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•Detención de líder empresarial agudiza crisis venezolana

Por FABIOLA SANCHEZ
CARACAS (AP): Nueve personas, entre ellas ocho policías, resultaron heridas durante disturbios callejeros el jueves en la ciudad central de Valencia, en una marcha que realizó la oposición para protestar contra la detención del líder empresarial, Carlos Fernández.

El incidente se suscitó luego que centenares de manifestantes opositores se enfrentaron con piedras y objetos contundentes contra los policías estatales que intentaban dispersar la protesta en la principal autopista de Valencia que está a unos 110 kilómetros al oeste de Caracas.

La policía empleó gases lacrimógenos y balas de goma para tratar de restablecer el orden.

Un vocero de la policía estatal de Valencia, que mantuvo su nombre en reserva, señaló que en el suceso resultaron heridas nueve personas por objetos contundentes y fuegos artificiales de alta potencia.

Varios miles de manifestantes opositores bloquearon el jueves la principal autopista de la capital para protestar el arresto del líder empresarial Carlos Fernández y la amenaza de

detención de otros dirigentes opositores que promovieron una huelga para forzar la renuncia del presidente Hugo Chávez.

Entre banderas venezolanas, cacerolas y consignas en las que pedían la liberación de Fernández, los manifestantes se apostaron en medio de la vía para bloquear el paso, situación que generó un fuerte congestionamiento de vehículos en la ciudad.

La detención de Fernández y la orden de captura que dictaron contra el jefe de la mayor central sindical del país, Carlos Ortega, marcaron el recrudecimiento de la confrontación entre el gobierno y la oposición que habían suscrito una tregua a comienzos de semana para tratar de lograr una salida pacífica a la crisis.

El secretario general de la Confederación de Trabajadores de Venezuela (CTV), Manuel Cova, pidió a todos los sindicatos del país que declaren en «estado de alerta general» para salir a las calles a enfrentar la «persecución política» y las «actividades de represión» del gobierno.

Cova anunció que la directiva de la CTV solicitó apoyo a todas las organizaciones internacionales de trabajadores para evitar la detención de Ortega.

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Grammy Winner Emilio to headline LatinoFest 2003 along with Grupo Vida

By Rico de La Prensa

The LatinoFest committee met last Friday to discuss the 3rd annual LatinoFest—LatinoFest 2003—scheduled for Saturday, June 14th at Promenade Park in downtown Toledo, from noon until 11:00 p.m.

Committee Entertainment chairman, Tony Rios, advised the committee that this year's entertainment headliners are Emilio Navaira and his brother Raulito along with Grupo Vida—all from Texas.

Last Sunday, Emilio won a Grammy for his CD *Acuérdate* in the Best Tejano Album category.

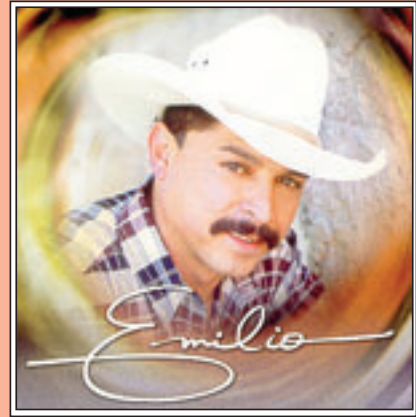
Emilio and his brother Raulito—known for their

Emilio/Raulito shuffle—were one of the hottest Tejano/Country Duo's of the 1990s, earning numerous awards, achievements, and top record sales. Both grew up in San Antonio, Texas.

In the mid 1980s, Emilio landed the position of lead singer for David Lee Garza's band. He gained experience as a performer while he toured with Garza y Los Musicales for five years. In 1990, he decided to leave Los Musicales and start his own band, Grupo Rio.

EMI Latin contracted Navaira, who released his self-titled debut album that year. In 1991 Emilio released a quick succession of albums starting with "Sensaciones," "Unsung Highways," and "Shoot It."

By 1992, Emilio had cut his "Emilio Live" album and was



gaining popularity in both the Tejano and Country music scenes. In 1993, he released "Southern Exposure" and in 1994 "SoundLife" was released.

Emilio released his most popular album "Life is Good" in 1995—this was his first crossover country album. "It's

on the House" and "A Mi Gente" came out in 1997.

Emilio has won Male Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year, and Showband of the Year, all from the Tejano Music Awards.

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FALCON hosts 2nd conference for growers and farmworkers

Farmworker Agencies Liaison Communication and Outreach Network (FALCON) hosted a pre-season conference titled "Seeding Information and Harvesting Relationships" last Friday in Fremont. This was the second year of the conference.

According to Francisco Espinoza, the program assistant with the Ag & Hort Labor Education program, a statewide extension program of the Ohio State University.

"FALCON was created to network all the various agencies that deal with the problems and issues involving growers and workers. It was an outgrowth of FLACO, which was developed by agency member ABLE (Advocates for Basic Legal Equality)."

"The program provides educational and informa-

tional programs and services for both management and labor," said Espinoza.

Espinoza is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, formerly worked for FLOC, and has been with his agency member of FALCON since 1996.

Over 70 participants—including 17 growers—listen to a variety of speakers including: Donna Alvarado (Vice Chair of the Governor's Workforce Policy Board), Antonio Meza (Consul of México, based in Detroit), Lupe Williams (of the Agricultural Institute in Wooster), Benito Lucio (State Monitor Advocate), and Mike Hock (Chief, Target Services Group, Office of Workforce Development).

