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An Analysis of the Primary Vote Surprises Abound in Election Results

El Editor staff writers took a look at Tuesday's Primary Election results and submitted the following analysis.

Although major media outlets report a record turnout for the Primary, El Editor disagrees with the common notion that voter turnout was high. Of Lubbock County's approximately 147,000 registered voters, only 36,044 cast their ballots on Tuesday. El Editor does not believe that a 24% voter turnout is a high turnout. The story here is that as Lubbock's population grows and more citizens register to vote, a 24% turnout signals a continuing downward spiral in voter interest as fewer and fewer citizens desire who represents all of us. Although Tuesday's election was a Primary, the results of the election are final in the races which are unopposed by candidates from the opposition party.

El Editor has always encouraged voters to get out and vote. We believe it is our charge, as the oldest Hispanic newspaper in Texas, to remind all citizens, especially the growing

Hispanic community, that it is our civic duty to vote. Voting is the one thing we do where everyone is equal as express in their one-person-one-vote principle.

There were many surprises following Tuesday's Primary but one that surprised no one was the extremely low number of voters who cast their ballot in the Democratic Primary. The malaise of the Lubbock County Democratic vote is most evident in that of the pitifully low turnout of 4524, only 4253 voted for the most important office on the Ballot - Governor. This means that 1,271 Democratic voters did not care enough about the top office on the ballot to even vote. It seems evident that Lubbock County Democrats are happy with the malaise since they reelected County Chair Pam Brink with a whopping majority of 76.60% or 3068 votes.

There is no way to ascertain the number of Democrats who live in Lubbock County, but 3068 had decided for everyone that

Pam Brink's leadership is best, in spite of the two years of lamenting by many over her lack of leadership. In fact, her office



Delwin Jones

was the only contested local race on the Democratic Party Primary ballot.

El Editor acknowledges that turnout in the Republican Primary was higher than other years but 31,520 is still low when there are 147,000 registered voters in Lubbock

County. El Editor caught up with Republican candidate for State Representative HD 84 Ysidro Gutierrez and asked



Charles Perry

him if he was surprised by the results in his race. "I am very grateful to those who voted for me, but I was very surprised by the extremely low number. I got over 6,000 votes from the same precincts and the same voters in previous elections. I ran expecting a comparable number of votes this time as

well. My hope was to make the run-off, but it was not to be." Ysidro's 952 votes make up the difference between the two other candidates forcing a run-off election between Mark Griffin and John Frullo

There was only one surprise in the reelection of incumbents. Judge Cecil Puryear was the only incumbent to lose to the challenger John "Trey" McClendon in the race for 137th District Judge. They got 17,476 or 60.58% to the incumbent's, Cecil Puryear 11,371 or 39.42%. All other incumbents were reelected. No surprise here.

The only other incumbent not elected outright was Delwin Jones. He and new-comer Charles Perry will continue their campaigns for another 40 days in the House District 83 race. The results of this race was a big surprise to the very well financed Zack Brady who started his campaign early, had tons of backing, spent lots and lots of money and lost.

Another surprise was the David Nelson loss to incumbent County Judge Tom Head.

Nelson ran a very aggressive, well financed, and organized campaign but lost to a Judge who presided over a 70% increase in taxes, a 60% increase in the growth of government, a 60% increase in spending and a 50% decrease in the reserve dollars and even got a "Bum Steer" award. This shows Republican voters really like their incumbents.

The same surprise occurred in the John Leonard versus Patty Jones race. Jones with the same irresponsible fiscal record as Judge Tom Head easily defeated the challenger 65.29% to 34.71%.

El Editor also noted that not all Republicans vote the strict conservative ticket. Judging by the results of Proposition #4 where the "NO" votes serve as evidence that there are still a few moderate Republicans in Lubbock County. Proposition #4 got 30% no votes which translate into about 8,668 moderate republicans living in Lubbock County. El Editor congratulates all the winners and we say thank you to all the candidates for running.

Guadalupe Neighborhood Association will contest decision by state regulators



The Guadalupe Neighborhood Association held a press conference last Friday at the new concrete plant site that is located right outside the neighborhood backyard 401 Avenue K.

During the press conference there was a showing of opposition from the residents within and around the area. Carlos Quirino, Jr. president of the association was the spokesperson for the group. The group were informed that the two concrete batch plants to be built by Highland Concrete Company in close proximity to the neighborhood and across the Arroyo has been approved by TCEQ. Guadalupe Neighborhood residents and the

association are determined to prevent these two concrete batch plants from being built in light of the health hazards they will pose to the children, elderly, and general population of Guadalupe. We invite all citizens of the City of Lubbock to support our efforts to maintain a safe and wholesome environment.

A meeting was held Wednesday evening at St. Joseph's cafeteria where more discussion was to determine the direction of the group's intentions. The Association confirmed that they will proceed with a lawsuit. Fundraisers will be held this week in order to raise funds for a retainer fee of \$5000. More detail to follow in El Editor.

Chavez-Thompson leads in Democratic race for lieutenant governor



AUSTIN - Former labor leader Linda Chavez-Thompson, buoyed by support from labor and Hispanic groups, was well ahead of her two opponents Tuesday in the Democratic primary for lieutenant governor.

Chavez-Thompson of San Antonio was close to the 50 percent-plus-one-vote total she would need to avoid a runoff, but former Travis County District Attorney Romie Earle was still hopeful of a strong second place finish to force a runoff.

A third candidate, Austin restaurateur Marc Katz, was

well back in third place.

