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Price and Gonzales Will Meet in Run Off

While the second round be as controversial as the first one?

According to recent comments by District 2 incumbent Floyd Price, things might even get more negative between him and his run off opponent for the District 2 seat. Only next time, it will be a two man race; without a spoiler to impact the race. The race that in the last few days of the campaign saw the incumbent produce documents which reflected negatively on his opponent Armando Gonzales; will be contested for in a run off election on June 7.

In order for a candidate to win without a run off, a candidate must win by a simple majority, meaning at least 50% plus one vote. Neither candidate was successful with Price garnering 46% of the vote compared to Gonzales' 37%. The 3rd candidate Gilbert Salinas won close to 13% of the vote even though he hardly ran a campaign; aside from participating in a couple of sponsored debates.

Price told local media that he would bring up things that weren't mentioned before. He was quoted on a newscast at 12:00 com as saying "What I'm gonna do this time is let the citizens know some things

that I didn't let 'em know the last time about my opponent and about the things I was accused of not doing."

On the same web site, Gonzales said "He can do anything he wants to I guess. But the thing is that what he needs to worry about is his last four years. He needs to pay attention to his last four years and not

anybody else's past." Based on the vote totals, only a small percentage of District 2 voters went to the polls. And had Salinas not been on the ballot as he is at one time considered, perhaps the outcome would have been different.

El Editor Publisher Bidal Aguero takes a look at the District 2 race and one additional factor which might have impacted its outcome on our OP-ED page 2. Early voting begins on May 27 and will run through June 3.

News Briefs

Second Time Around is Charm for Martin

Most everybody we talked to in the last days of the contest expected Tom Martin to unseat David Miller and become Lubbock Mayor. And they cited polling numbers which showed Martin leading by 20 percentage points. So the only surprise of the night was to the Miller camp which by the Mayor's comments Saturday night would indicate that they fully expected David Miller to win reelection.

But it was not to be, Martin was the Mayor's seat with 58% of the vote. Miller on the other hand, received just 36.7% of the vote.

According to media reports, this was the first time in Lubbock's election history that an incumbent Mayor was failed to win reelection.

In an editorial opinion on page 2, Abel Cruz takes a look at some raw voting numbers from predominantly Hispanic precincts to see if the Hispanic vote impacted the Mayor's race.

West Virginia's Take Clinton to Victory

Using a list found on John Deveroy's web site once again that West Virginia's "almost better", Hillary Clinton used some new tactics to describe her way after being declared the winner in the West Virginia Democratic Primary. Clinton won 57% of the vote while Obama trailed badly with just 26%. And while Clinton's win was expected, it was a significant victory in a state which has continuously played a role in electing the country's president. Many political observers feel that states such as West Virginia can be won, Democrats do not have a good shot at winning the White House in November.

Clinton's win also gives her one more reason for her to stay in the race. More and more, the calls for Clinton to quit the race have been growing. But Clinton continues to say that "she is in it to win" and is prepared to go the distance or until Obama has secured the 272 delegate votes needed to secure the nomination.

"We all know from the Bible, that we know mountains," Clinton told the crowd. "My friends, the faith of the Mountain State has moved!"

Two make matters worse for the New York Senator, Obama on Wednesday, former candidate John Edwards endorsed Obama, which could mean 18 more delegates for Obama. CBS News reported that Obama has 183 delegates to Clinton's 171. 2005 delegates are needed to win the nomination.

Clinton's "I got the Hillz" continues to prove with several television talking shows declaring that the race is over and prognosticating that Obama is guaranteed the victory. Which might be true for everyone else, but not for the one person who still has a lot to lose for he can somehow pull off a political miracle.

This person is Hillary Clinton. Email: elditor@hcblog.net

Pew Hispanic Center Releases Statistical Portrait of Hispanic Women in the U.S.

