



## Question for Dems: Will Sin City set the course for 2008 pick?

By NEDRA PICKLER  
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LAS VEGAS (AP): Forget *Hillary vs. Obama*. There's another question in the Democratic presidential race: *Does what happens in Vegas really stay there, or can Sin City set the course for the nation?*

Nevada has a new prominence in deciding the party's next nominee. It will hold an early caucus Jan. 19, 2008, sandwiched between Iowa and New Hampshire. The prized position is an attempt to bring more diverse voices into determining the Democratic candidate beyond the two overwhelmingly white, rural states that have traditionally dominated the process.

The hope is that a Western state with a large population of Latinos and union workers will bring fresh issues to the debate.

"I've always felt that the system we have of choosing our president has been very cockeyed," said incoming Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the state's top Democrat. Nevada "will give the American people a better idea of what a candidate should be for and against."

That doesn't mean candidates should be for gambling and against limits on prostitution. Nevada may be famous for some of the nation's most liberal entertainment laws, but state leaders are more interested in promoting other, less sexy political concerns. Those include water rights, nuclear waste disposal, health care, education and maintaining military installations.

Local activists say they don't expect to see the candidates on the Strip, except maybe to hold fundraisers in the large meeting rooms or spend the night in the hotels. However, they can be expected to be asked where they stand on Internet gaming and betting on collegiate sports, issues important to the local economy.

"You are going to get certain questions about local issues just like you get questions in Iowa about corn subsidies," said Democrat Tony Sánchez, chairman of the committee drafting the caucus rules and overseeing its operation. "But the thought of, 'Hey, let's get a picture of you rolling the dice,' that's not going to happen."

The selection of Nevada is part of an effort to increase Democratic support in the West, once a bastion of conservatism. Democrats won several statewide elections in the West last month and the Democratic National Committee is considering holding its 2008 convention in Denver.

Reid was the driving force behind moving up Nevada's caucus and has a lot at stake in its success.

That will be a big job. Nevada had only 17 caucus sites in 2004—one per county—and just 8,500 of the state's nearly 1 million active registered voters took part. That was a huge jump from 2000, when fewer than 1,000 participated, and the increase overwhelmed the party and delayed results for hours.

This time, the party plans to have as many as 1,000 sites, Reid said.

The Nevada Democratic Party hired Jean Hessburg, the former head of the Iowa Democratic Party who helped oversee the last Iowa caucus, to run the operation and avoid some of the problems seen in 2004. She will be assisted by Iowa political veteran Jayson Sime and a trio of media consultants experienced in presidential politics—Jamal Simmons, Bill Buck, and Roger Salazar.

The question is how much time the candidates will spend in Nevada versus Iowa and New Hampshire, where they are expected to attend parties in people's homes statewide. The candidates will have an incentive to stick to the Las Vegas area because two-thirds of the voters live in Clark County. Reno also has a concentration of Democrats, but the rest of the state is sparsely populated and overwhelmingly Republican.

At stake in the Nevada Democratic caucus voting will be 22 base delegates, compared to Iowa's 39 and New Hampshire's 19.

Many Democrats considering a bid have been working Nevada. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson has visited repeatedly from his nearby home state, and John Edwards has been courting the state's labor leaders. The 2004 vice presidential nominee already has an endorsement from the Laborers' Local 872.

The labor support will be critical in Nevada because unions will be the most natural organizations to get voters to the caucus. The largest is the Culinary Workers'

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## Williams/Zogby Poll: U.S.-Americans' attitudes changing towards multiracial candidates

A new *Williams Identity Survey* conducted by *Zogby International* recently revealed U.S.-Americans changing attitudes towards multiracial candidates, including Presidential hopeful Senator Barack Obama (D-IL).

We've come a long way since NBC News correspondent Sander Vanocur coined race as the dirty little secret of U.S.-American politics, said Mark Williams, creator of the Williams Identity Survey, best-selling author of *The 10 Lenses, Your Guide to Living and Working in a Multicultural World* and the soon to be released *Fit In: The Unofficial Guide to Corporate Culture*, and founder of Identity Online, a new media company dedicated to the education, exploration and entertainment in the areas of identity and multiculturalism.

More than half (55 percent) of whites classified Obama as biracial after being told that Obamas mother is white and his Kenyan father is black. Likewise, 61 percent of Latinos also saw Obama as biracial, the Williams Identity Survey conducted by Zogby International shows. The Zogby Interactive survey polled 2,155 adults from Nov. 1-2, 2006. The poll contained a margin of error of +/- 2.2 percentage points.

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though we've come a long way, we've not completely moved beyond the *One Drop Rule*," the segregation-era notion that even a tiny percentage of non-white ancestry (one drop of non-white blood) classified a person as colored.

Obama, the son of a Kenyan father and white mother, is entering the national stage at a time when the United States is undergoing rapid demographic change. Whites, especially, seem desirous to put the nations contorted racial past behind them. Overall, the vast majority (63%) say that racial identity should not be an issue anymore—that figure grows to 70% among whites.

Obamas potential entry into Presidential politics is fortuitous, as it coincides with this changing demography, explained John Kenneth White, professor of political science at The Catholic University of America, in his analysis of the Williams Identity Survey results. To be sure, the future face of America is a blurred one whose skin tone is some form of beige. The question of racial self-identification is hardly new, as evidenced by the U.S. Census, and the implications many.

Williams says Obama's heritage offers him the rare opportunity for a perfect political trifecta: Obama is a reflection of changing U.S.-American demographics, a non-threatening, accomplished figure with broad appeal like former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and a symbol of black pride and progress, all rolled into one—if he can manage to hold together the delicate balance

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that will be required of him.

The survey raises many important questions should Obama pursue the nomination, Williams said. Will the racial perceptions of whites and Latinos change as more attention is paid to Obamas background? Look at the recent flap about his middle name, Hussein.

Williams is reminded of the November Senate race in Tennessee: Rep. Harold Ford, a well-educated, articulate young black candidate like Obama, found himself the victim of an egregious race-baiting television ad that played to racial stereotypes and tensions. "We've come a long way, but those ads remind us it is still possible for the nation to take a step backwards," he said.

The complete results of the Williams Identity Survey conducted by Zogby International, along with Whites analysis, Barack Obama and the Politics of Race, commentary on the divisive Tennessee campaign commercials and a streaming video interview conducted by Mark Williams are available on Williams blog: www.dropsybabble.com.

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## Inmigrantes quedan varados en isla al oeste de Puerto Rico

Por LAURA N. PEREZ SANCHEZ

SAN JUAN (AP): Un hombre que arribó junto con un grupo de inmigrantes dominicanos a la isla de Mona fue arrestado el sábado luego que intentara robarse una embarcación tras enterarse de que no se encontraba en la isla de Puerto Rico.

El secretario de Recursos Naturales y Ambientales (DRNA), Javier Vélez Arocho, indicó que más de 80 inmigrantes se encontraban la tarde del sábado bajo custodia de agencias gubernamentales tras intentar amotinarse armados con palos que encontraron en el lugar.

El nombre del hombre arrestado no fue dado a conocer de inmediato.

El funcionario señaló que cerca de 74 inmigrantes, entre ellos 14 mujeres, estaban en el área de visitantes de la playa La Sardinera de la pequeña isla de Mona, la cual está prácticamente desierta, pertenece al archipiélago de Puerto Rico y se encuentra en el Pasaje de la Mona, que

separa a Puerto Rico de la República Dominicana.

Según Vélez Arocho, los inmigrantes se "desesperaron" luego de enterarse que, a diferencia de lo que les dijeron los traficantes que los dejaron allí, no se encontraban en la isla de Puerto Rico, sino en medio del Pasaje de la Mona.

"Los traficantes les están diciendo que llegaron a la isla grande, y la gente está desesperada y quiere salir", indicó en entrevista con The Associated Press.

"Hubo que segregarlos en unos grupos para tranquilizarlos. Uno de los inmigrantes incitó a que trataran de tomar uno de los botes cuando se les dijo que estaban a unas 50 millas de Puerto Rico", agregó.

Las autoridades temen que el resto del grupo, entre ellos una persona armada, se haya internado en el monte de la pequeña isla, una zona en la que en el pasado varios excursionistas han muerto, ya que se caracteriza por tener un clima caluroso y sin zonas para abastecerse de agua y alimentos.