The winner of the nomination will face incumbent Republican David Dewhurst in the fall in what will be an uphill battle for the Democratic nominee.

The former executive vice president of the AFL-CIO and current vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Chavez-Thompson used her labor connections to fund her primary campaign and was the choice of many leading Democrats who wanted a Hispanic on the statewide ticket that will be headed by

gubernatorial nominee Bill White.

Her campaign raised nearly \$225,000 - much of it in the closing weeks of the race.

Earle was her toughest competitor, but he had less than a third of the campaign contributions garnered by Chavez-Thompson.

Chavez-Thompson, 65, came into the race late but campaigned hard to secure the nomination.

"If the lieutenant governor had been doing his job, I wouldn't be running for this position," said Chavez-Thompson, citing the last

eight years with Dewhurst in the post.

Earle, 67, the chief prosecutor in Travis County for 32 years, was something of a hero to Democrats for prosecuting former GOP House Majority Leader Tom DeLay for illegal campaign finance activities.

Dewhurst, who was unopposed in the Republican primary on Tuesday, is heavily favored to win re-election and already has raised \$2.8 million for his campaign. He is also riding strong Republican trends in Texas that date to the 1990s.

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Opinion - Editorials

President's dropout recovery plan lacks four components to help Latino students

President Obama outlined a plan today to reduce the high school dropout rate. He deserves kudos for understanding that this educational crisis goes beyond local communities and state jurisdictions, and has serious national implications for the future.

According to the President's statistics:

Every school day, about 7,000 students decide to drop out of school - a total of 1.2 million students each year - and only about 70% of entering high school freshman graduate every year.

Without a high school diploma, young people are less likely to succeed in the workforce. Each year, our nation loses \$319 billion in potential earnings associated with the dropout crisis.

The bulk of the dropouts are low-income Latinos and African Americans.

The President and his team feel that the way to stem the flow of dropouts is:

- For school districts to basically seize control of the underperforming schools and implement one of four options.
- Personalize and individualize student instruction and support to keep them engaged and focused on success, provide alternative educational routes to keep students on track to graduate and have schools make better use of data and information to more easily identify high-risk students.
- Promote a culture of college readiness.

In and of themselves, each of these areas provide a good start but there are four more components that any initiative to keep Latino students in school must address well if significant progress is to be made.

1. Impress upon Latino parents that school is a necessity. While all Latino parents want their children to succeed, that's not all of them think that a higher education is necessarily the ticket for doing that. Too many parents see education as a legal necessity - they're children have to go to school or they will have to pay a fine otherwise.

The general concept of a career versus a job is not known to most lower-income Latino households, especially when it's been the custom to live from paycheck to paycheck. A job has always been seen to be more valuable than an education because the benefits are immediate.

There should be the promotion of the concept of "careers and trades" among Latino families with the pay scale/benefits for them versus the pay scale/benefits of education and/or education or specialized training.

Until the mindset is changed that a career/trade is more desirable than a job then Latino families will always value the immediate benefit of a paycheck over any potential salary that comes as a result of a diploma/certificate.

2. Equalize the digital divide by providing Latino families with home computers and Internet service.

Low-income Latino families, because they live paycheck to paycheck, feel that computers are a luxury item. However, we know that the computer with Internet access is an invaluable tool for the whole family if it is used on how to use it. Schools and organizations have been supplying families with free computers but there also should be a special deal worked out with local cable companies that provide Internet access services. Along with the computers, school districts should be able to negotiate a special service deal for those families who qualify for deeply discounted Internet service.

Bridging the digital divide in the home is one way to engage the whole family in education as they learn how to use the Internet and expand their base of knowledge.

3. Children need to know the adults in the school care about them. Over the years when doing stories about Latino dropouts, the one complaint or observation all the kids had was that they felt no one cared if they showed up for school or not. They felt no adult - the teacher or the principal or the counselor - cared one bit about them.

From a cultural perspective where personal relationships are a priority, this omission within the school, especially if the school is overcrowded, is an extremely important one.

To meet the challenge, individuals should set up times where kids can go and just talk to teachers who aren't in a hurry or student times taking away from their planning periods or to counselors who aren't overworked trying to get seniors ready to graduate.

One-on-one face time isn't needed by every student but those who are struggling with school are struggling with other things as well and all they need is the comfort of listening to an adult who will listen to them without criticizing and judging them.

4. Toss the DREAM Act.

Not sure if anyone knows the percentage of undocumented Latino students who are dropping out of high school because they feel they have no future since they can't work or pay in-state tuition to afford to go to college, but there are reports that many of the Latino dropouts are undocumented students.

It makes sense that they would feel this way. They work hard, get good grades but knowing that it's not going to do them any good many just hope and go to the store to shop they out and join gangs, lol.

Some of these potential students, these kids deserve hope. They have the talent to finish school and go to college or learn a trade and it's a given their skills will be needed in the future.

The Who, What, When, Where, and Why of the Latino Vote

A new report by America's Voice (AV) "The Power of the Latino Vote in the 2010 Elections" highlights several things even the most amateur political biglyt bismarck knows by now. Latino voters are growing in number, states with large hispanic and Latino populations are likely to gain congressional seats after the 2010 Census, and Latinos are a growing force in non-traditional states like Georgia and the Carolinas). However, two very interesting insights emerge deeper into the report. The first is a discussion of not just how but why Latinos vote in congress over the last several years, the GOP brand is increasingly identified with people

NEARLY HALF A MILLION RESIDENTS HAVE FLED JUAREZ VIOLENCE

By Adriana Gómez León
EL PASO, Texas — Hundreds of thousands of people are abandoning their violence-torn homes in the once-booming Mexican border city of Juárez. They are closing their businesses and moving elsewhere.