Annual births to Hispanic women in the United States exceeded one million for the first time in 2006, and one-in-four children in the U.S. under the age of five is Hispanic, according to new reports from the U.S. Census Bureau. Hispanics now make up 12.5% of the U.S. population, and nearly two-thirds (65%) of their population growth in 2006-2011 came from births rather than immigration or naturalization of the growth pattern in the 1990s, when immigration was the primary driver of Latino population increases in this country.

In order to illuminate these trends, the Pew Hispanic Center today releases "Hispanics in the United States, 2007," a statistical portrait of the demographic, social and economic characteristics of this country's 14.4 million Hispanics. Key findings from the report:

Immigration Hard Line Tactics Have Unintended Consequences

We've all heard the line, "be careful what you ask for!" That may be what some elected officials in cities and locations across the country might be saying, merely months after enacting tough immigration enforcement laws in an effort to wipe out the undocumented among them.

Since the House passed HR 4437 in 2005, cities and states across the country have been passing immigration enforcement laws bordering on the ridiculous to the downright unconstitutional. Their goal: to rid their cities of what elected officials labeled the source of their economic troubles and threat to their institutions such as medical facilities and schools. The new laws ranged from making it illegal to rent to undocumented immigrants, to fining landlords who leased or rented to them; to empowering local law enforcement officials to act as immigration enforcement agents.

Almost two years after the first cities passed legislation, their economies are beginning to feel the boom-crash effects and some are beginning to question their shortsightedness.

Here's an example of one city's experiences. Over a year ago a small community in New Jersey enacted legislation which would penalize anyone who rented to or employed an undocumented individual. Since then, thousands of immigrants from a variety of central and South American countries have left the area. And what was the result?

Here's an excerpt from the web site where we found the account of the story: "the local economy suffered. Hair salons, restaurants and corner shops that catered to the immigrants saw business plummet; several closed. Once boarded-up storefronts downtown were boarded up again."

By Bidal Aguero

Most would say that the recent city election to determine the District 2 City Council representative is a reflection of this city's attitudes about race and about just what the racial make up of the city council should be. Making the city's agreement reached by plaintiffs and attorneys in 1983 alter a decision was finalized by the Federal Court to change the city into single member districts from the "at-large" system in order to "let those who live within a district represent their own," seemed to allow a continuation of segregation.

The gentlemen's agreement was said to guarantee that a Hispanic would represent District 1 and an African American would represent District 2. And for the most part, the agreement has withstood the test of time. But, the agreement did not take future population shifts into consideration and 25 years later the Hispanic population in District 2 has surpassed the African American population and created an unusual question, how much does a candidate's race play a part in how people vote?

According to the city's web site, District 2 is 49.5% Hispanic compared to 28.5% African American; and 21.4% Anglo. Consequently, those population statistics contradict the popular view that District 2 is mostly African American.

In fact most people think of District 2 as "the east side." What they do not realize is that the area includes areas like the Lowery Field area and is bordered by University between 34th and 50th street and includes the Ave Q corridor between 19th street and Loop 289 on the south side of the district.

Lubbock had been incorporated only 14 years when in 1923 the City Council enacted its first outward policy participation in racism and passed an ordinance which prohibited blacks from living west of Avenue

Closer to Lubbock in the small town of Cactus, outside of Dumas, where Immigration and Custom Enforcement Agents conducted a raid in December of 2006 at the Swift and Co. meatpacking plant; that business has suffered through a labor shortage and revenue losses.

And just last month, it was reported that the plant had looked to refugees from war torn countries like Burma and Somalia to fill their labor shortage.

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A Border Patrol agent guides illegal migrants out of the Sonoran Desert after they were spotted by a helicopter crew

arrivals have brought a new set of problems to the city's institutions. According to the report: "The Bumese, most of whom speak little English, have added a bewildering mix of languages and cultural values that have brought change to the Parkland - and created special problems for the school district, the hospital district and community services."

