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•México ratifica pacifismo ante primer ministro canadiense
Por E. EDUARDO CASTILLO

MEXICO (AP): El presidente Vicente Fox ratificó el jueves ante el primer ministro canadiense Jean Chrétien la posición pacifista de México frente a Irak, pero advirtió que Saddam Hussein es el principal responsable de resolver el conflicto en Medio Oriente. El mandatario aclaró además que México no decidirá el sentido de su voto en el Consejo de Seguridad de Naciones Unidas, del cual es miembro no permanente, hasta que se presente una nueva resolución.

«Si Saddam e Irak no van a cumplir con la exigencia de los inspectores, pues cambian las cosas, sin duda cambian para todo mundo», subrayó Fox durante la ceremonia oficial de bienvenida a Chrétien, quien realiza una visita oficial de dos días al país.

En rueda de prensa posterior a su recepción, Chrétien coincidió con Fox y advirtió que Hussein tiene «la llave de todo esto. Si acepta y se conforma habrá paz».

Fox rechazó haber modificado el discurso de México respecto a Irak y negó que haya presiones del gobierno estadounidense para que cambie su visión, como señalaron en los últimos días algunas versiones periodísticas.

«No hay ninguna presión de parte de los Estados Unidos, no hay ni siquiera sugerencia alguna que pudiera representar o entenderse como alguna presión... ni ellos van a pedir ni a meter presión, ni nosotros lo aceptaríamos», subrayó.

Fox elogió las ideas plasmadas en un documento que Canadá presentó la semana pasada en Naciones Unidas, y en el cual pide otorgar más tiempo a los inspectores de armas en Irak, al menos hasta finales de marzo próximo.

«Seguramente algunas de ellas las estaremos tomando para nuestras argumentaciones dentro del Consejo de Seguridad y para nuestras pláticas con los distintos países y líderes, porque son realmente interesantes», dijo.

Chrétien explicó que su propuesta plantea objetivos que deben cumplirse en cuestión de semanas, por

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Attend the LatinoMix Radio Baile March 8th

LatinoMix Radio hosts fundraiser baile this Saturday at Club Escape

By Rico de La Prensa

Last April, after a 6-year absence, Latino music returned to the local airwaves with the production of LatinoMix, a 4-hour Latino radio program, which airs every Sunday from 8:00 p.m. until midnight on WCWA 1230 AM.

All styles of Latino music are featured, from Christina Aguilera to Ricky Martin, along with community events, weather, and interviews.

According to co-producer Tony Rios, "We present all mixes of Latino music due to the diversification of our listening audience, which includes non-Latinos."

The program first aired on the first Saturday in April but shifted to Sunday evenings in September due to "public demand and economic considerations," said Rios.

"The shift from Saturday to Sunday was a real plus," said Rios, "however, we now need additional revenues from our listening audience to help sustain this vital programming."

"For this reason, LatinoMix will be hosting a fundraising benefit this Saturday, March 8, from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., at Club Escape, featuring three awesome area bands—Autoridad de Detroit, La Familia de Toledo, and Los Cuatro Vientos of Fremont."

Club Escape is adjacent to the entrance of the Northtown



The LatinoMix Crew, left to right: Yvonne Ramos, Rico Pico, and Tony Rios.

Mall. Admission is \$10.

Rios has been in the music business for over 25 years, first as a musician, then as a producer, promoter, and agent. He and his wife, Betty, host the popular TV show, Voces Latinas.

LatinoMix's original DJs

were Rios, Rico Pico, and Victor Díaz, but in October, Yvonne Ramos joined the LatinoMix crew, replacing Díaz. However, Díaz, still makes special appearances.

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¡Adelante con Adelante!

Adelante to pay tribute to César Chávez

César Estrada Chávez's birthday is March 31. In honor of Chávez and the virtues he espoused, Adelante, Inc. is hosting the César E. Chávez Humanitarian Award Banquet on Tuesday, March 25 at the University of Toledo Student Union Auditorium.