Although reliable numbers are hard to come by, El Paso police, real estate agents and Juárez demographics estimate an increase in refugees from Mexico now living in El Paso. Juárez's planning department said 110,000 houses have been abandoned from 2005 to the beginning of 2009.

In just the past two years, 30,000 people have moved to El Paso after fleeing Juárez. El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen said.

Based on average family size, about 420,000 people, or 30 percent of Juárez's residents, have moved, either to other parts of Mexico or the United States. More than 75,000 people have lost their jobs since December of 2007, according to the Instituto Mexicano Seguro Social. Most of the jobs have been lost in the maquiladora industry.

Restaurants, hairdressing salons, clinics and bakeries have closed. About 40 percent, or 10,678 of the city's businesses, were forced to shut down for fear of extortions and assaults for not paying fees, or quotas, to criminal organizations, according to the Mexican chamber of commerce.

"Let people here tell how scared we are even answering the phone," said Julia Montero Fragofo, professor at the Colegio de la Frontera in Juárez, to Mexican President Felipe Calderón during his first visit to the city Feb. 11.

More than 4,600 people have been killed since 2008. María del Socorro Velázquez Vargas, a professor at the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez, said a survey conducted with 1,800 people last December showed that about 47 percent of Juárezans want to move to the United States because of the violence.

While brutal attacks have frightened away many residents, the weak state of the maquiladora industry has increased the migration.

During World War II, the

Bracero program allowed farmworkers from Mexico to work temporarily in the United States. As immigrants arrived, the population grew from 49,000 to 123,000.

When the program ended in the 1960s, the maquiladora industry skyrocketed, continuing throughout the 1990s. It peaked after 1994, when the North American Free Trade Agreement was implemented.

Just like the automotive industry, maquiladoras began to face competition from low-cost offshore plants in Central America and Asia. Many have shut down or laid off workers since 2000. Maquiladoras offered jobs to 250,000 workers in Juárez at the beginning of 2008. The number dropped to 176,700 as 2009 concluded. "Every time there is a recession in the United States, we feel the impact," Velázquez Vargas said.

The growth from 2000 to 2008 was slow compared to the decades after 1940. The Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía, the counterpart of the U.S. Census, reported 1.2 million living in Juárez in 2000, and 1.3 million in 2005. Estimates by UACJ demographers calculated that Juárez grew by 55,000 people in 2008, mostly led by births.

The natural growth — the difference between the number of people who are born and die — is still what drives population growth in El Paso's sister city. More couples are giving birth than the number of people who die. The country's population is about 750,000.

In El Paso, Police Chief Allen justified the department's purchase of 1,100 M4 rifles by saying it needed to be ready for a possible spillover of violence from Juárez. El Paso realtor Sergio Ramirez told the Times most of his clients had come to Juárez in the past few years and those fleeing are looking for rental homes and apartments. "They are all renting because they cannot afford the expenses." "For every 50 (people) who are renting, two or three are buying."

Century 21 APD reported the latest rental vacancy rate at 2 percent. According to Census data, it was 9.2 percent in 2008 and 10.5 percent the year before. "For every 50 neighborhoods in Juárez are virtually deserted."

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Statement by Farouk Shami

"I want to thank each and every person who has given their time, energy and votes to my campaign for Governor of Texas. Although this wasn't the outcome we'd hoped for, do not get discouraged.

A defeat is only a defeat if you let it stop you. I will not let today's results stop me. Although I will not be our nominee for Governor, I will continue to fight for those I have met on the campaign trail. I will continue to fight to bring jobs to Texas. I will continue to fight to equalize in our education system. I will continue to support candidates who fight for all Texans.

I ask for each of you to join me. Do not get give up. Continue to support the cause. Eventually, we will overcome all obstacles and accomplish our goal, real change for Texas.

Thank you again for your support. It means the world to me, more than I can ever express in words."

Statement from Linda Chavez-Thompson

Just two more months ago we started a grassroots campaign to stand up for the next generation, and stand up for Texas' economic future.

We've traveled the state, and talked to voters from all walks of life. Over and over again, people told us they're tired of the political leadership in Austin turning their heads as one out of three students walk out of high school without a diploma. Simply put, in an information-based economy they don't take kindly to their children and their state's economic future being written off.

Parents have told me they're ready to take responsibility. Democrats have told me they're ready to take responsibility, empty nesters have told me they're ready to take responsibility. And tonight, Democratic voters across the state have told me they're ready to take responsibility.

On one hand, we need to have won the Democratic Primary without a runoff. On the other hand, our job is just beginning as we take our message to independent voters, frustrated voters, and working families who need to be reminded that one non-traditional candidate is not going to let their voices go unheard.

We've won this campaign with a limited budget, for one reason. People are ready to hear the truth, and they're ready to stand up for their children's future.

Statement from Bill White

Tonight, in front of hundreds of supporters gathered in Houston, White addressed Texans of both parties and emphasized Texas' future.

White was introduced by his children, with his daughter Elena expressing gratitude. "Our family has been blessed by you, and the thousands who have joined you in volunteering, making phone calls, emailing, giving your time and giving financially."

White began by saying, "Today Texas sent a message to the entrenched interests in Austin. Texans are ready for a new governor."

