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Texas forgoes millions in federal aid for sex education

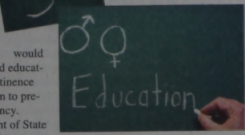
At the end of the year, Texas quietly opted to forgo yet another pot of federal money — specifically, \$4.4 million that would have gone toward educating youth on abstinence and contraception to prevent teen pregnancy.

The Department of State Health Services began drafting the application for the Personal Responsibility Education Program funds, but the decision was made not apply before the Aug. 30 deadline.

Carrie Williams, a spokeswoman for DSHS said, "The [Health and Human Services] Executive Commissioner [Tom Suesh] made the final decision, and the governor's office was part of that decision."

State Rep. Mike Villarreal "This is yet another example of politics dominating policy in the governor's office," said state Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio. "Unfortunately, the governor's re-election campaign theme of running against Washington has, yet again, hampered

our ability to access much needed funds to overcome very real challenges that our state is facing."



Lucy Nashed, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, downplayed any role his office may have played, saying, "HHS is doing regarding the Affordable Care Act, but ultimately the executive commissioner makes the final decision."

According to the Guttmacher Institute, a supporter of abortion rights, Texas has the fourth-highest teen pregnancy rate and the third-highest teen birth rate of any state. A study released by the Texas Freedom Network in 2009 showed that more than 96 percent of Texas school districts do not teach any method of contraception other than abstinence.



Texas Freedom Network and others argue that more comprehensive education is needed.

Dr. Janet Realin, the president and CEO of Healthy Futures of Texas, a nonprofit geared toward "reducing teen and unplanned pregnancy," said that

DSHS did apply for \$5.4 million in federal funding for abstinence-only education.

"Applying for this funding is in line with state goals and strategies," Williams said, noting that the state's "first choice is that teens choose not to have sex."

In an e-mail, she said the abstinence-only funds would have been lost to other states, whereas the state's decision not to apply for the PREP funding opens the door for individual communities to apply for the money directly "if it meets the needs/values in their communities."

Realin worries that some communities might refrain from applying because of an impression that Texas is an abstinence-only state by statute.

"Our statute requires that we emphasize abstinence, that we make it clear that it's the preferred behavior," she said, "but we are allowed to teach about

birth control and condoms."

She is also concerned about the perception that abstinence-plus curricula end up encouraging sexual behavior. "None of these programs increase sexual activity by any measure," she said. "It's a myth. Almost all programs that are shown to work have an abstinence-plus component."

Villarreal said the first legislative step toward improving the state's sex ed is to pass a law prohibiting the teaching of medically inaccurate information. Such a bill failed to get out of committee last session. "Law-makers need to come to terms with the reality we are facing in our schools with teen pregnancy," he said. "If we are going to do it, we need to be accurate and research-based so we can have an effect on what should be the common ground shared goal of reducing the number of unplanned pregnancies."

National Organizations Call On Latinos To Vote For Respect on November 2

La educación como un tema de documentales

At a press conference today, a coalition of national Latino organizations issued an urgent call to Latino voters—who are likely to be key factors in several highly contested elections across the nation—to participate in the upcoming midterm election. The coalition members also outlined their plans to energize Hispanic turnout in November through a series of new public service announcements, a national vote hotline, and stepped-up get-out-the-vote efforts focused on transforming voter anger toward the tone of this year's campaigns into action.

The event gathered a number of national Latino organizations engaged in voter registration, education, and protection, including Democrazia U.S.A., Hispanic Federation, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Mi Familia Vota, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), Voto Latino, and NCLR (National Council of La Raza).

"We are urging Latino voters to take a stand for respect and against the attacks on our long and proud history in America," said Charissa Martinez, Deputy Director of Immigration and National Campaigns at NCLR. "We have an opportunity to stop politicians who are blocking progress on issues that matter to our community, as well as those who stand on the sidelines while our community is under attack, that they need to start working toward solutions or get out of the way. These issues matter to all Americans, and fixing our immigration system, jobs, health care, and education is also part and parcel of fixing our economy."

"While midterm election years are often challenging, Latinos realize that there are many important issues at stake



and we can't afford to sit this one out," added Rafael Colazo, National Deputy Director of Democrazia U.S.A. "I think that's why we've seen such great voter registration numbers and an increased interest in participating; our job will be to keep that momentum going so that we show a strong turnout on November 2."

"American Latinos understand that politics is not a one-time game. Our participation reached its height in 2008, but it will not end there. As a community, we have the highest unemployment and foreclosure rates. Participating at the polls on November 2 ensures that we have a voice at the table," said Maria Teresa Kumar, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Voto Latino.

"Without question Latinos feel increasingly marginalized and targeted by the anti-immigrant rhetoric plaguing this election," said Chris Espinosa, National Director of Advocacy for the Hispanic Federation. "Nearly one-third of all U.S. Latinos feel that racism and prejudice are dominating the current immigration debate. However, the wave of anti-immigrant sentiment is also motivating Latinos to participate in the electoral process."

"Full participation of the Latino electorate is essential for a healthy and vibrant democracy," said Julissa Gutierrez,

Northeast Director of Civic Engagement for the NALEO Educational Fund. "The provision of bilingual nonpartisan election information—and coordinating efforts to turn out Latino voters—will ensure that Latinos make their voices heard on November 2 and in the decisions that will affect children, families, and all Americans for years to come."

"This is our time to use the power of the Latino vote to fight back against petty politics that only serve to blame and attack us," said Ben Monteros, Executive Director of Mi Familia Vota. "Latino voters must take stock of who is with us and who is against us. This is the moment to vote for leaders who will engage our issues, offer real solutions to our broken immigration system, and commit to building an economy that benefits all working families."

"On November 2, every eligible Latino must make it to their polling place and vote," said LULAC National President Margaret Moran.

"With every election, the Latino electorate has increased considerably. We cannot let this end on Election Day to ensure that Latinos have their voices heard. Latinos are an empowered electorate and will continue to make a difference in every election."