In Arizona, a state which has passed some of the toughest anti-immigration laws in the country, some reports say that state residents are leaving the state in huge numbers due to some of the new laws.

One of those laws, described best as a "enforcement only" law mandates the use

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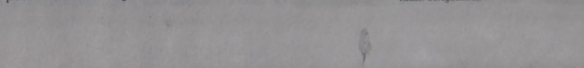
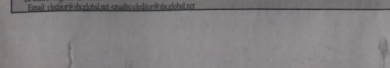
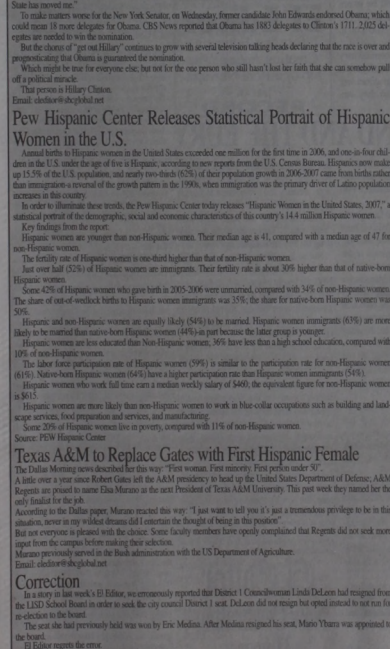
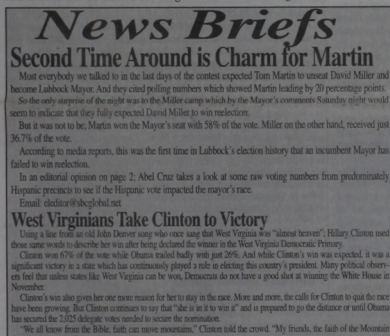
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Mayan Legend Gains New Interest

There is a legend that the ancient Maya possessed 13 crystal skulls which, when united, hold the power of saving the Earth — a tale so strange and fantastic that it inspired the latest Indiana Jones movie.

...yas, whose civilization peaked between 300 and 900 A.D. But no crystal skull has ever been excavated from a documented archaeological site.

Some believe the skulls can emit and focus light, project

unlike pre-Hispanic depictions of death's heads, and often show microscopic marks from cutting tools unavailable in pre-Hispanic times.

"One of them is ancient," Walsh said. About the purported powers, she notes wryly: "I've been sitting in fairly close proximity to about 16 years, and I have not witnessed anything like what people say."

The British Museum keeps a skull in its collections largely as a curiosity, listing its provenance as "probably European, 19th century."

It's possible that the near-human sized fakes may have been inspired by two real crystal skulls now on display at Mexico City's respected National Anthropology Museum. Much smaller and less perfectly carved than the ones held at the museums in Europe, these jewelry-sized trinkets, about an inch in height, are in the Aztec and Oaxaca collections, where the museum classifies them as either late pre-Hispanic or early colonial.

The skulls' legend has spawned a new breed of followers.

New-agers have associated the skulls with the belief that the Mayan "Long Count" calendar runs out on Dec. 21, 2012, when it reaches the end of a 5,126-year cycle. According to this theory, all 13 skulls must be reunited and lined up together to prevent the world from falling off its axis.

"I personally feel that (the skulls) are coming out now because humanity needs the information, their energy and they have probably their own purpose why they're coming out: to help us to create world peace," said Joshua "Illinois" Shapiro, 53, a self-described Crystal Skull Explorer who makes a living touring and giving lectures.

Shapiro has traveled the world seeking out skulls, and believes they link us to knowledge of past worlds like the Mayas, the lost civilization of Atlantis, or even extraterrestrials.

"I was wearing the Indiana Jones hat for a very long time," he says, "far before they ever thought about putting a crystal skull in an Indiana Jones movie."



Experts dismiss the hundreds of existing crystal skulls as fakes that were probably made by colorful antiquities traders in the 19th century. But Mayan priests worship the skulls, even today, and real-life skull hunters still search for them.