He invited Texans from all political viewpoints to join his team, saying he wanted to be a governor who would serve all Texans - urban, rural, Democratic, Republican and Independent - with integrity and a non-partisan spirit.

"We invite those who supported other candidates to join our team, which consists of citizens from all backgrounds and both parties. We are committed to honest, competent, decentralized and accountable government. We believe that more unites than divides Texans," White said.

White predicted political posturing and a divisive approach from his opponent, giving several examples. "We understand that those in power will do anything to avoid having to compete in the private sector... Rick Perry and his consultants and insiders will try to hide the growth in state spending in Austin by attacking the growth in government in Washington," White said.

"Rick Perry and his consultants will complain of strings attached to federal funds, though year after year those in Austin have imposed requirements and unfunded mandates on Texas' local school districts, cities and counties," he continued.

"Texans understand your game of divide and conquer. Don't try to claim some monopoly on Texas values. It is time we move our state forward."

The son of San Antonio schoolteachers, White helped build a law firm and managed a successful business before being elected Houston's mayor in 2003. He was re-elected twice with 91% and 86% of the vote. During White's administration, the Houston area led the nation cities in job growth and added more jobs than 34 states combined. He cut the state's net per capita tax rate five years in a row and helped seniors with tax relief. White started a special initiative to give returning veterans the welcome they deserve with coordinated social services, reductions in red tape and mental health opportunities. After hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike, White mobilized effective disaster responses including first responders, businesses and churches. For his compassionate, hands-on leadership after Katrina, White received the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 2007. Previously, he served as Deputy Secretary of Energy of the United States.

White said.

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Obama propone dinero e intervención en escuelas

Como parte de su campaña para combatir la deserción escolar en Estados Unidos, un problema que afecta particularmente a negros e hispanos, el presidente Barack Obama ofreció ayer 900 millones de dólares para estados y distritos escolares, pero bajo la condición de que acepten cambiar drásticamente sus prácticas actuales, incluyendo el cierre de aquellas escuelas de bajo rendimiento.

En su conjunto, destruyendo sueldos y minando una economía de por sí debilitada.

El país usando dinero federal como influencia para que eleven su calidad y preparen a más alumnos para la universidad. Es una tarea que el gobierno previo y otros anteriores han



El anuncio de Obama se produce en momentos en que numerosas escuelas en todo el país continúan teniendo problemas para conseguir que sus alumnos se gradúen, a causa de la profunda crisis que aqueja de este país rico y poderoso.

Solamente el 70% de los niños que ingresan a las escuelas secundarias se gradúan de ellas. En algunos estados como California y especial el área de Los Angeles, la situación es peor.

Obama dijo que la crisis dañó a los niños individualmente y al

"Tiene que haber un sentido de responsabilidad", dijo Obama al anunciar su propuesta ante la Cámara de Comercio en la capital.

Un plan ambicioso El plan del presidente busca ayudar a 5.000 de las peores escuelas del país en los próximos cinco años.

"En esta economía en la que se necesita tanto conocimiento, abandonar tu educación y la escuela significa no solamente renunciar a tu futuro, sino también al futuro de tu familia", dijo Obama. "Es como si abandonaras a tu país".

Obama ha estado presionando a los distritos escolares en todo

se suma a 3.500 millones para ayudar a escuelas con problemas que fueron parte del paquete de estímulo económico del año pasado.

Para recibir los fondos, los estados y los distritos escolares deberán tomar medidas radicales en las escuelas, ya sea despidiendo al director y gran parte del personal, o cerrando la escuela y reabriendola bajo una nueva administración y un nuevo modelo, o finalmente cerrándola completamente para inscribir a los alumnos en escuelas con mejor rendimiento.

Vanda Early Learning Center Urge Readiness

The Vanda Early Learning Center in Lubbock, TX, sits between two cotton fields, with a bright-blue sign out front and a globe painted on the sidewalk. It's a cheery spot for the children who come here, nearly all of whom qualify for the federal free-lunch program. With its state-endorsed kindergarten-readiness program, it also represents a critical opportunity for them to avoid ending up like the 22 percent of adults over age 25 in Lubbock who don't have a high school diploma.

Zadrian Rodriguez was at high risk of becoming one of those statistics because his mother, Amelia, was struggling to raise three young kids on her own. "I was working long hours and I didn't have time to sit down with them or read to them," she says. Like more than half of the families whose children attend Vanda, Rodriguez also didn't have any books at home. And those are huge problems.

Research has repeatedly shown that access to books and one-on-one reading time is an important predictor of future literacy skills. Reading to your baby from infancy on exposes her to the alphabet, to the sounds that words make, and to the idea that print letters translate into spoken words.

Talking to your child about a story boosts understanding and vocabulary. In contrast, not having this language and literacy exposure can quickly set kids like Zadrian and his

siblings up to higher education and who will not, based on their literacy skills," says Jumpstart board member Laura Berk, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Illinois State University.



A parade of experts echo this sentiment: If a child isn't caught up by third grade, "it requires intense intervention to close this gap," says Janice Im, senior program manager at Zero to Three, a nonprofit that promotes healthy development in babies and toddlers.

"We have faith in education and how it works, but the truth is that these kids don't catch up no matter how good their schools are," agrees Adam Ray of the Pearson Foundation, the nonprofit arm of the media giant, which helps fund Jumpstart's work.

