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Race for the Cure Raises \$370,000

More than 7,000 Lubbock and area residents gathered together this past Saturday to form a mostly sea of pink as they participated in the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure.

The 5K run/walk and 1 Mile run/ She says walk began at the east end of the Civic Center and wound around the downtown area before ending at almost the starting point. The race is a yearly event sponsored by the local affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation; and is also sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

Although participants had different reasons for participating in the event; for most it was in an effort to bring awareness to the fight against breast cancer and to raise money for cancer research.

One of this year's participants, Marisol Aguero, says she entered the event with her friends and other who passed

Scotty, Isaac,

Manuel, Robert, Sara, Jessica, Yesmine, and Allie. she entered the race to fulfill a class requirement but she says she "knew it was a good event and would have "probably run it anyway". She told El Editor that she dedicated her run "for my Grandma

Amelia Riojas

away (from) cancer in 1990. I had her in my mind the whole time I family members including Dillon,

was running".



Another participant; Scotty Vasquez says he ran the race it was to help cure cancer".

The event

has increased in the number of participants since its beginning 14 years ago. According to organizers the event first started out on the Tech Campus but eventually grew in size and had to be moved to the Civic Center.

With the

7,000 participants; this year's event becomes one of the largest fundraiser events in the city with the dual purpose of raising funds to fight breast cancer and also to "mainly because celebrate the survivors.

> According to the National Cancer Institute there were 182,460 female and 1,990 male cases of breast cancer in 2008. Breast cancer also results in death for some patients; last year there were 40,480 women and 450 men who died from the dreaded disease.

According to the organization's website, the organization and its affiliates have raised "in excess of one billion dollars" on the national level. Since 1995 over 2 million dollars has been raised here in Lubbock for community awareness and to support breast cancer research.

The money raised impacts the continued on pg 6

News Briefs

Let Lubbock Vote Gathering Petition Signatures If you want to make your voice heard on whether Lubbock voters should have a say in Lubbock getting even wetter; then you might want to burry to a petition signing location near you.

Last week; Let Lubbock Vote; a specific purpose Political Action Committee announced that the 60 day signing period had begun. This means that petition organizers have 60 days from October 1st to obtain the 18,747 signatures needed to trigger an election "on the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only". There is a second petition which reads for "the legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only."

A press release issued by the PAC states that "Texas Petition Strategies, a firm the PAC has hired with a 100 percent success rate for meeting petition signing goals, will be at various retail locations throughout the next 60 days in bright yellow shirts collecting signatures for the two county-wide petitions".

Local media is reporting that the consulting firm TPS is getting to its goal faster than anticipated but official figures are not yet available.

Petitions are available at area WalMarts, Sam's Club, area 7-11s, county-wide Fast Stops, Chisum Travel Center at 2611 East Slaton Road, or the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce at 1301 Broadway, Suite 101, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5

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American Economy Loses 159,000 Jobs in September

While the Lubbock area continues to enjoy fairly low unemployment; the US Labor Department reported this past week that 159,000 jobs were lost in September. That brings the total to 750 thousand jobs lost this year alone. September marks the ninth straight month of job losses.

Considering what is going on with Wall Street and the economic crisis; that number is sure to grow in October. The jobs loss is sure to worsen the housing crisis and make it more difficult for typical Americans to pay their mortgages and other bills. In some markets; the national media was reporting that some unemployed workers were being forced to wait for up to 3 or 4 weeks for their unemployment checks since the agencies were being overwhelmed by the number of people applying for

benefits. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

Texas Legislator Continues Crusade against Immigrants

According to a report in the Austin American Statesman; State Rep. Leo Berman from Tyler has asked the state Attorney General to rule on whether "providing college tuition benefits to illegal immigrants violates federal law".

Berman cites a recent ruling by a California Appellate Court which recently ruled that giving state financial aid in that state is unlawful. His assumption is that if it is illegal in California; it must also be illegal here in Texas.

This is not Berman's first attempt to try and address the issue of immigration through anti-immigration rulings and laws. In 2007, Berman tried to pass antiimmigration laws and has said that he will introduce bills to tax money sent by immigrants to Mexico and will also try to "challenge the citizenship of the U.S. born children" of people who are in the country undocumented, according to the report. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

LULAC Endorses "The Community Agenda for America's Public Schools"

The League of United Latin American Citizens has endorsed 'The Community Agenda for America's Public Schools" an action plan to ensure that all children enter school healthy, ready to learn and succeed. It prepares students to pursue post secondary education and become productive family and community members.

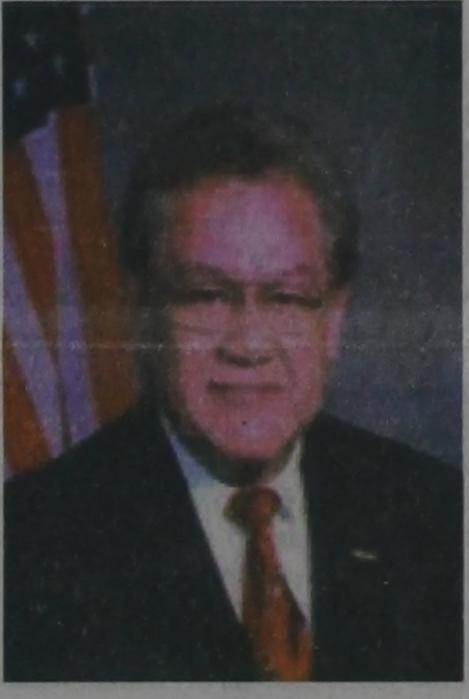
The Community Agenda will help struggling youth, families and communities improve their lives by fostering school and community partnerships that support student outcomes. Key national leaders from education, youth development, community engagement, health and social services, and higher education organizations will sign on to a set of strategies and solutions enabling communities to support public education. The agenda states that quality education is critical and schools cannot do the job in isolation. For all students to achieve academic success the community must become active partners in addressing the challenges in the lives of youth, their families and neighborhoods, enabling schools to remain focused on their core mission of education.

Also according to the group, "a single, standardized test should not be the only basis for judging schools or students." Instead, the agenda states a student's social wellness, health, attendance and other non-academic indicators, alongside academic achieve-ments, should account for student development.

The education system has made the mistake of creating a "narrow definition of student achieve-ment," said Warren Simmons, executive director of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform.

Over the past few months El Editor has published 3 articles relating to the high school drop out problem in an effort to bring attention to the issue. The problem is real in our community and the issues are complex; but not impossible to address. Organizations such as these are invaluable in addressing the problems so that the necessary changes may come about to improve the graduation rates of Hispanic youth. For further information about the program; visit; http://www.communityschools.org/ Contact person: Shital C. Shah, Research Associate, shahs@iel.org Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

Gutierrez Meets with East Side Residents



Republican candidate for **Precinct 3 County Commissioner** Frank Gutierrez met with a group of African American citizens at a local east side business to discuss his campaign and the issues residents in the precinct are interested in.

A person in attendance told Gutierrez that "Gilbert only comes around when it is election time to make empty promises that he knows he can't deliver on." Another person mentioned Flores' previous twelve years on the court: "He did not do anything for us during the twelve (12) years that he was in office and we want to hear what you plan to do if you are elected."

According to Gutierrez; the residents concerns are many and they include the lack of economic development, unfair treatment

by law enforcement; although no details were provided and their concern for neighborhood blight which many attendees fear has taken over their neighborhoods.

Expressing their feelings of being treated unfairly; one resident told the group that "we want and need access to the same opportunities that are being offered in other parts of the County and feel that one of he reasons we are in this situation is because of a lack of development".

For his part, Gutierrez outlined his plans should he win the election and told the group that his plan included an opposition to tax increases and that he would seek alternatives sources of funding for economic development. He also said he favored interaction with developers and the real estate industry

in order to try and attract more economic opportunities and some affordable housing for that part of the precinct.

"I have walked in your shoes and understand the problems and challenges that we face every day. Together we can reach solutions to lower your taxes, develop jobs, and help our children to realize the importance of an education and personal responsibility".

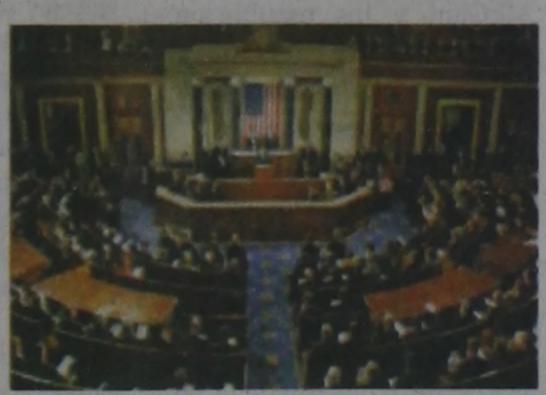
Those in attendance said they were looking forward to a scheduled debate between Gutierrez and Flores to be held on October 14; so they could compare the two candidates. The debate will be held on October 14 at the YWCA located at 3101 35th St from 6:30-8:30 PM. This will be for all 4 candidates in the Precinct 1 and 3 races.

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House Follows Senate; Passes Bailout Bill

After playing politics the first time around; the US House of Representatives passed a massive Senate version of a federal bailout bill; albeit with an additional over 100 billion dollars targeting special projects designed to entice certain House members to vote for the bill the second time around. The bill passed in the Senate by a vote of 74-25 before passing in the

House by a vote of 263 for to 171 against. Congressman Randy Neugebauer again voted against the bill. Neugebauer told NewsChannel 11 that he "didn't vote for it Monday and I didn't vote for it today (Friday) because in my heart of hearts I didn't believe it was the



right thing to do. I talked to a number of people in the banking industry, economists and people with the Department of Treasury; to really try to as certain if this plan that was proposed actually would address the problem. And nobody could really convince me that this plan was addressing the real problem and more importantly that it was the right solution".