El grupo arribó a la isla de Mona el viernes en la tarde y aún permanecía allí la tarde del sábado, ya que la Guardia Costera no pudo trasladarlos hasta Puerto Rico debido a lo encrespado del mar.

El secretario del DRNA indicó que realizó una conferencia telefónica con el superintendente de la policía, Pedro Toledo; el agente encargado de la Patrulla Fronteriza, Carlos Marrero, y con el asesor en seguridad pública del gobernador, Nelson Espinell, para delimitar un plan y controlar la situación y trasladar a los inmigrantes a Puerto Rico.

Tras la comunicación con los jefes de seguridad, se decidió enviar un helicóptero de la Agencia de Inmigración y Aduanas estadounidense, con varios agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza, que llevaría provisiones para los inmigrantes varados, así como paramédicos que atenderían a varios inmigrantes que sufrieron quemaduras durante el viaje.

## Vilsack criticizes fed Swift raid, offers help to affected families

By NAFEESA SYEED

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MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, Dec. 20, 2006 (AP): Gov. Tom Vilsack on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> criticized how federal immigration agents handled a recent raid at a meatpacking plant here and said the operation is indicative of the country's need for serious immigration reform.

In a meeting with Marshalltown community leaders, Vilsack said state agencies such as the Department of Human Services would provide assistance to affected families, especially children who do not know where their parents were taken.

Federal authorities detained about 90 workers Dec. 12, 2006, from the Swift & Co. plant here as part of a national sweep, with many workers being deported to México or transferred to other states for further processing.

Vilsack said he will try to enlist the help of President George W. Bush, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, and Iowa lawmakers to locate the detainees and alert their families of their whereabouts.

Armando Villareal, the administrator of the state's

Division of Latino Affairs, said some of the workers signed deportation documents under pressure because they were told they would be criminally charged if they failed to comply.

"They're gone and we don't know if they're still in this country," said Villareal, who attended the meeting.

The raid was part of a larger sweep in which about 1,300 undocumented immigrants were detained at Swift plants in Hyrum, Utah; Worthington, Minn.; Cactus, Texas, Grand Island, Neb., and Greeley, Colo.

The sweep temporarily halted operations at those plants and prompted backlash from human rights groups after federal officials initially barred some families from speaking with the workers.

The workers nabbed at the Marshalltown plant were processed at the Camp Dodge military facility in Johnston. Some were deported to México, while others could possibly have been transferred to various states, including Georgia, Vilsack said.

Vilsack and Iowa National Guard Maj. Gen. Ron Dardis sent a letter to Chertoff

on Tuesday, saying federal authorities interfered with the state's ability to handle the humanitarian consequences of the raid by not involving local agencies.

In the letter, they said the Iowa National Guard will now require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to notify the governor's office and law enforcement personnel of any similar operations before they occur. In addition, they said better preparations must be made if ICE is to receive permission again to use military facilities for future operations.

Vilsack noted that these provisions will be enforced until he receives a response from Chertoff.

Rep. Mark Smith, D-Marshalltown, Mayor Gene Beach, school officials and union and church leaders attended the closed meeting Tuesday night with Vilsack.

Vilsack stopped short of calling for a moratorium on the immigration policies but said he'd like to see action from the federal government.

"It is long overdue that we have a system in this country that will allow individuals the opportunity to obtain legal status in this country," he said.

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## Granholm signs legislation changing welfare system, allowing Tasers

LANSING, Dec. 20 (AP): Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced the signing of several bills Wednesday, including those that spark changes to the state's welfare system. Granholm was expected to approve the legislation, crafted as part of an agreement with leaders in the state Legislature last week.

The new laws will limit Michigan welfare recipients to four years of cash assistance, with several exceptions, starting in October 2007.

Several exceptions are built into the legislation to make sure that people aren't arbitrarily kicked off welfare. The Department of Human Services can create rules letting people with "extenuating circumstances" stay on welfare beyond four years.

The measure also sets up penalties for recipients who don't comply with work or educational requirements. Recipients could apply for a fifth year of cash assistance if they haven't been sanctioned and the job market is down.

The laws expire in 2011, meaning the Legislature will need to renew them before anyone is actually kicked off welfare.

Also Wednesday, Granholm signed a bill letting city detention facilities and some private security officers use Tasers, or stun guns. Police officers and others in law enforcement have been able to carry the weapons since 2002.

The devices temporarily disable people with elec-



Jennifer Granholm

tric shocks and are billed as a safer way to subdue combative suspects. But critics have questioned exempting more people from a state ban against Tasers, citing Taser-related deaths around the country.

The welfare bills are Senate Bills 1500-01 and House Bills 6580 and 6587. The Taser bill is HB 5435. On the Net: Michigan Legislature: [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)

## Michigan unemployment stays at 6.9 percent in November

LANSING (AP): Michigan's unemployment rate stayed at 6.9 percent in November, officials said Dec. 20.

The latest seasonally adjusted rate was the same at October's rate and remained among the country's highest. The national jobless rate was 4.5 percent last month.

Rick Waclawek, director of the state's Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, said Michigan's labor market has been steady lately. The state's jobless rate has been near the 7 percent mark since July.

The number of pay-

roll jobs and the unemployment rate have changed little since the summer despite weakness in the manufacturing and retail sectors, Waclawek said.

The state's jobless rate last month was higher than in November 2005, when the rate was 6.5 percent.

Michigan had an estimated 27,000 fewer total nonfarm payroll jobs than a year ago. The state had lost 40,000 manufacturing jobs in that time, along with 16,000 retail trade jobs.

Hiring in other sectors of the economy, however, has picked up some of the slack.

The state reports about

16,000 jobs had been gained in professional and business services in the past year. About 9,000 jobs have been added in education and health services, and 5,000 jobs have been added in leisure and hospitality services.

Employment in other job categories have remained relatively stable.

Michigan had the highest jobless rate in the nation in October. Mississippi had the second-highest rate at 6.7 percent, followed by South Carolina at 6.6 percent.

On the Net: Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth: <http://www.michigan.gov/dleg>

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## Reyna, Del Carmen, Durón-Willner reappointed to COSSA

LANSING: Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced last week the following reappointments to Michigan's Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs (COSSA):

José L.R. Reyna of Grand Rapids, assistant to the city manager in the city of Grand Rapids. Mr. Reyna is reappointed to represent the general public for a term expiring December 10, 2009.

Dr. María Del Carmen Soto of Jackson, physician with the Michigan Family Practice of Jackson. Dr. Soto is reappointed to represent the general public for a term expiring December 10, 2009.

Danette R. Durón-Willner of Wixom, corporate manager of EEO



José L.R. Reyna



Danette R. Durón-Willner

bers from around the state appointed by the governor, who are of Latino descent and are Spanish-speaking. These reappointments are subject to Article V, Section 6 of the Michigan State Constitution of 1963. The reappointments stand confirmed unless disapproved by the Senate within 60 days.

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President Bill Clinton made many friends here with his 2000 veto of a bill that would have sent nuclear waste to Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

One of Bill Clinton's fans is Billy Vassiliadis, who created Las Vegas' successful "What happens here, stays here" marketing campaign and a slick brochure and video that helped convince Democrats to bless Nevada's early caucus.

"There is not a favored son or daughter," she said.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack stopped in Las Vegas on his presidential campaign announcement tour and Edwards plans to include it on his later this month. Sens. Joe Biden of Delaware, John Kerry of Massachusetts and Chris Dodd of Connecticut have also made trips in recent months.

Two top-tier contenders who have not announced—Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois—have not visited since Nevada moved up its date.

It's too early to gauge what kind of appeal they would have in the swing state, although former

things here all the time and they have to ask me for things," he said in a recent interview.

He said he will ask the gambling industry to support the caucus effort.

"I hope they step up and help with funding some of the things that need to be funded in this new environment we have there," Reid said. "And I'm confident they'll do that."

Reid rejects suggestions that associations with legalized gambling could hurt presidential candidates, noting that numerous states have it.

Frank Schreck, an attorney who has worked for gambling clients and was a chief fundraiser for Bill Clinton, said the industry is sensitive to appearances for politicians but will want to know where they stand on issues important to them.

"It's in private conversations because you don't want to embarrass anybody," Schreck said.