The true story of the skulls stretches over continents and hundreds of years, and may be even more extraordinary than the tale portrayed in this fourth installment of the Harrison Ford franchise.

It's unclear what version of the tale will appear in "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skulls," which opens in U.S. theaters on May 22. The plot apparently revolves around a race against the Soviets to find the skulls.

Distributor Paramount Pictures refused requests for interviews or information on the film, the first Indiana Jones movie since "The Last Crusade" came out in 1989.

Few of today's crystal skulls can be documented any further back than the 1860s, when Europe was swept by a rage for pre-Hispanic "relics."

Buyers were often told that the skulls were made by the Ma-

visions and even influence terrestrial forces. Today, these beliefs persist in the jungles of southern Mexico among the Lacandon, the least unassimilated Mayans, some of whom still worship the skulls.

In the shadow of the Palenque ruins, Lacandon priest Kin in Garcia fans copal incense and holds a heavy crystal skull above his head during ceremonies for Hacha'kyum, the Mayan god of creation.

Garcia, son of the Lacandon's most respected elder, Chan Kin, believes the skull has special powers, including the ability to stave off sickness and deforestation in the rain forest where he last Lacandon skull live.

"When I am alone at night, at about 2 a.m., it starts to glow, it emits light, and it stays like that for about a minute," Garcia said.

Garcia says the skull was given to him by a local man — and while he believes it is very old, he doesn't know where it came from.

Thousands of miles away in Washington, Jane MacLaren Walks keeps one of the skulls in her office at the Smithsonian Institution. She doubts the ancient Mayans ever had any such skulls.

An anthropologist and antiquities sleuth, she has spent more than a decade studying the best-known skulls, like the ones acquired by the British Museum and Paris' Quai Branly museum over a century ago, as well as the Smithsonian's own skull. She says they are stylistically

Bohemia y divertida

"Keep it weird". Nunca una frase fue tan acertada para describir una ciudad. Si bien es difícil traducirla de forma literal al español, se refiere a una cuestión de unicidad, más que de "rareza". Un lema que si bien comenzó como un fenómeno cultural que intentaba explicar la apertura de la sociedad hacia movimientos artísticos y sociológicos, con el tiempo se ha ido transformando en una especie de marca registrada.

A ambos lados hay decenas de pintorescos locales como Amy's Ice Creams, en el número 1301, justo en la esquina con The Circle. Este lugar se distingue a varios metros por su marquesina decorada con curiosas vacas voladoras y otras que fungen como cocineras. Además de los sabores tradicionales de helado, en Amy's se sirven sorbetes de calabaza, sandía y rompope.

nombre a la zona. Una escultura de tres hombres ancianos junto a un pozo da la bienvenida. También en este punto se encuentra el Jardín Escultórico Umlauf, una visita obligada en este barrio, justo a un lado de la alberca. El jardín exhibe 130 piezas del artista estadounidense Charles Umlauf, quien nació en 1911 en Michigan, pero que en 1941 se mudó a Austin para enseñar escultura y dibujo en la



trada. Es que Texas, otro arido reino de vaqueros mal encarados, es hoy un multicolor oasis de amistad donde las botas de 'cowboy' se han convertidas en una atracción más de la región y para lucir en una pista de baile en una referencia internacional.

Entre los habitantes persiste esa imagen de capital hippie que la ciudad ostentará durante la década del 60, pues de aquellos años data la tolerancia y diversidad que se respiran a cada paso.

En una atmósfera inmadur de "amor y paz" es fácil imaginar paredes llenas de coloridos murales en plena calle y elaborados por artistas locales, práctica que permanece hasta ahora y gracias a la cual la urbe luce siempre "bien vestida".

El punto ideal para comenzar un paseo es el barrio conocido como SoCo (abreviaturas de South Congress; más específicamente, el lado sur de la Avenida Congress), la arteria principal.