Consul Meza stressed the importance of the matricula consular—the ID issued by the Mexican Consulate's office—and how it has been effective in protecting the rights of the mi-



Consul Antonio Meza



Francisco Espinoza

grant workers from México, the vast majority of the area's farmworkers, which totals approximately 15,000 according to Benito Lucio.

Consul Meza also advised that his office would oversee teachers who would be in the area this summer to provide books and instruction to the workers and their families to enable them to obtain Mexican educational degrees, equivalent to the GEDs issued in the United States.

Two agency panels consisting of members ABLE,

LSNO, En Camino, Rural Opportunities, Community Health Services, DOL Wage & Hour, the Ohio Migrant Educational Center, and the Texas Migrant Council spoke about programs and services offered to both employers and farmworkers.

According to Espinoza, "Last year's FALCON conference indicated that workers wanted more timely information on what crops, employment, and supportive services would be available

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Venezuelan strike leader seized by secret police; opposition threatens another general strike

By JAMES ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP), Feb. 20: Secret police burst into a restaurant and seized an organizer of a general strike that crippled Venezuela's economy. Opposition leaders threatened Thursday to call another strike in protest.

Agents fired into the air when patrons at the restaurant tried to keep them from taking away Carlos Fernández, president of the country's largest business federation, in the midnight raid Wednesday, his bodyguard said.

Fernández and strike co-leader Carlos Ortega of the Venezuelan Workers Confederation were charged with treason and instigating violence, said magistrate Maikel Jose Moreno. Ortega was ordered to surrender.

Ortega condemned the arrest as "a terrorist act" that presaged a wave of repression against Venezuela's opposition, already shaken by the slayings and possible torture of three dissident Venezuelan soldiers and an opposition activist.

The two-month strike, called Dec. 2 to seek Chávez's ouster, ended this month in all but Venezuela's oil sector and devastated the economy. Chávez accused strike leaders of trying to topple his government.

Fedecamaras vice president Albin Muñoz said Fernández was seized without a court order and was being held by secret police. She warned that Fedecamaras might call another nationwide strike.

"Definitely there will be actions, and very strong actions," Muñoz said, adding that Fernández was "practically kidnapped."

"I insist in the word 'kidnapped' because ... we know absolutely nothing about where they have our president.

There has been no way of communicating with him," she said.

Fernández was abducted about midnight Wednesday by eight gunmen as he was leaving a restaurant in Caracas' trendy Las Mercedes district, said bodyguard Juan Carlos Fernández. The gunmen fired shots into the air when customers tried to intervene, the bodyguard told Globovision TV.

Opposition leaders called for street protests and appealed to the Organization of American States, the United Nations and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's organization, the Carter Center, which have brokered talks here.

Fernández's abduction made a mockery of a "peace pact" renouncing violence that was signed by government and opposition negotiators on Wednesday, said an angry opposition delegate, Rafael Alfonso.

"This government doesn't want to negotiate. It only wants conflict. We won't back down," Alfonso said.

International human rights groups demanded an investigation into the slayings of three dissident military officers and an opposition activist.

All four bodies were found in the suburbs of Caracas with their hands tied and their faces wrapped with tape.

Darwin Arguello, Angel Salas and Felix Pinto and opposition activist Zaida Peraza, 25, had multiple bullet wounds and showed signs of torture, Raul Yopez, the deputy director of Venezuela's forensic police, said Wednesday.

According to the New York-based Human Rights Watch, a witness to the abductions saw the victims being forced into two vehicles by men wearing ski masks, not far from a plaza that has become the central rallying point of the opposition. Yopez said the abduction took place Satur-

day night.

"The circumstances strongly suggest that these were political killings," said José Miguel Vivanco, executive director of the Americas Division of Human Rights Watch. "The government must launch a prompt and impartial investigation into this vicious crime, and must guarantee the safety of the reported witness to the killings."

Yopez said police had "practically ruled out" political motives. There have been no arrests.

Dissident soldiers supported the nationwide strike called Dec. 2 to demand Chávez's resignation or early elections. The strike was lifted Feb. 4 in all areas except the oil industry to protect businesses from bankruptcy.

Chávez was elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2000. He promised to wipe out the corruption of previous governments and redistribute the country's vast oil wealth to the poor majority.

His critics charge he has mismanaged the economy, tried to grab authoritarian powers and split the country along class lines.

Opponents said Wednesday that more than 4.4 million Venezuelans had petitioned for a constitutional amendment to cut Chávez's term in power from six to four years.

Organizers said they had counted and verified 3.7 million signatures collected in a nationwide petition drive on Feb. 2. These were added to another 719,000 signatures supporting the initiative already gathered.

Under the constitution, organizers need signatures from 15 percent, or about 1.8 million, of the country's 12 million registered voters, to force a referendum on the amendment. This would then clear the way for general elections later this year.

Tyson attorney says testimony on child workers irrelevant, unfair

By BILL POOVEY
Associated Press Writer

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP): An attorney for Tyson Foods complained to a federal judge Wednesday that testimony by a former employee that Latino children were working on the processing lines is unfair and unrelated to any immigrant smuggling conspiracy.

With jurors outside the courtroom, attorney Tom Green accused prosecutors of finding disgruntled Tyson employees to testify about isolated situations in support of their conspiracy case.

He was referring to testimony from Kelly Englert, who quit Tyson in March 2001 after six years as an occupational health nurse in Sedalia, Mo. She testified Tuesday that one worker in the plant's "deboning line" told her he was 9 years old. After she reported that to supervisors, "he worked two more summers" at the plant, she said.