On the Net: Nevada Democratic Party: [www.nvdemocrats.com](http://www.nvdemocrats.com)

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## EEUU: Inmigración nuevamente sobre el tapete en 2007

Por NESTOR IKEDA

WASHINGTON (AP): Más de 10 millones de inmigrantes indocumentados en Estados Unidos se quedaron esperando una reforma migratoria en 2006 pese a marchas multitudinarias sin precedentes. Ahora que el Congreso tiene mayoría demócrata, ¿se justifica una nueva esperanza para el cambio?

Todo depende de quién estará hablando.

El Partido Demócrata, que controlará el Congreso, se está tomando su tiempo para abordar el tema de la inmigración.

El presidente George W. Bush, protagonista clave del debate, aún no ha fijado su posición para el futuro.

Los grupos contrarios a la inmigración ilegal prometen mantener sus campañas tendientes a impedir reformas favorables a los indocumentados.

Aun así, las organizaciones de derechos de los inmigrantes creen que 2007 será el año decisivo.

La inmigración no ha sido el motivo principal para votar contra los republicanos de Bush en las elecciones de noviembre. Pero, el descontento de los votantes hispanos, precedido de la movilización de millones en toda la nación, ha sido clave para la victoria demócrata.

El 81% de los electores hispanos apoyó a candidatos demócratas en todos los niveles: federal, estatal y local.

La cifra contrasta con el apoyo del 60% que dieron a los republicanos en las elecciones de medio término

de 2002 y luego en la reelección de Bush en 2004.

Candidatos triunfantes como el senador Robert Menéndez, cuya elección al Senado por Nueva Jersey fue una de las más importantes victorias entre los hispanos, describieron los resultados como "un voto por el cambio".

Bush sintió el golpe y movió influencias para que un hispano, el senador Mel Martínez, su ex secretario de Vivienda, fuese nombrado presidente del Partido Republicano, por primera vez en la historia de esa colectividad.

Martínez, senador de origen cubano por la Florida, es el tercer integrante hispano del Senado, donde también están Menéndez y otro demócrata, Ken Salazar, de Colorado. Es la primera vez en la historia estadounidense en que tres hispanos tienen asientos en la cámara alta en un mismo período legislativo.

Si bien no hubo cambios entre hispanos en la Cámara de Representantes, al mantenerse el número en 23, los republicanos han perdido uno para quedar en tres. Los demócratas sumaron uno y tienen 20.

Los optimistas esperarán que, como abanderado republicano, Martínez mantendrá su oposición al proyecto de la cámara baja según el cual la inmigración ilegal se combatirá solamente con más acción policial.

A su vez, seguirá coincidiendo con Bush en que la amnistía no es parte de la solución y en que es



hora de aprobar un programa de "trabajadores invitados", pero sin abrirles posibilidad de residencia.

También en 2007 los senadores Ted Kennedy, demócrata, y John McCain, republicano, deberían reactivar su proyecto, que abre el camino de la residencia legal a los indocumentados que lleven al menos cinco años viviendo en los Estados Unidos.

Kennedy, sin embargo, no se ha mostrado optimista de que el Congreso lo incluyera en agenda cuando menos en los meses inmediatos a su instalación.

El presidente mexicano Vicente Fox expresó abiertamente sus simpatías por el proyecto Kennedy-McCain hasta dejar el cargo a Felipe Calderón en diciembre. Pero Calderón, aun siendo del mismo partido, ha tomado distancia de la agenda de Fox en

cuanto a hacer de la inmigración el tópico más importante de sus relaciones con Estados Unidos.

La idea de Calderón es preparar condiciones en México para que el capital estadounidense, que miles de sus compatriotas buscan cruzando ilegalmente la frontera, vaya más bien a México para generar buenos empleos y evitar así la separación familiar.

Esto no significa, sin embargo, la desaparición mexicana del debate estadounidense.

Lo que se verá en 2007 serán emisarios de Calderón ya no contactando a Bush

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## NDA brings "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" to Appalachia

By Notre Dame Academy senior, Noelle Spitzer

Notre Dame Academy young ladies packed their bags and headed south for the annual Appalachia service trip. Girls of all age groups were in attendance for the weekend sojourn that took place Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

"We travel to Harlen, Kentucky every year because in earlier years a Sisters of Notre Dame province house was located in the region. It was convenient for us to help down there since we had contacts.

"Our previous house is no longer located there, but we still go to Harlan since we feel we have a connection," said NDA theology teacher Sr. Sally Bohnett, who has participated on the trip for a few years.

Parent volunteers drove the girls the necessary eight hours to Harlan, which is a town in the Appalachia region of the United States.

During the weekend stay, the girls set up a Christmas store in which the various families living in the town could go and 'buy' presents for their children. "The Christmas store is set up so that the parents can go in and pick out presents for their

children, free of charge. The presents are donated by the NDA students, faculty and staff," senior Anni McCarthy said.

The girls and other volunteers stayed in the local church, Holy Trinity; this is where the toy store and Christmas party took place.

As well as setting up the Christmas store, NDA students prepared a Christmas dinner and party for the families. Music was played and the festivities lasted well into the evening.

"We cooked them a simple meal. After the meal, we attended a prayer service, where we were able to hear some of these people's stories. Hearing these stories really gave me an appreciation for what I have," McCarthy said.

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## Christmas trees and spirit yield over \$17,000 for Kaylee

In the Nov. 29, 2006 issue of *La Prensa*, an article appeared titled "Buy a Christmas tree to help sweet Kaylee, born with rare, fatal disease."

By buying a Christmas tree, it was reported, "you can help a Toledo-area girl with *progeria*, a fatal disease that causes accelerated aging in children. Afflicted Kaylee Halko is 3 years old and lives in Monclova, Ohio."

The Whitehouse Tree Farm and the Wheeler Family, based in Whitehouse, Ohio, pledged to donate 5 dollars to the *Progeria Research Foundation*, for every tree sold at the Christmas tree farm on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They extended that time period.

Since then, according to the Wheeler Family, over \$17,000 was raised by their sale of trees and also at a recent fundraiser.

The Progeria Research Foundation is in the midst of a campaign to raise 2 million dollars for a drug trial on a potential drug treatment that doctors hope will help Kaylee and other progeria kids. Progeria is extremely rare, affecting only about a dozen children in the entire country. The children age 8 to 10 times faster than normal, and live on average until they're 13-years-old, but this new drug may help slow the aging process.

You can still make a donation to the Progeria Research Foundation in Kaylee's name at any Fifth Third Bank branch. See [www.whitehousetreefarm.com](http://www.whitehousetreefarm.com) for details.

## Nine years of nursing trees yields family's college funds

By WENDY TORELLO  
*Times Herald (Port Huron)*

YALE, Mich. (AP): For as long as Bethany Shephard can remember, the Shephard family always traveled to a tree farm the day after Thanksgiving to pick out their Christmas tree. This year, the family started selling them from their own back yard.

"We started with 2,000 trees, and after last weekend I think we need to plant a lot more," Ed Shephard said about *Country Christmas Tree Farm and Gifts*.

Nine years ago, Ed and Theresa, with the help of a family friend, planted a few Christmas trees on the bare 20 acres surrounding their home east of Yale. They hoped their efforts would help finance college educations for daughters Bethany, 19, and Andrea, 16.

"Since the beginning, we were out there right behind them stomping the trees in the ground," Bethany Shephard said. "A couple years ago we got to run the planter—that was a big step up," she said.

The trees don't grow on their own. Each year Andrea Shephard has spent her summers mowing between the trees to keep the weeds down. The trees also have to be shaped a couple times each year to keep them looking good.

"It's really enjoyable to go out there and shape the trees," Ed Shephard said. "It's quiet."

These days the girls can be found working weekends running the Country Christmas store while Ed Shephard and his brother, Dale, shake and bag trees for customers while Theresa Shephard works on handmade wreaths.

"It was a lot of work but it was fun," Ed Shephard said. "I'm having a blast."



On Tuesday, December 19th, 2006, Toledo Public Schools presented their annual *Silver Slate Awards*. The awards are given to community members or organizations that have donated time and effort to the students attending Toledo Public Schools.

The awards were presented at the monthly Board of Education meeting. Among the recipients was Joe Limón of Warren, Michigan. Joe was raised in Rossford, Ohio. He is now an employee of GM Portfolio Design Center in Warren.

Working with José Luna, Bilingual Education Coordinator for TPS, Limón has been sponsoring annual trips to the Portfolio Design Center. There, students shadow Latino professionals and tradespeople to learn what goes into the development of new vehicle innovations.

