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LCC Board Approves Merger with Hispanic Chamber

The organization once known as COMA and then as the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; will now be known as the "Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Division".

The clarification on the new name was provided by current Chairman of the Hispanic Chamber Mike Arismendez in an email to El Editor. Arismendez will now also hold the distinction of having served as the last Chairman of the 34 year old Hispanic business based organization.

The almost year long effort by some members of the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber to merge with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce (LCC) finally came to fruition on Tuesday April 29, when it was announced that the LCC Board had approved the merger.

The effort which took an extraordinary amount of time to complete, when one considers that major corporations have merged in less time, was approved by the LCC Board of Directors and announced by LCC Board Chairman Gary Gregory. But the complete transformation will not take effect until sometime in October.

In the Tuesday morning news conference announcing the decision, Gregory was asked why the change was still going to take until October to complete. Gregory responded that it would take that long because they (LCC) wanted to establish a professional staff to work with the new Hispanic division.

Based on that timeline, it will be less than 6 months before the 30 plus year old organization will cease to exist in its present form.

the early 1970's by a group of Mexican American businesspersons who saw a need for a representative organization and decided to join together as a group to take advantage of their collective resources and business influence.

One of those original founders, El Editor Publisher Bidal Aguero, was anxious to find out more details about the merger before passing judgment on the most recent development; but was nostalgic at the same time. "Many years ago, we were bound by our heritage and our desire to succeed as many and not just as a few. We put everything we had into the organization, always bearing in mind that our collective goal was to "ayudar al prójimo" or "help one's neighbor".

Aguero continued, "To the Mexican American businessman back then, the neighbor closest to us were other businesspersons who lived through the same struggles we all had. I suppose time will tell how this new merger will work or if it will; I just feel a sense of loss for something we created and nurtured for all those years, and now it feels like it's gone".

But Aguero said he was not rushing to judgment and saying that it wouldn't work: "It depends a lot on the members and especially the Board of Directors. It will be easy for the new Hispanic Division to become assimilated to the point where they will not follow the program of work established by the former chamber. For example, the "step-up-to success program", participation in the mentor's program, participation in the state organization known as the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC) which brought national recognition to Lubbock; and the seminars and workshops that they provided as education to members. Of course we can never forget the fellowship."

Aguero cautioned that it would now become the Hispanic Division's leadership or board's responsibility not to let those programs die away and just lie back; and "enjoy the resources provided by the

majority Chamber."

But the highly anticipated decision, at least within the Hispanic business community, has been anti-climatic in a sense. This may be due the announcement in March that a group of local businessmen and Hispanic community leaders had organized a new chamber known as the Lubbock Area Mexican American Chamber of Commerce. The new chamber officers have stated that the anticipated merger had nothing to with the new organization being created and that they consider the LHCC a "sister chamber".

But LAMACC is seen as an organization which The original chamber, called the Comerciantes may serve to fill the void some see as being crethe region may feel more comfortable with a culturally based organization they can identify with; and be more inclined to join LAMACC. On the other hand, perhaps the Lubbock Chamber is betting that by having a Hispanic Division; that will increase their chances of growing their membership?

> While it is expected that some businesses and individuals will enjoy membership in both chambers; there will certainly be a competition for new members and corporate donations.

> This Friday LAMACC will host a meet and greet at Joel's Restaurant in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. The event will present an art exhibit entitled; "Vida y Cultura" by Andre Deleon. Candidates running for city election have also been invited to attend and meet with the membership. The event will take place Friday May 2, from 5:30

The new LCC Hispanic Division is slated to host the Mayor's Prayer Luncheon on May 8.

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The 5th of May is not Mexican Independence Day, but it should be! And Cinco de Mayo is not an American holiday, but it should be. Mexico declared its independence from mother Spain on midnight, the 15th of September, 1810. And it took 11 years before the first Spanish soldiers were told and forced to leave Mexico.



So, why Cinco de Mayo? And why should Americans savor this day as well? Because 4,000 Mexican soldiers smashed the French and traitor Mexican army of 8,000 at Puebla, Mexico, 100 miles east of Mexico City on the morning of May 5, 1862.

The French had landed in Mexico (along with Spanish and English troops) five months earlier on the pretext of collecting Mexican

Organizados Mejico Americanos, was created in ated by the merger. Minority owned businesses in debts from the newly elected government of democratic President (and Indian) Benito Juarez. The English and Spanish quickly made deals and left. The French, however, had different ideas.

> Under Emperor Napoleon III, who detested the United States, the French came to stay. They brought a Hapsburg prince with them to rule the new Mexican empire. His name was Maximilian; his wife, Carolota. Napoleon's French Army had not been defeated in 50 years, and it invaded Mexico with the finest modern equipment and with a newly reconstituted Foreign Legion. The French were not afraid of anyone, especially since the United States was embroiled in its own Civil War.

> The French Army left the port of Vera Cruz to attack Mexico City to the west, as the French assumed that the Mexicans would give up should their capital fall to the enemy -- as European countries traditionally did. (Continued on page 8)

The Battle for City Hall By Abel Cruz

in the race for Mayor, the two major candidates; in-Pro Tem Tom Martin have been battling for the

city's top spot in radio and television commercials; at least one televised two man debate, and most recently in a 4 candidate debate broadcast on radio station KFYO 790AM. In both debates, the two can-



Mayor David "Chuckles" Miller

didates have stressed their city's highest

the similarities

seem to end. came to questioning the

candidates for this Q&A, we looked back on the past 2 years and we also looked back at Martin's tenure on the council

to come up with our questions. As a weekly newspaper which reaches a mostly Hispanic readership, we felt that at least some of the questions asked needed to relate to issues that directly affect the large communities of District 1 and 2. We also felt that most of the questions should be different considering that there were situations requiring a different set of questions to each candidate.

In the case of the other two candidates running for Mayor, Gilbert Montes and Roger Settler; we also sent a separate set of questions to each one. We asked that each candidate meet a deadline for replying but did not hear back from either one of those candidates by the deadline.

El Editor respects both Mr. Miller's and Mr. Martin's responses and we print them here as they were submitted to us; unedited. Due to space limitations, the questions to each candidate have been slightly edited but their original meaning has not been changed.

First up, Tom Martin:

Question: Give us your thoughts on how the Canyon Lakes renaming situation was handled by the Mayor and the council and tell us whether you would have voted for or against?

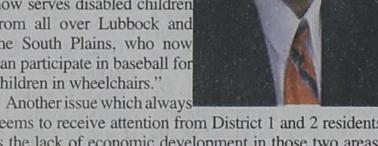
Martin: "There should have been more orderly consideration by the council on the issue of renaming Canyon Lakes Drive. The fact that it was approved TWICE on 4-3 votes shows that there was not unanimity on the council. Because of a lack of anything but a 4-3 vote (with different majorities each time), I would have delayed the renaming until there was a clear consensus."

Many Hispanic voters, especially in an the area around Aztlan Park, say Martin is responsible for not following through with the plans as outlined in the 1999 bond election which targeted District 1 for economic development; specifically the Aztlan Park area.

They say Martin is responsible for moving the money to SW Lubbock.

Question: What would you say to your critics and cumbent Mayor David Miller and former Mayor how would you convince them to vote for you this time

> Martin: "The planned lake near Interstate 27 was included on the 1999 bond election. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would not approve the project for construction desire to be the because it would disturb natural wildlife habitat. The ranking official; funds were used in a variety but that is where of areas throughout the city, including work on the Challenger Little League Field at So when it McAlister Park. This facility now serves disabled children from all over Lubbock and the South Plains, who now can participate in baseball for children in wheelchairs.'



seems to receive attention from District 1 and 2 residents is the lack of economic development in those two areas. We asked Martin how he felt about the issue.

Martin: "There are infrastructure needs in these areas, as well as downtown. I have been compiling information for plans to address these needs, at the same time we work on downtown infrastructure."

One of the issues we have addressed in this newspaper is that close to 20% of the city's population lives below the poverty level as set forth by the federal government. We asked Mr. Martin if he considered this a problem and if he would address it if elected.

Martin: "Poverty and disease certainly should be a major concern for a mayor and they will be for me. Such problems are a concern for the entire city's health and growth. I will certainly do all within my authority to combat both of these problems."

Another question we raised in the 2006 election was management style; and at that time criticized Martin for his micro management style of managing. Martin's opponent David Miller has also been critical of Martin's style and there is a clear difference in how both candidates lead. Earlier this year, Martin's name resurfaced in the Terry Ellerbrook case and most recently in the AAG situation. In both cases, the implication was that Martin had improperly directed city personnel; in violation of the city charter. We asked Martin about this issue.

Martin: "My job as mayor will not be to please the city hall staff. I will inspire them to work as hard as they can for all the people of this city. If there is one problem with the city government right now it is the LACK of leadership by Mayor Miller. I will devote full time to the job when I am Mayor. My management style is one of inspiration with information, with less bickering at city hall. I will

encourage peaceful consensus among the council." And finally we wanted to know why the city continues to invite increased population growth and new commercial development, something Mr. Martin is a proponent of, when some say that we may be facing water shortages in the future.