Chávez is known for his hard work and dedication to farmworkers. He co-founded the United Farm Workers (UFW), which attained many firsts under his leadership, including:

"In 1966, the first genuine collective bargaining agreement between farmworkers and growers in the history of the United States.

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"The first union contracts providing for profit sharing and parental leave.

Chávez believed in achieving his goals via non-violence. He is often quoted as saying:

"Non-violence is not inaction. It is discussion. It is not for the timid or weak.... Non-violence is hard work. It is the willingness to sacrifice. It is the patience to win."

According to Veronica Vallejo, Adelante coordinator, "There will be numerous speakers and presentations at this first year event. Arturo S. Rodríguez, the president of the UFW and Chávez's son-in-law, will be the keynote speaker."

Also involved in the program will be: Toledo's postmaster, who will re-unveil the Chávez Commemorative stamp; Council president Louis Escobar and former director of Adelante; Mayor Jack Ford; and Jason Martínez, of Channel 13 news.



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The Chávez commemorative stamp was unveiled last September during Hispanic Heritage Month/Latino National Awareness Month, but will be re-unveiled in honor of Chávez and the Awards banquet.

Adelante provides Community Awareness Prevention Project Program

Adelante Inc. has received a grant from the Ohio Office of

Criminal Justice Services to help service the South End Community. The name of this grant is the Community Awareness Prevention Project (CAPP), with Joe Balderas as its Coordinator.

According to Balderas, "The objective of CAPP is to work together through community involvement with

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Democrats ask Republicans to move past Estrada

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP): The White House offered Tuesday to send President Bush's nominee to become the first Latino to sit on Washington's federal appeals court to Capitol Hill to meet with any Senate Democrat willing to talk to him.

Democrats have refused to let Miguel Estrada's nomination for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia come up for a final Senate vote after complaining that the Washington lawyer was not forthcoming enough about his legal opinions during his confirmation hearing last year.

In letters sent to Senate Democrats, White House lawyer Alberto Gonzales said Estrada was willing to come and talk to them one-on-one to answer "appropriate questions" about his record as he already has done with 10 Senate Democrats.

"Estrada remains available to meet with each and every single Democratic senator to answer appropriate questions about his nomination," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "Many Democrats have not availed themselves of the opportunity that has already been offered to meet with Mr. Estrada. So this offer has been made once again."

Estrada has had some success in persuading Democrats face-to-face to support his nomination. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., announced Tuesday he supports Estrada after meeting privately with him two weeks ago.

"While I believe Mr. Estrada could have been more forthcoming in order to avoid this controversy, my conclusion is that he is qualified to serve on the D.C. Circuit," said Nelson. Asked Monday whether he would support a Democratic filibuster to kill the nomination, he said he would not.

Two other senators that Estrada met with also are supporting his nomination. Sens. Ben Nelson of Nebraska and John Breaux of Louisiana.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia is considered the second-most-important court in the nation. Three current Supreme Court justices once sat on it.

Estrada lacks the judicial experience to serve on that court, Democrats contend. They also demanded copies of confidential Justice Department memos Estrada wrote while working in the solicitor general's office, which represents the White House before the Supreme Court. They said those writings would reveal how Estrada would think as a



Miguel Estrada

judge.

The Bush administration has refused to release the memos. In addition, Republicans have accused Democrats of treating Estrada unfairly because he is a conservative Latino.

Republicans lack the 60 votes in the 100-member Senate to force Democrats to confirm Estrada.

Democrats urged Republicans on Tuesday to drop the Estrada nomination and move on other business like the economy.

"As this economy worsens, we spend our time on the floor totally consumed with one nomination having to do with a circuit court nominee for the District of Columbia," Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said. "This is the third week we have been on it now. Now we can resolve this matter if Mr. Estrada will come forth with the information. But if he will not, let's move to something else until he does."

Surgeon general decries lack of minorities in medicine

By **SUZANNE GAMBOA**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP): Surgeon General Richard Carmona on Thursday bemoaned a lack of Latinos in medicine and science and said that affirmative action alone would not necessarily correct the problem.