Si 2006 fue el año de An Inconvenient Truth (de Davis Guggenheim), y 2009 el de "la historia de amor" del capitalismo de Michael Moore, en este la educación es el tema que protagoniza muchos de los documentales del año.

Un en tema común de fondo que denuncia los estrepitosos fallos del sistema educativo, las películas exponen diferentes ángulos sobre los males que afectan a las nuevas generaciones de estudiantes.

Con Waiting for Superman, que levantó polémica aún antes de su estreno, Guggenheim expone las dificultades de cinco familias del país en busca de mejores escuelas para sus hijos.

La película se ha ganado ya la crítica de la Federación Americana de Maestros (AFT) que condena tanto la imagen negativa de los sindicatos, como el hecho de que las escuelas charter se describan como las salvación a un sistema educativo que no funciona.

The Lottery, de Madeleine Sackler, también refleja la batalla emocional de las familias que intentan conseguir una plaza en Harlem Success Academy, una de las escuelas más exitosas de Nueva York.

Para Vicky Abeles, directora de otros de los documentales recientemente estrenados, Race

to Nowhere, uno de los aspectos positivos de que la educación adquiere protagonismo cinematográfico es que abre la participación de padres y comunidades que se sienten impotentes ante el status quo actual.

"Yo hice mi película porque me sentía frustrada como madre y comprobé que muchos otros padres se sentían igual", dice Abeles. Abeles considera que el sistema actual impone un alto nivel de presión en los estudiantes, con jornadas sobrecargadas y un excesivo énfasis en los resultados.

"Lo que cuenta no es la educación integral de los niños, sino la puntuación en los exámenes", dice Abeles.

La directora matiza que el título de su film no alude a la iniciativa Race to the Top — ella comenzó a rodar su película antes de la elección del actual presidente— sino a problemas más arraigados en una cultura "obsesionada con medir el

éxito".

Ken Schneider, quien junto a Marcia Jarmel ha dirigido Speaking in Tongues (ganadora del Premio de la audiencia del festival de cine de San Francisco) no ha querido desaprovechar la oportunidad de enfatizar el valor del multilingüismo en Estados Unidos.

Schneider se considera afortunado por residir en un distrito escolar (el Unificado de San Francisco) en el que las escuelas públicas ofrecen educación bilingüe y no una mera transición al inglés.

"Mis hijos han aprendido un perfecto cantonés y mandarín a pesar de que en nuestra familia no hay chinos, pero esa no es la realidad existente en el país", comenta el director denunciando que en 31 estados del país existen leyes de "solo inglés".

Schneider subraya que mientras que las lenguas distintas al inglés son uno de los grandes patrimonio culturales del país, el sistema educativo las trata como un problema a corregir.

"Todavía mucha gente cree que el bilingüismo o multilingüismo es una amenaza a los valores estadounidenses", dice Schneider.

Speaking in Tongues puede verse gratuitamente en español en la web de PBS*.



After Raul Yzaguirre confirmation, Latino group urges Senate to act on other Hispanic nominees

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A coalition of Hispanic groups today applauded the Senate confirmation of two Latino presidential appointees, including one from Texas, but urged lawmakers to push through a backlog of nominations when it returns after the midterm elections.

The Senate last week confirmed South Texas native Raul Yzaguirre as ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Washington lawyer Jimmie Reyes to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

"While Hispanics across the U.S. can today celebrate the accomplishments of Mr. Yzaguirre and Mr. Reyes, we urge the Senate to continue to make progress on nominees for other critical positions that remain vacant," said Lillian Rodriguez-Lepez, chair of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda.

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nomination of Yzaguirre, the former president and chief executive officer of the National Council of La Raza, to serve as U.S. ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

The Senate voted unanimously to confirm several pending nominees before it closed session to campaign for the midterm elections Nov. 2.

"Ambassador Yzaguirre's well recognized and deeply respected by U.S. presidents and international heads of state as a civil rights leader with more than 50 years of service to our country," said Janet Marguin, NCLR president and CEO.

Rodriguez Lepez said his years "of dedication to our country and to the Hispanic community make him uniquely qualified to bring American leadership to such a crucial part of the world."

Comentarios - Opiniones

Dems are making us apathetic, while GOP angers us

By Gregory Tejeda

We're truly "Democrats by default."

The Republican Party has made it eminently clear this year that it wants to be the political force for people who view our population growth as a problem that must be dealt with. So their candidates campaign with rhetoric that is hostile.

LONG-TERM, THEY WILL pay such a policy as the Latino population grows to about one-third of the nation, and matures to the point where the percentage of voters who are Latino is somewhere near the overall population.

But short-term, the fact that Democrats this year have come off as so lame when it comes to our concerns is the reason why more than 60 million Latinos aren't really all that interested in getting off their duffs when it comes to showing up at polling places come the Nov. 2 elections.

The Pew Hispanic Center came out Tuesday with a study that shows the percentages of Latinos who prefer Democrats as opposed to Republicans hasn't changed much since 2008 - as they do our 2/1 ratio of support for Barack Obama was a key factor in his win over John McCain.

According to the new study, 65 percent of Latinos would support a Democrat to represent them in Congress, compared to 22 percent wanting to be a part of the Republican faction.

THAT LEAVES a significant number of Latinos undecided. And that is the problem when it comes to the potential for advances this year in Latino political empowerment.

This is an election cycle motivated by the people who were disgusted by 2008 getting themselves better organized to turn out the vote, while also taking advantage of the opposition apathy politically.

The center's study says that 51 percent of Latinos who are registered to vote are absolutely certain they will show up either at a polling place on Election Day, or take advantage of an early voting center that may be set up near their community so they can cast a ballot at their convenience.

By comparison, 70 percent of all registered voters are absolutely certain they will vote.