Englert, who told jurors she was concerned the plant "hired underage Hispanics," also testified that another immigrant worker injured by an auger turned out to be 14.

Green asked U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar to stop

the government from continuing its case with testimony about "vignettes that had nothing to do with" any conspiracy to smuggle and hire illegal immigrants.

"I believe it is prejudicial in the legal sense because it has no connection to the charges," Green said.

The judge refused his request.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John MacCoon said Wednesday the testimony by Englert and other former and present employees at plants in Missouri and Indiana would show a nationwide conspiracy that was not limited to a "rogue manager here and there," as Tyson contends.

The Springdale, Ark.-based meat company is on trial with retired manager Gerald Lankford, 64, of North Wilkesboro; Robert Hash, 50, of Greenwood, Ark., the company's retail fresh division vice president; and Keith Snyder, 44, of Bella Vista, Ark., who has worked as a plant manager in Shelbyville and Noel, Mo.

Hash and Snyder are on administrative leave.

Two other fired Tyson managers pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors and are expected to testify during the two-month trial.

Charles "Chuck" Cook, a former Tyson complex personnel manager in Glen Allen, Va.,



testified Friday that he hired hundreds of illegal workers, in some cases with the knowledge of some other managers, and that he was aware of illegal hirings at other plants.

Cook, identified by prosecutors as an unindicted co-conspirator in the case, did not identify any Tyson executives at the corporate headquarters as having a specific part in or knowledge about illegal hirings at poultry plants.

A December 2001 indictment contends undercover agents delivered illegal immigrants to Tyson plants as part of a conspiracy that began in 1994 after company managers had trouble hiring production workers.

Tyson attorneys contend the government's three-year undercover investigation involved entrapment tactics and only a few plant managers.

If convicted, Tyson could be forced to pay millions of dollars in fines and could lose government contracts. The jury would also decide the amount of any financial gain from using illegal workers.

Houston senator files bill to expand governor's reprieves

AUSTIN (AP): Sen. Rodney Ellis on Wednesday filed legislation that would allow the governor to issue more than one 30-day reprieve of executions.

If approved, voters would have to give approval to the idea because the constitution only allows the governor to issue one reprieve in death penalty cases.

Ellis, D-Houston, called the bill landmark.

"This just makes sense," Ellis said. "The governor of the state of Texas ought to at least have the power to prevent a person from being executed when he or she believes it is prudent. We must be sure that when Texas executes someone it is because that person is guilty and eligible to be executed."

Ellis said the legislation would provide fundamental reform necessary to restore confidence in the Texas criminal justice system.

He said multiple reprieves would be rare.

Under the bill, the Board of Pardons and Paroles would be allowed more time to deliberate difficult cases or wait for the results of last minute DNA testing.

It does not give the governor any new power to commute sentences.

The multiple reprieve bill is SB 601. The accompanying amendment is SJR 28.

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Cuba negotiating to buy millions in U.S. farm products

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA (AP): Cuban officials are negotiating tens of millions of dollars worth of new food purchases with American farm representatives who attended a U.S.-Cuba business conference this week, the head of the island's food import concern said Wednesday.

Pedro Alvarez, president of Cuba's food import-export company Alimport, told reporters that contract details were being worked out and would be announced in the coming days.

"Every day there is more interest for normalizing commercial relations and travel," Alvarez said, referring to the restrictions that still remain on most American trade with and travel to the communist-run island. "This event was truly successful."

With the steady purchases of American food now allowed under an exception to the U.S. trade embargo, Cuba now counts the United States

as around its 10th most important trade partner, Alvarez said. The United States now counts Cuba as its 44th or 45th most important trade partner for agricultural goods, he said.

Cuba spent about \$189 million in American foodstuffs last year alone, including transportation costs, said Alvarez.

Alvarez said his country has purchased or contracted to buy about \$250 million in U.S. farm products since late December 2001, when Cuba agreed to start buying the goods under a U.S. law that allows such purchases on a cash-only basis.

Cuba expects to purchase an accumulated total of as much as \$400 million in American food by the end of this year, said Alimport official Igor Montero.

"Iowa is a multi-billion-dollar grain and livestock producer," said Iowa State Secretary of Agriculture Patty Judge, among a small group of conference participants who traveled to Cuba on Wednesday after two days of seminars with Cuban officials in Cancun, Mexico.

"We believe Cuba will be a

major trade partner in the future and look forward to that," Judge said. "It is a force that now cannot be stopped."

About 160 business people from across the United States attended the sessions on Monday and Tuesday in Cancun, said Kirby Jones, a Washington consultant who has organized the annual U.S.-Cuba Business conferences for several years now.

Among those attending the Mexico meetings were U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Democrat from Washington state, who flew home before the Cuba leg of the conference, and Kansas Lt. Gov. John Moore, who was among those who traveled to the island on Wednesday.

"This one was different," Jones said, comparing the sessions with earlier years. "Before, people were talking about the potential (for trade)," he said. "Now, a year later, people were more relaxed, the way you are when you are talking about real deals."

Costa Rican foreign minister withdraws demand for resignation of U.N. ambassador

By MARIANELA JIMENEZ
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP): A day after demanding the resignation of his country's U.N. ambassador over a speech on Iraq, Costa Rica's foreign minister backtracked on Thursday and said the ambassador could stay in New York.

"That's how I am. I am firm, but I can also forgive," Foreign Minister Roberto Tovar said after a meeting with President Abel Pacheco.

Pacheco praised Ambassador Bruno Stagno, 33, as "a very brilliant man."