The career event has been a smashing success year after year. This will be the tenth year for the event. According to Luna, "We at Toledo Public Schools extend our gratitude to Joe for his compassion for TPS youth."

In the picture is Joe Limón with his mother Antonia Limón.



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## Terra scholarship program evolves for 2007-2008

Fremont: The recently revamped scholarship program at Terra Community College truly has something for every type of student – from a high school senior looking to start college to a 40-something who started years ago but never finished.

Never before has financial aid been more important. In *Measuring Up 2006*, a report issued recently by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, Ohio received an F in college affordability.

"First of all, Terra is one of the most affordable options a student has," said Dale Stearns, Dean of Student Development and Registrar. "Increasing the availability of scholarships makes it even more affordable."

The new scholarship program for 2007-2008 has several tiers.

The first tier includes merit-based scholarships for 2007 high school graduates:

• **"Great Start"** Merit Scholarships – For news students and 2007 high school graduates who achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average their junior and senior years and plan to attend Terra full time. There will be 20 awards of \$1,500 each.

• **Vanguard-Sentinel Career Centers Awards** – An

outstanding senior in each career program at the career centers will receive a \$500 scholarship.

• **Tech Prep Awards** – An outstanding senior in each Tech Prep program in the local consortium will receive a \$500 scholarship.

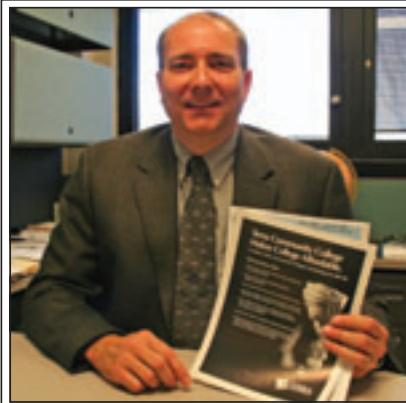
The second group of scholarships includes awards for the non-traditional student and they are need-based.

• **"Jump Start"** Need Scholarships – New students who graduate from the Gateway program or new students who have been away from school for at least three years may apply. Full-time or part-time enrollment plans will be considered. Unmet financial need is the primary selection factor. There will be 20 awards of \$1,000 each.

• **"Second Chance"** Need Scholarships – Returning students who have been away from Terra for at least three years after an unsuccessful enrollment experience and aren't academically eligible for federal student aid may apply. Full- or part-time students will be considered.

There will be 10 awards of \$500 each, given on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are also many other Terra College Foundation scholarships that are available as in years past. They



Dale Stearns, Dean of Student Development and Registrar, displays a few of the scholarship forms.

range from memorial scholarships to those offered by civic or professional organizations.

And nursing students who live in Sandusky or Wyandot counties are eligible for the William Olpp Family Trust Scholarships. There may be up to 18 awards of \$1,000 each.

Application forms for 2007-2008 scholarships are now available in the Financial Aid Office, second floor of Roy Klay Hall (Building A).

Besides filling out the scholarship form, the applicant must be accepted for admission to Terra if he is not already a student, have an

official high school transcript sent to the college's Student Records Office and apply for student aid by completing the 2007-08 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application deadline for the Terra scholarships is **May 1, 2007**. All required materials must be received by that time. Based on remaining funds, there may be a second round of awards. The deadline for the second round is Aug. 1, 2007.

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## NAVIDAD MIDWEST STYLE: Family maintains Mexican Christmas tradition

By GLORIA CARR  
*The (Elgin) Courier-News*

CARPENTERSVILLE, Ill. (AP): Three-year-old Isabella Dominguez's favorite is the porcelain Baby Jesus dressed in a white and blue satin jumper, lying in a manger. But the Baby Jesus is a family heirloom that belonged to her great-grandmother, Basilia Rangel Leon.

So Isabella's grandmother, Vicki Leon, lets the youngster cradle a plastic Baby Jesus instead while the family decorates its elaborate *nacimiento*, or nativity scene, in preparation of "Las Posadas."

Las Posadas is a Central and South American tradition commemorating how the Holy family sought shelter at various inns for the night just before Jesus was born. Translated, "posada" means "inn."

Las Posadas began on Dec. 16 and lasted nine days. In Mexico, the procession is led by a young girl portraying the Virgin Mary and a young man portraying Joseph, followed by children playing angels, the three kings and

shepherds. The procession stops at homes, where songs are sung asking the homeowner for shelter, re-enacting the nativity scene. Afterward, party is held where children break piñatas and food is served.

Vicki Leon grew up with the tradition in Mexico. When she moved to the United States at age 10, her family stopped celebrating Las Posadas. Fifteen years ago, she decided to start the tradition with her own children—Lila, now 23 and Joey, 17. Her youngest son, Noel, was born a year later.

"The whole idea was to get them involved in other things rather than Christmas being about the presents," said Vicki.

In Mexico, Christmas is about the Baby Jesus, she said. Families come together to pray and go to church. Presents are not given until after a rosary is said in honor of Baby Jesus. A central part of the celebration is the *nacimiento*. It is similar to a snow village, but with a religious focal point.

The *nacimiento* is built in tiers and landscaped to represent a barn or shelter. Figurines are added to represent the three wise men, shepherds and the Baby Jesus. This typically is the major Christmas decoration.

The Leon family's *nacimiento* is unique because it chronicles biblical stories from the beginning of time to Christ's crucifixion. Every year, Vicki had the children pick out a story then recreate it for the *nacimiento*.

Lila, now the mother of two, said she always liked reading the stories. Figuring out how to re-create each often became a project lasting weeks, yet she still enjoyed it, she said.

One problem was figuring out where to get a devil figurine, because the *nacimiento* reflects good and evil. She decided to spray paint one of her brothers' action figures red; it remains a part of the *nacimiento*.

Vicki has about 1,500 figurines. She searches through catalogues, Christian stores and other stores throughout the year for things to add or replace on the display.

A hand-painted canvas depicting the desert and palm trees came from a trip to Mexico. She also found tents on a separate trip. The sand was locally made.

Her husband, Jose, begins building the foundation in mid-November. The family spends five hours a day for 10 days putting up the *nacimiento*. Vicki said it grows every year as the family adds new stories. This year, she added the crucifixion.

The first display is of the Earth shrouded by a black and red cloth representing flames.

"It's all the little details," that take time but add character to the *nacimiento*, Lila said.

Her mother orchestrates how the display will be done, but she is open to ideas, Lila said. It is a tradition she hopes to pass onto her own children, who have now begun to help.

**Editor's Note:** Another important religious holiday celebration will be coming in January, 2007—*El Dia de los 3 Reyes*/Three Kings Day.

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I was Mexica today  
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exchanged glances and smiles  
we were for one moment akin

My heart beat Mexica today  
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of my beautiful and Indigenous people

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## United Auto Workers faces tough year with plant closures

By TOM KRISHER  
*AP Business Writer*

DETROIT (AP): At United Auto Workers Local 919 in Norfolk, Virginia, the good times are not far back in President Chris Kimmons' memory.

Just a year ago, about 2,300 of his union brothers and sisters were cranking out the F-150 pickup, U.S.-America's top-selling vehicle, at a Ford Motor Co. factory.

Now the 2.6 million-square-foot (234,000-square-meter) plant is scheduled to close, and Kimmons worries that his local will have so few members that it will have to shut its doors.

"Things don't look too hot," said Kimmons, who like many of the plant's workers, is taking a buyout package from Ford as the struggling company tries to shrink itself to meet lower demand for its vehicles.

For 919 and many other UAW locals, 2006 brought horrible news as the domestic Big Three announced plant closures and production cuts as high gas prices sent consumers away from their trucks and sport utility vehicles. The cuts rippled through the auto parts business, bringing bankruptcy protection filings and more cuts and plant closures.

To many industry observers, the troubles are likely to continue next year for the union known formally as the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America.

"I can't think of how it could be worse for them," said Sean McAlinden, chief economist with the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor. "The employment situation for the Big Three is terrible."

Job cuts at Ford, General Motors Corp. and their former parts operations, Visteon Corp. and Delphi Corp., are starting to kick in and are likely to knock UAW's membership below 500,000—if it isn't there already.

The union, whose representatives declined to be interviewed for this story, will say only that it had an average of 598,000 members in 2005, and that the number will decline in 2006. Whatever the num-

ber is, it is down from a peak of 1.5 million in 1979.