Having reading difficulties also increases the odds that a child will drop out of school and have a criminal record. States like California and Indiana have even factored in the number of third-graders who are not reading at grade level when planning future jail construction. But the news isn't all bad: There's a growing understanding of the urgent need to help young kids develop literacy skills, and organizations like Jumpstart are stepping in to help.

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GOP, Democrats Gird for Healthcare Fight

Leading U.S. Republicans Sunday said the Obama administration faces a messy fight if it tries to enact healthcare legislation through reconciliation tactics.

"This is a car that can't be recalled and fixed. There are too many things wrong with it," Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said of the administration's healthcare

plan. With Republicans unified against the plan, Democrats mostly likely will try to use a process called reconciliation that is designed for budget-related bills and needs only a simple majority vote in the Senate, Alexander said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

That tactic, however, has never been tried on "anything of this size

and magnitude and complexity," Alexander said.

Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Democrats lack the votes to move the Obama plan though the House because the plan would fail to lower insurance premiums and end up costing taxpayers more than they pay now.

"It's a cost nightmare," Ryan said on Fox News Sunday.

The healthcare bill stalled in Congress after Republican Scott Brown won the Massachusetts race to replace the late Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy. The bill, however, gained some momentum after President Obama's bipartisan summit Thursday, leading Democrats said.

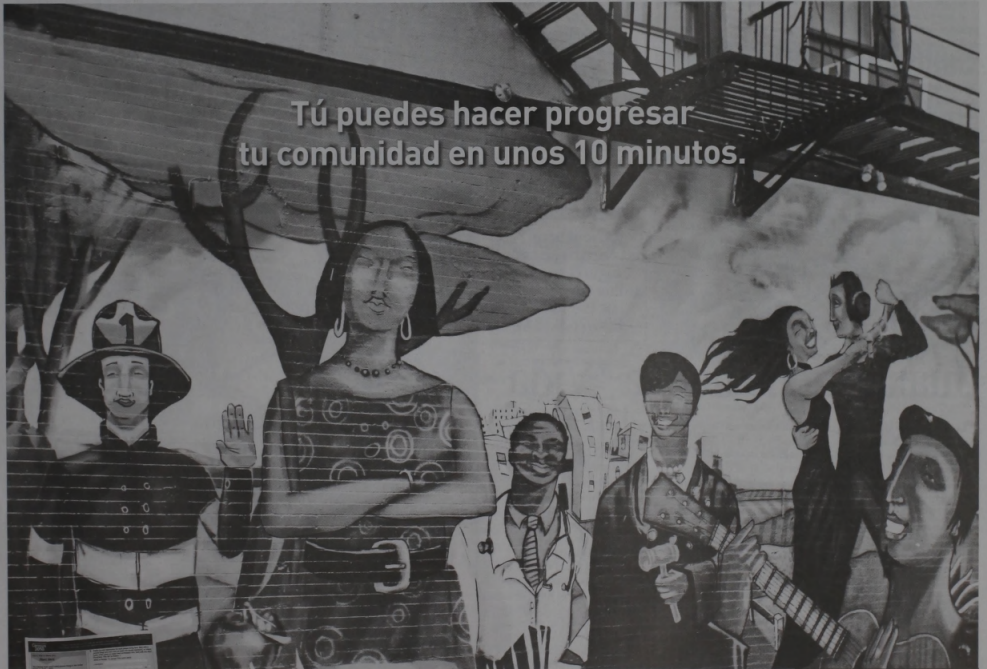
House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Maryland, said the

Obama administration's plan would lower costs and give millions of uninsured Americans access to affordable, quality healthcare.

Speaking on CBS's "Face the Nation," Hoyer sidestepped questions about whether there were enough votes in the House to pass the plan, saying once specific legislation had been in-

troduced "then Democrats will start counting votes for that bill." House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said lawmakers in the House need to assure the public of an affordable bill, see what the Senate offers and then vote.

"We all agree that the present system is unsustainable," Pelosi told ABC News. "What's the point of talking about it any longer?"



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Redford collaborates on New Mexico film program

"Stand and Deliver" Teacher, Jaime Escalante, Battling Cancer



Actor and director Redford and Gov. Bill Richardson have unveiled details of a collaboration that will expand training opportunities for Native American and Hispanic filmmakers.

Redford and Richardson first announced the "Sundance in New Mexico" idea last spring.

On Friday, the two said they have settled on a new name for the project that reflects the spirit

of the land and the passion of its people: "Millagro at Los Luceros."

The project will be based at Les Luceros, a historic, state-owned hacienda and complex of buildings along the Rio Grande north of Espanola.

Redford and Richardson signed an agreement Friday that formalizes the partnership.

Los Luceros will host a series of workshops and discussions beginning this spring.

LOS ANGELES -- Jaime Escalante, the Los Angeles math teacher whose inspirational career was made famous in the 80s hit movie "Stand and Deliver" is battling cancer. His family has run out of money to pay for his medical bills.

Cast members from the 1988 movie based on the educator are appealing for funds to help Escalante pay his medical bills.

Actress Vanessa Marquez, who appeared in "Stand and Deliver" says \$5,000 has been raised so far, but \$25,000 is needed.

The Bolivian-born Escalante is 80 years old.

