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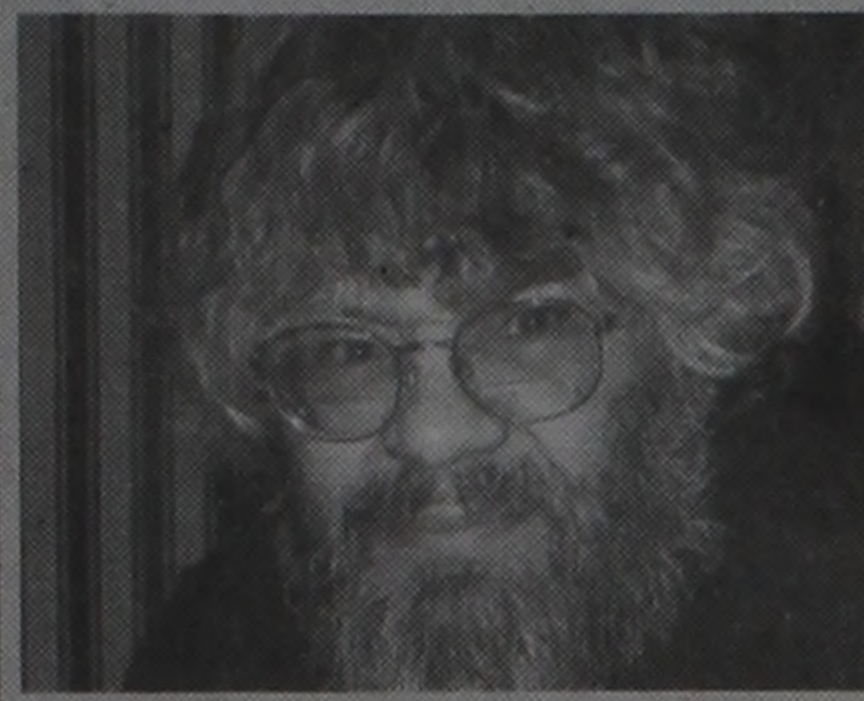
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Comentarios de Bidal Aguero



Our history with Kent Hance goes back a long way. It goes back to when Mr. Hance was defeated in his campaign against Lloyd Doggett by a few in Lubbock that did not believe his promises of working for the benefit of the poor and disadvantaged. When he was a Republican dressed in Democrat's clothing. Our history goes back to when Mr. Hance referred to this writer as "the poison pen" for writing what needed to be written.

An now our paths cross again. He as our would be Chancellor of Texas Tech and I as still as the writer. We can only hope for a good relationship because we know that it is needed, if not with this writer certainly with our community.

For now all we can say is "Welcome back Mr. Hance"

If you only read the local paper or listen to the local news you probably missed the story about President Bush signing the Military Commissions Act of 2006. The law is aimed at defining how suspects in the war against terrorism will be interrogated and prosecuted.

The President insists that the act would provide a just response to those accused of terrorism.

In reality the law if vile, disgusting and is a violation of the U.S. Constitution because it not only affects terrorist but every citizen of his and any other country. With this law it would seem that the President has the power to take any person, citizen of the United States or not, inside the territory of the United States or not, and declare that person an enemy combatant. And since habeas corpus and other access to the courts under the law is presumably denied, his decision would be final.

Kieth Oberman pointed out in his commentary on Tuesday night that the law giving the right of habeas corpus to citizen or non-citizen has been denied before "when President Franklin D. Roosevelt insisted that Executive Order 9066 was necessary to save American lives, only to watch him use that order to imprison and pauperize 110,000 Americans while his man in charge, General DeWitt, told Congress: 'It makes no difference whether he is an American citizen-he is still a Japanese.'

The law which shakes the very foundations of justice was called by President Bush as a way to "answer brutal murder with patient justice. Those who kill the innocent will be held to account."

In our opinion, and as Olbermann so appropriately expressed, "HE IS WRONG!"

The letter written to our newspaper last week provoked our readers into sending a barrage of letters and even made local station FOX 34 to run a story on the subject.

First we want to thank our readers who have all promised to keep an eye out for anyone trying to mess with our newspapers. Secondly we would thank everyone for standing up for us against what can only be considered "racism, ignorance and just plain stupid" as many of our reader wrote.

We can only say we appreciate and value all your help. Thanks

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The 300 millionth American is probably Hispanic

The nation's population officially hit 300 million at 7:46 a.m. EDT Tuesday, when the Census Bureau's population clock rolled over to the big number.

But there weren't any wild celebrations, fireworks or any other government-sponsored hoopla to mark the milestone. Why bother? Many experts think the population actually hit 300 million months ago.

"I don't think anybody believes it will be the precise moment when the population hits 300 million," Howard Hogan, the Census Bureau's associate director for demographic programs, said in an interview before the milestone was reached. But, he added, "We're confident that we're somewhat close."

It's not easy estimating the exact number of people in a country the size of the United States. It gets even more complicated when you take into account illegal immigration, another reason for the federal government to let the milestone pass quietly.

When the U.S. population officially hit 200 million in 1967, President Johnson held a news conference at the Commerce Department to hail America's past and to talk about the challenges ahead. Life magazine dispatched a cadre of photographers to find a baby born at the exact moment, anointing a boy born in Atlanta as the 200 millionth American.

This year, there's a good chance the 300 millionth American has already walked across the border from Mexico.

"It's a couple of weeks before an election when illegal immigration is a high-profile issue and they don't want to make a big deal out of it," said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said the Bush administration isn't playing down the milestone, though he said he had no plans for Tuesday. Census Bureau employees planned to mark the moment Tuesday afternoon with cake and punch.

"I would hate to think that we are going to be low key about this," said Gutierrez, whose department oversees

the Census Bureau. "I would hope that we make a big deal about it."

Gutierrez said America's growing population is good for the economy. He noted that Japan and some European countries expect to lose population in the next few decades, raising concerns that there won't be enough young people entering the work force to support aging populations.

"This is one more area where we seem to have an advantage," Gutierrez said. "We should all feel good about reaching this milestone."

The U.S. adds about 2.8 million people a year, for a growth rate of less than 1 percent. About 40 percent of the growth comes from immigration. The rest comes from births outnumbering deaths.

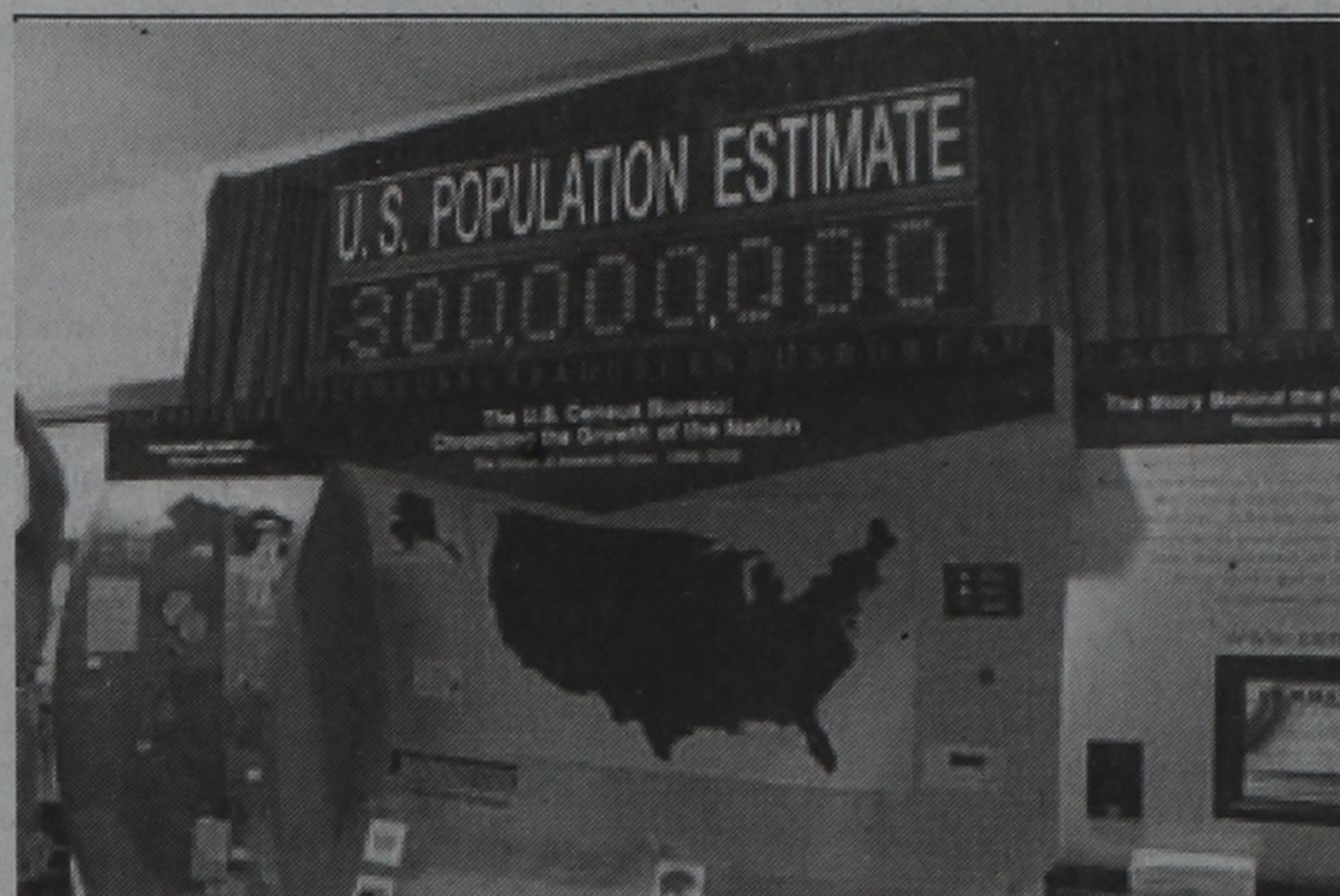
The Census Bureau counts the population every 10 years. In between, it uses administrative records and surveys to estimate monthly averages for births, deaths and net immigration. The bureau has a "population clock" that estimates a birth every seven seconds, a death every 13 seconds and a new immigrant every 31 seconds. Add it together and you get one new American every 11 seconds.

The 300 millionth American, born months ago or on Tuesday, is probably Hispanic because they are the fastest growing demographic group in the U.S., Frey said.

Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at the Pew Hispanic Center, said the Census Bureau has improved its population estimates in the past few years, but it still undercounts undocumented immigrants.

There are an estimated 11 million to 12 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. Experts differ on the specifics, but many estimate that more than 1 million of them don't show up in census figures.

"The census clearly misses people," said Passel, a former Census Bureau employee who used to help estimate the undercount. "Having said that, when they crossed 200 million, they were missing about 5 million people. We think the 2000 census missed a lot less than 5 million people."



México tiene nuevo santo, "obispo de los pobres"

Ciudad del Vaticano. El papa Benedicto XVI ha proclamado santo al mexicano Rafael Guízar Valencia, víctima de la persecución anticlerical del siglo XX, del quien recordó que era llamado "Obispo de los pobres".

Durante la misa de la canonización presidida por el Pontífice y concelebrada por 38 obispos, el Papa dijo: "Santo es aquel hombre y aquella mujer que, respondiendo con alegría y generosidad a la llamada de Cristo, lo deja todo para seguirlo".