"If Latino, black and other minority children see Latino, black and other minority doctors, they will be more likely to see the profession as an option for them," Carmona told the National Latino Medical Association. "Not just doctors either, any health profession," he said.

After the speech, Carmona declined to say precisely whether he supports the stand that President Bush has taken on affirmative action.

Bush has said that he supports diversity in education, but has filed a brief with the Supreme Court opposing an affirmative action admissions program at the University of Michigan.

"What I support is, we need to actively encourage more students to become scientifically literate, mathematically literate," Carmona said. He said 35 percent of (Latino) students drop out of high school and thus "have no chance to make that transition."

"Affirmative action is meaningless if you don't have children that are prepared, with it or without it. The issue I'm addressing here is, our children need to be educated," he said.

The Association of American Medical Colleges has filed a brief with the Supreme Court in support of the University of Michigan's admissions policies, along with hundreds of

other groups and professional organizations.

The association, which represents 126 medical schools, argues in the brief that all medical schools take ethnicity into consideration in the admissions process. If schools ignore race, the percent of students from underrepresented minority groups in medical schools would fall from 11 percent to no more than 3 percent, the organization said in a news release about the brief.

Carmona, a high school dropout, said he was able to become a doctor with the help of an individual who took him off the streets, noting that he subsequently enlisted in the Army.

Carmona, who was born in New York and whose family is from Puerto Rico, said he has encouraged diversity in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, an organization consisting of federal public health care professionals. About a third of the people in the corps are ethnic minorities, he said.



Dr. Richard Carmona

In emphasizing the importance of a diverse work force, Carmona told the audience about his "abuelita." Spanish for grandmother, for whom he said a doctor was a last resort. Instead, she used herbs and prayed, he said. But Carmona said it is important for health care professionals to know about such cultural traditions.

"We are such a diverse country," he said. "That gives us our strength, yet we push it aside at times and ignore it as if we are all one and the solutions sometimes come forward as one size fits all, which we obviously know is not the case."

Dear Friends,

Last Tuesday the City Commissioners of Grand Rapids approved the use of the Consular Identification from Mexico (Matricula Consular) as a valid identification for Mexican Nationals. The agreement it is very important due to the large Hispanic/Latino and Mexican-American community in Western Michigan.

It is a symbol of friendship and, a humanitarian decision. The Chief Assistant of Grand Rapids who deals with this issue is Sr. Jose Reyna. Thanks so much to Sr. Reyna and the people of Grand Rapids.

Sincerely,

Antonio Meza
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Suit accuses Pennsylvania county of discriminating against Latinos at polls

By DAVID B. CARUSO
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP): The Justice Department filed a lawsuit Tuesday against a southeastern Pennsylvania county for refusing to provide Spanish-language assistance to its growing ranks of Latino voters.

The federal suit also accuses Berks County of violating voting laws by employing poll workers who express "overt hostility" toward Latinos and actively discourage citizens who don't speak English well from casting ballots.

"It is a priority of this administration to ensure that all Americans are able to vote, free of hostility, harassment or intimidation," Assistant Attorney General Ralph Boyd said in a written statement.

The government's allegations stem from an undercover investigation during a May 2001 primary. Observers said poll workers asked Latinos for identification documents they shouldn't have been required to produce and made frequent discriminatory and hostile remarks.

The suit follows months of negotiations between fed-

eral officials and the county over its reluctance to accommodate Spanish-speaking voters.

The county this month rejected a Justice Department proposal that would have required the county to hire bilingual poll workers and set up a Spanish-language voting information phone line, among other things.

Berks County Commissioner Tim Reiver said the idea of printing bilingual ballots and hiring translators has inflamed the county's English-speaking majority. "I'd say 80 percent of the people are opposed to it," he said.

Reiver said most feel the county should instead encourage its residents to learn English, which he said is critical to ending poverty. He said he was hopeful a settlement could be reached before the suit comes to trial.