On Wednesday, an angry Tovar demanded Stagno's resignation after the U.N. ambassador gave a speech on the Iraq conflict that had not been cleared ahead of time with the foreign ministry at home. He repeated his demand for Stagno's ouster in inter-

views carried by local radio stations Thursday morning.

Tovar's sudden reversal was accompanied by presidential praise of the young ambassador—a hint that Tovar, too, might have acted without consulting higher authorities.

"I was one of those most enthusiastic about nominating him, thinking that we must forge new values in Costa Rican diplomacy," the president said. Tovar said Thursday that Stagno had apologized for making his speech before consulting the foreign ministry.

"That note was an act of humility," Tovar said. Tovar said early Thursday that the content of Stagno's speech wasn't at issue, just his violation of procedures.

"It had nothing to do with the position of the government, which has been clear that it wants peace, just as he stated before the" Security Council,

Tovar said.

That was a change from Tovar's initial complaint on Wednesday, when he said the government renounced "the content of the text read by the ambassador."

The newspaper La Nación said Tovar said Wednesday he did not agree with Stagno's call to give U.N. weapons inspectors all the time they wanted. "Then what would be left for the Security Council and the diplomatic missions?" he was quoted as saying.

Costa Rican Nobel Peace Prize laureate Oscar Arias suggested in a local radio broadcast that the dispute may have arisen from a misunderstanding.

Arias, who was president from 1986 to 1990, said Stagno told him he had been trying to contact the foreign ministry before giving the speech but had been unable to do so.

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to them in Ohio.

"Transportation costs and risks to and from Ohio from their home states were also a concern. Growers expressed concern about the availability of labor, communication, and immigration issues.

"These areas were addressed again at this conference."

Mike Hock closed the conference, remarking on the "excellent contributions of those present, who represented a wide spectrum of Ohio."

Participant Arturo Ortiz, Senior Paralegal from ABLE agreed. According to Ortiz, "It is conferences such as this one that enables our agencies to better connect the growers and the farmworkers."

MSU hosts 10th Día de la Mujer Conference

Michigan State University held its 10th Annual Día de La Mujer Conference last Saturday, with the theme of "Abriendo Caminos, Mujer a Mujer/Opening Pathways, Woman to Woman."

According to Maria Isabel Dorado, of MSU's office of Chicano/Latino Student Affairs,

"The Día de la Mujer Conference brings together an array of Chicana/Latina women from all parts of the communities of the state of Michigan and the Midwest to celebrate our successes, share information, and discuss issues of concern to our people."

Twenty-three workshops ran through 5:00 p.m., which focused on "La Mujer—the personal, professional, political, and academic

aspects," said Dorado.

Keynote speakers were: Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers, and Dr. Rosita López-Marcano, educator from Northern Illinois University.

Huerta, along with César Chávez, co-founded the National Farm Workers, which later developed into the UFW. She has had a major impact in the civil rights movement in the United States.

López-Marcano has had a diverse background in the medical and educational arena and has worked as a director in the office of reform, bureau of training for the Chicago Public Schools.

The program concluded with a raffle.

Los Angeles joins rank of over 100 U.S. cities to oppose Bush on Iraq

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21: With the gallery packed with peace advocates, the City Council passed a resolution last Friday opposing unilateral war against Iraq and urging President Bush

to employ all diplomatic options to deal with the crisis.

After the 9-to-4 vote, Los Angeles became the country's largest city to oppose such a war, joining more than 100 other

cities and counties including Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit. The Council had been deadlocked on the issue on Tuesday, but the measure passed today after a member changed her vote and a member who had been absent voted in favor.

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Family members of slain Guatemalan activist ask international court to ensure there are no more killings

By MARIANELA JIMENEZ
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP): Relatives of slain Guatemalan anthropologist Myrna Mack asked the Inter-American Human Rights Court on Thursday to push the Guatemalan government for details on Mack's murder and to ensure that similar killings don't happen again.

On the last day of a hearing into the case, Mack's sister, Helen, asked the court to order Guatemala to reform its intelligence department and release classified information to the public.

Earlier this week, the Guatemalan government acknowledged in a letter to the Costa Rica-based international tribunal—the judicial arm of the Organization of American States—that it was responsible for Mack's 1990 slaying.

Mack was stabbed 27 times outside her downtown Guatemala City office on

Sept. 11, 1990. The 39-year-old anthropologist allegedly angered the military when she wrote a groundbreaking report blaming state anti-insurgency campaigns for killing Mayan Indians during the country's 1960-1996 civil war.

Guatemalan Foreign Minister Edgar Gutiérrez said the government decided to admit wrongdoing after Mack's sister, Helen, filed a criminal complaint with the human rights court charging that the Guatemalan government conspired to kill Myrna Mack and then cover that up.

Later, the Guatemalan government withdrew its representatives from the hearing, saying officials had already acknowledged their responsibility.

In October, Col. Juan Valencia, an assistant director of Guatemala's presidential guard, was sentenced to 30 years in prison for ordering a fellow member of the guard to kill Myrna Mack.

Retired Gen. Edgar Godoy—who once headed the

presidential guard—and army Col. Juan Oliva were found innocent.

Noel Beteta, another former guard, is serving a 25-year sentence for Mack's murder. In taped confessions to another prisoner, he said Valencia gave that order. The tapes did not directly link the other two military officials to the killing.

The presidential guard grew from a protection unit into a squad of spies and assassins responsible for some of Guatemala's most high-profile human rights abuses. Governments have promised to abolish the guard, but so far none has been able, or willing, to.