De Rafael Guízar Valencia, que fue obispo de Veracruz, "en la querida nación mexicana", el Papa explicó en español, durante la ceremonia de beatificación, que fue "un ejemplo de quienes lo han dejado todo para 'seguir a Jesús'".

"Este santo fue fiel a la palabra divina, 'viva y eficaz', que penetra en lo más hondo del espíritu. Imitando a Cristo pobre se desprendió de sus bienes y nunca aceptó regalos de los poderosos, o bien los daba enseguida".

Por sus acciones "recibió 'cien veces más'", dijo Benedicto XVI, quien aseguró que "pudo ayudar así a los pobres, incluso en medio de 'persecuciones' sin tregua".

Y destacó que "su caridad, vivida en grado heroico, hizo que le llamaran el 'Obispo de los pobres'".

Según el Papa, el nuevo santo "fue un incansable predicador de misiones

populares, el modo más adecuado entonces para evangelizar a las gentes".

Explicó que una de las prioridades de Guízar Valencia fue la formación de los



sacerdotes y dijo que su ejemplo sirva "a los hermanos obispos y sacerdotes a considerar como fundamental en los programas pastorales, además del espíritu de pobreza y de la evangelización, el fomento de las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas".

La canonización se hizo en la Plaza de San Pedro, donde miles de fieles se congregaron, entre ellos unos siete mil mexicanos, según Rafael González, uno de los defensores de la causa para la canonización de Guízar.

Sensenbrenner - Immigration Reformer or Profiteer?

By Roberto Lovato

When President Bush signed into law a bill Oct. 4 authorizing the construction of a 700-mile wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, one man stood to gain more than just political profit. Republican Congressman James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, critics say, is also reaping financial rewards from the very immigration policies he himself has championed.

Immigration rights advocates, the congressman's Democratic opponent and some constituents are pointing to Sensenbrenner's investments in companies they say are generating profits from the labor of undocumented immigrants.

They also say that Sensenbrenner stands to benefit from investments in companies contracted by the federal government to provide services he has proposed as part of his immigration reform legislation - such as building massive immigrant detention centers or providing surveillance systems to monitor immigrants near the border.

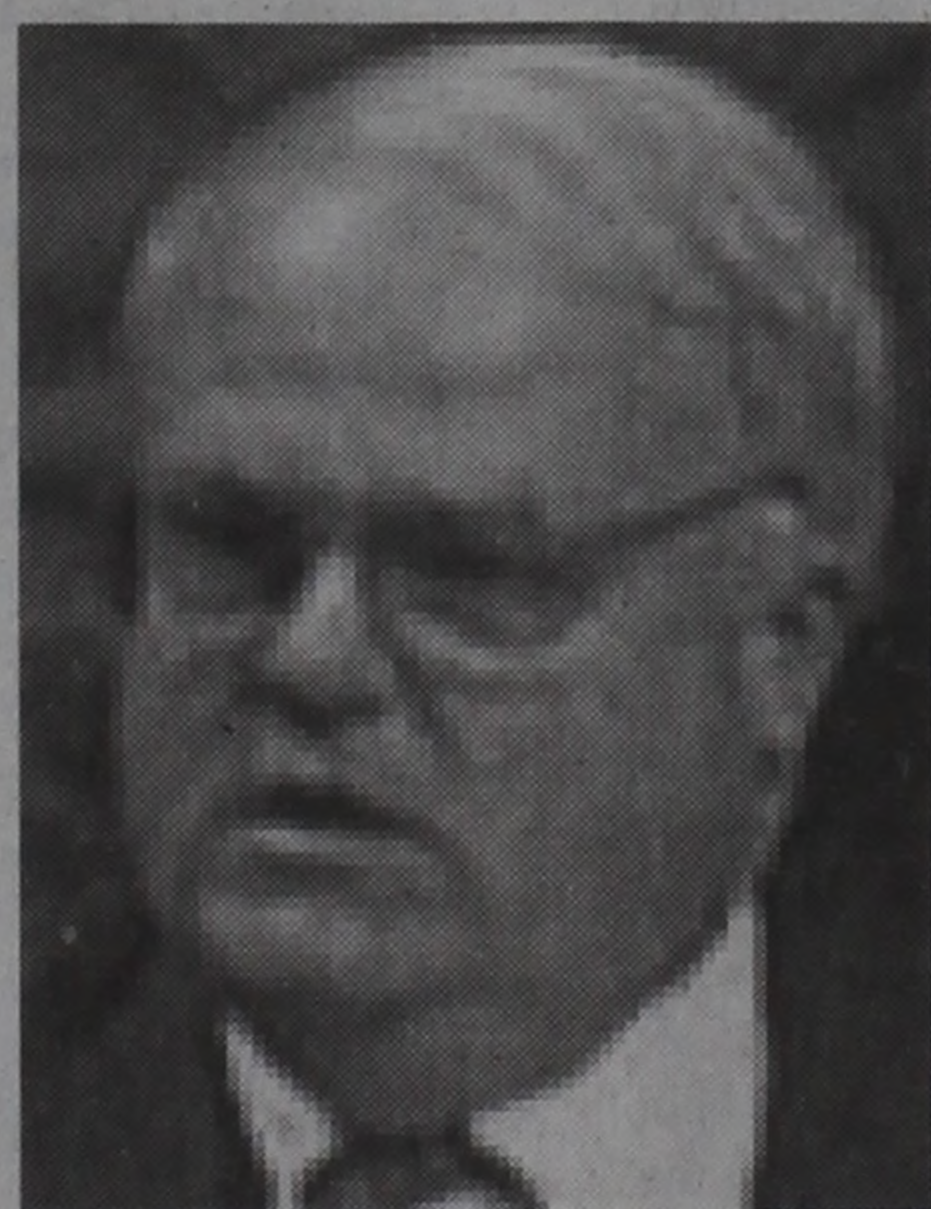
An analysis of companies identified in Sensenbrenner's 2005 financial disclosure forms reveals that the congressman has invested in companies that have reportedly hired or subcontracted with employers who hire undocumented workers.

Drawing especially strong criticism are the \$86,500 in stocks Sensenbrenner holds in the construction and infrastructure colossus Halliburton. The Texas-based giant has been the subject of Senate hearings into its labor practices in the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina.

National news reports (The Washington Post, Salon.com and others) and several panelists at Senate hearings have stated that Halliburton used subcontractors hiring hundreds, perhaps thousands of undocumented workers as part of no-bid federal contracts to clean up Belle Chasse Naval Base and other military facilities in the devastated region.

Halliburton has also secured a \$385 million Department of Homeland Security contract to build gigantic immigrant detention centers near the U.S.-Mexico border and stands to secure further contracts from proposals to re-open closed military bases to house deportees and detainees. Halliburton has consistently denied charges that it used undocumented labor in its Gulf Coast work.

Halliburton has also been mentioned as one of the main contractors to build increased security infrastructure, security roads and improved employment verification systems at ports of entry.



According to Sensenbrenner's own House filings and the Congressional Record, he owns more than \$563,536 in General Electric stocks. GE's Security Unit has been a Pentagon subcontractor, providing video surveillance and other electronic security systems at the border. The company contributed to Sensenbrenner through its employee PAC, according to the filings.

Also according to the congressman's filings, Boeing, which recently secured a \$2.5 billion contract order to install sensors, radar and cameras along the U.S. borders, is among the top contributors to Sensenbrenner's PAC.

In Sensenbrenner's House filings this year he listed his net worth in 2005 as more than \$10 million, with just under \$1 million in stock investments in Kimberly-Clark, maker of tissues and personal care products.

The multibillion dollar federal contracts and proposals to build the physical and virtual walls at the border - partly funded under a new Homeland Security bill signed by President Bush Oct. 4 - were first proposed in Sensenbrenner's now historic immigration bill, HR 4437.

In his home district, Sensenbrenner, like other elected officials, is encountering charges of a conflict of interest between his investments and his legislative activities. At a recent town hall held in Thiensville, Wis., constituent Lester Schultz asked the congressman about the "moral and ethical" implications of investing in companies like Halliburton.

Sensenbrenner said the investments in question were "bequeathed to me before I began my public service." When pressed, he insisted that his portfolio didn't affect his votes.

"We don't believe it," some audience members responded.

Asked about Schultz's and others' criticisms of the congressman's investments in companies hiring undocumented workers and benefiting from immigration policies, Sensenbrenner spokesperson Jeff Lungren said, "I'm unaware of these complaints."

Sensenbrenner's HR 4437 calls for "systematic surveillance of the international land and maritime borders of the United States through more effective use of personnel and technology, such as unmanned aerial vehicles, ground-based sensors, satellites, radar coverage, and cameras."

Sensenbrenner's Democratic opponent in the upcoming congressional race in Wisconsin's fifth district, Bryan Kennedy, has publicly asked the 14-term incumbent to divest himself of Halliburton and other companies he believes benefit by hiring undocumented workers.

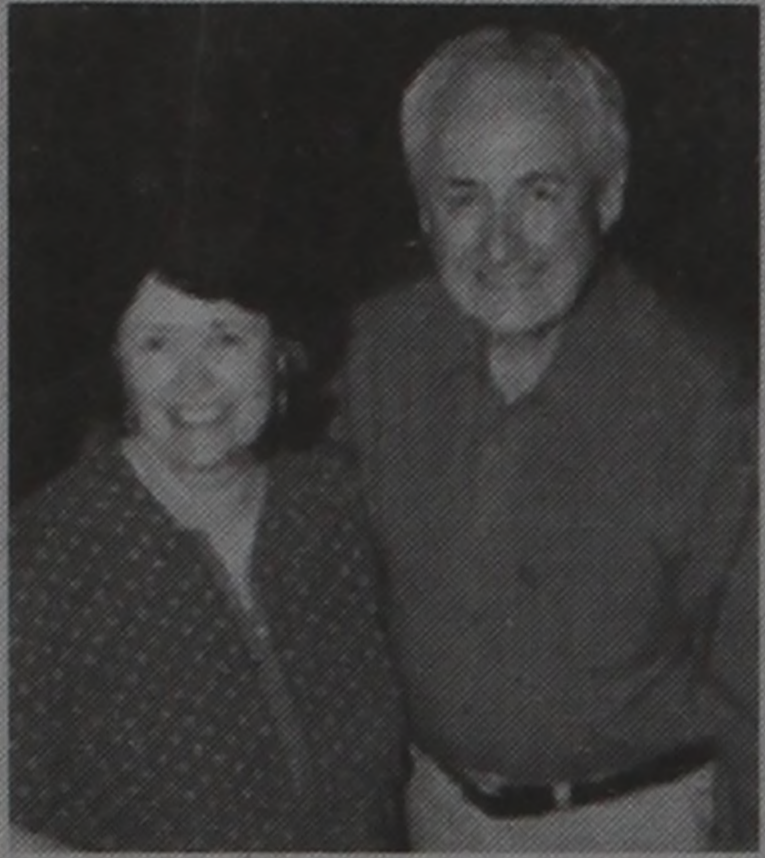
"Sensenbrenner has been telling us that it is un-American for business owners to hire illegal immigrants," Kennedy said in an interview. "Now that we find him profiting off the backs of these immigrants, he should put his money where his mouth is and divest himself from any company that is using undocumented workers to earn a higher profit."