Part of the bill allows the federal government to buy mortgages and other bad debts and mortgage related securities in order to alleviate the pressure on banks and other financial institutions.

Another measure in the bill raises the amount of money insured by the Federal Insurance Deposit Corporation; the FDIC inures money deposited in banks and savings and loans. The new bill raises the limit from \$100,000 dollars to \$250,000. This part of the bill is designed to restore consumer confidence and persuade consumers to deposit money in banking institutions.

But while the bill was sold as a life line for Wall Street and the American economy; as usual there was the usual lawmaker's pet projects which included the following projects: Manufacturers of kids' wooden arrows - \$6 million; Puerto Rican and Virgin Islands rum producers got \$192 million; auto racing tracks got \$128 million; Corporations operating in American Samoa receive \$33 million and small to medium budget film and television productions received a cool \$10 million.

Proving once again that in Congress; things never change Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

Health care professionals, workers invited to 'White Mass'

The Fifth Annual Diocese of Lubbock White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez, CMF, in Lubbock's Christ the King Cathedral on Saturday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m. A reception follows the Mass and participation is open to the public.

The cathedral church is located at 4011 54th Street in Lubbock.

"White Mass" is the customary description for a liturgy celebrated with and for health care workers who, traditionally, wore white attire.

"In the symbolic language of the Catholic Church, the color white symbolizes hope and comfort to the ill as well as the life of victory that is the baptismal promise for all disciples of Jesus Christ," said a spokesman for the Catholic Medical Association (CMA), sponsor of the Mass and reception.

Although participation in the White Mass is open to the public, special attention given to medical students and all who serve in the medical professions or allied health care occupations.

"By the grace of God, health care workers help us heal. Often working in high pressure environments, health care workers give of themselves night and day to help the sick, the injured, the elderly, and the disabled recover and flourish," said Bishop Rodríguez "This White Mass is a time to give thanks for their work, to ask God's blessings upon them, and to pray for their families.'

According to Dr. Benny Phillips, vice-president of the Lubbock CMA, the organization was formed in 2003 to offer its members mutual support and continuing formation as well as to express their Catholic faith through an outreach to the poor.

"The CMA has a mission statement that says, the 'members...come together

in order to grow in the spirit of Christ the Physician...to bring his spirit to all that is touched by our science and art, and to assist the local bishop and the whole Christian community with leadership," said Dr. Phillips. "In our world today, we are constantly faced with overwhelming...challenges with regard to the dignity of people and the sanctity of life. We must grow everyday in our vocation of medicine, both in the breadth of our scientific understanding and the depth of our relationship with our Lord. Our commitment to the sick, suffering, and the dying should be compassionate, with the highest moral and ethical standards and a reverence for the sacredness of the person who has entrusted us with his health concerns."

It is in response to this mission that CMA members sponsor the annual White Mass, the organization's "signature event," according to Dr. Phillips.

"The White Mass is celebrated each year on the Feast of Saint Luke the Physician, evangelist and patron of the CMA," he said. "The Mass is held with all the pomp and majesty of a diocesan eucharistic celebration, with the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre in attendance as well as the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus."

The 2008 White Mass is also intended to help Catholics celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Creation of the Diocese of Lubbock, according to Dr. Phillips.

In his pastoral letter, "Like a Mighty Wind," Bishop Rodríguez talks about a dream to evangelize our co-workers - sharing with them Good News of Life in Christ and the sacraments of his one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. We, the members of the CMA, wholeheartedly endorse his vision."

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Editorials

Thirty Two Years Later

Thirty two years ago; the Publisher of this newspaper saw a need in the Lubbock community. That need was to inform the community with a print publication which would serve as an alternative source of news, information and commentary.

Thirty two years later; El Editor Publisher Bidal Aguero continues to provide an alternative to mainstream media in an effort to bring attention to a variety of issues which impact the community. El Editor grew from a Lubbock publication and now also publishes a Midland/Odessa edition and has an online presence at www.eleditor.com.

Whether it is politics or social issues; or whether it is information about local events or opinion and commentary; this newspaper has tried to provide a public voice so that the community can stay informed and read commentary and opinion concerning issues which are sometimes ignored by the mainstream press.

Another important function of this newspaper has been to provide a public forum for individuals to contribute their opinions and views and share them with other readers. Although we have often had individuals express strong viewpoints in our opinion and commentary section; we continue to believe that this is one of the most important services we perform.

Many times we have heard from individuals whose opinions and letters to the editor are ignored by the mainstream press; yet they find a forum for their views on the pages of El Editor.

As we enter our 32nd year of publication; we must also single out another group which deserves a lot of the credit for our success and they are our advertisers. There are some businesses which have been loyal advertisers with us for many years. To them we say thank you and express our appreciation. If not for our valued advertisers; we would not be able to provide this publication free of charge.

As we look forward towards our thirty second year of publishing this free weekly publication; we will continue to try and provide the same forum which we have for the past 31 years.

We acknowledge that many things have changed since we first started publication of this newspaper. Not only have we seen social and political changes; our community has become more diverse in its opinions and political and social attitudes.

But what has not changed as we enter our 32nd year of publication is our commitment to the community and our desire to continue to provide this alternative source of information and advertising.

We thank you for reading El Editor and for your continued support. ********************

There is nothing more despicable than the silencing of free speech. But sadly we have come to the conclusion that that is what is happening right here in our community.

Over the past few weeks we have been monitoring several locations where we distribute our free weekly publication El Editor.

We started to suspect that something was wrong when we started getting comments from readers that they were unable to find a copy of our publication where they would normally find one every week.

This prompted us to be more vigilant about making sure that nothing the while they were sounding cent to 1.5 percent. The Bank had changed in our distribution practices and where we distribute this newspaper.

And although we do not yet know who it is; we have concluded that this newspaper is being stolen from several locations. We base that on several weeks of looking into the matter. While we will not go into details here; we would publicly state to the individuals or individual stealing our newspapers that we will be watching and we will press charges should we have liked to clarify what I said. Switzerland also cut rates. The catch you in the act.

In the meantime; our readers can rest assured that we will continue to publish the stories we do even if certain individuals find them so damaging to their political careers that they are willing to go to any lengths to silence our voice.

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Obama y Biden, juntos

Una de las grandes frustracio- lano? si no existiera.

líderes de Irán, Cuba y Vene- popularidad". Chávez contra lo que él llama atómica.

cial es que el tema de América presidente, tengo la obligación y el candidato republicano a la Latina fue evitado olímpica- --tengo el deber-- de reunirme presidencia, John McCain. mente. Ni Barack Obama ni con cualquier persona, a la "No hay una política ha-John McCain ni el moderador hora y en el lugar que yo de- cia Rusia", dijo. "No hay una Jim Lehrer le dedicaron unos cida, si pienso que eso va a política hacia América Latina. segundos. Nada. Igual que el hacer más seguro a EE.UU.", No hay ninguna política. Ellos de todo el mundo, Joseph Biden y acompañó de segundo al primer presidente George Bush du- me dijo Obama en reciente no saben qué hacer. Así que sí Sarah Palin. rante casi ocho años, los can- entrevista. "Ahora, creo que estoy preocupado que (John didatos presidenciales y el pe- Chávez se ha beneficiado al McCain y los republicanos) riodista de la cadena pública presentarse como un adversar- ganen esta elección porque eso PBS trataron a la región como io de EE.UU. Y muchas veces, sería un problema para la gendebido a las fallas que hay en eración de nuestros niños". Pero la pregunta sobre si su propio país, explotar el sen- De ahí saltamos al tema de Obama realmente estaría timiento antinorteamericano las drogas. El presidente mexidispuesto a reunirse con los le ha ayudado a impulsar su cano, Felipe Calderón, ha sug-

zuela, entre otros, sin condicio- Luego ahí mismo le pregunté consumo de drogas en Estados Palin por sus constantes torpezas Blanca, y aunque su salud es exnes --como lo dijo en julio del a Biden si le preocupaba que Unidos, la violencia en su país en las escasas entrevistas que su celente, a esa edad los achaques había sido el segundo de Dwight 2007-- sigue pendiente. Tras Rusia fuera a realizar ejerci- y en el resto de América Latina partido le permitió ofrecer. Pero el suelen acelerarse. En ese grupo, la la expulsión del embajador cios militares en Venezuela y tampoco se detendrá. norteamericano en Caracas y que estuviera considerando "Lo que es absolutamente los más recientes insultos del ayudar al gobierno de Chávez cierto es que debemos tener presidente de Venezuela Hugo a construir plantas de energía un acuerdo de socios (con

con el mandatario venezo- exteriores, me contestó con táneamente, en México.

una fuerte crítica, no a Chávez nes del primer debate presiden- "Mi actitud es que, como o a los rusos, sino contra Bush

erido que si no se reduce el

México)", dijo. Y reconoció "el imperio" ¿todavía está Y Biden, como el jefe del la dificultad de enfrentar cor-Obama dispuesto a reunirse comité senatorial de relaciones rupción y narcotráfico, simul-

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By Ysidro Gutierrez

On Tuesday, while a guest host the bailout. on the Todd Klein radio show; The day following the bailout I was lamenting the death of it was reported that one failed the free market system that has company had spent \$400,000 on served America so well for the a junket. The caller who trusts last 300 years. I suggested that the Washington politicians must America would be best served if feel really cozy about this revpoliticians in Washington D.C. elation. left the market to rise and fall in its own natural cycle instead American people awoke to the of interfering and manipulating news that the Federal Reserve the finance system. As I left the had pumped an additional \$900 station I tuned my car radio to Billion into the economy to enlisten to the remaining segment courage lending and borrowing of the show. As I drove away between banks. In a normal a listener called to say he dis- market the infusion of money agreed with my assertion that into the market may be a useful a free market would serve the but in a time when Wall Street is American people better.

ernment meddling in the finan- ply. cial markets is OK and that govcial system.