"In all this time, the government has only recognized what I already proved: That Beteta is my sister's murderer," Helen Mack said.

She added that if the court decides to award the Mack family monetary reparations, she would use the money to establish grants in her sister's name.

Taking It To The Next Level: East Toledo alums march on to State Finals

By Fletcher Word
La Prensa Staff Writer

The East Toledo Wrestling Club, which has been working with and developing young wrestlers, ages five to 14, for the past 12 years, continues to see its alumni going on to make their mark at higher levels.

This past weekend, six former East Toledo wrestlers qualified for the Ohio State High School Championships through their efforts at the district level.

Topping the latest list of alumni accomplishments are those of Antonio Guerra and Josh Johnson, both of Waite High School in Division I. Both Guerra and Johnson won individual championships at the district wrestling tournament in Hilliard, Ohio.

Guerra, a four-time City League champion, won the 140-pound title by a score of 8-3 in his final match against Anthony Ciraky of Westerville South. Johnson, wrestling at 171 pounds,



took his title with a 18-3 decision over Brent Saunders of Grove City. Two other Waite grapplers, and East Toledo alums, will be going to the state tournament finals. Kyle Holliday took a second place at 103 pounds and Antonio Ramirez took a fourth at 135.

In Division II, Justin Schutte of Maumee, wrestling at 171 pounds, finished second in his district tournament and ensured himself a spot in the state finals. In Division III, Wade Van Sickle of Liberty Center also took a second. Van Sickle will be enter-

ing the state finals in the 189-pound weight class.

While the East Toledo coaches and managers will be understandably proud of the achievements of their former students, they are certainly not surprised. Nor are they especially satisfied. According to Hector Ramirez, one of East Toledo's assistant coaches, while having six former wrestlers in the finals is a nice tribute to the program, they have done better. Several years ago, the club witnessed nine former wrestlers head off to Columbus in search of greater glory.

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El mandatario celebró el jueves la detención de Fernández y señaló que «por fin un fiscal introdujo en un tribunal la solicitud de captura... ya era hora» de que se hiciera justicia.

«Me acosté con una sonrisa. Mandé a buscar un dulce de lechosa (papaya) para degustarlo», comentó Chávez al referir como festejó el arresto del presidente de la Federación de Cámaras de Empresarios (Fedecámaras).

«Cómo que están saliendo los jueces con coraje, de tanto pedirlo. No puede ser que todos los jueces sean cobardes, que tengan miedo de emitir una orden de arresto contra un golpista, un delincuente», manifestó el presidente durante un acto público en la Cancillería.

Chávez refirió que la mayoría de los jueces del país «están vendidos», y sostuvo que el «poder judicial es un tumor que hay que extirparlo... esa es parte de la batalla para lograr un estado de derecho y de justicia».

Ortega acusó a Chávez de imponer en el país un «régimen dictatorial» y de «terrorismo de estado», y aseguró que está dispuesto a enfrentar al gobierno desde la clandestinidad.

«Queremos advertir al régimen, a este gobierno, que no nos vamos a dejar amedrentar ni intimidar. Que nuestra lucha de defender al pueblo de Venezuela seguirá adelante», dijo el líder sindical en conversación telefónica con la emisora Unión Radio desde un lugar desconocido.

Ortega, quien fue uno de los líderes del paro opositor junto con Fernández, expresó que no tiene planteado entregarse a ningún organismo de seguridad o tribunal porque «aquí no hay garantías».

El negociador opositor y dirigente empresarial, Rafael Alfonso, dijo que el arresto de Fernández constituye una «violación» del acuerdo contra la violencia suscrito por los negociadores oficialistas y opositores.

El delegado y congresista oficialista, Nicolás Maduro, negó que el gobierno haya

iniciado una «cacería de brujas» contra la oposición. •**Muertes de bebés en hospital mexicano fueron por prematuraz**

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, México (AP): Una serie de muertes de bebés en el estado sureño de Chiapas se debieron a la falta de personal hospitalario y una racha de nacimientos prematuros, no a mala praxis médica, dijeron el jueves los investigadores oficiales del caso.

El departamento de Justicia del estado inició una investigación con la exhumación de los cadáveres de varios niños que murieron a fines de diciembre, ante las denuncias de sus parientes de que murieron de infecciones hospitalarias.

«No hay pruebas contundentes para sustentar la presentación de acusaciones criminales contra el personal del Hospital General», dijo el secretario del Interior chiapaneco Emilio Zebadua a la prensa local. Asimismo, descartó que hubiera infecciones hospitalarias.

Si bien los investigadores

citaron una decena de casos de falta de supervisión por parte de especialistas o el ausentismo de parte del personal durante las fiestas navideñas, éstos no tuvieron relación directa con las muertes.

Las autoridades sanitarias dijeron que 34 bebés murieron en el hospital estatal de Comitán entre fines de diciembre y principios de enero. Los dos administradores principales fueron cesanteados.

Estos y algunos médicos serán amonestados por lo que el informe llamó las «deficiencias administrativas», según versiones del informe difundidas por la prensa en Sabn Cristóbal.

•**Corte mexicana anula sentencia contra dos por asesinato de periodista de EEUU**

CIUDAD DE MEXICO (AP): Una corte anuló la sentencia contra dos hombres, declarados culpables del asesinato en 1998 de un periodista estadounidense, dijeron los abogados de los acusados el jueves.

Philip True, de 50 años, periodista del Express-News de San Antonio, Texas, fue asesinado durante unas vacaciones en los montes Huichol.

El fallo es el capítulo más reciente de una compleja batalla legal que ya lleva cuatro años.

