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'Angry' Obama says acting IRS chief fired over conservative targeting

Bluntly declaring "I am angry" about the IRS scandal, President Barack Obama said late Wednesday that Treasury Secretary Jack Lew had forced out Steven Miller, the acting commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service. Speaking in the East Room of the White House, Obama called Miller's ouster "the first step" to prevent similar misconduct in the future and vowed to "do everything in my power" to make sure it never happens again.

Obama said he had reviewed the Treasury Department Inspector General's report that details how the IRS targeted conservative groups for special scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status.

"The misconduct that it uncovered is inexcusable. It's inexcusable, and Americans are right to be angry about it and I am angry about it," the president said in a brief prepared statement. "I will not tolerate this kind of behavior in any agency—but especially in the IRS, given the power that it has and the reach that it has into all of our lives."

Obama said the "responsible parties" will be held accountable. Lew "took the first step by requesting—and accepting—the

resignation of the acting commissioner of the IRS because given this controversy surrounding this audit, it's important to institute new leadership that can help restore confidence going forward," Obama added.

The president's statement from the East Room of the White House came a little more than an hour after a meeting with senior Treasury Department officials to discuss the controversy.

Obama said he had directed the agency to implement recommendations from the inspector general—the Treasury's internal watchdog—to ensure no repeat of the "outrageous" misconduct. "The good news is it's fixable," he said.

Looking to Capitol Hill, where lawmakers of both parties have denounced the IRS' behavior, Obama promised: "We will work with Congress as it performs its oversight role, and our administration has to make sure that we are working hand-in-hand with Congress to get this thing fixed."

Lawmakers, in turn, should "treat that authority with the

responsibility it deserves and in a way that doesn't smack of politics or partisan agendas," Obama said. He said Washington

ity Leader Mitch McConnell expressed skepticism.

"More than two years after the problem began, and a year



must "make sure that the laws are clear" and suggested that "too much ambiguity" may have played a role.

"I'll do everything in my power to make sure nothing like this happens again—by holding the responsible parties accountable, by putting in place new checks and new safeguards, and, going forward, by making sure that the law is applied as it should be: In a fair and impartial way," Obama said.

Republican Senate Minor-

after the IRS told us there was no problem, the President is beginning to take action," the Kentucky lawmaker said. "If the president is as concerned about this issue as he claims, he'll work openly and transparently with Congress to get to the bottom of the scandal—not stonewalling, no half-answers, no withholding of witnesses."

Congress is "determined to get answers, and to ensure that this type of intimidation never happens again at the IRS or any

other agency," McConnell said. Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont was blunter, tweeting:

The President is right to dismiss the IRS chief, and clean house may take more firings.

— Sen. Patrick Leahy (@SenatorLeahy) May 15, 2013

On Wednesday, Attorney General Eric Holder promised angry lawmakers that the Justice Department will undertake a national investigation into the IRS wrongdoing.

"We will take a dispassionate view of this," said Holder, who faced tough questioning from the House Judiciary Committee. "This will not be about parties ... anyone who has broken the law will be held accountable."

Holder said he had launched an investigation last Friday into why the IRS subjected conservative groups to more review when they applied for tax-exempt status. The IRS inspector general's report said that a group of low-level staffers in an Ohio office were responsible, and a top IRS official has apologized

on their behalf.

But Holder promised that the investigation will look well beyond Ohio, and suggested that civil rights laws could have been violated.

Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., asked Holder at the hearing whether an "apology" from the IRS protected them from criminal prosecution. Holder answered, "No."

The Obama administration is under fire over the Sept. 11, 2012, terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, and the Justice Department's secret collection of telephone records of Associated Press reporters and editors.

Republicans have been hammering Obama on all three matters. While Democrats have largely defended him—and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton—on Benghazi, they have joined their GOP colleagues in denouncing the IRS and in expressing deep concerns about the AP phone records.

On Monday, Obama dismissed Republican charges of a cover-up in the Benghazi situation as a "sideshow" lacking any merit. He has yet to comment directly on the AP issue.

Activistas temen cambios a E-Verify en reforma migratoria



Activistas creen que los cambios en el sistema de verificación de empleo (E-Verify) podrían impactar el acceso a la legalización y potenciar prácticas discriminatorias. Estos jueves, el Comité Judicial se enfocará en esta área, durante el debate sobre una reforma migratoria.

Según cifras del Centro Nacional de Leyes Migratorias (NILC), un 7% de los empleadores en Estados Unidos utiliza E-Verify. Es un sistema que conecta a las empresas con una base de datos en línea, para revisar el estatus migratorio de los trabajadores. Actualmente es voluntario.

"La discusión de este capítulo en la reforma, impactaría el acceso a la legalización de los indocumentados y tendría un efecto dramático en la vida de millones de estadounidenses", dijo Emily Tulli, representante de NILC.

El proyecto de ley migratorio condiciona la legalización para millones de indocumen-

tados, a la implementación de E-Verify obligatorio a nivel nacional. Senadores como Lindsey Graham (R-SC) han calificado esta área como "la clave para reducir la inmigración ilegal".

E-Verify ha sido criticado por diversas organizaciones de derechos civiles por errores en los datos, que se han traducido en despidos de ciudadanos estadounidenses y discriminación contra personas con apellido extranjero.

La propuesta en el Senado incorpora protecciones como nuevos procesos de confirmación de identidad y reglas que no permitan tomar acciones adversas contra un individuo, en caso de que existan fallas para confirmar sus datos o retrasos.

Los legisladores proponen

invertir \$1,000 millones para implementar el nuevo sistema de E-Verify.

Senadores como Al Franken (D-MN) propusieron enmiendas que ayudarían a los pequeños negocios a ejecutar los cambios y darían nuevas protecciones a los trabajadores afectados por errores.

"Esperamos que estas medidas encuentren apoyo. Otras, como las propuestas por el senador Charles Grassley (R-IA) abren la puerta a comportamientos discriminatorios y exacerbaban problemas actuales de perfil racial. Nos preocupan mucho", explicó Paromita Shah, representante de Immigrant Justice Network.