Sensenbrenner has criticized companies that profit from exploitative working conditions that, he recently said, make it "cheaper to hire an illegal alien than a citizen or a legal alien who is present in this country with a green card."

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CANDIDATE'S FORUM

Democratic Comptroller nominee Fred Head



My entire adult life has been spent working to help people, fighting battles for underdogs and trying to help provide a better life for all the People of Texas. During my fourteen years of service (1967 - 1981) as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from Tyler and the surrounding area, I never missed a day of work or a vote, casting 13,363 consecutive record votes.

I served eight years on the House Appropriations Committee and a term on the Legislative Budget Board (4 House Members, 4 Senators, the Speaker of the House and the Lt. Governor) which holds hearings and plans the State Budget in advance. My opponent has very little experience in State Government Finance except with the Agriculture Department Budget.

During my service in the Texas House of Representatives, I was also a part of the non-partisan coalition of Republicans and Democrats known as the "Dirty Thirty" which worked to successfully clean up State Government and make it more open and responsive to all the People of Texas.

Once again we need to reform our State Government, conserve our Texas Tax Dollars and spend our State Money wisely. I want to help accomplish that mission so urgently needed in Texas today.

Please help me to become your watch dog over your State Tax Dollars and work for true reform in Texas Government by supporting me, asking your friends and relatives to support me and voting for me to become your Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts on November 7, 2006.

God Bless You. And God Bless Texas. Sincerely, Fred Head

LATINO RIVALRIES ADD INTRIGUE TO MIDTERM ELECTIONS

By JosÈ de la Isla

While the seats of no Hispanic incumbents in the U.S. House of Representatives - 20 Democrats and four Republicans - appear to be in much jeopardy Nov. 7, one of its three U.S. Senate incumbents is skating on political thin ice while Latino newcomers are bidding to join House delegations in New Mexico, New Jersey and Florida.

Three other races at the state level bring add intrigue as the nation's changing demographics influence its social and political infrastructure.

Here are some races to watch:

NEW JERSEY: According to the Fairleigh Dickinson-Public Mind survey, incumbent U.S. Senator Robert MenÈndez holds a narrow lead over state Sen. Tom Kean Jr. (R), son of the popular former governor who chaired the 9/11 Commission. MenÈndez, a Cuban American, was appointed by Gov. Jon Corzine just this year.

Kean has attempted to associate MenÈndez to machine politics and ethical lapses, while MenÈndez has sought to link Kean to the Bush administration and its war in Iraq. MenÈndez is leading in fundraising, with \$7.39 million to Kean's \$2.25 million.

In the 13th Congressional District, formerly held by MenÈndez, The first Hispanic to become State General Assembly Speaker, Democrat Albio Sires is competing with John Guarini (R) and five minor candidates. Guarini is the son of ex-congressman Frank Guarini.

FLORIDA: Following Republican Mark Foley's resignation from the House in the congressional page scandal, the party chose state representative Joe NegrÙn, a Cuban American, as his replacement.

But what's a Republican voter to do who wants to vote for NegrÙn and Foley is already irretrievably on the ballot and NegrÙn isn't? Voters will have to cast a ballot for Foley. The Florida Democratic Party has asked a state court to ban signs at the polls saying a vote for Foley is really for NegrÙn. The Democratic candidate is Tim Mahoney.

NEW MEXICO: Term-limited New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid (D) proposes to unseat incumbent Heather Wilson (R) in the 1st Congressional District in a race "too close to call."

Madrid is receiving \$2.1 million from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for TV and radio ads to target Wilson, who is considered vulnerable.

TEXAS: In the 23rd Congressional district, seven-term incumbent Henry Bonilla (R) faces five Democrats and one Independent. A court-ordered remapping added 100,000 Hispanics to the district, but not likely enough to defeat conservative Bonilla, a former TV news anchor. Ex-congressman Ciro Rodríguez, whose overlapping district was gerrymandered in 2004, causing his defeat, has a chance to draw on name recognition to qualify for a December run-off. Rodríguez's main drawback is he doesn't have a \$2.5 million war chest to draw on, as does Bonilla.

CALIFORNIA: In the state race for insurance commissioner, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante (D), with \$800,000 on hand, is up against Steve Poizner (R), with \$5 million.

IDAHO: Republican Tom Luna, a former Bush education advisor and school choice advocate, is running for schools superintendent. He won the primary by just 618 votes and is in the general election against Jana Jones, an assistant to the outgoing State Superintendent. She won her primary handily.

OKLAHOMA: One state lower-house race to watch in non-traditional terrain is Oklahoma's 74th. Wayne Guevara was deployed with his National Guard unit to New Mexico, but nonetheless won the Democratic run-off. He, Republican David Derby and Bob Batterbee, an independent, compete in the general election.

To keep up with these and other important election contests, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, beginning Oct. 31, will release reports on Latino candidates in all statewide and federal races, and other election contests.

The reports will project voter turnouts and likely winners. They will include districts without Hispanic candidates but with substantial Latino voters. The reports can be found at www.naleo.org.

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COMMUNITY VOICES

Dear Bidal Aguero,

I am glad that you printed that racist letter from the so called "citizen." It was so courageous of you to print it and I am proud to see that you do not let this type of person get the better of you. Yes "free speech" is one of our rights in the Texas Constitution and I want to say this to that "citizen" Sometimes you can put your foot in your mouth and it will hurt to take it out so be careful.

It was so sad that this person wanted to take a stand for his/her beliefs yet was a coward to even put his/her name to the letter.

Keep up your great job.

A citizen who gives her name

Hope Perez via email - Lubbock, Texas

FEAR, pure and simple!

It's sad really, that this self-proclaimed defender of "their" America is usually the American that is blindly loyal to the same government that has lost its focus on education, science and research that would have helped propel this "American" into some sense of job-and status security.

No more can they depend on going to work over at the plant and retire like their "daddy's" did. This Segment of America has managed to stagnate generation after generation relying only on the fact that they happen to be born white. Their "daddy's" didn't go to no college and they were ok? This segment now finds themselves in a nightmare. No education and no more wage - inflated factory jobs I.E. American Airlines and General Motors. The edge they sadly and mistakenly believed they would always have simply because of the shade of their skin is evaporating right before their eyes.

They would now have to move to an off-shoring Mecca such as India or China to find the kind of security they thought they had by birth right. And even then they would be standing in line with citizens that earned an admirable education that was readily available and even encouraged by their visionary government that saw the global-economy coming and wisely prepared themselves as well as their citizens.

Fear of the unknown is scary for anyone, but somehow our beloved backbone immigrants manage to overcome that fear to ensure a better life for their family. And it's their success at quickly achieving the American dream through the traditional American Values of hard work and perseverance that shamelessly prompts this segment of America to use the immigrant as a scape goat for their fear.

Sadly, by the sound of this letter this "Good-Ole boy" is scared and running for his very life!

Denise Gobeia-Arguello via email Tulsa, Oklahoma

Ignorance, fear and a host of other factors are driving this irrational attitude. The cowardly "a citizen's" letter is a prime example of racism. Like his hood-wearing associates, Coward emboldened by anonymity spews a vile and dangerous rhetoric. Coward's ill-conceived arguments provide us insight into the psychic of the functionally illiterate, marginalized and underachieving majority targeted by groups with vested interest.

Coward's own words exemplify the duality of his/her nature. Coward is arrogant and superior yet phrases such as "This country cannot continue to be a great country if we Americans continue to allow millions of poor, ignorant, no job skills non English speaking mexicans (sic) (sic) and Central americans (sic) in this country," reveal ignorance and an inferiority-complex. As a true American, I prefer the Statue of Liberty's inscription:

"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Our country was and continues to be built upon the sweat, toil and backs of immigrants. Denying immigration or instigating repatriation (let's not kid ourselves this is the Coward's desire) because an individual is poor, lacks marketable job skills, and doesn't speak English is an abomination of our ideals. I say, let them come. We will tend to their needs, provided them with education and training, in hopes that they too will live the American Dream.

Daniel Sánchez via email Lubbock

Conversation: recent editorial

Let me preface what I am about to say by saying I am very proud of my ethnic heritage.....BUT.....I am American first and Irish second.

On Sunday mornings, while doing my laundry, I'll read your rag..... This Sunday morning, your inflammatory race baiting editorial upset me..... Since when is Mexican a race?..... Are the Irish a race? Italians a race? Etc, Etc, Etc?

Hispanics are the end result of the Spanish Conquistadors raping the Native American population creating a continent of mixed breeds..... mestizos..... much the same as southern plantation owners raping their slaves creating mulattoes.

I have a number of light skinned Hispanic friends who refer to themselves as "Spanish" to differentiate themselves from their darker skinned Hispanic brethren.

My Irish ancestors faced horrible discrimination when they came over after the Potato Famine..... shops and restaurants posted "no Irish or dogs" signs in their windows..... help wanted ads specifically stated "no Irish need apply"..... the Paddywagon was named after my Irish ancestors

What did they do?..... they worked hard at becoming A PART OF AMERICA.

A lot of the "Hispanic difficulties" stem from the reticence of Hispanics to assimilate into the American culture..... You want to be an American?..... BECOME ONE !..... you can not have your cake and eat it too.

Sure, Hispanics are the subject of discrimination, some of it self-inflicted..... BUT..... don't play the Race Card, because you are not a race, rather a mixture of races.

mark whalley via email

To the person (s) that wrote the letter to El Editor Hispanic Newspaper, they need to be real careful where, when and how they will get the newspaper to have it destroyed. All I can say is you fight fire with fire and I'm burning HOT!!!

Anonymous via email

Sheer Stupidity!!!! this is what LACK of Education does to a brain. A brain with education would not have wasted it's time writing such "ignorance", a brain with education, researches, thinks, and then contributes to society. Is that not what our "forefathers did"? Oh, I forgot YOU wouldn't know!! I can not believe you have that much time, as to go around taking our newspapers and trashing them, when do YOU work, or is that so called "immigrant" doing your job for less pay? If that's the case, get a better education and get a better job.

