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What part of diversity does the University not understand?

By Bidal Agüero

Our new pulse of the Hispanic Community question of the week asked about recently named Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance and his concern or lack of concern for the Hispanic Community. The question pointed out that "To date, Chancellor Kent Hance has not had any type of special meeting with Lubbock Hispanics to discuss any special needs or to investigate ways to address special problems that Hispanic students encounter at Tech."

We asked "Do you feel this shows a lack of concern from Texas Tech and what do you think should happen?"

Texas Tech presently has a student enrollment of 28,007. Of these only 3,217 or 4.7% is Hispanic.

When we asked the University's to tell about their efforts in the Hispanic community. In their response we were surprised to find out that in reality the Chancellor's office is apparently misinformed about the percentage of Hispanics that attend Tech.

The office claims, "the Hispanic student population is 11.49% of the total student population. In the Fall 06 semester, there were 3217 Hispanic students enrolled, an increase of 4.69% from Fall 2005. There has been an increase in Hispanic student enrollment at Texas Tech every year since 1999."

Despite this inaccuracy claiming an 11.49% Hispanic enrollment, the Chancellor's office claims various efforts to increase enrollment. They say, "the number of Hispanic students that are retained has improved steadily over the last few years as has the number of Hispanic faculty. In fact, Hispanic faculty hold Chair positions in Academic Departments, Associate Deans positions, and are represented in the President and Provost offices."

The Chancellor's office states that "there are several ongoing initiatives to further increase the number of Hispanic students at Tech, including a recent program to attach Hispanic faculty to participate in high school recruitment teams that will be visiting area schools that often have significant Hispanic student populations."

The answers from the community in our Hispanic Pulse questions were varied. One of our readers Jerry Perez, also pointed out that Hispanics "in the Lubbock community benefit from several Texas Tech programs that address special problems that Hispanic, Black, Asian, and other minority students, staff, and faculty on campus may encounter..."

He goes on to name many of the programs and later in his letter points out to El Editor that "at this time, Chancellor Hance's office is not responsible for community outreach. Anyone who says otherwise doesn't understand how Texas Tech works and should refrain from criticizing something they do not understand. Currently, the TTU President's office has taken the task to spear-head community relations and minority outreach."

Perez' answer was clarified by Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez who in giving us a brief history of the Chancellor's office efforts to help Hispanics explains that, "minority recruiting and outreach is not normally a function of the TTU Office of Chancellor." He states that the previous Chancellor Dr. David Smith abandoned the ordinary and made recruitment of minority students a facet of his administration.

"He created an Office of Diversity, a Minority Advisory Council, and a Pastor's Forum and allocated significant dollars. Mr Kent Hance appears to be following the more traditional role of Chancellor as chief fund raiser and lobbyist."

Perez says that "many of us have met with City Council, the Mayor, the Commissioners, and local Hispanic activists to discuss matters such as Caesar Chavez Blvd (It will happen!), City Council board assignments, and recruiting Hispanics for senior city positions. Also, all of us marched in May to show our support for our Hispanic community. I have the pictures on my hard drive!"

According to the Editors of this newspaper, Mr. Perez letter is well taken but other than mentioning that the Chancellor's office is not responsible for community outreach the question asking about the concern of the Chancellor's office is still not answered

Two more of our readers agreed with Mr. Perez that our question is inappropriate. Robert Pratt, a local talk show host said "The question sounds to me as if you are trying to pick a fight where none exists and are engaging in a bit of race-baiting at the expense of Texas Tech."

Ruby Vidaurre said "I personally think the Chancellor Kent Hance has other things on his mind. I don't believe that having a special meeting with the Hispanic community is a top priority with the Chancellor."

The University said that Chancellor Hance, and Texas Tech, is committed "to creating and maintaining an environment where Hispanic students, indeed all students, can be successful."

Commissioner Gutierrez differs with the Chancellor's statement when the Commissioner writes "Whether it is deserved or not, Texas Tech has a reputation of less than nominal success and increases in its percentage of Hispanic students. The percentage of Hispanic students in 1990 was about 2.5%. In 2007 the percentage is 4.9%. To the outside observer, TTU efforts at recruitment of the fastest growing segment of students seems stagnant."