At Ford, 38,000 UAW members signed up for buyouts or early retirement plans last month, about half the company's blue-collar work force. About 8,000 more took similar deals at selected plants earlier this year. The company plans to shutter 16 plants through 2008.

Ford also said it plans to sell or close 11 former Visteon plants, and that could idle thousands more UAW members.

At GM, about 34,400 have agreed to leave under similar plans, and another 13,800 Delphi workers have left or will leave the company as well. GM's restructuring plan calls for closing 12 plants by 2008.

Not including smaller pliers, upward of 95,000 UAW members could leave their employers—and active union membership—in the coming months, although some could be replaced by temporary workers.

Add to that demands for concessions from the Big Three in next year's contract talks, and 2007 looks bleak for the union, said Gary Chaison, professor of labor relations at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. "I see the Big Three automakers and the UAW on a collision path," Chaison said. "I see the 2007 negotiations as probably being the most decisive ones in the industry so far in pretty much determining what kind of a union the UAW is going to be."

Chaison stopped short of predicting a strike, but said UAW President Ron Gettelfinger has the toughest job in labor, caught between a necessity to help struggling companies and a work force that is leery of giving up wages and benefits.

"They've spoiled this baby-boom generation of workers," said McAlinden. "They can't tell them straight to their face what's going on."

Chaison said most UAW members know they will have to make concessions.

"But on the other hand, they also suspect that no matter how much they do, it'll never be enough," he said.

The union's troubles also can be traced to recruiting, Chaison said. Workers at U.S. plants run by Asian and European automakers have rebounded organization attempts, and the UAW hasn't had much success signing up workers in growth areas such

as education and health care.

"They're really not making the significant inroads in there just to offset the buyouts. They would have to organize 60,000 or 70,000 workers in a very short time. Then they know there will be additional plant closures," Chaison said.

At its international convention earlier this year, UAW delegates decided to take \$60 million (euro46 million) from the union's \$914 million (euro698 million) strike fund to spend on recruiting new members. They also authorized removing another \$50 million (euro38 million) to pay for operating expenses.

The UAW itself will have to downsize because of its smaller membership, cutting the number of regional offices and representatives to reduce expenses, McAlinden said.

"There is a path to being a smaller, richer union in here somewhere," he said.

In the upcoming contract talks, auto companies will seek to match lower wages and benefits at Toyota Motor Corp. and other nonunion competitors, McAlinden said. The UAW, he said, will have to take lower pay and benefits for new hires.

"They've got to match those labor costs, or it's lights out," he said.

Despite doom and gloom and the specter of more plant closures, some local union members see cause for optimism. At a Delphi plant in Flint, Russ Reynolds, president of Local 651, hopes the newly elected Democratic Congress will pass more labor-friendly legislation that protects U.S. jobs.

"Maybe we'll get some fair trade rather than just free trade," said Jim Hurren, president of Local 467 at a Delphi Corp. plant near Saginaw, Michigan.

Kimmons, too, is hopeful that Democrats will come to labor's rescue. But he knows it is probably too late to save the Virginia plant, which is slated to close in the third quarter of next year. Between now and then, he'll spend time trying to recruit new members at other employers, trying to replace those who will leave the Ford plant.

"It's sad times over there," he said.

On the Net: United Auto Workers: <http://www.uaw.org>

## FIFA sanciona al Alianza por caso de colombiano

SAN SALVADOR (AP): El club salvadoreño Alianza anunció que apelará un fallo de la FIFA, que le ordena pagarle 22.500 dólares al mediocampista colombiano John Marulanda por incumplimiento de contrato.

La FIFA también decretó que Alianza no podrá realizar nuevas contrataciones durante el 2007.

"Vamos a presentar una apelación, estamos preparándola", declaró el jueves en entrevista

telefónica a la AP el representante del Alianza, Mauro Bernal.

Explicó que la nueva junta directiva, que asumió en julio del 2005, no recibió de parte de los antiguos representantes la documentación del plantel, entre ellos Marulanda.

La nueva directiva asumió en julio del 2005 y el volante no formó parte del equipo.

Seis meses antes Marulanda llegó al país fichado por la ex directiva y su contrato finalizaba en



diciembre de este año.

"Tenemos hasta el 2 de enero para presentar el escrito de apelación y luego 10 días más para presentar un escrito con argumentación y con pruebas", dijo Bernal.

Alianza, con sede en la capital, es uno de los equipos populares del fútbol salvadoreño.

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Zapata is the president of the Liga de las Américas de Michigan y Ohio.

## Francisco Palencia regresa a México

MEXICO (AP): El delantero Francisco Palencia dijo el jueves que regresará a jugar a México y que una de sus opciones son los Pumas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

"Es un equipo en el que no he tenido la fortuna de jugar, pero he jugado contra ellos, en el estadio hay gran ambiente, sé que el grupo es bueno, están bien dirigidos", dijo el atacante de 33 años de edad a la estación de radio Estadio W. "Es una opción que me pondría muy contento si se llega a concretar".

Palencia, quien ha jugado con Cruz Azul, Espanyol de Barcelona y Guadalajara, viene de pasar año y medio vistiendo los colores de las Chivas USA, de la MLS estadounidense.

"La verdad es que Pumas es una institución de mucha jerarquía a nivel nacional e internacional, porque fue al (estadio Santiago) Bernabéu y ganó, ha estado en Libertadores, es un equipo triunfador", agregó el atacante, quien dijo tener otras tres opciones en el país azteca, pero descartó que haya interés de alguno de sus ex equipos. "Mañana a esta hora estaré dando una solución".

Palencia viene de una temporada en la MLS en la que apareció en 23 juegos, 22 de ellos como titular, en los que marcó cuatro

anotaciones.

Otro de los equipos interesados en contratar sus servicios son los Rayos del Necaxa, quienes ahora son dirigidos por José Luis Trejo, entrenador con el que Palencia jugó una final de la Copa Libertadores cuando ambos estaban con el Cruz Azul.

"Estoy en medio de una mudaza, voy a mandarla para México, todavía no tengo definida la ciudad, pero en eso estoy. La verdad sí tengo ofertas pero creo que mañana defino mi futuro", concluyó el jugador.

**López con un pie afuera en el América**

(AP): El delantero argentino Claudio López tendría las dígas contadas con el América, según versiones en la prensa mexicana.

La salida del "Piojo" López no sería la única en el plantel del club, ya que se menciona también la partida de su emblemático atacante Cuauhtémoc Blanco, así como la del paraguayo Nelson Cuevas.

López, quien llegó a México para el torneo Apertura 2004, ha conseguido 27 goles en desde entonces.

Pero anotó apenas cuatro en el último Apertura 2006, en el que las Aguilas fracasaron en la liguilla al perder en semifinales ante el Guadalajara. López tampoco se lució en el mundial de clubes de Japón, donde



terminaron en el cuarto lugar.

El diario deportivo Récord informó que el entrenador del equipo Luis Fernando Tena está desilusionado con la baja de juego del argentino, ex astro en el Valencia de España y la Lazí de Italia.

"López acompaña a Nelson Cuevas en la lista de transferibles que las Aguilas anunciarán el fin de semana, y aunque el cartel del 'Piojo' lo respalda, podría abandonar el fútbol mexicano pues no hay ofertas interesantes por sus servicios", indicó Récord.

La directiva del América fijó como fecha límite el 23 de diciembre para dar a conocer su lista de transferibles, pero es posible que se den a conocer antes.

Otro jugador que se rumoraba podría salir es el "Temo" Blanco, molesto porque Tena lo usa más como jugador de relevo.

Si embargo, Tena ha reiterado que Blanco es "patrimonio del América" y que no saldrá del equipo.

Incluso la noche del miércoles, la empresa Televisa, dueña de las Aguilas, confirmó que Blanco se quedará con los azulcremas al menos un torneo más.

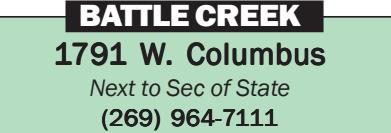
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## Carla's Corner: 2006, un año sin precedentes para el cine iberoamericano

Por SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS

(AP): Nunca figuraron tantos artistas iberoamericanos del séptimo arte en la escena cinematográfica internacional como en el 2006. En festivales, premiaciones, reseñas y predicciones al Oscar, títulos como "Volver", "Babel", "El laberinto del Fauno" y más recientemente "Children of Men" han estado resonando más allá del continente.