As I reflected about the callers ence and manipulation. comments, I wonder how many thing

they borrowed \$700 Billion and global economic meltdown. used it to bailout failed CEO's American investors and their badly managed com- know how to react to the news. panies. Perhaps he doesn't As I write this commentary know that the American people (Wednesday p.m.), Wall Street will have to pay the loan and the indexes are up then down then interest on the loan. Perhaps he up again. News sources report doesn't know that the American a drop of more than 200 points. people were overwhelmingly Oops wait, no it's up more than against the bailout. And, per- 100. Who knows? haps he doesn't now that they Here is what we know for added \$110 Billion for personal sure: The US Federal Reserve

things are OK with him.

it is: "The people who created supported the actions. the disaster are the same Washto fix the mess they made."

gress to express opposition to the American people is - Nil.

That same day (Tuesday) the Burning – it seems ridiculous to The caller suggested that gov- be fiddling with the money sup-

On Wednesday we were told ernment manipulation is needed. that the interest rate was low-The caller suggested that I was ered by half-a-point. Normally too critical of Washington. Too an increased supply of money bad he called after I had already will automatically lower inleft the station. I sure wish I had terest rates and start a cycle of the opportunity to ask him why growth which ends when interhe trusts Washington politicians est rates increase again. But the with the well-being of our finan- cycle didn't have time to work because of government interfer-

Next we were told that major more of him there are out there central banks from around the in radio land that trust Washing- world followed the US Federal ton politicians will do the right Reserve and slashed interest rates to prevent the Wall Street Perhaps he doesn't know that meltdown from becoming a

pet projects for themselves. All reduced its key rate from 2 perthe alarm of catastrophic doom. of England cut its rate by half Or, perhaps the caller does a point to 4.5 percent and the know these things and these European Central Bank rate was cut by half a point to 3.75 I wish he had called while I percent. The central banks of was still at the station. I would China, Canada, Sweden, and My point is really simple - Here Bank of Japan said it strongly

My point to the caller ington politicians that asked the who says he trusts Washington American people to trust them politicians to get us out of this mess - "How'd you like to buy The approval of the \$700 Bil- a bridge in Brooklyn?"

lion bailout was a betrayal of US markets are still open as I the American people. It was the write this. But my faith in Washproverbial - "Royal Shafting" ington politicians who put pet of everyone who called Con- projects ahead of the interests of

Wall Street Still Burning What Will Drive Voter's Decision?

By Abel Cruz

As we approach Election Day; certain factors will decide which candidate voters vote for in the Presidential race and ultimately which candidate is elected.

Only problem is that the factors driving their vote may be secondary to the issues and probably will not include a candidate's stance on things like the economy; healthcare; domestic issues like education; the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan or even foreign policy.

Unfortunately the real issues get overlooked because candidates are too busy appealing to our emotions as opposed to our political sense. What we wind up with is the mud slinging and fear mongering designed to scare us into voting for one or the other as we have seen this past week.

Here is what I suggest are at least four of the factors which may determine how people will vote:

Race - will black voters turn out in great numbers; will Hispanics vote for a black candidate; will white voters vote for Obama; many voters will base their vote on this one factor and will not bother to go any further.

Half-truths; political rhetoric; and character assassination - with all the money flowing into the respective campaigns; candidates are free to use advertising strategies to win votes instead of focusing on the issues. There are reasons candidates spend millions and millions of dollars on advertising; it works on voters.

Gender - The fact that Palin is a woman will be a minor factor but will be a consideration for some voters who still find it hard to view a woman in position of authority. It may become a factor to people who believe that McCain may be too old to be president and that she will have to assume the presidency should McCain win the election and the need arise.

Age - McCain's age will be a factor in some voter's decision. And it is not age discrimination but rather the realization that should McCain win; he will be 76 years old when he is in the fourth year of his term. For some this is a legitimate factor. The question in their mind may be; does McCain have the necessary physical stamina and is he in good enough health at his age to be president?

New Voter's Age - In addition; the age of new voters will also probably determine the winner if predictions hold true that young people are registering in great numbers and will vote for Obama. Polls are showing that the majority of new young voters; those voting for the first time are Obama supporters.

In my view; a candidate's stance on the issues should be a voter's first consideration and should carry more weight when deciding who to vote for.

For example; one of my primary issues is the ongoing war in Iraq. We have been there way too long and there seems to be no end in sight. So this is one area where I strongly disagree with John McCain's view and stance on the war. In a perfect political world, voters would go down the line issue by issue and decide whose stances align more closely with their own.

But time and time again; history shows that it is the secondary factors which determine how most people vote for a candidate and this election will probably be no different.

I hope this is not the case; but based on the latest campaign rhetoric; this election may be decided based on the side show rather than the main event.

In one of the biggest irony's of American political life; the very people who believe in limited government this time looked to government to address the financial crisis because this time the deregulations impacted their profit line.

For years and years; John McCain, along with other Republicans, have told us they are against government regulation. Less government they say. Yet two weeks ago in the midst of the worst financial crisis most of us have ever seen; McCain once again turned to the government, meaning us taxpayers, to help clean up the mess on Wall Street.

Then this past Tuesday at the second presidential debate; he announced his most recent plan which would involve the government buying home mortgages; more government in-

Talk about a walking contradiction.

On the one hand; he says the government should stay out of things such as healthcare; but yet wants direct government involvement in the mortgage lending crisis.

All of a sudden government regulation doesn't look so bad and in fact stricter government oversight was a prerequisite before many House representatives voted for the latest bill.

The problem is that now we have to look to the same people who got us into this mess to regulate our way out of it. annual add in hetsette e ar nonenna ar a

That's right; most of the people who have lost their jobs at several of the Wall Street firms who went under are quickly applying for jobs with the Treasury Department; the agency which is supposed to oversee this mess.

One final note to let you know what Fannie Mae spent some of their money on; on their way to a federal takeover...

At least one local Congressman benefitted from Fannie Mae connections in this election cycle. According to the website opensecrets.org; Congressman Randy Neugebauer reported receiving a \$10,000 dollar contribution from Fannie Mae in the 2007-2008 election cycle. At least now we know where \$10,000 of the dollars went to.

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La importancia de ser vicepresidente

Ante más de 85 millones de tele- ington. videntes sólo en Estados Unidos, puede arrastrar con su sonrisa tele- una enfermedad o una conjura. génica, terminó en empate.

corazón.

vicepresidentes pueden estar ob- John Tyler y Millard Filmore. Salón Oval.

La historia de la presidencia de La historia no fue siempre som-EEUU es trágica. Cuatro presiden- bría. Hubo cuatro vicepresidentes tes fueron asesinados, cuatro muri- que saltaron a la presidencia por eron por enfermedad en sus cargos sus dotes innatas, como uno de los y uno debió renunciar por inepto, próceres más venerados, Thomas de ahí la importancia de este puesto Jefferson, quien secundó primque ahora disputan, ante los ojos ero a John Adams, quien a su vez presidente de todos: George Wash-

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McCain sería a sus 72 años el La prensa viene crucificando a presidente más viejo en la Casa debate pudo haber ayudado a borrar historia presidencial cuenta a Warsus anteriores respuestas tragicómi- ren Harding, quien murió en 1923 y cas, como que de Alaska puede ver fue sucedido por su vicepresidente a Vladimir Putin cuando levanta la Calvin Coolidge, y a Franklin Delacabeza. En cuanto a su imagen, y no Roosevelt, quien falleció al poco a pesar de periodistas y políticos, de asumir su cuarto período presiel ciudadano de a pie no suele vo- dencial en abril de 1945, después de tar siempre con la razón, sino por sufrir una hemorragia cerebral. Le apariencias. Dos hechos lo podrían sobrevivió su vicepresidente Harry confirmar: se dispararon las ventas Truman. En el siglo XIX, otros dos de anteojos sin armazón y aumentó jefes de Estado norteamericanos la circulación de las revistas del murieron en pleno poder, William Harrison (1841) y Zachary Taylor La experiencia indica que los (1850), asumiendo sus segundos,

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Casa Blanca. El temor a que algún fundamentalista se atreva a atentar contra su vida es latente.

Cuatro presidentes fueron asesinados, dos en el siglo XIX, Abraham Lincoln (1865) y James Garfield (1881), y dos en el siglo XX, William McKinley (1901) y John Kennedy (1963). Sus sucesores fueron sus vicepresidentes, Andrew Johnson, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt y Lyndon Johnson.

Otros segundos tuvieron que ponerse a la altura de la circunstancias, como George Bush padre cuando Ronald Reagan sufrió un atentado; Gerald Ford, que agarró las riendas después del escándalo de Watergate que cobró la vida política de Richard Nixon --quien a su vez Eisenhower-- y Al Gore, que casi se queda con el puesto de Bill Clinton después de un asunto de faldas, manchadas por cierto.