En mayo, una corte de apelaciones en el estado de

Jalisco anuló la sentencia anterior que absolvía a dos indígenas huichol y los condenaba a 13 años, la sentencia mínima por homicidio intencional.

Esta semana, la corte federal falló que el tribunal estatal cometió un error al permitir que un magistrado participara de las deliberaciones, a pesar de que le habían pedido que se recusara, dijo el abogado Arturo Zamora.

El fallo más reciente devuelve el caso a la corte de apelaciones.

«Es como volver a iniciar el proceso de apelaciones», dijo Martha True, la viuda del periodista, en entrevista telefónica desde Brownsville, Texas. «Seguiremos luchando».

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Weekly Horoscope

BY SEÑORITA ANA

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Keeping secrets won't get you far this week. Your information could make or break a situation, so don't withhold what you know. There is a career move for you in the very near future, but it will be quite a large step to take, so embark with caution and optimism.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You have a chance to create a solid foundation for future security. Be careful to avoid getting caught up in getting ahead at the expense of your peace of mind or creating havoc within your family. Don't jump to conclusions with romance; take it a step at a time.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Make sure to not commit yourself to something that may stifle and hold you back. Don't stall in your decisions, just say you are not ready and leave it at that. There seems to be some tension between you and your mate, when you kiss and make up, talk honestly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

You seem to have a restless sort of irritability, which may just get you into trouble. It's important to keep your anger in check or you may find yourself cutting off those who are most important to you. Your current romantic partner may surprise you with lots of attention.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)

You are doing a great job making finances stretch to their limit, but enough is enough, and something has got to go. If you have the authority to make the cut, go for it. Changes at work may have you feeling like you have been overlooked, but that is far from true.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

A recent investment may prove much more lucrative than you ever expected, but getting out early may not be such a bad idea. Be sure to take care of all the details though, however insignificant they may be. If you are feeling unmotivated, find a way to psyche yourself up.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Juggle your funds to the best of your ability; you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with. Any home repairs now will probably be quite costly. Emphasize what you have in your life that brings you enjoyment and satisfaction.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Your intuitive hunches are right on so don't justify them away. Emotions, which have been held in check for some time, need to be unleashed now. Allow yourself to express what you feel inside, striving to maintain a sense of proportion—things aren't so bad.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Any risks concerning money this week will be well worth the effort. Is there someone trying to hold you back under the false impression that it is for your own good? It's time to make those decisions on your own. If you are being manipulated by another, it's time to go it alone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

This week your passions may get the best of you and anger your mate. If you are, at the very least, aware of this possibility, it can probably forestall any unpleasantness. If stress has gotten you down, take time for a rather childlike activity, helping you to relax.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

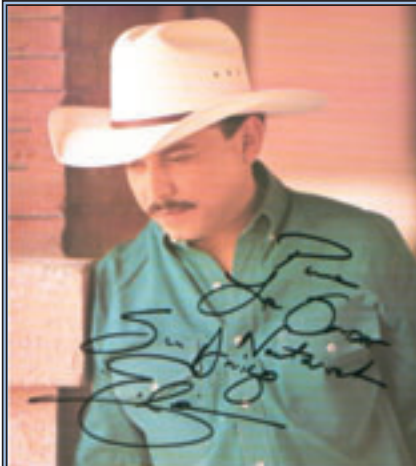
Rethink the reasons for your motivation in the workplace—you may need some alterations to previous plans. Listen to your inner voice for suggestions. Do the right thing when watching out for others, especially family members. What is it you really want out of life, and how are you going to get it?

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Someone needs to smooth out the rough patches created by an argument, and you are best suited for the job. Following the rules may make you seem cold-hearted, so have a little compassion for those around you. Don't keep any secrets if the information can be well used.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It's a good time to discuss any emotional issues with a significant other. Clear the air of any obstacles, and you may be quite surprised at how easily the conversation flows. Now that the lines of communication are open, make every effort to keep them this way.

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LA PRENSA'S CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

February 28, Benefit Dinner and Dance for *Simon Vasquez*, 5-9:00 p.m. dinner \$6. Dance, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m., \$8. Las Palmas, 3247 Stickney Ave., Toledo; Grupos Illusion and Amanda-y-Los Reyes del Ritmo de Toledo; sponsored by Rambo's Sports Bar & Grill.
 March 1, 8:00 p.m. to midnight; *St. Mary's Church* benefit dance, at Somerset Hall, 2458 Tremainsville, Toledo; featuring Grupo Autoridad de Adrian; \$12 per person in advance and \$17 at the door. Mexican food and soft drinks sold; for advance tickets call Maria Ramirez at 419-255-2429 or St. Mary's at 419-243-9213.
 March 1, *Los Cuatro Vientos* band, Las Palmas, 3247 Stickney Avenue, Toledo; 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., \$8 admission; 419-476-1363.
 March 4, *Mardi Gras Party*; benefit for the Fair Housing Center, at the Pinnacle, 1772 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee; 7:00-11:00 p.m.; cajun food, music, cash bar, auction, costume contest, and other magical surprises; \$45 per person; 419-243-6163.
 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 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, 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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Concert promoter Ralph Hauser dies at 41

WHITTIER, Calif. (AP), Feb. 19: Concert promoter Ralph Hauser III, who is credited with helping elevate the profile of Hispanic music in the United States, has died. He was 41.
 Hauser died Friday of a heart attack while playing racquetball in Whittier, said former promoter Bobby Dee.
 Hauser started working for his father's company, which promoted Mexican shows at the Pico Rivera Sports Arena. In 1985, at age 23, he started his own business, Hauser Entertainment, which introduced Mexican artists to U.S.