In the same period, Hispanic student population in Public Schools has grown from about 30% to 53%. Dallas is closer to 65%.

The Chancellor's office said that "the Office of Enrollment Management is working on an aggressive student recruiting plan that emphasizes minority recruitment. Dr. Juan S. Munoz, special assistant to the president

for institutional diversity and associate vice provost is the director of the Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center oversees the largest Hispanic students' retention program, Mentor Tech, which is instrumental to the success of Hispanic students at Tech.

Commissioner Gutierrez again differs with this states as he writes "To compound the problem, Hispanic students have little cause to choose TTU. TTU Administration is visibly devoid of diversity. TTU publications such as magazines and posters are also devoid of diversity as is the TTU elective curriculum"

His statements are echoed by Frank Hernandez as he writes "Under Kent Hance we can be assured that Tech will continue in its old ways of ignoring us and not even encouraging our community to be part of it."

Another responses to our question raised concern about Chancellor Hance's efforts. Steve Bustos wrote: "I believe the current Lubbock population is approximately 1/3 Hispanic and of the 29,000 students now attending TTU only a little over 10 % are listed as Hispanic."

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Bush's words at address on immigration split Hispanics

U.S. President George W. Bush's pledge to push for an immigration overhaul in an address to Congress on Tuesday, met a mixed response from Hispanics who said it was broadly positive but lacked details.

In his annual State of the Union address, Bush urged lawmakers to support "comprehensive immigration reform" that included a temporary

guest-worker program and beefed up security on the porous Mexico border.

The issued has divided lawmakers on Capitol Hill. The last Congress, which was controlled by Republicans, backed divergent initiatives, with one chamber seeking broad legislation and the other tougher enforcement.

The National Council of La Raza said renewed interest on immigration

from Bush, together with a shift to Democratic control of Congress, has created the conditions to move forward on the issue.

"I think that we have the best opportunity that we have had in some time ... to take this to the next step," said Michele Waslin, the NCLR's director of immigration policy research.

"The leadership of both the House and the Senate have talked about the need for reform this year, and now the president has put it on the table once again."

Not all Hispanics were encouraged by the president's remarks, given in an address overshadowed by widespread concern about the war in Iraq.

The League of United Latin American Citizens said Bush's speech contained nothing new about immigration policy in general, and was unclear about the status of 10-12 million illegal immigrants living in the shadows in the United States.

"I am disappointed ... I really didn't hear anything new from the president," Rosa Rosales, the group's president, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"We want to see more than just a guest-worker program, and it didn't go into any detail about the situation of immigrants already living here," she added.

Last year, the Republican-led House of Representatives derailed an immigration bill because it would have given a path to citizenship for many of the illegal immigrants who entered the country illegally



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Hate Politics and its Price Tag

By Mercedes Lynn de Uriarte

It's not often that hate politics slaps back so fast and so hard. But the ice-coated, estimated \$3 billion loss of the California citrus industry packed a wallop. The fruit, say farmers, couldn't be harvested in a timely fashion or as needed due to pending treacherous weather "because of a lack of labor." And where were the needed pickers? In deportation facilities or hiding for fear of the same.

What brought us to this state of "oops"? Anti-immigrant campaigns designed to placate nativists and those who prefer to blame the vulnerable rather than hold politicians accountable to pass immigration legislation designed for the country's wellbeing and for fair treatment of labor.

As a nation, we depend on thousands of undocumented workers to supply most of our food from planting to picking, to cooking, to serving and washing up afterwards. To a great extent, U.S. families can't eat without immigrant labor. So why are both ends of this survival chain starved for enlightened labor laws that disregard borders of origin in favor of mutual need and supply?

For one thing, undocumented workers are constantly fed to political appetites. With public support for the war in Iraq plummeting and an election looming, last fall, politicians and TV hucksters like CNN's Lou Dobbs turned to a convenient whipping group. Dobbs didn't have to venture far from his home base. Exploitable labor, it seems, is in demand everywhere. He and others struck a familiar drumbeat and threw in the fear of terrorism, no matter the lack

of threat to document it.

