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## Three Democrats File for County Commissioner Precinct 3 Position

Unless there is a new development in the Texas redistricting debacle, there will be a Democratic and Republican Primary Election on May 29.

The reopened candidate filing period came to a close on Friday March 9; a day that produced no surprises on the Democratic side; but did result in a challenger to US Rep Randy Neugebauer.

But once again, the county race which will probably generate more interest in the community will be the Precinct 3 County Commissioner's race. And there is a possibility that the race may become one of the most divisive political races in recent times.

Already, different sources have told El Editor that two of the candidates had a minor unpleasant encounter at a recent community event.

In this race, incumbent Gilbert Flores, who is seeking another 4 year term, filed for reelection as expected and will face two

challengers in the Democratic Primary; they are



Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeno and Richard Cavallo.

With 3 candidates, the Precinct 3 race has the potential of ending up in a runoff as it did in 2008. That year Flores was forced into a runoff against then Democratic incumbent Ysidro Gutierrez.

Flores won that runoff election with 53.6% of the

vote. If this primary ends in a runoff, that election would be held on July 31st. The winner will then face the Republican nominee; in this case, Republican Ysidro Gutierrez.

Gutierrez switched parties a few months after losing to Flores in 2008 and is running for the position unopposed in the Republican Primary.

And although no Democrats filed for the 19th Congressional District Democratic

nomination, Republican Congressman Randy Neugebauer will not get a free ride, as he has in the past few elections. Neugebauer is being challenged in the Republican



Primary by Lubbock County Republican Party Chair

Chris Winn. Readers may recall that it was Neugebauer who caused some embarrassment to himself for his outburst on the House floor when he yelled the words "baby killer" during the health care

debate last year.

Winn resigned his position as Republican Party Chair in order to run for the position. Neugebauer has represented the 19th Congressional District since winning a special election runoff in June of 2003 to replace Larry Combest.

Other county races of interest to the community will be the constable race where incumbent Marina Garcia will face off against Richard Arellano Mendez.

The Lubbock County Democratic Party Chair is also open since current Chair Pam Brink will not seek reelection. Kenny Ketter who has served in several capacities in the organization is running unopposed.

The last day to register to vote for the May 12 city election is April 12 and the last day to register to vote for the May 29 Primary Election is April 30. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

## Department of Justice Rejects Texas Photo Voter ID Law



The Voting Rights Act of 1965 signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson, was intended to outlaw discriminatory voting practices that had been put in place in Southern states since the end of the Civil War. Texas was one of those states.

Some of the practices included requiring citizens to take a literacy test before being eligible to vote. Another required Texans who were eligible to vote, to pay a poll tax; anywhere from \$1.50 to \$1.75 to register to vote.

That historical background information is important to know in order to understand why many Democrats believe that the Photo Voter ID law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011 is just another one of those discriminatory voting practices designed to suppress the Hispanic vote.

This past Monday, the US Department of Justice who has to pre-clear any law that changes the way the state administrators its elections process, declined pre-clearance. In simpler terms, it rejected the effort by the state to implement the new law.

In a letter to state officials, the DOJ pointed out that "Hispanic registered voters in Texas were either 46.5 percent or 120 percent more likely than (the) average voter to lack a form of photo to ID". This was according to data the state submitted to DOJ.

As expected, Texas state officials were not happy that the law had not been cleared. They quickly announced that they would ask a panel of judges to allow the law to be implemented. A hearing is expected to be held this week.

As of now, with the matter in the hands of the courts, it won't be known for a while whether the new law will be implemented in time to impact the city elections or the state primaries in May. El Editor will follow this story closely and report more on it in the coming weeks as new developments arise. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

## Ybarra Draws Two Challengers in LISD School Board Race



The Lubbock school board race likely to attract

the most attention this election cycle will be the District 1 race with Trustee Mario Ybarra facing two challengers this time around.

One of those candidates, Oralia "Lala" Chavez ran against Ybarra in 2008, a race that Chavez lost by a margin of 56% to 44% of the vote.

Gwen Reyna, the other candidate, is a newcomer to school board politics. Reyna is mostly known in the community for oppos-



ing last year's closing of Tubbs Elementary School. She was a vocal opponent of the closing and spoke in front of the LISD Board against it. Reyna told the board that, "We didn't have enough time to prepare.

Had we had enough time I think it would have changed we would have gotten a lot more petitions, we would have gotten the community involved."

Here is the complete list of candidates: District One Incumbent Trustee:

- Mario Ybarra
- Gwen Reyna
- Oralia "Lala" Chavez
- District Two
- Vernita Woods-Holmes is running unopposed
- District Three

- Mark Blankenship
- Eddie Kirkpatrick
- District Five
- Dan Pope
- Sara Duncan
- At-Large Seat
- Melissa Collier
- Ruby Tanner

The school board elections will be held in conjunction with city of Lubbock elections on May 12. The last day to register to vote for the May 12 election is April 12. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

## Texas abrirá centro de detención para inmigrantes

Un nuevo centro de detención para la retención de inmigrantes infractores abrirá en unas tres semanas en Texas.

Según las autoridades, el nuevo centro de 608 camas responde a la promesa del gobierno del presidente Barack Obama de reformar el sistema carcelario.

Aunque el centro del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas cuenta con fuertes medidas de seguridad, como puertas que se cierran electrónicamente y ventanas con cristales reforzados, las autoridades insisten en que no es una prisión. El centro para detenidos de bajo riesgo costó \$32

millones y está en la ciudad de Karnes, a unos 96 kilómetros (60 millas) de San Antonio. Las autoridades mostraron las instalaciones en los reporteros el martes.

Los guardias no portan espadas, no hay un muro alrededor y el exterior está pintado de vivos colores azul marino y vino. Los dormitorios tienen cuatro literas, baño privado, televisión y teléfono para llamadas internacionales por sólo 15 centavos de dólar por minuto.

Tampoco hay una política para apagar las luces en la



noche y los residentes son libres de recorrer áreas comunes en el tiempo que está designado para dormir. Otros servicios incluyen 117 teléfonos de paga y ac-

ceso gratuito a internet para los detenidos.

Algunos conservadores opinan que los criminales están siendo mimados. Hace tres años la Casa Blanca prometió repensar las políticas de detención después de

las demandas de 2007 por violación a las libertades civiles presentadas por familias de detenidos en un centro de reclusión para inmigrantes en el centro de

Texas. El nuevo lugar fue construido con reformas más humanas en mente y permite a los detenidos más movimiento sin estar custodiados, más opciones recreativas y más contacto con visitantes.

Sin embargo, los activistas se preguntan si será suficiente con construir un nuevo edificio.

Las autoridades están equipando otros centros de detención en California, Virginia y Nueva Jersey para que sean parecidas a la de Karnes y también están construyendo centros más restrictivos en Florida e Illinois para detenidos de riesgo alto y medio.