crowds.
 His shows featured such stars as Luis Miguel and Spanish pop diva Rocío Dúrcal. He also was the U.S. representative for some of the biggest stars such as Vicente Fernández, Juan Gabriel and Joan Sebastian.
 Hauser was able to book the acts in places such as Madison Square Garden and Universal Amphitheatre. Last year, Hauser and his associates placed No. 8 among the top 50 concert promoters ranked by Pollstar, the trade journal, based on worldwide ticket sales of more than 1.1 million. However, Hauser had some

problems with his long-time client Gabriel, who sued the promoter for fraud. The conflict grew more heated when another client, the equally popular mariachi singer Fernández, came to Hauser's defense.
 Hauser's death leaves the resolution of the lawsuit—and the future of the company—in doubt.
 Two years ago, Hauser joined forces with CIE, Latin America's leading live entertainment company, which bought a 51 percent stake in a new firm named Hauser-CIE Entertainment.

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Jéssica Santillán prior to botched operation

17-year-old immigrant dies from botched operation

DURHAM, N.C.: Jéssica Santillán, 17, a Mexican immigrant who came to the United States three years ago seeking medical treatment for a life-threatening heart condition, died Saturday after two long weeks in which she received the wrong heart and lungs in one transplant operation and then suffered brain damage and complications af-

ter a rare second one. Jéssica, whose heart had a deformity that kept her lungs from getting oxygen into her blood since birth, received a heart-lung transplant February 7, but the physician and staff failed to match her blood type (O-positive) with that of the donor (A-positive), causing immediate rejection. Speaking through an interpreter, Jéssica's mother, Magdalena Santillán, told

"Good Morning America" that Duke hospital told her they had received the same blood-type organs and that they fit exactly to her daughter's measurements.

Less than two weeks after the botched operation, a second set of organs were miraculously located and given to Jéssica, but she died due to damage done to her brain and other organs because of the period of time she was on life support.

Ms. Santillán's plight underscored a debate in medicine about the ethics of risky second-transplant operations at a time of grave shortages of human organs. It also tarnished the reputation of one of the nation's most renowned hospitals, Duke University Hospital.

The family, bitter at the hospital's acknowledged blood-type mistake in the transplant, had urged the hospital to keep her on life support until they got a second opinion. In a news conference this afternoon, Kurt Dixon, the family's lawyer, said the hospital had denied the request but the family had looked into getting one.

Duke has put steps in place

to prevent such mistakes from happening again. Among other measures, three crucial members of the transplant team — the transplant surgeon, the transplant coordinator and the doctor who harvests the organs — will confirm the blood type of the donor and recipient match.

Jéssica was born to poor laborers near Guadalupe, México, in a chile-growing town called Tamazula. At age 12 she was found to have restrictive cardiomyopathy, a condition characterized by an enlarged and weakened heart and malfunctioning lungs.

With the chance of a transplant in México virtually impossible, the family went into debt and paid a smuggler to take them through the desert to the United States and eventually to Durham, where relatives had said there were hospitals to help them.

Her immigration status played no role in placing Jéssica on the transplant list because hospitals may place non-U.S. citizens on their lists and must give them the same priority as citizens.

Unclaimed \$41,375 in bond money in TMC

There is \$41,375 in unclaimed bond money that needs to be returned to the bailors. The Clerk's office has compiled a list of those people whose bond money is eligible to be returned but has not yet been claimed from Toledo Municipal Court. The list is comprised of those individuals in a case, which has been settled prior to January 1, 2002. That list is located at the front counter of the Clerk's office.

LatinoMix radio to host fundraiser March 8

Stay tuned to LatinoMix radio this Sunday, March 2 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight, at WCWA 1230 AM. LatinoMix radio will be hosting a fundraiser for funds necessary to maintain its weekly airing. A tentative date of March 8 at The Escape, Northtown Mall, is scheduled but details will be given on March 2.

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**LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS
TOLEDO EXPRESS AIRPORT**

This contract is for all labor, material, insurance, and equipment necessary for the landscaping and irrigation improvements project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications to the Port Authority at Toledo Express Airport, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Ohio 43558.

Bids will be received at the Port Authority administrative offices at Toledo Express Airport, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Ohio 43558 until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of landscaping and irrigation improvements for the terminal parking lot and access roadway.

Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file at the office of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Toledo Express Airport, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Ohio 43558, and may be obtained during normal business hours upon a non-refundable payment of \$10.00. The plans will also be on file in the plan room of McGraw-Hill Construction-F.W. Dodge.

Proposals must be submitted on the form included in the Specifications and shall be accompanied by a certified check or an acceptable Proposal Bond with satisfactory surety specifying the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority as the obligee, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a Contract Bond, Maintenance Bond, and Certificate of Insurance.

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority intends and requires that the project be completed no later than June 1, 2003.

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The Port Authority's goal for minority participation in the project shall be eighteen percent (18%) and bidder shall provide documentation of its ability to achieve that goal, or, if the Port Authority's goal is not attainable by bidder, bidder shall provide an affidavit detailing why that goal was not attained. A bid that fails to meet this requirement will be considered non-responsive.

