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## Republicans Proposing English Only Legislation

by Alan Boese

### Texas Rural Legal Aid Wins Victory In Dispute With Legal Services Corporation

Texas Rural Legal Aid (TRLA) today announced that it has won a victory in its dispute with the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). For almost two years LSC has been conducting an investigation into various charges against TRLA. Last week LSC issued a final report which dropped nearly all of the allegations which LSC had previously leveled at TRLA, apparently clearing TRLA of those charges.

"We are really quite happy with the report," said David Hall, TRLA executive director. "This report shows that there was no basis for the serious accusations which LSC had made about TRLA in the past. LSC has had to abandon those charges because further investigation showed them to be false."

The LSC is a federal agency which makes grants to TRLA and 320 other private legal aid firms throughout the country. Earlier public announcements by LSC and accused TRLA of a variety of serious violations of professional ethics and LSC regulations. TRLA had described these

allegations as part of a "politically motivated hatchet job" carried out by an LSC staff of right wingers bent on undermining TRLA's legal assistance to migrant farm workers. LSC's earlier allegations do not appear in the LSC report issued last week, apparently having been dropped by LSC. "It's really a little pathetic," Hall said. "LSC found itself in an embarrassing position because it had previously made so many rash and baseless charges which turned out to be untrue."

The LSC report also found that TRLA "exhibits competency and high morale among its staff members" and that TRLA "has a high success rate in those cases in which it provides representation."

Last week's report does make a few new charges against TRLA, but Hall says these claims are "as groundless as the charges LSC has made in the past. These new allegations are only intended to hide LSC's failure to prove its previous allegations." An examination of the LSU report and TRLA's response to it shows that most of the new charges have already been answered by TRLA,

but LSC stated it would ignore TRLA's response because of a technicality. According to Hall, "the fact that LSC has had to resort to such technicalities for its allegations shows there is no basis for the charges."

"I don't think you will see LSC trying to defund TRLA on the basis of these so-called violations," says Hall, "because LSC knows the claims are bogus. LSC would end up looking a little silly, because their charges are so easy to disprove." Much of the dispute between LSC and TRLA has centered on the conduct of the investigation itself. LSC contends in its report that TRLA failed to cooperate with LSC monitors during their investigation, especially with regard to handling over documents requested by LSC. However, Hall claims that TRLA has turned over more than eight thousand documents, keeping only those documents which contain confidential client information. In addition Hall says the LSC monitoring process was biased and harassing.

Hall's criticism of LSC has been echoed by many members of Congress. For example in September of this year, Congressman Robert Kastenmeier, Chairman of the House committee which oversees LSC stated, "I continue to be concerned about the failure of LSC to efficiently, effectively, and fairly conduct monitoring and investigations. It appears that LSC funds are being wasted in the monitoring process, that many monitors are biased or unqualified, and that LSC is not releasing reports in a timely fashion." Hall notes that the investigation of TRLA involved 17 LSC monitors, cost LSC more than \$100,000.00, and required TRLA to expend more than 3500 man hours and \$50,000.00 of its own funds. "It is shocking," he said, "that LSC would divert so much time and government resources away from legal aid for the poor and into a futile search like this." Hall added, "Of course LSC is welcome anytime to engage in legitimate and unbiased monitoring of TRLA. Just as we have in the past, we plan to continue abiding by all LSC regulations and to vigorously represent our clients' legal interests."

The LSC has been the subject of controversy throughout most of the current Administration. After failing in its effort to completely eliminate funding for legal aid, the Administration appointed an LSC board which has ever since been in conflict with the legal aid firms like TRLA who actually provide client services. However, the legal aid programs have enjoyed strong support among members of Congress, including many conservative Republicans. In fact one of legal aid's strongest Congressional supporters, and a vocal critic of LSC, is Sen. Warren Rudman (R.N.H.), a leader among Senate Republicans and co-author of the Gramm-Rudman bill. Both members of Congress and state bar leaders have severely criticized the LSC for being hostile to legal aid programs and for abusing its administrative mandate. In each of the last two years, Congress has put tight restrictions on LSC's authority expressing concern that LSC was ignoring Congressional wishes.

The battle for California is over. The battle for Texas is about to begin.

Successful in their efforts to establish English as the "official" language in California through a popularly approved referendum November 4, advocates of the controversial English language-only proposal will try to establish a similar law in Texas when the state legislature convenes in January.

