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Antiway Protests Fail to Sway Bush on Plans for Iraq

President Bush dismissed antiwar protests today as a factor in his plans for confronting Iraq and pressed ahead with a strategy to persuade reluctant allies that United Nations weapons inspections would not secure the disarmament of Saddam Hussein.

In his first public comments about the antiwar demonstrations by millions of people over the weekend in the United States and abroad, Mr. Bush said his overriding goal was to protect the American people and that leadership sometimes involved bucking public opinion.

"Size of protest — it's like deciding, well, I'm going to decide policy based upon a focus group," Mr. Bush said in response to a reporter's question at the White House. "The role of a leader is to decide policy based upon the security, in this case, the security of the people."

Administration officials said the United States planned to submit a proposed new resolution on Mr. Hussein's failure to



Comentarios

By Bidal Aguero

Change in Lubbock has never come very easy. This week as Lubbock LULAC celebrates a week of activism Change was brought to mind as Jaime Garcia reflected on the many battles that LULAC encountered during its long history since its inception in Lubbock in the late 1950s. He recounted on when the late Dr. Armando Duran, Jorge Moreno and others fought for the "Little School of 400" which later developed into Headstart and fought for Hispanic teachers to be hired by the LISD. We were reminded of how it took 10 years to bring desegregation and single member districts to Lubbock. Certainly LULAC was at the forefront of both these issues. Garcia personally reflected on how Chicanos were shunned from participation in fraternities and organizations at Tech and the struggles a handful of Hispanics has to overcome in order to survive the unfamiliar world of post-secondary education.

It is somewhat ironic that as we remember these times we can now boast that one of our own is now a regent at Texas Tech. As David Lopez is welcome to the upcoming LULAC "Bring out Your Best" awards banquet, LULAC and others who have gone through those tough changes should realize that the struggles are not over. Ahead of us and at the forefront of issues that will be encountered by Hispanics and all disenfranchised people in education are threatening fights including raising tuition costs, school vouchers and affirmative action. These issues, all of which are brought to use under the guise of budget cuts will undoubtedly be the issues that LULAC and other civil rights organization will tackle in the future in order to overcome the obstacles to be put in front of our young people as they strive to progress in education.

We congratulate LULAC as it celebrates this week and joint with all the City of Lubbock as we give thanks for their accomplishments throughout the years that have positively contributed to the progress of Hispanics in West Texas.

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disarm to the United Nations Security Council, probably at the end of this week or early next week after the conclusion of a United Nations debate about Iraq that began today.

A statement from the European Union on Monday that explicitly if reluctantly supported the use of force against Iraq as a last resort raised British and American hopes that the Security Council could ultimately be won over. Officials said the European acceptance of the principle that force might be necessary, in combination with possible critical statements about Iraq's cooperation over the next several weeks by Hans Blix, one of the chief United Nations weapons inspectors, could ultimately provide the basis for backing of force by Security Council members, including France.

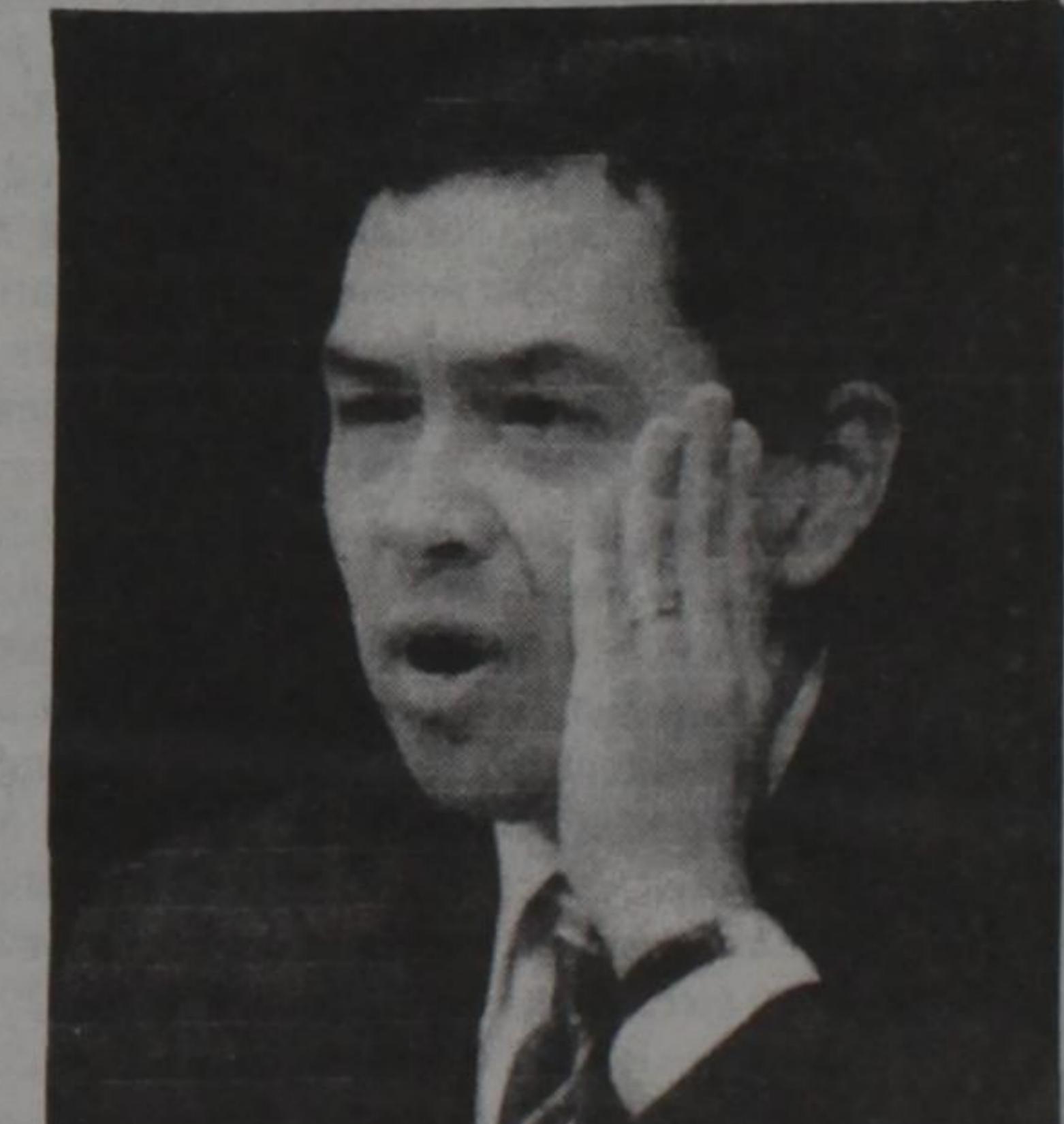
The new resolution is expected to be a short, straightforward assertion that Iraq has defied calls by the United Nations to give up its weapons of mass destruction and now faces the "serious consequences" threatened in the previous resolution, officials said.

Both Jacques Chirac, the French president, and Gerhard Schroeder, the German chancellor, have this week criticized the idea of a second resolution. France has made it clear that it will oppose the measure.

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NCLR makes plea for civility in debate over Estrada nomination

The National Council of La Raza is troubled by the increasingly strident tone of the debate over Miguel Estrada's nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals. While NCLR remains neutral on the nomination itself, we urge those who are engag-



"Vamos a respetar la posición de cualquier país, pero lo que más queremos es que el apoyo sea de México, que entienda nuestra posición", agregó.

El presidente mexicano, Vicente Fox, se mantenía firme en su posición de evitar una guerra pese a que su país es altamente dependiente de Estados Unidos, destino del 90 por ciento de las exportaciones mexicanas.