# Comentarios y Opiniones

## LA POSICIÓN DE LOS CANDIDATOS REPUBLICANOS EN LOS TEMAS DE INTERÉS A LOS VOTANTES LATINOS

# Double Standards are Alive and Well

*Por Graciela Nevarez Hispanic Link News Service*

La inmigración estará entre las prioridades de los votantes hispanos, pero no es el único tema de su interés. Hispanic Link News Service ha recopilado una serie de temas de mayor importancia para los hispanos, y ha determinado la posición que toma referente a los mismos cada uno de los pretendidos republicanos a la presidencia: Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich y Rick Santorum.

**EMPLEO**

El índice de desempleo entre los hispanos sugiere del 10.5% al 10.7% en estas fechas de diciembre. En los Estados Unidos el índice ha bajado desde su auge de 13.2% en noviembre del 2010, sin embargo los hispanos siguen a la zaga del 8.3%.

ROMNEY ha prometido crear 11 millones de empleos en un plazo de cuatro años, reducir las regulaciones gubernamentales, ampliar el libre comercio y desarrollar recursos energéticos si resulta ser el próximo presidente. Dijo el 31 de enero que durante la primaria en la Florida que quiere crear empleos para los hispanos, en particular para los empresarios.

GINGRICH quiere reducir los impuestos, pagar las empresas para promover la creación de empleos, fortalecer el dólar, revertir leyes que aumenten los impuestos e implementar políticas que ayudarán a crear empleos en la industria energética. Reconoció el 24 de enero que a los hispanos "les ha golpeado particularmente duro" la economía y que su plan económico está diseñado para ayudar a los hispanos.

SANTORUM piensa reducir los niveles impositivos sobre las corporaciones, recortar impuestos para las empresas manufactureras, limitar más para obtener petróleo y gas, y ampliar las regulaciones ambientales gubernamentales. El 2 de febrero se comprometió a crear empleos para hispanos, asiáticos y negros, pero no ofreció un plan específico de cómo lo haría.

**EDUCACIÓN**

Los hispanos continúan con uno de los índices más bajos de la nación en cuanto a la graduación de la secundaria y el logar títulos universitarios. Se calcula que un 5.8% de hispanos entre los 15 y 24 años de edad dejan la escuela secundaria cada año, comparado con un 4.8% de negros y un 2.4% de blancos. Entre 1975 y el 2010, el 13% de hispanos, el 19% de negros y el 39% de blancos dejó la escuela secundaria.

El plan educativo de ROMNEY incluye pedir que las escuelas y los maestros rindan cuentas, y si de otro incentivo para el éxito y permite que los padres envíen a los hijos a escuelas públicas, charter o privadas. En un momento, Romney respaldó el desahucio del Departamento de Educación Federal. No ha esbozado ningún plan específico referente a los intereses hispanos en cuanto a la educación.

GINGRICH quiere reformar el Departamento de Educación Federal, limitar sus regulaciones, y otorgar mayor poder a los estados. "Piensa crear un programa a estilo de los subsidios de Pell", dijo Pell, que autoriza a los padres, a elegir dónde estudiarán sus hijos, o bien en una escuela pública, privada o charter, o con instrucción en casa. Gingrich no ha dicho cómo desea dirigirse a la brecha educativa de los hispanos.

SANTORUM quiere limitar los poderes del Departamento de Educación Federal, y dice que las comunidades locales y los padres de familia deberían tener potestad sobre la educación pública, apoyando la instrucción en casa. Voto a favor de Que Ningún Niño Quede Atrás.

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pero ahora se opone a esta legislación. No ha esbozado ningún plan específico para atender temas de educación entre los hispanos.

**EL SISTEMA DE SALUD**

Los hispanos tienen el índice más alto de personas sin seguro médico en los Estados Unidos. Una encuesta de Gallup en el 2009, calculó que un 41.7% carece de seguro médico, comparado con el promedio nacional de 16.9%. Los hispanos cuentan con los noches más bajos de cuidados preventivos y sufre de condiciones médicas serias, como enfermedades del corazón, el cáncer, diabetes, enfermedades, diabetes y asma, las cuales podrían limitarse o prevenir con cuidados preventivos a tiempo.

ROMNEY, GINGRICH y SANTORUM dicen que reversionar la ley de los cuidados médicos nacional, conocida con frecuencia por "Obamacare". Al eliminar la ley, que tiene un período con legislación firmada por Romney en 2006 como gobernador de Massachusetts, millones de hispanos quedarían sin cobertura de seguros médicos, incluido Ramón Castañeda, profesor asociado de educación de la salud en la San Francisco State University.

ROMNEY quiere implementar reformas que permitirían a los estados autorizar a los estados a elegir su propio sistema de cuidados médicos, elevar la edad de la jubilación para recibir beneficios del Seguro Social y dar a los de la ciudadanía el derecho de comprar seguro privado de salud por "Obamacare".

GINGRICH respaldó dar a las personas la opción de tener una cuenta personal para el Seguro Social, quiere prohibir que las compañías de seguros cancelen o cobren a los asegurados que se enfermen y apoyar a ayudar a individuos con el costo del seguro médico mediante créditos impositivos o deducciones. Quiere hacerle cambios a Medicare, con límites al control gubernamental y permitir que los beneficiarios opten por la estructura actual del programa o una opción privada.

SANTORUM quiere reemplazar el "Obamacare" con alternativas de mercado, centradas en el paciente, las cuales dice ayudarán a abrir el acceso y bajar los costos. Al igual que Romney, Santorum quiere reformar el programa de Medicare, y reemplazarlo con un programa de cupones. Bajo el plan que propone, se reorientaría el programa de Medicare educando en el 2014.

**EL INGLÉS COMO LENGUA INCA**

La mayoría de los hispanos están en el campo de las leyes que promueven el inglés como lengua única, las cuales prohíben que algunos gobiernos ofrezcan información en lenguas que no sean el inglés.

ROMNEY, GINGRICH y SANTORUM están todos a favor de hacer que el inglés sea el idioma oficial de la nación y de eliminar papeletas de votación bilingües, lo cual requería emendar la ley de los estados.

**EDUCACIÓN BILINGÜE**

Los datos más recientes indican que el 72% de los hispanos está a favor de la educación bilingüe, comparado con el 53% de los hispanos estadounidenses. El 73% de los negros también está a favor de la educación bilingüe.

ROMNEY, GINGRICH y SANTORUM se oponen a la legislación. Santorum se opone a la legislación. Su plan incluye asegurar la frontera, ampliar el sistema legal de inmigración, mayor esfuerzos por atraer a inmigrantes con educación y con tendencias empresariales, crear un programa de trabajadores invitados y ayudar a

TORUM está a favor de reprogramar la educación bilingüe con temas de inmigración en inglés. Gingrich dijo en el 2007 que el español es "la lengua de la vida en el ghetto" y que la gente debería aprender la lengua de la prosperidad."

