

Voting Irregularities Reported

Run-off Election Heats Up

Early voting in the County Commissioner's run-off race between incumbent Eliseo Solis and challenger Gilbert Flores resembled the first day of racing a Ruidoso Downs as both got off to a fast and furious start.

The race between the two candidates had up until this week been quiet but at the first day of early voting, accusations and dissent among supporters became apparent.

FRIDAY - APRIL 3
Eliseo Solis was notified that all the Election Judges were to



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be changed. New election judges different from those that served in the First Primary Election were appointed that were to be non-biased. Another reason given was that the Secretary of State suggested that they could avoid having to pay social security taxes if different judges were appointed.

SATURDAY: A letter written by Francisco J. Gutierrez was received at El Editor accusing Gilbert Flores of not paying his property taxes. The letter stated, "I question how a candidate that might be paid by our tax money, if elected Commissioner, can be paid by taxes he refuses to pay. Shouldn't that be questioned?" asked Gutierrez. (see page 2)

SUNDAY: Walkers for the Solis campaign alleged that voters were saying that some people were being promised jobs, rehabilitation of houses and fixing of city streets if Solis was defeated.

MONDAY: Several Solis campaign workers claim that election officials are trying to influence voters inside the polls. **TUESDAY:** Eyewitnesses, including Olga Riojas-Aguero and Mary Aguilar alleged that the election judge at Alderson pointed directly to Flores' name when instructing people as to the method of voting.

A letter is delivered to El Editor criticizing Gregory Tijerina for his writing. "You write like a little kid who is mad and wants to get even." (See letter next week)

A BUSY WEDNESDAY: Commissioner Solis complains to County Clerk Ann Davidson about complaints from voters at Alderson.

Olga Riojas-Aguero is denied entry into the polling place although a voter has asked that Riojas-Aguero assist them in voting.

One of these voters, when

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asked if she had marked the first box, said that she had been instructed by one of the election officials that the first box was not the right one. That she should mark the second box.

When told that she had not voted for the person she wanted, she broke into tears.

Poll watchers were appointed by the Solis campaign Wednesday afternoon.

A letter was delivered to El Editor offices from Richard Lopez claiming that a story in El Editor had lied about his support for Flores but that now he was publicly putting his support behind Flores. (see page 2).

THURSDAY: Eliseo Solis holds a press conference to denounce the democratic party for appointing anglo precinct judges that do not even live in the precincts to almost all minority boxes. Precinct 40 has a chicano from Slaton and Precinct 26 has a chicana. (see separate story).

Solis Charges Democratic Party With Breaking Law

During a Thursday afternoon press conference, County Commissioner Eliseo Solis criticized the local democratic party for naming a virtually all anglo election judge panel to supervise elections at minority voting boxes.

"They are saying that they changed judges from the original first primary judges because they wanted persons that were unbiased. Then they named all anglo judges. Are they saying that Chicanos and Blacks cannot be unbiased?" asked Solis.

Solis further charged that what the democratic party was doing was illegal.

"The election code book clearly states that an election judge must reside in the precinct in which he is going to work," said Solis.

Reporters question Solis if he thought Democratic officials were favoring his opponent.

"I can only say that they seem to be ignoring the law first by not disqualifying my opponent when it is apparent that he does not live in the precinct and now by appointing judges who do not live in the precinct. It seems to be sort of a trend to do away with single member and voting rights laws in order to revert to not having our own people that live with us to represent us on governmental bodies," stated Solis.

Solis also asked that voters report any problems encountered in voting. "We have seen many irregularities such as the ones happening at Alderson where voters are being told how to vote," Solis stated.

Segun Voten los Latinos Asi Votaran en California

Por Richard Martinez y Antonio Gonaélez

Más latinos votarán en California en 1992 que en cualquier estado en cualquier elección en la historia de los Estados Unidos.

A pesar de los obstáculos persistentes -- tales como la redemarcación arbitraria de los distritos -- un millón de latinos de California votarán el 2 de Noviembre próximo. Ellos emitirán el 10% de todos los votos, desacreditando a los sabelotodos que insisten en que los latinos no son importantes desde el punto de vista político.

Los candidatos presidenciales y senatoriales demócratas que obtengan más del 70% del voto latino ganarán las que deberían ser elecciones de alta competencia. De igual modo, los republicanos que ganen más del 30% del voto latino resultarán victoriosos. De cualquier manera, los latinos significarán la diferencia.

¿Son éstas predicciones embriagadoras?

Sí. Pero una revolución pacífica en la inscripción de electores, en la involucración en las elecciones locales, en los litigios electorales y en la redemarcación de los distritos desde 1984, ha creado las circunstancias correctas para una concurrencia sin precedentes de los electores latinos a las urnas.

He aquí los datos:

La inscripción de electores latinos en California aumentó de 930,000 en 1984 a 1,400,000 en 1988, y según nuestras proyecciones, saltará hasta 1,700,000 para Octubre de 1992.

La cantidad de funcionarios latinos electos ha aumentado en cerca de un tercio, de 460 a 617, desde 1984.

Los litigios electorales con éxito, dirigidos por el Fondo Mexicano-Americano para la Defensa Legal y la Enseñanza (siglas en inglés MALDEF), y por el abogado Joaquín Avila, especialista en los derechos electorales, ha comenzado a derribar la demarcación arbitraria y discriminatoria de los distritos electorales y los sistemas electorales sin representación por distritos (at large), más notablemente en los condados de Los Angeles, Fresno y Santa Cruz.

La re-demarcación ha creado nuevos distritos legislativos y congresionales por todo el estado, en los que los candidatos latinos viables creen que ellos pueden postularse ... y ganar.

Todo esto significa que los dirigentes latinos tienen la base electoral, el interés propio y la capacidad organizativa -- más de 6,000 dirigentes y activistas experimentados en 22 condados -- para montar una campaña sin precedentes de llevar a los electores a votar.

Agréguese la probabilidad de elecciones estatales con una contienda apretada -- dos candidatos no californianos postulados para la Presidencia, un escaño senatorial disponible y un titular senatorial relativamente desconocido nombrado -- y el escenario está listo.

Pero, ¿los latinos como margen de victoria en una contienda estatal? ¿Dicen Uds. que es retórica de un par de escritores con un interés creado en la participación política de los latinos?

Hagan Uds. mismos la cuenta.

En California, los afro-americanos forman típicamente el 7% de los votos emitidos y votan por los demócratas en un 90%. Los anglo-americanos formarán el 80% de los electores y votarán por los republicanos en un 55%. Los asiáticos e isleños del Pacífico forman típicamente el 3% de los votos y dividen su apoyo.

Eso equivale al 43.5% para los demócratas y el 46.5% para los republicanos entre un estimado de 10 millones de votos. Añadan el 1% concurrencia de los latinos -- y la inclinación de ésta.

Los latinos son el único grupo que se inclina para cambiar entre los dos partidos.

En 1988, que fué el último año de elecciones presidenciales, el 75% escogió a Michael Dukakis. En 1990, votamos en un 40% por Pete Wilson, el candidato a gobernador republicano que tuvo éxito.

En el decenio de 1980, los latinos eran típicamente el 7% del voto estatal; en 1990 fuimos el 8%. En Noviembre próximo estamos mirando a un 10%.