About 13 percent of Berks County residents speak a language other than English at home, and 9.7 percent of its residents are Latino, according to the 2000 census. Federal law requires counties to provide language assistance if more than 5 percent of voting-age citizens speak a primary language other than English.

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ejemplo la destrucción de misiles prohibidos. Recordó que el jefe de los inspectores, Hans Blix, ya exigió a Hussein destruirlos en un semana no mayor al fin de semana.

«Esta es una propuesta» del documento presentado por Canadá, dijo Chrétien, quien añadió que el texto propone cuatro etapas diferentes, aunque no mencionó cuáles son.

Fox insistió que siempre se han opuesto a la guerra y pronunciado por lograr el desarme de Irak.

«Mientras haya alternativas... nosotros estaremos trabajando en esa línea de alternativas que sin guerra nos lleven a lograr el propósito de la (resolución) 1441», dijo Fox.

Minutos antes, y durante la recepción de Chrétien, Fox dijo que así como Canadá, «México es un país reconocido por su firme vocación pacifista, por su lucha en favor de la solución pacífica de las controversias internacionales».

Chrétien, por su parte, señaló que la situación global actual exige «una visión amplia, una mente abierta y un enfoque multilateral».

Los gobiernos de México y Canadá firmaron el jueves tres cartas de intención y dos memorandos de enten-

dimiento relativos al intercambio de inteligencia financiera sobre lavado de dinero, transporte y un nuevo acuerdo satelital.

Después de su encuentro con Fox, con quien abordó el Tratado de Libre Comercio que comparten con Estados Unidos y asuntos migratorios, el primer ministro ofreció una conferencia magistral ante académicos de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, en el centro de la ciudad.

Chrétien se reunirá con legisladores mexicanos, y posteriormente acudirá a una cena en su honor que ofrece Fox. El viernes sostendrá un encuentro con empresarios canadienses.

• Aseginado agente de patrulla fronteriza de EE.UU. en México

TUCSON, EE.UU. (AP): Un agente franco de servicio de la patrulla fronteriza de Estados Unidos fue asesinado a golpes en México esta semana luego que tres mexicanos con los que hizo amistad y estuvo bebiendo se enteraron que era un agente federal, dijeron funcionarios mexicanos.

Los funcionarios dijeron al diario The Arizona Daily Star que el cadáver del agente

de la patrulla fronteriza Jorge Luis Salomón, de 23 años, fue hallado el miércoles cerca de una pequeña población, a 65 kilómetros al sur de la frontera. Su cabeza había sido destrozada con objetos contundentes, posiblemente piedras.

Dos hombres fueron arrestados y otros tres eran buscados el jueves por las autoridades norteamericanas, dijo Susan Herskovits, vocera del FBI en Phoenix, Arizona.

Herskovits dijo a The Associated Press que el FBI estaba colaborando con la investigación llevada a cabo por la policía de México.

Las autoridades mexicanas detuvieron a dos sospechosos y están buscando a otros tres: José Arturo Arreola López, Jesús César Abusto Villa Villareal y Edna Yardi Montoya Medina.

• Corea del Norte puso en marcha reactor para armas atómicas

SEUL (AP): El ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Corea del Sur confirmó el viernes que Corea del Norte volvió a poner en marcha un reactor capaz de producir plutonio para su uso en armas nucleares.

Estados Unidos y Japón habían confirmado previamente que el reactor, de 5 megavatios, había sido reactivado. Pero el presidente

de Corea del Sur, Roh Moo-hyun dijo horas antes que ministros de su gabinete estaban tratando de confirmar la versión.

En un comunicado, el ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores expresó "profunda preocupación" por la decisión de Corea del Norte de reactivar el reactor.

Funcionarios norteamericanos dijeron el miércoles que el reactor del complejo nuclear de Yongbyon había sido puesto nuevamente en marcha en lo que podría ser el primer paso hacia la producción de armas atómicas.