Queda demostrado así que la vicepresidencia no es un cargo decorativo. Sirve de fogueo para aspirar o para verse obligado a ocupar el máximo sillón de la calle Pennsylvania. Dadas las circunstancias, la mirada no debería estar sólo puesta en lo que los vicepresidentes contribuyen a sus fórmulas, sino a que en sus destinos puede estar oculto el llamado a ser el líder máximo.

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Slump disproportionately affects Latino workers

It took a 777-point nosedive of the stock market for many Americans to realize the crisis in the financial sector is the real deal. The multibillion-dollar package to rescue Wall Street got a little more support among taxpayers when they finally understood that as bad as it sounds, not approving it could be much worse. Not to mention that so many people saw thousands of dollars wiped out from their retirement accounts overnight.

Almost everyone in the U.S. -- young or old, rich or poor -- is or has been, in one way or another, affected by the economic crisis facing our nation. But according to a recent study by the Pew Hispanic Center, the economic slump has disproportionately affected Latino workers, who make up 14 percent of the job market in the U.S.

Here's how. In the first quarter of 2008, the unemployment rate for Latino immigrants was 7.5 percent. The high unemployment rate is mostly because of the slump in the construction industry, where 250,000 Hispanics lost their jobs. Some 52 percent of working-age Latinos in the United States are immigrants, the study points out.

In a bad economy, the first jobs to go happen to be the ones held by unskilled immigrant workers. There are cutbacks in the service industry, in restaurants, in hotels and in manufacturing. People cutting corners in their expenses lay off their domestic help or gardening services. Day laborers end up spending the entire day standing on street corners with not a single job opportunity.

This has a domino effect on immigrants' everyday lives. By not having a job or by seeing their salaries reduced, it is more difficult for them to cover their expenses, including the higher costs of food and fuel. Their dire situation is also reflected in

the amount of money they send back home to their families. Remittances from the U.S. are an important source of revenue for most Latin American countries. In the month of August, remittances to Mexico were down 12 percent, according to Mexico's Central Bank, compared with the same month last year. Remittances are the second source of revenue in that country, after the oil industry.

Financial guru Julie Stav also has seen a disproportionate amount of Latinos being hit by the crisis in the housing industry. A study by her firm in Los Angeles found that a high percentage of Latinos were among those who received the now-infamous subprime mortgage loans that are causing so many to lose their homes to foreclosures.

In her study, Stav found that 50 percent of the people who were losing their homes did not go to the bank to try to find a solution. That is because many of them got loans from the same person who sold them their house. "We got into loans we didn't understand and signed them with people who couldn't back them up, and we are not dealing with it by contacting banks," they say.

"Most people we spoke to did not understand the concept of adjustable rate mortgages," says Stav. As a result, they did not know why their payments suddenly went from \$1,500 a month to \$2,300, for example. It is the lack of information on such a complex issue in a language that they can understand that has a lot of Latino families afraid and unaware of how to

deal with this financial crisis. That probably has some bearing on the results of another survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, in which Latinos seemed to be increasingly pessimistic about their situation in the United States. Half of those

It's time for Latinos to reach their voting potential

Elections are a time of accountability, a time when the values of presidential candidates are judged by voters and when incumbents are forced to defend their records and rhetoric against ambitious challengers.

This year, unlike any previous election year, an entire group of voters also will be held accountable: Latinos.

After years of being viewed as the "sleeping giant" - the group whose voter turnout never comes close to matching its voting-age population the Hispanic vote is expected to be a force this year on Election Day.

Hispanic leadership coalitions, Spanish-language media, and the presidential candidates have spent tens of millions in an unprecedented grassroots effort to mobilize the Latino vote in as many as 13 states, coast to coast and in the Midwest. In four of those states - Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Florida — the Latino vote is large enough to determine the outcome of the presidential contest on Nov. 4.

That is, if Latinos vote.

"If, in this election, we do not turn out and vote, then we are the dog that's all bark and no bite," warned Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. "If we don't do it now, then my question is, 'When are we going to do it?""

The foundation has been laid for a record Latino voter turnout of 9.2 million, including 2.6 million Hispanics who will be voting for the first time. In the 2000 presidential election, 5.9 million Latinos voted, and in 2004, there were 7.6 million Latino votes cast.

Despite the rising numbers, this year's Hispanic vote projection is not good enough, Vargas emphasized recently during a meeting with Latino political activists.

"That is an embarrassment, because there are 17 million Latinos who today could vote because they are U.S. citizens at least 18 years of age," the Latino leader said. "Our challenge is to reach the native-born Latino — the Chicano, the Puerto Rican — those of us born here, who do take the right to vote for granted."

In 2004, Hispanic turnout was only 47 percent, compared with 60 percent for African-Americans and 67 percent for non-Hispanic whites.

The backbone of this year's campaign is "Ya es hora. ¡Ve y vota!" ("It's Time. Go Vote!"), which builds on the coalition's 2007 push that produced almost 1.4 million citizenship applications by legal permanent residents. (Not all will become citizens in time to vote because of the federal government's delay in processing the applica-

tions.) One of the partners, We Are America Alliance, says it is on track to register a half-million new Latino, Asian and other immigrant voters by the end of this week, with a goal of mobilizing 1 million voters in the November election.

During the last weekend of September, another partner, Spanish-language publisher ImpreMedia, inserted 990,500 voter registration forms into its publications in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, New York and Texas. Media giants Univision and Entravision also are running television and radio spots.

Celebrities are being enlisted. State Farm Insurance Cos. recently sponsored a media tour featuring baseball All-Star David Ortiz, who became a citizen last June. Rock the Vote features pop singer Christina Aguilera in a television spot.

The "Ya es hora" drive also is telephoning Latino households, targeting about 150,000 Latinos who have been registered to vote but tend not to show up.

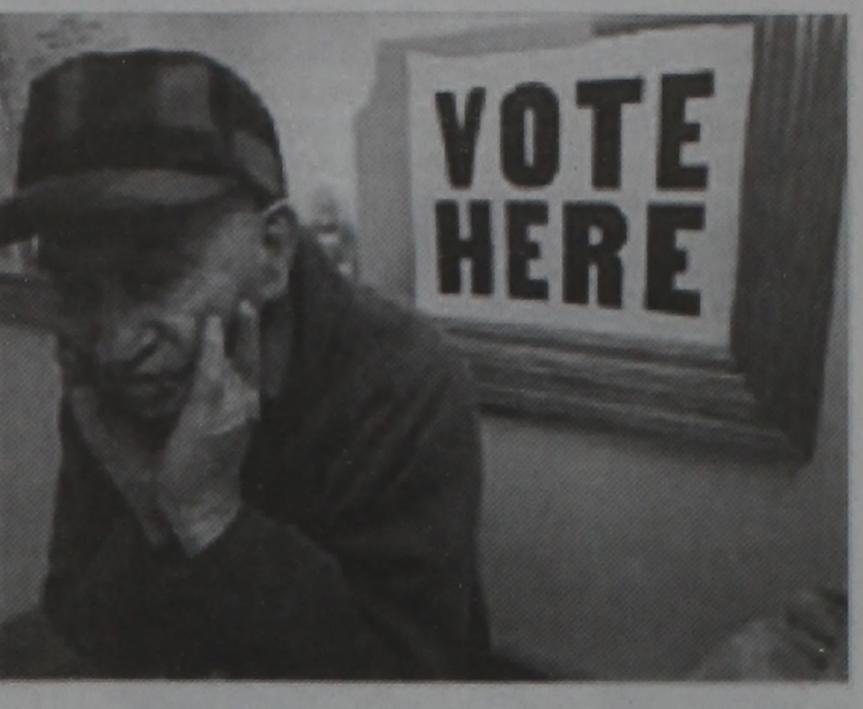
Separately, the New Policy Institute, a progressive group affiliated with NDN, has paid for Spanishlanguage radio ads in Colorado, Nevada and the Washington metropolitan area that includes Northern Virginia. The "Adelante" ("Moving Forward") drive is aimed at firsttime Hispanic voters.

Why haven't Latinos voted more often? Hispanic leaders maintain that one of the biggest blocks to Latino voting is the misinformation given by election officials and poll workers. Organizers are combating that problem by urging Latinos to vote absentee or to call a toll-free telephone bank to get instructions and learn their voting rights.

Certainly, there are plenty of

reasons to vote.

Like other voters, Hispanics are worried about the economy, jobs, health care, education and the Iraq to spend \$20 million to court the Hispanic vote. The McCain campaign will not say how much it is spending but argues Obama needs



war. Unlike other voters, they are disproportionately affected on all of these fronts. They have not forgotten that the first U.S. soldier killed in the Iraq war was an immigrant who had illegally entered the country as a child.

There also is an underlying current of fear shared by Hispanics, regardless of citizenship status, because of the anti-immigrant sentiment that has spread across the country in recent years, according to polls. Like other voters, they want a sensible solution.

The presidential candidates, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, are begging for Latino support.

They have saturated the Spanishlanguage media with advertising and dispatched volunteers to cultural festivals and citizenship ceremonies from California to Florida to enlist voters.

"If you have any doubt about whether you can make a difference, just remember how, back in 2004, 40,000 registered Latino voters in New Mexico didn't turn out on Election Day. Sen. [John F.] Kerry lost that state by fewer than 6,000 votes," Obama often reminds Latino

The Obama campaign pledged

to spend more because he is not as well-known as McCain in the Latino community, according to McCain spokeswoman Hessy Fernandez.