En Cannes, por ejemplo, "El laberinto del Fauno" recibió una ovación de pie de 22 minutos, Pedro Almodóvar obtuvo el premio al mejor guión y Penélope Cruz y sus compañeras de reparto Carmen Maura, Yohana Cobo y Lola Dueñas compartieron el premio a la mejor actriz. Y en India, "Volver" inauguró el 37. Festival Fílmico Internacional y "Babel" se encargó de cerrarlo.

Por si fuera poco "Babel" encabezó esta semana con siete las nominaciones al Globo de Oro, incluyendo a mejor película, mejor director, mejor banda sonora, mejor guión y mejores actuaciones de reparto para tres de sus protagonistas; y la estrella de "Volver" Penélope Cruz figuró entre las candidatas a mejor actriz.

Los críticos suelen formular sus pronósticos del Oscar según los ganadores de Globos de Oro, que en esta ocasión se anunciarán el 15 de enero, ocho días antes de las postulaciones a los premios de la Academia.

"Algo fantástico ha sucedido en el último año", declaró entusiasmado Alfonso Cuarón en una visita reciente a la AP. "Cuando llegué (a Hollywood) nadie tomaba en serio a un mexicano como ahora".

Y este año son tres directores mexicanos y un veterano español quienes más han dado de qué



Carla Soto

hablar: Cuarón, Alejandro González Iñárritu y Guillermo del Toro, el trío que reanimó la industria del cine mexicano en la última década; y Almodóvar, quien tras una sólida carrera que incluye dos premios de la Academia presentó lo que muchos consideran su obra maestra, "Volver".

Cuarón, quien alcanzó la fama internacional con "Y tu mamá también" y mantiene una estrecha relación con sus compatriotas, dijo considerar tanto su filme "Children of Men", como "Babel" de González Iñárritu y "El laberinto del Fauno" de del Toro como "mi propia trilogía" porque los tres "metemos el tenedor en la ensalada del otro".

Protagonizada por Clive Owen, Julianne Moore y Michael Caine, "Children of Men" se ubica en el año 2027, cuando una plaga de infertilidad ha azotado al mundo entero y una mujer embarazada es la esperanza para salvar a la humanidad.

Aunque futurista, Cuarón ha dicho que su trabajo está lejos de ser de ciencia ficción, pues la decadencia que retrata es una amenaza real que puede apreciarse en todo el planeta.

Por su parte, "El laberinto del Fauno" es un desgarrador cuento de hadas para adultos sobre una niña que viaja con su madre y su temible

padrastro al norte de España en 1944, tras la victoria de Franco, y se refugia del dolor y la crueldad que la rodean en un fantástico mundo imaginario. Con majestuosos escenarios, personajes de fantasía y efectos especiales, la obra costó 18 millones de dólares (ni siquiera el salario de una gran actriz en la meca del cine).

"Hermosa y excitante", declaró el reconocido crítico estadounidense Robert Ebert. "Asombrosa y cautivadora", opinó René Rodríguez, del Miami Herald. "Sin duda alguna la obra maestra de del Toro", sentenció Alan Jones, de la revista especializada Fangoria.

Al igual que "Volver", el filme es completamente en español, y ambos se medirán por el Globo de Oro a la mejor película de lengua extranjera.

"Creo que cuando empezamos era difícil hacer cine de resonancia internacional", dijo del Toro a la AP en Nueva York.

"Primero fue Alfonso y conmigo se quebraron algunas barreras en festivales: 'Cronos' ganó en Cannes y unos años después ganó 'Amores perros'" de González Iñárritu, explicó. "Cuando llegamos fue difícil, (pero) poco a poco fuimos rompiendo esa resistencia".

Para González Iñárritu, "Babel" engloba "un sentimiento de humanidad" que trasciende todo tipo de divisiones.

Escrita por su compatriota Guillermo Arriaga y rodada en distintos escenarios de África, Japón, Estados Unidos y México, la cinta relata la historia de cuatro familias unidas por una serie de eventos trágicos.

Y aunque los realizadores ya habían usado la fórmula en "Amores perros" y "21



Clive Owen de Children of Men

gramos", "Babel" es sin duda su proyecto más ambicioso hasta el momento, pues los personajes que entrelaza son de distintas culturas, idiomas y puntos geográficos, y entre los temas que aborda están la inmigración y el terrorismo.

Estelarizada por Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett, Gael García Bernal, Koji Yakusho, Adriana Barraza, Rinko Kikuchi y Elle Fanning, "Babel" fue incluida entre las 10 mejores películas del año del Instituto de Cine Estadounidense. Y Pitt, la mexicana Barraza y la japonesa Kikuchi fueron postulados al Globo.

Con "Volver", Almodóvar podría sumar a su larga lista de reconocimientos el tercer Oscar de su carrera, pues "Todo sobre mi madre" ganó el premio a la mejor cinta extranjera en el 2000 y "Hable con ella" al mejor guion original en el 2003.

Aunque es la candidata de España a la mejor película extranjera, los expertos coinciden en que podría figurar en rubros principales como mejor película y mejor actriz, por la estimulante actuación de Cruz. Y al parecer no están equivocados.

En el papel de Raimunda—una esposa y madre de clase trabajadora que debe lidiar con todo, desde improvisar un almuerzo para 30 personas hasta deshacerse de un cadáver ensangrentado—la actriz española logró arrancar en su idioma los elogios que no pudo con

más de un puñado de películas en inglés, y figura con artistas de la talla de Judi Dench entre las nominadas al Globo. Algunos dicen que Almodóvar la "rescató" de Hollywood.

Y el éxito de estos filmes va más allá de sus directores y protagonistas.

Este mes la Asociación de Críticos de Cine de Los Angeles premió al director de fotografía mexicano Emmanuel Lubezki por su trabajo en "Children of Men" y a su compatriota Eugenio Caballero por el diseño de producción de "El laberinto del Fauno".

Además, Guillermo Navarro fue seleccionado por el Círculo de Críticos de Cine de Nueva York como el mejor director de fotografía por la película de del Toro, y la banda sonora de "Babel", del argentino ganador del Oscar Gustavo Santaolalla, recibió la postulación al Globo de Oro y numerosos comentarios positivos.

Con un año tan fructífero como el 2006, Cuarón espera haber allanado el camino para la nueva generación de exponentes latinoamericanos, a quienes quiere apoyar a través de su compañía Esperanto Films. A principios de año empezó por traer a Estados Unidos "Temporada de patos", de su compatriota Fernando Eimbecke.

"Soy optimista cada año que surgen nuevos cineastas", indicó. Además de México, "Argentina es un país que constantemente presenta

películas interesantes de alta calidad".

Por su parte, del Toro opina que "el cine de habla hispana debe unirse para presentar un frente común capaz de competir con Hollywood".

"Esa es la clave de nuestra supervivencia", concluyó el realizador.

*Sigal Ratner es editora de espectáculos para América Latina de la AP.*



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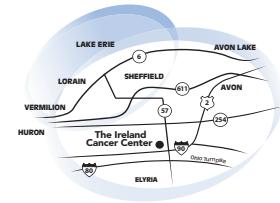
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U.S. Wounded: 22,235 (official reported count)

Iraqi death toll: Est. 100,000-600,000-plus

Average Per Diem Cost \$300 million per day

Rumsfeld's '05 estimate of duration of War: 12 years

*U.S. Military Deaths in Afghanistan* 356 dead

[Sources: [www.antiwar.com](http://www.antiwar.com) and [www.costofwar.com](http://www.costofwar.com)]



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**Obituaries****VINCENT L. GUTIÉRREZ SR**

Vincent L. Gutiérrez, Sr. Saginaw, MI, passed away on Monday, December 18, 2006 at his home. Age 82 years. Vincent Gutiérrez was born January 24, 1924 to the late Rodolpho (Pedro) and Marfa (López) Gutiérrez in Seguin, Texas. Vincent was a World War II Veteran who served in five countries: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He had been employed for 47 years by General Motors, in his spare time he enjoyed listening to Mexican music, spending time with family and friends, and playing cards especially with his poker buddies. Vincent was a member at St. Joseph Catholic Church and a former member of American Legion Post #500. Surviving are one daughter, Linda (Victor) Guerra of Bridgeport; four grandchildren, Victor (Monica) Guerra, David A. Guerra and his special friend, Jessica (Blonde), Sonny V. Guerra, Vincent (Tammy) Gutiérrez; seven great-grandchildren; his siblings, Angelita Garcia, Sixto Gutiérrez, and Rodolpho Gutiérrez; and many nieces and nephews. Vincent remained in close contact with his former wife, Socorro Gutiérrez. Vincent was preceded in death by one son, Vincent L. Gutiérrez, Jr. and seven brothers.