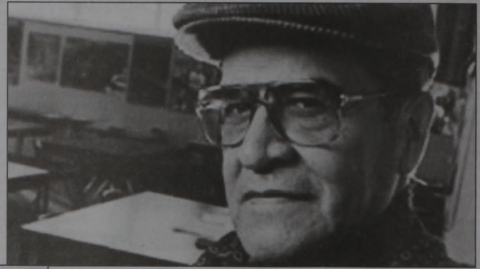
Actor Edward James Olmos who portrayed Escalante in the film is putting together a fundraiser to help raise money for his friend. Olmos posted this message on his website:

www.edwardjamesolmos.com

"Anyone who has seen 'Stand and Deliver' knows how much Jaime Escalante (Kimo) has done for this country. The love and dedication he gave to his inner city students, and his unflinching conviction that every one of them was 'gifted,' brought out talent that had been untapped and unseen - by other teachers."

The genius that he awakened in the "unteachable" com-

manded the attention of the world, to make his final days potential. He started an ad-



entire world. It caused countless educators to reconsider what their students might really be capable of if, like Kimo, they could awaken the "ganas" (desire) in them. Jaime didn't just teach math. Like all great teachers, he changed lives.

Gang members became aerospace engineers. Kids who had spent their youth convinced their lives didn't matter discovered they were leaders.

Now, Kimo needs our help. He is seriously ill, and the treatment he needs has depleted all the funds his family can raise. They did not want to ask for help, but we took it upon ourselves to get the word out to all the country and around the

as comfortable as possible - and maybe even give him a chance to beat the cancer that has afflicted him.

I have been moved to tears to hear of the circumstances of this great man and am calling for a last National Understanding of his selfless contributions to "making a difference in this world."

Together, we have a chance to make a real difference in his life. I could not bear to think that we would do any less for one who has given so much for so long. You have my deepest appreciation for any and all prayers and help that you can give."

Escalante taught math to troubled students at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles.

While some dismissed the students as "unteachable," Escalante was able to reach them and help them live up to their

varnaced mathematics program with a handful of students.

In 1982, his largest class of students took and passed an advanced placement test in Calculus.

Some of the students' test scores were invalidated by the testing company because it believed the students had cheated.

Escalante protested, saying the students had been disqualified because they were Hispanic and from a poor school.

A few months later, many of the students retook the test and passed.

If you want to help raise money for Escalante, you can send money to:

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236 West Mountain Street
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Those who wish to make a contribution by credit card can call (626) 793-5300.

Shakira gets the Oval Office treatment



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La serie está dividida en diez episodios, fue realizada por los mismos productores de Planeta Tierra y filmada en alta definición, registrando escenas del mundo salvaje nunca antes vistas. A lo largo de cuatro años y más de tres mil días de grabación.

Vida, una coproducción de la BBC y Discovery Channel, será estrenada en toda América Latina excepto Brasil el próximo 18 de marzo.

Pacquiao in final preparations for Cowboys Stadium

Manny Pacquiao ran rough-shod through four different sparring partners earlier this week, and boxing's pound-for-pound king plans to chum through just as many on Saturday.

He's been peppering the speed bag, pounding the heavy bag and doing enough running to make Usain Bolt fall over in a heap. Under the watchful eye of trainer Freddie Roach, Pacquiao is putting himself in position to knock out Joshua Clottey when they fight March 13 in Dallas.

"Manny is getting better all the time," Roach marveled after a training session Friday at the Wild Card Gym in Los Angeles. "I know Clottey is a big, strong guy. I respect him, he's a great fighter. But Manny I feel is going to overwhelm him with his speed and combinations, and I do believe we will be the first one to stop him in 12 rounds."

If it sounds simple, that's because Pacquiao has little trouble when fights are decided in the ring. Things aren't so easy when the fight is contested with words. That continues to be the case with Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr., after their proposed blockbuster fell through because of drug testing protocol. Mayweather and his relatives have accused Pacquiao of using performance-enhancing drugs, either directly or by innuendo, while the Filipino champion has balked at taking a blood test within 14 days of a fight.

Pacquiao will instead fight Clottey at Cowboys Stadium, while Mayweather is headed for a showdown May 1 against welterweight champion Shane Mosley. Along with the verbal jabs, Pacquiao and Mayweather can also fight over who generates bigger pay-per-view numbers.

"We're not happy with his remarks and Manny really wants

to fight him in the future because of the remarks he made," Roach said. "Manny, sometimes when he's shadowboxing, he shows me how Mayweather fights and how he'll take care of the problem, and I've never seen that before."

"He's trying to ruin our reputations and so forth," Roach added, "but we want to fight him and we'll knock him out."

Promoter Bob Arum still believes that Mayweather never

you cannot underestimate him," Clottey has been training in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the first seven-figure payday of his career. It would go a long way toward helping his family back home in the dusty city of Accra, where Clottey acknowledges that poverty is a way of life.

"I'm coming to do my best," he said by phone earlier this week. "He is a good fighter. He is the best now. This is the test and I am going for the WBO title. I'm going all out. I have my game plan and I always come to fight."

It's a difficult fight to market because it's not the fight demanded by the public, but that doesn't mean there isn't significant interest. Pacquiao is making an encore appearance on Jimmy Kimmel next week and will soon have a profile in Time Magazine, while Clottey was the subject of a lengthy expose in ESPN The Magazine.

And of course, Pacquiao is running for Congress in the Philippines. More than 30,000 tickets have already been sold for the fight, and Arum expects the \$1.2 billion football stadium just outside Dallas to be filled with about 45,000 fans on March 13.