The Republican Party Executive Committee last week passed a resolution urging the state legislative to pass an English language-only law.

"They're serious. They'll make a big effort to make English the official language" the director of the respected Southwest Voter Research Institute told El Editor by telephone Tuesday.

According to Dr. Robert Brischetto, English language-only advocates view Hispanic-speaking persons as a threat to American cultural diversity.

"They've officially decided to go ahead with it," Brischetto said.

"English-only advocates want the state to utilize English-only laws as a means of forcing people to speak and write English."

Brischetto said the fight for passage of the proposal by the Republican Executive Committee was led by Dianna Denman, chairwoman of the state Republican party.

The chief effect of the law, if enacted, would be an attack on bilingual education, and indirectly,

such programs as oral assistance in voting and bi-lingual ballots, Brischetto said.

According to an Associated Press story released Friday, the group who persuaded the Republican Executive Committee to pass its English language-only resolution is the American Ethnic Coalition.

The group, whose membership is largely confined to Texas, has an avowed purpose "to prevent the division of America along ethnic lines."

It's chairman, Louis Zaecke of Houston, said that "Every other ethnic minority took pride in embracing English as the language of their new country. But now we are being increasingly populated by immigrants, many of them illegal, who feel entitled to be educated and live their whole lives in the language of their native countries."

Billy Toney of Acogdoches, chairman of the Democratic caucus of the American Ethnic Coalition, tried this summer and fall to push language resolutions through Democratic precinct and county conventions but failed.

"I was sandbagged by schoolteachers and professors. Bilingual teachers are fearful they might have to find a job and go to work somewhere," Toney said.

Mona Mojica, director of the Lubbock Independent School Board's bilingual education program, said she was not aware of the details of the proposal.

"The idea behind bi-lingual

education in public schools, Mojica said, "was to teach children with limited language abilities to be proficient in English."

Brischetto characterized the idea of English-language only as "absurd," and said his Institute had statistical evidence to disprove the coalition's contentions.

"Bilingual education helps people make the transition from their native language to English and is very important," He said.

The Institute Director also said that his Institute's research indicates that about 80% of Hispanics in the United States are bilingual. About one if five—17 percent, — speak Spanish only.

"About ninety percent of first generation Hispanics are proficient in English," Brischetto said.

"You can't control language. Language has a life of its own. The process of transition is long and the process is not a political decision," Brischetto said.

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### Poverty In Lubbock: Furr's Helps Food Drive



Este año el programa de levantar ropa y especialmente sacos(coats for kids) ES MUY IMPORTANTE POR ACASO DE LA ECONOMIA. Se les va a mandar una correspondencia para pedirles ayuda hacia nuestra comunidad. Cuando reciban esta solicitud hagan todo esfuerzo para ayudar. Habrá alguien quien levantará cualquiera oferta que puedan hacer.

Llamen a 741-8005 o 763-3841 para mas informacion y ayuda.

The Inter agency Action Council of Lubbock will launch a canned food drive Monday, December 1 through 5 in an effort to fight growing poverty and hunger in Lubbock, a member said Tuesday.

Carolyn Lanier said the decision to launch the canned food drive was the result of a meeting the Council held Wednesday, November 19 at the South Plains Food Bank.

Enormously increased amounts of hunger in the area have been attributed by some to agricultural problems and the collapse of crude oil and natural gas prices.

"We haven't solved the problem of increased hunger, but we're working on it," Lanier said. "People are desperate for food."

To open the drive December 1, a truck will be parked on the parking lot of the Food Emporium at 19th and Frankfort.

"All canned food donated will be matched by Furr's" Lanier said.

An earlier food distribution program was completed Monday, Lanier said. "We gave away 100,000 pounds of food yesterday. That food filled an 18-wheel rig."

Another member of the Council Louise Cummins of the city's information office, said "We've seen a tremendous increase in hunger in Lubbock this year. We're talking about people who are really hungry."

Cummins said the city has received about 900 calls for emergency food assistance this year, compared with about 450 calls a year in 1984 and 1985.

Cummins volunteered several reasons why she thought poverty was increasing.

"Even though employment figures may not show it, a lot of people are out of work. And the increase in food prices has not been matched by an increase in food-stamp value. A lot has to do with the agricultural and the oil and gas problems," Cummins said.