**SEGURIDAD FRONTERIZA**

Según una encuesta del 28 de diciembre del 2009, calculó que un 41.7% de los hispanos y el 43% del público en general están a favor tanto de mejorar la seguridad de la frontera como de crear un camino hacia la legislación para los inmigrantes indocumentados. Solo el 10% de los hispanos y el 29% del público general dicen que habría que hacer prioridad de la seguridad de la frontera y fortalecer la aplicación de las leyes de inmigración, como mecanismo para atender el tema de la inmigración legal.

ROMNEY, GINGRICH y SANTORUM dicen que debería ser el tema principal de la nación el fortalecer la seguridad de la frontera antes de considerar ninguna reforma migratoria. ROMNEY dice que está a favor de fragar una valla segura con tecnología. GINGRICH se compromete a levantar una valla doble a lo largo de la frontera para fines del 2013, si resulta el próximo presidente.

ROMNEY se opone a reprogramar los recursos de las agencias del orden.

**INMIGRACIÓN**

Los votantes hispanos están conscientes del problema que enfrentan los inmigrantes indocumentados. Una encuesta en junio del 2011 de Gallup Latino Decisions reveló que el 53% de votantes hispanos cree al menos a una persona indocumentada y que un cuarto cree que es un peligro para el país.

El 2011, el 81% de los 11.2 millones de inmigrantes indocumentados es hispano.

ROMNEY está en contra de la legislación de los inmigrantes indocumentados y apoya la "auto deportación", la cual implica que a crear y aplicar leyes migratorias más severas, los inmigrantes indocumentados detentan por su propio cuenta el país. Quiere ser severo con las empresas que contratan a trabajadores indocumentados y está a favor de que los estados implementen sus propias leyes migratorias, tales como lo que se ha hecho en Arizona, Alabama y Georgia.

GINGRICH promueve una manera más humanitaria de atender la inmigración legal. Está a favor de un camino hacia la residencia legal, pero no hacia la ciudadanía, para los inmigrantes indocumentados. Su plan incluye mayor control de la frontera, un programa de trabajadores invitados, y un sistema modernizado de visas y depósitos. Gingrich dice que el plan de "auto deportación" de Romney sólo es viable para los inmigrantes indocumentados que hayan vivido aquí poco tiempo, pero no lo es para los que tienen fuertes vínculos con el país.

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los estados y a las autoridades locales a aplicar las leyes migratorias.

**LAW DREAM**

Hay 21 millones de jóvenes inmigrantes indocumentados, principalmente hispanos, quienes se beneficiarían de la ley DREAM, un proyecto de ley que les crea un camino a la legalización si completan dos años de universidad o de servicio militar. Una encuesta el 26 de febrero de Latino Decisions indicó que el 85% de los latinos y a mayoría del público general están a favor de esta legislación, mientras que ROMNEY, GINGRICH y SANTORUM se oponen a ella, diciendo que sólo apoyan la opción militar. Los tres se oponen a permitir que los inmigrantes indocumentados paguen matrícula universitaria al nivel de los residentes estatales.

**ENLACE CON LOS HISPANOS**

La severa retórica de los candidatos republicanos y su oposición a temas de importancia para los hispanos perjudican sus posibilidades de encontrar apoyo entre este grupo de votantes, concuerdan los analistas políticos. Los grupos a favor de los derechos de los hispanos. Algunos aseveran que el perjuicio es irreversible.

ROMNEY ha emitido material de campaña en español, pero su página web no tiene contenido en español. El 6 de enero en la Florida emitió una propaganda por televisión en español y asistió a la conferencia de la Hispanic Leadership Network.

GINGRICH se ha esbozado más que los otros en la voz de promoción que formó hace siete años, llamado National Hispanic Inclusion, está movilizando a hispanos los coordinadores de enlace. Se ha reunido con dirigentes hispanos y religiosos, tiene una página web de campaña en español llamado nev-presidente.com, con una cuenta "Twitter" en español, y una publicación diaria en español titulada "Lincoln Diaz-Balart". El 19 de enero en la Florida, Gingrich emitió una propaganda de radio en español en la que dijo que Romney era "el candidato más común de los inmigrantes".

SANTORUM es el que menos ha hecho por llegar a los hispanos. Su campaña no ha producido material de propaganda en español. No obstante, Santorum fue el ganador por consenso de un debate republicano hispano el 26 de febrero.

**RESPALDO POLÍTICO**

ROMNEY cuenta con el respaldo de representantes de la Florida, Mario Díaz-Balart e Ileana Ros-Lehtinen y ex representante Lincoln Díaz-Balart.

También ha recibido el respaldo de políticos que han abogado por medidas extremas, muchas veces inconstitucionales, para reducir el flujo de inmigrantes. Se han reunido el gobernador de Arizona, Jan Brewer, secretario del estado de Kansas, Kris Kobach y ex gobernador de California, Pete Wilson.

GINGRICH tiene el respaldo de más de una docena de hispanos, incluyendo al representante David Rivera (republicano por la Florida) y Abdir Zappan, presidente de la Cámara de Comercio ELUM, México.

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Last week we editorialized about how a good number of Lubbock residents are so afraid of President Obama winning reelection that they have thrown all reason out the window and are loading up on guns, more guns, and ammunition.

They hold the second amendment dear to their hearts as if their lives depend on it. We just happen to think that they are misguided in their belief that Obama is out to get their guns.

Or could it be they have other reasons for their behavior? But it does occur to us that in the area of personal rights, that the very same people who say that they will give up their guns only when they are tried from their "cold, dead hands" are out of the same political and religious cloth as those who tell women what they can or cannot do in their personal lives.

They also appear to belong to the same political party. You know, the one that preaches that they want less government in your life, yeah, that one.

Recently, much discussion has been centered on the issue of contraception and whether certain employer's health insurance plans should be required to cover the cost of birth control pills. This became a huge issue a few weeks ago involving the Catholic Church whose leadership called it an assault on "religious freedom".

But what we fail to understand is how gun owners for example say they don't want their guns taken away because owning a gun is their God given right. But yet they don't but an eye when telling a woman what she should do when faced with an unplanned pregnancy or calling someone a slut because they happen to be advocating that insurance companies pay for birth control pills. Aren't those personal rights and personal choices?

We wonder how men who happen to use certain erectile dysfunction drugs would feel if their insurance didn't cover the costs or if they had to go through invasive procedures before being allowed to use them. Or what about men who choose to get a vasectomy as a form of contraception; does the procedure require anything of them before they can have the procedure done?

And by the way, ever notice how there are plenty of unsavory names for women who advocate for this type of legislative action, names like "slut" and "prostitute" which Rush Limbaugh used recently to describe a young woman who was testifying on the issue? As for men who engage in that kind of activity, well, they are called sluts.

Double standard; what else can you call it? As much as we think women have progressed in our society there is still a ways to go. These types of incidents are a sure sign that double standards are alive and well; especially in the minds of people like Rush Limbaugh and his apostles and bigoted worshippers who use them to advance their own right wing ideology.