En esta ocasión, los latinos están motivados. Una tasa de desempleo del 12%, la delincuencia y los narcóticos muy extendidos en nuestras vecindades, la falta de acceso a la atención médica y la vivienda costeables, y las escuelas ineficaces, han hecho elevarse a la temperatura política. A diferencia del malestar político actual en los Estados Unidos, no es probable que los latinos se muestren apáticos.

Si Ud. tiene dudas, sólo pregúntele a la Gobernadora Ann Richards, de Texas. Ella ganó unas elecciones apretadas en 1990 con un 78% crítico del voto latino. Lo mismo sucedió en Nuevo México con el Gobernador Bruce King en aquel año.

Agréguese los votos electorales de California a los de Texas y Nuevo México y se tienen 90 -- una tercera parte de los necesarios para elegir a un presidente.

Cualquier campaña que se respete debería tener situada a su estrategia latina ahora mismo. Debería ser una que invirtiera en actividades territoriales tempranas, que incluya a los dirigentes comunitarios, y que descanse sobre asuntos legítimos, tales como empleos, delincuencia y narcóticos, salud, enseñanza y ética.

¿Les suenan conocidos?

Deberían de sonar. Ese es el modo que los candidatos para presidente y senadores utilizaron para edificar todos sus electorados de la clase trabajadora.

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Comentarios de Bidal

by Bidal Aguero

I was somewhat tempted to put out the same column I wrote about a month ago and reprint it as I talk about our endorsement for the office of County Commissioner.

Little has changed in our opinion in that we believe that Eliseo Solis is the best candidate for the post and in our opinion the only candidate that will continue to fight for our rights so that we will not be ignored at the County level.

In forums across town, people are also asking the two candidates about their association with Travis Ware.

One candidate, Kenny Maines has admitted that Travis asked him to run.

On our side of town, Gilbert Flores has admitted that Travis Ware asked him to run.

Two years ago, Don McBeth, another one of Travis Ware choices, was elected.

Are we going to give complete control of the Commission's Court to Travis Ware?

More than this, can we afford to?

Chicanos make up 35% of the jail population. Blacks make up 40%. Is justice being administered fairly?

The major criticism about Solis is that he is always fighting with people at the County Court. What is wrong with that? Minorities have never accomplished anything of major significance without putting up a fight.

We have had to fight for or schools, for our voting rights, for housing rights and the list can go on and on.

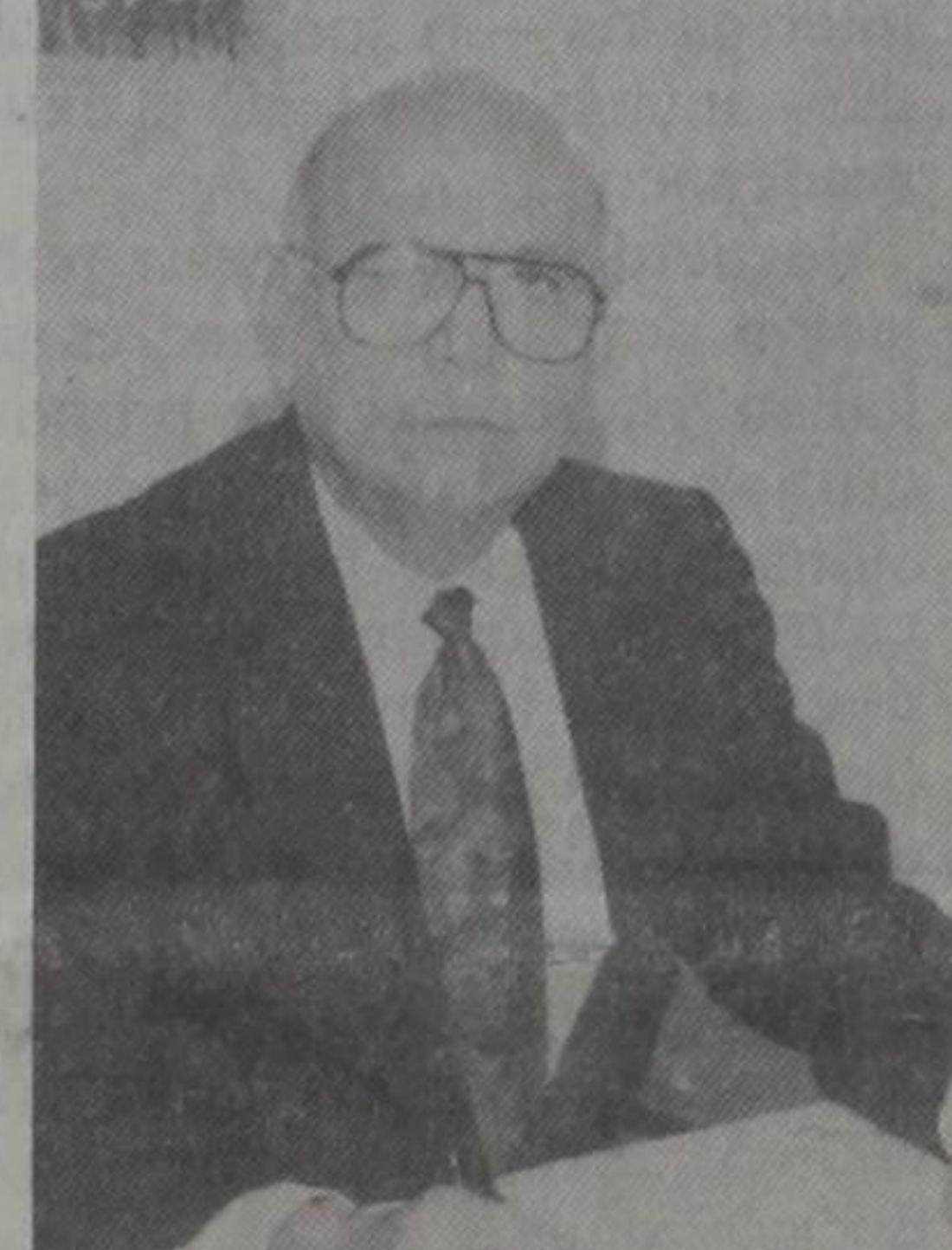
Moreso I know that Commissioner Solis has continually worked toward not only improving the lives of minorities in Lubbock but has continued his work with all communities in West Texas. This can be proven by countless of people that come from surrounding communities to help in the campaign.

The last question that should be considered is the one of competency.

I personally know Gilbert is a good person. But does he really have the capacity to address tough issues such as questioning what is going on with Erdmann, the overcrowding of jails, the overspending at the County Jail, and this list can also go on and on.

He has not addressed any of these issues. Shouldn't we find out?

NAHP President Selected



LOUISVILLE, Ky. - San Antonio-based publisher Tino Duran, president of the National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP), has been named to the National Advisory Committee of the KOOL Achiever Awards.

Sponsored by Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, the KOOL Achiever Awards recognize urban community achievers in cities across the U.S. Individual KOOL Achiever recipients, who are chosen by local selection committee, receive \$5,000 from Brown & Williamson to donate to the nonprofit community service of their choice.

Since establishing the Awards in 1986, Brown & Williamson has committed nearly \$600,000 in new funding for local nonprofit community services.

Duran joins representatives from the following organizations on the KOOL Achiever National Advisory Committee: the NAACP, the National Urban League, the National Business League, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the OICs of America,

Hispanic citizens in the KOOL Achiever nomination process."

The deadline for nominating a KOOL Achiever is May 31, 1992. Information about the Awards and nomination forms may be obtained by calling 1-800-341-5211, or by writing to: The KOOL Achiever Awards, P.O. Box 35090, Louisville, Ky., 40232.