This country's undocumented immigrants are convenient, voiceless victims of sudden deportation sweeps. For the first time in more than two decades, they hit here in Austin. Soon even simple daily chores elicited panic. Principals reported that mothers were sending their children to school with grocery lists in hopes that someone would help them shop. Mothers feared they would be seized and separated from their children. Families fret until fathers returned at night after long hours for little pay.

Today, farm workers in California face a new threat in a hostile environment.

As ice-coated fruit spoils, nearly 80 percent of the citrus is insured and farmers can expect some disaster relief, typically about 50 percent of their uninsured crops' market value. Those migrant farm laborers who are citizens can turn to unemployment benefits. Los Angeles' La Opinión, the nation's largest Spanish-language newspaper, estimates 20,000 undocumented workers and their families face an abrupt end to income with no assistance in sight.

According to Armando Elenas, the United Farm Worker organizing director, much of the suffering is yet to be seen. Work is gone for a year in the citrus orchards, the most visible casualty, except for the brief time it takes to remove fruit. But the strawberries, green leafy vegetables ready for harvest are also gone. Truckers and vendors will be impacted, too. Already men without disaster assistance plan to leave their families in search of work in other states. Unseen is the assault to the dignity of these men used to hard

work and self-sufficiency who find themselves suddenly desperate.

This disaster comes at the height of immigrant bashing, a long-established national pattern targeting workers and their children, seeking to deny them health care and education. It is part of a push-pull syndrome. We beg them to come and do our agricultural work, build our railroads, fill in for others serving in the military, as we did in the 1940s; and help harvest in the 1950s. Today we recruit them into our fast food industry, meat processors and as caregivers for our sick and elderly.

This ugly victimization flip side began long ago. In the 1880s, we excluded Chinese; in 1912, we pushed away all foreigners, blaming them, according to members of the U.S. Immigration Commission for "disease, pauperism, crime and vice" — a litany often repeated since then to whip up an ignorant chorus. With "Operation Wetback" in the 1950s, we rousted them from our factories and fields.

In the 1980s the Reagan Administration mounted sweeps of workplaces in "Project Jobs." Then, like now, the mantra claimed that immigrants, with or without papers, took jobs from "real Americans." (A stupid claim since employers hire.) The vacated jobs stayed empty. Fruit and vegetables withered, prices rose. Quietly, deported immigrants returned to meet recognized needs. This will happen some more.

Why then this yo-yo policy? They are convenient scapegoats — invisible casualties — who assure a higher profit margin for employers and cheaper prices for consumers.

EL EDITOR NEWSPAPER

George Lopez: America's Mexican

He's done everything from starring in his own hit sitcom to writing a best seller to acting in feature films. Now, this versatile and popular performer makes his solo debut on the HBO when the live comedy special George Lopez: America's Mexican debuts Saturday, Feb. 24 (10:00-11:05 p.m. ET/PT).