In this case, we couldn't agree more with an Ohio Democratic State Representative who has introduced a bill to show just how absurd these things are and to point out how men aren't subjected to the same things as women.

The bill calls for the following:

1. Men who want to take Viagra must meet with a sex therapist to discuss their decision.
2. They must undergo a cardiac stress test to determine the safety of the drug on their own bodies.
3. Anyone serious about taking the drug must visit a notary public and have their signature notarized; that gives the man the right to purchase the drug.
4. After a patient is taking the drug they must stick with regular counseling and be provided with information about "pursuing celibacy as a viable lifestyle choice."

We think that if the middle aged and elderly men who think they know best and pass the laws that tend to strip women of their personal freedoms and rights to privacy and freedom of thought if they were subjected to the same kind of absurd laws that they subject women to.

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## Verifying Birth Status of Newborns Could Cost Parents \$1,200 - \$2,200

By Margaret Stock  
In recent years, calls to change the Fourteenth Amendment's Citizenship Clause — which guarantees US citizenship to most US-born babies — have been a regular feature of the political landscape. A change to the Citizenship Clause specifically appeals to those who have not considered the implications of verifying the immigration or citizenship status of newborn children. Even Advocates have proposed a variety of ways to change the Fourteenth Amendment, ranging from a Constitutional Amendment, to a statute or an interstate compact. Paganides of the method, repeating birthright citizenship would turn every birth into an affidavit event for parents, as they would be required to pay government fees and hire attorneys to prove their children are indeed US citizens. BRACE FOR CONSEQUENCES! Such proposals would also create many more unauthorized immigrant children, potentially

call into question the legal status of those being called into citizenship; cause additional financial problems for Social Security and prove problematic for the states. In Texas, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a prominent Republican who is has been one proponent of these proposals. One of Mr. Kobach's proposals to change the Fourteenth Amendment would call into question whether a parent is a US citizen and eligible for the Presidency, because both of child born in the United States each year and a new study for the National Education

for American Policy (NEAP), I provide estimates of how much a full cost US parents if the Amendment is changed. My conclusion that the change would result in a tax of between \$600 and \$1,600 to every child. These costs would include approximately \$600 in government fees to prove the citizenship status of each baby and likely an additional \$600 to \$1,000 in legal fees. The cost of the change would be \$2.2 billion a year, based on current estimates. This change would little to deter immigrants to the United States.

ROMNEY's parents apparently held citizenship laws to be sacred. In the 1960s, and his mother (the United Kingdom). McCain OBAMA FAILED SUITS In the 2008 Presidential campaign, both John McCain and Barack Obama faced lawsuits over their citizenship and their eligibility for the Presidency. Lucky for both candidates, they had the financial resources to challenge the lawsuits. In the 1960s, most US and the residents of the territory immigration. Most of every baby born in the United States each year are staggering. Policymakers should be extremely cautious about making changes to the Constitution that will likely to spend many lives, cause great uncertainty and add to overruns, and create new government bureaucracies. There are a number of smart ways to solve our nation's immigration problems. Changing the Fourteenth Amendment certainly is not one of them.

(Margaret Stock, immigration and citizenship lawyer, has written for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Los Angeles, LA*, *Center for her care of (www.lawpeople.com)*

## League of Women Voters Applauds Department of Justice and Court Actions Protecting Voter Rights in Texas and Wisconsin

Washington, DC - "After many months of assault on voting rights in states around the country, the League of Women Voters (LWV) lauds two decisions on Monday that will protect the voting rights in Wisconsin and Texas and ensure that their voters will vote and have their votes counted in the upcoming elections," said Elisabeth MacNamera, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States. "These decisions are a landmark step toward efforts that could impact eligible voters in many other states."

A decision was announced yesterday in a case brought by the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Wisconsin that granted a permanent injunction against implementation of the nation's most restrictive voter photo ID law. Judge Richard Nease eloquently stated the potential danger to our democracy in these laws in his decision when he wrote, "The defendants' argument that the fundamental right to vote must yield to legislative fiat turns our constitutional scheme of democratic government upside down on its head. "We are proud of our work to fight back against this undemocratic law and defend voters' rights." It had been credibly demonstrated that Wisconsin citizens could be disenfranchised by this draconian law. We are aware that the judge's ruling will be appealed but are confident that they will prevail," said Melanie Ramsey, President of the LWV of Wisconsin.

"Yesterday was also a landmark day because the Department of Justice (DOJ) denied Texas preclusion of their voter photo ID law," said MacNamera. "The statistics provided by the state of Texas unequivocally established the discriminatory impact of the law," added MacNamera.

"When faced with statistics showing the disproportionate impact on Hispanic voters, the DOJ was left in open contempt to sidestep the law," said Karen Nicholson, President of the League of Women Voters of Texas. The statistics showed Hispanic registered voters are at least 46.5% potentially as high as 100% more likely than non-Hispanic registered voters to lack one of the photo IDs that would have been required in the state of Texas. LWV of Texas was instrumental in urging the DOJ to deny preclusion of this law.

The DOJ also pointed to the cost of unnecessary documentation needed to get the identification and lack of access to state facilities where voters can get their IDs. "Now is not the time for this country to return to the days of poll taxes limiting access to the polling booth for eligible voters. The DOJ acted in the best interest of the nation in denying preclusion of the law," said EL Editor.

"The League of Women Voters has fought for voting rights for all citizens for more than 92 years and will continue the fight as long as the most fundamental right is under attack," MacNamera stated. "We are hopeful that the wave of voter suppression laws will be struck down in each and every state and come November every eligible citizen will be able to exercise their right to vote and have their vote counted without additional, unnecessary barriers. We stand ready to continue to fight should these decisions be appealed," concluded MacNamera.

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# Federación sindical avala reelección de Obama

La Federación sindical AFL-CIO dijo hoy que avala la reelección del presidente Barack Obama en noviembre próximo, en momentos en que los sindicatos prevén jugar un mayor papel en la movilización de votantes.

El presidente de la AFL-CIO, Richard Trumka, dijo en un comunicado que su organización apoyará la reelección de Obama, porque éste "colocó su fe en los trabajadores estadounidenses" para la recuperación económica del país.

"Con nuestro respaldo reafirmamos nuestra fe en él y prometemos trabajar junto a él durante las elecciones y durante su segundo periodo para restaurar la justicia, la seguridad, y la prosperidad compartida", agregó.

El líder sindicalista señaló que cada uno de los aspirantes presidenciales republicanos "ha ofrecido seguir apoyando los privilegios especiales de Wall Street" y

de los más ricos, privilegios, que a su juicio, "han producido una

manufarero, ayudas por la crisis de vivienda y las reformas de salud



desigualdad económica histórica" y mermado las voces de los trabajadores.

Trumka elogió algunos de los logros de Obama en el primer mandato, incluyendo el plan de estímulo para la creación de empleos, el resurgimiento del sector

y de Wall Street.