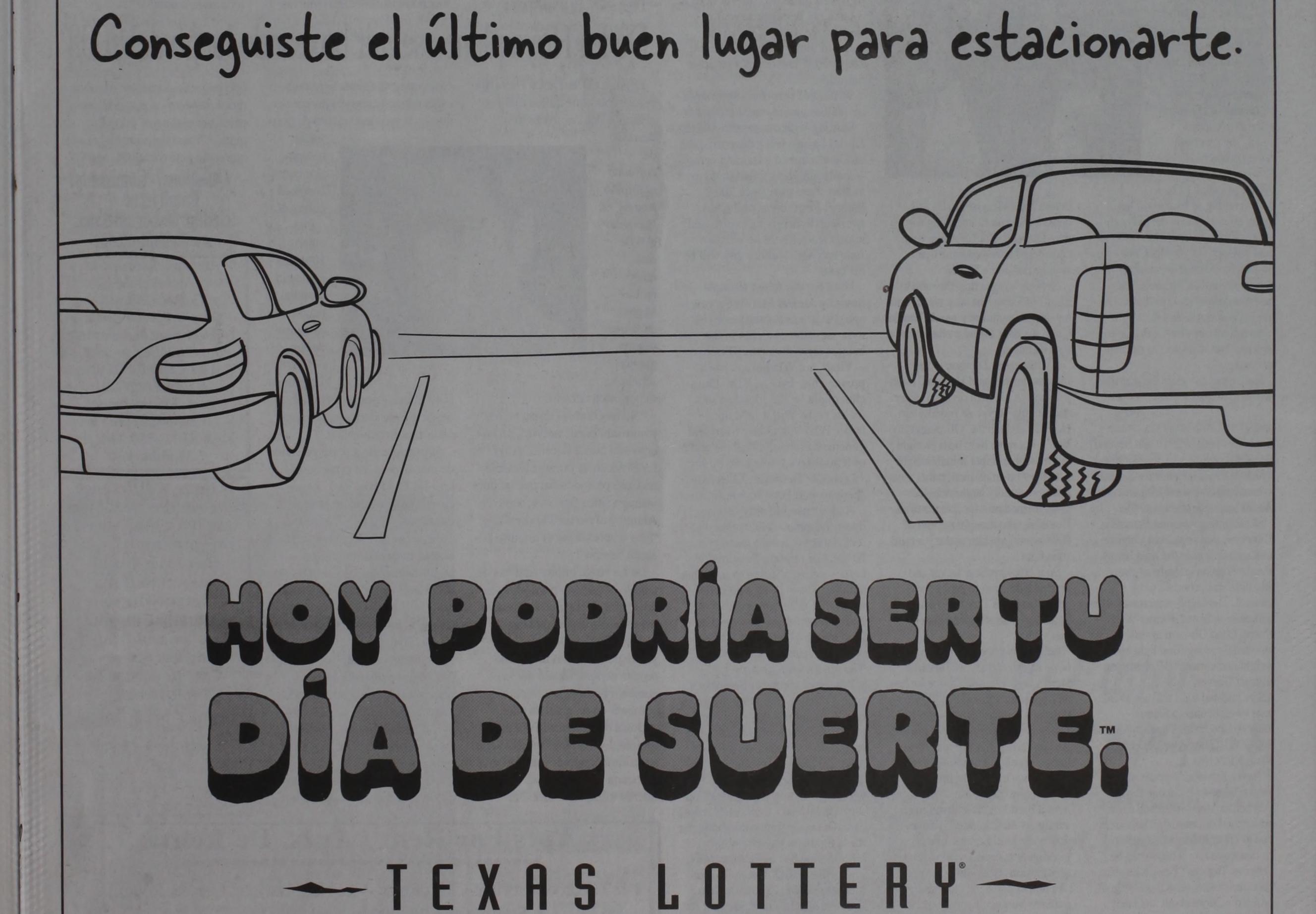
McCain won 70 percent of Arizona's Latino vote during his last Senate reelection effort, but in his presidential campaign, he has been severely criticized by Latino leaders for backing away from his own immigration bill that would have offered illegal immigrants a path to citizenship.

Whether McCain can garner the same level of Latino support in his home state is unknown, Fernandez conceded, but "John McCain is going to work for it" there and everywhere else.

Besides the presidential race, the Latino vote could affect other major contests, such as Senate races in Colorado, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Texas and Virginia.

What if the Hispanic vote does not reach the expected 9.4 million mark?

"It would be a setback to the Hispanic community," said Andres Ramirez of NDN. But after a betterthan-usual performance during the presidential primaries, Ramirez is optimistic. "This is a community that's engaged and is already voting in very high numbers."



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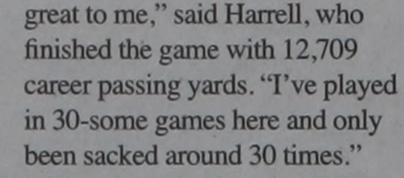
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Texas Tech vs. Nebraska

A once-proud program, Nebraska reached a new low last week as the Cornhuskers were ineffective defensively in their worst home loss in more than a half-century.

A road game against the nation's best passing offense doesn't figure to make things any better.

Seventh-ranked Texas Tech and record-setting quarterback



The senior has been sacked just once this season, taking advantage of the good protection by averaging more than 400 passing yards per game. In his



Graham Harrell will try to take advantage of the reeling Huskers on Saturday, just as the Red Raiders did when they scored 70 points the last time Nebraska visited Lubbock.

The Huskers (3-2, 0-1 Big 12) allowed then-No. 4 Missouri to score at will in last Saturday's 52-17 home loss - Nebraska's worst defeat in Lincoln in 53 years.

While Missouri boasts the thirdbest offense in the Football Bowl Subdivision, Texas Tech (5-0, 1-0) ranks second - a billing the Red Raiders lived up to last weekend. In a 58-28 win at Kansas State that opened their Big 12 slate, they rolled up 626 total yards, including 490 through the air as Harrell threw for six touchdowns and broke Kliff Kingsbury's school record for career passing yards.

"I've had great receivers here and the offensive line has been

last three games, he has thrown

15 touchdown passes without an

interception.

"I would say he is the best (quarterback) in the nation this year," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said. "If you lead the nation in passing, I would think you deserve some attention. It's not like he just does it once in a while."

It certainly helps having Michael Crabtree around. After easily leading the nation with nearly 2,000 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns last year, the sophomore wide receiver has picked up where he left off, with 564 yards and eight scores through five games.

Crabtree had nine catches for 107 yards and two touchdowns against Kansas State.

Nebraska has had trouble holding down Leach's prolific offense in recent meetings. Texas

Tech had lost all seven matchups against the Huskers prior to 2004, but the Red Raiders won 70-10 in Lubbock that year, then won 34-31 win in Lincoln the following season - the teams' most recent meeting.

The Huskers, who will be last FBS team to play their first road game, dropping their last four away from home in 2007. They have lost their last two games at home, allowing more than 200 rushing yards in each defeat.

Last weekend's Big 12-opening defeat was especially ugly for Nebraska, which fell behind by three touchdowns by halftime en route to its 10th straight loss to a top-10 opponent. The Cornhuskers allowed Missouri to score on eight of its 10 possessions.

"I'm not used to losing. I'm not used to getting beat soundly. It's my fault," first-year Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said. "Damn right, yes, I'm embarrassed. I apologized to the team. I apologize to the state of Nebraska. I apologize to everyone associated with Nebraska football."

The Huskers will have their work cut out for them if they hope to avoid their first 0-2 start in conference play since they lost their first two Big Eight games in 1968.

Defense wasn't the only problem in the loss to Missouri. Tigers quarterback Chase Daniel accused Nebraska of being a dirty team and spitting on him, and the club committed 14 penalties totaling 101 yards - its second time this season with at least 100 penalty yards.

"We need to play smarter," Pelini said. "Not only the personal fouls, but putting ourselves in first-and-15 and some of the things that happen there. We need to be more disciplined and take care of that aspect. Too many penalties."

Surprises in store for Saturday's Showtime

To consider elements of HBO's fall lineup, in light of American capitalism's coming overhaul, is

to wonder if we'll ever again have a broadcast year like 2008. Will we not look back at fights like Pavlik-Hopkins and Pacquiao-De La Hoya and say of them, as we now say of so much, "Did we really think this was sustainable?"

Tarver could cause problems for Dawson with his off-speed punch. Tarver could cause problems for Dawson with his off-speed punch. The

de-leveraging of banks will have many effects. One is the likely end of an average boxing fan's \$600 annual pay-per-view budget. For years pundits have railed at promoters and networks for this. The debate has been interesting and frivolous. The market is about to end it.

It's not all bad news, though. It never is. Not in a sport as resilient as boxing.

Showtime, for years the guerilla network, might be on the verge of parity. Next year HBO's boxing budget will still dwarf Showtime's. But what about in 2010 and beyond? There's no telling. So, it's fair to ask which network is better positioned to entertain on a shoestring budget. We all know the answer to that.

More evidence comes Saturday. Showtime will broadcast a highly anticipated fight in the light heavyweight division and a heavyweight title fight that promises to be unusual. The highly anticipated fight will pit undefeated, former WBC champ Chad Dawson against former universally recognized light heavyweight and current IBF champion Antonio Tarver.

The unusual fight will see WBC heavyweight champ Samuel Peter defend his title against former WBO/WBC heavyweight champ Vitali Klitschko.