Martin: "We should not seek new businesses which

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probably cost them 12 years of their lives. Now, after 12 long years of claiming their innocence from behind bars in Texas prison; the two men will finally

reclaim their libertad! Liberty! What they will be unable to reclaim is those 12 years; those years are gone for-

In what had been an expected development, Sifuentes and Ramirez were released from Lamb County Jail after serving 12 years for a crime they always maintained they didn't commit. Now a Lamb County Grand Jury says

prosecutors do not have enough evidence to indict the men and retry them. The story goes back to 1996 when Littlefield store clerk Evangelina Cruz was gunned down inside the Jolly Roger convenience store where she worked. It was a Sunday night when, according to the victim, two Hispanic

looking men came into the store and shot her; leaving her to die in a pool of blood. Later that night, Sifuentes and Ramirez were driving home they say when a DPS officer stopped them on another

traffic matter. By that time the details about the murder had been broadcast out over the radio and both men were questioned about the shooting. Both men denied they had been there and were eventually let go. It wasn't long before the men became prime suspects; were arrested, were tried and convicted. Ever since their

conviction, both men had maintained their innocence.

Twelve years later, it seems like a Lamb County Grand Jury finally agreed with them. Email: acruztsc@aol.com

Guadalupe Neighborhood Association Elects New Officers The Guadalupe Neighborhood Association held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 to elect officers for the coming year.

Carlos Quirino Jr., Secretary; Diana Vasquez, Treasurer; and Alice Lozada, was elected Parliamentarian. A special proposal was made and passed by the organization keeping Mr. Carlos A. Quirino Sr. as "Honorary Parliamentarian". Mr. Quirino Sr. has been ill but has provided invaluable service to the organization and is one of the most well known Guadalupe Neighbor-

Current President Lile Medina de Quirino was elected to serve a second term as President; Ray Lozada was elected Vice-President;

hood residents. The organization wanted to honor him for his tireless work and dedication. The organization also expressed "appreciation to the over one hundred volunteers who gathered at the "Arroyo" for the fifth clean-up effort of the campaign last Saturday, April 26". Special thanks also went out to all the neighborhood residents who helped with making burritos for the breakfast; to Mr. Adrian Jimenez of United Supermarket for the briskets they graciously donated; to Mr. Rick Rosas from State Farm Insurance; and to Rudy Cavazos Jr and family for cooking the briskets.

The association is sponsoring a special neighborhood event and invites everyone to a special Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held at Guadalupe Park on Saturday, May 3 from 12 noon to 6 PM. Those planning to attend are reminded to bring BBQ grills, tables, chairs, and shade. It is a family affair and all families, regardless of what neighborhood they live in, are invited to attend. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

Supreme Court Rules on Voter ID Law

In the not too distant future, voters may want to make sure they take more than their voter registration card to the polls if they want to vote in an election.

In a 6-3 vote, the United States Supreme Court ruled that states could legally require voters to present a government issued photo identification card before being allowed to vote. The law stems from an Indiana woman who showed up to vote with a electric bill and expired license as proof of identification; only to be turned away and not allowed to vote. Ironically she was Anglo and Republican.

The ruling stems from a 2005 Indiana state law which was challenged by two separate groups representing mostly minorities and Democrats after passage in the Indiana state legislature.

Republicans had supported it as a way to deter voter fraud; while Democrats claimed it was an undue burden on the poor who might not be able to get the ID card or minority's who would be dissuaded to vote because they felt intimidated by the law.

But the justices disagreed and the ruling is expected to open the door to other states efforts to introduce the same type of legislation. In Texas, voters can still vote without a government issued ID, but a study is underway, orchestrated by state Republicans, to study the issue of voter fraud. That study is expected to result in a movement to enact some kind of legislation requiring voter ID's. Back in January 2008, Texas Republican legislators led an effort to pass a voter ID law, but it was blocked by Democrats.

Here in Lubbock, residents can vote by showing their voter registration card and nothing else; or they can substitute their driver's license for their voter ID card as proof of identity and residence. Email: eleditor@sbcglobal.net

Editorial

City Council Endorsements

with when we started discussing two years in the Mayor's hot seat. the mayor's race.

agreed with his views on the issues. the representative of a few. He had no elective office record and therefore we had no choice but mind him and question him about it. to evaluate him based on his cam-

vices, etc.

When Mr. Miller said he believed on those. in and would practice open governbelieved him, until we saw it for the in a more active way. revenue generating ruse it was.

anymore.

We like to believe that our news- expecting from Mr. Martin. policies and decisions made by the when we get there. of starting a public conversation. choice; then we all win. We believe that there is always a District 2 Race: Armando place for dissenting views. And we happen to believe dissent and expressing different points of view is a healthy exercise in democracy.

Now we find out from our Mayor that if we question things we are nothing more than a "CAVE" person; an acronym which stands for Citizens Against Virtually Everything. Furthermore he sees people who disagree as "uneducated" and "uninformed".

Unfortunately this is the kind of mentality which has permeated through city hall since Mr. Miller's first few months on the job. Who can forget the reference to the media being "the enemy"; akin to the devil?

These kinds of attitudes dribble downhill so to speak, and sooner rather than later, we wind up with city bureaucrats thinking that we work for them instead of them working for the taxpayers. Worse, these types of attitudes result in an elitist and arrogant way of governing and managing.

So perhaps you can understand why in this 2008 race we are endorsing Mr. Tom Martin for Mayor.

Two years ago we had our differences with Mr. Martin; we still do on some issues. But in this race we have been swayed by Mr. Martin's willingness to respond to our inquiries and at least engage us on the issues.

Two years ago, we think Mr. Mr. Martin lost. Perhaps Mr. Martin the questions we submitted to him. learned some lessons from his 2006 or axes to grind.

are at a critical juncture in this city. before the council. Plus we think We have crossed the magic thresh- he will do it in a no-nonsense and old of 200,000 plus residents and straight talking way. We also be- By Abel Cruz with that come a different set of lieve Mr. Beane when he says he It is somewhat ironic that the most conten- mous with the area. challenges. Increased population will protect voter interests in ad- tious conversations between the top two candiand commercial development has dressing city issues. brought increased traffic and has stressed our infrastructure; public him as the candidate we think will cifically campaign contributions; and whether built in one part of the District as one of his acsafety and city services.

who will look out for the taxpayer's Martin will take city management

To endorse or not endorse; that staff to task when necessary and dewas the question we were faced serves a chance to at least have his

We are sure that we will not al-Two years ago, we endorsed ways agree with Mr. Martin's deci-2006 campaign and we mostly tive for all the people and not just

And if he isn't we will be here to re- ever 100-year water supply plan.

the tide here; and we'll surely be drive on, but safer, as well. At the time we truly felt that Mr. criticized for our choice. We real-

We have heard all the right words lawsuit controversy ment we believed him. When he from Mayor Miller and he has been said he would not raise property more visible than previous mayors over the past 2 years? taxes we believed him; until he did. in the Hispanic community; but

Gonzales

In this race the choice was easy. One challenger doesn't even have the courtesy to run a credible campaign so that rules him out automatically. The incumbent Floyd Price has his heart in the right place and we sincerely credit him accordingly for his work on the LPD and in the community. But in a district which is on the verge of more and more problems every day we need someone who understands what it will take to get the resources necessary to make a difference in District 2 resident's lives.

In our opinion that person is Armando Gonzales.

We acknowledge that he is new to the political arena; but his education combined with his enthusiasm to participate in the political process will serve him well should he win.

In endorsing Mr. Gonzales instead of the incumbent, we are reminded of the phrase which says that if one continues to do the same things over and over again we will inevitably wind up with the same results. That's essentially what we have gotten with Mr. Price for the past 4 years.

Mr. Price has had his turn at the dais; our vote goes to Mr. Gonzales

Beane

When it comes to endorsing a nity for granted and in fact we still have to go with Paul R. Beane. We Miller as one of the primary reasons and his thoroughness in answering north and east areas."

no political or personal vendettas, Mr. Beane has the experience and the business acumen to manage the Whether we realize it or not, we many complex issues that come

be a breath of fresh air compared to they would obligate the recipient to do special complishments on the council; just 14. In the process we need someone the previous council representative. political favors if elected.

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The Battle for City Hall

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demand lots of water, and where possible, we should develop recycled water for commercial uses that we do need. Our growth will help bring in tax revenue to meet the challenges of new growth. Our new jobs will help people in all parts of Lubbock."

Next up; Mayor David Miller

Our first question to David Miller concerned his effort to make Lub-David Miller because we believed sions, but we will hold him to his book a "model city". We wondered how successful the Mayor had been in some of the things he said in the word that he will be a representation this effort and asked him to cite three examples of accomplishments.

> Miller: "In the past two years over twenty initiatives were begun or made progress related to water for our citizens, including the City's first-

The current City Council adopted the first 10-year street maintenance Perhaps we are swimming against and repair plan to assure that our streets are not only more comfortable to

Crime in Lubbock is down 10.9% since I became Mayor, equating to 1,300 Miller was the right person for the ize that some of our readers, friends fewer crimes per year. This Council is the first to fully fund the ratio of two job; would lead this city to greater and colleagues will disagree with officers per 1,000 population and that investment, along with the strong coheights and would address the is- our choice. And that is perfectly operation of our citizens, are helping solve and reduce crime in Lubbock." sues we think are important; wa- fine with us. Contrary to what oth- We then reminded the mayor about what we called "miscues and unter resources, our infrastructure ers believe, we realize that we will popular decisions" and noted that he had pointed to previous councils, and economic development needs, not always agree and see political including the ones his opponent served on, as the ones to blame for some particularly in District 1 and 2; the disagreements as an integral part of of the problems. Some of the things we pointed to as examples were: incity's high poverty rate, issues af- the political process; not as some- stallation of red light cameras, a property tax rate increase, taking \$1 milfecting the minority community, thing negative. Besides there are lion dollars from LP&L, increased debt, increase in rates for city services crime, increasing rates for city ser- many more areas we agree on; and like water rates, water crisis decisions which caused financial hardships when the race is over we can focus for some Lubbock businesses and individuals, the Terry Ellerbrook decision which ultimately cost taxpayers more to settle; and the Parker Group