«Pedimos de manera insistente a Corea del Norte que responda a los esfuerzos de la comunidad internacional para resolver pacíficamente el tema nuclear» con el propósito de «implementar las obligaciones del Tratado de No Proliferación Nuclear», dijo la cancillería de Corea del Sur.

La reactivación del reactor permitiría a Corea del Norte fabricar una bomba atómica en el curso de un año, dijeron funcionarios norteamericanos, que pidieron no ser identificados. Estados Unidos cree que Corea del Norte ya tiene una o dos bombas nucleares.

INS workers in Michigan demand arbitration on grievances

DETROIT (AP): A union representing about 160 U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service workers in Michigan is demanding arbitration on a list of grievances they say has sapped the work force.

Union leaders say the employees already were working 16-hour shifts at Michigan's tunnel, bridges and Detroit Metropolitan Airport when their schedules and some job assignments were changed in October.

They say their vacation

days were indefinitely postponed and managers began demanding doctors notes for sick days.

"People were sick from exhaustion," union president Frank Stanczak told the Detroit Free Press for a story Wednesday. "Families were being torn apart."

INS managers said they are trying their best to balance workers' needs with their obligation to protect the country from terrorism.

"Our main priority is the safety and security of our borders," local INS district direc-

tor Carol Jenifer said. "We're doing the best with what we have."

She said they have restored automatic sick leave and vacation time and hope to normalize workers' schedules by hiring new employees.

"I know fatigue has been a factor," she said.

Because the INS workers are not allowed to strike, filing the grievance is the strongest action the union can take. Arbitration on the grievances is scheduled to begin in May.

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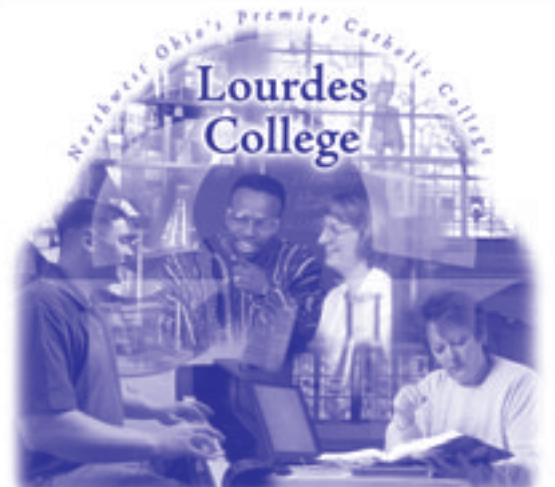
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State-funded Cuban ballet company produces world class dancers

By MAR ROMAN
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA (AP): It's hot and muggy in the dance studio at Cuba's National Ballet, but the aspiring ballerinas don't seem to notice as they twirl and execute their moves to the piano music with scrupulous precision.

Only a few of these dancers will be chosen to be the next Sleeping Beauty or Cinderella at Havana's elegant Gran Teatro. But all remain hopeful, keeping up their daily ballet classes and rehearsals.

"My childhood dream was to be a ballerina, like any Cuban girl," says 26-year-old Viensay Valdes.

After slipping into her first ballet slippers at age 9, Valdes went on to become one of the few top ballet dancers in a country where the masses, not the elite, are the true classical dance aficionados and the ballet company is among the best in the world.

As Valdes leaves the studio, dozens of girls between 5 and 8 years old file into the room in their colorful leotards, forming lines to await their first ballet steps—and their first taste of the discipline that classical dance requires.

"In Cuba, dancing is so important because it is part of our culture," Valdes said, referring to the island's mix of African and Spanish roots.

Funded by the island's government, Cuba's classical dance program is world-class, training dancers for a company that has performed in 58 countries and received about 300 international awards.

Founded by Cuban's living ballet legend Alicia Alonso in 1948, the National Ballet of Cuba has managed to forge its own style out of old Russian and Western techniques.

Alonso, an 82-year-old former prima ballerina, retains a strong grip over the company, even though she now has trouble moving and can barely see. A familiar figure with her proud, turban-wrapped head and wide mouth, Alonso erected Cuba's classical dance program from the ground, training several generations of dancers highly sought by some of the world's best ballet companies.