### ¿QUE PASA?

#### Thanksgiving Dinner for Needy

The members of the prayer group of Our Lady of Grace will be providing a Thanksgiving Dinner and Mass on that day. Mass will be at 9:30 am, and the dinner will follow immediately. Anyone knowing of needy families please contact Blas Mojica at 744-2406 or the parish at 3119 Erskine Avenue.

#### Coats for Kids

Este año el programa de levantar ropa y especialmente sacos (Coats for Kids) es muy importante por acaso de la economía. Se les va a mandar una correspondencia para pedirles ayuda hacia nuestra comunidad. Cuando reciban esta solicitud hagan todo esfuerzo para ayudar. Habrá alguien quien levantará cualquiera oferta que puedan hacer.

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#### Chamber's Christmas Party

The Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everyone to the Christmas Party for the Chamber of Commerce. The free event is for the whole community of Lubbock. Lots of entertainment will be at the function. The party will be on Tuesday December 2 at the Civic Center starting at 6-8 p.m. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

On Sunday evening, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. First Christian Church, 2323 Broadway, will host the Blackwood Brothers Quartet. The concert is open to the public. There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be received.

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# 'Bring your votes, but not your language'

Racism is such an ugly word. Therefore, one should be circumspect in its use. Excessive use over time may eventually strip the word of its ugliness, rendering it no more than a trite phrase used to describe relationships between persons of different races (e.g., "You disagree with me? That's because you're racist.")

Stripping the word of its sting makes our language and us all the poorer. There are already too many instances of social inequity and injustice that fully merit the moral condemnation of the word "racist," and we don't need to add to that list.

It is for that reason that I hesitate in branding as racist the resolution by the state's Republican Executive Committee calling for a constitutional amendment declaring English as the official language of the state. Rather than racism, I see a colossal political blunder that has Republican Hispanics aghast, and their Democratic counterparts chortling with glee.

With one "bold" stroke the Republican Party has told Hispanics that they are not welcome in their fold. The Barrera candidacy is unmasked yet again as simply an electoral ploy to divide the Hispanic vote. The GOP's political ads that

the Hispanic community and the Republican Party shared common virtues clearly did not extend to mutual respect for one another's cultural heritage and values.

Language is an integral part of any culture; legislative attempts to deny cultural fact are futile forays into fantasyland. That Proposition 63 passed in California simply reinforces that state's moniker of "Lotusland." We may refuse to recognize reality, and Republicans have the right to close their eyes to certain cultural realities in Texas. But the fact is that our cultural heritage as Texans or as Hispanics, cannot be brought to the political table and bargained away.

With the election of Bill Clements, the GOP had an excellent opportunity to make new overtures to the Hispanic community. Already in 1986 a number of Hispanics were talking about the growing maturity and sophistication of the Hispanic vote. As Hispanic educational achievement paved the road to higher incomes and to the suburbs,

it was reasoned, more Hispanics were expected to consider themselves Independent (if not Republican) voters, thus weakening the appeal of the Democratic Party.

But waving the flag with reckless



Pedro Ruiz  
Garza

abandon has dealt the GOP a grievous blow within the Hispanic community. Like voting against the Civil Rights Act, or bilingual education, or the Voting Rights Act, a resolution supporting English as the official language of the state becomes part of the public record. As such it will serve as a painful reminder for the Republican Party in the future.

Governor Clements can still repudiate the action by the executive committee of his party. The party rank and file can still refuse to endorse the action taken. Certainly,

that is the only reasonable thing to do if the GOP is serious about opening its doors to Hispanics. My guess is that neither of these actions will take place. Historically,

the GOP has welcomed Hispanics on the GOP's terms. "Bring your votes," the party chieftains seem to say, "but leave your language, your culture, and your agenda at home. We already have an agenda for you."

Lest there be any misunderstanding, as far as I can tell, Republicans want to declare English the official language of the state. They do not want to abolish Spanish. The latter would be a racist action; the former is simply stupid.

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## Roberto Rodriguez Se Enfrenta Al "Enemigo" Pardo

Por Roberto Rodriguez

Desde el momento en que descendí del avión en Managua, hasta aquél en que lo aborde nuevamente, 14 días después, para regresar a los Estados Unidos, picotearon mis sentidos dos realidades:

Las primera es que Nicaragua es una nación en la que la guerra y la paz se hallan infiltradas en todos los aspectos de la vida.

La segunda es que se trata de una nación gobernada por jóvenes.