Más adelante está Jo's Coffee, un local que se distingue por su atmósfera "easy going", como dirían los texanos. Cuenta con mesas y sillas al aire libre, además de una barra para los solitarios. Sus paredes están tapizadas de carteles que anuncian los próximos conciertos en diferentes foros. Todos son bienvenidos, prueba de ello es su menú, que incluye leche de arroz y soya para el café, en caso de que el cliente no lo pida, además de sandwiches con tofu y tomates de la región, para los vegetarianos.

Para llegar al centro, la avenida Congress atraviesa el río Colorado a manera de puente, debajo del cual viven cientos de murciélagos que se pueden observar a la puesta del sol, cuando salen de sus escondites... Todo un espectáculo.

Antes de cruzar el puente conviene tomar Barton Springs Road hacia el oeste para visitar una de las áreas naturales más bellas de la localidad. Se trata de la alberca pública Barton Springs, cuyas aguas fluyen libre de los manantiales que dan

Universidad de Texas. Cada uno de sus trabajos refleja los sentimientos humanos con exceso de sensibilidad.

De regreso la noche cae lentamente sobre la ciudad, las luces se encienden y es cuando Austin cambia de traje, se viste de fiesta y comienza a cantar.

Mantente 'en onda' "Keep it weird" es una frase que se ha generalizado en Austin para describir el ambiente predominante y su atmósfera.

En parte, es una referencia al "Viejo Austin", al de la atmósfera bohemia y algo hippie de los años 60, 70 y 80.

Se trata de Austin previo al "high tech" y a la invasión de los Starbucks, donde reina un escenario que le hace sentir que puedes hacer lo que sea "para sentirte bien".

De ahí viene la parte de "tolerancia" y "rareza" a la que alude la frase. En la actualidad se le da un significado más enfocado al movimiento Bay Local, que engloba una tendencia a preferir los bienes y servicios locales, en paralelo con la frase "Think globally, act locally".

Jennifer López expresa admiración por madres de Juárez

México, 12 may (EFE). La actriz estadounidense Jennifer López expresó hoy su admiración a las madres de las más de 400 jóvenes asesinadas durante 15 años en Ciudad Juárez, en un mensaje enviado a la presentación este lunes en la capital mexicana de la película "Bordertown", que cuenta la historia de esta tragedia.

"Como recién fui madre no puedo estar presente ahí con ustedes, pero ahora que soy madre, sólo puedo sentir más admiración hacia las madres de (las muertas de) Juárez, como madre no puedo ni siquiera imaginar

lo que han sufrido", indicó Jennifer en su misiva leída por el director de la película Gregory Nava.

La cineasta y algunas de las madres de las llamadas

de las autoridades locales. Nava ya había denunciado antes que uno de sus asistentes fue secuestrado y torturado para que hablara sobre la realidad de la pro-

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muerzas de Juárez participaron hoy en una rueda de prensa para presentar el filme en México, donde se leyó la carta de la estrella estadounidense, quien comparete créditos en "Bordertown" de la película Antonio Banderas. "Amigos, admiro su valentía y su esfuerzo para lograr la justicia, debido que mi participación en la película ayude a su causa", concluyó la actriz en su mensaje. Desde 1993 han sido asesinadas más de 400 mujeres en Ciudad Juárez, frontera con Estados Unidos y sede del cartel de Juárez, y entre las hipótesis que se manejan está la actuación de asesinos seriales, la violencia intracomunitaria, la filmación de películas "snuff", rituales satánicos y asesinatos cometidos por imitadores. El director de la película dijo que durante la filmación hubo muchos obstáculos e incluso señaló que su equipo recibió amenazas por parte

Goodell Says Meeting With Walsh Yields No New Spygate Info

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said Tuesday af-



ternoon there were no new allegations from former New England Patriots video employee Matt Walsh that would result in further sanctions against the team or head coach Bill Belichick.