El Comité Judicial trabajará durante todo el día en el debate de enmiendas. Durante la mañana examinarán los temas pendientes en el flujo futuro de trabajadores, con mano de obra altamente cualificada. Es probable que la discusión sobre E-Verify se extienda hasta la próxima semana.

Ejército de EEUU "batalla" con casos de abuso sexual

Los legisladores dicen que están indignados de que, por segunda vez este mes, un miembro de las fuerzas armadas asignado para ayudar a evitar agresiones sexuales en las fuerzas armadas está siendo investigado por supuesta conducta sexual.

En el último caso, un sargento primero del Ejército en Fort Hood, Texas, debe responder a acusaciones que involucran a tres mujeres, incluso una con la que presuntamente acordó tener sexo por dinero, de acuerdo con un funcionario de defensa. El funcionario dijo que aún

también está siendo investigado por presuntamente agredir sexualmente a una de las otras dos mujeres. No se dieron a conocer las denuncias que involucran a la tercera mujer.

Indignación en el Congreso

"Esto es repugnante. En cuestión de dos semanas hemos visto dos casos en los que las mismas personas encargadas de proteger a las víctimas de agresión sexual son acusadas de este delito", dijo la senadora Patty Murray, demócrata por Washington. "Es un recordatorio sorprendente de que el Pentágono

a estos crímenes atroces. Para proteger la integridad del proceso investigativo y los derechos de las personas involucradas, no se revelará más información en este momento", de acuerdo con un comunicado del Ejército.

El Pentágono está combatiendo lo que califica como una creciente epidemia de agresiones sexuales en el Ejército. En un informe la semana pasada, el Departamento de Defensa calculó que hasta 26,000 miembros de las Fuerzas Armadas podrían haber sido atacados sexualmente el año pasado.



No estaba claro si el sargento, quien no fue identificado, obligó a la mujer a lo que podría haber sido prostitución. El funcionario, que habló a condición de anonimato porque no estaba autorizado a hablar públicamente sobre el asunto, dijo que el sargento

tiene tanto un problema importante como una enorme cantidad de trabajo por hacer para proteger a las víctimas —que ya de por sí denuncian apenas una pequeña fracción de las agresiones sexuales— y asegurarse que está cambiando la cultura en torno

de acuerdo con los resultados de la encuesta.

De ellos, menos de 3,400 reportaron el incidente, y casi 800 de ellos simplemente buscaron ayuda, pero se negaron a presentar denuncias contra sus presuntos agresores.

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¿Ya no caben en sí?

Por José de la Isla

Hispanic Link News Service

DENVER — El Instituto Hispano de Washington, D.C. publicó un informe titulado en inglés, "Obesity: Hispanic America's Big Challenge" (La obesidad: El gran reto de los hispanos en los Estados Unidos"). Va por la vena del pensar común que algunos grupos de la comunidad latina están muy unidos a la industria alimenticia.

Se ve cómo los intereses comerciales van invadiendo las tiendas con bebidas gaseosas azucaradas y otras comidas que contienen mucha sal y grasas. Las familias latinas presentan medidas demográficas favorables al incremento de estas ventas. Desgraciadamente, esto también contribuye en gran parte a la problemática nacional de la obesidad.

Entre las soluciones están:

El Instituto Hispano insta a las organizaciones hispanas nacionales a no acordar fondos de aquellas empresas cuyos productos perjudican a las personas y para quienes estos grupos existen como defensores.

El informe del instituto se destaca con dar un paso más que sencillamente servir de una crítica más de los productos de la industria alimenticia. Entre también en los temas de su mercadeo y en las políticas de buena voluntad que fundamentan el apoyo que dan a las organizaciones latinas.

Presidente del Instituto Hispano, Gus West, dice, "Claro está, nosotros somos los responsables de lo que comemos y bebemos, pero también estamos sometidos a los efectos de las promociones masivas y campañas engañosas en particular las que van dirigidas a nuestros hijos y a los pobres".

Agrega, "También necesitamos que las organizaciones comunitarias se alejen de la financiación proveniente de las empresas de comida procesada y de grandes bebidas gaseosas azucaradas". Presenta el ejemplo de cómo las organizaciones "rompieron" con las compañías de tabaco "en la década de los noventa, y lo pueden volver a hacer con estas empresas".

Es posible que se haya armado un bolo recientemente cuando algunas organizaciones hispanas se pusieron al lado de las empresas de embotellamiento que se oponían a las calorías del aceite de Nueva York, Michael Bloomberg. El ambiente pasó de ser un asunto de políticas a ser un asunto de interés privado porque las empresas embotelladoras como la Coca Cola y PepsiCo han estado tan metidas en la financiación de organizaciones hispanas, como indicó recientemente reportero Luis Carlos López en el sitio noticioso, Voxxi.com.

El alto contenido azucarado como importante elemento que convalea a la obesidad por todo el mundo está probando ser cada vez más indiscutible. Lo indican los índices de diabetes.

Incluso la Grocery Manufacturers Association ha respondido con mejorar las etiquetas de contenido nutritivo de la industria, tarea que se anticipó completaría para fines del presente año. Su intención es de mostrarse como una medida de buena fe para mejorar informar a los consumidores.

No obstante, el miedo del problema puede no sea la nutrición, no del todo. Segun la definición del Instituto Hispano, también se trata de como las corporaciones grandes alimentan a los latinos y, ¿no? en la década de los noventa, y lo pueden volver a hacer con estas empresas".

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Un colega mío, el doctor James Lamarre, reportó sobre un evento realizado justo antes que el presidente Obama fuera a presentar un discurso ante el Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI). Primero salió un mensaje comercial de los patrocinadores del evento: AT&T, JP Morgan Chase, McDonald's y Time Warner.

Entre otros temas, se ha criticado a algunas organizaciones latinas nacionales por su defensa de la propiedad de medios sin regulación federal, tema

que resulta ser más del interés de las corporaciones dueñas de medios que de los consumidores de medios latinos, y de mejor presentación de las noticias y la información.