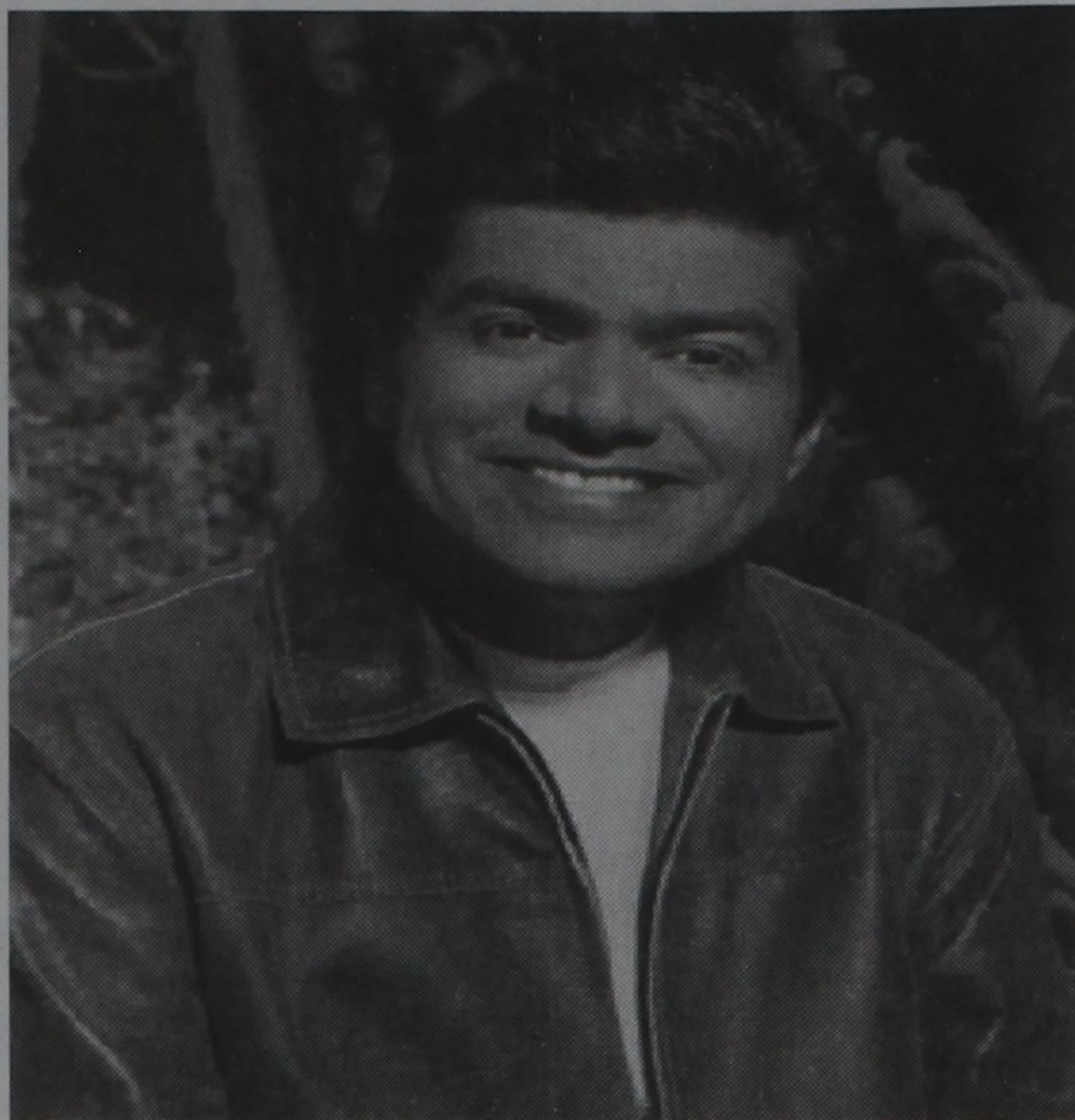
Fresh from his triumphant performance at Comic Relief 2006 on HBO last November, George Lopez delivers an all-new stand-up show before a live audience at the Dodge Theater in Phoenix. Among the topics he's expected to cover in the special are: immigration and naturalization, "minute men," dysfunction, modern-day kids, old-school values, hybrid cars, cars that run on corn, interracial relationships, dementia and the future.

Now in his fifth year as star of his self-titled sitcom on ABC, Los Angeles native George Lopez is one of the country's most popular stand-up stars. His long list of credits includes co-hosting duties on the Emmy(r) Awards, the Grammy-nominated CD Team Leader, the current comedy CD El Mas Chignon, the best-selling autobiography Why Are You Crying?, his own morning radio show in LA, and such feature films as the upcoming Focus Features comedy Balls of Fury, scheduled for release April 27, as well as Bread and Roses and The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl.

In addition to Comic Relief 2006, Lopez' varied list of HBO credits includes acting in the HBO Films presentation Real Women Have Curves and serving as guest commentator on HBO Sports' Inside the NFL.

Lopez has received numerous honors for his charitable endeavors, including the 2004 Artist of the Year and Humanitarian Award from Harvard University. That same year he was honored with the "Spirit of Liberty Award" by People for the American Way. In 2005, Time magazine recognized Lopez as one of "The 25 Most Influential Hispanics in America."

George Lopez: America's Mexican is produced and directed by Marty Callner. Other HBO playdates: Feb. 27 (10:00 p.m.) and March 2 (12:30 a.m.), 8 (12:30 a.m.), 14 (midnight) and 19 (3:50 a.m.).



