy.

"They want the guy to be with them forever," she said. "It doesn't

Beyond her mother and the New Moms staff, her decision to stay in school wasn't supported by the rest of her family. Her five siblings, for example, didn't attend her high school graduation.

"After I had Michael, they said [college] was just wasting time. I was just wasting money on school, and that I should just start working," she said. Her aspirations of a college diploma aren't the only thing separating her from her peers.

"Most of them have two kids by now," she said. "They think that's their life. Having kids. Being home. That's it."

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