Fui a Nicaragua en este otoño por un impulso momentáneo. No hice arreglos por adelantado. Nadie me sirvió de anfitrión ni me unió a ningún grupo o viaje gubernamental guiado. Después de haber tramitado mis credenciales de prensa, nadie me dijo a dónde tenía que ir - o a dónde no podía ir.

Por no tener automóvil, caminé mucho. También viajé en autobuses y en algunos taxis.

Durante dos semanas completas, entrevisté y hablé informalmente a estudiantes de

secundaria y universidad, maestros, músicos, periodistas, soldados, trabajadores de fábricas - en realidad, con cualquiera que deseara hablar conmigo.

En ese espacio de tiempo, no encontré ninguna hostilidad contra mí. Pero invariablemente se me pregunta por qué el gobierno de los Estados Unidos estaba haciendo la guerra a dicha nación.

Escuché quejas incontables sobre escaseces e inconvenientes. Todos los quejosos culpaban del problema al bloqueo económico estadounidense y a la guerra de los "contras", financiada por los Estados Unidos. Por hallarse descurriendo el juicio de Hasenfus, tenían a un "gringo" vivo en exhibición para verificar sus conclusiones.

Asistí a la Asamblea Nacional. Allí, los siete partidos políticos estaban debatiendo su futura constitución. La mayor parte de los miembros de la Asamblea fluctuaba entre los veinte y cuarenta años de edad. Estaban discutiendo sobre la reforma agraria y la enseñanza.

La región de San Carlos, en el sur de Nicaragua, había sido

declarada poco antes la primera de la América Latina que no tiene campesinos sin tierras, se me dijo. Y, a diferencia del régimen de Somoza, la enseñanza universitaria estaba disponible para todos. Los miembros de la asamblea estaban promulgando estos adelantos como leyes.

Como persona de origen mexicano, y siendo yo mismo joven, no pude por menos que enorgullecerme al observar a jóvenes de ambos sexos, de matrícula parda, dando forma a su propia historia.

En otra oportunidad estaba hablando con un grupo de profesionales jóvenes cuando uno de ellos dijo, casi de modo casual, que esperaba al día en que llegara la invasión de los Estados Unidos. "Yo estaba en mejor situación antes", razonó él. "Todos estábamos mejor."

Le repetí este comentario a una joven al día siguiente. Ella me dijo que había perdido a un hermano en la guerra contra los "contras".

"Soy sandinista", dijo ella. "Apoyo a la revolución. No te toca a Ud. el hacer un juicio sobre nuestra nación. Ud. no debiera de biera de ponerse de parte nuestra

ni de parte de ellos."

Después fui a un cementerio para unirme a Managua a celebrar "El Día de los Muertos". Millares de familiares estaban adornando las tumbas de sus seres queridos.

Observé el entierro emocionante de cinco soldados muertos. Me acerqué a un hombre que estaba limpiando la tumba de su hijo y le expliqué que yo era un periodista de los Estados Unidos. El me dijo que los "contras" habían matado a su hijo.

"He llorado todos los días durante tres meses", dijo él. "Desearía que Reagan me hubiera matado a mí, porque no puedo vivir con el dolor que me ha ocasionado."

El derramó la pena de su corazón, como otros que habían perdido a hijos, y que se reunieron a nosotras, escucharon y comenzaron también a hacerme preguntas. Durante una hora se me hizo rendir cuentas de todos los pecados de la administración de Reagan.

"Dile al Presidente en la Casa Blanca que somos una nación de campesinos y trabajadores. Dile que no queremos nada de guerra pero, que si él quiere invadirnos, heredará cenizas porque todos combatiremos hasta la muerte," me dijo él.

Quise detenerlo y decirle de mi oposición personal a la política de intervención del presidente, pero su dolor me hizo caer en un silencio culpable.

"Dile a la gente de donde vienes sobre todas las tumbas. Diles acerca de todas las familias." Sus palabras se quedaron conmigo cuando salí del avión en el Aeropuerto Internacional de Los Angeles.

En Nicaragua se nos culpa a los chicanos por los pecados de nuestro gobierno, mientras que aquél se nos trata como a iguales. Sin embargo, es de entre la comunidad latina que nuestro gobierno recluta a soldados pardos para que se adiestren en matar a un "enemigo" pardo.

Una persona anglo-americana puede que no comprenda qué disturbio ocasiona ésto en nuestras mentes. Pero para un chileno - para un latino - es algo que nos destruye.