Pero el mandatario también dijo que Aznar, cuya visita se extenderá hasta el viernes, vendrá "más a escuchar y ver alternativas que a tratar de vender su posición".

"Estamos en contacto directo con todos los actores involucrados en la búsqueda de la paz y del desarme", aseguró Fox el miércoles en un acto oficial.

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ing in name-calling and accusatory language to instead focus on the substantive issues and merits of this nomination. In particular, since the Latino community is clearly divided on the Estrada nomination, we find the accusation that one side or another is "anti-Latino" to be particularly divisive and inappropriate.

It bears repeating that poll after poll has shown that Latinos are united on a broad agenda that includes a decent education for its children; access to health care; respect and decent wages for hard work; commitment to the civil rights of immigrants, Latinos, and all Americans; and increased diversity within government through the appointment of a greater number of Latinos to decision-making and policy-making positions. At the end of the day, it is the Latino community itself that will determine the measure of any policy-maker's commitment – based on actions and results – to its well-being.

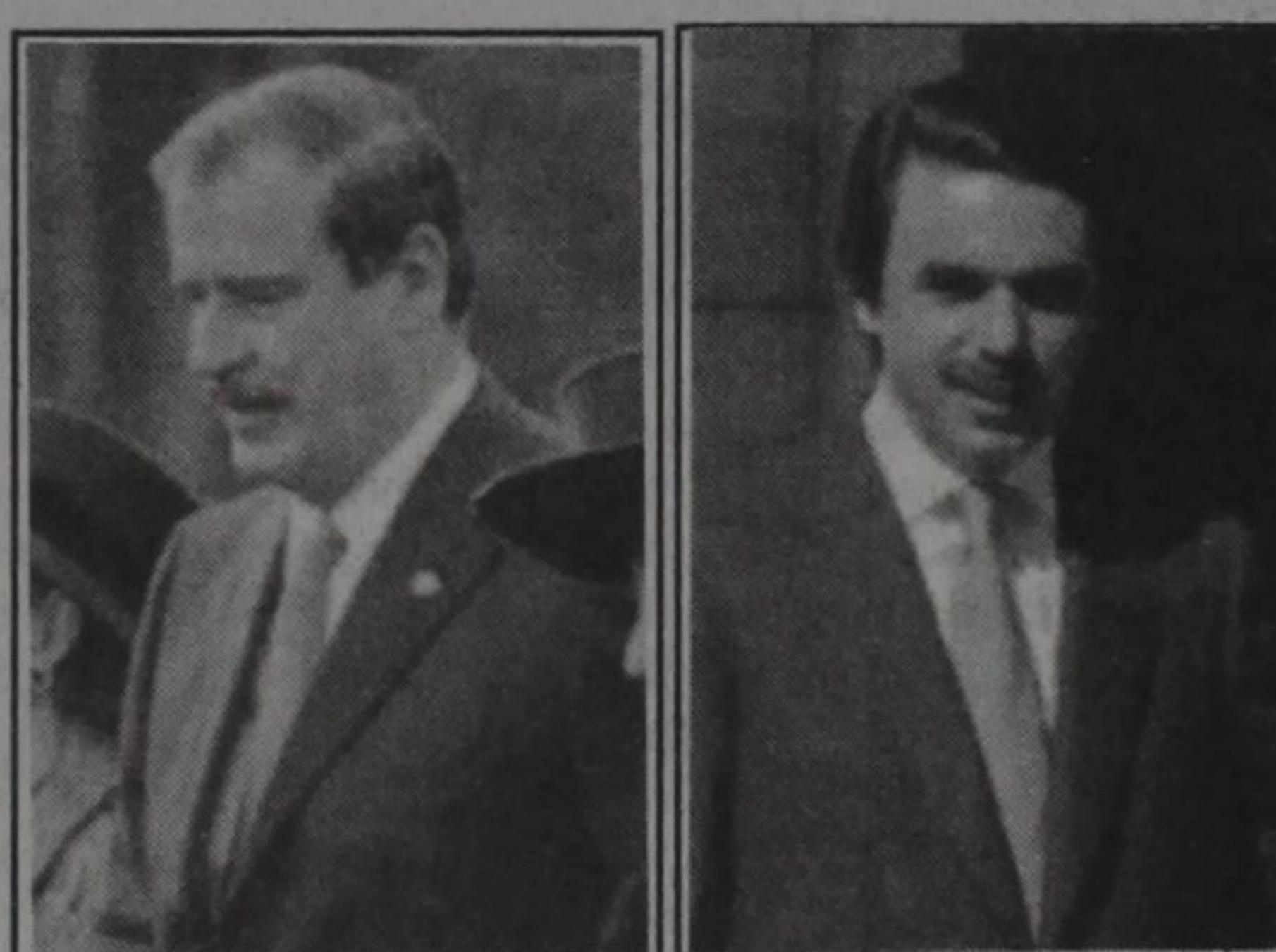
Aznar busca el apoyo de Fox para un ataque estadounidense en Iraq

CIUDAD DE MEXICO -- México recibirá el jueves al presidente del gobierno español, José María Aznar, en una visita interpretada como una gestión por sumar apoyo para un ataque estadounidense a Iraq, mientras el propio Washington presiona para obtener el favor de su vecino.

Tanto México como España son miembros no permanentes del Consejo de Seguridad de las Naciones Unidas, de 15 miembros, y Estados Unidos necesita votos para atacar a Iraq, al que acusa de fabricar armas de exterminio y de ocultárselas a la ONU.

México ha insistido a lo largo de las últimas semanas que su posición es muy clara: apoyar el desarme de Iraq, a través de medios pacíficos y bajo la guía del Consejo de Seguridad.

Esperamos muestras de solidaridad en nuestros esfuerzos por desarmar a Iraq", dijo el embajador estadounidense en este país, Tony Garza, en declaraciones a la prensa mexicana.



España, por su parte, ha sido uno de los países europeos que ha apoyado la política de línea dura del presidente estadounidense, George W. Bush, contra Iraq, lo que le ha valido críticas dentro y fuera de su territorio.

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Remains of Women Found in Mexican Desert

The remains of three women were found in the desert outside of Ciudad Juarez, the latest victims of a string of killings in the rough Mexican border town, a special prosecutor said Tuesday.

The bodies were discovered Monday in a region where other victims have been located in the past, said Angela Talavera, a special prosecutor appointed to investigate the killings.

Esther Chavez, a rights activist who has closely followed the decade-long series of killings, said there were indications the bodies belonged to women aged between 16 and 18 who were reported missing between September and early February.

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Protests Fail to Sway Bush

From Page One

Mr. Bush has said he plans to reach a decision on the use of force against Iraq within weeks, whatever the Security Council does.

But with military forces still

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and his deputy, Richard L. Armitage, continued intensive discussions today with the British and others on the wording of the new

ment that he would oppose military action against Iraq that was not explicitly authorized by the Security Council.

The administration today pursued negotiations with Turkey, which has been demanding \$32 billion in loans, grants and debt forgiveness as the price for allowing the United States to stage troops there and open a northern front against Iraq in the event of war. Ari Fleischer, the White House spokesman, said the president "understands that Turkey is in a difficult position." But Mr. Fleischer also made clear that the United States was not interested in drawn-out negotiations with Turkey over the size of the package, saying it was "decision time" for Turkey.

After a weekend in which protesters in the United States, Europe and much of the rest of the world

tions or seek other nonmilitary ways to contain Saddam Hussein, but the need to deal with Iraq's weapons of mass destruction at all.

"Evidently, some of the world don't view Saddam Hussein as a risk to peace," Mr. Bush said. "I respectfully disagree."

Mr. Bush used the words "courage" or "courageous" to describe his two most stalwart allies in confronting Iraq, Mr. Blair and Prime Minister José María Aznar of Spain, who is scheduled to visit Mr. Bush at his ranch in Texas this weekend.