Hay una preocupación creciente que dada la fuerza de los patrocinadores empresariales, el Consejo Nacional de La Raza, está más allegado a los gigantes de la industria que a los grupos que deberían estar protegiendo a los grandes rasgos al propósito latino.

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Se encmarcará el tema como una política pública. Pero la realidad – lo que está en juego – es quién nos alimentará con su opinión.

(José de la Isla, columnista de distribución nacional con los servicios de noticias Hispanic Link y Scripps Howard, ha sido reconocido durante dos años consecutivos por New America Media. Su próximo libro, "The Rise of Latino Political Power", saldrá a comienzos del 2013. Comuníquese con él: jdeisla3@yahoo.com.)

Our EDITORIAL Voice

Hispanic High School Graduates Pass Whites in Rate of College Enrollment

High School Drop-out Rate at Record Low

A record seven-in-ten (69%) Hispanic high school graduates in the class of 2012 enrolled in college full-time, two percentage points higher than the rate (67%) among their white counterparts, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of new data from the Census Bureau. As recently as the class of 2000, only 49% of Hispanic high school graduates immediately enrolled in college during the following fall.

This milestone is the result of a long-term increase in Hispanic college-going that accelerated with the onset of the recession in 2008. The rate among white high school graduates, by contrast, has declined slightly since 2008.

The positive trend in Hispanic educational indicators also extends to high school. The most recent available data show that in 2011 only 14% of Hispanic 16- to 24-year-olds were high school dropouts, half the level in 2000 (28%). Starting from a much lower base, the high school dropout rate among whites also declined during that period (from 7% in 2000 to 5% in 2011), but did not fall by as much.

Despite the narrowing of some of these long-standing educational attainment gaps, Hispanics continue to lag whites in a number of key higher education measures. Young Hispanic college students are less likely than their white counterparts to enroll in a four-year college (56% versus 72%), they are less likely to attend a selective college, less likely to be enrolled in college full time, and less likely to complete a bachelor's degree.

The report, "Hispanic High School Graduates Pass Whites in Rate of College Enrollment," authored by Richard Fry, senior research associate in Pew Hispanic Center, and Paul Taylor, executive vice president of Pew Research Center, is available at the Pew Hispanic Center's website, www.pewhispanic.org.

Pew Research is a nonpartisan source of data and analysis. It does not take advocacy positions. Its Hispanic Center, founded in 2001, seeks to improve understanding of the U.S. Hispanic population and to chronicle Latinos' growing impact on the nation.

LULAC Sends Joint Letter to Senate Leadership in Support of Amendments that Would Strengthen Senate Bill 744

The Letter Also Opposes an Amendment by Senator Cruz

As co-chairs of the Hispanic Education Coalition (HEC), LULAC and MALDEF issued a joint letter to Senate leadership urging support of amendments introduced by Senators Hirono, Coons, Blumenthal, and Hatch. HEC includes over 20 organizations focused on improving educational opportunities and outcomes for more than the 54 million Hispanics living in the United States and Puerto Rico.

HEC supports Senator Hirono's amendment because it would extend federal higher education support under Title IV of the Higher Education Act to Dreamers and Blue Card holders. In addition, HEC supports the amendment introduced by Senator Coons because it would ensure that Dreamers and other immigrants would be eligible to apply for professional and technical trade licensing once they adjust their immigration status. Furthermore, HEC supports the amendment introduced by Senator Blumenthal which provides a 5 year path to citizenship for all students including those who are presently not recognized as Dreamers. Lastly, HEC supports the amendment introduced by Senator Hatch which would raise revenue for STEM related education of Hispanic serving institutions.

The only amendment specifically opposed by HEC in its letter was an amendment introduced by Senator Cruz. The Cruz amendment would change existing funding streams for STEM education to block grant funding. Historically, education block grants have failed to address the needs of Latino students, migrant students, immigrant students, and English language learners.

"LULAC supports the amendments introduced by Senators Hirono, Coons, Blumenthal, and Hatch because they would help ensure that all Latino children have access to a high quality affordable education," said LULAC National President Margaret Moran. "We will continue to urge the Senate to make a consensus on an immigration bill that allows for every member of the Latino community to pursue their professional aspirations."

About LULAC:
The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 900 councils across the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC's programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future. For more information, visit www.LULAC.org.

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The GOP's Former Head of Hispanic Outreach in Florida Becomes a Democrat

The former head of the RNC's Hispanic outreach committee in Florida is so fed up with the national party's stance on immigration that he's switching teams and registering as a Democrat. The final straw for Pablo Pantoja, who worked for the RNC in 2010 and 2012 elections before quitting last summer, was apparently the new, fawed Heritage Foundation study on the cost of immigration, co-authored by Jason Richwine previously wrote that "No one knows whether Hispanics will ever reach IQ parity with whites."

The Tampa Bay Times and the Miami Herald picked up on the Monday email from Pantoja, which is being circulated by the state's wing of the Democratic party (of course). It was originally posted to the blog of a friend of Pantoja, who notes that the new Democrat is also a National Guardsman who served in Iraq and Kuwait.

It reads:

From: Pablo Pantoja
 Subject: From Republican to Democrat
 Date: May 13, 2013 5:57:11 PM EDT
 Friend,

Yes, I have changed my political affiliation to the Democratic Party. It doesn't take much to see the culture of intolerance surrounding the Republican Party today. I have wondered before about the seemingly harsh attitudes toward immigrants and others. Look no further, a well-known organization recently confirms the intolerance of that which seems strange or threat.

Stunts geared towards making human beings – viewed as less because of their immigrant status to outright unacceptable claims, are at the center of the immigration debate. Without going too deep on everything surrounding immigration today, the most resounding example this past week was reported by several media outlets.

A researcher included as part of a panel discussion on that "theory" that the evidence suggests a genetic component to group differences in IQ¹ The researcher reinforces these views by saying "No one knows whether Hispanics will ever reach IQ parity with whites, but we do know that new Hispanic immigrants will have low-IQ children and grandchildren is difficult to argue against."²

Although the organization distanced themselves from those assertions, other immigration-related research is still palled with the same racist and eugenics-based inuendo. Some Republican leaders have blandly (if at all) denied and distanced themselves from this but it doesn't take away from the culture within the ranks of intolerance. The pseudo-apologists appear to be a quick fix to deep-rooted issues in the Republican Party in hopes that it will soon pass and be forgotten.