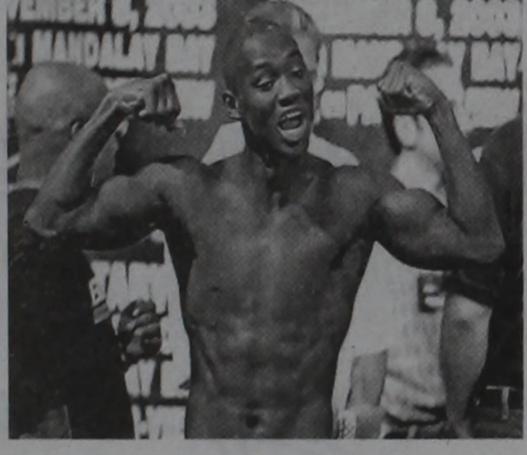
Tarver-Dawson happens in Las Vegas, Peter-Klitschko in Berlin. Whether your preference is for

anticipated or unusual, it behooves you to cheer for only one fight to be consequential. That would be Dawson-Tarver. If Peter-Klitschko becomes consequential we've got problems. More about that later.

Chad Dawson has an air of invincibility about him. Talking to folks in the gym gives you the feeling Dawson is expected to beat Tarver. Not necessarily stop him, but outwork him and make his night fresher and stronger. But am I the only one who's

miserable. Dawson is younger,

slightly reminded of Jeff Lacy



before Joe Calzaghe? Lacy was considered a more imposing force than Dawson. But Calzaghe was considered a fresher force than anyone considers Tarver.

Nobody's expecting Dawson to blow out Tarver the way we all erroneously thought Lacy would handle Calzaghe. But Tarver's chances bear consideration.

It's fair to say Dawson is the impetus for Bernard Hopkins' establishment of his own division. After decisioning Tarver 28 months ago, Hopkins created the 170-pound division -- not quite light heavyweight but more than super middleweight -- to feast on small men, rather than young, naturally larger ones. Nobody blamed him for it at the time. But then, who thought the end of 2008 would see him making a third such fight?

So if Hopkins beat Tarver and created a division to avoid Dawson, what gives Tarver a chance Saturday? The off-speed punch, that's what.

Other guys use this punch, but none as effectively as Tarver. Here's how it works. Once he has an opponent's guard up, Tarver throws a number of straight, light punches at the opponent's gloves and forearms. It's not a flurry. It doesn't seek to compile points. It establishes a false rhythmic pattern for the opponent. Then Tarver fires a hard left cross from his southpaw stance, and it stings.

Boxing intelligence, like all intelligence, reduces to pattern recognition. How quickly you can detect patterns. How many patterns you can keep distinct. That's why, if you throw the same combination at a world champion more than twice, you'll probably get clobbered while cocking your fist for a third go.

Just like a major leaguer who

uses the contrast of an off-speed pitch to set up a high fastball, Tarver gives opponents the false security of off-speed punches. It is something Dawson, with his fine amateur pedigree, might have seen before. The question is whether he's seen it the way Tarver does it.

Let's not bet against youth on this one. But put me in the camp of those who won't be too surprised if Tarver pulls an upset Saturday.

Writing of surprises. Saturday's co-feature guarantees nothing but. Starting with the unretired Vitali Klitschko surviving the peril-

ous landscape of a training camp -- something he's failed to do in at least three tries since 2004. Samuel Peter, meanwhile, has overseen a surprising skill-based retreat from where he was two Januarys ago. Neither guy will be his best.

Until he was felled multiple times by Jameel McCline a year ago, Peter was at least believed to possess the best chin in the heavyweight division. Klitschko -- Vitali, not Wladimir -- has a proven chin. Fact is, Klitschko's chin might be the soundest spot on his body. Will it hold up under Peter's thudding overhand punches? Probably. Will the rest of Klitschko's frame hold up for 12 rounds? Doubtful. Klitschko needs to stop Peter to win.

And we need to pray that doesn't happen. A Klitschko victory Saturday would mean two Klitschkos holding three major belts -- while refusing to fight one another. Those of us who perennially call false bottoms in the heavyweight division would be humiliated. You think the heavyweight division's bad right now? You ain't seen nothing yet.

Whatever comes of Saturday's fights, though, Showtime deserves credit for putting this broadcast together. The programmers could easily have unbundled these two fights, appended mismatched undercard scraps to their bottoms and given us two weekends of mediocrity instead of one weekend of excellence. Or they could have put these fights on pay-per-view.

Showtime has more disastrous nights than HBO. But it also has more great ones. Showtime has to starve itself to make weight for most every broadcast. Sometimes, as a result, it looks flat. But I'll take that over a soft champion who demands ridiculous purses every time he has to face a live opponent. I'll take it any day.

Big 12 Shootout

Oklahoma and Texas both lost

the week before last year's match-

up, the Sooners at Colorado and

Longhorns against Kansas State.

said.

Top-ranked Oklahoma was best," defensive end Jeremy Beal already looking ahead, not even taking time to celebrate another lopsided victory over Baylor.

Finally, the much-anticipated annual matchup against Texas is next on the schedule.

"Everybody in the locker room is fired up about it and that week is here," coach Bob Stoops said minutes after the Sooners' 49-17 victory at Baylor. "You want an opportunity to win the (Big 12) South and continue to compete for a national championship. ... We've handled our business up to this point."

So have the fifth-ranked Longhorns, leading to another top-five showdown for their annual second-Saturday-in-October meeting in the middle of the Texas State Fair.

"You get a win, it sets you up down the road to keep chugging away," linebacker Ryan Reynolds said.

Ranked No. 1 for the first time since 2003 and playing a team they've never lost against, the Sooners (5-0) made sure Saturday that there was no chance of another upset before the Red River shootout. They scored only 70 seconds into their Big 12 opener, and led Baylor 28-0 in the first quarter.

"I think everybody wanted us to look ahead to Texas, but we've seen plenty of No. 1 teams get beat by looking ahead to the next game," said Manuel Johnson, who got wide open for a 53-yard touchdown catch on the Sooners' third play - after Baylor had already punted.

The Sooners remained No. 1 in the new AP poll Sunday, their record 97th time at the top. They had 51 of a possible 65 first-place votes, eight more than a week earlier when they broke a tie with Notre Dame for 95 appearances at No. 1.

Texas, also 5-0 after a 38-14 victory Saturday night at Colorado, stayed at No. 5 in the new poll.

The Sooners and Longhorns will be meeting for the 103rd time in their rivalry, and it will be the fourth time in eight seasons that both are ranked in the top five.

"We have to stay focused, stay on that edge, so we can play our

With their national championship hopes damaged beyond repair, the Sooners rebounded to avoid an 0-2 conference start, winning at the Cotton Bowl to start a run to their fifth Big 12 title.

"It's always a big game and we're looking forward to it. We're going to prepare like every other week. We know it's a big game, but we've got to keep our heads on and come out and be ready," receiver Juaquin Iglesias said. "Whoever wins that game has a big jump on other people."

Oklahoma has won the past three games when both were ranked in the top five, most recently 12-0 in 2004.

On Saturday against Baylor (2-3), Sam Bradford was 23-of-31 passing for 372 yards and two touchdowns, DeMarco Murray

position going into next week," Bradford said. "After getting this one behind us, we're looking forward to next week."

The Sooners got off to another big start against Baylor, and have now outscored their opponents 103-3 in the first quarter. Oklahoma scored on six of its first seven possessions and led 42-14 after Chris Brown's 3-yard TD only 3 1/2 minutes into the second half.

"Obviously there's going to be a lot more emotion and energy going into this game," Bradford said. "You have to settle down and just treat it like any other game, you can't get out of what you're used to doing.

"We'll stay with the things that we've done this year. They've been good to us, there's no reason to change it now."

De La Hoya planea seguir boxeando luego del 2008

El púgil Oscar De La Hoya dijo el miércoles que quiere realizar al menos dos combates más

después enfrentar al filipino Manny Pacquiao el 6 de diciembre en Las Vegas, en la que

seguramente será la

mejor pelea del año.

"No hay duda al respecto. Mi mente aún puede hacerlo, mi cuerpo aún puede hacerlo", dijo De La Hoya en su primera escala de una gira promocional que incluirá visitas a sitios famosos, como el Alamo y el puente Golden Gate. "Voy a aprovechar el impulso por algún tiempo".

De La Hoya impuso marcas de taquilla y de pago por evento en televisión en la pelea que perdió por escaso margen ante Floyd Mayweather Jr. el año pasado, y el exponente más redituable de este deporte señaló que ese combate probó que aún podría competir en un nivel de elite.

Quizá decepcionado por esa derrota, De La Hoya anunció que se retiraría luego de este año y enfocaría su atención en muchos intereses empresariales. Pero

casi inmediatamente tuvo dudas, especialmente cuando parece ser que cada campeón nuevo de peso

contra él. Pacquiao, 10 veces campeón mundial, bajará a la categoría welter --66,678

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Acostumbrado a ser el peleador de menor peso, en esta ocasión será De La Hoya (39-5, 30 nocauts) quien supere en peso a su oponente.

Pacquiao (47-3-2, 35 nocauts), considerado el actual mejor pugilista kilo por kilo, esta a sólo seis meses de pelear con el mexicano Juan Manuel Márquez en categoría ligero junior, de 58,967 kilos (130 libras).

Per el zurdo asiático no tuvo problemas para trasladar su velocidad al peso ligero cuando noqueó al pugilista de Chicago David Díaz en junio, y piensa que será aun más fuerte en peso welter.

"Algunas personas están criticando a Oscar por escoger a un

tipo pequeño como yo. Algunos dicen que estoy aceptando esta pelea por el dinero", dijo Pacquiao. "Voy a demostrarle a todos que están equivocados", agregó.