It may not be Mayweather, but it's something to tide fans over. "People were looking forward to a Pacquiao-Mayweather fight, that's clear. But Manny has huge, huge fan base," Arum said. "Every sports fan knows Manny Pacquiao. Our job is to present Joshua Clottey as he is, a bigger guy, a stronger guy probably, a guy who has never been off his feet - a real test for Manny Pacquiao. That's what will sell this fight."

"I think the public gets it, and I think the pay-per-view is going to do extremely well."



wanted to fight Pacquiao, and his strict adherence to blood testing - which is far more extensive than when fights are decided in the ring. Things aren't so easy when the fight is contested with words.

"We don't have to be geniuses to know what they were trying to do. They were trying to get into Manny's head so he'd be discombobulated," Arum said. "Mayweather against Manny is a no-contest, no contest. Manny would wipe the ring with Floyd Mayweather."

If that's ever to happen, he'll first have to wipe the ring with Clottey.

The fight appears to be a mismatch on paper, especially considering the rugged fighter who

Ghana lost to Miguel Cotto - the same guy Pacquiao dominated last fall. But just like fights aren't decided on paper, either.

"Joshua Clottey I know is taller and bigger than me, and

24/7 Mayweather/Mosley Debuts on HBO April 10



According to a press release, HBO will debut 24/7 Mayweather/Mosley on Saturday April 10 (10-10:30 PM EST).

The seven-time Sports Emmy Award-winning reality franchise will return for its eighth installment with undefeated American and top pound-for-pound fighter Floyd Mayweather, Jr. and future Hall of Famer Super Shane Mosley as they prepare for their May 1 welterweight super fight in Las Vegas.

President of HBO Sports Ross Greenberg released the following statement: "We can't wait to get the cameras rolling on Floyd and Shane as they prepare for this big event. We appreciate all the access and cooperation that we get from the boxers and their teams. We know the bar is set high and we are excited to meet the challenge."

Episodes two and three of 24/7 MAYWEATHER/MOSLEY debut on subsequent Saturdays - April 17 (9:30-10 PM EST) and 24 (8:30-9 PM) - while the finale debuts

Friday, April 30 (8:30-9 PM), just one night before the super showdown. All four episodes will have multiple replay dates on HBO, and the series will also be available on HBO On Demand.

Mayweather (40-0, 25 KOs), originally from Grand Rapids, Mich., now resides in the Las Vegas area and has achieved major celebrity status and a flashy, flamboyant reputation as seen in his previous three installments in the 24/7 series, where as the more reserved Mosley (46-5, 39 KOs), from Pomona, Calif., will be making his first starring appearance in 24/7.

Mosley was seen in a previous 24/7 De La Hoya/Mayweather where he was sparring with Oscar De La Hoya in preparation for his fight with Mayweather. More memorable was the scene where Mosley was providing his personal impressions on the fighting styles of several other boxing superstars such as Tito Trinidad, Mayweather, Winky Wright, and even himself.

This scene was one of the highlights of any true boxing fan of the 24/7 franchise and could very well be an indication that this may be the best 24/7 yet to come.

Mosley's current top trainer Nazim Richardson will also be introduced and hopefully given the proper recognition that he deserves for revitalizing Mosley's career and being the individual responsible for finding the plaster of paris substitute in Antonio Margarito's gloves before their fight.

The St. Petersburg Times has proclaimed, "The best sports reality show on television is HBO's 24/7." At the 2009 Sports Emmy Awards, "24/7" was recognized with four Emmys for production excellence, as well as receiving three Emmys at the 2008 Sports Emmy Awards.

On Saturday, May 1 at 9 PM (EST), HBO Pay-View presents "Mayweather vs. Mosley," live from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

New batting gloves promise to protect hands

Omir Santos tried on his new batting gloves, said to slow the impact of a harmful fastball down to the mere annoyance of a junkball, and voiced excitement.

"I think it's going to help," the New York Mets catcher said. "It sounds like it's going to work."

The latest high-tech protective product in a sport that's slow to accept innovation, the batting gloves are manufactured by the startup company XProTeX, which hired former All-Star Reggie Smith to go around spring training to around to persuade big leaguers to switch.

Bob Watson, Major League Baseball's vice president of on-field operations, said his department already has given its approval, which is necessary for all on-field gear.

"We looked at the data. No, I didn't put it on and take a fastball," said Watson, a former All-Star himself. "Now, is this going to stop all major injuries? That I can't tell you, but according to the data, it should cut down on broken bones and severe injuries coming from pitched balls."

XProTeX was formed by X Bats president Jack Kasarjian, whose compa-

ny is known for supplying maple bats to major leaguers and - at about \$100 each - to youth ballplayers. After consulting the former president of the motocross equipment company SixSixOne, Kasarjian developed an impact-absorbing material called Advanced Impact Composite.

The model that was taken to spring training is the 14th generation.

"Essentially it will reduce the impact by over 60 percent, so a 100 mph fastball will be reduced to that of a 39 mph fastball, which is the difference between in a cast and being a little bit sore," he said. "It's really an area where players are very vulnerable. Their hands are their most important tool in baseball. If your hands are injured, you can't hold the ball, catch a ball, hold a bat, hit a ball."

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon examined the gloves this week and thought back to Sept. 7, when Rays slugger Carlos Pena was hit by a CC Sabathia pitch, breaking two fingers and ending his season. Pena had an AL-leading 39 homers at the time along with 100 RBIs.

Carlos would have

hit 45 home runs last year if that glove actually works," Maddon said. "Most of the time, changes like that move at a glacier pace. Guys don't want to be the first one to try it. Somebody's going to try it and going to get hit and they're not going to break their hand or wrist, and all of a sudden everybody's going to want it. Or conversely, if somebody's not wearing it, and they do get hit and get broken, he's going to want it."