(Roberto Rodriguez escribe para "Eastern Group Publications" en Los Angeles, la única cadena de periódicos bilingües propiedad de latinos en los Estados Unidos.)

We had everything going for us - the arguments, the endorsements, the strength of conviction. Everything but the money and the know-how to get out the votes and to reach our neighbors.

Our voice was drowned by a well-funded, skillfully organized national campaign that continues to persuade voters that the English language is perilously close to extinction.

Absurd? Yes. But in the California campaign it did not matter.

Are U.S. Hispanics committed to learning English?

A 1985 survey found that 98% of South Florida's Hispanics - 5% more than their non-Hispanic counterparts - felt it was important for children to read and write English perfectly. In Los Angeles County alone, there are more than 40,000 people on waiting lists for English classes. Scholars and researchers regularly challenge the contention that Hispanic immigrants are assimilating at a slower pace than earlier groups.

No symptoms of that dreaded plague "Quebecism" here, they say.

Yet the majority of U.S. citizens fear that Hispanics are encroaching on their economic, cultural linguistic turf. For that reason, the immigration law achieved its goal: to placate the public by exposing Hispanics to unwarranted employment discrimination. In the aftermath of Simpson-Rodino, we are left with a slew of ill-conceived provisions that fail to address the root cause of undocumented immigration. At the same time, the anti-discrimination remedies built into the law are not true deterrents to civil rights abuses.

Under ordinary circumstances the people if this country would shudder. But the politicians who supported the immigration bill and the voters who adopted Proposition 63 were groping for a

(Antonio Hernández is president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.)

# EL ALACRAN

"El Que Pica Con La Cola"

Ya se llega el dia de dar gracias este Jueves debemos de tomar un poquito de tiempo para dar gracias por todas las cosas buenas y maravillosas que pasan aquí en el oeste de Texas.

Podemos dar gracias porque ya se pasaron las elecciones y los políticos pueden regresar a sus costumbres familiares de ignorar todas las problemáticas y concentrar en recibir donaciones para su próxima elección.

Podemos dar gracias que electo un nuevo gobernador republicano que estamos seguros va hacer muy compadres con el Reagan y se juntaran con frecuencia para hallar nuevos modos de discriminar encontra de la raza.

Oh y podemos dar gracias que a los republicanos no se les enojó hacer el hamburger como la comida oficial de Texas haci como quieren hacer el inglés el idioma oficial de Texas.

Podemos dar gracias que aquí en Lubbock ya la organización COMA va elejir nuevos oficiales y que se ha proponido que la mitad de la mesa directiva sean gringos ya que siempre hacen tanto por nosotros y necesitamos alguien que nos de dirección.

Y podemos dar gracias que las elecciones de LULAC no son hasta Marzo y que ya es tiempo de que regresen otravez a elejir a los mismos. Se me hace que este año le toca a Desi, ya que hace varios años que no re presidente.

Y podemos dar gracias que el G.I. Forum empieza activarse para el proyecto Pancho Clos.

Y podemos dar gracias que ya se acabo el biocoteo de el Brass Banjo ya que estamos ganando bastante dinero todo los jueves en el "Dash for Cash."

Damos gracias que la KTLK no tiene aniversarios cada semana ya que ahora se ojen anunciar de algo mas que el gran Music Awards. Ahora sigue el X-Mas Party el 6 de Diciembre.

Podemos dar gracias que Luis Trejo todavía nos da la bienvenida a su programa Si Se Puede con decir "Que bueno que están con nojotros ahora."

Podemos dar gracias que nunca se saben cuando va transmitir el programa "Que Pasa" en el Canal 13....O es el 11?

Podemos dar gracias que la KLFB va celebrar su 20vo aniversario el dia 6 de Diciembre y regalaran \$2,000.00 en feria. Ademas damos gracias que la KTLK tambien va celebrar el aniversario de KLFB con un X-Mas Party.

Podemos dar gracias que Travis Ware fue electo y esta prometiendo nuevos puentes en el barrio...pero no hay rios! Pues nos promete rios tambien.

Podemos dar gracias que el Consejo de la ciudad esta considerando pagarse mas dinero por el trabajo que no hacen.

Podemos dar gracias que el Consejo de la Ciudad ya no esta considerando renombrar la calle Quirt por el heroe Martin Luther King ya que les hicieron un puente nuevo para que se les olvidara a la gente.