Latino Plastic Surgeon Is the New Face on Popular Reality Series 'Dr. 90210'

John Diaz, MD is changing the face of how we view plastic surgeons in Beverly Hills. Combining his Dominican background and extensive cosmetic surgery training, Dr. Diaz sets a novel angle on Latino beauty and cosmetic surgery in his practice.

With the popularity of cosmetic surgery shows coupled with the never-ending desire for self-improvement, interest in cosmetic surgery continues to increase with the general population. With this, the trend for plastic surgery

among Latinos has also been growing in leaps and bounds. To no great surprise, from 2000 and 2004, the total number of cosmetic procedures performed on U.S. Hispanics jumped by 49 percent, according to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS). In 2005, Latinos accounted for nearly 10% of all plastic surgery procedures across the US -- leading all minority groups. As cited from ASPS 2005 data, the most requested surgical procedures among Latinos include breast augmentation, liposuction and

nose reshaping. But with the rise of Latinos undergoing plastic surgery, the percentage of Latino plastic surgeons has not been tracked. At this time, Dr. John Diaz is in fact one of the few Latino Plastic Surgeons practicing in Beverly Hills.

Having been featured on E! Channel's "Dr. 90210" and starting his own private practice in recent months, Dr. Diaz explains, "being Latino has enabled me to more fully understand the rich variety of this culture. With this innate knowledge, I understand better than anyone else, what the ideals for beauty are among Latinos. I can perfect without taking away the cultural aspects of beauty. I focus on creating the kind of result my Latino patients want, and modify my surgical techniques so that I can create this."

Dr. John Diaz, an Ivy league graduate from Cornell University, attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, graduating with top honors. Dr. Diaz trained at the highly accelerated plastic surgery residency program at The Montefiore Medical Center in New York. He then went on to be accepted into the Aesthetic surgery fellowship directed by Richard Ellenbogen, MD in Beverly Hills. In 2006, Dr. Diaz opened his own private practice -- conveniently located at 421 North Rodeo Drive, Terrace Level South in Beverly Hills, CA.

Dr. Diaz has extensive e Dr. Diaz has published articles and a textbook chapter on plastic surgery. He has been quoted in several national magazines and has been featured on E! Entertainment Channel's "Dr. 90210." For more information, visit www.drjohndiaz.com

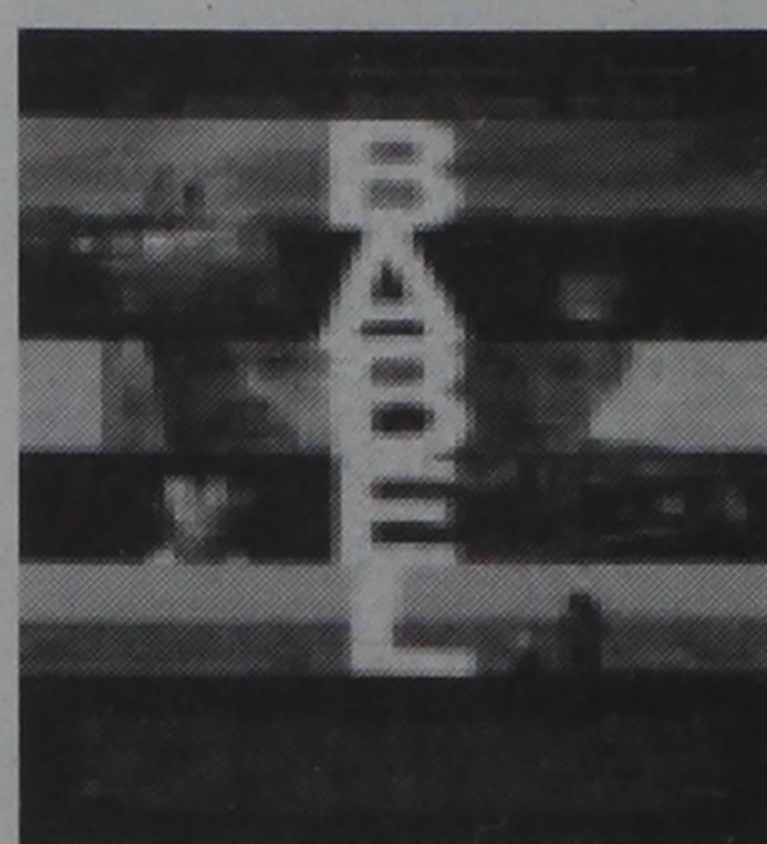
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Mexico's sweet film success inspires Sundance

Even before they heard their countrymen had garnered a dozen or so Academy Award nominations on Tuesday, the Mexican contingent at this year's Sundance Film Festival was brimming with confidence.