Mr. Fleischer compared the protests to those in Europe in 1983 against President Reagan's deployment of intermediate-range missiles

Error en trasplante pone en peligro de muerte a una joven

Una adolescente mexicana se encuentra entre la vida y la muerte tras recibir un trasplante de órganos que no corresponden a su tipo sanguíneo y los médicos dudan que lleguen a tiempo otros órganos.

La familia de Jésica Santillán la trajeron a Estados Unidos buscando el milagro de la vida y ahora luchan a brazo partido contra la muerte, porque la salud de su hija de 17 años continúa empeorando.

La operación tuvo lugar el día 7 y el día 10 sufrió un ataque cardiaco seguido por convulsiones el domingo, día 12. En estos momentos se mantiene con vida porque una máquina bombea el corazón y los pulmones.

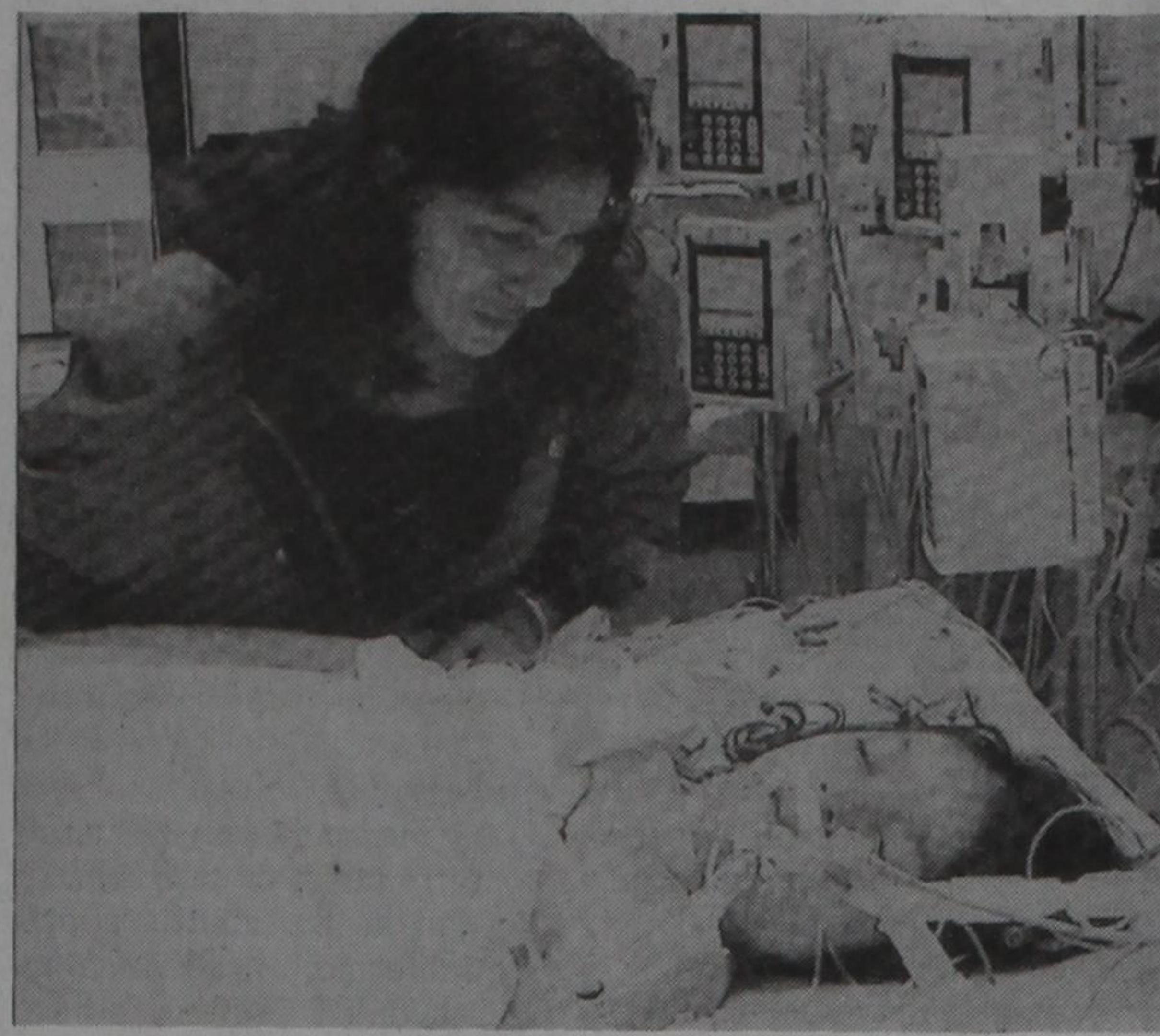
Su estado de salud es grave, manifestó ayer Richard Puff, portavoz del Hospital de la Universidad de Duke.

"Ahorita, mi hija se encuentra entre la vida y la muerte. Podría morir en cualquier momento", manifestó en español su madre, Magdalena Santillán. "Para sobrevivir, mi hija necesita un trasplante de corazón y pulmones. Es nuestra única esperanza debido al error de los doctores".

"Sólo nos queda la fe en Dios de que se salvará", dijo la madre.

Mack Mahoney, un amigo de la familia, declaró que "sólo le quedan un par de días de vida, o un poco más, en esta máquina cardiopulmonar, ya está empezando a experimentar daño en los riñones".

Jésica Santillán presentaba una deformidad cardiopulmonar que



impedia a sus pulmones bombear suficiente oxígeno a su sangre. Luego de esperar tres años, recibió un trasplante el 7 de febrero con un corazón y pulmones enviados desde Boston.

Error de tipo

El tipo de sangre de la muchacha es O positivo, pero los doctores del Hospital de la Universidad de Duke le implantaron órganos del tipo sanguíneo A positivo.

Puff dijo que nadie se explica cómo se cometió el error, pero expresó que el personal del hospital creía que los órganos eran compatibles y que se había confirmado la compatibilidad.

cisión histórica al nominar a Miguel Estrada, y el Senado debería confirmar a este destacado nominado con rapidez.

Estrada representa la exitosa historia de un inmigrante y una fuente de orgullo en la comunidad hispana. Emigró a los Estados Unidos de adolescente proveniente de Honduras hablando poco inglés. Asistió al Columbia College y a la escuela de leyes de Harvard donde se graduó magna cum laude de ambas. Fue empleado administrativo del juez diputado Anthony Kennedy y es uno de los pocos hispanos que ha trabajado como aprendiz en el Tribunal Supremo. Miguel también se desempeñó como asistente del fiscal federal de los Estados Unidos en el distrito sur de Nueva York, una de las oficinas del fiscal federal más prestigiosas de la nación.

Miguel también trabajó durante cinco años en la oficina del subse-

cretario de justicia en el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos, tanto en la administración de Bush padre como en la de Clinton. Con tal experiencia, Miguel defendió catorce casos en el Tribunal Supremo y redactó numerosos informes a favor de los Estados Unidos. Es muy reconocido como un abogado brillante y orador, y los informes sobre su desempeño como funcionario señalan que "inspira a sus compañeros de trabajo dando el ejemplo".

Según sus calificaciones, intelecto, juicio, y temperamento, no es ninguna sorpresa que Miguel Estrada recibiera una evaluación unánime de "muy calificado", la evaluación más alta posible, de la American Bar Association (la asociación del colegio de abogados, ABA por sus siglas en inglés). Además cuenta con el amplio

y es candidata a otro trasplante; "seguimos confiando en que sucederá", aunque el hospital no puede hacer nada para hacerlo posible.

"Estamos haciendo el trámite normal en las oficinas de trasplantes. Es lo único que podemos hacer", agregó el portavoz.