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José Feliciano And The National Anthem

The year was 1968. Martin Luther King had been assas-

noon, he felt the vastness of the



sinated earlier that spring. Robert Kennedy was murdered less than two months later. Our country was at war in Vietnam, as well as here, because of that conflict in Asia. Our nation was divided by race, by class, by gender and even by age. The older generation did not have faith in their children and the younger generation didn't trust "anyone over 30. Their attitudes reflected that in their dress, their politics and in their music.

Enter Jose Feliciano. The young, blind musician from Puerto Rico was having great success in Latin America with the Bolero and currently, a major hit on the American scene with "Light My Fire." He had been invited to sing the National Anthem at the fifth game of the World Series, for the Tigers against the St. Louis Cardinals, in Detroit, by veteran play-by-play announcer, Ernie Harwell.

Jose was appearing in Las Vegas at the time with Frank Sinatra, at Caesar's Palace. He had an interesting version of the National Anthem, Ernie had been told, and since it was Ernie's assignment to plan the talent for the games' Anthem performances, he thought he'd invite Jose: An early morning flight brought the singer to Detroit where the game was to take place later that day.

Before nearly 54,000 fans in the seats, and countless millions more tuned in to televisions and radios around the country, a nervous Jose walked out to left field with his guide dog, Trudy, and his guitar.

He wanted to sing an anthem of gratitude to a country that had given him a chance; who had allowed a blind kid with a dream reach far above his limitations, far beyond the expected to a place few at his young age, had achieved. He wanted to sing an anthem of praise to a country that had given a better life to him and his family.

Playing slowly and meaning-

fully on a sunny October after-

stadium and the presence of so many listening to him as he began to sing, "Oh, say, can you see?...". Before he had

completed his performance, however, he could feel the discontent within the waves of cheers and applause that spurred on the first pitch. "Wonder what that was about?," he thought, as he was escorted

box to enjoy a couple of innings before his flight back to Vegas for his shows later that evening.

to the press

"Do you know what you did?", He was asked by someone in the box. "You're causing a furor! The switchboard is lighting up with calls from people complaining about your singing The National Anthem!"

"My God", He thought, as the great controversy exploded across the country. Veterans, reportedly, threw their shoes at the television as he sang. Others questioned his right to stay in the United States, suggesting he should be deported (to where, exactly, had never been mentioned as those from Puerto Rico are, of course, American citizens)! Still others just attributed it to the times and felt sad for the state of our country.

There were, obviously, many who understood the depth and breadth of his rendition. Those, young and old, who weren't jaded by the negativity which surrounded anything new, anything a little different. It was unusual. It was beautifully done. It certainly was sincere.

The controversy was to shadow Feliciano and his music for many years. It inspired a sense of compassion about our Anthem which, until that time, had pretty much been taken for granted. It became the topic of conversation in circles that never discussed patriotism and, it brought about a sense of commitment to whatever side of the line one stood.

Today, it is common to hear our National Anthem performed in a stylized fashion. Some renditions are clearly better than others, still sparking some criticism. You will, however, notice that it is very acceptable, indeed admirable, to deliver an intensely personal interpretation of The National Anthem.

This was not the case before Jose Feliciano.

Hollywood vivirá final de año latino El "taquillazo" logrado por "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" de-

muestra que lo latino tiene tirón en Hollywood, industria que verá hasta final de año estrenos importantes con hispanos como protagonistas, como el caso del "Che", con Benicio del Toro.

El éxito logrado por Andy García, George López, Plácido Domingo, Luis Guzmán, Eddie "Piolín" Sotelo, Cheech Marín, Edward James Olmos y compañía en esa comedia familiar de Walt Disney, con casi 30 millones de dólares este fin de semana, es sólo el comienzo.

El plato fuerte de la temporada llegará el 12 de diciembre con el estreno de la versión íntegra del "Che", es decir, las 4 horas y 28 minutos de metraje paridos por Steven Soderbergh y protagonizados por un del Toro que huele a Oscar, según la crítica especializada, en la piel del líder revolucionario Ernesto Guevara.

El filme se exhibirá durante una semana en Nueva York y Los Angeles, aunque su estreno en salas comerciales se hará a través de dos películas en enero de 2009.

Esas cintas llevarán por título "The Argentine", con los cubanos Jorge Perugorría y Vladimir Cruz, los españoles Unax



Ugalde y Elvira Mínguez o la colombiana Catalina Sandino, y "Guerrilla", con el argentino Gaston Pauls o los españoles Jordi Mollá, Carlos Bardem, Eduard Fernández y Oscar Jaenada.

Esa misma fecha del 12 de diciembre es la elegida para la llegada de "Nothing Like the Holidays", un filme repleto de nombres de origen latino, con la

dirección de Alfredo de Villa y un elenco formado por actores como John Leguizamo, Melonie Díaz, Freddy Rodríguez, Elizabeth Peña, Luis Guzmán o Alfred Molina, de padre español.

Días antes, exactamente el 3 de diciembre, será el turno para "Crossing Over", protagonizada por Harrison Ford, Sean Penn, Ray Liotta, Ashley Judd y la brasileña Alice Braga.

El filme, un lienzo de múltiples personajes acerca de inmigrantes de diferentes nacionalidades que buscan obtener un estatus legal en Los Angeles, arroja luz sobre la situación fronteriza con México, los documentos fraudulentos utilizados, el sistema para obtener la tarjeta de residencia, el proceso de naturalización y el choque entre culturas.

Y en Navidad aterrizará el que se presupone será uno de los bombazos del año "The Spirit", adaptación del popular cómic de Will Eisner que el también dibujante y director de cine Frank Miller llevará a la pantalla, con ayuda de la estadounidense de origen cubano Eva Mendes y la española Paz Vega.

El 25 de diciembre es también

la fecha elegida para el estreno en EE.UU. de lo último de Antonio Banderas, "The Other Man", cinta encargada de abrir la Sección Oficial del Festival de Cine de San Sebastián, España en septiembre.

Pero antes de que salgan esos esperados proyectos habrá ocasión de comprobar cómo se desenvuelve el puertorriqueño Amaury Nolasco fuera de los escenarios de la serie de televisión "Prison Break", gracias al filme fantástico "Max Payne", en las salas a partir del 17 de octubre.

Asimismo, el dominicano Manny Pérez, popular por su papel en "Bella" (2006), tendrá un papel en "Nothing Like the Holidays" y compartirá escenas junto a Edward Norton y Colin Farrell en "Pride and Glory", desde el 24 de octubre.

En el círculo independiente, la distribuidora Maya Entertainment apuesta este mes por "Talento de Barrio", con el reguetonero puertorriqueño Daddy Yankee como protagonista, y por el documental "Fraude-México 2006", con el mexicano Luis Mandoki al frente de la obra.

Shakira anuncia apoyo a Obama



La cantante colombiana se sumó a la lista de celebridades que quieren que el próximo presidente de Estados Unidos sea el candidato demócrata

A menos de un mes de las elecciones por la presidencia de Estados Unidos, la cantante Shakira acaba de anunciar públicamente su respaldo al candidato demócrata Barack Obama, asegurando que es la mejor opción para regir el destino del país.

"Yo apoyo a Barack Obama porque creo que es la persona que puede traerle al mundo el verdadero mensaje estadounidense, siento en mi corazón que él pudiera restaurar la paz y la confianza en los Estados Unidos", dijo la colombiana de 31 años, quien de paso hizo un llamado para que los hispanos que pueden votar se sumen activamente al proceso electoral.

"Me gustaría invitar a la comunidad latina a que salga y diga presente durante estas elecciones porque ellos pueden hacer una diferencia verdadera. Este país tiene una importancia profunda para mí, y pienso que para todo el mundo también, porque la economía estadounidense es tan crucial para el resto del mundo y la paz mundial depende de las políticas de este país", dijo la intérprete de "Hips Don't Lie".

El candidato demócrata se mostró complacido por el apoyo de la cantante, quien desde hace varios años está vinculada en proyectos mundiales a favor de la educación y la infancia, y la describió como un ejemplo para las jóvenes latinas.

"Me siento honrado de recibir el respaldo de una persona tan talentosa y generosa, que ha logrado aclamación mundial y cuyo compromiso con la justicia social ha tenido tanto impacto", dijo Obama, de 47 años.



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El trío mexicano anuncia primer proyecto

Un año y medio después de que anunciaran la creación de su empresa productora Cha Cha Cha, el trío de directores mexicanos compuesto por Guillermo del Toro, Alfonso Cuarón y Alejandro González Iñárritu ya casi tiene listo su primer proyecto.

"Rudo y Cursi", la película dirigida por Carlos Cuarón, hermano de Alfonso, y protagonizada por Diego Luna y Gael García Bernal, se estrena el 19 de diciembre en 500 salas de cine de México y, gracias al acuerdo de la empresa con Universal Pictures, tiene garantizada la distribución en España y Latinoamérica, se informó el

martes. "Esta es la primera producción de Cha Cha Cha y de alguna manera es una producción simbólica en el sentido de que es un asunto de camaradería, de hermandad", dijo Cuarón en una rueda de prensa poco seria en el marco del VI Festival Internacional de Cine de Morelia.

"Pensamos que este pilón (proyecto) era algo que iba a ser significativo porque sentimos que era parte de lo que somos, de lo que (nos motivó a crear) Cha Cha Cha", agregó en uno de los pocos momentos coherentes de la actividad.

La empresa además tiene pendiente la producción de una cinta que dirigirá Cuarón, tras el éxito de "Children of Men", otra de González Iñárritu que se rodará en Barcelona el próximo año, así como un proyecto con el colombiano Rodrigo García, del

que no se ofreció detalles. Mientras, ejecutivos de Univer-

tres meses. Aunque el hilo conductor es



sal Pictures presentaron durante la conferencia los carteles alusivos a "Rudo y Cursi", con los personajes de Luna y García Bernal, quienes interpretarán a un par hermanos que viven en un platanal y se mudan a la ciudad con la idea de realizar sus sueños.