No obstante, Trumka reconoció que el movimiento laboral "ha tenido sus diferencias con el Gobierno" y ha prestado a su Gobierno a que haga más y actúe con celeridad.

El apoyo de los sindicatos fue fundamental para la victoria de Obama en 2008, en particular en estados considerados entonces "bisagra", como Michigan, Ohio, Pensilvania, Colorado, Florida, Carolina del Norte y Virginia.

La decisión de apoyar a Obama fue aprobada hoy durante la reunión de invierno de AFL-CIO en Florida.

Trumka dijo que los sindicatos de la central gremial movilizarán a los trabajadores para que éstos alienten una mayor participación

en las urnas en los comicios del próximo 6 de noviembre.

Al menos 400.000 miembros de los sindicatos irán "de puerta en puerta" a visitar a los votantes en sus casas, como parte de una campaña para contrarrestar la influencia de los grupos de presión política que favorecen a los republicanos.

Varios líderes sindicalistas prevén que sus gremios invertirán unos 400 millones de dólares en comicios locales, estatales y nacionales, a favor de candidatos que apoyen una agenda favorable a los trabajadores.

En general, los sindicatos de EE.UU. apuestan por una victoria demócrata, por considerar que los republicanos han buscado minar el poder de los gremios, como sucedió con una legislación en Wisconsin para restringir el derecho a las negociaciones colectivas de trabajadores del sector público.

También el proyecto del oleoducto Keystone XL causó divisiones entre los diversos sindicatos del país- por un lado, estaban los que apoyaban el oleoducto como vía para la creación de empleos y, por otro, los que se sumaron a grupos ecologistas en su rechazo al proyecto.

AFL-CIO no tomó una postura pública sobre el oleoducto de TransCanada pero una de sus metas, según funcionarios, es reducir las tensiones entre los sindicatos hasta ahora enfrentados.

# El Editor's Week in Review

## Taliban Vows Revenge

Sixteen Afghan civilians, 9 of them children, died after an American soldier went into an Afghan neighborhood last Sunday morning and went on a shooting rampage with no apparent reason.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said that the US would "spare no effort in getting the facts" as to what exactly happened. President Obama was quick to comment on the shooting, saying that he was "deeply saddened" by the events.

This latest incident comes on the heels of the burning of Qurans by US military last month, which resulted in Afghan protests and violence; leaving 30 Afghans and 6 military personnel dead.

This past Tuesday, CBS News was reporting that student protesters in the city of Jalalabad were "burning an effigy of President Obama and chanting "Death to America." They were also demanding that the American soldier responsible for the shooting be tried "in their own country".

This latest episode is sure to reignite talk that the US needs to get out of Afghanistan sooner than the timetable that has been set for withdrawal.

## Lubbock Tejano Democrats to Sponsor Candidates Forum

The Lubbock Tejano Democrats (LTD) will sponsor two political forums for candidates running in city, county, and school board elections. The forums will be held at Cavazos Jr. High auditorium on Monday April 9 and Monday April 23.

The Lubbock Chapter has been in existence for a little over a year and their mission statement says that they "seek full representation of Hispanics at all levels and in all activities of the Democratic Party."

El Editor will publish more information as to which candidates will participate in the forum and other details as the dates get closer. The web site for the organization is at [www.lubbocktejanodemocrats.org](http://www.lubbocktejanodemocrats.org).

## Lubbock's Hispanic Population Will Reach Majority Status?

A couple of weeks ago, Councilman Victor Hernandez sent an email to El Editor and others which surely raised some eyebrows in the city, perhaps some concerns in some circles, and panic in others?

The email noted that the councilman had received some statistical "population estimate" information which said that a US Census population estimate was showing that the Lubbock Hispanic population might reach over 50% by the end of 2012.

In response to Hernandez asking for an explanation regarding the numbers, he received the following response from Sheri Rand, GIS Planner for the city: "According to the estimates from the Census Bureau for total Hispanic population - we will be over 50% by the end of 2012. The 2011 estimate had Hispanic population at 41.4%. So, the increase since the 2010 census grew 9.3% from 32.1% to 41.4%. If that growth continues - then the estimate for 2012 puts us at 50.7% total Hispanic population. Please keep in mind that this is ONLY an estimate, based on trends and estimates from the Census Bureau. As we get better numbers - that estimate will be adjusted." We are betting some people are hoping that the estimate never becomes a reality.

## Voters are Either Clueless or in Denial

It seems that a majority of GOP voters surveyed in two southern states still believe that President Obama is a Muslim. Despite repeated statements by the President that he is a Christian, the people surveyed still don't believe it.

In the poll, 52% of voters in Mississippi and 45% in Alabama told pollsters from Public Policy Voting that they don't believe he is a Christian. But then again, over 20% percent of the same voters surveyed still believe that racial intermarriage should be illegal. What does that tell you?

## Most Absurd Quote of the Week

"The DOJ has no valid reason for rejecting this important law, (voter id law) which requires nothing more extensive than the type of photo identification necessary to receive a library card or board an airplane."

Texas Governor Rick Perry (Editor's Commentary: To compare the right to vote, a constitutional right mind you, to obtaining a library card is just plain ridiculous and absurd. It is no wonder Perry didn't get very far in his run for the presidency. Thank goodness!)

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## ARNETT BENSON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

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# Mexican War Drama 'Cristiada' Picked Up For U.S. Distribution

The period piece *Cristiada*, Mexico's most expensive production ever, is heading to U.S. theaters.

ARC Entertainment will release the Andy Garcia/Eva Longoria-starrer on June 1 with 700 prints statewide, according to producer New Land Films. Here in Mexico, 20th Century Fox will go out with about 500 copies on April 20.

*Cristiada* is a studio-style English-language production that chronicles Mexico's *Cristiada* War in the 1920s. Boasting an international cast assembled by Spider-Man 2 casting director, Dianne Crittenden, the film also features Peter O'Toole, Bruce Greenwood, Catalina Sandino (Maria Full of Grace) and singer-songwriter Ruben Blades.

It marks the directorial debut of Dean Wright, visual effects supervisor on two installments of *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Other notable technical credits include *The Shawshank Redemption* editor Richard Francis-Bruce and *Avatar* composer James Horner.

Shot in seven Mexican states last year, the production enjoyed an enormous budget by Mexican standards, where the average feature film runs about \$2.5 million. *Cristiada* cost at least \$20 million, according to industry sources.

Given the size of the project, businessman-turned-producer Pablo Jose Barroso told *The Hollywood Reporter* in an earlier interview that landing a U.S. distribution deal was crucial.

# Will Ferrell Awakens Latino Side in "Casa de mi Padre"

"No señor, no hablo Americano" is one of the many lines comedian Will Ferrell has in his new comedy "Casa De Mi Padre" where he speaks Spanish on-screen throughout the entire movie.

Ferrell, who is one of the most popular comedians of our time, is known for taking risks with his larger-than-life characters such as Ron Burgundy in "Anchorman" and Ricky Bobby in "Talladega Nights."