A working Stiff,

Omega via email

Well, they really must be STUPID..... health care, prisons, welfare and other social services are being asked by white Anglos and other races not just "Mexicans"..... So the answer is they are just STUPID

Juanita Lujan via email

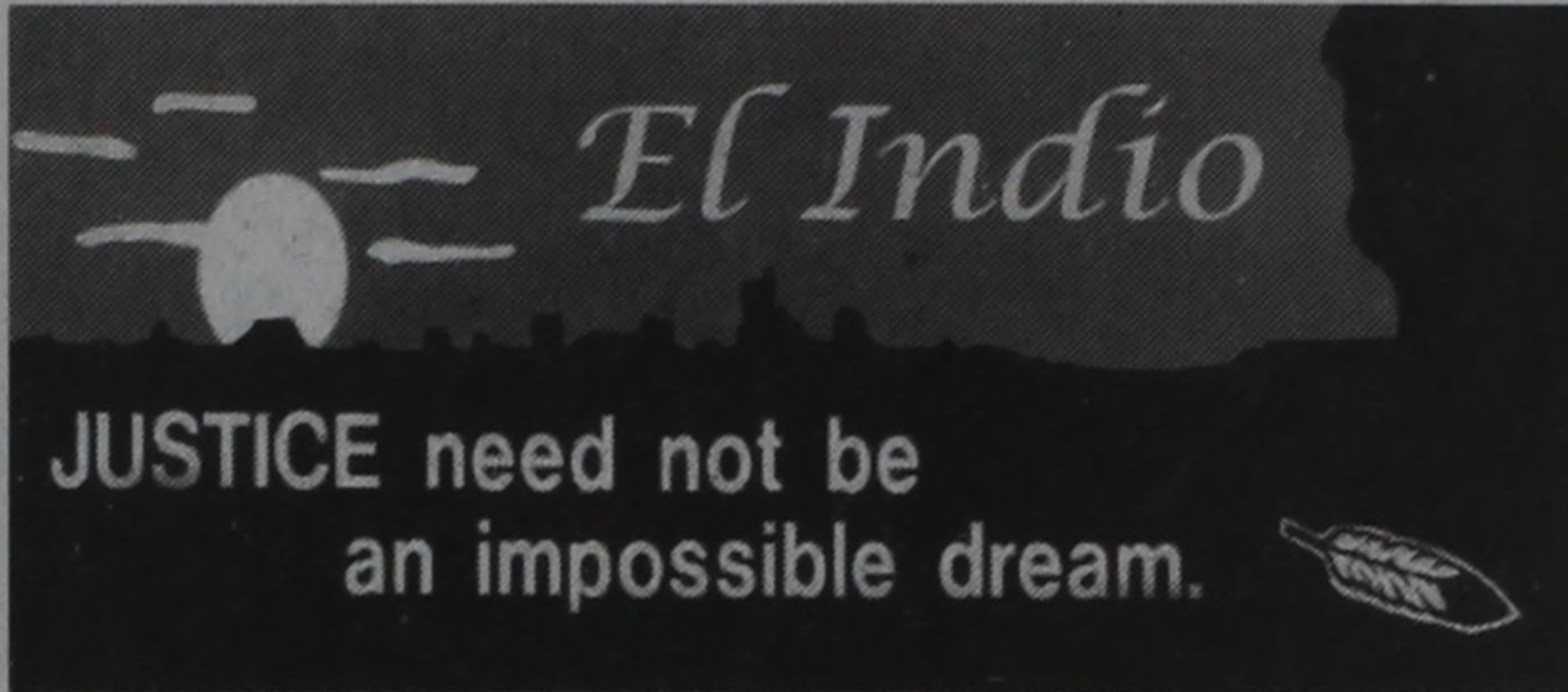
I have been fortunate to have known the publisher of this newspaper for many years and know that El Editor newspaper has been an important part of this community ever since its inception. El Editor was there when we fought for single member districts and effort that led to our now being able to elect our own to elected offices throughout West Texas. El Editor was responsible for many of the for many of the good changes that have happened in our community. El Editor has been there continually to educate our people, to encourage them to vote and to move them into action.

I am not surprised that when racism lifts its ugly head in our community it would attack the one agent of change which has helped us to accomplish our goals. I know that these people that threaten El Editor do not realize that our people, those people that he calls Mexicans, only ask to be part of the United States and not do any harm to our nation.

I would tell this person that is threatening El Editor to keep his hands off our newspaper or face the consequences of the wrath of our community.

Blas Mojica - Lubbock

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"The Times They Are a-Changin'!" Election 2006 and the Possible Turnover in Congress

By Roger Quannah Settler El Indio

"The Times They Are a-Changin'!" is the title of a famous protest song by Bob Dylan...and the words have never been truer than in October 2006, when a watershed election is about to take place. In November of 1994, the Republican Revolution swept the Democratic Congressional leadership out of office, including the Speaker of the House, Thomas Foley of Washington. It was considered to be a watershed election, like the 1938 midterms which effectively ended the New Deal.

The winds of change are certainly in place this month to produce another watershed...the Jack Abramoff corruption scandal, the Tom DeLay cronyism indictments, the War in Iraq, the Foley page scandal, the Tom Craddick regime here in Texas, and continuing problems in the economy have developed an atmosphere in which many voters are calling for a new direction for the country...and nothing is more necessary to effect that change than to retire the corrupt GOP leadership in Washington and in Austin.

Former Congressman Pete McCloskey, a liberal Republican, recently stated that the Republican Party cannot reform itself without helping to defeat

the current GOP leadership, even if it means voting for Democrats, Independents, Libertarians, Greens...whatever it takes.

Rather than addressing the critical problems facing the nation, GOP leaders in Congress have concentrated instead on widening the gap between rich and poor by excessive tax cuts, entitlements and "ear-marks", and dozens of other practices which have created the "Culture of Corruption" in Washington. Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick has perfected those practices here in Texas, ranging from the expensive Redistricting fiasco to huge tuition increases and countless new fines and fees for Texas citizens, while pursuing luxuries and perks for insiders and cronies.

This should come to an end in November! Don't fall prey to the argument that your vote doesn't count...it may not, given the new Electronic Voting Machines and the "Super Precincts", but vote anyway! It is your only way to make your voice heard against the "Culture of Corruption"! We haven't had a chance like this in a long time...as Spike Lee once said, "Do the Right Thing!" Vote, and go to work in your neighborhoods and workplaces and schools and churches, and get it done...."The Times They Are a-Changin'!"

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Cleaning Up Congressional Corruption

Jim Hightower

Is it just me, or is the rancid stench of Washington political corruption a lot more malodorous than usual?

You might remember a decade ago when Newt Gingrich put forth his "Contract with America," pledging that if Republicans took power they'd tidy up the place spick-and-span, turning it into an ethical nunnery. Well, since then, the GOP has taken total power - the congress, presidency, and the courts - but Washington these days is stinkier than a barroom spittoon. Take a whiff of such characters as Tom DeLay, Jack Abramoff, Duke Cunningham, Bob Ney... and so many more mugshots in the making.

Indeed, there is now so much corruption between lobbyists and lawmakers that the FBI has had to triple the number of squads investigating them. For decades, only one squad was needed to handle such cases, but this year there are three squads with 37 full-time agents digging into the muck - and the FBI official overseeing the mess says he wants to add a fourth corruption squad, because so much wrongdoing is being uncovered.

The misdeeds are so deep and widespread that the leaders can't smell their own stink. Early this year, when some of the scandals were revealed, the GOP loudly promised to stop the selling of legislative favors. In September, however, when media coverage of the corruption had died down, the house cynically passed a sham of a reform, patted itself on the back, and promptly returned to taking lobbyist-financed junkets, using lobbyists to chair their fund-raising committees, and putting their spouses on lobbyists' payrolls. Their "reform" was about as effective as tying an air freshener to the tail of a hog.

This is Jim Hightower saying... The only reform that'll actually do the job is legislation to remove the corporate money from politics by providing public financing of all congressional elections.



U.S. Hispanic Political Participation will Increase

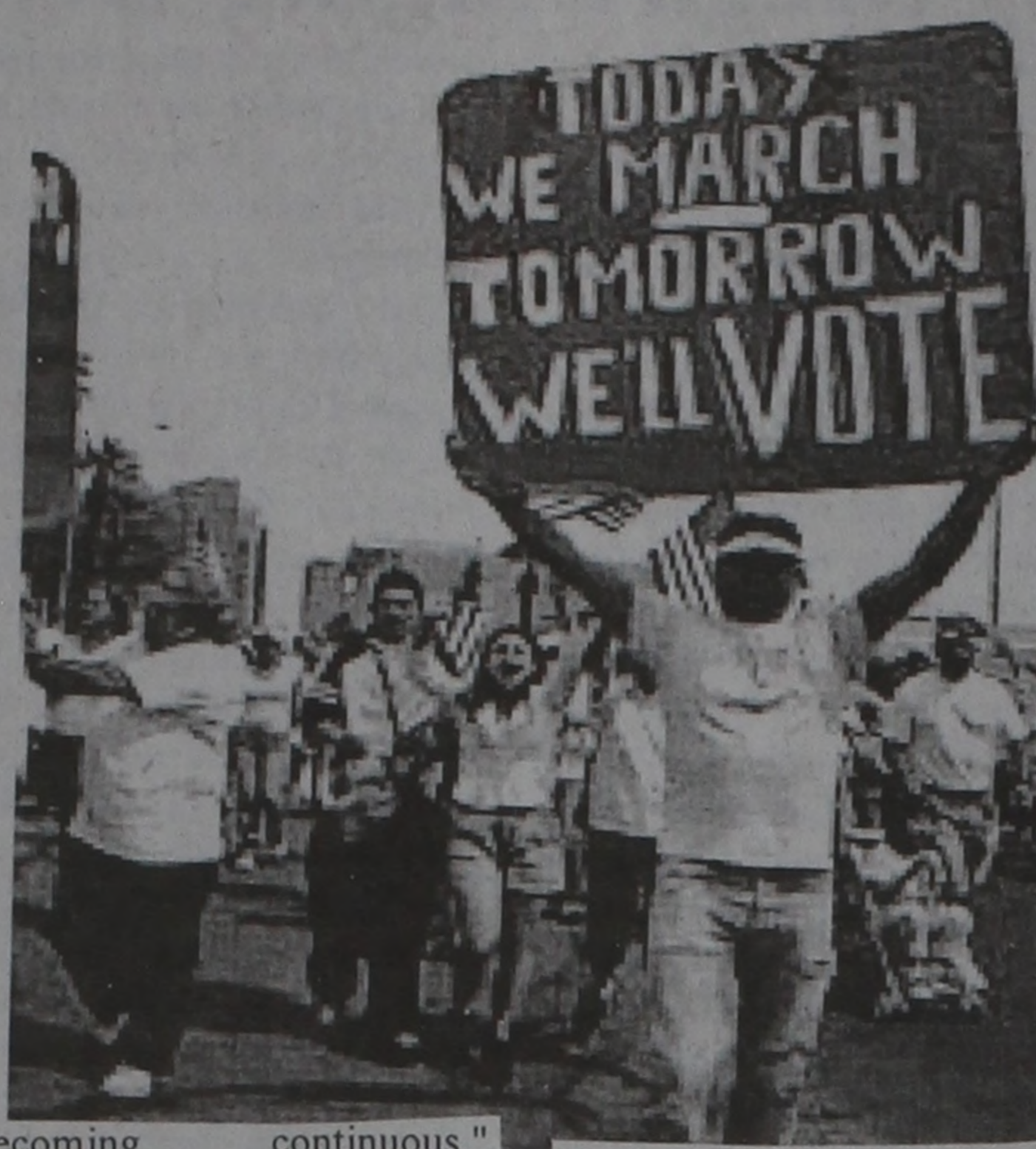
Hispanics marched declaring "Today we march; tomorrow we'll vote", but most haven't registered and won't vote in November elections.

The well attended marches this year in the United States demanding fair migration laws contrast with a low rate of Hispanic voter registration.

Half a million marched in Dallas last April 9th, but only 7,442 Hispanic surnames appear on the roll of newly registered voters this year. That's only a little more than half the number who registered in 2002.

Hispanics comprise 36 percent of the people in Dallas, but only 13 percent of the 1,193,338 registered voters. Houston, where the total of registered voters has declined 2 percent, reports similar percentages.

"We are moving a little slowly, but progress is



becoming continuous," recognized the Texas Director of Policy for the National Council of the Race, Clarissa Martinez. "Our community is in a constant evolution and I have

hope in renovation and growth", she indicated.