Jésica está en la lista de espera mantenida por la red nacional de donantes de órganos, y su portavoz, Anne Paschke, indicó que su grupo no puede solicitar órganos específicamente para la muchacha.

"Por desdicha, hay pocos órganos disponibles", dijo Paschke al explicar que los órganos no sólo deben ser del tipo sanguíneo adecuado sino que tienen que ser de tal medida que quepan bien en la cavidad torácica de la joven.

Mahoney indicó que Jésica es pequeña para su edad —5.2 pies y pesa 85 libras— y por eso los órganos donados deberían proceder de un niño.

"Tenemos bastantes probabilidades de salvarle la vida si aparece un donante en el próximo par de días", explicó el amigo de la familia.

Mientras tanto, agregó, el aparato de soporte de la vida está dañando a la joven y exponiéndola al peligro de hemorragias, embolias y daños a los riñones.

Jésica, originaria de un pequeño pueblo cercano a Guadalajara, Jalisco, necesitaba un trasplante por una deformidad cardíaca que le impedía bombear suficiente oxígeno a la sangre. Sin el trasplante, tenía

unos seis meses de vida, dijo el amigo de la familia.

El hospital aceptó la responsabilidad por el error y de inmediato estableció nuevos controles para que no vuelva a suceder.

Los trasplantes de corazón y pulmones son raros entre los adolescentes. En los primeros 11 meses del año pasado se practicaron únicamente cuatro en todo el país en casos de niños de 11 a 17 años de edad. El año anterior sólo se dieron cuatro casos.

Los Santillán se trasladaron de Tamaulipas a Carolina del Norte hace

tres años.

Mahoney, empresario de Louiseburg, se acercó a la familia al enterarse de la condición de la niña y de la carencia de medios de sus padres. Con su esposa, Mahoney participó en eventos comunitarios de recaudación de fondos para pagar los servicios médicos. Los padres de la joven le concedieron el poder de abogado o representante de la familia para velar por su hija.

"He hecho todo lo posible para salvar la vida de esta niña. He estado luchando hasta lo último", dijo el buen samaritano.

LULAC Urges Senate to Confirm Miguel Estrada

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), this country's oldest and largest Hispanic membership organization,

today called upon the U.S. Senate to confirm Miguel Estrada to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. Citing the nominee's outstanding experience & strong bi-partisan support from those who have worked with him throughout his career, LULAC urged Senators to set partisan politics aside and confirm Estrada without further delay.

Miguel Estrada is an exceptionally well qualified candidate to the D.C. Circuit. He graduated magna cum laude from Columbia University and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy—one of the more moderate Republican appointees who continues to be Estrada's mentor. He has argued fifteen cases before the Supreme Court and received a unanimous "well qualified" rating from the American Bar Association—the organization's highest possible evaluation.

"Miguel Estrada is considered by all who have worked with him to be a brilliant attorney who has demonstrated the ability to set aside any personal beliefs he may have and effectively argue cases based on the U.S. constitution and the law," stated LULAC National President Hector Flores. "Perhaps the most compelling praise in support of Mr. Estrada's nomination has come from Democratic political

appointees who worked with him in the Clinton Administration."

In fact, no fewer than five high ranking Clinton appointees who worked closely with Estrada have praised him for his brilliance, compassion, fairness and respect for precedent. "With strong bi-partisan support from the people who have worked with him and know him best," stated Flores, "voting to confirm Miguel Estrada to the D.C. Circuit should be an easy decision."

Any attorney who has argued 15 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court has an extensive legal track record that can be analyzed for accuracy, quality, judicial temperament and bias. Yet, incredibly, Mr. Estrada's detractors claim that his legal record is too thin for them to make an informed decision on his nomination. "This claim underscores the

"opposition's biggest problem," stated Flores. "There is nothing in Miguel Estrada's extensive record that would lead a reasonable person to conclude anything other than this nominee is an exceptionally well qualified, highly principled attorney, who will make a fine judge on the D.C. Circuit."

LULAC strongly believes that our nation's federal judges should reflect the diversity of the communities they preside over. Hispanics, however, remain severely underrepresented in the judiciary comprising only 3.8% of federal judges while making up 14% of the US population.

Estrada Lo Merece, y Lo Merece Ahora

Por Sen. Rick Santorum

Durante dos años hemos visto a unos pocos de mis colegas demócratas y ciertos intereses liberales en Washington impedir la nominación de Miguel Estrada, el nominado del presidente Bush para el Tribunal de Apelaciones de los Estados Unidos del Circuito del Distrito de Columbia, haciendo pedidos frívolos al Departamento de Justicia e insinuaciones mal intencionadas sobre la carrera del Sr. Estrada, su temperamento y hasta si es "hispano sólo de nombre".

Este trato hacia el Sr. Estrada es degradante e injusto, y no tiene lugar en el proceso de confirmación.

El presidente Bush tomó una de-

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Etienne jumps in now, too; Tyson fight back on

First Mike Tyson changed his mind. Now Clifford Etienne has changed his, too.

Etienne agreed Wednesday to fight Tyson as planned, marking another twist in the soap operalike saga that has enveloped the heavy-

weight fight for days.

Mike Tyson will debut his new-face tattoo in the ring this weekend after all. "He called me this morning and said he's fighting," Etienne's manager, Les Bonano said. "In this wacky world

of boxing, what can you say?"

Etienne had been unhappy Tyson was dictating terms of the fight, and promised a day earlier to give up nearly \$1 million and the chance of a lifetime to take on the once fearsome former heavyweight champion.

"I think he's going to win and fight for the heavyweight title," Bonano said.

Although Tyson was said to have flulike symptoms over the weekend, his recent run of odd behavior began a week ago, when he went out and got a large tattoo on his left temple, a design with a tribal motif that almost encircles his left eye. He then missed three straight sparring sessions, leaving trainer Freddie Roach waiting at the gym without explanation.

Tyson, who will reportedly earn more than \$5 million for the fight, reversed course Tuesday and boarded a chartered jet to Memphis, to prepare for the bout.

"Mike told me he wants to fight, and we're here to fight," Roach said after the plane landed.

Earlier in the day, Roach said he told Tyson that he didn't think he was ready for the fight but would stand behind him. After landing, Roach sounded more confident despite the time Tyson has missed in the ring.

"It didn't help at all, but in a couple of days we can get the timing back in," Roach said. "He's ready to fight."

While Tyson's mood swings are well known, Etienne had a little fit of his own.

"I'm going to show him I don't have to live by Mike's rules," Etienne said. "I think he has mental problems, but Mike has to live with that."

An NFL player caught taking ephedra is often subject to harsher penalties than if he snorted cocaine. An Olympic athlete can lose a medal by taking the supplement.

Baseball and its union, however, allow players to use ephedra, which is suspected in the death of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler and used by millions of Americans trying to lose weight.

That policy is now under increased scrutiny, and players around the league are concerned about the use of the supplement.

Critics say baseball's rules need to be based on science, not politics. The NBA and NHL also don't test for ephedra.

"I don't think there's any way two doctors and two lawyers in baseball are going to do the collective work of hundreds of people over hundreds of hours," said Dr. Gary Wadler, a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency's medical research committee.

The Food and Drug Administration has reports of at least 100 deaths linked to ephedra, an herbal supplement derived from the Asian



Proving an opponent is just an opponent, however, promoters said they had four fighters lined up to replace Etienne.

"If I were him, I'd be jumping for joy that he's fighting a Mike Tyson who hasn't trained for days," said Tyson's manager, Shelly Finkel. "I think you'll see him fight. If not, we have others to take his place."

The 36-year-old Tyson's erratic behavior took another twist Tuesday when he said he was feeling better and wanted to go through with the fight. The night before, Tyson said he wasn't 100 percent and didn't want to risk not being his best.