The League of United Latin American Citizens Recognition Banquet LULAC Council 281 invites you to their Third Annual Student Recognition Banquet. The 3rd Annual Recognition Banquet will be held at Lubbock Plaza Hotel on Tuesday, April 21, 1992. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and Program: at 7:30 p.m.

The Banquet Sponsor is Southwestern Bell Telephone, Inc.

RSVP by Friday, 17 April 1992 to: Ed and Lupe Moreno - 794-6382.

¿Que Pasa?

COMA Presents a Scholarship and Career Opportunities Workshop

The Opportunities workshop will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9 am to 12 noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church Activities Center located at 102 N. Ave. P.

LULAC Council 263 and LEARN Educational Talent Search will co-sponsor the event.

This workshop will provide resource on where to apply for financial assistance. Representatives from local educational institutions will be in attendance.

Seating is limited. Please call 762-5059 for reservations by Thursday, April 30th. Admission is free.

Boy Scouts to Hold Annual Banquet

The South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America will hold its annual banquet on Sat. May 9th at 7 pm

in the Memorial Hall of First United Methodist Church located on 13th and Ave. N. A reception honoring Eagle Scouts will be held at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at teh Loft Scout Service Center, #30 Bricerca Office Park.

Festival Of Christian Arts

Slaton, Texas, March 16, 1992: Saturday, June 6th, from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m., Mercy Retreat Center will host a day long celebration - a Festival of Christian Arts! The Festival is a first for the region. The Festival of Christian Arts is being sponsored by Mercy Center as a way of bringing together Christian artists and craftsmen with the community at large. It is our hope that a rich dialogue will come about between artists and the public. Our purpose is to share the joy of Christian faith through the various media of the arts.

We invite artists, artisans and musicians to participate in this summer celebration of faith! All we ask is that works be of a religious nature.

If you wish to exhibit, perform or would like more information please call Mercy Center at 806-828-6428.

San Jose Garage Sale

San Joseph's Church of Lubbock will have a giant Garage Sale on Saturday April 11th starting at 8:30

until 4:30 at the Activities Building at 104 N. Ave. P.

Persons wishing to donate items can bring them by the church. Everyone is invited to the Giant Garage Sale.

Emergency Food Distribution

Commodities distribution for Lubbock County for the month of April will be as follows:

Idalou - Friday, April 10, 11 am to 1 pm County Barn

Shallowater - Monday, April 13, 11 am to 1 pm, St. Phillips Catholic Church

Slaton, Wednesday, April 15, 2 pm to 4 pm, Guadalupe Catholic Church

Wolforth, Thursday, April 16, 11 am to 1 pm, County Barn

If you have any extra paper sacks, we would appreciate all you can bring us. Volunteers are needed.

Just Like Us

By Raoul Lowrey Contreras

My dictionary defines contentiousness as "an often perverse and wearisome tendency toward quarrels and disputes." We can now add the North American Free Trade Association negotiations between the United States, Canada and Mexico to the definition.

The United States wants Mexico to open its petroleum industry to Americans. Mexico wants the U.S. vegetable market opened to its farmers.

Mexico and Canada want a 50 percent local content level for cars in order to attract Japanese investment. The United States wants a 60 percent minimum, thus forcing Japanese companies to buy American manufactured parts. The United States and Canada want Mexico to open up its financial markets to their banks.

One day, Mexico and Canada gang up on U.S. negotiators; the next, American and Canadians unite against the Mexicans; then the next, the Mexicans join the United States to pick on the Canadians.

Observers marvel at the shifting alliances and the arguments and agreements that are tentatively struck, then changed, then solidified.

From all this ferment, a unified economic union is being forged that will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs in direct proportion to falling tariffs between the two English-speaking, sophisticated and developed economic giants north of the Rio Grande and the 90 million-consumer rich, developing Mexico.

Anonymous comments from a high-ranking American negotiator regarding the level of sophistication of the Mexican negotiators are interesting because the Mexicans are not living up to their advance billing. Before negotiations commenced, many thought the Mexicans would roll over and play dead for the mighty Americans. After all, the smart money declared, Mexico's economy is minuscule compared to America's. In fact, it is only 3.6 percent of the U.S. economy.

The Mexican negotiators, however, have not conformed to expectations. Many are U.S.-educated. Many have advanced degrees from Yale, Harvard, etc. They all speak English. Do all of the American negotiators speak Spanish?

Watching the negotiations are opponents of free trade. Some are tree-hugging environmentalists who blanche at the idea of more industry in Mexico which might add to existing ecological problems. The tree huggers want no job-producing industry in Mexico, because Mexico doesn't yet have all the enforcement tools to police pollution.

Other opponents point to potential job loss for Americans as U.S. companies run off to Mexico to take advantage of lenient pollution laws and lower wages. American vegetable, citrus and avocado farmers, in particular, strongly oppose allowing Mexican vegetables into the country.

United Auto Workers in Michigan and New York oppose free trade because some of their jobs have already gone south to Mexico, and more will in the future. Machinist union members picket in San Diego as they lose their jobs to peace, not Mexicans.

Some congressmen vow to fight to the death against free trade when the final agreement comes up for congressional approval. They point to union pickets, to environmentalists and to other assorted opponents of free trade with Mexico as proof they are speaking for all Americans.

But in reality, they are speaking for those few Americans who are surprised at the sophistication of Mexican negotiators and jealous that these American-educated men and women are better educated than the average American.

As these sharp people wangle concessions from the Americans and Canadians, the union pickets join the tree huggers to slander Mexico and Mexicans with lies based on bigotry and prejudice. Joining these people are some of the biggest liars in the media who pound away every day at free trade.

For example, when General Motors announced that it would be closing its decades-old plant in Mexico City and moving to another location in Mexico, the business editor of San Diego's "News/Talk" station trumpeted that GM was closing a plant and moving to Mexico. Three thousand jobs involved, he cried.

He lied. That, or he's just plain stupid.

Fact: GM announced that due to new anti-pollution laws in Mexico the old auto and truck manufacturing plant in Latin America couldn't economically comply with, it was forced to shut down the old plant and move outside the Mexico City basin. It will build the world's newest and most automated and environmentally safe auto plant in another part of Mexico.

New plants, new markets, new jobs -- benegis for all.

The contentiousness of free trade negotiations notwithstanding, everyone benefits from the negotiating ferment, everyone except those among us who still can't accept that many Mexicans talk, walk and act just like us. Mexicans want consumer goods, good food, nice cars and money to spend -- just like us.

And Mexicans like a good debate -- just like us.

Letter to the Editor

The purpose of the following is to clarify and inform the voting public of the upcoming run-off election between Commissioner Eliseo Solis and Gilbert Flores. Throughout the campaign the incumbent Solis was repeatedly attacked for his positions and stands on issues affecting the minority community. The arguments ranged from the mundane to the ludicrous with no proposals as to how to improve County government except to say that "harmony" and "Let's go to work...together" would be the approach that Flores would take if elected. The problem is that the Commissioner's Court is not a musical group nor an entity which requires "teamwork" to exercise its sole function of managing the affairs of the County with tax revenues as authorized by the Texas Constitution. This where I think that Flores is overstepping his abilities as a candidate seeking the position of a Commissioner who is essentially a manager of our tax dollars.