We asked him; do you bear any responsibility for any of these situations

Miller: "The buck stops at the Mayor's desk whether or not he or When he said he had an open door it takes more than appearances, she is directly responsible for things that happen in the City. You have ing Councilwoman Phyllis Jones; who decided that one term on the council was policy and would hold a Mayor's speeches, and nice words. Our asked about a number of topics, all of which were thoroughly stud-Night Out to better communicate community needs more than just ied, discussed, and voted on by the City Council. What you did not with residents we believed him; lip service; we need someone who ask about were the property tax decrease for the current fiscal year; until he stopped. When he said red understands the issues and will do the fact that LP&L offered to give money to its citizen stockholders light cameras were for safety we something to try and address them (it wasn't taken as you state); the increased debt has been approved by bond rating companies that have given our City its best bond rat-We need a taxpayer advocate, ing in many years; the Lake Alan Henry pipeline project that will pro-We believed him...until we didn't who will not be afraid to put all tax- vide water for generations to come; and the important Marsha Sharp payers first; that is what we will be Freeway project that will help keep Lubbock as the second best com- wound up as a \$5.9 million dollar expenditure of the city's hotel occupancy tax mute city in the United States (according to Men's Health magazine)." money, is seen as a conflict of interest and has all the trappings of political impropaper serves a purpose in this com- And if we have made the wrong This past year, a potential \$300 million bond election was "popularly priety." munity. When we ask questions choice; we'll know soon enough voted" down by citizens in the court of public opinion even before the of our elected officials about city and we can cross that bridge if and council could call for an election. We also pointed out that previous May- her vote was appropriate in a legal sense; to many city hall observers and especially ors had managed several bond packages during their tenures and man- one of her opponents, Paul Beane; Jones vote is symptomatic of what is wrong with council, we do so with the intention But if we have made the right aged to push them through the council. So we asked the Mayor if that said city politics today. anything about his ability to lead the city?

> listened to the people and along with 100% of the rest of the City Council simply do not have time with early voting already starting. I mean no disrespect and decided to take no action on this matter until our citizens could have more I wish you the best with your piece on the candidates". opportunities for input and information. Leadership does not always mean "yes" and it takes strong leadership to say "no" when the situation

We also wondered if the Mayor had made any progress in addressing handled its the high poverty rate issue; which we had asked him about in 2006.

Miller: "The City just won a national award for building and repairing homes in underserved areas. For the first time ever the Chancellor of Texas Tech, President of LCU, President of South Plains College, and Dean of the Lubbock campus of Wayland Baptist University were in the same room at the same time at a Mayor's roundtable that I hosted at Mae Simmons Community Center. The subject was education at the public and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation as they offer work on first if elected: financial education seminars. I have worked with homeless agencies including, the new We-Can program to help people move into permanent tion of the Alan Henry pipeline by 2012. The line MUST be completed by that assisting those in poverty."

early June. I'm most grateful for their unselfish service to our community and mayor to stop the silly arguments and work hard on major issues and ignore as they have spent countless hours working on this challenge."

The final question to Miller had to do with infrastructure problems in Districts 1 and 2 and lack of economic development in both. We asked him to tell us what he had done in the past 2 years to address the prob-

Miller: "There is actually as much or more economic development going on in the northeast quadrant of Lubbock than the others. New residential and apartment developments have gone up in several neighborhoods. District 4 Race: Paul R. The new Business Park currently has ten's of millions of dollars of both infrastructure (streets, water lines, sewer lines, electricity) and commercial structures being built. This area will employ thousands within the Martin took the Hispanic commu- candidate for the District 4 seat we next few years. The new rail port north of the airport also is enjoying new growth. In addition, this Council adopted an unpaved streets plan that credit a high Hispanic voter turnout are impressed with Mr. Beane's will prioritize all streets in Lubbock that have not been paved to date. All in District 1 and 2 who voted for Mr. timely response to our questions essential services are being provided to all areas of the city, including the

El Editor appreciates both candidates taking their valuable time to re-District 4 needs someone to spond to our questionnaires. We feel strongly that in any political race; it defeat? And while we might have manage the growth in that area in is imperative that all segments of the community be well informed and philosophical differences, we have a wise and smart way and we feel educated not only about the issues but also about how each candidate will

Two Candidates Battling

a free country"; and any one can contribute to one block alone between 2002 and 2005. whichever candidate they so choose.

development in the district.

The District has fallen on hard times lately main issues in this campaign. when compared to other Districts in the city. now have to rely on cast iron bars on their win-completed in the District. dows and doors for protection from the high criminal activity which has become synony-

At Monday night's Lubbock Chamber dates in the race for District 2, particularly in candidate's forum, Councilman Floyd Price We like that attitude and endorse a debate setting, have been about money; spe-pointed to the fact that "14 homes" had been

> By comparison hundreds of homes have been That charge has been made by incumbent built in District 4; another seat on the council up

It is rather ironic though because it has been here, but the area's lack of economic developprecisely the lack of city capital and lack of eq-ment, its reputation as a high crime area, its uitable tax dollars distribution, which Gonzales reputation as the schools not being up to par says Price is responsible for, and blames for, for with the rest of the LISD schools, an absence infrastructure problems and a lack of economic of retail shopping centers and other retail establishments and medical facilities sums up the

seen better days. One of the city's oldest areas says that Price is taking too much credit for the and home to some of the city's oldest and most signs of progress and credits Price's predecesaffluent African American homes located east sor, 18 year council veteran T.J. Patterson for of Ave A and below 19th street; some homes the few projects which have been started and or

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"Freedom of Expression" An Open Forum Where Readers Express their Views and Opin-

Freedom of Expression

Same Complaints in District 2 Four Years Later

I attended Floyd Prices illegal town hall meeting last year. After hearing all the complaints, I wondered how the most recent complaints compared to the complaints at some of Mr. Price's first town meetings when he was first elected. Were the charges that the East side of Lubbock was being neglected and ignored true?

So I went to the archive files on the Avalanche Journal's web site and read some of the news stories written about some of Mr. Price's first town hall meetings. Most of the complaints expressed at those early meetings were the same complaints we heard at last years meeting-about three years after he had been elected. Nothing had changed.

Just enter the name Floyd Price on the AJ's archives search section to go back and read the news stories about those early town meetings held by Floyd Price for your self. Then if you live in district 2 and you feel that Floyd Price has done almost nothing to resolve the citizens of East Lubbock's complaints in four in almost four years why would you vote to reelect him to be your representative on the city council? Burley Owen, Lubbock

"Freedom of Expression" is a weekly feature of El Editor. We invite readers to submit their letters, commentaries and opinions for publication. All submissions will be subject to our editorial policies and practices; and may be edited due to space limitations. Ideas and opinions are strictly those of the writer and do not represent nor reflect anyone else's views

Three Candidates Seeking District 4 Seat; 2 Respond to Our Q&A

Three candidates are vying for the District 4 seat on the Lubbock City Council. They are Paul Beane, Tom Keisling, and Jerry Bell. One of the 3 will replace outgoenough and declined to run for a second term.

District 4 is primarily located in the southern part of the city and the city's website lists its population at 34,000. It is mostly an affluent area with an ethnic breakdown of 82.9 percent Anglo, 12.1 percent Hispanic, and 2.7 percent African-American.

Jones' 4 years on the council for the most part have been fairly ordinary, but she leaves under a cloud of controversy after it was discovered that she is "an investor" in a new business venture which will be located in the Depot District within walking distance of the proposed site of the new Lubbock Visitor Center.

By any standards, Ms. Jones' refusal to recuse from the vote which ultimately

Although Jones did cite the fact that city attorney Anita Burgess had ruled that

And while all 3 candidates were sent the same questions at the same time, Jerry Miller: "The will of the citizens was to delay a bond election last year. I Bell did not respond, telling El Editor in an email: "I will not be able to respond. I

The Questions

Our first question to the candidates was in reference to Jones' refusal to recuse from the visitor center vote; we wanted to know how the candidates would have

Paul Beane: "The failure of Ms. Jones to recuse herself from the vote on the visitor's center is outrageous. It's another example of the wave of greed and disregard for the voters that has swept thru city hall during the past few years. Not only would I have recused myself from the vote, I would have disclosed the fact to ALL council members prior to the vote, and would have left the chamber before the other council members voted on the issue." Tom Keisling: "I am sure Ms. Jones checked with the legal department about her decision before making it. However, personally, I would have recused myself from school, community college and four-year university levels. Education the vote and also explained what I believed was a conflict of interest at the time." is the true key to escaping poverty. We continue to support the North The next question concerned city issues and what 3 issues each candidate would

Paul Beane: "The No. 1 issue facing the Lubbock City Council is the complehousing. I meet frequently with citizens to discuss their own ideas for date, or Lubbock could face a severe cutback in our water supply. We have water... but it does us no good if we can't get that water into our homes and businesses. We also wondered why it has taken the Mayor's task force on Sexu- 2) Infrastructure - We must get to work on our city above ground...AND below ally Transmitted Disease prevention so long to report their findings to the ground. Water and sewer lines are not glamour issues, but they must be attended to council and whether or not that reflected negatively on his ability to get on a timely basis. Our streets and curbs are crumbling in many areas and that issue must be addressed. My third priority issue is bringing this city back together in an Miller: "Not in the least, This group of diverse, dedicated volunteers is effort to work for the common good of the entire city. The voters and taxpayers in doing a great job on perhaps one of the most difficult topics our society Lubbock are frustrated and angry with the direction our city has been going for the faces. They will be ready to present the results of their work in late May or past few years and they are DEMANDING changes. They want the entire council the minor distractions."