The complete disregard of those who are in disadvantage is also palpable. We are not looking at an isolated incident of rhetoric or research. Others subscribe to motivating people to action by stating, "In California, a majority of all Hispanic births are illegitimate. That's a lot of Democratic voters coming." The discourse that moves the Republican Party is filled with this anti-immigrant movement and overall racialization that is far removed from reality. Another quick example beyond the immigration debate happened during CPAC this year when a supporter shouted "For giving him shelter and food for all those years!" while a moderator explained how Frederick Douglass had written a letter to his slave master saying that he forgave him for "all the things you did to me" I think you get the idea.

When the political discourse resorts to intolerance and hate, we all lose in what makes America great and the progress made in society.

Although I was born an American citizen, I feel that my experience, and that many of Puerto Ricans, is intertwined with those who are referred to as illegal. My grandfather served in an all-Puerto Rican segregated Army unit, the 65th Infantry Regiment. He then helped, along my grandmother, shatter glass glasses for Puerto Rican women raising my aunt to become the first Puerto Rican woman astronomer with a PhD in astrophysics (an IQ of a genius as far as I'm concerned). Puerto Ricans, as many other Americans still today, face issues of discrimination in voting and civil rights.

Regardless of what political affiliation people choose, my respect for some remains. I don't expect all Hispanics to do the same (although I would hope so) but I'm taking a stand against this culture of intolerance.

I also am making a modest contribution (here: <http://bit.ly/12u3g3g>) to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for the efforts in helping protect the rights of immigrants and civil liberties in general.

With warm regards,

-pabo

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U.S. Pumps Up Oil Production as World Demand Rises



The rapid growth of U.S. oil production is transforming global markets and easing supplies just as China and the rest of the developing world move to overtake the developed world for the first time in consumption, the International Energy Agency reported Tuesday.

The shale oil revolution in the U.S. heartland will cause a surge in oil production of 3.9 million barrels a day in the next five years, far exceeding the growth of OPEC and other oil suppliers, eliminating the need for Middle Eastern imports in the U.S. and causing other cascading effects.

"North America has set off a supply shock that is sending ripples throughout the world," said IEA Executive Director Mariana van der Hoeven. "The good news is that this is helping to ease a market that was relatively tight for several years."

Besides displacing Middle Eastern oil imports so they can be redirected toward Asia, which is the fastest-growing center of demand, the hydraulic fracturing technologies used to release the oil from shale rock in the U.S. have the potential to transform the way oil is produced around the world and could lead to a major

reassessment of the world's oil resources, she said.

Mrs. van der Hoeven called the American oil renaissance "remarkable," given how the U.S. faced seemingly irreversible production declines for decades after serving for more than a century as the "cradle of the oil industry."

The U.S. Energy Information Administration also is projecting a surge in U.S. oil production in the next five years as various shale plays come to market, but it is somewhat less optimistic about how long the production boom will last, given the uncertainties on how long oil can be produced from shale formation before running into technical obstacles.

The growth of oil supply from the U.S. and Canada, which is ratcheting up development of its vast Alberta oil sands, couldn't come at a better time as the developing world is set to surpass the developed world in the consumption of oil for the first time this quarter, the international agency said.

Total world oil demand will grow from about 90 million barrels a day to nearly 97 million in 2018, with more than half in the Middle East, she said.

of that coming from developing countries.

China has been the biggest and most dramatic source of demand for oil in the past 15 years, but the use of oil also is growing briskly in the rest of Asia, the Middle East and Africa areas that are enjoying robust economic growth. At one time only a decade or so ago, the U.S., Europe and Japan were the dominant sources of world oil demand.

"There is a growing perception that the peak in [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development] oil demand, including in the U.S., is behind us," said Ms. van der Hoeven, "whereas non-OECD demand growth is spreading from China, which appears to be slowing down somewhat, to other Asian economies and even Africa, which is emerging as a new demand frontier."

Even as supplies surge in North America, production by OPEC has grown only weakly, hobbled by unrest in the Middle East and North Africa stemming from the Arab Spring uprisings, the agency said. Iraq is leading the growth in OPEC production, but it continues to encounter obstacles that slow the development of its oil reserves.

"OPEC oil will still very much be needed," despite the cartel's recent troubles, because of the surging demand in Asia and the developing world, said Ms. van der Hoeven. "It will remain an essential part of the mix for as long as we can tell."

While the U.S. and Canada aren't producing enough oil to dramatically lower global oil prices, it probably was enough last year to avert a serious supply crunch when OPEC supplies were disrupted by various crises in the Middle East, she said.

Gap in Net Worth Grows Between Races in U.S.

Wealth disparities for middle-income Hispanics and blacks have worsened over the past three decades relative to white families, largely because of a lower likelihood of owning homes and retirement accounts, according to the Urban Institute.

New research from the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit points to an extraordinary wealth inequality between the races. Whites on average had six times the net worth of blacks and Hispanics in 2010, or \$6 for every \$1 (an average of \$63,000 vs. \$10,000).

Comparing the median that year, whites actually had eight times as much wealth.

Wealth or net worth is defined as a person's total assets — such as bank and retirement accounts, and home value — minus debt — which includes mortgages, student loans and credit card balances.

The income gap, by comparison, is much smaller.

In 2010, the average income for whites was twice that of blacks and Hispanics (\$89,000 vs. \$46,000), meaning that for every \$2 whites earned, blacks and Hispanics earned \$1.

"What we see looking at wealth disparities is that African-Americans and Latinos are not on the same wealth-building trajectory as white families," said Caroline Ratcliffe, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute and co-author of the report. "They are less likely to own homes and retirement accounts, so they miss out on these traditionally powerful wealth-building tools."

The report found the racial gap grows sharply with age.