The question is this. How can a businessman who has been sued twice by the Lubbock Central Appraisal District (filed 3-23-88 case No. 87727561 and 6-15-90 refiled 6-15-91 or case No. 90728782) for delinquent property taxes expect to handle public funds when he himself has problems in the payment of rightfully owed taxes which everyone is obligated to pay. According to courthouse documents Flores owes delinquent property taxes amounting to several thousand dollars.

I further question how a candidate that might be paid by our tax money, if elected Commissioner, can be paid by taxes he refuses to pay. Shouldn't that be questioned?"

Francisco J. Gutierrez

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have been a reader of your newspaper for many, many years. I have also supported your newspaper because you have always faced the issues. As you know, I have also supported any community oriented programs and have also supported you, in any way I can.

My major disappointment with your newspaper came when I read about the election results of the Flores/Solis campaigns. In your exact words: "Solis' win in Box 5 was 'surprising' in that local community leader, Richard Lopez, was actively working for the Flores campaign."

My intentions were to stay out of these elections completely. I did not support Solis or Flores. I stayed out and refused to get involved because both of these men are friends of mine. You made several mistakes in those few words I mentioned above. Let me clarify my position, once and for all.

(1) I do not consider myself a leader of anything. I like to see myself as a servant. My goal is to help anyone and everyone that I can, with whatever resources I have. I enjoy being able to provide.

(2) I think you have abused the mutual friendship that I thought existed between you and I. Much personal grief and suffering has been endured by my family. I have been in a delicate health condition for quite some time. As you well know. This is not the proper time to come to me with any false accusations of any kind. I just wanted to stay out of the political rat race and all its turmoil.

But, after reading your opinion of me, I think I have no other choice but to join in. And since you have already picked sides for me; so be it! I now, hereby throw my hat in the ring for Gilbert Flores. My full support is now behind his campaign 100%. And let the chips fall where they may. What else could possibly go wrong? I already have one foot in the grave, anyway.

Richard Lopez

La Cadena de La Enseñanza: Analfabeto, Indisciplinado y Sin Preparación

Por Javier Aguirre

La Enseñanza. La palabra misma cobra inferencias de crisis políticas, económicas y sociales. Los legisladores, los políticos sin respaldo, los administradores escolares, los maestros, los padres y las madres informados y no informados, así como los propios estudiantes vienen levantando sus cabezas desde cualquier atolladero en el que hayan estado sepultados y están manifestando sus opiniones.

"La situación de nuestras comunidades es culpa de las escuelas."

"Los padres y las madres son responsables; les están fallando a sus hijos."

"La televisión pagada y los juegos de video están destruyendo los cerebros de los niños."

"Los maestros se han dado por vencidos y los peores de entre ellos han ascendido a administradores del caos."

"Miramos de cerca. Las últimas tarjetas de calificaciones sobre nuestro sistema de enseñanza muestran que los Estados Unidos van a la zaga con respecto a las naciones asiáticas en matemáticas y ciencias, y por lo general a la zaga de nuestros competidores (incluyendo a Bush y a Quayle) exaltados para curar los males de nuestra enseñanza."

"¿Qué puede hacer una nación tambaleante respecto de los códigos de disciplina demasiado tolerantes y de las normas académicas bajas? ¿Y sobre los maestros que dicen que no pueden contoliar sus aulas debido a las faltas del sistema?"

"¿Qué podemos hacer sobre los administradores incompetentes que ponen en práctica decisiones personales en vez de una política social firme?"

Tristemente, esos padres de quienes Bush dice que necesitan "volver a ser enseñados" y que son responsables de los jóvenes problemáticos en las escuelas, son los mismos adultos que votaron por él para su cargo.

Tengo una teoría de que el sistema de instrucción pública de los Estados Unidos no necesita de nuevas leyes ni de nuevos cursos de acción para tener éxito. Si los distritos llevan a la práctica los cursos de acción que han existido durante mucho tiempo y que se han pasado por alto durante mucho tiempo, y las comunidades los respaldan con un ojo puesto en el éxito académico y menos preocupación por las habilidades de interacción y la endogamia social, las cosas lucirán mejor.

Estamos llegando al siglo XXI tratando de resolver los problemas de que estábamos tratando allá por el decenio de 1960. De modo que, ¿por qué no hacer que todos los maestros lleven sus tarjetas de calificaciones a las escuelas y las cuelguen en los pasillos, donde sus alumnos, de quienes exigen altas calificaciones, puedan ver que sólo estan pidiéndoles lo que hicieron ellos mismos en la escuela secundaria -- lograr la excelencia académica?

¿Por qué no hacer que los padres, las madres y los políticos hagan lo mismo, en sus salas de estar y oficinas de fantasía?

Eso debería funcionar. Así debería ser, a menos que seamos una nación excesivamente surtidura de adultos que se gradúan siendo analfabetos, indisciplinados y faltos de preparación. El adiestramiento para el fracaso empieza en la escuela primaria. Las escuelas intermedias lo continúan, pasándolo adelante a los alumnos de octavo grado de las escuelas secundarias, que funcionan

The Education Chain: Illiterate, Undisciplined and Unprepared

By Javier Aguirre

Education. The very word takes on political, economic and social crisis implications. Legislators, unendorsed politicians, school administrators, teachers, informed and uninformed parents, and students themselves are raising their heads from whatever mire they were buried in, and they are voicing their opinions.

"The state of our communities is the fault of the schools."

"Parents are responsible; they are failing their children."

"MTV and video games are destroying children's brains."

"Teachers have given up, and the worst of them have moved up to administer the chaos."

To paraphrase an acceptable battle cry, "A waste is a terrible thing to mind."

Let's look closely. The latest report cards on our educational system show that the United States lags behind the Asian countries in math and science and generally trails our economic competitors worldwide.

President Bush and Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander, in their own inimitable, ludicrous fashion, choose to blame television. Bush also proposes educating the students' parents. This seems a little bit like closing the gate after the horses are out of corral.

Hello, George! Anybody home?

Community colleges -- even top universities and colleges -- provide remedial classes for those who have graduated from our high schools. In the state of Washington, legislators are proposing laws that would allow these "institutions of higher learning" to, in certain instances, bill the high schools for the costs of providing such classes.

These political leaders are giving in to what they believe to be inevitable: High schools will continue to graduate illiterate students.

True, the problem rests with the type of graduate that schools are polluting our communities with -- illiterate, undisciplined and unprepared. The failure-training starts in elementary school. Junior high schools continues it, passing along to high school students

As Latinos Vote, So Will California

By Richard Martinez and Antonio González

More Latinos will vote in California in 1992 than in any state in any election in the history of the United States.

Despite persistent obstacles -- such as gerrymandering and at-large elections -- 1 million California Latinos will vote on Nov. 2. They will cast 10 percent of all ballots, discrediting the pundits who insist that Latinos are politically irrelevant.

Democratic presidential and senatorial candidates who obtain more than 70 percent of the Latino vote will win what should be highly competitive elections. Conversely, Republicans who gain more than 30 percent of the Latino vote will be victorious. Either way, Latinos will make the difference.

Are these heady predictions?

Yes. But a quiet revolution in voter registration, in local election involvement, in litigation and in redistricting since 1984 has created the right conditions for a record Latino voter turnout.

Here are the facts:

Latino voter registration in California increased from 930,000 in 1984 to 1.4 million in 1988, and by our projections, will jump to 1.7 million by October 1992.

The number of Latino elected officials in California has increased by nearly a third, from 460 to 617, since 1984.