> Tom Keisling: "I believe we need to address our core services of safety, water and streets first and foremost."

There has also been some discussion in the media about the city's form of government. In our system, the Mayor and council are supposed to set policy but are not supposed to get involved in day to day operations nor are they supposed to directly manage any city employees. Here are the candidate's thoughts on the issue of whether they think it's time to re-evaluate Lubbock's City Manager form of government and consider changes to the city charter?

Paul Beane: "When elected I will propose a blue ribbon panel to study this issue. However I would propose NO changes in the present system until my term is up on the council. When I entered this campaign, I entered under the present system, and while it has several major flaws, it would be unfair of me to propose changes while I serve on the council. One of the advantages of a strong mayor and council form of government is that the voters can fire the mayor and council at the polls, but voters have no way to fire unresponsive city bureaucrats."

Tom Keisling: "Our city charter has withstood the test of time and has worked well for our city to-date. However, I would not be opposed to evaluating the current charter, but I believe the voters should have the final decision for any

In all candidate debates and campaigns, the issue of water; or rather securing enough water for our future comes up time and time again as the top issue facing the city. The question to our candidates; aside from the \$240 million dollar pipeline from Lake Alan Henry, what else would you suggest we do?

Paul Beane: "Lubbock is a major stockholder in CRMWA, and CRM-WA owns billions of gallons of water in Roberts County, northeast of Amarillo. We must work to increase the capacity of the pipeline from the well fields in Roberts Co. to the major aqueduct that brings water from Amarillo to Lubbock. The way to stretch our water supply is thru CONSERVATION. For years I have said while we must punish water wasters with higher water rates, we must reward those who conserve water with lower rates." Tom Keisling: "I believe it is critical to monitor the Alan Henry Pipeline for speedy completion. We also need to continue to develop other water sources such as the Post Reservoir for our future water needs."

And finally, what qualifies these three gentlemen to serve on the city council? city bureaucrats and we think Mr. not represent the views of El Edi- lenger Armando Gonzales who says we "live in Stonebrook; more than 18 homes were built on Different people have brought different expertise to the council. Some would say some who have served have brought nothing; but that's another story. Here's why

The area's history is too extensive to discuss candidates feel they are qualified to serve.

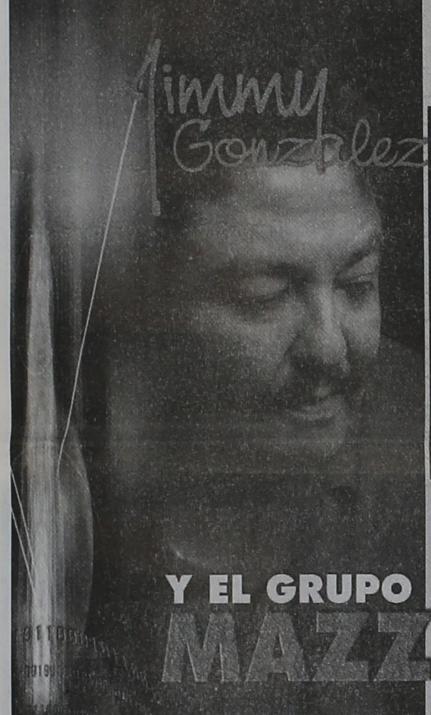
Paul Beane: "I have lived in Lubbock for 44 years. I have served on dozens of board and committees and as a radio and TV broadcaster, I have closely observed city hall for decades. I have owned several businesses in Lubbock and know how to make a payroll and I know how to cut expenses. I have never done a dollar's worth of business with the City of Lubbock, unlike one of my opponents who has done millions of dollars worth of business with the city. Even today, the City of Lubbock refuses to release some of the contracts between the city and Johnson Controls, a firm that one of my opponents Armando Gonzales blames the incumbent managed. In the aftermath of the 1970 tornado I served on the Lubbock Housing Once a burgeoning part of the city, district 2 has Floyd Price for the failures of the District, he Authority Board and helped relocate hundreds of families displaced by the tornado." Tom Keisling: "I have been a successful business owner for over 30 years using my own money and resources to provide for my family and employees' families. I have no agenda and I have no axe to grind. Lubbock has been good to me and my family, and I would like to give something back to Lubbock and its citizens-I believe public service is the perfect way to do that." El editor appreciates the interest shown by Mr. Beane and Mr. Keisling by participating in

our Candidate's Q&A; and thanks both candidates for their time and willingness to serve.

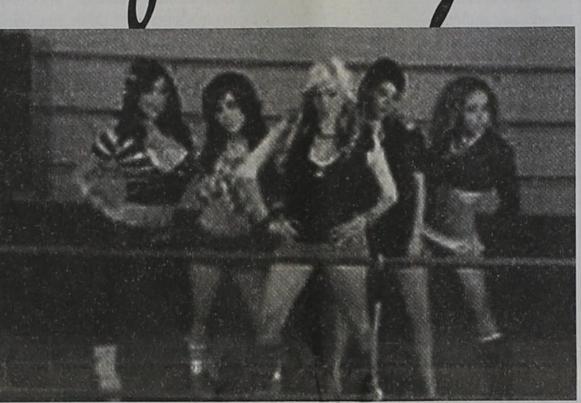


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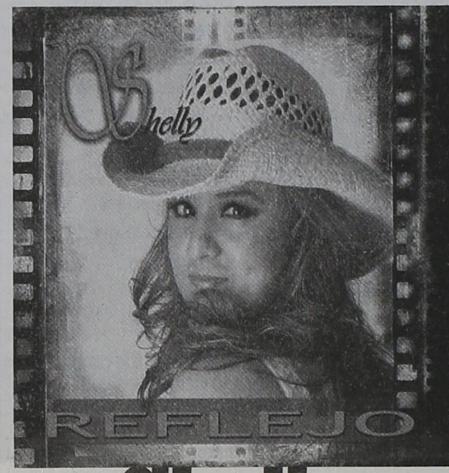
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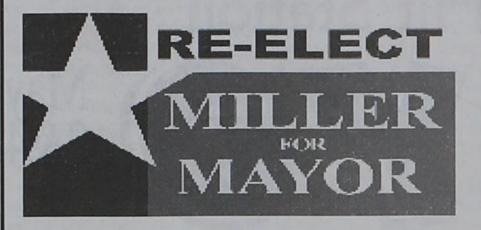
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Latinos outraged over CBS report by Katie Couric

As if Katie Couric didn't already have enough problems. Weighed down by record-low ratings at the anchor desk of "CBS Evening News," and by reports suggesting she will leave that post two years before her multimillion-dollar contract expires, Couric now has civil rights groups - mostly Hispanic — on her back. And for good reason. The CBS newscast that carries her name recently aired a one-sided and inaccurate report about illegal immigrant women who give birth to their children in the United States. The news story challenged the broader constitutional law of birthright citizenship and stated — without providing the correct context — that the births cost U.S. taxpayers millions of dollars annually. 'The story's central figure was a woman identified as an illegal immigrant, who was lying in her South Texas hospital bed — her right arm wrapped around her newborn and her left hand punctured by an intravenous needle — while reporter Byron Pitts lectured her that "many Americans who struggle to take care of their own families think it is unfair that they should have to take care" of non-U.S. citizens.

Immigrant advocates found the report so crass, and so far below the network's journalistic standards set by legends Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite, that they accused Couric of sinking to the depths of Lou Dobbs, the CNN broadcaster and contributor to CBS's "The Early Show" who has inflamed national anti-immigrant sentiment. One Hispanic group posted on its website a photo of Courie that morphs into Dobbs.

"Anti-Latino falsehoods deserve no time on our public airwaves," stated a letter to CBS by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the National Council of La Raza. The groups and others have asked to meet with CBS "to help raise the dialogue and provide the American public an honest and accurate analysis of this nation's broken

immigration system." And in a separate letter to CBS, the Asian American Justice Center lodged a similar complaint against the entire four-part series that included the report.

CBS has not responded to the civil rights groups' request for a meeting. "We appreciate the passionate and articulate feedback on our series. We will continue to do our best to listen to the many voices engaged in immigration issues, to produce fair and accurate stories and to bring national attention to this complicated topic," CBS said in a statement.

The Latino-led action against CBS comes at a critical time. The rise in anti-immigrant rhetoric, hate crimes against Latinos and election-year political pandering on immigration has caused Hispanic leaders to forcefully push back against the scapegoating that touches immigrants and various generations of Latinos.

NCLR, MALDEF and the National Hispanic Media Coalition now have websites aimed at correcting "inaccuracies" in the media. The CBS broadcast is serving as the latest example of unbalanced reporting.

In its written complaint to CBS, MALDEF cited a Texas comptroller's study noting economic benefits due to the presence of undocumented immigrants. MALDEF also maintained the CBS report exposes the woman "and implicitly leads her to believe that she is protected from deportation." And it portrayed birthright citizenship as "an unfair benefit to immigrants rather than a core principle" of constitutional

One gaping hole in the news story involved a hospital administrator's statement that the facility has "uncompensated care of over \$200 million a year," which the reporter tied to emergency room care for non-citizens. But how is that known if the hospital does not verify citizenship or legal vs. illegal immigration status?