Early in wealth-building years (when adults are 32 to 40), white families have on average 3.5 to 4 times that of families of color — \$184,000. But by the peak years (ages 59 to 67) that has skyrocketed up to \$1.1 million — seven times more than blacks and nearly five times more than Hispanics.

The Urban Institute's report, "Less than Equal: Racial Disparities in Wealth Accumulation," was funded by the Ford Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The researchers reached their conclusions using data from the 1983 to 2010 editions of the Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Consumer Finances.

Jim Carr, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress in New York, said the report reinforces several recent studies from other organizations, such as the Pew Research Center, showing the racial wealth gap continues to grow wider.

He sees the housing market as a key factor.

"The disproportionate loss of homeownership among people of color is the largest contributor to the startling increase in wealth disparity," Mr. Carr said. "Severely depressed home prices are another contributor. To the extent home prices recover, families that have managed to hold on to their homes will also begin to recover their lost wealth."

But, he said, the racial wealth gap overall may grow further since so many families of color have lost wealth.

"Proposals to rebuild the housing finance system going

forward must better serve people of color," Mr. Carr said. "In particular, our rebuilt housing system must support the leveraging of current historic low mortgage rates and significantly depress home prices to enable people of color to become homeowners."

He said most proposals now being considered do not address either promoting affordable homeownership or the need to serve borrowers of color.

"In fact, most proposals to restructure or replace Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac acknowledge the inadequacy of those recommendations to promote affordable homeownership and suggest that goal should be solely the role of [the Federal Housing Administration]."

The Great Recession from 2007 to 2009 didn't cause the wealth disparities, but it did magnify them. White, black and Hispanic families all experienced sharp declines, but Hispanics experienced the largest (40 percent) due to lower home values. Black family wealth was hit hardest by falling retirement account balances (31 percent decline). The wealth of white families fell 11 percent, according to the report.

A lot of Hispanic families bought homes just before the recession with higher debt-to-asset values. They started with higher debt-to-asset values, and the steep decline in housing prices meant an even steeper decline in their wealth. This meant they were more likely to end up underwater or with negative home equity. Be-

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TEXAS TECH ANNOUNCES SPRING COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

The Texas Tech University hosts spring graduation and law school hooding ceremonies. Friday (May 17): 3 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences and Wind Energy 7 p.m. Graduate School; Saturday (May 18): 9 a.m. College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources, Rawls College of Business, College of Media & Communication, Honors College, and the Office of the Provost (B.A. University Studies and B.S. University Studies) 1:30 p.m. Colleges of Architecture, Education, Human Sciences, Visual & Performing Arts and Whitacre College of Engineering 6 p.m. School of Law hooding ceremony. All ceremonies will take place at the United Spirit Arena at 18th Street and Indiana Avenue. Find Texas Tech news, experts and story ideas at www.media.ttu.edu.

MEMORIAL DAY INTENTIONS

Honor the memory of a beloved fallen comrade through prayer and remembrance on Memorial Day. For a donation of \$15 or more to the Catholic Foundation, a small American flag will be placed at Lubbock Area Veteran's War Memorial and the name of your loved one will be included in the intentions of the special Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 27, sponsored by the Catholic War Veterans and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Fifth District. Please pick up a remembrance brochure at the Catholic Pastoral Center or call Rachel Martinez at 806-792-3943 ext. 207 for one to be mailed to you.

17TH ANNUAL BIG WHEELS DELIVER MEALS PROMOTION RESCHEDULED

Due to the road construction on 34th Street, the annual Lubbock Meals on Wheels' Big Wheels Deliver Meals event usually held in June will be postponed until September.

For more information, please call Lisa at 792-7971.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Lubbock Chess Club at Mahon Library

The Lubbock Chess Club will meet at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, on Sunday, May 26 from 2 to 4:45 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Contact cmw02@gmail.com for more information.

Lubbock Libraries Closed on Memorial Day

All Lubbock Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, May 27. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Join us for an evening of fun while learning the basics of Continental style knitting at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Wi Wednesdays at Patterson Branch Library

Tens in grades 6 through 12 can play Wii games at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Wednesday, May 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call 767-3300.

Teen Movie at Mahon Library

Students going into grades 6 through 12 are invited to kick off summer at Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, with a movie and refreshments on Thursday, May 30 at 2 p.m. For the movie title and other details, please call 775-2838.

CODES DEPT. IN SKY VIEW & CLAYTON CARTER NEIGHBORHOODS

The Code Administration Section of the Lubbock Police Department will be conducting a field exercise in the Sky View & Clayton Carter neighborhoods on today, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The boundaries of this exercise are MLK Boulevard and Interstate 27 on the east and west, and Regis Avenue and North Loop 289 on the north and south.

Solid Waste will provide a roll off dumpster at the field office located at 1112 E Regis Street for the citizens in the defined area to dispose of unwanted bulky items such as furniture, appliances, or tree branches.

All object of this exercise will be to identify violations relating to Junked Vehicles, Nuisance Weeds and Rubbish, Substandard Housing, and Zoning. Code Inspectors will be talking to the public about city ordinances, citing violations, and possibly abating violations during this exercise.

VEHICLES PROHIBITED FROM DRIVING ON CITY PARKS

With the warmer months upon us, the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation want to remind citizens that driving or parking vehicles on the grass or landscaping located in a City park or on City property is prohibited by the City of Lubbock Code of Ordinances Section 16-131. Driving on park property results in damage to both turf and irrigation sprinkler systems and can result in costly repairs. Citizens should hand carry items from the street or parking lot to the interior of a park. This is also true for local businesses that offer bounce houses, climbing walls, tents, and other large items for party rentals or other activities in our City parks, some which may require permits or other City approvals. In addition, citizens should not park on the grass surrounding soccer fields and softball, baseball and little league ball fields. City of Lubbock Police Officers are able to ticket anyone parking or driving on City park land.



tween 2007 and 2010, Hispanics saw their home equity cut in half, compared with about a quarter for black and white families.

Black families were more likely to withdraw money from their retirement savings after a job loss or some other adverse event, which led to larger declines in retirement savings.