Protection does come at a price.

A quick check online shows batting glove prices for previous models run from about \$5-\$50.

XProTeX's top-of-the-line Raykret retails for \$80. It is made specifically for right-handed or left-handed batters, and has AIC protection on the outside of the hand and wrist, and the inner wrist. A step down is the \$50 Hammr, which has less protection, and then there is the \$35 Dinger, a symmetric model that protects the wrist only. There also are pads for catcher's mitts and baserunners (to prevent their fingers from being hyperextended).

Smith says players have responded positively when he shows them the

equipment.

"It's exceeded our expectations," he said. "It's the difference of being injured or being a little sore so they get to stay on the field."

But even if the gloves fit, that doesn't necessarily mean players wear them.

Kasarjian says the large equipment corporations are obstacles.

"The agents have been steering players toward these bigger companies because the companies are offering the players who are up and coming in the agents' stables deals in return for delivering the major leaguers," he said. "We're kind of bucking the culture, but we're getting people's attention really quickly. Everybody is now seeing one or two players on their team and they're asking for them."

Rawlings S100 helmet, touted as being able to withstand pitches up to 100 mph, is mandatory in the minor leaguers starting this year. The Mets' David Wright tried it for two games when he returned from the disabled list after getting benched by a 94 mph Matt Cain fastball, then decided it was too bulky and went back to his regular helmet.

Mayweather-Pacquiao: All According To Plan



Late last November, I was asked what I thought of the highly anticipated Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight, likely scheduled for March of 2010.

"Shocked!" I responded. "When asked why I was shocked, I explained that never does the biggest fight in the sport come to terms so easily and quickly (especially one including Mayweather and Pacquiao)."

There was something so curious about it.

Neither fighter had a reputation for being easy in negotiations, so why did this huge event come together with no issues?

Well, as everyone knows now, it didn't come together.

The fight fell apart when the two parties couldn't agree on how to execute the testing for performance enhancers.

The question I have is: Did they ever intend to fight each other in March?

They have secured multi-million dollar paydays in the meantime, ones in which both fighters are favored to win and neither fighter is accused of ducking the other.

This way they can both keep making statements to the media about how much they want to fight the full blame for now.

It also makes sense from the aspect of guaranteed money earned.

If they fought in March, one person would have to lose, thus lessening that fighter's next purse exponentially. This way they are both assured a few extra million dollars before the massive event likely later in the year.

It would seem that this was all done with intention. You can certainly choose to be bothered by it all, or you can choose to appreciate that they picked very entertaining fights on the interim. And we still will have the biggest fight in the sport to look forward to for the rest of the year.

That is, if everything goes according to plan.

¿Que Pasa?

Social Security Office Opens in New Location

The new location at 5825 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-home 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 flower! 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.

Hospice of Lubbock Set to Host 21st Annual Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock's largest fundraiser of the year, the 21st Annual Mayors' Beans & Cornbread Luncheon will take place on Friday, March 5 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The fundraiser is hosted by area mayors from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. During the luncheon, enjoy live music.

Luncheon tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or by calling Hospice of Lubbock, 806.795.2751. Tickets are also available online at www.hospiceoflubbock.org.

This fundraising event helps raise funds for Hospice of Lubbock's non-familied and under-funded hospice patients and families, Grief Recovery Center and Children's Grief Camp each summer. Hospice of Lubbock is the region's only non-profit adult and pediatric hospice since 1987.

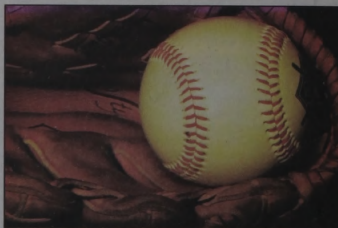
The Buddy Holly Center invites families of all ages to take part in our 1950's Spring Break Sock Hop!

For all citizens who have ever thought they did 1950's Spring Family Sock Hop. Hey there all you hip cats! The Buddy Holly Center will be having a 1950's style Spring Family Sock Hop on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 1 - 2:30pm. Come dressed in your best 50's style threads, if you have them; if not, come dressed as you are. Parents come with your kids and learn the coolest dances and slang of this decade. Don't be a square or a party pooper, sign up today! Class limit of 25, preference is given to those who pre-register by Monday, March 22, 2010. Families of all ages welcome. Date: March 27th, 2010; Time: 1pm - 2:30pm; Cost: \$3 per pair or \$2 for an individual; Ages: Families of all ages. Pre-registration is preferred, as class sizes are limited. For more information or to register please call Heléna Cohen, Education Intern at 806.775.3567.

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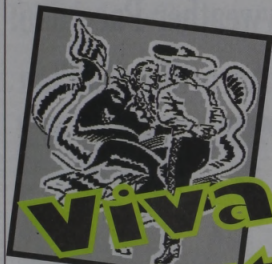
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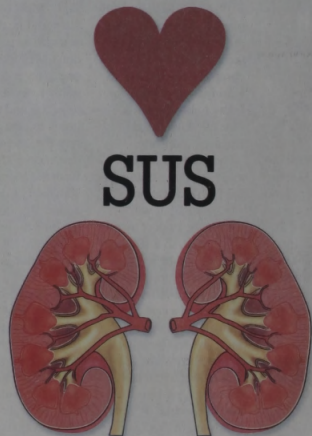
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