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Week Nights: The second Wednesday of each month beginning Wednesday, March 11th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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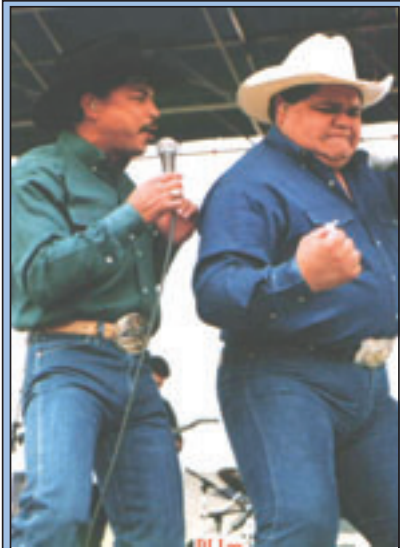
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In 2000, Emilio changed record labels and released his first CD, "El Rey Del Rodeo" on BMG U.S. Latin. In 2002 he released "Acuérdate" which contains numerous hit songs including "A Medias de La Noche." It was song #8 in last week's Tejano count down on WXTN, 107.5 FM radio in San Antonio.

• **Grupo Vida is alive**

According to Tejano columnist Ramiro Burr "GRUPO Vida lead singer Art Tigerina believes it's not enough to just play music: A band needs to entertain." And that they do. They too have a top ten hit on WXTN's weekly radio countdown.

The group was established in 1997 after backing Eddie Gonzalez for three years. Vida's hits include *Vueltas y Vueltas* and *Sin Buenas Condiciones*.

While the festival will commence at noon, an ad-

mission fee will be charged for the first time to help defray the costs of these two Texas bands. The tentative admission fee will be \$2.00 to \$5.00 per person, 12 and older, depending on the ultimate costs of the bands.

The next LatinoFest meeting will be in March. All interested parties are invited to attend. For further information, contact Consuelo Hernández (419-259-5383), Tony Rios (419-729-9915), Rico (419-870-6565), or other member of the committee.

Committee members in attendance at last meeting were: Alvina Castillo, Bob Salazar, Theresa Morris, María Trinidad, Rosa Duran, Roberto Colón, Tony Rios, Betty Rios, Arturo Ortiz, Andrea Rodríguez, Margarita De León, Consuelo Hernández, and Rico Neller.



Judi Ellis with Fair Housing Center Director, Lisa Rice, at last year's Mardi Gras

Laissez les bons temps rouler! ¡Deje que los tiempos buenos rolen! Let the good times roll!

The Fair Housing Center, a non-profit agency based in downtown Toledo, will transform the Pinnacle in Maumee into the French Quarter of New Orleans on Fat Tuesday, March 4. The Center will host a culturally diversified Mardi Gras fiesta, complete with costumes, music by the KGB, a strolling magician, festive drinks, Cajun food, and Mardi Gras beads.

This is the second year for the event, and Center officials anticipate it quickly becoming one of Toledo's most anticipated parties of the year.

"Last year we had about 400 people turn out for the event," said Michael Marsh, Director of Development and Public Relations for the Center, "and judging by the positive response, this year is bound to be bigger and better. People are really excited about the event and talking it up to their friends."

The Center began hosting fundraisers a few years ago as a way to offset cuts in government funding. "We've experienced a decline in government grants by over 50% in the last few years.

Our fund raisers are a way to help make up the difference and ensure that we can provide services for our clients," explained Marsh. Over the years, the Center has hosted auctions, awards ceremonies, and brought NAACP Chairman Julian Bond to town.

"Last year we decided it was time to have a party—something that people could really get excited about going to, and, since no one else seems to do a Mardi Gras theme party, we thought, why not?" explained Marsh.

"This is becoming our signature event, and it's a way for us to celebrate equal opportunity and recognize the many different cultures that make up not only New Orleans and Toledo, but also our great nation as a whole," he added. The event promises to be a fun filled evening with dancing to the sounds of the KGB Motown band. "In between sets we'll play New Orleans style music," he said.

A local celebrity master of ceremonies will oversee a cos-



Crystal You's travels to Costa Rica

Email from Crystal, a UT student on sabbatical in Costa Rica:

Feb. 5: Sorry I've taken so long to write, but it's my first time making it to an Internet cafe. Not everyone in the world has a computer with Internet service at home. Anyways, I'm staying with a host family that consists of: mother, father, four sisters (23, 21, and 19yr old twins), and a Chihuahua named Nesca. They are a nice family.

I started classes here for my one-month orientation. It's a pain in the butt having to use the busses here to get anywhere knowing that I have a car sitting at home, but I'm adapting. As much as I hate to say it, it's very hot here. Yes, yes, yes. I'm already a little sun burnt. This past Sunday I went to see a volcano, El Volcan Irazu. Pretty neat stuff! ¡Bueno, hasta luego Raza!

tume contest. Strolling magician Martin Jarret will do magic tricks, and guests will be encouraged to bid on items from local artists and businesses as well as national celebrities during a silent auction. "We're going to have some big ticket items from well known celebrities and sports figures," noted Mr. Marsh.

The Women of the Old West End and several other concerned citizens and organizations established the Fair Housing Center in 1975 to combat discriminatory practices in housing that were destroying Toledo's neighborhoods.

Since its inception, the Center has investigated over 7,900 allegations of housing

discrimination and recovered over \$24 million in damages for the victims.

According to Marsh, the Center provides services to a few hundred clients every year and also refers thousands of people to other agencies for assistance, when appropriate. "Sometimes we are the only place that people can turn to for help. We are grateful to the many donors and friends who make contributions and attend our events. They literally help us keep our doors open," he said.

Tickets are \$45 each and can be purchased by calling the Fair Housing Center at (419) 243-6163. The event will be held at The Pinnacle in Maumee from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4.

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