Civil rights leaders also contended Couric's broadcast was inconsistent, not just because of her brand as "America's sweetheart" but also because, in June, she is to receive the 2008 Alice Award, named for Alice Stokes Paul, the women's suffrage leader and author of the Equal Rights Amendment. Despite



objections to Couric's broadcast, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairman Joe Baca (D-Calif.) plans to attend the civil rights event honoring Couric. Baca has gathered 399 co-sponsors to his bill to posthumously award Paul the Congressional Gold Medal. "Right now, I believe that a chance to dialogue with Ms. Couric and the CBS News brain trust may be the most appropriate course of action. They need to be informed that their story was not only offensive to Hispanics but also misleading in its portrayal of immigrants as a drain on society," Baca said. The Latinos' battle for respect is being waged on multiple fronts. The Hispanic Caucus recently lashed out at Democratic Party leaders for staging House hearings — beginning next week in the Ways and Means Committee — on bills that would enforce the border, sanction employers or extend visas for seasonal workers. The leadership is refusing to consider broader reforms such as legalizing the 12 million illegal immigrants in the country out of fear it would jeopardize moderate Democrats in swing districts.

Though Republicans have failed so far to make immigration a wedge issue in their presidential primaries and recent special elections, Democrats are using the hearings to stall conservatives' border enforcement bills. Hispanic Caucus members faulted Democratic leaders for considering only measures that would benefit special interests, such as those needing seasonal worker visas for the summer, or high-tech industries that hire highly skilled employees. Democratic leaders are "spineless" for not debating comprehensive immigration reform, said Rep. Raul M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.). Top Democrats "want to have, on one side, the support of Hispanics. But on the other hand, they don't want to spend one cent of political capital" to look out for them, added Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-Ill.). In the media, the Lou Dobbses of the world "say that we bring disease and crime to our country," NCLR President Janet Murguia said recently. So when CBS aired its report, Murguia wondered, "Is no one above exploiting this issue?" And if CBS is playing to immigration hawks to boost its sagging ratings, the network risks being tuned out by the expanding Latino community. Advertisers know that by 2011, Hispanic buying power will total \$1.2 trillion, almost 10 percent of all U.S. purchasing power.

"We are not going to be the victims of anti-immigrant reporting, and we are not going to sit by as the community is demonized," said Peter Zamora, a MALDEF attorney. That is the message Latinos are delivering to CBS, with the expectation that balanced reporting on Hispanics and immigrants will be the standard long after Couric's name is removed from the evening newscast.

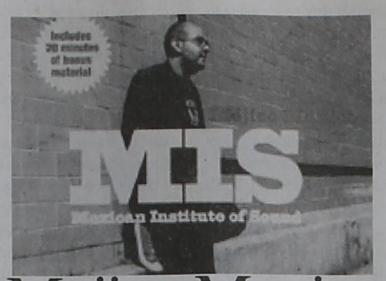


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'Mejico Maxico'

By day Camilo Lara works as the head honcho of EMI Mexico, whilst his alter ego recording moniker of Mexican Institute Of Sound travels by night through the 20's to 60's timezones to blend his cut 'n' paste aesthétics to a crate diggers lust for the latino riddims of cha cha and rhumba, as well as dub, bhangra and skanking reggae. 'Mejico Maxico' features a patch work of electro-doodles and etch-asketch skewwiffery that takes in a sideways glance of the pace of life in contemporary Mexico City. His 2007 album 'Pinata' was hailed by Rolling Stone as one of the best ten albums of the year, and on 'Mejico Maxico' M.I.S. comes across like a manic Fatboy Slim with the musical palate of Mr Scruff coupled with the trad. of Thievery Corporation with all the sass

of a lap-top Manu Chao.

Stand up or shut up as tracks such as 'Bienvenidos A Mi Disco' rock out with what sounds like a warbly digi-dub-skank of that old nursery chesney, Three Blind Mice, and the Mr Scruff-like 'Cyber Mambo' and 'No Hay Masa Yah' give good reason to prick up your ears, the former sounding like a rumba out-take from the space cafe in Star Wars and the latter with inventive day-dreamy loops, squelchy samples and woodpecker bongo raps to a rumba rumba. Elsewhere, flavours-latino are evoked on 'Juan Rulfo' with some of the old-time jazz/ blues with itchy and scratchy (TM) beats, and 'La La La' cuts a latino party tune like a tune from the old Peter Sellers movie 'The Party'. 'Cancion De Amor Para Mi Futura Nova' playfully blends space-hop chill out to spoken word radio samples, while bum tracks such as 'OK!' mine a spent seam on adventures in a Nightmares On

Wax or Up, Bustle & Out mien. The musical lexicon of life in Mexico City is painted on the private eye-like 'Mirando A Las Muchachas' played up in a Manu Chao style with cha cha and horn samples, and a homage in the guise of 'Lennin Y McCarthur', a mash-up of The Beatles Norwegian Wood by way of The Clangers, and a salsa piano melody is cut and pasted on 'Drume Negrita'. Electro-doodles like 'Jaja Pipi' and 'Buena Idea' make for lame, drunk-sodden, cocktail bar fodder, and the 4-square house by numbers of 'Hey Tia' sounds like something from a

Club 18-30 scream-mare - I go "hey", you go "Tia", an ardour that not even the Bollywood samples can soften (just wave your hands in the air like you're going nowhere and you just don't care). 'The Gypsy Rose caravan of 'Que Rico' forms a welcome reprieve with it's beats and samples, as the dub-skank of 'Dub-A El Tiempo Es Muy Largo' trails digi entrails and is probably best served with the sensi, whilst the closer 'M.F.P.D.A.' hones in with a Rockerfella Skank-style "bomb and destroy" sample, only aborted by a dubby mission.

With the gravitas of cult appeal because your Cut Copy and Kid Kaola are more like household names, 'Mejico Maxico' is more like the gift you'd come back from holiday with. The party feel is in the ascendant and comes across best on the rumba and skanktastic dancehall moments heard on 'Bienvenidos A Mi Disco', 'Mirando A Las Muchachas' and 'No Hay Masa Yah', whilst elsewhere there's the old tedium of elongated loops and sampledelica. 'Mejico Maxico' serves as a timely commentary on the vacuity of much of sampled music, where cut 'n' paste is only as strong as the glue of the original recording.

Afirma Alejandro Fernández le va bien acercando las rancheras al pop

El cantante mexicano Alejandro Fernández, quien ofrecerá tres conciertos la próxima semana en Colombia, afirmó que acerca la música mexicana al pop para mantenerse vigente y "me va bien".

En una entrevista divulgada por la edición electrónica del diario "El Tiempo", Fernández explicó que cuando se saca al mercado un disco de música mexicana "no tienes gran proyección" en el campo internacional, por lo cual ha recurrido a combinarla con el

"Ha sido muy difícil. Cuando sacas un disco de música mexicana no tienes gran proyección, a no ser que tengas el resguardo de una buena disquera, como en la que estoy, en el campo internacional", indicó el artista.

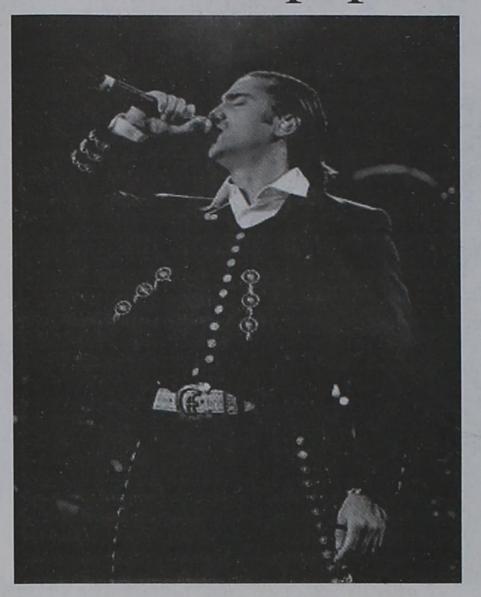
El hijo del afamado charro mexicano Vicente Fernández precisó que "he estado tomando algunas herramientas, como combinar la música mexicana con el pop. He desarrollado

nuevos sonidos para llamar la atención y hacer algo más moderno, innovar".

"Siempre he dicho que cuando hago un disco de ranchera lo acerco al pop y cuando hago uno de pop lo acerco al toque mexicano que me caracteriza. Y me está yendo bien", añadió el intérprete de "Como quien pierde una estrella".

"El Potrillo" actuará en Bogotá este miércoles y seguirá con una gira por territorio colombiano que lo llevará a la ciudad de Cali el 2 de mayo y a Valledupar al día siguiente.

La gira "va a ser diferente de lo que había llevado a Colombia. Somos una producción muy buena. Hacemos un recorrido de toda mi carrera, desde la música mexicana hasta los discos que me han dado a conocer internacionalmente", precisó.



Luis Miguel lanza nuevo disco en medio del suspenso

Fiel a su estilo, tanto para su vida personal como para los grandes anuncios profesionales, "El Sol" ha cuidado hasta el final el hermetismo.

Ciudad de México.-Rodeado de suspenso, y entre rupturas y reconciliaciones, el cantante mexicano Luis Miguel está listo para lanzar el viernes el disco "Cómplices", su primer álbum de temas inéditos en cinco años.

La salida del disco, prevista para el 2 de mayo en España y para el 6 de mayo en el resto del mundo, viene precedida por el nacimiento de Miguelito, su primer hijo varón, su encuentro con Michelle Salas, la hija que no había reconocido en 18 años, y los rumores sobre rupturas y reencuentros con su pareja, Aracely Arámbula.

Fiel a su estilo, tanto para su vida personal como para los grandes anuncios profesionales, "El Sol" ha cuidado hasta el fi-

> nal el hermetismo. Apenas días antes del lanzamiento de "Cómplices" se desconocía aún si habría una presentación oficial y dónde sería. La última vez que Luis Miguel

grabó un álbum de temas inéditos fue en 2003 cuando presentó "33en el balneario mexicano de Cancún. Aunque hubo otros discos después: en 2004 sacó "México en la Piel", un homenaje a su país, y dos años después "Navidades", con villancicos.