"In the world of Mike, it's normal," Finkel said.

Tyson might have been influenced by the unhappiness of Showtime executives who had a big weekend of programming built around him and the possibility the network might drop the fighter from its stable. He also faced losing a return match with Lennox Lewis that would pay him millions more.

Tyson reportedly wanted more money for the fight. He was to make somewhere between \$5 million and \$10 million, far less than the \$20 million he pocketed for losing to Lewis in June.

Tyson owes his ex-wife \$6.5 million in future earnings as part of their divorce settlement.

"He woke up today and said he wanted to do it," Finkel said. "He felt good enough so he could go to Memphis and beat this guy."

Etienne hadn't been expected to present much of a problem for a fit Tyson. The former champ was a 7-1 favorite against a fighter hand-picked by promoters for his willingness to stand in front of Tyson and trade punches.

Mike Tyson says he'll be ready to fight on Saturday. Bonano said his fighter was up all night thinking the fight was canceled and said he now wasn't mentally prepared to fight. But Etienne would have made his biggest payday ever: nearly \$1 million.

Tyson's handlers waited days for him to give them some sort of sig-

nal on his willingness to fight. They decided to cancel the bout after the boxer missed a flight to Memphis for the second day in a row Monday.

After the fight was called off, Showtime executives decided to move an undercard headed by Olympian Jeff Lacy to Bally's hotel-casino in Atlantic City, N.J., and telecast it along with some interviews with Tyson and Etienne in place of the main event.

"We actually pulled off an amazing logistical task in 24 hours," Showtime boxing chief Jay Larkin said. "I assure you this is not a publicity stunt. We went to astounding gymnastics to pull this off."

Once the most fearsome heavyweight around, Tyson has shown little inclination to fight in recent years and has lost three of his last nine fights, two by knockout.

Tyson fought an average of only five rounds a year in the last 5½ years -- and eight of those came while he was taking a beating in his fight against Lewis.

But Finkel said Tyson remains a big attraction.

"In the crazy world of Mike Tyson, one thing you have to know is Mike Tyson will always be in demand," Finkel said. "He's still a star -- he's the star. He won't be hurting for places to fight."

Brian Young, one of the local promoters, said 10,700 tickets had been sold for the fight but that ticket sales dried up over the weekend as speculation mounted that Tyson would not fight.

Young estimated he would lose about \$1.4 million if the fight was canceled.

Weight-loss supplement under scrutiny after pitcher's death

about their own supplement use and its risks.

"It's a long haul and it makes your body feel a little bit better," Brewers closer Curtis Leskanic said. "Whatever it takes for you to get through the day, you've got to do that."

First baseman Derrek Lee of the Marlins said players need to be better educated about supplements.

"A lot of guys might take it and not even know ephedrine is in there," Lee said. "It's just an awareness issue. It's unfortunate this is what it took."

Under baseball's much-criticized drug policy, only illegal drugs and the most powerful steroids are tested for. Even then, the testing procedures are "nothing more than

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES

On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing.

The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

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Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$23.50	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
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LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a la Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con sietecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de la Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

VALOR extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporales no son ultimate, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporales. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril de 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

Mexico's Pilar Montenegro & Spain's female trio, Las Ketchup, top 2003 Latin Music Awards Finalists

Latin Music's most distinguished artists, composers, producers and publishers were featured today as Telemundo and Billboard announced the list of finalists for the 2003 Billboard Latin Music Awards. Marc Anthony, Chayanne, Enrique Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez, Pilar Montenegro, Las Ketchup, Juanes, Mana, Jennifer Peña and Shakira are featured among finalists in multiple categories.

"This year's finalists include up-and-coming artists who are setting trends with their unique sounds and innovative rhythm, as well as established artists who continue to demonstrate their enormous talent as composers and interpreters," said Manuel Martinez, Executive Vice President of Programming and Production at Telemundo. "We look forward to honoring them in May, in what will be the biggest night in Latin Music."

"Billboard is proud to introduce 14 new awards, including Latin Tour of the Year, Latin Christian/Gospel Album of the Year, and New Artists from each of our radio genre charts: Latin Pop, Tropical Salsa, and Regional Mexican," said Howard Appelbaum, Vice President of Billboard Music Group.

Among the major categories, Top Latin Albums Artist of The Year



Topping the finalist list with presence in seven categories are Mexican actress and singer Pilar Montenegro and Spain's female trio Las Ketchup. Colombian Rock en Español sensation Juanes followed as finalist in six categories, while new pop duo Sin Bandera and up-and-coming artist Aracely Arámbula appear within five categories.

Finalists in four categories included Enrique Iglesias, Alexandre Pires, Mana, Jennifer Peña, and those in three categories were Brenda K. Starr, Chayanne, Thalia,

finalists include rock en español artists Juanes (Un Día Normal) and Maná (Revolución de Amor), pop group Las Ketchup (Hijas del Tomate) and regional Mexican group Los Temerarios (Una Lágrima No Basta). Those featured for Hot Latin Track of The Year are Chayanne ("Y Tu Te Vas"), Pilar Montenegro ("Quitame Ese Hombre"), Jennifer Peña ("El Dolor De Tu Presencia") and Sin Bandera ("Entra En Mi Vida"), and finalists for the new category Latin Tour Of The Year include Marc Anthony, Enrique Iglesias, Luis Miguel and Shakira.

Marc Anthony and Germán Lizárraga.

Several artists were finalists in two categories including Shakira, Paulina Rubio, Jennifer López, Rudy Pérez Jaguares Elvis Crespo, The Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Laura Pausini, Los Temerarios, Jerry Rivera, Gilberto Santa Rosa, India, Monchy & Alexandra, Lupillo Rivera, Conjunto Primavera, Victor Manuelle, Intocable, Grupo Limite, La Onda and Aventura.

The Billboard Latin Music Awards honor the most popular albums, songs, and performers in Latin music, as determined by the actual sales and radio airplay data from Billboard's weekly charts during a one-year period from the issue dated February 16, 2002 through this year's February 8 issue. Finalists, and the eventual winners, reflect performance of new recordings

Las Nominaciones de la Academia un 'Momento Histórico' para las películas, los cineastas Latinos

Por Antonio Mejías-Rentas

Un número nunca antes visto de películas y cineastas latinos recibieron nominaciones a premios por la academia de espectáculos este año, incluyendo por primera vez en más de cincuenta años la nominación a un Oscar de una mexicana y la primera nunca en competir por el galardón prestigioso de mejor actriz.

Comptien tres películas en español -- más que nunca -- por los galardones de la academia en su 75 aniversario, y una cuarta película de temática latina, "Frida", recibió un total de seis nominaciones Oscar.

"Es un momento histórico para la industria cinematográfica latina, y en particular para las películas en español", comentó el crítico Jorge Cámara de Los Angeles, ex-presidente de la Hollywood Foreign Press Association. "Quizás ahora (la satírica) Dame Edna se retratará los comentarios sobre el valor del español".

Primera entre las nominaciones para la película "Frida" es la estrella y productora, Salma Hayek, nominada para el premio mejor actriz por su papel como la artista Frida Kahlo.

Hayek es una de tres actores mexicanos que han recibido la nominación de la academia, y la primera desde que Anthony Quinn ganó mejor actor secundario para la película "Lust for Life" en 1956. Es también la primera mujer de México en ser nominada desde la de Katie Jurado como mejor actriz en 1954, para la película "Broken Lance". La única latina antes nominada como mejor actriz fue Fernanda Montenegro de Brasil, quien compitió en 1998 por su papel en "Central Station".

Con la película "Frida" un trío de cineastas han sido reconocidos, entre los que destaca el director artístico Felipe Fernández del Paso. Comparte la nominación a mejor dirección artística con el diseñador de escenario Hennia Robledo. Los artistas Beatrice del Alba y John Jackson comparten la nominación por mejor maquillaje. "Frida" logró nominaciones también en las áreas de diseño de vestuario, mejor partitura y mejor canción original.