Successful litigation led by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and voting rights attorney Joaquin Avila has begun to knock down discriminatory gerrymandering and at-large election systems, most notably in Los Angeles, Fresno and Santa Cruz counties.

Redistricting has created new legislative and congressional districts throughout the state where viable Latino candidates

who function at fifth-and sixth-grade levels.

These children come from homes where parents, we are told, are not interested -- or incapable of -- encouraging their children's academic success.

Remember that in this population of parents are the adults who provide our national academic guidance and conscience, and the political leaders (including Bush and Quayle) exalted to cure our education ills.

What can a stumbling nation do about permissive discipline codes and low academic standards? About teachers who say they can't control their classrooms because of systemic faults?

What can we do about incompetent administrators who implement personal decisions instead of sound social policy?

Sadly, those parents whom Bush says need to be "re-educated" and are responsible for the problem youth in the schools are the same adults who voted him into office.

I have a theory that the U.S. public education system does not need new laws and policies to succeed. If districts were to implement long-existing, long-ignored policies, and communities were to back them with an eye toward academic success and less concern for interaction skills and social inbreeding, things would look up.

We're coming into the 21st Century trying to resolve the problems that were being dealt with back in 1960. So why not have all teachers bring their high school report cards to school and hang them in the hallway where their students, from whom they demand high grades, can see that they are only asking what they themselves did in high school -- achieve academic excellence?

Why not have parents and politicians do the same, in their living rooms and fancy offices?

That should work. It should, unless we are a nation overstocked with adults who graduated illiterate, undisciplined and unprepared, and never caught up.

(Javier Aguirre, who resides in Outlook, Wash., is a high school teacher.)

believe they can run -- and win.

All this means that Latinos leaders have the voter base, self-interest and organizing capacity -- more than 6,000 experienced community leaders and activists in 22 counties -- to mount an unprecedented get-out-the-vote campaign.

Add the likelihood of closely contested statewide elections -- two non-Californias running for President, one open Senate seat and one relatively unknown appointed Senate incumbent -- and the stage is set.

But Latinos as the margin of victory in a statewide race? Rhetoric from a couple of writers with a vested interest in Latino political participation, you say?

Add it up yourself.

In California, African-Americans typically constitute 7 percent of the ballots cast and vote 90 percent Democratic. Anglos will constitute 80 percent of votes and go 55 percent Republican. Asian-Pacific Islanders typically constitute 3 percent of votes and split their support.

That equals 43.5 percent Democrat and 46.5 percent Republican of 10 million projected voters. Factor in about 1 percent for third parties. The remaining variable is the Latino turnout -- and its inclination.

Latinos are the only group inclining to shift between the two parties. In 1988, the last presidential election year, 75 percent chose Democrat Michael Dukakis. In 1990, we voted 40 percent for Pete Wilson, the successful Republican gubernatorial candidate.

In the 1980s, Latinos were typically 7 percent of the state vote; in 1990, 8 percent. In November, we're looking at 10 percent.

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Espectáculos

"Hablando de Hollywood"

Por: Estrellita

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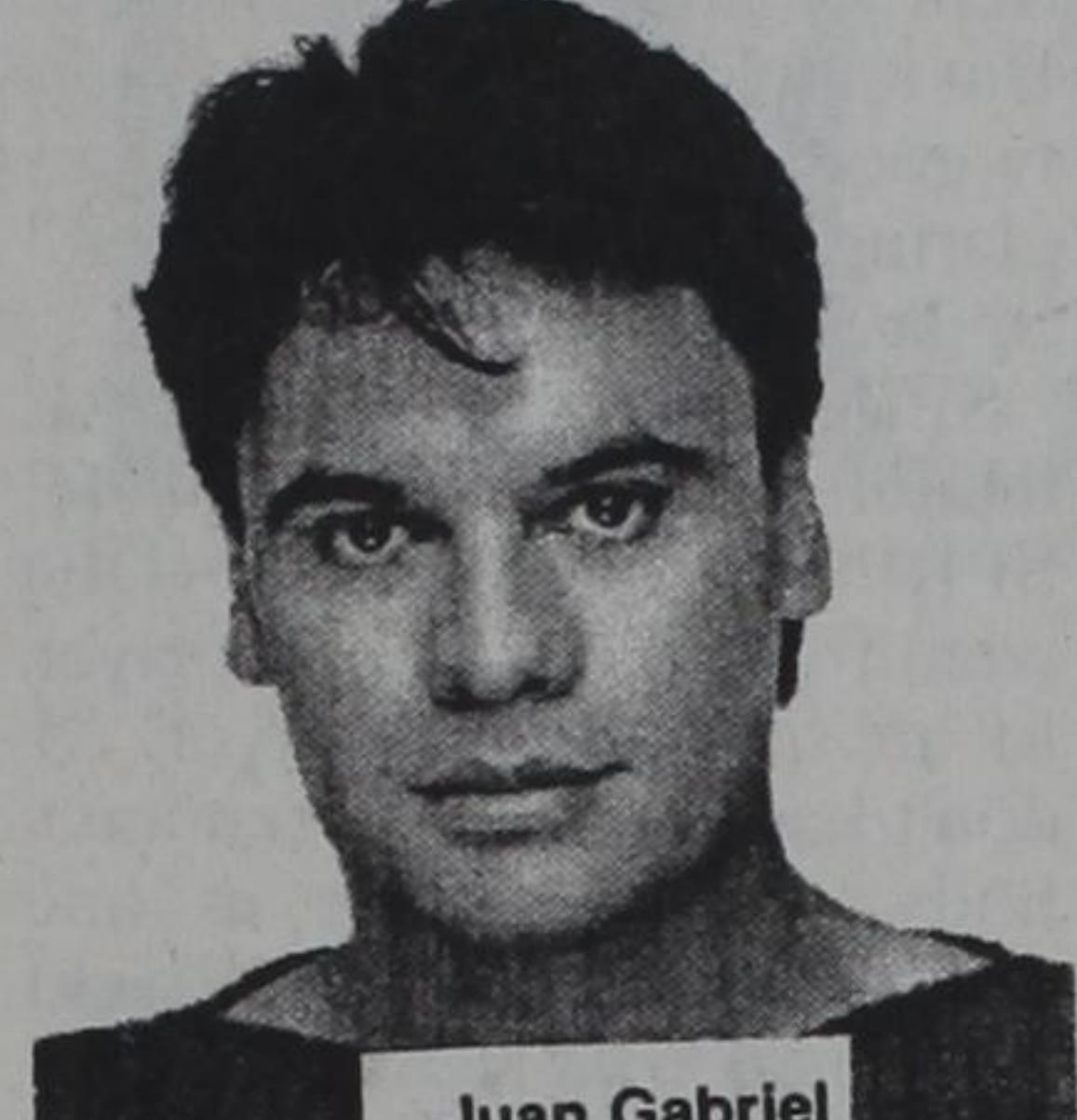
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Rocio Durcal En Vivo

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Juan Gabriel

Latino Vote

This time Latinos are motivated. A 12 percent unemployment rate, pervasive crime and drugs in our neighborhoods, lack of access to affordable health care and housing, and ineffective schools have raised the political temperature. Distinct from the current U.S. political malaise, Latinos are not likely to be apathetic.

If you have doubts, just ask Gov. Ann Richards of Texas. She won a squeaker in 1990 with a critical 78 percent of the Latino vote. The same thing happened in New Mexico with Gov. Bruce King that year.