"Wealth isn't just money in the bank. It's insurance against tough times, tuition to get a better education and a better job, savings to retire on and springboard into the middle class. In short, wealth translates into opportunity," wrote Ms. Ratcliffe and co-authors Signe-Mary McKernan, Eugene Steuerle and Sisi Zhang in the Urban Institute report.

Ms. Ratcliffe said it's the automatic process of saving that helps people build wealth over time. As they pay off a mortgage, they build equity even if home values decline. Automatic payroll deduction for company retirement plans is another form of passive saving.

"We know wealth is passed from generation to generation, and we know that African-American and Hispanic families are about five times less likely than whites to inherit wealth, and when they do, they inherit less. These things contribute to the wealth gap and have a ripple effect on one generation to the next."

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Angelina Jolie no le contó a su padre de la mastectomía

Jon Voight, actor ganador del Oscar y padre de Angelina Jolie, descubrió en internet la noticia de la operación de su hija.

La guapa actriz dio a conocer ayer la gran operación a la que se había sometido recientemente: una mastectomía preventiva de las dos mamas que decidió realizarse por ser portadora del gen cancerígeno BRCA1.

Tras conocerse la información publicada a través de una columna redactada por la actriz en el periódico New York Times, se supo que el

padre de la intérprete, Jon Voight, acababa de enterarse: junto al resto del mundo, de lo sucedido. De hecho, su hija y su actual pareja, Brad Pitt, le habían ocultado la situación durante la visita que él les hizo solo dos días antes.

"No puedo expresar en palabras el amor y la admiración que siento por mi hija. Vi la hoy das con mi hijo Jamie. Todos nos reunimos por su cumpleaños, incluidos Angelina y Brad. Pero no sabía nada. No era nada obvio. Me enteré esta mañana y

me sorprendió tanto como a cualquiera. Me emocionó mucho con la manera en la que lo ha manejado todo. Es una persona extraordinaria. Es extraordinario lo bien que lo ha llevado y cómo lo ha compartido con todo el mundo", declaró el padre de la estrella al periódico New York Daily News.

Jon admitió además que siente un enorme respeto por Angelina, por haber decidido mantener el largo procedimiento en privado, y agradece que su hija esté informándole de todo ello.

"Lo entiendo perfectamente [que lo

hay mantenido en secreto]. Ahora me está explicando todo e ilustrándome sobre todos estos asuntos [cancer y intervención a la que se ha sometido]", explicó el orgulloso padre.

Esta decisión de Angelina de hacerse la prueba para determinar si tenía el famoso gen responde al historial de su familia, su madre, Marcheline Bertrand, murió de cáncer de ovario en 2007 a los 56 años. Tras la operación a la que se ha sometido, la actriz ha reducido el riesgo de desarrollar cáncer de mama a tan solo 5%.



Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas



AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER UN PERMISO PARA EL SISTEMA SEPARADO MUNICIPAL DE AGUAS PLUVIALES (MS4) RENOVACIÓN

PERMISO NO. WQ0004773000

SOLICITUD. La Ciudad de Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas 79457 y la Universidad de Texas Tech, 2303 4th Street, Room 122, Lubbock, Texas 79409 han solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0004773000 del Sistema Nacional de Eliminación de la Descarga de Contaminantes (TPDES) (EPA ID. No. TXS001501) para autorizar las descargas del sistema separado municipal de aguas pluviales ubicada dentro de los límites corporativos de la Ciudad de Lubbock, excepto las tierras agrícolas, en el condado de Lubbock, Texas 79328, 79401, 79403, 79404, 79406, 79407, 79410, 79411, 79412, 79413, 79414, 79415, 79416, 79423, y 79424. El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TXDOT) - Lubbock no continuará como co-titular de permiso en esta renovación de Permiso No. WQ0004773000. TXDOT - Lubbock ha solicitado a TCEQ para una renovación con modificación mayor para autorizar las descargas del sistema separado municipal de aguas pluviales en un propuesto permiso individual de TXDOT en todo el estado TPDES Permiso No. WQ0005011000.

La ruta de descarga es del sistema separado municipal de aguas pluviales a diversas acequias y afluentes que eventualmente lleguen al Double Mountain Fork Brazos River. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el día 3 de diciembre 2012. La solicitud para el permiso está disponible para leer y copiar en Lubbock City Hall, Storm Water Management Department, 1625 13th Street, Room 107, Lubbock, Texas.

AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitir una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a los largo de la condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.

COMENTARIO PÚBLICO / REUNIÓN PÚBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO.

Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para enviar una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA PEDIR UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU PEDIDO LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre; dirección; teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad/adaptabilidad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma como usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; y la declaración "Yo/nosotros" solicito/solicitan una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso". Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociación el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la dirección de una persona que represente al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que seria afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la información ya indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y la distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; debe explicar como y porque el miembro seria afectado y como los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de los períodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia administrativa de lo contenciosos a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión otorgará solamente un audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos relativos disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueron presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descartar aguas residuales sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos del solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envíe por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ. Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos para una reunión deben ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. Si necesita más información en Español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a El Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, sin cobro al 1-800-687-4040. La información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la web: www.tceq.state.tx.us.

También se puede obtener información adicional de la Ciudad de Lubbock y la Universidad de Texas Tech a las direcciones indicadas arriba o llamando a Sr. Michael Keenum, la Ciudad de Lubbock al (806) 775-2393.

Fecha de emisión 18 de abril 2013

Juanes, Prince Royce y Jay-Z en varios escenarios del país



Juanes, Prince Royce, Demi Lovato y Jay-Z son algunos exponentes musicales que compartirán sus talentos en diversos festivales y escenarios de Filadelfia, en los próximos meses.

De acuerdo con reportes de prensa, el cantante Prince Royce se presentará el 25 de este mes en el escenario de El Zócalo en Penn's Landing, donde deleitará con su ritmo de bachata a los amantes del género, a quienes conquistó con su versión del tema "Stand by me".