Martinez and others other Hispanic leaders recognize that developing political consciousness and

participation takes time, especially with Hispanics.

They explain that many in the Hispanic community must first obtain legalization of U.S. residence followed

by citizenship before being able to vote.

Andy Hernandez, a political scientist at the University of Texas at San Antonio, estimates 70

percent of those who marched last April weren't citizens.

"The immediate impact of the marches on electoral processes cannot be measured," he observed.

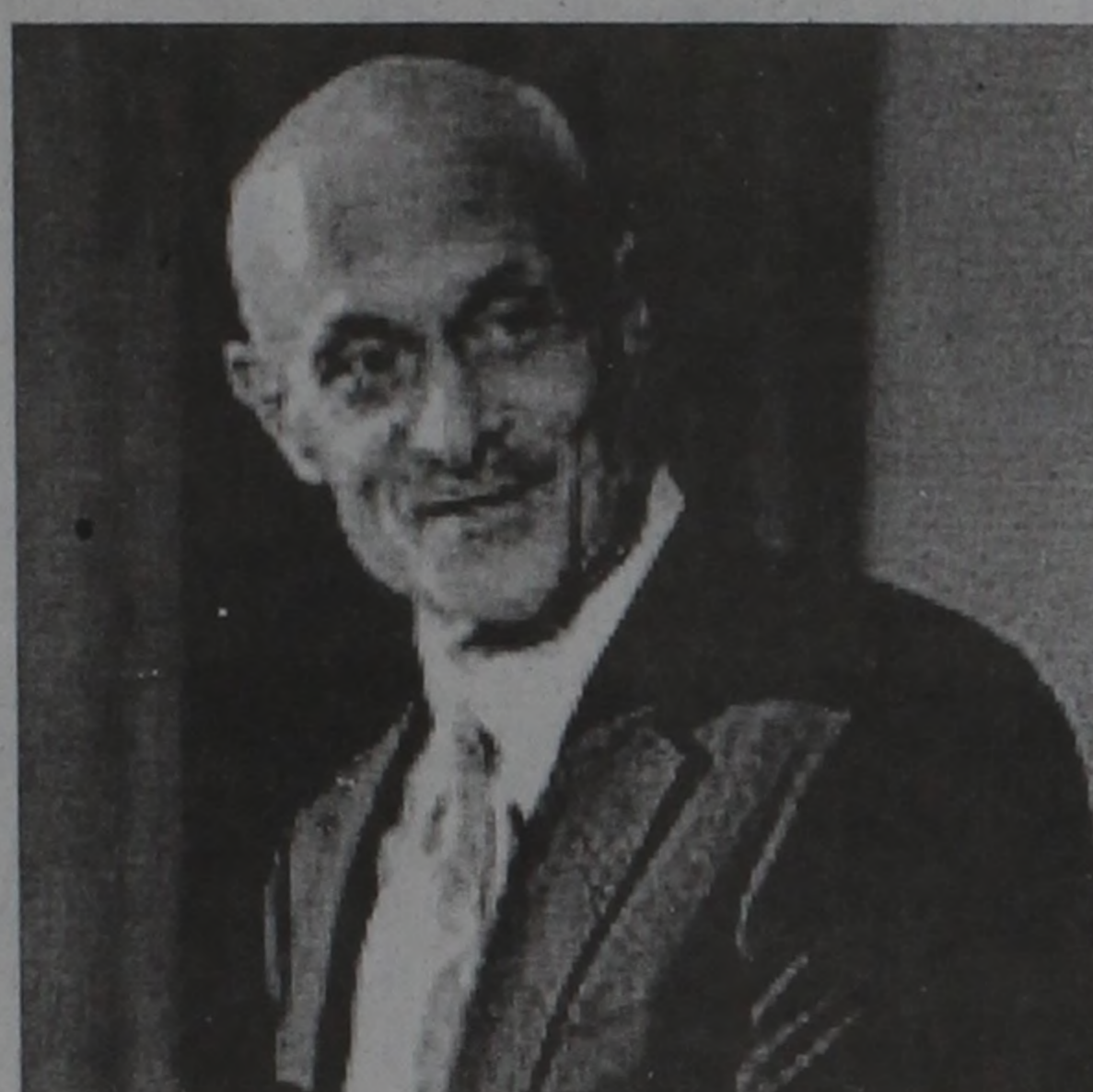
For the Vice-President of the Education Project for Voter Registration in the Southwest, Lydia Camarillo, "the marches were the beginning of the next phase of our political participation."

Camarillo is optimistic that in the 2008 presidential election 12 million Hispanics will be registered to vote and 10 million of them will do so.

"No other electoral group is increasing at our rate," she added.

"Because we are a growing community in terms of population and number of voters, those who govern to us must take us into account from now on, like it or not," said Camarillo.

El Muro es Sólo Parte de la Solución, dice Chertoff



La valla que se levantará en la frontera con México es sólo parte de la solución al cruce ilegal de inmigrantes, dijo ayer el secretario de Seguridad Interior Michael Chertoff indicando que una amplia cooperación entre Estados Unidos y la región en materia de seguridad era "de mutuo interés".

La cerca, cuyo inicio de construcción en un tramo de 1,100 kilómetros (700 millas) o un tercio de la frontera con México ha sido ya aprobado por el Congreso, "es un tema que ha demandado una amplia conversación" tanto en Estados Unidos y México, dijo.

"Pero nosotros creemos que no es la solución, sino parte de la solución", declaró Chertoff. "En algunos tramos de la frontera, la cerca hace sentido; en otros, una tecnología de alto nivel es lo más apropiado".

"La cerca creo que es una aproximación pragmática", dijo hablando en la Cámara de Comercio como orador final de dos días de conferencias para el debate de temas latinoamericanos.

Indicó que las preocupaciones sobre la inmigración indocumentada empezaron prácticamente después de la amnistía general de 1986 y se ha acentuado con los atentados terroristas de 2001, en que además de los recursos tradicionales de hacer cumplir las leyes ha surgido como integrante el uso de la tecnología.

Entre ambos extremos, hay una gama de opciones, dijo Chertoff indicando que una de ellas era la valla que ya tiene un presupuesto inicial de 1,200 millones aprobado por el Congreso el mes pasado.

"Lo que yo deseo es una solución que funcione", comentó. "Deseamos tener el control de la frontera y

eliminar el flujo de inmigrantes indocumentados".

Chertoff dijo que hacia esa meta se ha recorrido apenas "parte del camino pero estamos viendo el éxito... porque hay una reducción en el número de inmigrantes que ingresan ilegalmente a nuestro país".

Pero, dijo que las organizaciones criminales para el contrabando de inmigrantes seguían todavía activas y que el gobierno estaba dispuesto a neutralizarlos con una estrategia que requiere de "persistencia y acción rápida y efectiva" con todos los recursos disponibles.

"Estoy comprometido a lograr totalmente las metas con todos los instrumentos que el Congreso ponga a nuestro alcance", dijo.

Al preguntársele si estaba recibiendo colaboración en asuntos de seguridad de otros países de la región, más allá de México, Chertoff dijo que ella se estaba dando en asuntos de narcotráfico, crimen organizado y terrorismo.

"Pienso que todos reconocemos que es de mutuo interés mantener un elevado nivel de cooperación en asuntos de seguridad", dijo.

Rice says U.S. Ready to Defend Japan

Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday the United States is ready to use the "full range" of its military might to defend Japan in light of North Korea's nuclear

the United States does not want to see a new nuclear arms race in Asia, but will likely be taken also as a warning to North Korea that it could face the U.S. nuclear arsenal if it used a

Shortly before Rice arrived, Aso said Japan should openly discuss whether it wants to possess nuclear weapons. He told a parliamentary committee the government has no plans to stray from its post-World War II policy of not allowing nuclear bombs on Japanese soil, "But I think it is important to discuss the issue."

Even discussing the issue is extremely sensitive in Japan, with its troubled military history and experience as the only nation where nuclear weapons were used in wartime.

With Rice at his side, Aso did not repeat the need for a discussion.

"The government is absolutely not considering a need to be armed by nuclear weapons," Aso said. "We do not need to acquire nuclear

arms with an assurance by Secretary of State Rice that the bilateral alliance would work without fault."

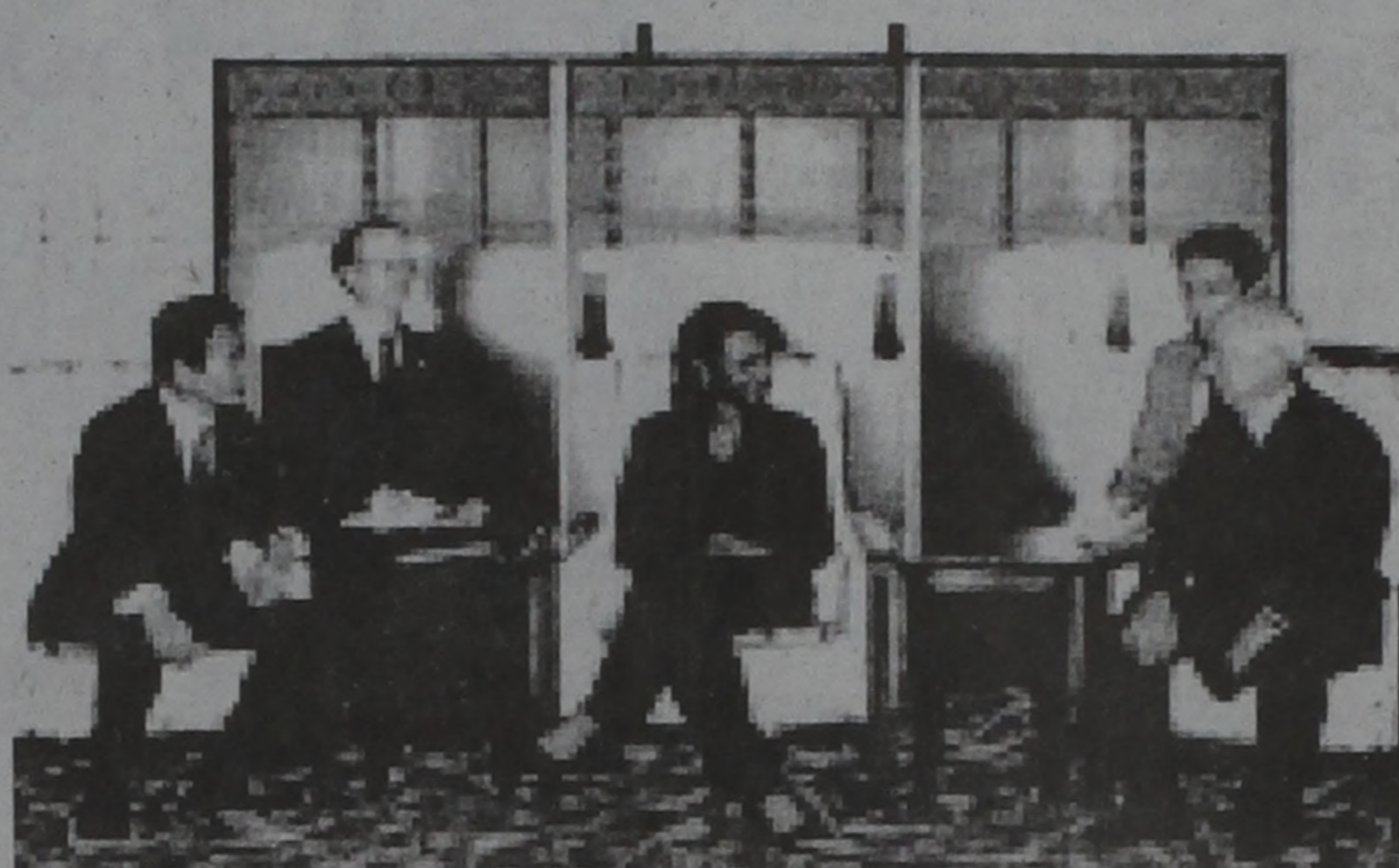
Later Wednesday, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe insisted his government would not even discuss building a nuclear bomb.