THERE IS ALSO the fact that 50 percent of all registered voters have given this election cycle "quite a lot" of thought, while only 32 percent of Latinos can make the same claim.

It is immigration reform at work.

While there are other issues that Latinos would prefer to concentrate on (education, employment and health care are numbers one, two and three), the failure of Democrats to advance anything with regards to immigration is causing many to think about their voting tendencies.

And the Republican eagerness to back mean-spirited policies such as what the Arizona Legislature tried to do this spring (and which the federal courts had to hold off, for the time being) is doing its long-term damage.

TWO NUMBERS in the Pew study caught my attention. Just 6 percent of all Latinos registered to vote think the Republican Party is more concerned with the growing Latino population.

Also, remember that figure of Latinos absolutely certain they will vote? It goes up to 58 percent if you consider Latinos who have had conversations about immigration reform with someone they know personally.

And as for the 39 percent of Latinos who haven't discussed the issue with someone? I'm sure some crackpots will claim they are merely apathetic and deserve whatever political hostility or apathy comes their way.

Although I can't help but wonder if these are people who have to work so hard at physical labor that they feel they don't have time to talk about such issues. If anything, these are the people whom our ethnic brethren with political ties ought to be focusing on the most.

SO WHERE do we go from here? I remain convinced in the potential strength of the Latino voter bloc, even though I am sure I will hear much nativist gibberish of how the bloc will never amount to much.

If anything, that is what such people dream about preventing when they push for such hateful policies from our government officials. I'm confident it won't happen.

Because I am convinced that for every local election victory that gets touted as a massive victory for the Tea Party types, there will also be a few stories of where a Latino voter turnout managed to bolster the support for a candidate who turned back one of those people.

Which means that the next couple of years literally is in the Latino voters' hands, if we choose to act upon it. If we don't, then we will deserve some of the blame for anything these nativist-leaning politicians tries to do to us.

Letters to the EDITOR

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Guadalupe Neighborhood Association Says Thank You

The Guadalupe Neighborhood Association would like to extend a most heartfelt thank you to all the friends, residents, and neighbors who made the September 15, 2010 "El Grito" celebration possible and great success. Having been asked to host this part of the Fiesta del Llano commemoration of the Bicentennial of Mexico's independence, proved to be a joyful event for both young and old. We are especially happy because this event brought back memories of past Fiesta Patrias in El Barrio de Guadalupe. The times when festivities were held at what was then "la plataforma" on North Avenue P, next to the old Guadalupe School on Avenue N, and later in the '70s when they were held at Guadalupe and Rogers Parks, and then finally at Aztlan Park.

Once again, we appreciate everyone that was able to participate with us. Special thanks to those individuals who helped with the donations of money, brisquets, food items, and many other items that were necessary to make everything possible. We also want to recognize Ms. Josie Solis for the decorations on the stage, and for teaching the children of Guadalupe Elementary and the Senior Citizens of Copper Rawlings how to make those beautiful flowers and decorations. Thank you El Editor for making the first *Salsa de Chile* Contest an event which so many people were eager to participate in. And thank you Mr. Rudy Rosales for your part in assuring that we had as many tortillas as we needed.

The happy faces of those present would not have been evident without the entertainment provided by El Ballet Folklorico Aztlan, Grupo Folklorico Fiesta del Roc, Ramar Communications, D.J. Julian Escamilla, Robert Cardona & Co., and the Rough-Cut Tejano Band. And the Honorable Bishop Placido Rodriguez for the re-enactment and the history of "El Grito"

Carlos Quirino, Jr.
President, Guadalupe Neighborhood Association

That Old Black Magic in the GOP

Oh Great! Great! Great! It is just so ingenious! Washington Republicans are now offering the country something less binding than a Contract with America. It's a Pledge! Good God, it's a Pledge!

The whole idea sounds just like the TV commercial that shows a woman buying a car and asking the salesman for the Carfax Report while the salesman offers her, instead, a note promising that the car is in good condition. However, no where in the Pledge with America do the Republicans state what their Tea Party leaders really intend to do if elected.

Grandma will need not worry about the supposedly "death squads" that "the-sky-is-falling" Sarah Palin emphatically stated that Obama's Health Care Reform would create. Not to worry! Tea Party candidates have clearly declared that entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid should be eliminated or privatized. If this indeed happens, grandma and grandpa need to get their canes, walkers and wheelchairs ready to get in soup lines around the country.

Furthermore, should medical conditions develop, the Tea Party has the cure for the ills of grandma and grandpa. No need for insurance, Medicare nor Medicaid. Delaware's Christine O'Donnell has the cure for every problem-WITCHCRAFT. Holy Mackerel! It's WITCHCRAFT! Medical Profession, beware! Your services will not longer be required.

After doing away with Health Care Reform, Republicans would do well to create a Department of Witchcraft to take care of the needs of the country. In fact, no other departments will be necessary. And, With the money saved, who's not convinced that Republicans will also eliminate the deficit and then will borrow trillions more again just to make permanent the tax cuts for the rich? God bless the American Economic Feudal System!

Minorities also need to keep in mind that once Rand Paul gets in Congress, he will begin to chip away at the Civil Rights Act. Jim Crow will be resurrected; and, heck, Paul may offer justification to bring back slavery eventually. Hey! It's possible.

Governor Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania believes "that the Republican Party has been taken over by whackos, crazies and fruit loops." It sure looks like it. Sharron Angle's Second Amendment remedies in Congress could prove very entertaining.

As an Independent, I am not pleased with the performance of the country's political parties. However, I am sure I can discern where the greater evil lies. I sincerely hope that grandma and grandpa can too.

Bob Montañez
Odessa, Texas

GOP's Hispanic hopefuls swim with a nativist tide

Many Hispanic voters - potentially most - deeply want a Republican Party that vies for their support on historical Republican principles of entrepreneurship, social conservatism and prudence.