La empresa discográfica Warner Music adelantó que "Cómplices" está formado por 12 canciones del compositor Manuel Alejandro, el mismo que escribió la canción "Si te

perdiera". "Si tú te atreves", el primer sencillo del disco, se empezó a escuchar en la radio mexicana el 7 de abril. El lunes pasado la televisión mostró, además, el video de esa canción.

Los fans han hecho oídos sordos a los detractores de Luis Miguel, que descartan innovaciones en el estilo romántico y mexicano que lo hizo famoso.

"Luis Miguel es el artista más cobarde de la historia discográfica de este país, no arriesga nunca nada", dijo el comentarista de espectáculos Sergio Zurita, del programa de radio "La Taquilla".

Y es que, como afirma Alba Álvarez, de 29 años, una fanática confesa del "Rey", "lo que canta y cómo lo canta, no hay nadie que lo haga como él".

Una cadena de tiendas de música de Ciudad de México lanzó una venta anticipada de "Cómplices" que ha tenido una buena demanda. "No te puedo dar cifras, pero sí te puedo decir que la venta se está moviendo muy bien", dijo a dpa un empleado.

Luego del nacimiento de Miguelito en enero del 2007, Luis Miguel se reconcilió con Michelle, hija de Stephanie Salas, después de exigir una prueba de ADN para atestiguar la paternidad, según trascendió en la prensa.

Cuando se creía que tenía por fin la familia que nunca había podido tener, empezaron las especulaciones de su ruptura con Arámbula, algo que ninguno ha confirmado ni negado en los últimos meses.

Luis Miguel Gallego Basteri cumplió 38 años el 19 de abril y en toda su carrera ha vendido más de 90 millones de copias de sus 52 discos, incluidas compilaciones.

Es el artista latino más joven en ganar un Grammy (a los 15 años por un dueto que hizo con Sheena Easton), el único latino que ha logrado llenar el Madison Square Garden de Nueva York y el que tiene el récord de presentaciones en el Auditorio Nacional, el foro más importante de México, con 30 conciertos seguidos en 2006.

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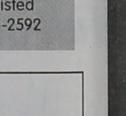
Eva Longoria Parker wants to play a Mexican diva

According to the Mexican newspaper El Universal, Eva Longoria Parker would love to personify two legendary divas of Mexican cinema, María Félix and Dolores del Río. That's what the Texan actress, of Mexican descent, said during a press conference held last week in Mexico City. Longoria is visiting Mexico to promote a new flavor of Holanda's ice cream Magnum Devotion, which she is a spokesperson for. "I would love to play a strong woman, especially in Latin culture", the 32-year-old actress said, praising Mexican cin-

ema. She added tha she would be thrilled to play legendary Mexican divas Maria Felix and Dolores Del Río. The Desperate Housewives (ABC) actress said someone had given her a book about the history of Mexican movies from the 1920s to the 1980s, which was very inspiring. "I did my own research to learn more about the writers, directors and great stars of Mexican cinema", the wife of basketball star Tony Parker said. Longoria also revealed that she is working on creating her own production company and she is



currently researching various movie projects. "I am devoting myself to Latin content", Longoria said. The charismatic actress greeted the press with a cheerful "Buenos días", practicing her Spanish. up.



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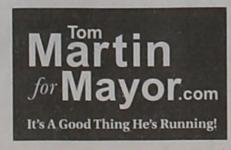
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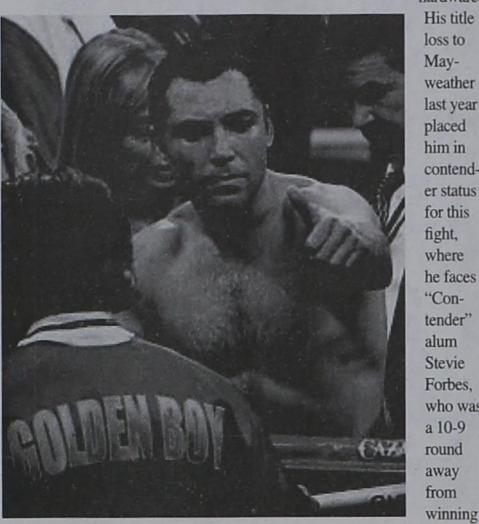


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De La Hoya preps for Forbes, Mayweather

Cinco de Mayo is around the corner, which only means one thing in boxing these days: It's time for the

that, no matter the outcome of the fight, De La Hoya will both enter and exit the ring without alphabet



annual Oscar De La Hoya classic. The weekend holds true this

year, but comes with a twist — the promise that it will be Oscar's first fight of the year, rather than his only fight.

The running joke in the industry is that Saturday's Los Angeles homecoming against Stevie Forbes (May 3, HBO, 10 p.m. ET) is little more than an infomercial for a planned September rematch with Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Oscar is well aware of what's being said, but insists that all he's concerned with is what's at stake, as well as what's immediately in his face.

"For this fight, there's no looking past Steve Forbes," said De La Hoya, the sport's biggest attraction, during an international teleconference earlier this week. "I'm training as if it's the most important fight of my life. I don't feel like a champion; I'm not a champion. I'm a contender. I'm embracing this fight like a contender."

It is the first time in seven years

hardware. His title loss to Mayweather last year placed him in contender status for this fight, where he faces "Contender" alum Stevie Forbes, who was a 10-9 round away

Season 2

of the reality show.

Forbes' appearing on "The Contender" is a big reason why he lands one of the sport's most lucrative assignments next weekend. Also adding to the plot is his fighting style, and the surroundings in which

He's the best-known opponent to boast a style similar to — or at least be familiar enough with — Floyd Mayweather Jr, whom Oscar so desperately wants to rematch to avenge his most recent loss.

"This fight will benefit me a lot, with Stevie having a somewhat similar style to Floyd Jr. He moves his feet a bit but for the most part will stay in front of me. The style change that we're bringing into this fight is something I've always been capable of, but haven't been doing in recent fights. The one thing people may have forgotten is that I can box on my toes, be elusive, pop my jab from my toes. The main thing is that we will relax, and have fun in there."

And of course win the fight,

which he doesn't take as a given. "Anyone who thinks I'm

overlooking Stevie Forbes is sadly mistaken."

His newfound dedication to the sport comes two-fold. De La Hoya (38-5, 30 KOs) has been insisting for the past few months that 2008 will be his final year as a professional fighter, and he wants to go out with a bang - "Forbes in May, Mayweather in September, then a big fight in December."

The other side comes from his reunion with Floyd Mayweather Sr, who has been in Oscar's corner for the better part of the decade but was removed from the fold for the fight vs. Floyd Sr.'s son.

For that event, De La Hoya went with Freddie Roach. It was a good fit, but there still felt like something was missing. It was no slight toward Roach, whom Oscar holds in the highest regard, but more so his overwhelming respect for Papa Floyd.

"Freddie Roach is one of the top two or three trainers in the world, but Floyd Mayweather Sr. and I just have this connection. It's always been there. When I called Floyd Sr. a couple of months after the Mayweather fight, it was like nothinghappened. I called and asked him, 'Ready now?' He said, 'Absolutely, I'm ready to get back in there and work on a few things.'

"We've been talking about my last performance almost every day. I'm training for Floyd Mayweather Jr. now. My focus is of course on Stevie Forbes, but my main goal is to beat Mayweather. I want to be in tremendous shape. I have to starve myself to make 150, I have to really work, but I've been on weight for over a week. We had that little glitch in the last fight, but things are now back to normal."

It's the familiarity in the corner that Oscar views as that extra edge heading into future fights. Now comes the hard part — training for a fight and knowing that a bigger fight lies ahead. The last time Oscar attempted that was his June 2004 bout with Felix Sturm, which was

supposed to be means for testing the middleweight waters before gunning for Bernard Hopkins three months later.

The night nearly proved disastrous, with De La Hoya looking worse — physically and from bell to bell — than he has in any other bout in which he was declared the winner. Very few agreed with the controversial decision, which was 115-113 across the board for Oscar. But despite registering the 37th win of his career, Oscar felt like anything but a winner that night.

"I stopped training for Felix

Sturm. I felt sluggish and slow. In the end. I felt like a loser. But I've learned from that, and am ready for a big year this year."

For Oscar the fighter, the year begins with Forbes at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. Ticket sales are already at 26,000, with Golden Boy **Promotions** anticipating

a sell-out by fight night. It's Oscar's first fight in his home state since his June 2000 super fight with Sugar Shane Mosley, as well as his first fight on regular HBO since 2001. It's the thought of bringing a fight home to where it all began rather than putting on his business face and overhyping a PPV event that keeps Oscar feeling young.

"Los Angeles is my home. I grew up in L.A. and lived there all of my life. It will be incredible. I can't wait to be in front of more than

30,000 at the Home Depot Center. Knowing that they're attending to support this fight, it will be a great experience. It elevates your performance. I was fortunate enough to fight in front of more than 50,000 in Texas (against Patrick Charpentier in 1998). This will be an event where you have your hometown fans and family watching. It will be tremendous pressure."

Not to mention the pressure of fending off what Oscar believes to be the best version of Stevie Forbes to ever step foot in the ring.

"Stevie Forbes is coming to fight; this is his dream. He had a dream



that his hands were raised. In order for him to beat me it will take something special, because I am in tremendous shape. He will elevate himself to another level. He knows that by beating me, it takes his career to another stage, which makes it such a great fight. Everyone knows what he's bringing, and will get to see what I'm bringing."