Add California's electoral votes to those of Texas and New Mexico and you have 90 -

Sin duda alguna ésta podría ser considerada su mejor producción, ya que además de encerrar más de 30 años de su exitosa carrera con la misma espontaneidad y frescura interpretativa, nos encontramos con algunos aportes de lujo como los duetos de Enrique Guzmán ("Acompáñame") y Juan Gabriel quién colaboró con dos composiciones inéditas que realzan aún más el valor artístico de este trabajo y que son los únicos no grabados en vivo.

Cabe señalar que Rocío Durcal...En vivo! no sólo es una visita a su maravilloso pasado; sino, también una prueba fiel de su vigencia y que su futuro no conoce límites, donde no existen las ventajas que otorga un estudio de grabación y ella, con esta producción, ha dejado en claro que su canto cada día se enriquece más.

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- one-third of the amount needed to elect a President.

Any serious campaign should have its Latino strategy in place right now. It should be one that invests in early field operations, that includes community leaders and is hinged on genuine issues like jobs, crime and drugs, health, education and ethics.

Sound familiar? It should. It's the way candidates for President and the Senate used to build all their working-class constituencies.

(Richard Martinez is Executive Director of Southeast Voter Registration Education Project. Antonio González directs the California office of Southwest Voter Research Institute.)

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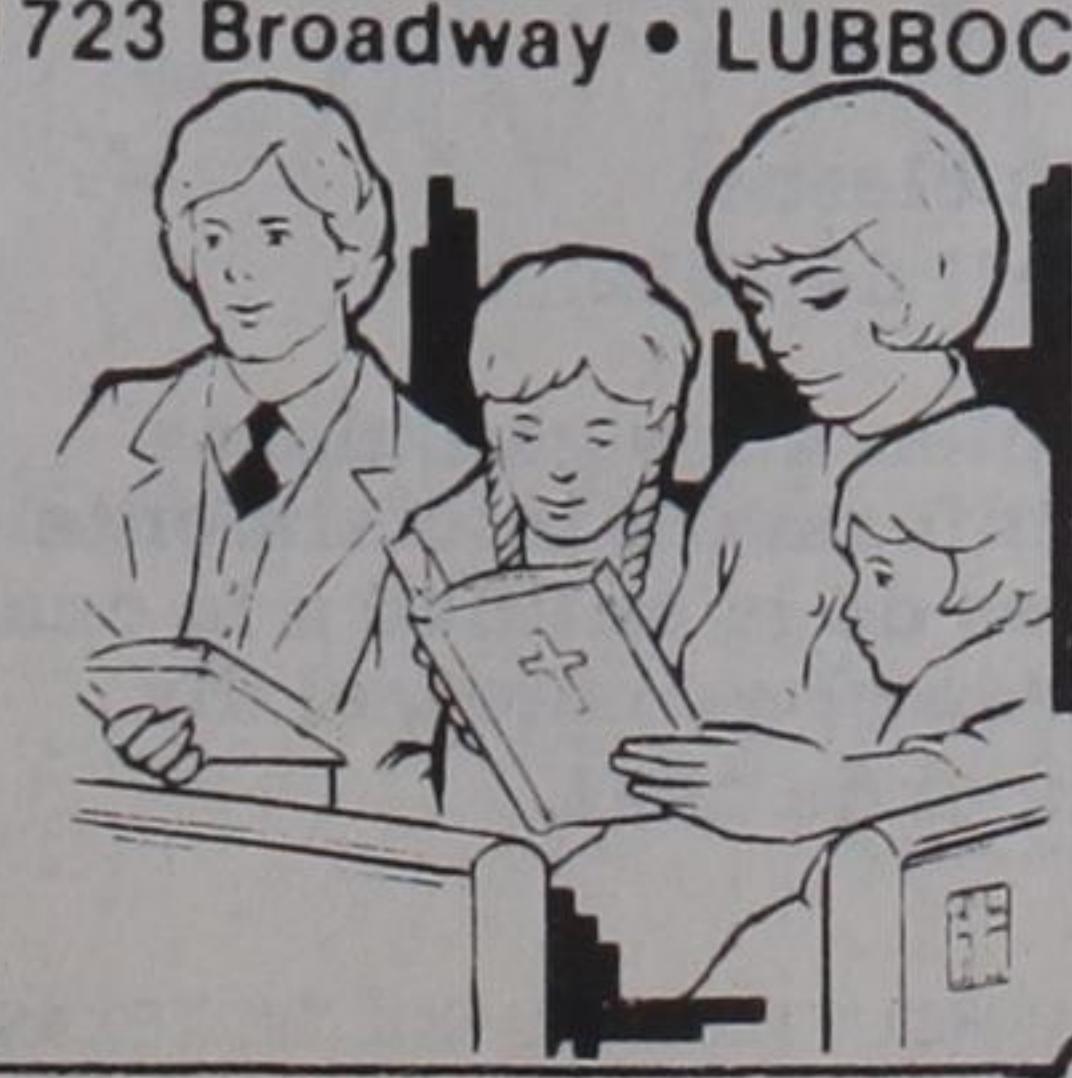
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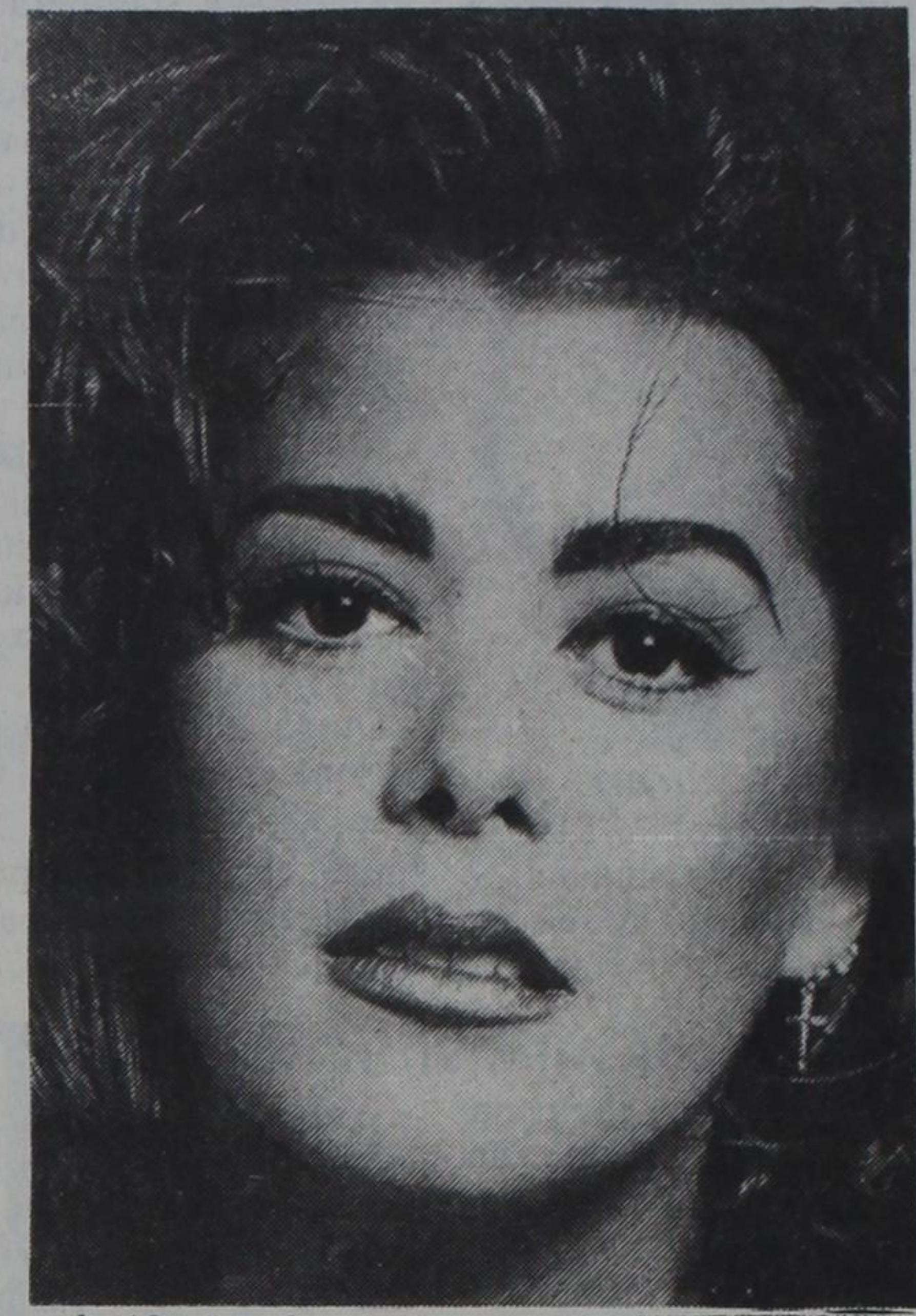