But many of the Hispanic Republicans running this year for gubernatorial or U.S. Senate seats are making it tough for fellow Latinos to offer much enthusiasm. Some of them embrace the backward and hateful elements toward immigrants and ethnic groups that characterize a swelling nativist tide inside the Republican Party.

In a recent television debate among senatorial candidates in Florida, it was Democrat Kendrick Meek and independent Charlie Crist who favored legalizing undocumented children who are raised here as Americans and join the military or go to college. Nearly 80 percent of Hispanics (and most Americans) in polls support the Dream Act as a no-brainer that is good for both the country and the deserving kids. (It failed to pass the Senate last week.)

Yet in the debate, it was Republican Marco Rubio who opposed it. For good measure, he endorsed Arizona's harsh immigration law and added that English should be made the nation's official language, even though that is a fadling issue.

And while it was Republicans who blocked the Dream Act in the Senate, Rubio, with a straight face, blamed the Democrats - for raising Hispanic hopes. "It's a cynical way to play politics with the lives of real people," he said. "This is what always happens with Hispanic voters in this country, they manipulate them come election time."

Cuban Americans, such as Rubio, tend to be more conservative than other Latinos, but it is unlikely that even many Cuban Americans share such an extreme stance. Rubio's views, however, have won him the backing of the Tea Party movement and other conservatives, propelling him to the lead in the Senate race.

Is he pandering for such support? Only he knows.

In Nevada, meanwhile, Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Sandoval also supports the "papers, please" Arizona law. A federal judge has blocked implementation of most of the law, but

Sandoval was quoted in a column as saying he wasn't worried about his potential racial profiling because his children "don't look Hispanic."

Sandoval later said he didn't recall making the comment, and apologized if he did. "I am proud of my heritage and my family," he said.

That hasn't stopped his trailing Democratic opponent, Rory Reid, from charging that Sandoval has "chosen not to stand with his own community."

In New Mexico, GOP gubernatorial candidate Susana Martinez is out to be the nation's first Latino governor by opposing the nuanced policies of outgoing Gov. Bill Richardson, including giving driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. In television ads, Martinez stands on the border and talks tough about immigrant criminals, even though rates of crimes by immigrants are lower than by U.S. citizens.

"There is a stereotype that Hispanics must be in favor of different policies than I am expressing, and that's not what I'm finding at all," she said. Polls, however, show that most Hispanics favor her Democratic opponent, Diane Denish, in what is a close race.

Still, it is true that Hispanics tend to poll that they favor tighter border enforcement (while legalizing the unauthorized already here).

And Rubio is good when he says that he wants the Republican Party to be the "pro-legal immigration party, not the anti-legal immigration party."

But he and the others dissuade. They do nothing to defuse the current demonization of immigrants - particularly Latinos - that divides the country, tars all Hispanics and comes mostly from within the ranks of their party and its fellow travelers.

Tracking polls by Latino Decisions show that as of last week, only 20 percent of Hispanic voters will vote Republican in November, compared with 53 percent for Democrats. Republicans may still win control of one or both houses of Congress this year, but to win back the White House in 2012, the electoral college math is against the GOP if it can't do much better than that among Hispanics. To do so, Republicans need more than a few Latinos over-cafeinated on tea.

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Covenant Mobile Mammography Unit Benefits Residents in Surrounding Counties

Mobile mammography is one of Covenant Health System's community outreach programs. It began in the 1980s and was the vision of Sister Katherine, one of the original sisters of St. Mary of the Plain's Hospital which is now Covenant Women's and Children's.

Mobile Mammography provides mammography screenings to women ages 40 and older. The screenings are interpreted by radi-

ologists. If an abnormality is found, the mobile unit refers patients to Covenant Joe Arrington for diagnostic testing.

The mobile unit is staffed by two registered female X-ray technologists. The unit goes to a different location every day within a 100-mile radius of Lubbock. The next closest mobile mammography program is located in Amarillo.

In 2009, the mobile mammography unit performed 16,041 screen-

ings for women in 18 surrounding counties.

All insurance is accepted at the mobile mammography unit, including Medicare and Medicaid. The program also partners with the Susan G. Komen foundation in Lubbock to provide financial assistance for women who need it.

The program is an important part of the Covenant mission. For the mobile mammography

schedule and to make an appointment, call the mobile mammography office at: 725-6579 or 1-800-388-6266. Patients must make an appointment to have a mammogram.

Being aware of your breast health, Kennedy says, is essential to detecting breast cancer in its early stages. Mobile mammography provides a convenient outlet for women outside of Lubbock to receive mammography screenings.

¿Que Pasa?

CALL FOR HISTORICAL MATERIAL RELATED TO LUBBOCK'S REINAS

The Southwest Collection Special Collections Library is interested in acquiring, preserving and making available to the public materials of historical significance related to the Hispanic experience in Lubbock and the South Plains.

Recent exhibits highlighting the history of local Hispanic publications, songwriter Lee Quirino Jr. and Texas Tech University's los Tertianios successfully showcased a few of our Hispanic holdings. This year we are seeking additional material regarding the local Fiestas Patrias and similar Hispanic celebrations.

In particular, the archive is collecting letters, memoirs, reminiscences and photos documenting las reinas and the pageantry of this rich Mexican tradition. No matter the name - la Reina, la Senorita, la Adelta, Miss Fiestas Del Llano or Miss Hispanic Lubbock - the cultural significance is considerable and an integral part of the Hispanic experience.

The Southwest Collection Special Collections Library, in partnership with the Roots Historical Society, will use some of this material to create a travelling pictorial exhibit. For more information please contact Daniel U. Sanchez at (806) 742-3749 ext. 246 or via email at daniel.sanchez@ttu.edu.

C.I.U.D.A. MEETS

The next meeting for CIUDAD Citizens In United Discourse Against Discrimination will be on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010 starting at 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. The location for the meeting will be at 1625 13th Street Lubbock, TX "the committee room - downstairs" refreshments will be served and the guests will be Dr. Karen Garza, LISD Superintendent and LISD Board Member Mario Ybarra.