After having been the company's director, choreographer and teacher, Alonso still decides what the dancers will wear, who will go abroad, with whom they will dance, what they will dance.

Alonso has counted on the



support of President Fidel Castro and his revolutionary government since the early years.

"After the revolution triumphed in 1959, Fidel knocked on Alonso's door to offer the new government's help and he promised that he would make (ballet) available to all social classes," said Miguel Cabrera, ballet school historian.

"The government paid for everything from the building to rehearsals, salaries and ballet shoes," Cabrera added.

As a top dancer, Valdes receives a government salary similar to that of an important scientist or doctor: about 600 Cuban pesos (about US\$25) a month.

She has toured with the Cuban ballet and as a guest with foreign companies, giving part of her foreign earnings to the government.

"Now my target is to achieve international recognition," said Valdes. "But I will always be linked to this ballet and to my country."



Joe Balderas, Adelante

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local agencies, organizations and the City to help reduce crime and the deterioration plaguing the South End neighborhood.

"Throughout the coming year the CAPP Board will present public forums to hear community concerns and complaints, present information about protecting homes and valuables including crime prevention methods. Tours of the neighborhood will also take place to identify eyesores or areas consid-

ered unsafe.

"This is as an excellent opportunity for South End residents to voice concerns and participate in the Community Awareness Prevention Project," said Balderas.

According to Balderas, "we have had poor police responses to problems within our community. For example, I once had an overnight alarm at the Sofia Quintero Center and the police failed to respond."

"Recently, two women were attacked by an imbalanced woman at La Paloma Bakery. Alamar Pérez, co-owner of La Paloma, was on the telephone when this woman came into the premises screaming and then grabbed several pastry trays and attacked Alamar," said Balderas.

According to Balderas the police did arrive but did not follow-up with any investigation or prosecution.

"Maybe CAPP will remedy this problem," concluded Balderas.

A CAPP Board is being formed with current members including: Joe Balderas



César E. Chávez commemorative stamp

(CAPP Coordinator), Robert Kasprzak (Director for Heritage South), Sgt. Cook (Toledo Police Dept. Block Watch Coordinator), Cyndy Meachem (Director of the Aurora Gonzalez Community and Family Resource Center), Eleanor Watson (Block Watch Chairman), Hameed Kahala (Owner of Rambo's Restaurant), and Councilman Bob McCloskey.

If anyone is interested in joining CAPP, contact Joe Balderas at Adelante, Inc. at 419-244-8440. Adelante, Inc. is located at 520 Broadway, Toledo, Oh. 43602.

LatinoMix Radio hosts fundraiser baile this Saturday at Club Escape

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Guests have also included: Betty Rios, Jimmy Bejarano, Rubén Ramos, Consuelo Hernández, Taco Polako, Mary Garcia, Carla Nayeli Soto, and Oso, a DJ for WIOT and known as "Grizzly."

Multiple individuals and groups have been interviewed including: Ron Goodall of the Air National Guard, Greg Guzman of Lourdes College, Luis Dominguez, Elena Dominguez Bartley, Ray Longoria y Grupo Azteca, Paul Urbina of La Traición, the Midwest Godfathers, and Eddie Gonzalez, to name a few.

According to Crew-member Yvonne Ramos, "One of the highlights of this dynamic and diversified 4-hour program is the receipt of telephone calls from our listening audi-

ence seeking dedications, special requests, and just plain chit chat.

"One of favorite callers is Carmen Rodríguez. We also have numerous listeners who are lodged in several area jails—I am happy we can ease their burden of incarceration."

Ramos commented on the good chemistry of the LatinoMix Crew, stating, "our diversified backgrounds

and musical interests complement each other."

Ramos is an accomplished vocalist for La Familia band. She also is a service coordinator for the Aurora Gonzalez Outreach Center and its "Help Me Grow" program.

Co-producer Rico Pico's only comments were, "Mucho trabajo, poco dinero."