En esta ocasión el intérprete de canciones como "Corazón sin cara", "El amor que perdemos", "Mi última carta" y "Las cosas pequeñas", tendrá como telonero a su compañero latino, el salsero Alex Matos.

Otro de los artistas que actuará en Filadelfia es el cantautor colombiano Juanes, quien se presentará el 20 de junio próximo en El Trocadero, como parte de su gira "Loud & Unplugged".

Para ese recital, Juanes dará rienda suelta a los temas que lo han consolidado dentro de los favoritos del público. La audiencia que adquiera localidades VIP, podrá presenciar la prueba de sonido que el cantante realizará previo al concierto.

Asimismo, Demi Lovato será parte de una de las celebraciones más icónicas de Filadelfia, el Festival "Wawa Welcome America!",

que se realizará el 4 de julio próximo, al pie de las escaleras del Museo de Arte de Filadelfia.

Por su parte, el rapero Jay-Z ofrecerá su música en el Festival Made in America que se realizará del 31 de agosto al 1 de septiembre, en donde también figuran exponentes musicales como el cantante y productor Miguel, quien incorpora en su R&B, una combinación de funk, hip-hop, rock y electrónica.

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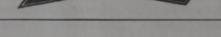
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Marine Reunion held for CO. 1st Platoon/37

On June 5th through the 9th, several local marines will be hosting a reunion for 25 Marines from India CO. 1st Platoon/37 who served in Vietnam. These Marines have stayed together by hosting reunions in different states and now they want to come back to Lubbock.

Four years ago, local Marines hosted this reunion and they were so impressed with our hospitality and the way they were treated that they decided to come back to Lubbock. We would like for the Lubbock Community to get involved and show these Marines how much we appreciate the sacrifices that they made so we could enjoy the better things in life which we enjoy everyday.

We would like for the business community and anyone else who would like to make a monetary donation to please give us a call and we will go pick up your donation. You can make donations to: American GI Forum, 2505 36th Street, Lubbock, Tx 79413 For more information contact: Jerry Lucifer 549-7488 or Robert Narvaiz 781-6277



Joel Rosario piensa en la triple corona

La comunidad quisqueyana del alto Manhattan se volcó en el lugar donde se homenajeaba recientemente al jockey Joel Rosario, por su triunfo en el 'Derby de Kentucky'. La algarabía no se hizo esperar al llegar el jinete al lugar, pues su victoria pone más en alto el prestigio del deportista de esa isla caribeña.

República Dominicana es bien conocida como la cuna de la mayoría de los jugadores latinos en las Grandes Ligas. También varios baloncestistas de ese país caribeño participan en la NBA, mientras que sus selecciones de béisbol han ganado títulos internacionales, como la Series del Caribe y este año desaparecieron el Japón del título en el Clásico Mundial de béisbol.

"Me sentí supercontento, más aún por ser el primero en darle un título de esa naturaleza a mi patria. Es algo que me ha pasado, gracias Dios. Ahora tengo la oportunidad de seguir echando adelante", dijo Rosario emocionado.

Tras siete años guiando ejem-

plares en diversos hipódromos de los Estados Unidos, Rosario no puede enumerar sus triunfos importantes, porque según sus

magnos eventos hípicos que por fin ganó, dijo que pensó que con 'Orí', considerado como uno de los caballos más rápidos que ha

triumfado.

Rosario nunca pensó en verse envuelto en estos magnos eventos de Estados Unidos, pero sus constantes victorias en el hipódromo 'Sto. Centenario' de Santo Domingo, donde ganó cuatro títulos mayores en cinco años, hizo que se fijaran en él para ir más lejos.

Tras ganar la triple corona dominicana en el 2005, representó a su país en el Clásico del Caribe de Puerto Rico, montando al caballo Excelencia, donde fue el mejor jinete del área, por lo que fue contratado para montar en los Estados Unidos.

Joel Rosario dio demostración de ser uno de los mejores en Estados Unidos, cuando tras ganar 29 carreras en el 2006, hizo 154 primeros lugares en 2007, lo que le valió llegar a montar con éxito en los mejores hipódromos de esta nación, incluyendo Santa Anita y Hollywood, de California.

Pero a pesar de todo lo que le queda, Joel Rosario prefiere vivir en estos momentos su victoria del Kentucky Derby, porque lo demás vendrá por añadidura.

propias palabras, son muchos.

"Lo que me interesa en estos momentos y montar otra vez a 'Orí' y adueñarme de la victoria en el Preakness Stakes, Juego el Belmont Stakes, 'la triple corona', sentí Joel con una amplia sonrisa.

Rosario, quien ya había

competido los veces en este

montado, podía demostrar que "a la tercera va la vencida".

El Preakness Stakes número 138 se corre este sábado en el Pimlico Race Course de Maryland, mientras que el Belmont Stakes está programado para el 8 de junio en el Belmont Park Raceway, de Elmont, Nueva York. Y Joel va confiado en el

De acuerdo con la agenda preliminar, se espera que desde esta noche quede concentrado en un hotel de la cadena española que copatrocina el duelo.

en Cancún, para conservar el peso requerido. Además deberá cumplir con diversos compromisos de promoción.

Apenas en abril pasado, Sugar

Cedente de la ciudad de México, en compañía de su padre y entrenador Pablo César Cano González, su entrenador Mario Alejandro Menguía y su hermano Iván "Macanito" Cano (21-5-0, 14 KO's).

El equipo del mexiquense se quedará en las mismas instalaciones del hotel sede, donde se desarollara la función del sábado.

Cano también aprovechará estos últimos días previos para afinar los últimos detalles de su preparación rumbo a lo que será su cuarta aparición ante la afición de Cancún, con marca invicta hasta el momento.

A su llegada a Cancún, el púgil mexiquense manifiesta que se encuentra en óptimas condiciones y con grandes deseos de que llegue la hora de subir al encordado.

"Esta es la oportunidad que necesita mi carrera, es la catapulta que ocupo para lograr colocarme entre los mejores del boxeo mundial", lanzó y reiteró su intención de ingresar por la puerta grande a los grandes círculos del boxeo del mundo.