La película mexicana "El crimen del Padre Amaro" se considera uno de los primeros en la competencia al Oscar por mejor película en lengua extranjera, entre películas de la China, Alemania, Finlandia y los Países Bajos. La película de Carlos Carrera es la sexta nominación de México en esta categoría, sin que ninguna antes haya ganado el premio. La última en competir fue "Amores perros" en 2001.

Hay dos películas más en español que tienen nominaciones para premios Oscar, pero que muchos dicen debían haber sido nominadas como mejor película en lengua extranjera. No fueron presentadas a esa categoría por sus propios países.

Se considera a nivel general que "Y tu mamá también" habría estado entre las primeras para el Oscar este año, si México la hubiera presentado a consideración. Como la película estrenó en los Estados Unidos el año pasado, le correspondería competir para casi todas las categorías del Oscar esta vez -- y los hermanos guionistas Alfonso y Carlos Cuadrón habrían sido re-



conocidos en la competencia por mejor guion original. Uno de los hermanos, Alfonso, también fue director de la película.

Durante una conferencia de prensa en la Ciudad de México, Carrera hizo mención de la importancia de las nominaciones.

"Es un año maravilloso para México, pero es resultado simplemente del hecho que el cine mexicano optó por su propio público primero, y después, con el apoyo de las grandes distribuidoras, hizo que todo el mundo prestara atención". Señaló que las recientes nominaciones mexicanas arrasaron en taquilla en México antes de conquistar el público internacional.

Las nominaciones a los premios de la academia se anunciaron el 11 de febrero en Los Angeles. Se revelarán los ganadores el 23 de marzo.

Los otros nominados por la película 'Frida' fueron diseñadora de vestuario Julie Weiss y compositor Eliot Goldenthal, quien ganó reconocimiento por mejor partitura y mejor canción original, con

la canción "Burn It Blue". Comparte esta última nominación con letrista Julie Taymor, su esposa y directora de "Frida".

La película "Hable con ella" de Pedro Almodóvar no fue seleccionada por el comité español que optó por "Los lunes al sol" de Fernando León, para consideración en la categoría de mejor película en lengua extranjera. Esta película no llegó a las finales este año, pero "Hable con ella" sí le ganó a Almodóvar sus primeras dos nominaciones personales -- por mejor dirección y mejor guion original.

Dos películas de Almodóvar han representado España en la categoría de mejor película en lengua extranjera en años anteriores, incluyendo la ganadora de 1999, "Todo sobre mi madre".

En Madrid Almodóvar dijo que lloró cuando supo de las nominaciones. "Para mí el premio es recibir estas dos importantes nominaciones", dijo.

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Latina diseña los 'quadros' del Grammy

El talento latino estará presente en la próxima entrega de los premios Grammy, pero no sólo en lo que a música se refiere.

Detrás del diseño de los anillos que lucirán los presentadores del evento y que recibirán como regalo los ganadores de este codiciado reconocimiento está el arte de María de la Luz Arrieta, una empresaria mexicana dedicada a la elaboración artística de joyas.

Recientemente, los organizadores de los Grammys contrataron a Arrieta para reproducir uno de sus diseños: un juego de anillos al que ella llama "quadro", que ahora serán entregados como regalo a los presentadores, ganadores y algunas personas de la prensa durante ese evento.

Arrieta salió de su natal Durango, en México, cansada de buscar vanaamente oportunidades laborales, nunca imaginó que años más tarde se convertiría en una prestigiosa diseñadora de joyas cuyas ventas alcanzarían unos 750 mil dólares anuales y, mucho menos, que algunas estrellas de Hollywood lucirían algunas de sus creaciones.

Doce años después de haber trabajado en una fábrica de costura, su sueño de convertirse en diseñadora de joyas se hizo realidad y ahora artistas como Faith Hill lucen sus creaciones.

Hill compró un pendiente, unos aretes y juego de "quadros" que tienen un precio al público de 2,500 dólares, todos diseñados por Arrieta.

Aunque Arrieta se encuentra ahora rodeada de piedras preciosas como diamantes, rubies y zafiros entre otras, para ella el camino no ha sido fácil. En su difícil ruta al éxito tuvo que trabajar antes en una fábrica de costura en el área de órdenes especiales, donde pudo aplicar toda la creatividad que desde entonces llevaba dentro.

Sin embargo, Arrieta no es de esas personas que pueden conformarse únicamente con un trabajo en la fábrica. Su perseverancia y disciplina la llevaron a incursionar en el diseño de joyas, aunque sin una preparación específica en esta materia.

Cuenta que se iba al centro de Los Angeles y compraba unas piedras que le costaban tres dólares. Durante las noches se dedicaba a diseñar los primeros aretes, pulseras y anillos con ese material y luego los vendía entre sus compañeras de trabajo. "Muchas de las veces me gastaba casi todo mi sueldo", asegura.

Sin embargo, su ascenso al éxito tendría otras escalas. Después de algún tiempo de trabajar en la fábrica de costura, Arrieta logró ahorrar cinco mil dólares y decidió convertirse en una empresaria de tiempo completo. De esta manera, usó sus ahorros como enganche para la compra de un restaurante japonés que iba pagando poco a poco, el cual con el tiempo le dio ganancias para poder ingresar en el Instituto Gemológico de Estados Unidos, un centro especializado en la enseñanza de la forma de trabajar las piedras preciosas.

De esta forma, Arrieta entró con su negocio a la competencia en una industria que genera más de 42,000 millones de dólares al año, según cálculos de la Asociación del Centro de Información de Joyería.

Helena Krodel, portavoz de la asociación de joyeros, indicó que la mayor cantidad de ventas en esta industria se registran durante el

timpo trimestre del año.

Para poder competir con los grandes diseñadores, Arrieta tomó un curso en el Instituto de Artes de Nueva York que le brindó el conocimiento necesario en materia de diseño de joyas.

Tanta persistencia tenía que rendir sus frutos. A mediados de 1991 abrió su estudio/galería en Pasadena, donde con mucho éxito diseña, pule y vende las joyas para un mercado muy exclusivo.

Después de su estudio/galería vinieron otras satisfacciones para esta empresaria mexicana, incluyendo un contrato con Paramount Studios para diseñar 200 anillos especiales para la serie Star Trek.

"Este trabajo resultó ser todo un éxito porque se hizo el proyecto en muy poco tiempo y quedó exactamente como lo querían [Paramount Studios]. Logré entregarlos un poquito antes de la fecha", comenta Arrieta.

La empresaria no reveló cuánto les cobró; sin embargo, señala que fue un gran privilegio poder trabajar con ellos. Tampoco habló del precio que los organizadores del premio Grammys pagarán por los juegos de anillos que obsequiarán durante el evento, pero señaló: "Los 'quadros' tienen un valor de entre 850 y mil dólares".

En total, el pedido de "quadros" para los Grammys incluye 90 paquetes con tres anillos cada uno.

Lyndsay Kelterer, directora de Relaciones Públicas de los Grammys, comenta que están muy contentos con el trabajo de Arrieta, pues tiene un estilo muy exquisito. Asimismo, señaló que la diseñadora donó los 270 anillos para los ganadores en este próximo evento.