Together "Babel" and "Pan's Labyrinth," by Mexican directors Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and Guillermo del Toro, won 13 Oscar nominations -- giving the Mexican film industry its biggest boost to date on the other side of the border.

"In another period, you had the Italian directors all over and then the French directors, and I think it is now the Mexican directors," said Mexican filmmaker Patricia Riggen, 36, after her premiere at Sundance, the leading U.S. festival for independent film.



"It is just going to grow. The audiences and studios are realizing there is talent and good stories and everybody likes them."

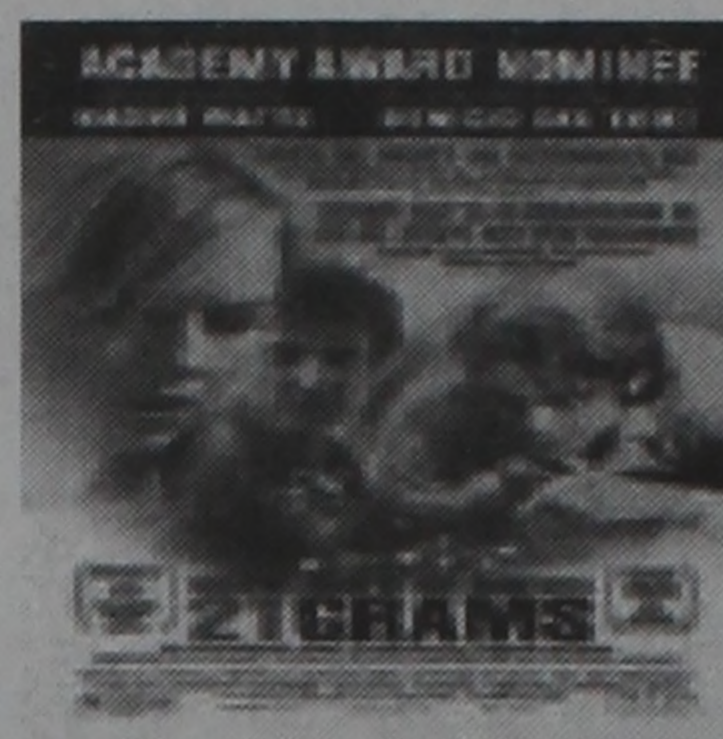
Riggen's "La Misma Luna" (The Same Moon) received a rare standing ovation at Sundance. The film about a mother and child separated by the U.S.-Mexico border is not in competition, but is expected to walk away with a big distribution deal.

Riggen lives in Los Angeles, but other Mexicans at Sundance believe staying in Mexico City is a key to their distinctive work.

"Human nature in Mexico City is stronger and more raw and I think that is reproduced in Mexican cinema," said Guillermo Arriaga, the Oscar nominated screenwriter of "Babel" and producer of "El Bufalo de la Noche" (The Night

Buffalo) in competition at Sundance.

Arriaga, who also wrote "Amores Perros" and "21 Grams," said



that environment spurs him to create films with "guts and balls" -- the qualities he most desires in his work.