Goodell and Walsh met for more than three hours at the league's offices in Manhattan. Barring any unforeseen circumstances the commissioner doesn't presently know about, this will likely provide some closure to the 'Spygate' saga that has consumed the NFL since the Patriots were caught illegally videotaping the Jets' defensive signals during a Week 1 game last season at Giants Stadium.

"The fundamental information from this morning's meeting is consistent with what we knew last September," Goodell said at a news conference after his meeting with Walsh. "The discipline that I took was unprecedented, and I felt it was appropriate."

Goodell said Walsh told him he knew of no tape of the Rams' walkthrough practice the day before the Patriots' first Super Bowl win after the 2001 season. The Boston Herald reported the day before last February's Super Bowl between the Giants and Patriots that there was a tape of the Rams' walkthrough practice. Belichick consistently denied the existence of such a tape.

Goodell said Walsh told him of two other unrelated situations that the league will investigate. He said the Patriots had a player who was on injured reserve participate in a practice in 2001 (a violation of league policy) and might result in a fine. Goodell also

said Walsh told him he helped some unidentified members of the organization scalp as many as 12 Super Bowl tickets while Walsh worked for the team.

After Goodell's press conference, NFL attorney Gregg Levy, who was in on the meeting, told reporters that Walsh said he had been approached by former Patriots assistant coach Brian Daboll, who is now the Jets' quarterbacks coach, shortly after a Rams' walkthrough practice the day before they played the Patriots in the Super Bowl following the 2001 season.

Walsh said Daboll asked if there was anything Walsh could relate about the walkthrough. Walsh said he noticed that running back Marshall Faulk was running back kickoffs. Daboll then asked if there was anything Walsh could divulge about how the Rams deployed their tight ends in practice. Walsh could not offer anything specific, according to Levy. Daboll then drew a play and asked which direction the tight ends went in.

Walsh was in the Superdome during the Rams' practice setting up video equipment for the actual game. He was there legally and had Patriots clothing on. In fact, the Rams knew Walsh was there.

Goodell apparently will not further sanction the Patriots as a result of Daboll's conversation. Daboll, who has met previously with NFL investigators, did not corroborate Walsh's claims, but the NFL said it would re-examine Daboll's involvement in light of Walsh's statements.

Walsh, who had reached an agreement on April 23 that stipulated there would be no lawsuits filed against him for anything he agreed to turn over or told Goodell during Tuesday's meeting, immediately left for Washington, D.C. after the meeting. He was to meet later Tuesday with Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, who had been pushing the NFL to meet with Walsh.

"Mr. Walsh is pleased to have been able to assist the National Football League in its inves-

tigation of the New England Patriots' videotaping practices," Walsh's attorney, Michael Levy, said after leaving the league's headquarters. "Sen. Arlen Specter has waited quite a while to meet with Mr. Walsh, and we are heading immediately to Washington, D.C. for an appointment



this afternoon with Sen. Specter. Out of respect for Sen. Specter, neither Mr. Walsh nor I will speak with the media prior to meeting with the Senator."

Walsh handed over eight tapes of Patriots games from the 2000-02 seasons. The tapes were shown to reporters at a hotel across the street from the league's headquarters. They showed defensive signals being flashed in from the sidelines, and there was one tape of Dolphins' offensive signals during a game in 2001.

There was also a tape of a Chargers-Patriots game in 2002 that briefly showed Chargers cheerleaders performing for the crowd. A spokeswoman from Levy's office said Walsh had not shot video of the cheerleaders.

Belichick contends he misinterpreted the league's rules against videotaping opponents' signals. He said he felt as long as he didn't use the tapes during the game in which they were shot that it was legal to film the signals. He told the commissioner at the time that his taping went back to when he joined the Patriots in 2000. Goodell fined Belichick \$500,000 and the team an additional \$250,000. Goodell also made the Patriots forfeit their own 2008 first-round draft pick. The Patriots had an additional first-round pick acquired in a 2007 trade with the 49ers.