Podemos dar gracias que ya se finalizaron los planes para hacer un camino grande por la calle 4, islando mas a las comunidades del norte y el este.

Podemos dar gracias que las compañias de Impact, Pulse y Tillie piensan que el pueblo9 se acaba en la Avenida H.

Podemos dar gracias que Bidal no tiene su carrito color de sada descolorida aqui en Lubbock. Sino, no lo quitarnos de la calle.

Podemos dar gracias que este Alacran nomas escribe una vez por semana ya que el resto de la semana se puede descansar y olvidarnos de todo.

Por todo esto damos gracias y damos mas gracias que creanlo o no, este Alacran va acabo.







Above, Ervin Farris romps 15 yards through Houston's defense for a touchdown at Jones Stadium. Right, Texas coach Fred Akers, who might be fired after the Longhorns' Thanksgiving battle with the Aggies. David McWilliams has been rumored as Akers' replacement.

As the game-clock wound down Saturday afternoon at Jones Stadium, a group of smiling men waited on the sidelines in front of the southeast ramp that leads to the Texas Tech locker room.

Among the group were Tech president Lauro Cavazos and athletic director T. Jones. Also among the group was Independence Bowl Association President Tracy Jackson.

When the final gun sounded moments later to end Tech's 34-7 whipping of the Houston Cougars, the men hustled up the ramp ahead of the smiling, waving Raiders.

Inside the joyous locker room, Jackson asked Tech coach David McWilliams a question: "Would Texas Tech University accept an invitation to the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., on December 20?"

"Ask President Cavazos," McWilliams answered, above the

shouts of his team.

Turning to Jackson, Cavazos said, "On behalf of Texas Tech University and its great football team, we accept."

The bowl invitation capped a comeback season for the Raiders, who had not won more games than they lost in a season since 1978.

The victory was especially sweet for first-year coach McWilliams and his team because Tech had been soundly beaten by Miami, Baylor, and Texas A&M early in the season.

But the Raiders grimly travelled to Fayetteville on October 11 and soundly whipped the high-ranking Arkansas Razorbacks, 21-7. That victory turned around the season. After their Arkansas victory, the Raiders beat Rice, Texas, TCU and Houston to earn their first bowl invitation since 1977.

A pre-season basketball poll conducted by Mel Greenburg of the Philadelphia Inquirer this week ranked Texas Tech's women twentieth in the nation.

	W	L	T	Pts	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GP
1. Texas (57)	34-0	1,272	1	27-5	1,061	9	4			
2. La. Tech (2)	24-10	1,045	15	24-8	1,038	7	1			
3. Tennessee (2)	24-10	1,032	3	24-5	1,032	3				
4. Auburn (2)	29-6	854	10	29-5	854	10				
5. Southern Cal	29-5	852	9	29-5	852	9				
6. Rutgers	29-5	850	10	29-5	850	10				
7. Long Beach St. (1)	29-5	816	8	22-7	758	14				
8. Iowa	29-5	816	8	26-5	755	6				
9. Virginia	29-5	816	8	26-2	557	2				
10. Georgia	27-6	593	9	27-6	593	9				
11. Louisiana St.	27-5	583	-	15-13	583	-				
12. Old Dominion	32-4	567	5	32-4	567	5				
13. W. Kentucky	31-5	442	13	31-5	442	13				
14. Penn St.	24-9	400	11	24-9	400	11				
15. Mississippi	23-7	372	12	23-7	372	12				
16. Ohio St.	17-13	291	-	17-13	291	-				
17. Maryland	14-17	225	-	14-17	225	-				
18. San Diego St.	28-4	111	17	21-9	102	-				
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### SWC Standings

x-Texas A&M	Conference			All Games						
	W	L	T	Pts	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GP
x-Texas A&M	6	1	0	263	114	8	2	0	344	184
Arkansas	6	2	0	204	114	8	3	0	303	147
Baylor	6	2	0	221	146	8	3	0	303	198
Texas Tech	5	3	0	188	173	7	4	0	254	248
SMU	5	3	0	185	162	6	5	0	245	282
Texas	4	3	0	167	126	5	5	0	226	229
Rice	1	6	0	116	255	3	7	0	161	317
TCU	1	7	0	156	299	3	7	0	159	376
Houston	0	7	0	67	180	1	9	0	112	253
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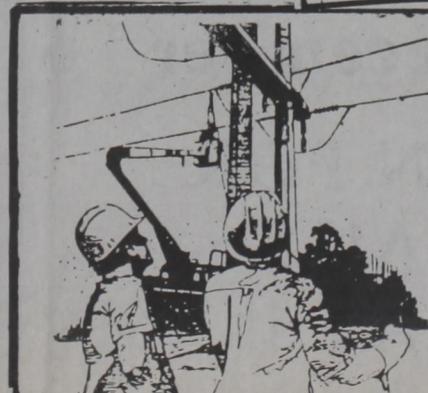
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San Antonio's Community Cultural Arts Organization created this outdoor mural showing Cortez meeting Montezuma in Mexico. (Community Cultural Arts Organization)