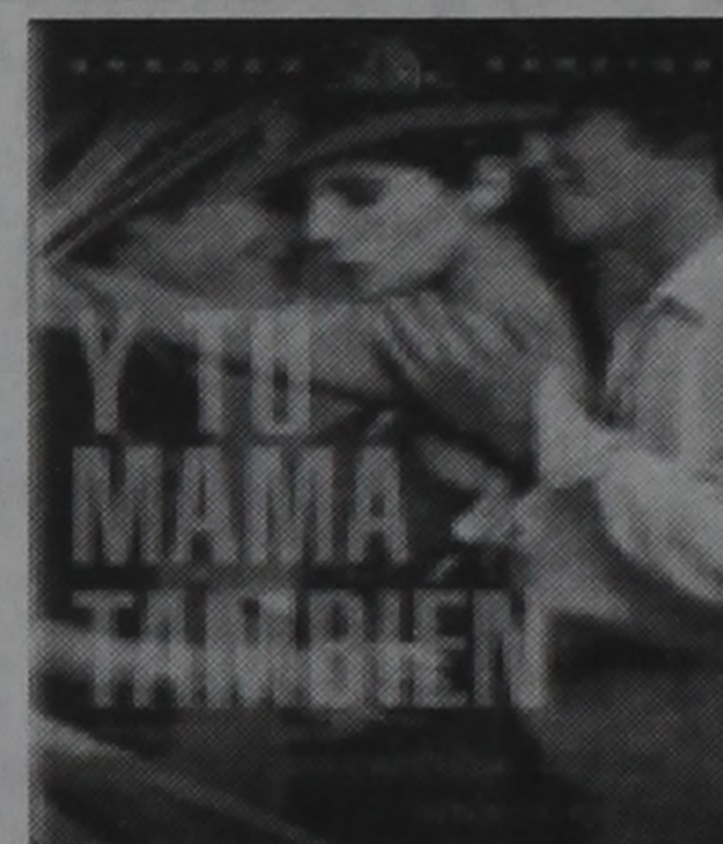
"Buffalo" is a tough film to watch as tormented young lovers destroy their lives and those around them. It is based on Arriaga's novel of the same name, drawn from his years as a university professor, and stars the popular Mexican actor Diego Luna working with a cast of unknowns.

LONG-AWAITED ATTENTION

The Mexican directors and writers have built a tight-knit film community that is prone to take risks and bet on raw talent.

Four years ago, Arriaga brought Venezuelan-born Jorge Hernandez Aldana to Mexico to co-write and direct "Buffalo," his first long feature film, after seeing a short feature he had done at a festival.

"As the Mexicans gave me so much support when I arrived, I feel the



need to fight for Mexican filmmaking," said Hernandez Aldana, 37, who is now a naturalized Mexican citizen. He believes the

plethora of Oscar nominations for Mexico is not a sudden phenomenon, but rather the result of several years of excellent productions that did not get much exposure in the United States.

Gonzalez Inarritu's "Amores Perros" in 2000 and Alfonso Cuaron's "Y Tu Mama Tambien" in 2001 got the ball rolling.

"What we needed was more attention from the world, and that is what we are getting now," Hernandez Aldana said.

But not only directors and writers were celebrating the rise of Mexico at Sundance.

Mexican actors played major roles in two U.S. feature films in competition, "Padre Nuestro" (Our Father) about the dog-eat-dog life of immigrants in



New York City and "Trade," a look at the trafficking of children as sex slaves from Mexico to the United States.

"Doors are opening for the major talent of Latin America to cross over to the United States," said Mexican actor Eugenio Derbez who plays acclaimed supporting roles in "La Misma Luna" and "Padre Nuestro."

"I think it will be a great year for Mexico."

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Segun la Clinica Mayo, una de las eminencias en investigaciones de salud, el agua es indispensable para todo y cada sistema del cuerpo. Las funciones que este componente incluyen la limpieza de las toxinas que de otra forma se acumularian en los organos y el transporte de alimentos a las celulas. Al preguntarse que tan importante son estas labores, imaginese: ¿que pasaria si usted no pudiera deshechar lo toxico de su cuerpo y ademas de quedarse con lo malo, no se pudiera nutrir de lo bueno?

La deficiencia extrema de agua es conocida como deshidratacion. La deshidratacion sucede cuando el cuerpo no tiene suficiente agua para cumplir sus funciones normales. Pero sin ir a extremos, una ligera deficiencia de agua tambien tiene varios efectos negativos.

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perdemos este valioso liquido con funciones simples: al respirar, sudar, orinar y defecar.

No todo liquido es agua. No todo lo que tomamos ayuda a nuestro consumo de agua. Las bebidas gaseosas, o 'sodas', no cuentan como un vaso de agua. Estas son mas bien un carbohidrato ya que estan compuestas mayormente de un jarabe y gas que, en vez de hidratar al cuerpo, lo hacen trabajar mas fuerte al proporcionarle una concentracion de azucar que este tiene que limpiar y distribuir.