TEXAS TECH HOSTS RACE, ETHNICITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

College of Education spotlights diversity issues to national audience. Texas Tech University's College of Education will host Race, Ethnicity and Community Engagement in Higher Education, a national conference, Oct. 17-20 at the Overton Hotel. Registration runs through Oct. 18.

The conference explores the relationship between race, ethnicity and the variety of partnerships that flourish in educational institutions and their diverse communities through service learning courses, community-based research projects and student-led multi-curricular activities.

This conference is ideal for anyone who is concerned about the relationship between town and gown and citizens of color. The goal is to extend the discussion to a broader scope of race and ethnicity and invites a broad range of participants to define an emerging area at the intersection of cultural identity, diversity issues, experiential education and higher education studies.

For more information call 806-742-1997.

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC AT THE PATTERSON BRANCH LIBRARY

The City of Lubbock Health Department will offer state-subsidized childhood immunizations including flu shots for children ages 2 months - 18 years at the Patterson Library on Tuesday, October 19th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or the first 35 customers, whichever comes first.

Clinic will be conducted in the Community Room. Patterson Library is located 1836 Parkway Drive.

There is no charge for this clinic however Medicaid and CHIP are accepted.

A COMPLETE SHOT RECORD IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME IMMUNIZATIONS ARE REQUESTED. Immunizations will not be given if a shot record is not presented.

PUMPKIN TRAIL EVENT INFORMATION

The 2nd Annual Pumpkin Trail will be open from October 21-24, 2010 in the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum in Clapp Park. In addition to the carved jack-o-lanterns along the trail, there will be 16 to 18 displays hosted by local businesses and civic groups that will led participants around the trail. This is a free event and the Arboretum walking trail is both stroller and wheelchair friendly. Trail entrances are at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum at 4111 University and the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center at 4215 University. Limited parking is available behind Hodges Community Center and at the Garden and Arts Center. Park and Ride will be available from Safety City located on the east side of Clapp Park at 46th Street and Avenue U.

Pumpkin lighting begins at 5:00 p.m. and should be completed before dusk each night. Evening hours are 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday and 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Enjoy an autumn scene of pumpkins, fall foliage and blue sky during daylight hours from 9:00 a.m.-5:00



40th Wedding Anniversary for Leonard & Amelia Ramirez will be celebrated this Saturday here in Lubbock. Children and grandchildren are hosting this special event for their parents. On behalf of El Editor and friends congratulations to the couple y que Dios los bendiga! Felicidades!

Latino Voters and the 2010 Congressional Elections

The Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center, has released a new report on Latino registered voters and their views of the upcoming 2010 congressional elections.

The findings indicate that in a year when support for Democratic candidates has eroded, the party's standing among one key voting group—Latinos—appears as strong as ever.

Two-thirds (65%) of Latino registered voters say they plan to support the Democratic candidate in their local congressional district, while just 22% support the Republican candidate, according to a nationwide survey of Latinos. If this pro-Democratic margin holds up on Election Day next month, it would be about as wide as in 2008, when Latinos supported Barack Obama for president over John McCain by 67% to 31% (Lopez, 2008).

However, Hispanic registered voters appear to be less motivated than other voters to go to the polls. Just one-third (32%) of all Latino registered voters say they have given this year's election "quite a bit" of thought. In contrast, half (50%) of all U.S. registered voters say the same (Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, 2010a).

The survey finds that among Latino registered voters, Republicans may

be more likely to turn out and vote than Democrats. Some 44% of Latino Republicans say they have given the election quite a bit of thought compared with 28% of Latino Democrats. This partisan gap is consistent with survey findings of the full population of registered voters.

The findings for Latino registered voters emerge from a new national survey of 1,375 Latinos, including 618 registered voters, conducted from August 17 through September 19, 2010, by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center.

Strong support for the Democrats among Latino registered voters continues a recent trend. In 2008, they supported Obama by 67% to 31% (Lopez 2008). In 2006, 69% of Latino voters supported Democratic candidates in congressional races, while 30% supported Republican candidates (Pew Hispanic Center, 2006). Even in 2004, a year when Republicans won a greater share of the Latino vote in the presidential election than at any time since the 1980s, nearly six-in-ten (58%) Latino voters supported Democrats John Kerry and John Edwards.

In recent elections, Latinos have also represented a growing share of the electorate. According to a Pew Hispanic Center analysis of Census Bureau data, in 2008 Latino voters were 7.4% of all voters nationwide, up from 6% in 2004 (Lopez and Taylor, 2009).

When it comes to opinions of President Barack Obama, a greater share of Latino registered voters approve of his job performance than do all U.S. registered voters—63% versus 47%.

Yet when asked about the effect of his administration's policies on Hispanics, Latino registered voters are divided. More than half (51%) say his policies have had no effect on Latinos, while one-in-four (26%) say they have been helpful to Latinos and 12% say they have been harmful.

Democrats are seen as the party that has more concern for Hispanics. Nearly half (47%) of Latino registered voters say this about the Democratic Party—down from 55% in 2008, but similar to the share on this question expressed by Latinos for much of the past decade. In contrast, very few see the Republican Party as more concerned about Latinos than the Democratic Party—just 6% of all Latino registered voters and 18% of Republican Latino registered voters say this.

The survey also finds that Latinos are less negative than other voters about the direction of the country. Six-in-ten (59%) Latino registered voters say they are dissatisfied with the country's direction, while 73% of all U.S. registered voters say the same (Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, 2010b).

On immigration, the new survey shows that immigration does not rank as a top voting issue for Hispanics. Rather, they rank education, jobs and health care as their top three issues of concern for this year's congressional campaign. Immigration ranks as the fifth most important issue for Latino registered voters and as the fourth most important issue for all Latinos.