## THE TEXAS EXPERIENCE

### Murals as Public Art

Graffiti and gray surfaces have disappeared behind brightly colored celebrations of community history and identity in Mexican American neighborhoods throughout Texas. From San Antonio to Del Rio, Austin to Fort Worth, McAllen to El Paso, vivid murals proclaim that the art of the public persevere, historian Maria Cristina Garcia says.

The murals are not all alike in style or theme, Garcia says. They may grace the walls of public housing units, neighborhood schools, and churches, or even the office buildings and supermarkets where the *barrio* does business. What they have in common is the community's interest and pride in its Mexican American heritage.

Community murals are not new. They represent the revival of an art form long an integral part of the history and culture of Mexico, Garcia says.

Before the Spanish conquest of the Americas, the Aztecs and the Mayans documented the glories of their civilizations through murals.

Early in this century, artists Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco, and David Alfaro Siqueiros used murals to promote the social and political ideals of the Mexican Revolution.

Inspired by this artistic tradition, many Mexican Americans have turned to mural painting for a creative outlet and to communicate their ideas to a broader audience.

The murals may be the creation of one talented individual or of an organization, Garcia explains. A single artist, Raul Valdez, has designed most of the murals of East Austin, for instance. Valdez spends time talking with the residents of East Austin, who provide him with most of the ideas for his murals. Because they will have to see his murals every day, Valdez makes sure the murals speak to the community and reflect the character of life there.

The neighborhoods have enthusiastically received his murals, and he is never without volunteers to assist him with the painting. Valdez believes the participation is as important as the finished art.

In San Antonio, the Community Cultural Arts Organization (CCAO) is responsible for the more than 80 murals throughout the city's Westside, Garcia says. Historian Ricardo Romo notes that it was Anastacio Torres' dream in the late 1970s to put color and content into walls filled with graffiti. Only one week after he

painted a mural dedicated to the farm-workers at a housing project near his high school, he was astonished to find it spoiled by the work of graffiti vandals. He then showed a dozen teenagers a large blank wall one hot July morning and the mural movement got its start in San Antonio, Romo says.

Unable to afford scaffolds to paint the upper parts of the 12-foot high mural, the artists stood on the roof of Torres' car. They plotted the design of the mural early each morning, then improvised as they went along. Romo says that Torres painted some sections, but his crew looked to him primarily to organize the daily activities, which included keeping the paint cans filled. Color was not critical; house paint and automobile paints were frequently mixed. The results, however, were impressive.

The mural portrays the history of Mexico and the emergence of the Mexican American culture, Romo adds. The motifs include an erupting volcano, an eagle perched on a cactus, and an Aztec warrior.

When residents of the Cassiano Homes across the street took notice, Torres began the CCAO, a nonprofit organization dedicated to muralism. The murals of Cassiano Homes have dramatically altered the cultural landscape of the community, some featuring Christ on the Cross, Cesar Chavez, and the Virgin of Guadalupe, with colorings of sunset hues, reds, purples and blues predominating. Once the murals are complete, all the residents are invited to participate in the celebration.

Most Mexican American muralists are not artists in the professional sense, Garcia points out. Very few of them have had artistic training, and even fewer have contemplated careers in art. Most of their materials are donated, and they work for no pay. The muralists paint for a variety of reasons, but they all share a commitment to their community.

One of the most important elements of Mexican American muralism is that it is public art, Garcia asserts, something that reflects the lives and experiences of the local people. Consequently, the community takes great pride in its outdoor museum.