El cafe, aunque contiene agua, esta compuesto por cafeina. La cafeina, quimico tambien presente en el te, el chocolate y muchas sodas, es un diuretico. Los diureticos incitan la perdida de agua al entrar en el cuerpo, y con esta perdida el cuerpo no solo se deshidrata sino que tambien puede perder valiosos minerales.

Otro diuretico es el alcohol, sustancia que segun un estudio hecho en atletas, hasta en cantidades medias incita la perdida de magnesio, potasio, calcio y zinc, todos elementos importantes en el mantenimiento de la salud y la presion sanguinea.

Tomar el agua sola es la forma mas segura de asegurarse de su pureza y de su efecto hidratante en el cuerpo. Las sopas son otra opcion, las menos cremosas y mas aguadas, ya que traen el beneficio de la temperatura mas elevada, que es la que prefiere el estomago para la digestion.

Cantidad y calidad Sabemos que debemos tomar agua, pero cuanto?

Segun la Clinica Mayo, una persona adulta con una buena salud y un clima de temperaturas medias, puede adoptar dos actitudes: la de reemplazo y la de recomendaciones dieteticas. La primera trata de reemplazar lo perdido. La mayoría de las personas pierden un promedio de 1.5 litros de agua al dia por medio de la orina y un litro adicional con la respiracion, el sudor y la defecacion. La comida ayuda con un 20% de la cantidad de agua ingerida, asi que si usted consume dos litros de agua (un poquito mas de ocho vasos) con sus alimentos,

podra reemplazar lo perdido.

La otra forma es seguir las recomendaciones dieteticas. El Instituto de Medicina recomienda que los hombres consuman un promedio de tres litros (unos 13 vasos) de agua a diario y que las mujeres consuman 2.2 litros (mas o menos nueve vasos).

Ademas de estos dos metodos, se dice que se ha bebido suficiente agua al dia si es que uno nunca tiene sed o si produce entre uno o dos litros de orina sin color o con color amarillo claro a diario. Al venir la sensacion de la sed, por lo general el cuerpo ya esta ligeramente deshidratado.

En cuanto a calidad, es importante investigar cual es la mejor opcion:

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Cancer initiative is launched

With a Texas-size ambition to find a cure for cancer, the state's leading medical scientists joined Gov. Rick Perry, world cycling champion Lance Armstrong and state lawmakers Monday to call for a \$3-billion, decade-long project they compared to landing a man on the moon.

Funding for the home-grown initiative remains tentative but likely would require voter approval of a constitutional amendment to authorize state borrowing against bonds. "What we're really talking about is something that could change the world. It could happen right here in Texas," said Cathy Bonner, former state commerce secretary, who hatched the idea while the late Gov. Ann Richards was undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.

The cure-for-cancer quest could be comparable in scope, Bonner said, to President John F. Kennedy's 1960s commitment to land a man on the moon or the fast-tracked Manhattan Project, which

created the atom bomb. "This is a project that could be that big," said Bonner, noting that 35,000 Texans will die this year of cancer while another 88,000 will be diagnosed with some form of the disease. "It would make Texas the global leader of cancer research."

Bonner was joined at Austin's Four Seasons Hotel by Perry, Armstrong and University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center President John Mendelsohn in pushing for the cancer research funding.

About 50 state leaders joined former Democratic state Comptroller John Sharp and officials from the University of Texas Health Science Centers, the Lance Armstrong Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for the announcement.

"I can't imagine that this wouldn't have full support from all legislators," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, who plans to author a constitutional amendment to raise \$300

million per year. The measure would need two-thirds approval from both the House and Senate before Texas voters would have the final say.

"It's not going to be a partisan thing. It's not going to be a regional thing. Every one of us have had our lives touched by cancer," added Nelson, whose co-sponsors will be Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and Democratic Sen. Kirk Watson, former Austin mayor and a survivor of testicular cancer. Perry touted the potential project as one that could create trillions of dollars in economic wealth and make Texas the "epicenter" of cancer research. "This is a very powerful moment in Texas history," he said.

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