**VALENTINO RIOS**

Valentino Rios, 50 of Lorain, OH, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at Community Regional Medical Center, Lorain, after a short illness. Rios was a graduate of the Ohio School of Culinary Arts. He was a member of the Knights of St. John in Lorain, the Open Hearth Club, and Can-Am Pool League. He enjoyed playing cards and dice and spending time outdoors with family. Two of his favorite pastimes were watching wrestling and playing video games. Survivors include his companion of many years, Karen Shelton; sons, Valentino Smith of Salt Lake City and Jeremy Gibson of Lorain; daughter, Jennifer Curry Marietta; stepdaughter, Stacy Shelton of Lorain; brothers, Allen Sams of Elyria, John Sams, Michael Sams, José Casarez, Paul Sams and Ralph Sams, all of Lorain, and Isidro Casarez Jr. of Michigan; sister, Connie Ventura of Lorain; and five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tomás and Anneta (née Avila) Rios; brothers, Eugene Rios and Steve Rios; stepfather, Isidro "Poncho" Casarez Sr.; and one sister.

**MARIA LERMA SALINAS**

Maria Lerma Salinas, 66, of Bryan, OH, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006 at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. She was born April 2, 1940 to Felix and Juanita (Tijerina) Lerma in Laredo, TX. She married Timoteo Salinas on December 26, 1958 and he survives. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bryan and was employed by FSI in Archbold for 28 years. Surviving is a son, José Salinas, Bryan; and a daughter, Carlota (Jodi) Whittaker, LaGrange, IN; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and brothers, Baldomero Lerma Findlay; and Cruz Lerma, Edenberg, TX. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Oswald Lerma; Felix Lerma Jr.; and Arturo Lerma; and three sisters, María del Carmen Lerma; Dolores Lerma; and Elia Lerma. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Holgate with Father Stephen Stanberry officiating. Our readers are free to submit obituaries via email at: [latinpresa@yahoo.com](mailto:latinpresa@yahoo.com) at no cost to the reader. 2005-6 Obituaries also available online at [www.laprensa1.com](http://www.laprensa1.com). Gracias!

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By Rico

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*Club Mystique, mainly Salsa*, 3122 Airport; 419.382.3122 or 419.704.5108.

*Las Palmas*, 3247 Stickney Ave., 9:00PM-2:00AM; 419.729.94610 www.midwestmusicusa.com. *ShadowLounge*, 505 Jefferson Ave., *Viva Thursday Nights*, w/DJ Canny & DJ Abel; salsa, merengue, cumbias, y más; 419-779-2536.

#### Cleveland:

*View Nightclub*: *Funky Fiesta Fridays* (5PM-2:30AM), 618 E. Prospect Ave. (2nd floor); free salsa lessons 9-10PM; \$5 cover; 216-290-0407, 440-263-5842, or www.TropicalCleveland.com.

*Sunset Lounge*: *Sushi Salsa Saturdays*, 5PM-2:30AM, 1382 W. 9th St., \$5 cover, proper attire, 216-280-0407.

#### Lorain:

*Kiki's Club*, 2522 W. 21st St. & Rt 58, Fri: Hip Hop/Latino; Sat: Latino, 9:00 PM - 2:30 AM; 440.998.1422.

#### MICHIGAN:

#### Detroit:

*Club International*, 6060 W. Fort Street; Sat.; 313.995.4938.

*Envys*, 234 W. Larned; Fri., 248.756.4821.

*HalfPast3*, 2554 Grand River, Sat: Latin Dance Parties with DJ Cisco; salsa, merengue, bachata; free salsa lessons 10PM; ladies free before 10PM; ladies 10PM-11PM; 313.304.8953 and 248.756.4821. www.danceindetroit.com.

*Los Galanes*, 3362 Bagley St., most Fri. & Sat; 313.554.4444.

*Vicentes*: 1250 Library; Fri: DJ Cisco salsa, merengue, Latin House; free salsa lessons 10PM; 21+, 248-756-4821.

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**Utica**: *Argentine Tango Detroit*, 7758 Auburn Road; Tango on Fri; 586.254.0560.

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## Spanish Church Services

### OHIO:

#### Toledo:

- **Evangelical Assemblies of God**  
705 Lodge St, 43609  
Pastor Moses Rodriguez  
Miér. 7:00PM  
Dom., 10:00AM  
419-385-6418

- **First Spanish Church of God**  
1331 E. Broadway 43605  
Dom., 10:00 a.m. & 5:00PM  
Mier. & Vier. 7:00PM  
Sab., 6:00 p.m.  
419-693-5895

- **Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor**  
521 Spencer Rd. 43609  
Rev. Dr. Alberto Martinez  
Berna Aguilar, Youth Pastor  
Miér. 6:00PM  
Sab., 6:00PM  
Dom., 10:15AM, 11:20AM,  
6:00PM  
419-381-2648

- **Iglesia Cristo La Roca de Salvación**  
2052 Front St. 43605  
Pastores: Exh. Miguel &  
Blanca Ladrié  
Dom. Escuela 10:30AM;  
Culto Evangelístico 6:30PM  
419-381-7765

- **Iglesia Nueva Vida**  
2025 Airport Hwy 43609  
Pastor Titular: Josué Rodriguez  
Pastor Asociado José Rosario

- **Iglesia Torre Fuerte Iglesia de la Biblia Temple**  
3327 Airport Hwy 43609  
Pastor Guadalupe Rios  
Dom., 5:30PM  
419-509-5692

- **La Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
628 Elm St. 43604  
Pastor: José Luis Jirón  
Escuela dominical: 10:00AM  
Culto de adoración: 11:00A  
Los cultos son bilingüe  
Bible studies: Sat. 10:00AM  
419-241-1546

- **SS. Peter & Paul**  
728 S. St. Clair St. 43609  
Fr. Richard Notter  
Dom., 12:00PM [en español]  
419-241-5822

#### Lorain:

- **Sacred Heart Chapel**  
4301 Pearl Ave.  
Rev. William A. Thaden  
Sister Theresa Stegman,  
Sister Elisea Bonano  
440-277-7231

Dom., 8:30, 10:AM & Noon

Lun., jueves, vier. 9:30AM

Mier., 6:30PM/Sáb., 6:00PM

- **House of Praise International Church**  
4321 Elyria Ave. 44055  
Pastor Gilbreath & Eileen Silva  
440-233-6433

Dom., 9 & 10:30AM [Eng.]

Dom., 12:30PM [Spanish]

Mar., 1:30PM  
Mar. & Jue., 7:00PM

- **Iglesia Pentecostal Cristo Misionera**  
1930 Broadway 44055  
Paster Miguel Serrano  
440-245-2772

Dom., Escuela dom. 10AM

Dom., culto evan. 6PM

Martes, jueves, viernes @

7PM: Evangelista Daniel González, Francisco Vega,

Abel Robles

- **La Iglesia de Dios, Inc.**  
Rev. Angel L. Rivera  
3115 Elyria Ave. 44052  
440-244-3415

- **Misión Cristiana Faro de Luz (Discípulos de Cristo)**

940 West Fifth St. 44052

Paster Luis A. Morales  
440-288-8810

Dom., 1:00PM: Predicación

Dom., 4:00PM: Escuela

Bíblica

- **Our Savior Nuestro Salvador Luthern Church**

4501 Clinton Ave. 44055

Rev. Cora Lee Meier  
440-277-6123

Dom., 11:15AM: Serv. de

Adoración

Dom., 10:00AM: Escuela

Dominical

### Lorain:

- **The Salvation Army**  
2506 Broadway 44052  
Pastores Carlos & Trudy Medina  
Dom.: 11:00AM Reunión de Adoración; 1:00PM Escuela Mier.: 6:30PM Estudio Bíblico  
Vier.: 6:00PM Club de Niños  
440-244-1921

- **Christian Tabernacle International Church**  
2203 Meister Rd. 44053  
Pastores David & Mildred Figueroa  
Dom., 10:00AM (Escuela Dominical)  
Dom., 5:30PM  
Martes & Jueves: 7:30PM  
440-9605363