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BY SEÑORITA ANA

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

It's time to let well enough alone. Learn to recognize when you've done all you can, and move on. Hindsight is always 20-20, so learn from mistakes and decide to do better next time. If you exercise a little patience, your rewards will be evident.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Love is everywhere during the week. Either a current love is rekindled or you may be in for a new attraction. In any case, the rules have changed, and even if with an old flame, the relationship is completely new. Being around positive people will lift your spirits.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

If the attitudes of others seem to be holding you back, it's time to be a little more self-centered in order to get yourself back into the swing of what is good for you. A little separation from others can be a good thing. Opportunities will abound, look for them.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

You have a reason to be proud of your output and quality of work this week. Work will provide you with a welcome respite from other worries. If your attitude concerning a relationship does not seem to change, you may be looking at the situation from the wrong view. Don't try so hard.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)

If you have been running yourself ragged, preventative measures may be needed to keep your health up to par. Money is likely to be tight for the near future, but don't let it stop you from making plans to get away on vacation. Your lover is an absolute joy to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

If you ponder over the "what if's," even more questions will arise. It's not worth putting yourself through such self-criticism. What's done is done, and you can only resolve to do better next time. Your drive for perfection is unrealistic, for there is no such thing as perfection.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

If there is a change in plans this week, make the best of the situation. Something very promising may come of what seems to be a missed opportunity. Your love life is getting back on track, so take the opportunity to work out details, and go slowly with your mate.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Your hard work is not always noticed or appreciated by others. Whatever you do must satisfy you first—relying on others will keep you feeling disappointed. Sweet memories may cause you to look back on the past with a sense of loss and some regret—the good old days.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

It just might come to blows with a loved one during this week. Give each other time to cool off before approaching the subject in a reasonable mood. Good news about money may lighten up your mood a bit. The way you use information presented to you pleases your superiors.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Your nature insists you follow the rules, but an acquaintance, who is more of a free spirit, prefers spontaneity—learn from him. Don't fall into the trap of judging others, remember that you don't know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take a firm hand on money matters.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Your personal brand of creativity is crying out to be let loose, allow time for this expression to take place, and don't be too attached to producing immediate masterpieces. If a problem is backing you into a corner, focus your energies on diffusing it.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Keeping your feelings under wrap will create the illusion of control. If you take the risk of expressing yourself to a loved one, no one will care if you break down. It's going to hurt falling down—but you are better off jumping in, instead of watching from a distance.