Partying in Miami's Calle Ocho Carnival. It was not surprising to imagine Ferrell as Mexican singer Armando Alvarez, facing financial strains and a heated sibling rivalry with on-screen brother, his hermano Diego Luna.

Fox News Latino talked to the cast of "Casa de mi Padre" including funnyman Will Ferrell, who not only came up with the movie idea, but also produced and starred in a role that required him to speak Spanish.

The first thing Ferrell did was hire a dialogue coach. San Diego Latino Film Festival Buzzing Flicks

"We started working a month before filming and meeting three

to four times a week," Ferrell said. "We would drive to set together and drive home together." During the movie's press tour,

"It's an homage to bad over-acting," he added.

For Luna filming "Casa de mi

that Americans sometimes have of Mexicans."

Ferrell agreed with Luna saying the film has "a strong point of view."

"To comment on Mexicans perceptions of us and vice versa, was a fun thing to get to do," said Ferrell. "It sneaks up on you in a movie like this amidst all the fun."

The movie also provides plenty of shootouts, a sexy, romantic love scene, and lots of stuffed animals. Filmed entirely in Spanish with English subtitles, the flick translates to lots of



Ferrell told us he got the idea for the flick from watching television as he would flip channels at two o'clock in the morning.

"It's such a heightened funny world," Ferrell said. "You never see an American comic in a foreign language film and have them commit to it in a way that's believable."

Celebrities Who Once Were Undiscovered

Never taking himself too seriously, Ferrell confesses that "the movie is an homage to Mexican spaghetti westerns," and "an homage to bad movie-making."

Padre" has been a wild ride.

"This is the craziest film ever," Luna told Fox News Latino. "It is the weirdest project and the most unique one," he added. "When I read it, I didn't think this was really happening."

The comedy, a satire on television news, also has a slight political message.

Rio's Spectacular Carnival Parade

It makes a lot of fun of the American culture," Luna continued. "It talks a lot of the perception that we Mexicans have sometimes of Americans, and

laughs. "I needed something like this to relax," said Luna. "Some of the films I've worked on have been a painful process but this was fun."

As for Ferrell, this was an exciting project.

Playboy Feed Divides Mexican Musical Attendants Turned Calendar Girls

"This ranks up there as one of the craziest things I've gotten to do, so you can only be so lucky to be in a position to take risks like this."

"Casa de mi Padre hits theaters March 16.

# Selena's husband shares his memories



band formed by Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., and also featured her siblings Suzette and A.B. Quintanilla.

"Their romance started behind Selena's father's back, as depicted in the 1997 movie starring Jennifer Lopez, 'Selena.'" Selena's father was opposed to their relationship. He only accepted Perez after the couple eloped in 1992. Perez describes his father-in-law as an admirable person. "We had our differences but I love him and respect him like my own father."

"Perez says that music was really a "business" for Selena; her real passion was fashion. "I have pads and pads of sketches," he said. "Most of the clothes she wore were her own designs."

After Selena's death, the guitarist, who lives in San Antonio, struggled to cope with his loss but eventually moved on. He formed The Chris Perez Band, which won a Grammy in 1999. He also married Vanessa Villanueva in 2001 and the couple had two kids, but they divorced a few years later.

Perez confesses that he feels remorse for not protecting his wife. He wonders if things would have been different had he told someone that Selena told him days before her death that Saldívar had shown her a gun. Perez also addresses rumors, including one that Selena was pregnant at the time of her death (she wasn't).

The new book *To Selena, With Love* reveals intimate details about the late Tejano star's life, but the book's author — her widower, Chris Perez — doesn't consider it a "tell-all" kind of book.

"I thought it should be honest, with dignity. I knew there would be things that would make me feel uncomfortable, but I think I wrote the book with respect," Perez, 42, said in a recent interview.

Perez says the book allows him to share his memories of Selena Quintanilla, who was shot and killed on March 31, 1995 by Yolanda Saldívar, two weeks shy of her 24th birthday.

Here are some things you'll learn from the book: • Perez met Selena when he became the lead guitarist for Selena y Los Dinos. It was a

# Ricky Martin regresa a Broadway



eris (Perón) and the director Michael Grandage.

Indicó asimismo que hablar por otros es algo que ha hecho también a lo largo de su carrera en los escenarios.

"Es fascinante este recorrido. He sentido emociones que no

puntualmente, rodeado de gente maravillosa, grandes actores y directores".

"Me siento protegido, siento un crecimiento profesional. Estoy aquí para aprender, todos los días quiero aprender," afirmó el artista, a quien el musical ha traído a vivir nuevamente a Nueva York, en esta ocasión junto a sus hijos Valentino y Matteo, de tres años, su madre y su pareja, el economista Carlos González.

González, con quien mantiene una relación estable y con la que cría a sus hijos, estuvo hoy en la

Con Martin y Rogers en "Evita", dos de los tres principales protagonistas del famoso musical, aumentó el número de latinos que marcan el paso en Broadway, donde este año el peruano Marco Zunino hizo historia al ser el primer hispano en el papel de "Billy Flynn" tras 15 años en cartelera de la famosa obra "Chicago".

Zunino estuvo acompañado por la mexicana Bianca Marroquín, quien hace diez años también fue la primera latina en debutar en Roxie Hart.

Rogers, que debutó en Broadway tras haber dado vida a Eva Perón en la presentación del musical en Londres hace seis años, aseguró que la primera función estuvo "espectacular".

"Me sentí muy bien, hubo mucha emoción. Fue muy fácil llorar en algunos momentos" dijo y admitió que al principio "estuvo un poco tensa" pero gracias al cariño del público "fue fácil entregar a todos tanto amor".

"Me sentí muy bien en mi primera noche en Broadway", dijo sonriera la actriz y aseguró que reconstruere con el personaje de Eva Perón "fue muy interesante porque lo encare con otra madurez".

Roger, que ha protagonizado múltiples producciones teatrales y programas de televisión en su país y reconoció en Londres como Mejora Actriz con el premio Olivier por su papel como la cantante francesa Edith Piaf, aseguró que bailar tanto en la obra la transporta a Buenos Aires. En 2006, Michael Grandage dirigió la obra en Londres donde tanto la pieza como la actuación de Elena Roger generaron "excelentes críticas" de la prensa.

Ricky Martin ha iniciado junto a la argentina Elena Roger un viaje "fascinante" en su vuelta a Broadway con "Evita", obra en la que se siente cómodo en la piel de "Che", un personaje "camaleónico" que habla con las voces de la gente.

El cantante puertorriqueño de 40 años y Roger, que debuta en Broadway como Eva Perón, iniciaron ayer las funciones previas al estreno oficial de la obra, el 5 de abril, en la reposición del famoso musical de Tim

Rice y Andrew Lloyd Webber, ganadores de los premios Oscar, Grammy y Tony.

Martin, que luce ahora bigote como parte de su transformación para el papel, destacó que en su "debut" ocurre lo mismo que en su "Evita" en Broadway en 1995 con "Los miserables".