Among the report's other findings:

- Majorities of almost all demographic groups of Latino registered voters say they will vote for the Democratic Party candidate in their local congressional election Nov. 2. Only among Republican Latino registered voters does a majority (74%) say they will support the Republican congressional candidate.

- Some groups of Latino registered voters are more motivated than others to vote this year. More than six-in-ten (62%) of those who are ages 50 to 64 are absolutely certain they will vote, as are 61% of those who have at least some college education, 58% of those who are English dominant and 58% of Latino registered voters ages 65 or older.

- Fewer than four-in-ten (38%) of Latino registered voters who are Spanish dominant say they are absolutely certain to vote this year. This is lower than any other demographic group of Latino registered voters.

- Some six-in-ten (59%) Latino registered voters are dissatisfied with the direction the country is headed, down from 70% in July 2008 (Lopez and Manuikin, 2008a).

- Two-thirds (66%) of Latino registered voters say they talked about the immigration policy debate in the past year with someone they know.

- The report, based on a national survey of 1,375 Hispanic adults, including 618 registered voters, looks at Latinos' partisan preferences in the congressional elections; their party identification; their level of voter motivation; and the issues they identify as important in the upcoming elections.

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Triunfa 'Revolución'

La cinematografía mexicana salió ayer triunfante en la clausura fue para el largometraje boliviano Zona Sur, realizado por el cin-



de la XIX Edición del Festival de Cine Latinoamericano de Biarritz, que premió a Revolución, obra coral de diez cineastas mexicanos. El Abrazo, principal galardonado del certamen, distinguió a esta cinta mexicana compuesta por obras cortas de diez minutos de duración firmadas por Gael García Bernal, Fernando Eimbcke, Patricia Riggen, Amat Escalante y Carlos Reygadas. Mariana Chenillo, Gerardo Narajó, Rodrigo Pá, Diego Luna y Rodrigo García son los otros cineastas autores de la película, que fue presentada también en el pasado Festival de Cannes.

La cinta premiada supone una celebración de centenario de la revolución mexicana mediante un compendio de formas de mirar el México actual, en el que se intenta encontrar un eco de aquel esencial momento, la Revolución, de la historia del país.

Revolución también se llevó el Premio del Sindicato Francés de la Crítica de Cine, mientras que el premio del Jurado al Mejor Filme

casta Juan Carlos Valdivia. El premio de Interpretación Femenina fue compartido para las actrices Nanda Costa, Amanda Díniz y Kika Fariñas, por sus papeles en Sonhos roubados, de Brasil, mientras que Omar Nuñez se llevó el premio al Mejor Actor por su interpretación en La mirada invisible.

El premio Abrazo al mejor documental Unión Latina-Festival de Biarritz fue para el brasileño Diário de uma busca, de Flávia Castro, y el de Mejor Cortometraje se lo llevó el cubano Los minutos, las horas, dirigido por Janaina Marques Ribeiro.

Otro filme también exhibido con mucho éxito de crítica en el pasado Festival de Cannes. Nostalgia de la luz, del chileno Patricio Guzmán, mereció por parte del público la concesión del premio al mejor filme documental.

Los cortometrajes. Un nuevo baile, de Nicolás Lasnibat, y No me ama, de Martín Piroyanski, merecieron una mención especial del jurado

In Mexico, a dividing line on 'El Infierno'

Reporting from Mexico city — It doesn't take long for Benjamin Garcia — "El Benny" — to get sucked into hell.

Director Luis Estrada's new film "El Infierno" (Hell), Garcia is deported to Mexico after living and working illegally in the U.S. for 20 years. He returns to find his hometown (and, by extension, his country) in pitiful shape. Poorer and more violent than ever, the town is populated by crudely vicious drug-trafficking hitmen and the women who serve as their whores. Every authority figure, including the police chief and the parish priest, is on the take. The mayor is a drug lord locked in a nasty cartel war against his own brother.

Garcia insists, at first. But a need for money sends him into the ranks of the local gangsters. He faints at one of his first assignments, as his boss uses a chain saw to cut off the hands of a rival after first slicing off his upper lip.

But soon Benny has traded his jeans and baseball cap for a gauzy white suit, cowboy hat and silver-plated pistol tucked in his shiny belt, and he is greedily enjoying the large wads of cash that flow his way.

Estrada's controversial film is lurid, provocative — and very funny. It provides an extremely bleak picture of Mexico's raging drug war and how the drug business corrodes every aspect of Mexican life. It has become a blockbuster in Mexico, delighting critics and thoroughly angering the government.

"No one can see this picture as just entertainment," Estrada said in an interview, speaking his Spanish with English words, much as El Benny does. "There is no redeemable person in the film. There is no hero, no vision of hope. All the characters are bad or worse."

Not even sainted motherhood is spared. El Benny's mother

solds him for joining the bad guys. Then she demands his new gold watch.

Estrada's message is that corruption and impunity, fueled by economic crisis and moral bankruptcy, are rotting Mexico to its core.

This phenomenon that we are living ... chaos, extortion, kidnapping ... you change your daily life out of fear," Estrada said. "The most serious thing now is how all of society is being affected... Mexicans have become the victims and the executioners, all at the same time."

Estrada is a prematurely gray 48-year-old who speaks excitedly. "El Infierno" is the third installment in his trilogy on Mexico. The first piece, "La Ley de Herodes" (Herod's Law) in 1999, won international acclaim and, in the view of many, helped bring down the authoritarian government that ruled Mexico for seven decades and that he parodied in the film. Now, Estrada says, things in Mexico have gotten only worse. Far from resolving the problems of poverty, political evil and social deterioration, the system in Mexico is more corroded, the dire situation exacerbated by an overlay of out-of-control narcoviolence.

In a delicious piece of irony, Estrada received funding for the movie from a government commission set up to celebrate Mexico's bicentennial, the 200th anniversary of the start of the country's fight for independence from Spain. The film was released right around the celebration date, Sept. 15 and 16, infuriating officials who saw it as overly negative.