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Jones vence pro decisión a Ruiz y gana corona de los pesados
Por TIM DAHLBERG
LAS VEGAS (AP): Roy Jones hijo no necesito correr y no quiso ocultarse, además ni tuvo que hacerlo ante un campeón de los pesados que no fue rival para sus habilidades. Jones se mantuvo casi inmóvil durante gran parte de la pelea y simplemente superó en número de golpes conectados al puertorriqueño John Ruiz, al que destronó el sábado por la noche, para convertirse en apenas el segundo monarca semipesado en ganar un título de los pesados.
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Jones se convirtió en el primer monarca semi-completo en ganar un título de los pesados desde que lo hiciera Michael Spinks en 1985, ante Larry Holmes.
Spinks vio el combate desde las butacas al lado del cuadrilátero mientras se desarrollaba la pelea bajo un patrón bastante predecible, con Jones conectando golpes a placer con la mano izquierda y Ruiz sin mucha capacidad de hacer algo, sino empujar a su rival contra las cuerdas.
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March 15, *Candidate Training & Campaign Management School*—to train prospective candidates on running for office and volunteers on how to manage an election campaign; sponsored by *Voces Unidas of Sandusky, Inc.* and the *U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute*; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Holiday Inn Fremont/Port Clinton; \$55 registration; Irma Celestino, 419-332-3160.
March 15, 8:00 p.m., *Tango Buenos Aires*, Valentine Theatre; tickets are: \$15, \$35, and \$45. 419-471-0049 or 419-242-2787.
March 19, doors open at 6:30 p.m., *Sabor y Salsa*, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Michigan Ave. at Greenfield; Eddie Palmieri and Lila Downs. \$15 general admission. 313-842-7010 or 313-664-2000.
March 22, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. and March 23, 1:30 and 4:30 p.m., *Cinderella* presented by the *Toledo Ballet Association*; at the Valentine Theatre; tickets are: \$10, \$18, \$25, & \$35. Call 419-471-0049 or 419-242-2787.
March 25, 6:00 p.m., *César Chávez Humanitarian Awards*; sponsored by Adelante, Inc., University of Toledo Student Union, Toledo; \$40 tickets; 419-244-8440.
April 25-26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., *8th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference*, Lorain County Community College, Lorain; for info call: 440-244-2056; to register call: 440-277-8235.
May 10, *2nd Annual Greater Cincinnati Hispanic Scholarship Fund Gala*, Xavier University Cintas Center, Cincinnati; call Maria Molina, 513-983-2232.
May 30, *Baile Latino*, 8th annual, at the Stranahan Theatre, Noche de Estrellas.
June 14, *LatinoFest 2003*, Proenade Park; entertainment by Emilio Navaira, Big Circo, y más. Contact Consuelo Hernández, 419-259-5257.
June 20-21, *Festival Latino*, Bicentennial Park and Civic Center Drive, Columbus; call 614-645-7995.
September 15-October 15, *Hispanic Heritage Month*.
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Obituaries
FRED GARZA
Fred Garza, 59, of Detroit, passed away February 24, 2003. Beloved husband of Alicia; dear father of Max Darrin Garza and Stephanie Diane Garza; brother of Jeanette Zelinsky, Irene Lipare, Anita Syrowik, Frank, Jim, John, Mary Ann Gaida, Josephine Cascaron, Michael, Henry and the late Elizabeth Stepanski and Louise Solomon.
JUANG. GARCIA, SR.
Juan G. Garcia Sr., age 73, of Toledo, died Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at Harborside of Perrysburg. He was born July 12, 1929, in San Antonio, TX. He retired from Medical College Hospital and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.
Survived by daughter, Tammy (Terry) Parker of Brooklyn, MI; brothers, Vincent, Jesse (Ninfa) and Martin Garcia Sr.; grandchildren, Justin and Joshua Wilburn, and several nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Juan G. Garcia Jr. and Vincent "Tony" Garcia, and brothers, José and Henry Saldana.

ALFRED JOSEPH SEGURA, SR.
Alfred Segura was called home to be with his Heavenly Father on February 23, 2003. Alfred was born March 21, 1928, to Pedro and Mary Segura. In 1948, he married Jane Rodriguez and together they raised 11 children.
Alfred began a 32-year career with the City of Toledo working at the sewer department and was the first Hispanic supervisor in the department. He also served as a deacon for 25 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Alfred was a member of Cornerstone Church.
He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Robert and great-grandson Gabe. Surviving are his loving wife Jane; 11 children, Michael (Pat) Segura, Alfred Segura Jr. (Debbie), Christine (Gary) Horton, Diane Segura, Anne (Gary) Kohler, Sharon (Max) Aranda, Anthony (Jenny) Segura, Joseph S. Segura, Donna Segura, Susan (Dave) Poiry, and Vicki (Ray) McGarry; brothers, Frank, Paul, Pete and Rudy and sister, Evelyn, all of California; 26 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews also survive.

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For additional information, contact:
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The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree or higher in either Business Administration, Public Administration, Information Systems or other related field from an accredited college or university, with eight years of recent experience in the criminal justice field combined with either project or system management, and five years of progressive upper level administration experience, including fiscal, organizational and personnel management. Strong preference will be given to an applicant, who in addition to the above requirements, possesses five years of recent experience with automated criminal justice systems, and experience in the public sector and with governing boards. Salary range is \$60,000 to \$75,000. Deadline for submission of resumé is April 4, 2003.

Resumé should be addressed to:

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Attention: Search Committee
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Julie Robinson,
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