What he's bringing into this fight is a new attitude - one he attributes to a reliable supporting cast. Rather than having to double as fighter and

promoter for his past few fights in efforts to maximize exposure, De La Hoya only has to worry about fighting these days, while his team does the rest of the heavy lifting. "There's no distraction whatsoever. When I'm fighting, I'm only training. I have a terrific team, with Richard leading the army. He's on top of everything, making sure it's done right. The Golden Boy team doesn't always need my input because everyone knows what they're doing, which allows me to be at ease while training for my fights."

Then of course, there's the return of Floyd Mayweather Sr. into the corner. Some question Oscar's motive, insisting the move was made for publicity purposes — Floyd Sr. in Oscar's corner, while brother Jeff Mayweather is across the ring serving as Forbes' chief second.

De La Hoya immediately shot down that notion, insisting that Floyd Sr. is simply the best man for the job and brings out the absolute best in him.

"I'm fighting because I want to be on top again, to be a champion. The champion side of me — the fighter in me — chose Floyd to once again train me. We've already talked about this. He says, 'In my interviews, they always bring up me and my son, my family and this and that.' I told him, 'Just don't say anything."

Asking Floyd Sr — or Floyd Jr. or even Roger Mayweather - to not say anything has about as much chance of happening as, say, a fighter sticking to his retirement plans.

So shall it be viewed with a skeptical eye when De La Hoya claims there will be no 2009 for the fighter in him?

For what it's worth, he lends evidence to his claim of three-and-out.

"I joked with my team that by only fighting once a year, that I can save the best for last. Well, here we are. I'm fighting three times this year and will go out at my very best. People haven't seen me on my toes in a long time. They can look forward to seeing that on May 3."

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including one in which this newspaper's pubspond. We suspect that Mr. Price does not have lisher participated in, says that he is responsible time for a newspaper such as ours which reachfor the progress like the "14 houses" being es a large segment of his constituents or is upset built, for the new MLK baseball fields, and for with our coverage and commentary on the race the Sonic Drive In; which Price always refers and other issues related to city politics. How's to as new, but in fact has been operating for a that for tolerance of a different point of view? few years now.

establishments" as one of the main reasons high also the lowest per capita income. school students in District 2 do not do as well called "ridiculous".

Salinas has even gone so far as to publicly state in Monday night's forum that both Gonzadid take credit for starting a conversation about city council? "unity" and says that if his candidacy means

thing in the world you want is to win?

but we were unsuccessful.

Price disputes that and in public forums, although we suspected that he would not re-

District 2 is located mostly in east and a As for the third candidate in the race, Gilbert small part of southeast Lubbock; with a popula-Salinas, what has he said to show that he is the tion of 32,800. It is 49.2 percent Hispanic, 28.5 best qualified candidate for the job? In all ac- percent African-American, and 21.4 percent tuality, Salinas has said nothing of significance Anglo. Based on these figures, the district is the and has even pointed to the lack of "fast food most ethnically diverse district in the city; but

The questions we sent were responded to by as their counterparts in other parts of the city; Armando Gonzales and we print them here as a bordering on what one e-mailer to El Editor public service to our readers; so that they may make an informed decision at the polls.

Question: Never having served in elective les and Price are better qualified for the seat. He office before; what qualifies you to serve on the

Gonzales: Floyd Price has been an insider that the council started to do things in a more in the City of Lubbock all of his life, and he is "unified" way then that was good enough for beholden to the bureaucracy there because the City gives him his retirement check. I am an Which begs the question; then why begin a outsider - a fresh voice of the people. I have no campaign, do nothing to raise campaign funds affiliations or commitments to any individual to finance the campaign and act like the last person, organizations, committees, or corporations. I will vote independently. I have earned Nevertheless, we tried to locate an email ad- Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science, dress for Mr. Salinas to invite him to participate English, and Spanish. In 2006 I earned a Master of Education degree in Education.

On the Internet -www. eleditor.com I am the outsider YOUR FRIEND AT CITY of the people is the biggest difference between solve your issues with the City.

Question: Some people have said that you are people. I will listen to their problems and never too unrealistic in your goals for District 2. What say that a solution cannot be found. are your top 3 goals and how would you answer those critics?

nesses in District 2 during my first two years in the attorney representing his company? office. 2.) Working to acquire water cheaply for District 2, no progress.

Councilwoman Linda DeLeon, which you site of a real candidate. worked to recall from office?

times, and concentrate on the issues at hand one at a time. The progress in District 2 is more quires working with all of the City Council.

LPD. Is this a problem in your view, and if so once because of a conflict of interest. how would you address the issue?

Lubbock Police Department.

I believe it is necessary to have a diverse and unfounded accusations. Police Department because it makes for easier access to communication between the police and the citizens. Youngsters could speak with police without apprehension if the officer is of the same ethnicity providing more important information to the peace officer in evaluating acruztsc@aol.com

Recruit early and recruit consistently are what I propose to make for more diversity on the LPD. The LPD should recruit High School students as early as ninth or tenth grade teaching law enforcement so that when the students are presented with the Police exam they are able to pass it easily. We must offer higher salaries and better benefits to our Police and Firefighters so that we constantly have a large pool of recruits to chose from. I indicated this plan at our first debate at Mae Simmons and Floyd Price mirrored very closely my plan that he introduced

Question: What leadership qualities and political skills do you think you posses which distinguish you from your opponent?

if you find the right people to work with that have a similar passion to accomplish goals then leadership will follow. Commitment to the will

HALL. Call me at any time and I will work to Floyd Price and me. So far, Floyd has voted for special interests and his Council cronies at City Hall. I will always be loyal to the will of the

Gonzales: "My top three goals are 1.) Work ponent; Mr. Price's criticism of the campaign

Gonzales: We live in the United States of event. are doing a great disservice to democracy. They

When I am elected I will represent the person celebration joined.

important than individual or personal conflicts. special interests and conflicts like his Counnor the spirit of the day.

nally addressed the lack of diversity on the miserable failures on the City Council. I believe History recounts how the French came to Mexico not to settle but to con-

him for his time effort.

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Cinco de Mayo

Under the command of Texasborn General Zaragosa, (and the cavalry under the command of be Mexico's president and dictator), the Mexicans awaited. Brightly dressed French Dra-The Mexican Army was less stylish.

General Zaragosa ordered the best in the world, out to the French flanks. In response, the Gonzales: I like to lead by example. I believe French did a most stupid thing; chase Diaz and his men, who proceeded to butcher them. The remaining French infantrymen charged the Mexican defenders through sloppy mud from a thunderstorm and through hundreds of head of stampedarmed only with machetes.

wounded and their cavalry was horsemen miles away. Mexicans had won a great victory that kept Napoleon III from supplying the confederate rebels United States to build the great- The story of the Battle of Puebla cannot be told without telling of the man est army the world had ever seen. This grand army smashed the Confederates at Gettysburg just 14 months after the battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil War.

Union forces were then rushed who made sure that the Mexicans got all the weapons and expel the French. American soldiers were discharged with their uniforms and rifles if they promised to join the Mexican Army to fight the French. The American Legion of Honor marched in the Victory Parade in Mexico, City.

It might be a historical stretch to credit the survival of the United States to those brave 4,000 Mexicans who faced an army twice as large in 1862. But who knows?

In gratitude, thousands of Mexicans crossed the border after Pearl Harbor to join the U.S. Armed Forces. As recently as the Persian Gulf War, Mexicans flooded American consulates with phone calls, trying to join up and fight another war for America.

Mexicans, you see, never forget who their friends are, and neither do Americans. That's why Cinco de Mayo is such a party -- A party that celebrates freedom and liberty. There are two ideals which Mexicans and Americans have fought shoulder to shoulder to protect, ever since the 5th of May, 1862.

VIVA! el CINCO DE MAYO!!

The True Meaning of Cinco de Mayo

By: Ysidro Gutierrez

Lubbock County Commissioner

Question: How do you answer your op- There are events in history which transcend time and endure in the hearts of men. These are the accounts of people who struggle for freedom and toward starting 10 new mom and pop busi- contributions you received from Ted Parker and liberty and prevail against insurmountable odds. The celebration of Cinco de Mayo which commemorates the 1862 Battle of Puebla is such an

Lubbock and urging aggressive conservation America. People are free to donate any amount When recounting the story of Cinco de Mayo, the writer is at once chalof water throughout the City. 3.) Working to of money to whomever they wish. The purpose lenged to find words worthy of a story of heroes. Cinco de Mayo is a open a two year college. My goals are realistic. of a campaign donation is to get your message story of triumph, and of the sacrifice and courage of ordinary people who Without goals you have what we have now in to the people. Candidates that do not raise mon- took up arms in defense of their country. In the end the writer must deey and do not relay their message to the people scribe, with clarity, how freedom was won and liberty preserved by the actions of patriots.

Question: If you should win the election; do not allow people to know what is important Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Battle of Puebla, but it is less a celhow would you be able to serve and work with to them. They are an anti-candidate, the oppo- ebration of victory in battle and more a celebration of the patriot's courage. When its true meaning is understood, its spirit is embraced and the

Gonzales: I will represent and be a FRIEND that donated \$1.00 and the person that donated Cinco de Mayo celebrations are becoming increasingly popular in the to all people in District 2. In working with more in the same manner. Campaign contribu- U.S. especially in areas with a high population of people of Mexican Linda DeLeon I will seek to remain civil at all tions do not equate to being beholden with a heritage including Lubbock. The day is usually a celebration of Mexican culture and tradition featuring food, music, beverage and customs unique Floyd Price has consistently voted for the to Mexico. But food, music, and dance alone convey neither the meaning

I believe the basic need to serve the people re- cil cronies Phyllis Jones, and Linda DeLeon, History records the events but it is the people who give the celebration also Don Caldwell, and developers like the its flavor. The celebration's true meaning is found in the honor derived McDougal's as his vote on the Visitor's Center from the people who find inspiration in the heroic actions of the brave Question: Your opponent has recently ad- indicates, most recently. Floyd Price has also who fought and died for freedom. French writer Jean Genet once wrote, dressed the lack of minority officers on the had to recuse himself from voting more than "The fame of heroes owes little to the extent of their conquests and all to the tributes paid to them." The acts of husbands and wives fighting side-Their accusations are founded on a need to by-side along with their sons and daughters joined in bitter battle against Gonzales: After four years in office and now discredit me because Floyd Price and Mayor a stronger, better equipped and highly trained army are memorialized in that an election is at hand, Floyd Price has fi- Miller want to call attention away from their the stories and songs of the people who pay them tribute.