"Hablo en nombre de la gente y en Los miserables hice lo mismo con el personaje de Mario, hay una similitud", dijo en una concurrencia de prensa, en su mayoría hispana, que está "en un lugar fascinante" de su vida "física, mental e y es-



había sentido antes en un escenario, ha sido un fortalecimiento como persona y como artista", dijo el cantante en la conferencia que se realizó en español e inglés, que es conocido además por su labor humanitaria en contra de la explotación infantil y trata de blancas.

Martin, que vestía como el personaje, que es el narrador de la obra, -botas, pantalón negro, camisa blanca de manga larga y pajarita- aseguró además a la prensa, en su mayoría hispana, que está "en un lugar fascinante" de su vida "física, mental e y es-

función que se presentó a casa llena en el teatro Marquis en Broadway, con capacidad para 1,400 personas.

Aunque acostumbrado a los escenarios, desde que comenzó su carrera con *Menudo* en 1984, Martin, que el pasado noviembre adquirió la nacionalidad española, dijo haberse sentido "ansioso" previo al inicio de "Evita", que retorna a Broadway donde llegó en 1979 con Patti LuPone y Mandy Patinkin como protagonistas y se mantuvo durante tres años y medio, logrando siete premios Tony.

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# Rangers get closer and starter in one deal

Joe Nathan never figured the Rangers would call. He was a free-agent closer for the first time in his career, finally feeling completely healthy a year and a half on from Tommy John surgery, looking for a job and wondering who would be interested.

He never figured on the Rangers. "Because Nefzali had done such a good job for them," Nathan said. He could also have said that the Rangers don't do multityper contracts with relief pitchers -- or didn't. Jon Daniels went through six writers as Rangers general manager without doing any of them, until he signed Nathan to a two-year, \$14.75 million deal last November.

Why now? Why Nathan? And why, when the Rangers (as Nathan said) already had a closer who had saved 72 games in 81 chances over the last two seasons? Think of it this way (because this is how the Rangers thought of it): They weren't buying a closer. They were buying a starter.

They were determined to move Nefzali Feliz into the rotation. But they knew that to do it -- and for manager Ron Washington to feel completely comfortable with it -- they were going to need an established closer.

"Last spring, we experimented with Nefzali as a starter, but we weren't protected," Washington said. "So the first thing Jon did (last winter) was get some protection. And he made a great choice. That choice was easier than you'd think, even in a winter where the market was flooded with closers. The Rangers liked Nathan so much that they had tried to trade for him last July, and again last August. They believed he was healthy, and went to see him after the season, just to be sure. They believed that his success at the end of last season (a 3.18 ERA and 11 saves in 12 chances over his final 30 appearances) was a sign that Nathan was improving as he put the surgery further behind him. And they thought his superior makeup was a big plus. "We really felt that he fit what we're all about," Daniels said. Bust ... Elvis Andrus, SS. Elvis Andrus has been very consistent since his arrival in the majors back in 2009 as a 20-year-old. However, consistency isn't necessarily what Fantasy owners are looking

for from a young hitter. Before a player reaches his peak, owners would ideally like to see growth, but Andrus hasn't provided many signs of progress. He has yet to develop much power, build on his walk rate or break the 40-steps barrier. Andrus has reduced his strikeouts, though we have yet to see it have much effect on his hitting average. He is still plenty young enough to have a breakout season and because of his youth, many owners may assume it is coming this year. However, there are no signs of it occurring anytime soon, and he could wind up underperforming his draft position for many owners.

Bounce back player ... Joe Nathan, RP. Coming back successfully from Tommy John surgery is no sure thing, and to look at Joe Nathan's stats from last season it would be easy to assume he didn't enjoy much of a triumphant return. Overall, he compiled a 4.84 ERA and a higher-than-normal 1.16 WHIP, but much of the damage was done during the first three weeks of the season. In just his first seven appearances with the Twins last year, Nathan allowed eight earned runs over 6 1/3 innings and he bare a pair of saves. The rest of the way, his ERA was a more respectable 3.76 and a 0.99 WHIP shows he mostly suffered from stranding too few batters. Now with the Rangers, Nathan is fully recovered from his surgery and should continue to do a solid job of keeping runners off the basepaths, as well as a better job of preventing them from scoring. Though you probably won't need to draft him early, Nathan could return to performing like a No. 1 Fantasy reliever -- Al Melchior.

Depth Chart | Rangers outlook | 2012 Draft Prep And they thrilled when they found out how receptive Nathan was to coming to Texas. They remember the days when no pitcher with a choice wanted to be a Ranger, when the organization was all about offense. They had worked on changing the reputation, worked on building a team based on pitching and defense, but weren't sure how much pitchers' opinions had changed. When they found out how much Nathan wanted them, the Rangers were thrilled. And he did want them ... once he realized they were interested. "Our interest here was higher than a lot of other places," Nathan said. He loved that the Rangers have

such a good team, one that has been in the World Series two years in a row. Nathan played on four playoff teams in seven seasons with the Twins, but never made it out of the first round.

"My goal is to be in the postseason, and I know these guys would do what it takes to get there," he said. "I felt confident this team would be hungry. It was a perfect fit."

The Twins showed some interest in keeping him, making what Nathan called "a respectable offer." But Nathan said that once the Rangers were involved, he directed his agent to try to make a deal with Texas.

As it turned out, the rest of the closer market went the way of the winter, it was a \$14.75 million. In addition to the \$14.75 million guaranteed, Nathan got bonuses that could push his base salary from \$7 million to \$8 million this year. The way the market went, the Rangers realize now that they could have signed a closer for less had they waited deeper into the winter. But they don't regret moving quickly, in part because they wanted to commit to Feliz as a starter early in the winter, and in part because they believe they got the right guy to replace him at the end of games.

Is Nathan the right guy? If his results match how he feels, the answer will certainly be yes. Remember that in a six-year run with the Twins from 2004-09, Nathan saved 246 games (the most in baseball in that span), had a 1.87 ERA (lower than Rivera's) and allowed less than one baserunner an inning. So when Nathan says, "I feel better than I did before the surgery," he's saying he feels as good as he did when he was one of the very best closers in the game.

He came to camp enthused, and saying he weighs less than he has since he was with the Giants a decade ago.

He's 37 years old now, but after changing teams for the first time in eight years, he says, "I feel like a rookie."

He's excited, and the Rangers are excited. They don't mind that they've spent more money than they ever expected to spend on a closer. After all, remember, they were buying a starter, too.

# Pat Knight steps out of father's shadow

For three seasons and counting, people have gone out of their way to highlight the differences between Pat and Bob Knight. The resemblance, though, never seems stronger than when one or the other starts glowing.

So go to YouTube, cue up the video of Pat Knight's early 8-minute rant about the seniors on his Lamar basketball team, then close your eyes and tell me he doesn't sound exactly like his dad. At one point, he even threatens to behave like the old man, too.