"That debate is finished," Abe testily told reporters.

It was at least the third time since North Korea's test that Abe — a hawk on defense issues who came to office last month promising a more assertive Japan — has had to reassure jittery neighbors and an anxious United States that Tokyo would not abandon its postwar ban on nuclear weapons.

Speaking to reporters Tuesday en route to Japan, Rice said North Korea's recent underground nuclear

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weapons test, and her Japanese counterpart drew a firm line against developing a Japanese bomb.

The United States is concerned that Japan, South Korea or perhaps Taiwan may want to develop their own nuclear weapons programs to counter the threat from North Korea. Such moves would anger China, which already has nuclear weapons, and raise tensions in the region.

Part of Rice's assignment on this week's hastily arranged trip to China, Russia, Japan and South Korea is to lessen the temptation to develop separate national nuclear programs by reaffirming the U.S. intention to defend the nations most at risk.

In Japan, Rice said she reaffirmed President Bush's pledge, made the day of the North's test last week, "that the United States has the will and the capability to meet the full range — and I underscore the full range — of its deterrent and security commitments to Japan," Rice said following discussions with Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso.

Rice's words were a reminder to U.S. allies that

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The United States has repeatedly said it does not intend to attack North Korea or topple its communist regime.



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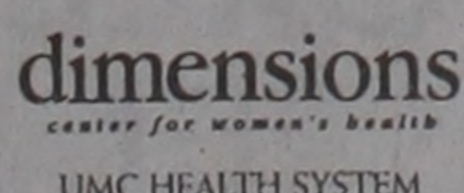
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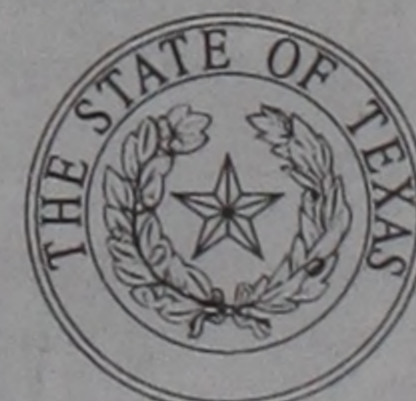
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Epic Records & Menudo Entertainment Join Together in the Search for the New Menudo All-Boy Mega Singing Group

Epic Records/Sony BMG US-Latin join Menudo Entertainment to recreate the all-boy mega singing group, Menudo. Epic Records has been named the official record label and will sign the new Menudo members, once selected, to a recording contract with the intent of reinstating the group as the newest Latin pop sensation and launching them to a new generation of music fans.

MTV and Reveille (producer of "Ugly Betty," "Nashville Star," "The Office" and "The Biggest Loser," to name just a few) will co-produce 10 half hour episodes highlighting the extensive search for the next members of Menudo and the formation of the new band. The show will debut on MTV in Fall 2007. This is the third television collaboration between MTV and Reveille.

"The Menudo Brand has attracted a stellar group of partners to date, recently joined by Epic Records, MTV and Reveille. The journey to find the next international all-boy singing



sensation has just begun," says Jerry Brenner, Menudo Entertainment LLC Principal.

"Indisputably, the biggest brand in Latin pop music over the last thirty years is Menudo. We will now empower the public to help define the Menudo brand today through various platforms and our partners with one common goal; to entertain audiences around the world with great music," says Charlie Walk, President of Epic Records.

"Sony BMG US-Latin has been involved with Menudo since 1983 and we are proud to be a part of introducing the concept to a whole new generation of Menudo fans," says Kevin Lawrie,

President, Latin Region.

The MTV series will chronicle the new Menudo's rise to super pop stardom and feature the band recording their first album together, learning about the music industry and interacting with legendary icons who offer personal and professional advice along the way. As we see the band struggle to become a cohesive unit, the guys will have to learn how to overcome their differences, challenges and rigorous work schedules during this crucial time in their careers.

Leading up to the series premiere on MTV (title TBD), recently launched MTV Tr3s, which super serves US Latin culture will air "Road To Menudo" (working title). The series of specials will chronicle the entire journey of thousands from the first audition to the last, culminating with the selection of the members of the new Menudo. Casting segments will feature short form "from the road" capsules that will introduce the potential band members

to the MTV audience.

"Our goal is to re-create the energy and excitement of the original Menudo that swept the world with its unique sound," said Ben Silverman, founder and CEO of Reveille. "By working closely with Epic Records and MTV, we will produce a unique television reality program that follows the search for the next band members and appeals to audiences across the globe."

"MTV has the ability to reach and connect with more young people on more screens than anyone else," said Christina Norman, President, MTV. "As the leader in creating fresh content that lives across multiple platforms, the Menudo project will fuel unique online, on-air and wireless opportunities for MTV and the newly launched MTV Tr3s that will deepen our connection to our viewers and introduce a new generation to one of the biggest names in Latino and American music."

Other previously announced partners in the

search to bring back Menudo include Yahoo as the online partner and Gibson as the official musical instrument partner.

The original Menudo, which took the US and Latin America by storm during its run in the late 70s and 80s, produced superstar Ricky Martin, recorded 35 albums and sold more than 40 million records and set concert attendance records worldwide. Menudo will record a contemporary hip urban/Latin rhythmic sound and will be managed by Menudo Entertainment and legendary manager Johnny Wright who works with *NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, Danity Kane, Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake.

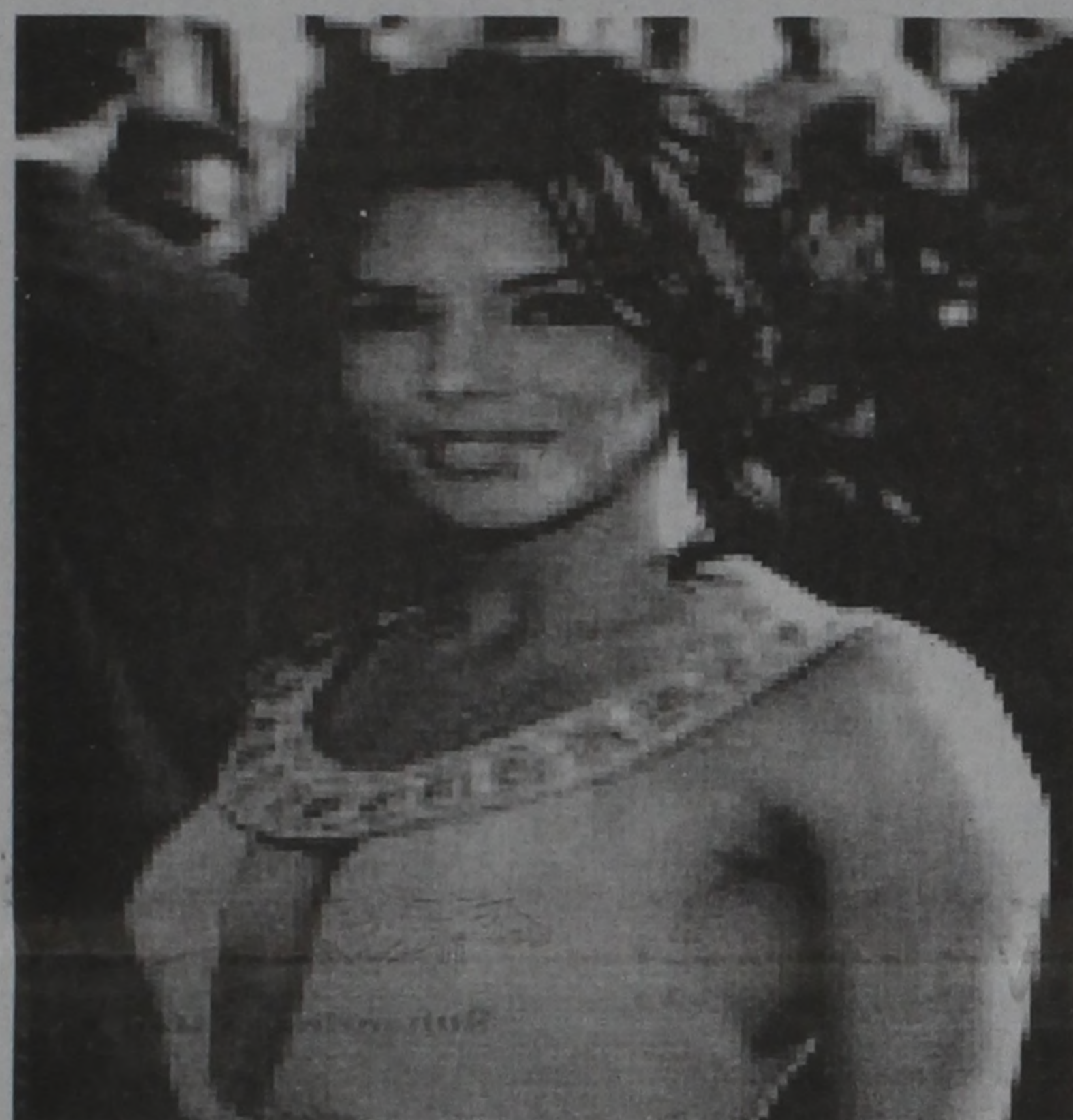
"Menudo was always the benchmark for a successful vocal group," says Menudo co-manager Johnny Wright. "Their fans were diverse and worldwide. I've been blessed to have been involved with some of the biggest vocal groups of all time -- Backstreet Boys, *NSYNC, New Kids on the Block and Boys II Men. And now with

Menudo, I come full circle. I look forward to once again watching the new Menudo captivate a new generation of fans and continue their legacy."

The search to discover the teenage boy group, ages 15 - 19, will reach out to potential Menudo members in both English and Spanish languages. Menudo Entertainment will conduct live auditions at targeted markets throughout the US and Puerto Rico. The first audition will be held at The Coliseo in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 21, 2006.

The auditions will start in the U.S. in early 2007 and visit cities including Los Angeles and Orlando among others. Open microphone tryouts held at various festivals including New York City's Puerto Rican Day Parade and Great Adventure have discovered talented young boys who will compete in the formal auditions. Dates and locations will be available at www.menudo.com

Actress Speaks to Hispanic Women



Longoria urges Latinas to raise bar on goals. Eva Longoria, one of the most influential Latina actresses on TV, urged those who attended the National

Hispanic Women's Conference last week to continue stepping up their game.

"The roles of Latinas have changed so much," she said.

"Now we're CEOs of companies and members of Congress."

But while there have been advances, she said it's not enough.