Según se informó, el californiano -quien hace unos meses se vio envuelto en especulaciones sobre su retiro- se preparó en la zona montañosa de Big Bear, California y solamente trabajó ligeramente

Mosley y Pablo César Cano se presentaron en la Ciudad de México, Playa del Carmen y Cancún para promocionar su pelea.

Por su parte, el "Demoleador" Cano (26-2-1, 20 KO's), llegó pro-

metido a registrar su arma de fuego en el mostrador de la aerolinea -llevaba una pistola calibre .40 y tres cargadores vacíos- fue arrestado y acusado por posesión indebida de un arma de fuego.

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York, la pistola de Guerrero es ilegal, aunque esté registrada en California. El boxeador no debió haber viajado con ella.

El día de su arresto, el fiscal del condado de Queens, Richard Brown, señaló lo siguiente:

Robert "Fantasma" Guerrero es condenado en Queens



Diez días después de haber

sido derrotado por Floyd Mayweather Jr., el boxeador Robert "Fantasma" Guerrero volvió a ser abatido, pero en un tribunal del condado de Queens.

Este martes, Guerrero se declaró culpable de conducta desordenada por el incidente ocurrido el 28 de marzo en el aeropuerto John F. Kennedy de la Ciudad de Nueva York.

Esa noche, el boxeador, residente en California, iba de regreso a casa tras haber promovido en Nueva York su pelea con Mayweather. Cuando fue a registrar

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"Para quien no haya entendido el mensaje, voy a ser claro. No pueden traer un arma sin licencia -cargada o vacía- a este país o a esta ciudad. Y si lo hacen, serán arrestados y enfrentarán cargos por un delito grave".

Tras haber admitido su culpabilidad ayer, Guerrero respondió por un cargo menor, por lo que se le ordenó pagar una multa de \$250 y cumplir con 50 horas de servicio comunitario, lo cual podrá hacer en California.

Al salir del tribunal, Guerrero emitió una declaración vía correo electrónico en la cual se expresó satisfecho de que los fiscales hubiesen evaluado bien su caso y lo resolvieran de una forma "justa". "Nunca quise violar las leyes de Nueva York, pero sé que ignorar una ley no es una excusa... Lección aprendida. Estoy contento de que este incidente ya quede atrás y ahora me repararé para regresar al cuadrilátero y para servir a mi comunidad según lo dispuso la corte", dijo.

Shane Mosley llega a Cancún para pelea del sábado

Con la llegada a este destino turístico de Sugar Shane Mosley y Pablo César "Demoleador" Cano, entra en la recta final la función del próximo sábado, que encabezan y en la que está en disputa un cinturón internacional.

Tres veces campeón del mundo, el estadounidense Sugar Shane Mosley regresó hoy a esta ciudad, para ultimar detalles de su preparación de cara a la contienda que sostendrá este 18 contra el mexiquense, quien también programó su llegada a Cancún, este día.

Mosley y Cano, buscarán el cinto internacional de la categoría welter que avala el Consejo Mundial de Boxeo (CMB) en la "Oasis Arena Cancún", en lo que será la contienda estelar del programa que presentan en conjunto de Pepe Gómez y Oscar de la Hoya.

Se sabe que Shane Mosley (46-8-1, 39 KO's) llega procedente de la ciudad de Los Ángeles, California y lo hará en compañía de su hijo Shane Mosley Jr. y su padre Jack Mosley.

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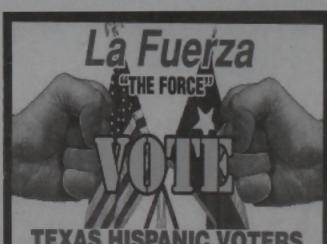
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**Senate Panel
Tightens Student
Visa Rules in
Immigration Bill**

The sweeping immigration reform bill was amended by a U.S. Senate committee to tighten student visa rules in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings.

The Judiciary Committee, trying to get its work on the bipartisan measure completed by the end of the week, also on Tuesday fought off proposals that threatened the fragile compromise reached between the Senate Gang of Eight, the bipartisan group of senators who drafted the legislation, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The committee approved an amendment offered by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, that would require customs officials to be notified immediately when a student visa is terminated. A student charged with obstruction of justice in the Boston Marathon case had been allowed to enter the United States in January through his student visa, which was no longer valid.

"This will plug a loophole in the tragic Boston Marathon bombings," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

Senators voted down amendments from Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., that would have required a temporary exit visa system, saying costs and logistics would be prohibitive.

The Times said much of Tuesday's markup concerned levels of legal immigration who would be allowed to enter the United States, particularly for high-skilled workers.

Sessions sought to limit the number, citing depressed pay and loss of jobs for U.S. workers while Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, sought to bump up the number of visas allowed for workers in high-tech fields by 500 percent. The committee rejected both amendments.

A group of conservative House Republicans protested outside the Capitol, with some citing findings of the committee's report that the legislation that said immigrants would be a net cost to taxpayers, the Times said.

"America cannot afford to open massive immigration floodgates any more than it can support an amnesty plan," Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala., said.

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Councilmember Floyd
Price will hold a
Town Hall Meeting on
May 21st.
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meeting will be the
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Tuesday, May 21
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Olympia Orenelas of Lubbock, graduate from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising this coming Saturday. So with this being said, "Congratulations from the entire family...Good Luck and Job Well Done!!!".
The ceremony starts at 9am.



The Sons of Allen is a men's fellowship of the African Methodist Episcopal Church which made its announcement of the 1st Annual Gentlemen Ball. The Ball will be held on Saturday, May 25th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

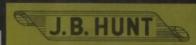
In 1984, the AME church created the Sons of Allen fellowship to foster closer relationships and equip men of the church for meaningful service, to reach men without a church home and present positive role models for our youth.

The purpose of this event is to introduce Bethel's men's fellowship. More importantly to expand the program goals that will enhance men in their abilities to serve God and God's people through social outreach.

Tickets can be purchased for \$500 and individual tickets for \$40.00. The group anticipates to host 200 to 300 in attendance.

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