"When I played, if you acted the way some of these guys did, you got shoved in a locker with a forearm up against your neck and told: 'You don't do that. That's not how we do things at Indiana,'" he said. "And that's what we need."

Whatever it was Lamar needed to get back on track, consider it done. Since Knight's postgame dressing-down in late February - after a disputed loss at home to Stephen F. Austin - the Cardinals have won six straight behind those same seniors and grabbed one of the last rungs of the NCAA tournament ladder: Lamar plays Vermont on Wednesday in Dayton, Ohio, with the winner facing mighty North Carolina in nearby Greensboro three nights later. No matter where this experiment in tough love ends, the younger Knight considers it a success already.

"The thing I learned from my first job is you can't coach scared," Knight said Monday after getting off the plane in Dayton. "What I did at Texas Tech was worry about the consequences - what the media thinks, what the fans say - instead of what's best for your program. And so two weeks ago, we'd just been having this horrible couple of days. I told my assistants before I went into the interview room, 'I'm going to get these guys' attention. I'm going to call them out to the media, really throw them under the bus and see what the response was.'"

"I knew they were through enough

to do it," he added, then paused. "And they did."

Few things are more fascinating than watching a son step out of his father's shadow, but for most of his adult life, Pat Knight barely seemed to be trying. He played basketball for Bob at Indiana, and spent only one of his eight seasons as a college assistant with somebody else in charge. He inherited his first head coaching job from his father - at Tech, two-thirds of the way through the 2008 season - and employed the same motion offense and man-to-man defensive principles that Bob Knight pioneered and stubbornly stuck with for decades. The son earned his first ejection as the Red Raiders' boss just three games into the next season, storming back out of the tunnel right after getting tossed to continue the argument.

Soon after, though, reports out of Lubbock painted a different Pat Knight. He was much more subdued than his father had been in his heyday, especially around refs, and willing to experiment with an up-tempo style of play and even the occasional zone defense. But halfway measures produced middling results and he got fired at Tech with a 50-61 record and zero invites to the NCAA tournament. He was hired by Lamar less than a month later, prompting critics of both Knights to suggest the small Southland Conference school was simply looking to cash in on the family name. If so, Knight didn't care.

"I've never really looked at the downside. I'm not going to be one of those guys on reality TV or in rehab because my parents were famous. I hate to see that on TV. I am Bob Knight's son," he said defiantly at his introductory news conference. "I'm proud of it."

But behind the bravado was plenty of soul-searching, too.

"You take stock of everything when you get fired. I had that spring and all summer to think things over, and the two things at Tech that were mistakes is putting up with too much BS and coaching scared," Knight recalled.

"What I promised myself was that in the new job, I was going to do things my way, whether that meant using the things I learned from my dad and all the other coaches or not. That's why I got into this business in the first place - to start my own program, to run my own program, and build a program that I and all the people around me will be proud of."

If a winning record was all that required, Knight could have ridden the senior leadership he inherited and made few waves. As a first-year coach, especially one with a former name, he was sure to enjoy a grace period even if the Cardinals couldn't manage a 500 mark. Instead, Knight was good as his word and made them play and behave his way right away, suspending three players during the season and when the moment called for it, calling out the seniors whose trust he needed most.

In short order, Mike James, the guard Knight dismissed from the podium before last month's travesty, went on to lock down MVP honors in the conference tourney and fellow seniors Devon Lamb and Anthony Miles started rebounding and handing out assists exactly the way Knight drew up the plays. For all the times in which he was portrayed as being different from Bob, it wasn't until the moment he felt far enough away that he could be himself.

"When I told my dad I wanted to be a coach, he told me it was all about going to see Coach (Joe) Lapchick before he took his job at West Point," Pat said. "Coach Lapchick asked him, 'Is it important for you to be liked?' My dad thought about it a second and said, 'No.' So coach Lapchick looked at him and says, 'Right. And if you have plans to be a coach for long, don't ever forget this: It's more important to be respected than liked.'"

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**Saturday March 31, 2012 Schedule of Events**

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**1 p.m.** Gathering for the People's Honor March begins at César E. Chávez Drive & N. University.

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# Desarrolla una actitud positiva

Las actitudes se muestran por cinco conductas: Palabras, tonos de voz, caras, ademanes y posturas corporales. Son el resultado de las creencias, es decir pensamientos y sentimientos integrados. Hay tres sistemas de creencias que influyen en nuestras actitudes y son las que se tienen sobre sí mismo, sobre los demás y sobre la realidad.

Para desarrollar una actitud positiva hay que evitar pensamientos negativos, dejar de creer que somos nuestros defectos, creemos eso porque uno de los principales vicios de la educación es decirles a los niños que son lo que hacen, de verdad en nuestra esencia solo tenemos cualidades positivas y las merecemos.

También hay que dejar de pensar en las generalizaciones negativas sobre los demás como: Todos los hombres son iguales, todas las mujeres son iguales, todos los pobres, todos los ricos, todos los negros, todos los blancos, todos los polticos, etc. De esta forma se alejan los prejuicios e ideas que nos alejan del ejercicio de discernir sobre las ideas que alimentan nuestro pensamiento.

En la educación hemos cometido errores que se han repetido de padres a hijos por milenios, haciéndonos creer que todo es racional y que lo irracional no existe, como los sueños, los ideales, las ambiciones, los deseos, que son solo producto de la imaginación y no son reales.

Si observamos todos los objetos reales que nos rodean, las casas, los muebles, los aparatos electrodomésticos y nos preguntamos si a nadie se le hubiera ocurrido en su imaginación todo lo que vemos, ¿existiría? La respuesta sería no. Entonces, todo lo real comienza en la imaginación de sus creadores.

Descubrir y reconocer Robert Brooks y Sam Goldstein, autores del libro El poder de la resiliencia, de editorial Paidós, explican que para hacer un cambio en positivo de aquello que pensamos, implica el proceso de reconocer y cambiar determinados formas de pensar, sentir y comportarse que han demostrado ser contraproducentes, para de esta forma construir una mentalidad más esperanzada, optimista y

resiliente.

Si tenemos claras las ideas que tenemos vivas y que nos han detenido a alcanzar nuestros objetivos, será más fácil trabajar sobre ellas para por un lado, reconocerlas, y por otro, cambiarlas en un tono que elimine por completo lo negativo de nuestro pensamiento, y de esta forma generar un impacto favorable en todos los ámbitos de la propia existencia.

Merecemos vivir, contar con salud y obtener los logros que más anhelamos, así como mantener pensamientos positivos que fortalezcan nuestra actitud ante todo aquello que enfrentamos en la vida cotidiana, para que sean aprendizajes valiosos y que nos acerquen a la conquista de nuestros anhelos.

Lo importante es visualizarlo como nos veríamos y qué estaríamos haciendo como personas que cristalizan sus propósitos en éxitos, y en este sentido, fortalecer nuestra actitud para lograrlo.

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