> that people can see through their manipulations quer and plunder. The French as others before them came thinking it would be an easy victory. There would be no one to stop them. A civil war raged in the United States. It was obvious that America could not op-El Editor appreciates Mr. Gonzales' participose them and neither would the other powers of the time, Great Britain pation in our District 2 Q&A. El Editor thanks and Spain. For the opportunistic French, it was an opportune time for conquest. That is as it has always been with the French. They came for gold, to exploit the people, and to rape the land. It was the perfect time for France to realize its long held colonial ambitions in the Americas.

The French plan was cleverly crafted, except for one important omission. They failed to consider the determination of Mexican farmers and peasants who, under the leadership of Benito Juarez, stood firmly against the invaders with a resounding, "No! you will not take our gold. You will not ravage our land. You will not abuse our people."

The battle was fought on May 5, 1862 in Puebla about 100 miles southeast of Mexico City. It was about 12 noon when the French with a force Colonel Porfirio Diaz, later to of about 6000 well trained and disciplined soldiers equipped with modern rifles and artillery engaged the rag-tag Mexican Army of 2000 comprised mainly of peasant men and women, young and old motivated solely by a yearning to live free.

goons led the enemy columns. History records how the Mexicans drove back the attackers and then took the fight to the invaders. The French who had regroup from the first trouncing and were ensconced behind a hastily constructed defensive line must have scoffed at the audacity of the attackers who charged at them Colonel Diaz to take his cavalry, armed with antiquated rifles and farm implements as weapons. In the face of withering artillery and rifle fire, the undeterred Mexicans killed over 1,000 French and at about 4:30 in the afternoon, secured the victory that we celebrate today. The words of Winston Churchill following the they sent their cavalry off to "Battle of Britain" aptly fit the Mexican fighters: "Never had so many owed so much to so few."

The least that can be said of the heroes of the Battle of Puebla is that Cinco de Mayo does not celebrate victory in a single battle, but the bravery of the ordinary people who fought the fight. It is a celebration of the willingness to sacrifice, the willingness to give their lives, the willingness to fight against impossible odds, the willingness to stand before deaths grip for the justness of the cause. American novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote: ing cattle stirred up by Indians "The truest heroism is to resist the doubt; and the profoundest wisdom." Owing to the bravery and determination of the citizen soldiers, had the When the battle was over, battle been lost, it would have been no less a victory of the human spirit. many French were killed or Had the battle been fought last week or a thousand years ago, it would be no less a sacrifice, the act of courage no greater.

being chased by Diaz' superb There are those who say that Puebla was only one battle. Others say that the war continued long after the battle. Such arguments fail to grasp how this victory inspired the masses to continue the struggle until final victory was achieved. The victory at Puebla made victory possible in the end. Winning the battle was winning the war. Had the French prevailed at for another year, allowing the Puebla, Mexicans would be speaking French instead of Spanish.

> who rallied the people. Great men make history, not events. The events come to be because of the leadership and vision of great men who at great personal sacrifice and the willingness to give their lives, lead the people to victory. The American Revolution had George Washington. Great Britain had Win-

ston Churchill. Cinco de May had Benito Juarez. Benito Juarez pledged his life, fortune, and sacred honor. For Benito to the Texas/Mexican border Juarez, it was not his life nor his fortune that were sacred but his honor. under General Phil Sheridan, This is yet another lesson of the Battle of Puebla; that virtue is greater than

fortune, more dear than life. The brave who fought and died at Puebla fought and died for all men. ammunition they needed to In all times, the struggle to cast off the yoke of tyranny transcends history and is the subject of stories and the theme of songs. In all times and places the struggle is no less noble.

Este Cinco de Mayo La Raza de Lubbock will gather for the annual celebration. All are invited to join in the commemoration of the human deeds which are as inspiring today as they were in 1862.

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The mere mention of Cinco de Mayo sends Laura Diaz Brown, aka Chef LaLa, into party-planning mode. The owner of Savor! Catering celebrates with family and friends providing plenty of fabulous food and mariachi music at her home in Agoura.

She suggests serving
Chicken or Beef Fajitas (pan grill them),
Chile Colorado (you
don't have to worry
about overcooking
it), Guacamole (mild
and spicy versions),
a variety of salsas,
refried beans, Margatinis (a chic twist on the

tinis (a chic twist on the regular margarita, but made with pomegranate juice) and a cool, refreshing Raspberry Cream Pie for dessert.

Some are favorites from her second, just released, cookbook "Chef LaLa Presents
Best-Loved Mexican Cooking" (Publications International Ltd.; \$15.98). It's filled with more than 125 creations.

"These are the recipes I grew up with in East Los Angeles (Montebello) - and it's more of a representation of me as a Mexican-American - really family, traditional things," she says, adding that the book is a glimpse into her family's kitchen. It is the best-loved Mexican food of her childhood - primarily dishes from Guadalajara, where her father grew up, and Colima, where her mother was raised.

"My father and mother - both amazing cooks, who cooked by feel and taste - helped me document their recipes by measuring the ingredients."

Brown recorded them all.

She uses accessible supermarket ingredients and includes substitutions to make the Mexican dishes simple for busy home cooks.

"For example, if you can't find Mexican cotija cheese, a crumbly, aged white cheese that is sprinkled on tacos, soups, salads and beans, I suggest



using Greek-style feta cheese instead."

Mainstays on her parents' table were birria, a slow-

stewed meat (goat, beef or lamb); sopes, a thick little corn tortilla with sides turned up and topped with meat, beans, lettuce or cabbage and Mexican cheese; chile Colorado, made with beef; huevos rancheros;

enchiladas filled with ground beef and potatoes; and lots of soups.

She is determined to dispel the myth that Mexican food is fattening, calorie-laden and unhealthy. "Not all Mexican food is deep-fried or cooked in lard," she says.

By modifying ingredients (such as serving guacamole with cucumber slices, no chips), it's feasible to make Mexican food healthier without losing the essence of traditional flavors, Brown notes. Her recipes cut calories but not flavor.

"If it doesn't have flavor, I don't want to eat it. I grew up with 100 percent real flavors, and that's what I strive to give you in my recipes."

It's only natural that Brown would become passionate about food, as she was

> exposed to cooking growing up - at home, in her family's catering company, Los Angelesarea restaurants and fastfood Mexican delis.

While in college, studying to be a cardiopulmonary therapist, she realized it wasn't for her and changed careers. She bought a restaurant but sold it shortly thereafter to her father. Then she enrolled in and graduated from Pasadena's California School of Culinary

Arts.

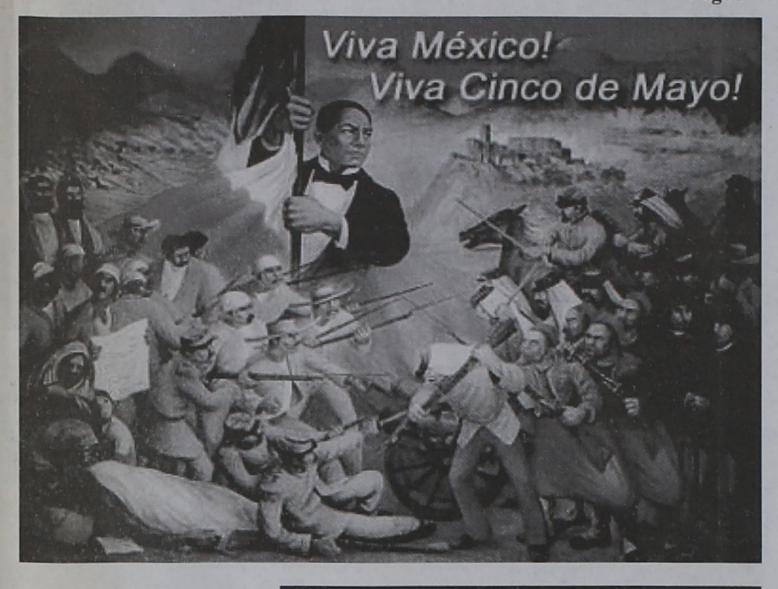
But it was teaching a hearthealthy Mexican cooking class that sparked her interest in healthy eating and the need for education.

Her focus today, at 38, is on catering and building a company around healthy meal solutions. She consults with restaurants and hospitals



on healthy menu concepts, and with manufacturers on the development of healthy products. In addition, she's a spokesperson for the American Diabetes Association.

Her food philosophy is simple. "Food should always be celebrated - from the most simple to the most complex. It's a little party in your mouth, and it should dance."



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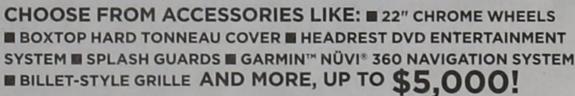
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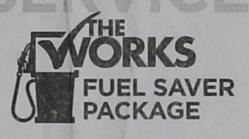
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