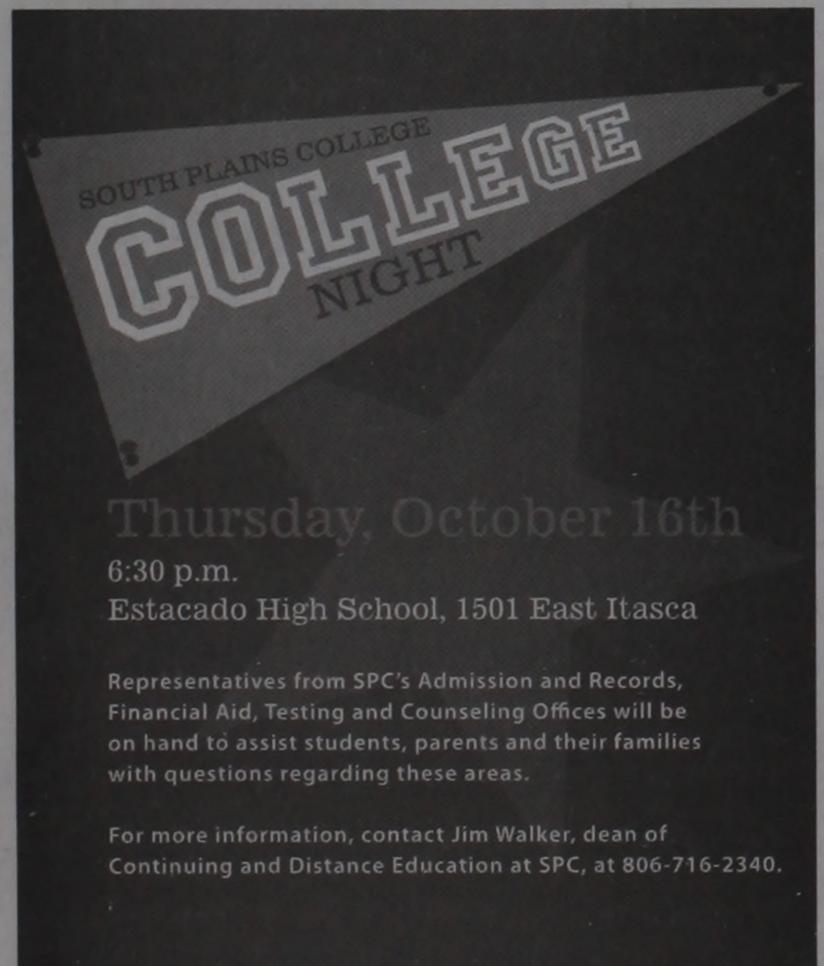
Luna encarnará a Beto, también apodado Rudo, y es el que aspira a convertirse en jugador profesional de fútbol. García Bernal es Tato, o Cursi, y su mayor anhelo es ser cantante, pero es al primero al que contratan para jugar en un equipo de manera formal, lo que inicia la rivalidad entre ellos.

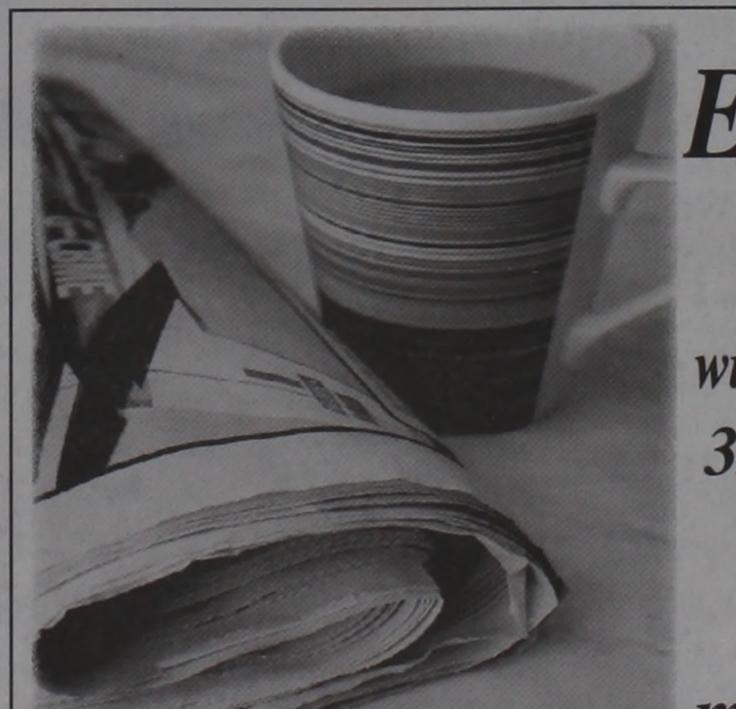
Entre risas, interrupciones constantes y chistes que a veces sólo ellos entendían, también se mostró un adelanto de la película, que incluye algunos efectos especiales, y un video musical que grabó García Bernal en ritmo de música norteña y en el que se le ve tocando el acordeón que dijo practicó durante el fútbol, el deporte es sólo una excusa para presentar sus vidas y cómo se van transformando, señaló Luna.

Alfonso Cuarón indicó que el filme tiene varias lecturas y que quizás la más profunda es la que habla de la sicología "que todos tenemos dentro", que se demuestra con nuestro lado más tierno que convive con el lado más duro.

A su juicio, el mejor ejemplo de esa coexistencia es su hermano Carlos, quien "ya lo ha demostrado en sus otras películas, como escritor, en el sentido de que hay una parte que parece que es una comedia, que está tirando algo muy chistoso y en realidad está tirando un gancho al hígado".

Esta es la segunda vez que Luna y García Bernal se reúnen en pantalla. La primera fue en "Y tu mamá también", del 2001, escrita por Carlos Cuarón y dirigida por Alfonso.





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the Lubbock and area community in a big way with up to 75% of the money raised remaining within the local community to fund breast cancer education and screening programs in the 16 county area served by the local affiliate. This year,

organizers reported raising \$370,000 dollars.

When asked if she would run the race again next year; Aguero said: "it is a good event and I am more than sure we will participate next year". Email: eleditor@ sbcglobal.net



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Domestic Violence Candle Light Vigil - Our Lady Grace 3107 Erskine, October 15, 2008

at 12 Noon Time. Contact person is Yvonne 765-2611 ext 1009

ule an appointment call Estela at 765-2611 ext. 1018

Anti- Violence Resource Fair - Where: Hulen / Clement Complex Lobby 18th & Fllint Ave Thursday October 16, 2008 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact person is Yvonne 765-2611 ext 1009

Health Awareness Day - Green Lawn Church Of Christ 5701 19th, Saturday October 18, 2008 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Services that will be offered: Foot and ankle specialist, Hearing and Vision Screening's, Massage Treatments, Free Health supplies provided by CVS, Community Health Center Mobile Unit will be providing Blood pressure, MBI, Cholesterol, glucose. Contact person is Yvonne 765-2611 ext 1009

Fun Fall Health Fair - Ramirez Charter School 701 Ave T Tuesday, October 28, 2008 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact person Cynthia Bernal 831-6957

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Covenant Bariatric Services will present a free weight loss surgery seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Knipling Education Conference Center.

David Syn, M.D., bariatric surgeon, will discuss obesity and its affect on health, treatment options and surgical weight loss. Participants will have the opportunity to ask Dr. Syn any further questions after the seminar.

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Reception follows Mass.

SLATON SAUSAGE FEST: All are invited to the 39th annual Slaton Saint Joseph German Sausage Festival on Sunday October 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Main menu consists of German sausage, grilled chicken, German potato salad, green beans, cranberry sauce, homemade cakes and bread. Take-outs available. The school 'Fun Fest' runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It includes a silent and live auction, games, music, food, quilting show, horse rides, country store, raffles, and much

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with others) For more information, please call: 806-667-0088 UNA MISA DE GRACIAS en honor de San Judas Tadeo 25 de octubre 2008, 5:00 P.M. Iglesia Católica del Corazón Sagrado, 1000 W 5th Street, Petersburg, Texas. Traiga, por favor, su plato preferido para compartir con otros.

BBQ ROUNDUP AND DANCE: October 25th, 6-11:30 p.m. at Saint John Neumann Parish Gym. Adults-\$10, Children under 12-\$5. All proceeds benefit building fund. For tickets call Richard at 698-8895 or Angie at 786-2346. **DEDICATION MASS:** All are invited to Mass and Dedication at Saint John Neumann Church, 22nd and Frankford Avenue, Lubbock, Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Plácido Rodríguez, CMF will dedicate the new office facility and education center. The offices will be dedicated to the founding pastor, Msgr Joseph James. The Education Center will be dedicated to the Memory of Col. Don McCullough. Reception in the Hospitality Room will follow. For more information, please call 799-2649

CATHEDRAL PARISH FALL FESTIVAL: Christ the King School Gym. October 26, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Games, food, silent auction, raffle-lots of prizes and fun for the whole family. Apple Pie Contest. Salsa (chile) contest. Chocolate Chip Cookie contest. All are invited. Christ the King School Gym. 4011 54th Street, Lubbock FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: Please help to protect all pre-born

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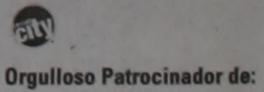
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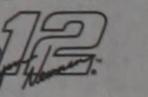
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