"We have to take it a step further," she said. "It's up to each of us to help ourselves, and there are so many ways to do this."

The Desperate Housewives star talked about the importance of college and believing in yourself.

Positive role models are vital for women who want to be successful in any facet of life, she said. One of her motivators was the late Tejano singer Selena.

"It was because of her, I was able to live my dream," she said. "I got to follow a trail led by Selena. I remember every outfit she wore, every song she sang."

About 2,000 attended the conference at the Phoenix Convention Center, with Longoria being the luncheon speaker on Friday. The two-day, sold-out conference was called "Latina Power: The Billion Dollar Market."

The actress was joined by city leaders and other successful Latinos, who offered motivational suggestions.

"I think it's so very important to set your goals high," Gov. Janet Napolitano said. "There is so much talent in this room."

Longoria was awarded the Latina Visionary & Community Empowerment Award from the Hispanic Women's Corporation for her contributions to the Latin community.

The corporation gave more than \$100,000 to 45 Hispanic scholars selected from various state colleges and universities.

Red Raiders Report:

INSIDE SLANT

At first glance, the offensive averages posted by Texas Tech do not appear so bleak.

The Red Raiders are averaging 413.7 total yards, including 337.3 yards per game through the air, and are scoring 28 points per game.

For some programs, those marks would be sufficient. Not so at Tech, where the numbers are the worst since 2000, the year Mike Leach debuted as coach. Consider that the marks include statistics accumulated in a 62-0 romp over Division I-AA Southeastern Louisiana.

It's probably no coincidence that the last time Tech started a sophomore at quarterback, it was in 2000 when Leach chose Kliff Kingsbury, who went on to establish numerous records as a three-year starter.

Whenever Tech struggles, the common cry to change quarterbacks whistles through the High Plains. But Leach may be among the most reluctant coaches to change QBs, especially when he painstakingly analyzed all the skills possessed by Graham Harrell before naming the sophomore as his starter this year.

Harrell spent some time on the sideline in consecutive defeats to Missouri and Colorado on Oct. 7 and Oct. 14, but was re-inserted after Tech (4-3, 1-2 Big 12) was unable to roll behind backup Chris Todd.

In retrospect, Leach second-guesses removing Harrell at all.

"That's really how I've done things in the past," Leach said. "Everybody's going to go through a tough period. You have to let him fight through it. That's how he grows, and that's how the offense grows."

With single-digit scoring totals in two of the past five games, this is an offense with room to grow, beginning with the need to produce more numbers.

THIS WEEK'S GAME: Texas Tech at Iowa State, Oct. 21 - The Red Raiders face back-to-back road games for the first time since the 2003 season and must hope they are better prepared for the Cyclones. Tech was shut out for the first three quarters of a 30-6 loss at Colorado, its longest drought to begin a game under seventh-year coach Mike Leach. Iowa State may be the proper opponent for Tech to right itself against.

The Cyclones are winless in the Big 12 and are tied for last in scoring offense in conference games, averaging just 12.3 points despite playmakers such as QB Bret Meyer, WR Todd Blythe and RB Stevie Hicks, all of whom were considered among the Big 12's best going into the season.

PLAYERS TO WATCH LB Brock Stratton - Carried the defensive load for Tech in its loss at Colorado, recording 15 tackles.

DE Keyunta Dawson - With 3 1/2 sacks this season, Dawson has raised his career total to 17 and is tied for fifth on Texas Tech's all-time chart.

PK Alex Trlica - Needs just two points to become Tech's all-time leading scorer among kickers. He has 219 points and trails Lin Elliott, who scored 220 points from 1988-91 before going on to kick in the NFL.

ROSTER REPORT Since becoming eligible after a lengthy appeal to the NCAA concerning an academic issue, WR Jarrett Hicks has struggled. He did not catch a pass at Colorado, ending a streak of receptions in 28 consecutive games in which he played. Hicks missed the first three games this season, as well as the 2005 opener.

No word was issued during early preparations for Iowa State concerning the status of WR Robert Johnson, who was suspended for the Colorado game. "We'll see how he practices," Leach said, when asked if Johnson would be reinstated.

While walking up the ramp at Folsom Field following the Colorado game, T Brandon Carter spit on a fan who was taunting him. Leach said he will review the incident before taking any disciplinary action.

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NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health Lanza Informe Sobre la Crisis del VIH-SIDA en la Comunidad Latina

Washington, DC - El Consejo Nacional de La Raza-California State University, Long Beach Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation and Leadership Training (en español, NCLR-CSULB Centro para la Salud de los Latinos) lanzará un informe llamado Redefining HIV/AIDS for Latinos: A Promising New Paradigm for Addressing HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community (en español, Redefiniendo el VIH/SIDA para los latinos: un paradigma prometedor para enfrentar el HIV/SIDA en la comunidad latina) durante una conferencia de prensa telefónica el jueves, 19 de octubre a las 11:00 a.m. ET. [Para participar de la llamada, favor de ver información abajo.] Hispanos conforman el 14 por ciento de la población en EE UU. Sin embargo uno de cada cinco personas con VIH/SIDA en el país es

latino, el cual incluye un número desproporcionado de mujeres y jóvenes. Aunque se ha hecho mucho para que el esta enfermedad crónica sea más tratable en otras comunidades, hispanos—particularmente latinas en relaciones monógamas—son más probables de morir de la enfermedad. También son menos probables de recibir tratamiento médico de calidad. Este informe combina investigaciones extensivas del Centro con literatura académica existente sobre este tema para discutir la creciente crisis del VIH/SIDA y presentar un paradigma nuevo para enfrentar el VIH/SIDA en la comunidad hispana. La Dra. Britt Rios-Ellis, autora del informe, y Liany Arroyo, directora del Instituto para la Salud Hispana de NCLR participarán en la llamada. Para una copia embargada

del informe, comuníquese con Diana Tejada al dtejada@nclr.org. <mailto:dtejada@nclr.org> o al (202) 785-1670. **ALERTA DE PRENSA**
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PORQUÉ: Hispanos—particularmente latinas en relaciones monógamas—son más probables de morir de la enfermedad y menos probables de recibir tratamiento médico de calidad que otros grupos.

NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health Release Report on HIV/AIDS Crisis in Latino Community

Washington, DC - The National Council of La Raza-California State University, Long Beach Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training (NCLR-CSULB Center for Latino Health) will release a report, Redefining HIV/AIDS for Latinos: A Promising New Paradigm for Addressing HIV/AIDS in the Latino Community, during a telephonic news briefing on Thursday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m. EST. [Call-in information below.] Hispanics make up 14% of the U.S. population but account for one of every five people currently living with HIV/AIDS in the country, including a disproportionate number of women and youth. While much has been done to make this chronic disease more manageable for other communities, Hispanics—in particular Latinas in monogamous relationships—are more likely to die from the disease and less likely to receive quality medical care. Combining the Center's own extensive research and a review of the existing academic literature on the issue, the report discusses the growing HIV/AIDS crisis and outlines a new paradigm for addressing HIV/AIDS in the Hispanic community. Participating in the briefing are Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, author of the report, and Liany Arroyo, Director of NCLR's Institute for Hispanic Health. For an embargoed copy of the report, please contact Diana Tejada at dtejada@nclr.org or (202) 785-1670. **MEDIA ALERT**
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WHEN: Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. EST
HOW: Dial (866) 283-9485, conference ID 984610
WHY: Hispanics, particularly Latinas in

monogamous relationships, are more likely to die from HIV/AIDS and are less likely to receive quality medical care than other groups.

Perry, Bell are confident in Hispanics' support

Hispanic voters have long been a dependable part of the Democratic base in Texas. But a recent Dallas Morning News poll shows that Hispanics prefer Republican Rick Perry over his challengers. Mr. Perry not only outpolled independent candidates Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Kinky Friedman, but he had more Hispanic support than Democrat Chris Bell. "His cornerstone issues reach to the Hispanic community," said Robert Black, a spokesman for Mr. Perry. The governor has touted job creation and, while presenting a tough image on border security, has been careful not to lash out at illegal immigrants. Democrats are mindful of Mr. Perry's progress with Hispanic voters but said their nominee, Chris Bell, would ultimately bring them back to their base. "Hispanic voters are like every other voter," said Democratic strategist Kelly Fero. "They don't know much about the Democratic candidate." Mr. Fero said Mr. Bell and other candidates would have

to shake things up to get the Hispanic vote. "Bell faces the same choice the voters face," he said. "Stay the course and get much of the same, or choose a new direction and shake things up." Mr. Perry's progress with Hispanic voters has been noticeable. In his 1998 race for lieutenant governor against former Comptroller John Sharp, Mr. Perry got roughly 25 percent of the Hispanic vote in a race he narrowly won. His opponent in the 2002 governor's race was a well-funded Hispanic businessman, Tony Sanchez, but Mr. Perry still took more than 30 percent of votes cast by Hispanics. Dave Carney, Mr. Perry's chief political consultant, predicted the governor would get a robust 50 percent of the Hispanic vote in the November election. Jason Stanford, Mr. Bell's campaign manager, scoffed at that. "Hispanics are no different than other voters," he said. "You've got to do the normal outreach. That's what we're doing."

Cowboys Report: INSIDE SLANT

Cowboys coach Bill Parcells didn't hear the fans booing quarterback Drew Bledsoe during Sunday's victory against the Texans. He also didn't hear the fans chanting for backup quarterback Tony Romo. While Bledsoe may have heard it, he didn't let it bother him. A week after throwing three interceptions, Bledsoe had two touchdowns and no turnovers in the Cowboys win. Parcells said Bledsoe has been through the storms before and can handle the criticism. But what he and the Cowboys need are for Bledsoe to continue to play well and limit mistakes. Parcells said the best thing Bledsoe did against the Titans was not make any bad plays, citing several times Bledsoe threw the ball away. Parcells said Bledsoe played conservatively but he also missed two wide-open receivers that would have resulted in touchdowns. "I thought he was pretty efficient," Parcells said. "He had some throwaways, which were good, where we didn't have bad plays. We missed two touchdowns now we should have had - (Jason) Witten down the middle and then Terry (Glenn) over there on that little dart route we call it. But, by and large, I thought he managed the game pretty well. We have a couple of plays, two plays, we call in the huddle. He was playing on the



conservative side last night. They had blitzed an awful lot (against Miami), a high percentage, almost 60 percent of the time. They tried us a little bit early quite a bit, so we were a little bit cautious maybe about that to start with." The Cowboys don't want Bledsoe to make mistakes but they need him to be more than a bus driver. Parcells said there will come a time when he will have to make plays. He just hopes he continues to play smart. "I don't think his throwing ability is at all limited," Parcells said. "There are a lot of players you play against in the league that just

can't make certain throws. Now that's not his problem. Just putting the emphasis on taking care of the ball. One of the problems with some of these kids as they grow older and they've been playing football for a long time, and I've seen it happen to players in the league that were talented, we've talked about a couple times in the past, that they just think they can get the ball into some places that they can't get it into. And they just have confidence they can do it. There are still a couple of guys playing in the league like that besides Bledsoe. Every once in a while he has to really guard against that impulse."