None other than President Felipe Calderón weighed in, saying that — though he had not actually seen it — he thought the movie was harmful. "I would just ask that we be a bit more

careful with Mexico's name and image and we avoid demolishing national spirit," Calderón said.

Ads for "El Infierno" show a sign with the bicentennial logo, Mexico 2010, adorned by a hand-scratched addendum: "Nothing to celebrate."

Estrada takes his cinematic cues from the Coen brothers, Kurosawa and Martin Scorsese, with over-the-top violence and no small measure of gallows humor. And he researched the phenomenon of organized crime across the globe and through the generations, from 1930s Chicago to Italy's Mafias, but, at the end of the day, didn't have to go much further than local headlines for his material.

One scene shows a human leg protruding from a vat where El Benny's fellow thugs are disposing of their victims. Mexican viewers immediately assumed this was an allusion to the real-life El Pozolero (The Stewmaker), a cartel chef-manger arrested early this year and believed responsible for melting several hundred people in a vat of lye. (Actually, says Estrada, he filmed the scene before El Pozolero gained fame and based it on a moment from "Fargo" when a character meets his fate in a woodchipper.)

Audiences laugh, perhaps uncomfortably, as the blood splatters and the bodies moult. Estrada says the laughter is partly a psychological release that also hearkens to Mexico's cultural fascination with death as seen in the common use of skeletons in folklore and native art.

"In this movie we watch scenes as though we were watching the evening news; everything is familiar, even the most absurd moments," observed Guadalupe Loaeza, a well-known social critic. "Going to this movie is cheaper than seeing a psychiatrist."

The government gave "El Infierno" its strictest rating, pronouncing it forbidden for minors (even though there is only one sex scene, also played for laughs, and the violence probably isn't worse than in many an American slasher flick).

The rating doesn't seem to be deterring crowds who especially filled theaters over the recent national holidays.

"I'm glad that this movie was made so that the government realizes we are not idiots and we don't buy the line that they are winning the war with the narco," Carla Lopez Santillan, a 31-year-old lawyer, said as she emerged from the cinema in the wealthy Santa Fe suburb.

"It's Mexico!" said Francisco Torres, an accountant. "The police are corrupt, the government is corrupt, the Church is in on it..."

Estrada, who does not yet have a U.S. distributor for the film, says an important sub-theme to "El Infierno" is the ease with which Mexican youth, bereft of better opportunities, step in league with drug traffickers.

"We cannot close our eyes to the reality that there is temptation for young people," Estrada said. "Young people who cannot find opportunities of employment or of studying. Even aware of the risks, they find themselves attracted to this dark side."

In the movie, El Benny (played by veteran Mexican actor Damian Alcázar) hopes to protect his nephew from such a fate. He fails.

"I'm trying to invite Mexicans to a collective reflection," Estrada said. "I don't know how many people get that. But you do get the impression that the movie moves something in people, that it makes them think, it makes them reassess the state of things... It's a mirror in which you do not like the image you see. But it doesn't provoke a catharsis."

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2010 ALDS Texas Rangers @ Tampa Bay Rays

Baylor vs. Texas Tech Preview

The Rays locked up home field advantage throughout the AL playoffs on Sunday, with a win against the Royals, or with the Yankees' loss earlier in the day, depending on how you want to look at it. They're going to need it, too, because this Rangers team is no slouch. They were 4th in the AL in run scoring, though they got a little help from their ballpark.



Josh Hamilton leads the team in most offensive categories, capping his Cinderella story by winning a batting title and returning from a rib injury in time for the playoffs. Vladimir Guerrero bounced back from an off season in 2009 to post a traditional line of .300/.291/.115, though that belies the somewhat pedestrian .278 with nine homers he hit after the All-Star break. Mike Young and Nelson Cruz each hit over 20 homers, but the lineup gets pretty power-starved after that, as nobody but David Murphy has more than nine.

Murphy only hit 12, and only did that because he got a lot of playing time when Cruz and Hamilton were missing half a season's worth of games between them. Ian Kinsler's not a bad hitter, getting on base at a .382 clip, but both his extra base hits and his steals were essentially cut in half compared to last year. Center fielder Julio Borbon and shortstop Elvis Andrus are both defense-first singles hitters. Andrus may be slick with the glove, but

his .301 slugging percentage would be dead last among the 149 players who qualified for a batting title this year if it weren't for the fact that Caesar Izturis is still employed.

The Rangers' catching corps (Matt Treanor and Bengie Molina) are singles hitters who don't even hit singles anymore, ranking third from the bottom among MLB catchers in OPS. The Rangers struggled all season to field a decent first baseman, as their composite OPS ranks fourth from the bottom, though Mitch Moreland's .833 OPS would rank 12th, which isn't horrible.

Overall, they manage to score runs on the strength of their team batting average, which led the majors, and their speed, as they have five different players with double digit steals. Andrus also got caught 15 times to go with his 32 steals, so he does as much harm as good in that regard, but their opponents certainly can't forget about the stolen base.

And for once their pitching was actually really solid too. For all the hoopla over Philadelphia's Big 3 Starters, the Rangers' trio of Colby Lewis, C.J. Wilson, and Cliff Lee was excellent as well and is unmatched in the Junior Circuit. They combined for 39 wins (including Lee's efforts in Seattle), a 3.41 ERA, 551 strikeouts, and only 173 walks in 617 innings. And unlike Philly, the Rangers' No. 4 starter is actually pretty good. Tommy Hunter went 13-4 with a 3.73 ERA overall including 7-0 with a 3.06 ERA at home. They'll throw him in Game 4 in Arlington, playing to his strength.

The bullpen is great, too. By flame-thrower Neftali Feliz

and his 40 Saves, and with a composite 3.38 ERA that was second in the American league. If the starters falter, the bullpen should be able to keep them in the game long enough for Hamilton, Young or Cruz to do something special.