..Fue Niña!!...La De "Ale"

Méjico, (Notimex).- La joven cantante mexicana Alejandra Guzmán, hija de la actriz y diputada federal Silvia Pinal y de Enrique Guzmán, dio a luz la madrugada del pasado 13 a su primera hija, informó su hermano Silvia Pasquel.

Cancún, Quintana Roo (sureste del país) fueron las de sus padres Enrique Guzmán y Silvia Pinal.

La cantante dijo que su hija se llamará Sofía, según acuerdo con su esposo el restaurante Pablo Moctezuma, de 23 años



Guzman, de 19 años de edad, fue atendida en uno de los hospitales más caros de la ciudad de México donde a las 03:30 hora local nació su hija por parto natural con un peso de 3.500 kilogramos.

Silvia Pasquel dijo que "Alejandra y la niña se encuentran en perfecto estado de salud".

La joven rockera mexicana, quien ha logrado la fama en Latinoamérica con temas como "La plaga", "Verano Peligroso" y "Flor de papel" se despidió temporalmente en octubre pasado en un concierto realizado en el Auditorio Nacional.

Las primeras visitas que recibió la novel mamá, quien sorprendió a sus admiradores con el anuncio de su maternidad en un balneario mexicano de



SILVIA PINAL

de edad, con quien contrajo matrimonio en julio pasado en la ciudad de Tulum Quintana Roo, aunque aún no se ha comprobado que ésto sea cierto.

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Robert Duran

Santo Domingo -- El ex cuádruple campeón mundial, el panameño Roberto "Mano de Piedra" Durán, tendrá una

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Atlantic City - El ex campeón mundial de peso completo Tim Witherspoon, de Estados Unidos, venció por decisión unánime a su compatriota James Pritchard, en un triunfo que puede representarle otra oportunidad de disputar el cetro.

Kim Retiene Cetro de Peso Mosca

SEUL, Corea del Sur - El púgil sudcoreano Kim Yong-kang conservó el cetro mayor de la división mosca de la Asociación Mundial de Boxeo, cuando noqueó al filipino Jonathan Peñalosa en el sexto de los 12 episodios de la pelea.

Peñalosa, de 26 años, fue noqueado a los 1:47 minutos del sexto asalto, luego de llevar la iniciativa en el combate, disputado en un gimnasio de Inchón, 40 kilómetro al oeste de Saúl.

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Texas Tech Spring Football Wrapup.. March 31

OVERVIEW OF SPRING: Head coach Spike Dykes said his sixth spring with the Red Raiders was a good one, even though more emphasis was placed on individual instruction than team. "We knew, as a team, we wouldn't look very cohesive. We did see a number of improvements individually and that's what we wanted. We were pretty lucky injury-wise. Steve Carr (starting inside linebacker) was operated on for a torn ligament (left knee) and Jason Clemons (contender for No. 2 quarterback job) had a separated shoulder (right). Those were the only serious injuries we had."

SPRING GAME: The days of the Texas Tech offense hogging all the headlines may be over. The Raider defense was dominant in the spring game, whipping the offense 84-54 with a modified scoring system that awarded the defense points for turnovers, stopped drives and scoreless drives. Little-used senior cornerback Chris Kenney of Kilgore picked off three Robert Hall passes as the defenders forced eight turnovers on the day. They also registered 13 quarterback sacks (QBs were down when touched). "We might have given too many points to the defense for the turnovers (six points each) but that's the way it is in real life. Turnovers will get you beat every time."

SPIKE ON TEAM STRENGTHS: "You can see we are stronger and quicker than we have been. The thing we don't have is tons of depth. We have a nice nucleus coming back from a team that finished pretty strong (won five of last six). We have a chance to have a good team. I just hope we can get good enough to be a contender for the conference title. We really had a great defensive spring. We have more quickness, more strength and more guys who have played (eight returning starters). We have some team speed on the field and that's neat to have. Plus, we had some guys who started last year who were playing new positions then. We don't have that now that we are in the second year of the 3-4. They were a little uncertain, a little unsure of themselves last year. The secondary, which was one of our weaknesses last year, looks like it will be one of the strengths of the team. The offensive line is going to be a strength and the quarterback position looks real good and solid with Robert Hall."

SPIKE ABOUT THE DEFENSE: "It looks like we have a lot of pulses defensively that we haven't had here in a long time. Our secondary has a chance to be outstanding. Eight years ago our secondary led the nation in pass defense and was second the next year.

We have those type of defensive backs. We've got a chance to do some things pass defense-wise and overall defense-wise."

KICKING GAME: With the departure of All-American punter Mark Bounds and placekicker Kin Elliot, the kicking games was a mystery going into the spring. Junior punter Robert King and sophomore placekicker Jon Davis forged to the front of the pack in the spring. King averaged 43.5 yards on six punts in the spring game and Davis booted a 57-yard field goal in one of the scrimmages. "You can't tell about the kicking game until Sept. 3 about seven o'clock. But it looks on the surface pretty good. At least, there are no glaring apparent weaknesses," Spike said.

SPIKE ON INDIVIDUAL SURPRISES OF THE SPRING: Harry Dyas (DE) went from being a good player to an outstanding player. I don't know that I've seen anybody improve more in one spring than Byron Wright (OLB). Chris Kenney (CB), Bart Thomas (SS) and DeWayne Bryant (SS) all came a long way. Bingo Mancillas (OG) really proved his worth and both centers (Scott Fitzgerald and John Carter) were outstanding. Robert Corn (TE) was a pleasant surprise and Scott Aylor (TE) was much improved."

JT KING AWARD: Winner of the JT King Award for the spring's most improved player was senior defensive end Harry Dyas. Dyas celebrated the honor by registering a pair of quarterback sacks in the spring game.

1992 CAPTAINS: Captains for the coming season, as selected by their teammates, will be: senior free safety Tracy Saul of Idalou, senior inside linebacker Steve Carr of El Paso, senior outside linebacker Mike Liscio of Dallas, senior offensive tackle Charlie Biggers of Houston and junior quarterback Robert Hall of Dallas.