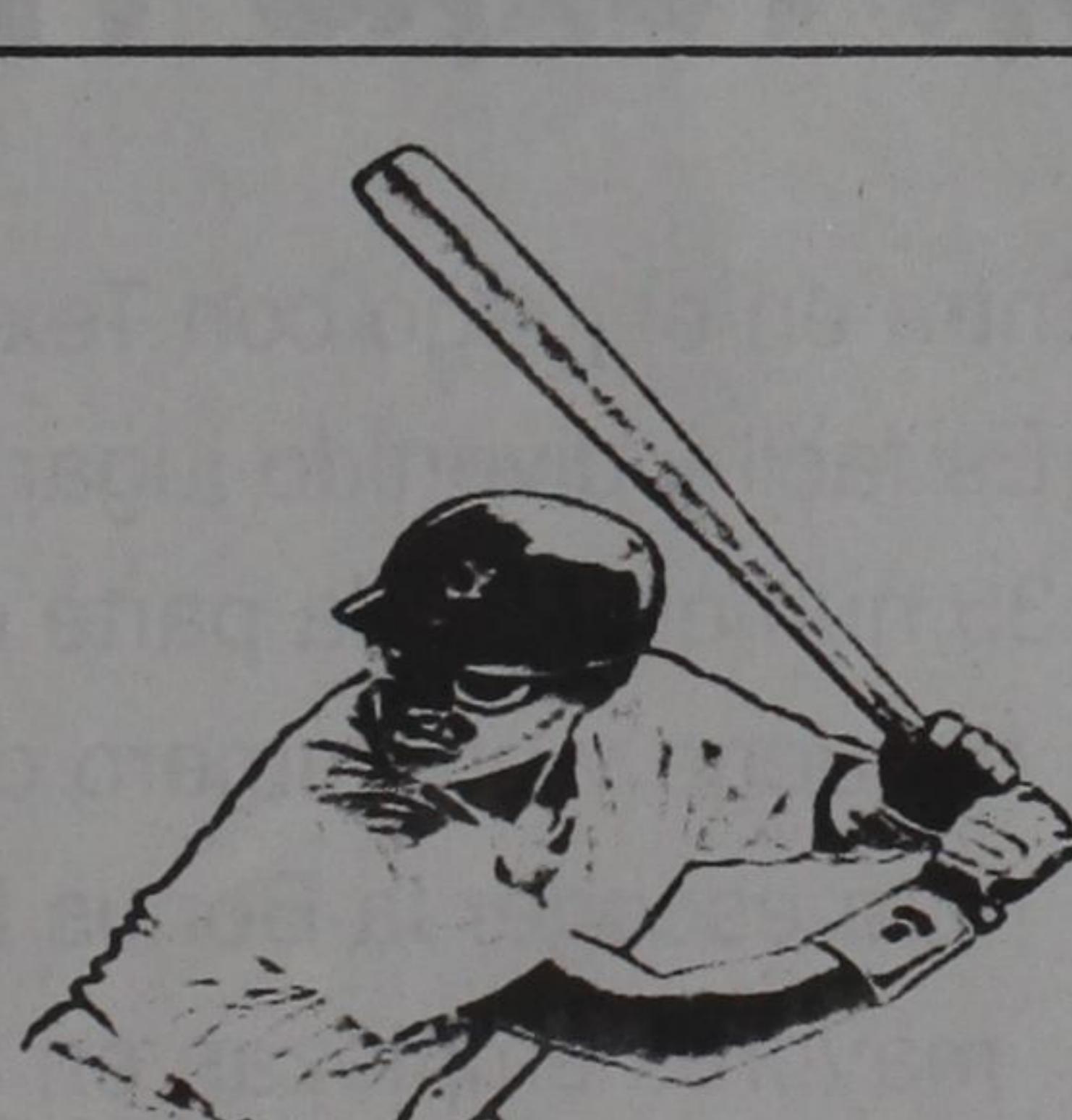
Anteriormente, la calidad de su trabajo llevó a Arrieta a diseñar piezas especiales para la Ópera de Los Angeles y una línea de joyería con símbolos representativos de autos de compañías como Ferrari y Mercedes-Benz, por mencionar sólo algunos.

Por la calidad, diseño y cortes tan exquisitos, Arrieta no sólo cuenta con clientes famosos, sino también con un cierto mercado entre los latinos que gustan de este tipo de joyas.

"He sido su cliente por algunos años y creo que sus diseños son fabulosos", dice Irene Esparza Portillo, quien en los últimos años ha gastado unos 25 mil dólares en joyas diseñadas por Arrieta.

Asimismo, Leticia Sandoval, otra de sus clientes, comenta que Arrieta no es sólo una empresaria más, es una artista, pues cada diseño en una obra de arte.

"Siempre es importante tener una joya, pues cada vez que las uso me siento bella", comenta Linda Weingerg, otra cliente satisfecha.



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The Hispanic Association of Women has been actively engaged in promoting the success of Hispanic women and youth since the early 80's. The organization is celebrating twenty years of excellence and invites everyone to join in. The 2003 Hispana of the Year and Scholarships Award Fiesta is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th, at 12:00 Noon at the McInturf Conference Center located on 6th and Indiana in the UMC Complex. Entertainment will be provided by Mariachi Amistad.

Nominations for the outstanding Hispanas of the Year are being accepted in one of the following categories: Education, Medical, Legal, Civic/Church, Media/Public Relations, Business/Professional and Youth. Nominees should be His-

panic women that have gone beyond the call of duty in their respective areas of expertise including their community volunteer activities and job responsibilities. Nominees may be nominated by a group or by an individual. Nominations must be received on or before March 19, 2003. Nominees will be notified of their selection by April 1.

Applications for five scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 are also available. Eligibility criteria includes the following: Applicant must be a female of Hispanic descent, a resident of Lubbock County, must provide proof of financial need and demonstrate academic potential, and must provide proof of enrollment to an accredited

institution. Vocational or trade schools are not eligible. High school seniors and students in college meeting the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply. Recipients will be expected to attend the April 19th awards event.

Table sponsorships are \$250.00 for a table of eight. Individual tick-

ets are \$25 per person. Applications for both the Hispana awards and scholarships are available by calling 745 6020 or by writing to H.A.W., P.O. Box 1217, Lubbock, TX 79408. Applications may also be obtained by contacting hispanicassociationofwomen@hotm ail.com.

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public relations," says former marathoner Frank Shorter, chairman of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

Baseball spokesman Rich Levin and union head Donald Fehr said it was too soon to say whether the sport should re-examine its policy on ephedra. Even so, several teams greeted players at spring training by encouraging them not to take supple-

"If you're a player and doing it, if this doesn't open your eyes then something is wrong," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said.

Others, meanwhile, know there's only so much the teams can control.

"You're talking about something the FDA can't regulate, so how can we?" said trainer Larry Davis of the Oakland A's.

The NFL takes a much different view and started testing for ephedra last season.

Shortly after lineman Korey Stringer's heatstroke death in 2001, the NFL banned ephedra, saying it could interfere with the body's ability to regulate heat. (A supplement containing ephedra was found in Stringer's locker, although there's no evidence it caused his death).

A first-time ephedra user can be suspended for four games. Players who test positive for illegal drugs for the first time are not suspended, and instead are tested more often.

"It seems a little strange to have more tolerance for illegal drugs," union head Gene Upshaw said.

The International Olympic Committee also banned ephedra. Just as with other banned substances, athletes found with the herb in their system can be suspended, kicked off teams or have medals stripped.

The NCAA also bans the supplement, and tests regularly. The NBA does not ban it, and the NHL only discourages players from using ephedra.

Wadler urged baseball to leave drug policy to groups like WADA.

"Sound policy has to be based on sound science," he said.

Juarez Murders

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Those disappearances all came at least 9 months after the most recent round of arrests in the case. Prosecutors claimed they had solved the crimes when they arrested two men on suspicion of the crimes in December 2002.

More than 300 women have been murdered in the past decade in Ciudad Juarez, a city of 1.3 million across from El Paso, Texas. Police have confirmed that more than 75 of the cases are related to a string of rapes.