The trouble for Texas is that almost everything they're good at, Tampa is even better. The Rangers' bullpen ERA of 3.38 is second in the AL... to Tampa's 3.33. Their 46 saves are second to Tampa's 51. Texas has four starting pitchers who won at least a dozen games (including Lee's work in Seattle), but Tampa has five. Their pitchers struck out more batters than all but three teams in the AL... but one of them was Tampa. The Texas offense was 4th in runs scored... but Tampa was 3rd. The Rangers stole 123 bases, at a success rate of 71 percent, more than any other playoff team... except Tampa, who stole 172 bases at a 79 percent clip.

The Rays' starting pitching, while not exactly a weakness in the playoffs, is kind of an unusable strength. They don't need five starters, and may be don't even need four, depending on how things shake out, so Jeff Niemann will likely waste away in the bullpen unless they're in a blowout. The Atlanta Braves of the mid 1990s had similar experiences, winning only one championship despite 14 trips to the playoffs, largely because they didn't need the fifth starter that had helped them pad their regular season records.

Their offense reminds me of the so-called "Hitless Wonders", the White Sox who beat the heavily favored Cubs in the 1906 World Series despite a team batting average of .230 that was last in the AL. The Rays hit .247 as a team, fourth worst in baseball, but scored

third most runs on the strength of their patience and speed, as they ranked first in both walks and steals, and hit some home runs.

Unfortunately for Tampa, Evan Longoria had a quadriceps injury that sidelined him for most of the last two weeks of the season, and nobody really knows how well he's going to bounce back. If he's not 100 percent, or if he re-injures the leg, the Rays will have a hard time producing enough to keep up with Texas.

If there's a ray (rimshot!) of hope for the Rangers, it's that the team they're running out there today is not exactly the one that lost four of six games to Tampa in the regular season. They averaged more than five runs per game in those six contests, but their pitchers allowed almost seven runs per contest.

Fortunately for Texas, two of those four losses were suffered by Rich Harden and Derek Holland, who don't figure largely into the Rangers' playoff plans. In fact, 18 of the 40 runs they allowed to Tampa in the regular season were surrendered by pitchers who either aren't on the post season roster (Chris Ray, Frank Francisco, Pedro Strop, Rich Harden) or who now have greatly reduced roles (Holland). Unfortunately for Texas, Lee and Wilson did not pitch well even in the two games they won, so hopefully those uncharacteristic performances won't be repeated.

The key for the Rangers will be to keep the Rays off the basepaths, which won't be easy, given how patient the rays are and the fact that the Rangers walked the seventh-most batters in MLB. The Rays may not be able to hit their way to a win in this series, but they could potentially walk - and run - to victory.

In a Big 12 match up this Saturday the Texas Tech Red Raiders (2-2) face the Baylor Bears (4-1). College betting lines have Texas Tech as 2-point favorites in this game with a total of 60.5. The Red Raiders are the slight favorite in this game and the favorite has covered the spread in 7 of the last 10 games between these 2 teams.



Texas Tech began the season well with 2 wins, but they have lost their last 2 games and the losses have really hurt since they were both Big 12 games. The Red Raiders are 0-2 in the Big 12 and they really need to win this game to get back on track and if they lose they will have a major uphill battle to make a good bowl game. After the Baylor game they play 3 games in their next 5 against teams that are ranked in the top 25.

Baylor is 1-0 in the Big 12 and they are looking for their first winning season since joining the conference in the mid '90's. They are coming off an impressive victory over Kansas where they scored 55 points and only gave up 7. However, they are only 3-8 ATS in their last 11 games against Texas Tech and they have not beaten the Red Raiders since the 2004 season.

In their last game Baylor had a 55-7 beat down on Kansas and Texas Tech looked terrible on defense losing to Iowa State 52-38.

Heading into this game Baylor is 3-2 ATS and Texas Tech is 1-3 ATS.

Both teams have a great passing offense with each team ranking in the top 20 in the nation in passing yards per game. However, while that points to an Over total in this game in the last 6 games between these 2 teams the total has gone Under 5 times.

Baylor is led by exciting QB Robert Griffin III, who was great in the Kansas game passing for 380 yards with 3 TD and 0 INT and he also rushed for 64 yards with 1 TD.

The Red Raiders' pass defense only ranks 90th in the nation and last week they gave up 190 passing yards and 4 TD to Iowa State. Their secondary will have their hands full, as Griffin has 2 big play WR's in Josh Gordon and Terance Williams. Last week Gordon had 2 TD and averaged 40.3 yards per

catch and Williams also had 2 TD and averaged 25.3 yards per catch.

Baylor can also run the ball, mainly with Griffin, and they have the nation's 43rd ranked rushing defense. Look for them to pick up some big yards in this game against a Texas rushing defense that is decent ranking 51st in the nation, but they give up 251 rushing yards to Iowa State.

The Red Raiders are led by QB Taylor Potts and they have the nation's 10th ranked passing offense. He had a HUGE game against Iowa State passing for 377 yards with 5 TD, but he did have one INT. Overall the Red Raiders had 3 turnovers in the game and they cannot turn the ball over in this game.

Potts will likely have to provide all the offense since the Red Raiders only rank 110th in the nation in rushing yards per game.

Baylor ranks 40th in the nation in pass defense and last week against Kansas the secondary came up big since they only allowed 171 yards through the air and they came up with 2 picks.

Both teams have the passing offense so each team's offensive lines have to protect their QB. Baylor has only given up 5 sacks this season, but Texas Tech ranks 5th in the nation in sacks per game.

The Red Raiders' D will have to get to Griffin and not allow him to kill them with his arm and his legs, but that is not likely since the Baylor QB is so athletic and tough to take down.

The Red Raiders have had the Bears' number for the past few years, but Baylor is not the Big 12 doorman any longer and they will come out and play well and score a minor upset in this game beating Texas Tech.

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