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Por Sra. Sofia Martinez

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El título de "Rey" que le damos a Jesucristo no es algo nuevo de estos tiempos. . . Jesucristo le dijo a Pilato que para eso había venido al mundo, para ser Rey. Y anuncia que el Reino de Dios estaba muy cerca; un reino muy diferente a los reinos de la tierra, porque "Su Reino no es de este mundo". (Juan 18, 33-37).

El anuncio del Reino de Dios es, ahora, esa Buena Nueva porque todos hemos sido llamados a compartir el mensaje de Salvación para que toda la gente sea feliz. Dios quiere que todos tengamos parte en el Reino de los Cielos, pero nos pone unas condiciones que de-

bemos de cumplir todos los que queremos pertenecer a Sus filas. Y al final de los tiempos, va a estar sentado el Señor Jesús en el trono de Su gloria, y les va a abrir las puertas a unos y se las va a cerrar a otros, según se hayan portado durante su vida, aquí en la tierra. (Mat. 25, 31-40) En el Reino de los cielos van a tomar parte todos los que un día encontraron a Jesús con mucha hambre y le dieron de comer, y tenían mucha sed y le dieron de beber, y si acaso andaba desnudo y temblando de frío le dieron algunas de sus ropas para que cubriera Su cuerpo. Y si estaba en la cárcel... lo fueron a visitar. Pero... van a ir al infierno eterno todos los que vieron a Jesús en esas condiciones y "no hicieron nada" para ayudarle a no sufrir tanto. (Mat. 25, 40).

Los que entran al Reino de Dios, y los que no entran, van a hacer la misma pregunta: Señor, cuando te vimos con hambre, y con sed, o sin ropa, o en la cárcel...? Y Jesús les va a decir que todo aquello que les hicimos, y lo que dejamos de hacerles, a nuestros hermanos, "se lo hicimos a El, o se lo negamos a El". Así que, todos y cada uno, sabemos desde ahora cuál va a ser nuestro destino final. El precio de entrada al Reino de los Cielos es "Mucho amor a Cristo encarnado en nuestros hermanos". Eso es lo que espera Nuestro Señor Jesucristo de cada uno de nosotros. Por eso debemos de estar convencidos de que cuando nos acerquemos a alguien, que esté sufriendo, nos acercamos a Cristo, y debemos de servirle como al mismo Cristo. (Mat. 25, 31-40)

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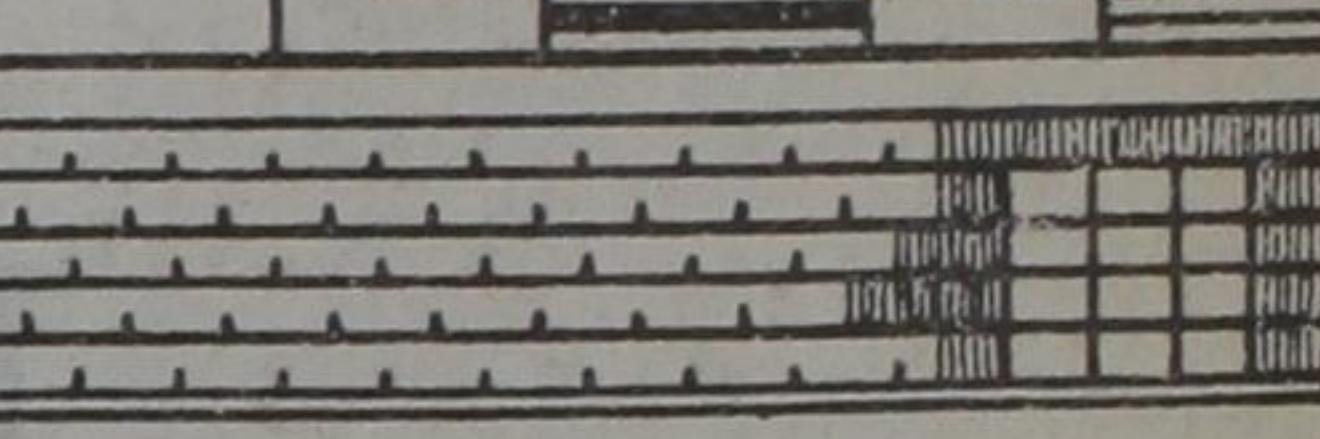
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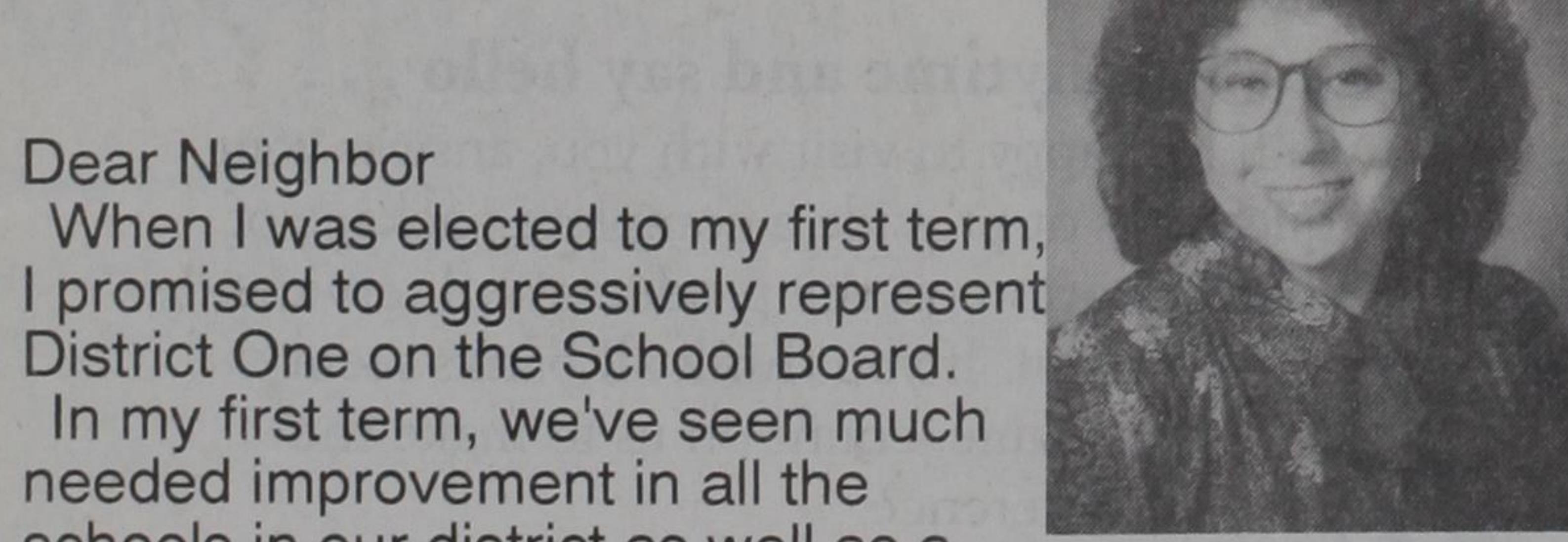
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Detailed job descriptions and instructions for applying are available from your nearest local Texas Employment office. Out of state applicants may call 9512) 463-8816 to obtain information. Please refer to the job numbers listed above. Qualified individuals must apply by 8:30 a.m., April 22, 1992 according to the instructions provided. Persons who do not apply according to the instructions will be disqualified.

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