One victim found Monday, dressed in a skirt and blouse and with her hands tied behind her back, appeared to have been left a few weeks ago, while the two others had been in the desert for months and had few traces of clothing, police spokeswoman Claudia Bolanos told Reforma newspaper.

She was not available to comment Tuesday.

The bodies have not yet been identified. And Talavera refused to speculate on whether the women had been raped, or how they had been killed.

"We are talking about a delicate subject," she said. "I can't talk about something we are investigating."

Dozens of suspects have been arrested — and some convicted — in the murders. But bodies have continued to turn up in Juarez.

Noeleen Heyzer, the director of the U.N. Development Fund for Women, has said labor policies at maquiladora assembly plants — including late shifts and turning away employees for tardiness — endanger women in Ciudad Juarez. Many of the victims have been young and poor, and have disappeared on their way to or from work at the city's many border factories.

Chavez, director of the Casa Amiga, a nonprofit center that helps thousands of rape and abuse victims in Ciudad Juarez, condemned the latest killings and officials' inability to protect women.

The killings "don't stop. They happen every year, and each time confuse the situation more," she said. "This city is out of control."

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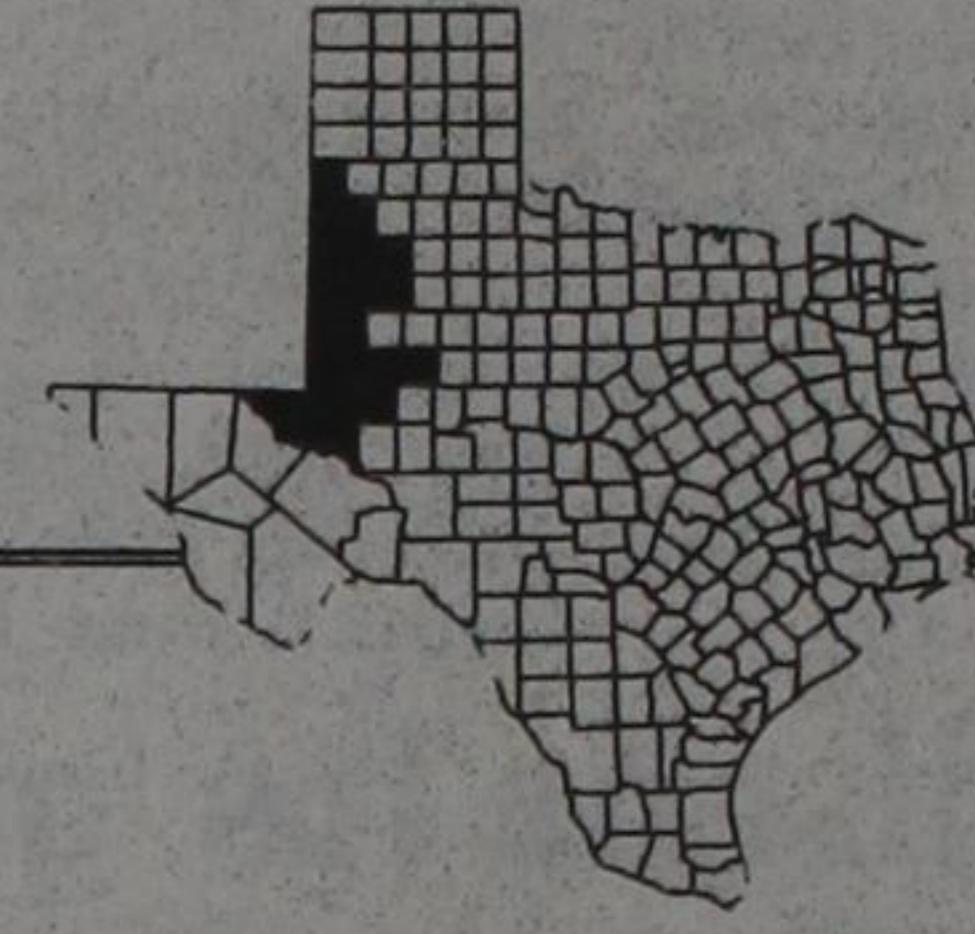
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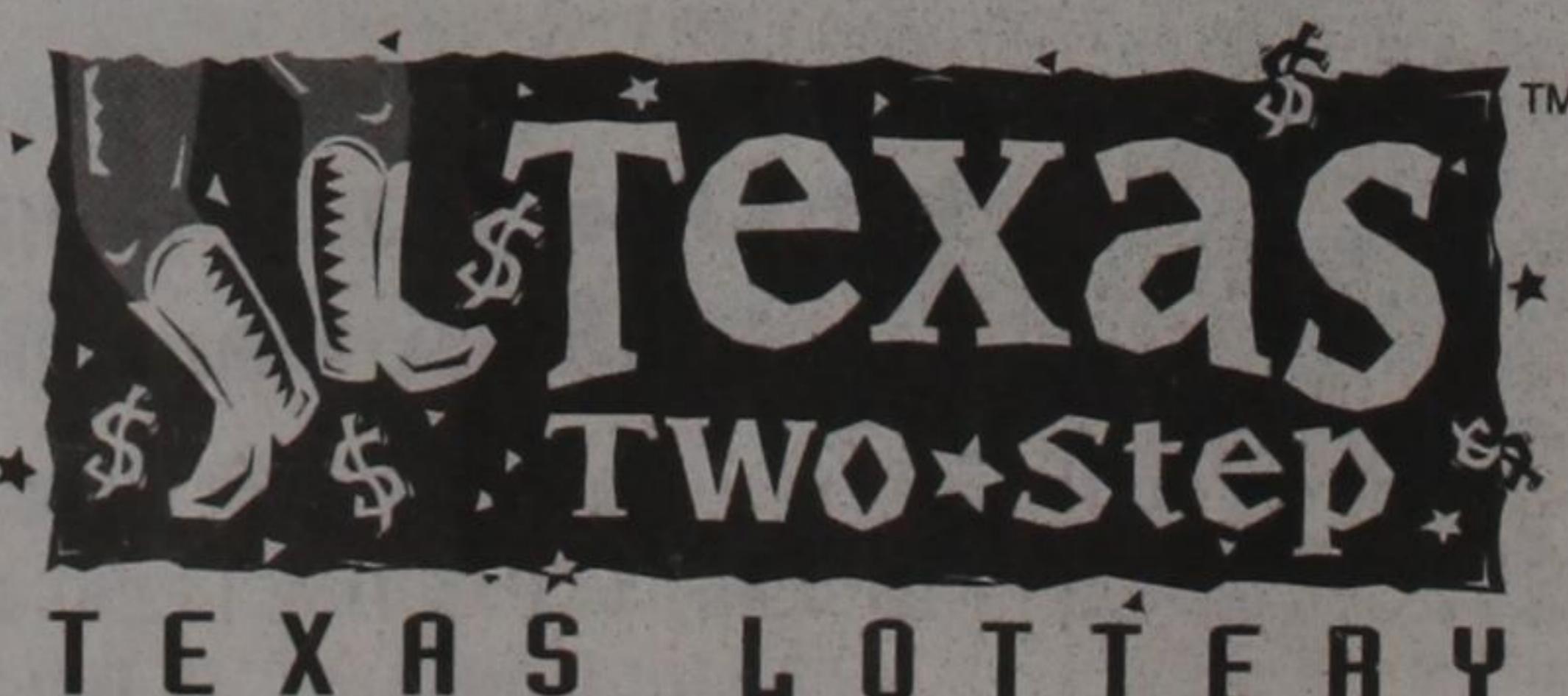
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¡Es facil y divertido jugar! Solo escoge 4 de 35 numeros de la parte de arriba en la hoja de juego y un numero de la parte de abajo, para escoger la Bonus Ball. ¡Los premios mayores empiezan en \$200,000!

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