A 'Local Church' of 62 Parishes and 83,000 Members: CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK

MARKS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

LUBBOCK – Twenty-five bishops are expected to congregate with Lubbock's Bishop Plácido Rodríguez when he leads Catholics from 25 area counties in a liturgy marking the 25th anniversary of their local church, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2008 in Lubbock's Memorial Civic Center.

According to a poster displayed at most Catholic churches in West Texas, all parishioners "are welcome" and "important." A related bulletin announcement tells Catholics "This is Our Church. This is Our Celebration" and encourages their participation in the Jubilee Mass.

Special guests and concelebrants include Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston; the Most Rev. José H. Gomez, Archbishop of San Antonio; and, the Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, first bishop of Lubbock and current Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Up to 20 more visiting bishops and priests from the 62 parishes in the Diocese of Lubbock will also serve as concelebrants.

Appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Roman Catholic Col-

lege of Cardinals last November, Cardinal DiNardo is the first Cardinal, or "Prince of the Church," from Texas or any of the Southern United States. The Jubilee Mass is his first visit to Lubbock since being elevated to the high-ranking church office.

The Diocese of Lubbock Silver Jubilee Mass is also a Silver Jubilee Anniversary celebration for Archbishop Sheehan. The Diocese of Lubbock was formed by Pope John Paul II and established on June 17, 1983 with Bishop Sheehan's ordination as the church's founding Bishop.

The Diocese of Lubbock includes some 83,000 Catholics who gather with their pastors at 62 churches located in 25 counties in the Texas South Plains – 13 counties on the Llano Estacado High Plains and 12 on the Lower Rolling Plains east of the Caprock.

Bishop Rodríguez - who was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago in 1983 and marks his own Silver Episcopal Jubilee in December - was installed as the second Bishop of Lubbock on June 1, 1994. He and the diocesan Silver Jubilee Committee of Twenty-Five selected "Like a Mighty Wind" as the theme for the 2008 Diocese of Lubbock Silver

Jubilee celebration.

Taken from Acts 2:2 - "And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a mighty rushing wind" - the jubilee theme highlights how the Holy Spirit is moving "like a mighty wind" through the Diocese of Lubbock, according to a pastoral letter written by the bishop to announce the anniversary celebration.

Since the pastoral letter was published last year on Pentecost Sunday, the diocese has organized the area's first religious art exhibit; hosted a seminar featuring the world's foremost expert on Our Lady of Guadalupe; dedicated a new church at the first parish created for the diocese; celebrated the centennial of the first parish in the diocese; hosted a biblical conference featuring some of the country's best-known Catholic scholars; and, celebrated a "First Mass Memorial Liturgy" at the site of Coronado's 1541 Second Baranca campground in Blanco Canyon.

The celebration reaches its high point with the Jubilee Mass celebration on June 21, according to Deacon Leroy Behnke, diocesan director of communications.

"In addition to the glory that is eschatistic liturgy itself, this festive Jubilee Mass will include special processions and other highlights, including a combined diocesan choir of singers from parishes located throughout the diocese and a children's choir to magnify their music ministry," he said. "For many good theological reasons, the Catholic Church has a closed Communion, meaning only Catholics with a proper disposition can receive. But all people of good will are welcome to gather with us and pray with us on this very historic day in the life of our church."

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JUBILEE MASS - Bishop Plácido Rodríguez, CME, left, and Sister Lale Pelikan, RSM, tape a "Diocese of Lubbock Jubilee Mass" poster on the door to the Catholic Pastoral Center on Fourth Street in Lubbock. Bishop Rodríguez, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Houston, Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan of Santa Fe, Archbishop José Gomez of San Antonio, as many as 20 more visiting bishops, and priests from throughout the 25 county Diocese of Lubbock are scheduled to concelebrate the Mass on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. All Catholic parishioners and people of good will are welcome to participate in the liturgy, a reverent and festive



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