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## Un Rayito De Luz

Por Sofia Martinez  
Un Rayito De Luz

Hay enfermedades que son del alma. Pero sufre el cuerpo, y la ciencia no les encuentra remedio. Mas bien, se nesecita sabiduria. Y si no, vean este cuento: Era un rey poderoso, que habia ganado muchas batallas y conquistado muchas tierras y muchos reinos. Y tenia michisimo dinero. Pero se enfermo gravemente el rey. No hubo ni un doctor, ni curandero ni científico, ni remedio, ni yerba que lo pudiera curar de aquello... Desesperados, fueron a buscar al sabio de la montaña. Y... ese hombre vino a ver al desde lo mas alto de la montaña (dice el cuento que en aquellas montañas duermen las nubes). El sabio miro al rey en los ojos y le dijo: Esto que usted tiene no es mal de la sangre, ni de los huesos, ni de la carne. Esto es cosa del alma. Pero tiene remedio: Y es ni mas ni menos, que "La camisa sudada de un hombre feliz". Todos se quedaron sorprendidos, pero como no tenian otro remedio, luego luenguita se fueron a buscar al hombre feliz de la camisa sudada. Primero fueron a ver a los elegantes líderes del ejercito. Pero esos, nomas eran elegantes, no eran felices. Luego fueron a buscar a los banqueros. Y esos... ni eran felices, ni sudaban las camisas. Y lo mismo paso con los sacerdotes y ministros, y maestros y doctores. Todos tenian problemas y no eran felices ni sudaban las camisas. Los pobrecitos mandaderos del rey se fueron muy tristes a llevar la mala noticia, mientras decian: No sera posible encontrar a alguien... que sude... y que sea feliz? En ese momento escucharon a alguien que cantaba: "Yo soy feliz, hoy he ganado el pan con mi sudor y mi trabajo, con carino y con afan". Y corrieron muy aprisa a buscar al que estaba contando. Era un herrero... Herrero eres feliz? Claro que soy feliz. Y sudas? Todo el tiempo. Puedes darnos tu camisa? No way... La nesecitamos para curar al rey. No Miran que no

## Pastoral del Vaticano Sobre la Homosexualidad

Washington, (ConPress)—El Vaticano ha presentado una Pastoral sobre la Homosexualidad, redactada por la Congregacion para la Doctrina de la Fe, cuyo enfasis estam mas que en cuestiones doctrinales, "en el modo de tratar de curar las almas de los invertidos," segun afirmaciones de de un portavoz del Vaticano.

La problematica doctrinal y etica de la homosexualidad ya fue tratada con extension en un documento aparecido durante el pontificado de Paulo VI en 1975.

El nuevo documento no cambia la base doctrinal reafirmada por Juan Pablo II en 1979, durante su viaje a EE.UU., cuando afirmo ante los obispos que "el comportamiento homosexual en cuanto distinto de la orientacion sexual, es moralmente deshonesto."

Algunos especialistas en temas religiosos estiman que el nuevo documento expone de forma mas articulada los aspectos referentes

a la pastoral del homosexual, como algo especifico.

En lo que parece ser una clara alusion al SIDA, el Vaticano dijo que "la homosexualidad puede amenazar las vidas de importantes cantidades de personas."

Por su parte, el director ejecutivo de la Organizacion Nacional de Lesbianas y Homosexuales, Jeffrey Levi senalo que "la Iglesia, que esta supuesta a dar compasion y cuidado a aquellas personas que sufren este terrible tipo de enfermedad, adopta una posicion que en lugar de brindar soluciones a la crisis del SIDA, la empeora mas."

La pastoral enviada a mas de 3,000 obispos de todo el mundo, ofrece ademas una serie de recomendaciones acerca de como los sacerdotes pueden asistir a los homosexuales, pero se insiste en el reconocimiento de la corrupcion del acto homosexual como primer

tengo ni camisa?... Era muy pobre pero era muy Feliz... Y se fueron mas tristes que antes, llegaron con el rey y le contaron lo que les habia pasado. El rey entendio en ese momento cual era el mal que le tenia envenenada su alma. Y comenzó a ordenar que repartieran todas sus riquezas a los pobres, para que todos

### Stroh Wholesalers To Distribute Navidad En El Barrio Gifts

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"The participation of Stroh wholesalers in the Navidad en el

Barrio project solidifies The Stroh Brewery Company's commitment to the Los Angeles community and especially our Hispanic neighbors," said Bonnie Garcia, Stroh national manager of Hispanic Market Development. "We commend them for their involvement since this support will make the holidays more enjoyable for many families."

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