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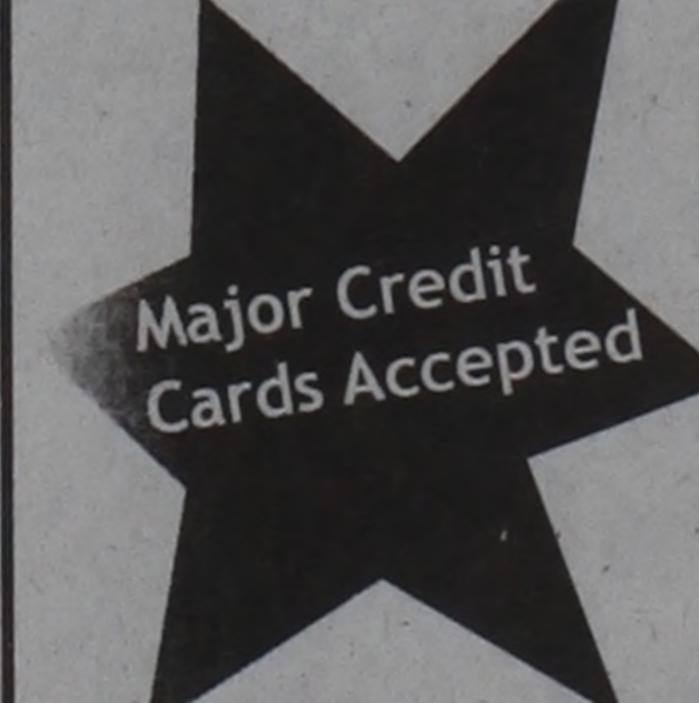
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Corazones En Riesgo

"Si bien no podemos cambiar la historia de nuestra familia, saber que hay enfermedades del corazón en la familia nos ayuda. Hemos cambiado nuestro estilo de vida, y ahora hacemos ejercicio físico y comemos de otra manera." - Lupe Villagrana

Víctor Castro sabe que está en riesgo de contraer enfermedades del corazón. Tiene 53 años, y su hermano murió de un ataque al corazón a los 45.

"Nosotros los mexicanos no tenemos mucha información", dijo. "No tomamos las enfermedades seriamente, y con frecuencia no escuchamos al doctor".

El trabajo regular de Castro es mantenimiento en un edificio de apartamentos en Vista, CA. Su otro trabajo es enseñar a los latinos qué son las enfermedades del corazón, y a este trabajo lo hace gratis.

Sus primeras lecciones vinieron de Marta García, promotora de Salud para su Corazón, un programa comunitario de educación de salud del corazón para



latinos creado por el Instituto Nacional de Corazón, Pulmones y Sangre (NHLBI, por sus siglas en inglés) de los Institutos Nacionales de Salud. "Me salvaron la vida," dice Castro sobre las clases de García.

García ha dado clases de enfermedades del corazón en escuelas, iglesias, clínicas comunitarias y hasta en aparcamientos a lo largo y ancho del área de San Diego. "Lo más importante es que la gente comparta con sus familias todo lo que aprendan", dijo.

Castro fue aún más allá, y

ahora no solamente lleva sus lecciones a su esposa, María, y su familia, sino también a su comunidad. Invita a amigos y vecinos y con frecuencia se reúnen en la iglesia para una clase. Cuando me escuchan hablar de esto, me piden que los inscriba en la clase. No hay ningún programa, todo es espontáneo.

"Yo simplemente quiero ayudar a la gente", dice Castro.

Jaime y Lupe Villagrana aprendieron las lecciones de su amigo Víctor inmediatamente. Jaime, 44, cuyo padre murió de un ataque al corazón a los 50 años, ha tenido problemas estomacales y tenía alta presión. El también está en riesgo de contraer enfermedades del corazón. "Todos nos pusimos a dieta", dijo Lupe, 44, que empezó a cocinar comidas saludables para Jaime y ella misma y para sus tres hijos. En tres meses, Jaime adelgazó 27 libras, y su presión arterial y colesterol ahora tienen niveles normales.

Saber cuáles son los factores de riesgo de las

enfermedades del corazón es lo más importante, dice Lupe. "Si bien no podemos cambiar la historia de nuestra familia, saber que hay enfermedades del

Defend Japan

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test "does carry with it the potential for instability in the relationships that now exist in the region."

"That's why it's extremely important to go out and to affirm, and affirm strongly, U.S. defense commitments to Japan and to South Korea," Rice said.

In addition to settling nerves among allies, Rice's Asia trip is meant to reinforce pressure on South Korea and especially China to enforce economic sanctions. Those include what the United States describes as an aggressive inspection and interdiction program that stops short of a full blockade of North Korean trade.

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya said Tuesday that China would implement the resolution to the degree of inspections, but not interdiction.

"Inspection is different than interdiction and interception," Wang told reporters on Monday. "I think different countries will do it different ways."

Rice would not comment in detail about worries by the U.S. and other governments that the North may be preparing for a second test explosion.

"We're concerned about further action by the North Koreans," Rice said, "but further action by the North Koreans will only deepen its isolation, which is pretty deep right now."

Concern over a second test stems partly from new satellite imagery showing increased activity around at least two other North Korean sites, a senior defense official said Tuesday.

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Los Villagrana y los Castro se reúnen a comer con frecuencia. Y sus hábitos han cambiado tanto que ahora traen frutas en lugar de pastel y agua en lugar de sodas.

A Marta García le gusta ver el efecto de sus clases en la comunidad: "Personas como Víctor y Jaime multiplican el mensaje de salud del corazón y lo expanden más y más".

¿Asesino Silencioso?

En conjunto, las enfermedades del corazón se conocen como "asesino silencioso", porque las condiciones que las causan no muestran síntomas.

Desgraciadamente, cuando la presión alta y el colesterol alto no se diagnostican o no se tratan, el primer indicio de que algo está muy mal es un ataque al corazón. Ocurre cuando una parte del suministro de sangre a una parte del corazón se interrumpe o se detiene.

La mayoría de los ataques

al corazón se desarrollan lentamente y es importante reconocer los síntomas para que usted o cualquiera de sus seres queridos puedan recibir atención médica. Los signos pueden variar en hombres y mujeres y de persona a persona. De acuerdo a la Asociación Americana del Corazón, los signos comunes incluyen:

o Dolor de pecho pesadez o tirantez en el pecho que aparece y desaparece

o Molestias dolor en el brazo, cuello, mandíbula, cara, espalda o estómago

o Dificultad para respirar falta inusual de aire durante actividades livianas o en momentos de descanso, o falta de aire que aparece repentinamente.

o Náusea dolor de estómago o mareos

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene dolor de pecho o una combinación de síntomas que duran más de unos minutos, estos signos pueden indicar un ataque al corazón. Busque atención médica inmediatamente. El tratamiento inmediato puede significar menos daño al músculo del corazón y, en última instancia, le puede salvar la vida.

USHCC Foundation Brings Signature BizFest to City of Brotherly Love

Three teams of bright aspiring entrepreneurs took home the top honors at the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) Foundation's Regional BizFest in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The three day BizFest Training Competition was the first BizFest to take place in the city of brotherly love.

Held September 21-23, 2006 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, the regional BizFest which was sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund, Sprint Nextel Corporation, The Coca-Cola Company Foundation and

Citizens Bank Foundation gave local Philadelphia students the opportunity to test their entrepreneurial skills. During the three day training program, students learned how to establish entrepreneurial and leadership goals, network and create business plans.

In addition to receiving scholarships and prizes the winners of the Philadelphia BizFest will now prepare to further develop their business plans and to compete in the 2007 National BizFest Training Competition to be held September 19-22, 2006 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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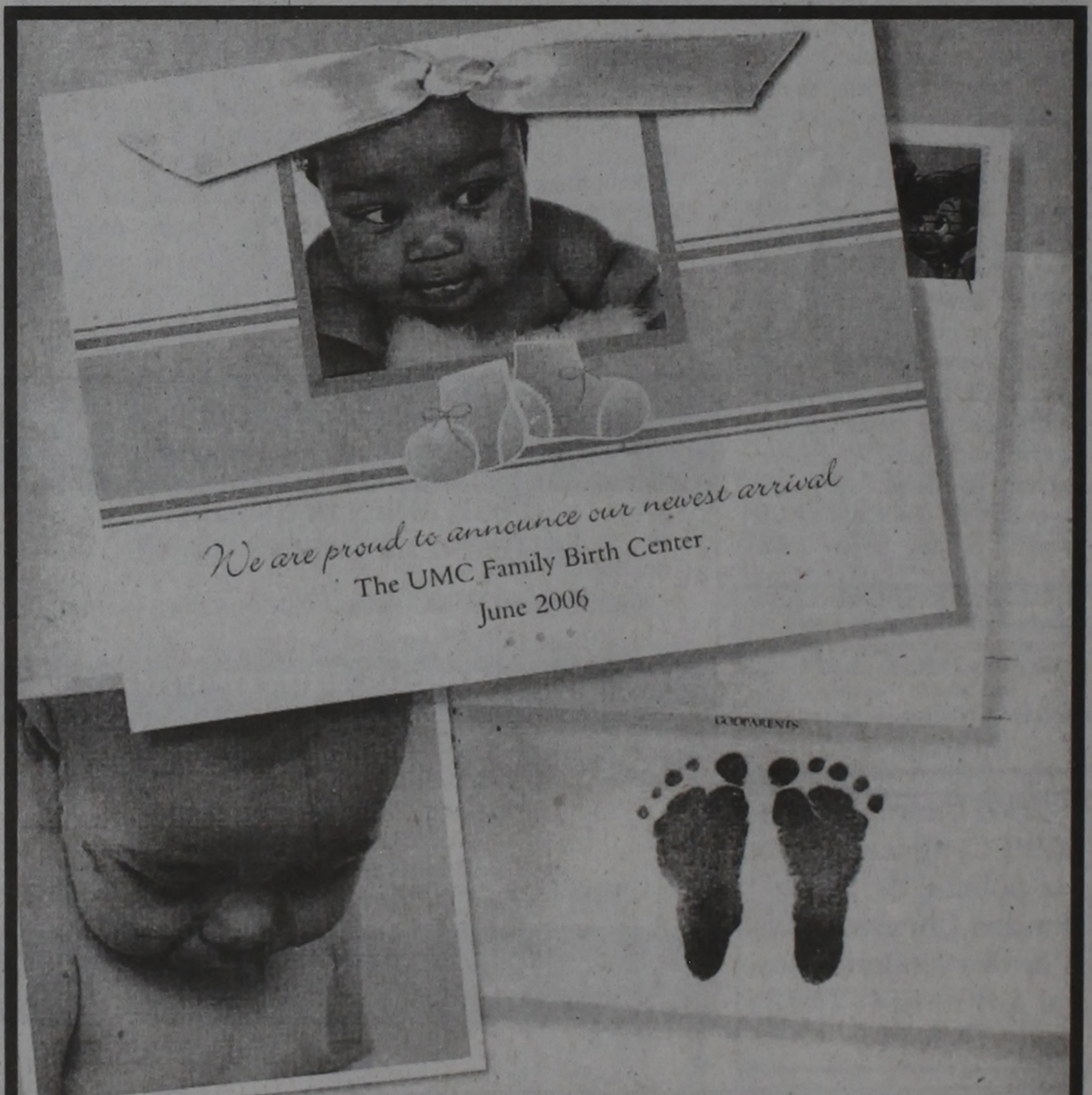
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