- **Príncipe de Paz Hispano Luthern Church**  
1607 East 31st St.  
44055

- **Iglesia del Dios Viviente**  
254 Barres lane  
Elyria OH 44035  
Pastor Martín & Carmen Moyet  
Dom.: Adoración 11:00AM  
Mier.: Estudios Bíblicos 7:00PM  
Sáb.: Programa radial 1040AM 1:30PM  
440-310-0163

- **Iglesia Nueva Vida**  
3237 Holmden Ave.  
Cleveland OH 44109  
Rev. José Reyes  
Serv. culto: mier. 8:00PM  
vier. 8:00PM  
dom.: 11:00AM  
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- **Iglesia Pentecostal "La Senda Antigua"**  
Pastores Rolando & Lizzette Velázquez  
2681 West 14th Street  
Cleveland OH 44113  
216.298.9095  
*Orden de Cultos:*  
Dom.: 10:30AM Esc. domical:  
noon: Culto Evang., Pro-Templo  
lun: 7PM clase de Nuevos  
Creyentes  
Mar.: 7PM Oración y Est. Bíblico  
mier.: 7PM Culto de Hogares  
jueves: 7PM Culto Generales  
Vier.: 7PM Culto Generales

- **Sagrada Familia**  
Fr. David Fallon  
7119 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland OH 44102  
Sat. Vigil 4:00PM  
Sun. Vigil 5:00PM  
Sun., 9:00AM & 11:30AM  
216-631-6817

- **St. Francis Parish**  
Superior Ave. & 71st St.  
Cleveland OH

- **St. Michael the Archangel**  
Fr. Jaime McCreight  
3114 Scranton Rd.  
Cleveland OH 44109  
Sat., 5:00PM [English]  
Sáb., 7:00PM [Español]  
Sun., 9:45AM [Eng.]  
Dom., Noon [Esp.]

- **Misión Cristiana Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**  
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- **Primer Iglesia Bautista Hispana**  
3495 Livernois Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48210  
Pastor Titular: Carlos Liese  
Pastor Asociado: Eli Garza  
Estudio Bíblico: Mier., 7:00PM Escuela Dominical:  
10:00AM Culto de Adoración:  
Dom., 11:00AM 313-894-7755

- **Nueva Creación United Methodist Church**  
270 Waterman St.  
Detroit MI  
Services: Juev. at 7:00PM & dom. & 5:30PM

- **St. Alfred Catholic Church**  
Fr. Jim Kean  
9500 Banner Street  
Taylor MI  
Misa en español:  
Domingo, a 5:00PM  
313-291-6464

- **Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**  
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- **LIBRA: (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22)**  
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domingo (español) 9am,  
domingo (ingles) 11am

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## Weekly Horoscope

BY SEÑORA SANCHEZ

### ARIES: (MARCH 20 - APRIL 18)

Anticipate a wild night sometime this week. For those you "out of circulation," you can look forward to behavior out of the ordinary from your mate. For those singles, outrageous romance awaits. Relax; don't over think it.

### Taurus: (APRIL 19 - MAY 20)

As the athletic shoe commercial goes, "Just do it!" Keeping a fine edge in the business world sometimes takes passing knowledge of all aspects of the operation. Concentrate on improving those areas in which you know you are weak.

### GEMINI: (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

An idea that got shot down a while back can happily be dusted off and resubmitted. Timing is everything.

Whereas originally your proposal met with immediate dismissal, that same concept will now be greeted with welcoming acceptance.

### CANCER: (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

Be wary of those in direct competition with you. Take everything they say with a grain of salt. As pleasantly as they may present themselves to your face, know that there is chicanery at work, especially in the realm of romance.

### LEO: (JULY 23 - AUGUST 22)

Like flies to honey, you attract all manner of friends. Often the dilemma becomes just how inclusive you want to be. Right now it is to your benefit to cast a wide net. A quirky someone, who marches to his own drummer, brings joy.

### VIRGO: (AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22)

You give a lot of yourself. This is how you like it, but you too have your limits. As long as you have periodic "rewards," you can keep plugging away. A 30-minute soak in the tub, or its equivalent, is all you currently require.

### LIBRA: (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22)

Just as several million tiny earthquakes rattle tea-cups around the globe each year, so your underlying persistence will have its incremental effect. Have no doubt that your words and actions are making a profound impression.

### SCORPIO: (OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21)

Delayed gratification, while no fun at the time, does have its ultimate payback. Immediate indulgence is alluring and what popular culture tends to push. You must weigh the pros and cons; then live with the consequences of your choice.

### SAGITTARIUS: (NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21)

If life could be operated with a remote, how nice it would be to fast-forward through the nasty parts and replay the special moments again and again. Technology has a long way to go on that! Until the "breakthrough," cherish it all.

### CAPRICORN: (DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19)

Your week's mission: To try one new thing each day. This could include adding a new word to your vocabulary, taste-testing a vegetable you've never eaten or exploring a new pastime. Let imagination and curiosity be your guide.

### AQUARIUS: (JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18)

Being generous with your possessions is one tribute and being benevolent with your time is another. This week, someone will approach you with a request for both. Don't consider yourself stingy if you only offer one of the two.

### PISCES: (FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 19)

So what if you can't create a flawless spreadsheet or design a mind-blowing website. You are capable of cooking the perfect quiche, growing an exquisite tomato or crafting awesome art. Each makes his/her own unique contribution.

### IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS JANUARY 1:

You share your birthday with Betsy Ross and Paul Revere. You value education, stick to your convictions and have high expectations. Be patient! Other birthdays: Pio Treviño (Jan. 2), Jaime de Anda (Los Chamacos, Jan. 3), and Gary Hobbs (Jan. 5).

## Glaucoma: lo que sigilosamente le roba la vista a millones de personas

### Muchos no se enteran que lo tienen sino hasta que es demasiado tarde

Al estar leyendo esta frase, sin saberlo, podría estar volviéndose ciego. El glaucoma le podría estar robando la vista, silenciosamente, sin síntomas y además es incurable.

Enero es el mes dedicado al glaucoma y la Academia Estadounidense de Oftalmología recomienda con insistencia que todos se hagan un examen completo de la vista, particularmente si pertenecen a una de las categorías de alto riesgo como, por ejemplo:

- Hispanos
- Cualquiera mayor de 60 años de edad
- Los afroamericanos mayores de 40 años de edad
- Las personas con antecedentes familiares de glaucoma
- Las personas que padecen afecciones adversas de salud, como la diabetes
- Las personas que hayan sufrido una lesión ocular grave
- Las personas con miopía avanzada

Los Institutos Nacionales de la Salud estiman que 4.2 millones de estadounidenses tienen glaucoma, pero solamente la mitad lo sabe.

El glaucoma es la segunda causa principal de la ceguera en el mundo y representa el 12 por ciento de la ceguera en Estados Unidos. Además, se prevé que estas cifras se dupliquen en la próxima década a medida que envejece la generación que nació después de la segunda guerra mundial.

La mejor defensa contra el glaucoma es detectarlo temprano, dijo Andrew Iwach, MD.

portavoz de la Academia. "Saber que tiene glaucoma es uno de los factores más importantes en el tratamiento de la enfermedad y la prevención de la pérdida de la vista", declaró. "Hay tanta gente

está perdiendo la vista que no se da cuenta. El glaucoma es una enfermedad tratable. La pérdida de la vista se puede minimizar. Los que potencialmente corren riesgo deben dar el primer paso y hacerse un examen de la vista."

¿Qué es el glaucoma?

El glaucoma es un grupo de enfermedades de los ojos que dañan gradualmente el nervio óptico, o sea, el conducto principal que transmite la información visual del ojo al cerebro. Como ocurre con una cámara de video que tiene una mala conexión a la televisión, la imagen no es de buena calidad.

"El aumento de la presión dentro del ojo daña el nervio óptico", dijo el Dr. Iwach. "Incluso las personas con niveles 'normales' de presión pueden perder parte de la vista debido al glaucoma. Puede comenzar con la pérdida de la visión periférica y luego progresar hasta un área estrecha, lo que se conoce como 'visión en túnel'. Si no se trata, puede causar ceguera total. Lamentablemente, la mayoría de la gente no nota los síntomas sino hasta sufrir una pérdida importante de la vista, y tristemente, esa pérdida es irreversible."

El Dr. Iwach dijo que aunque se puede controlar el glaucoma, la vista perdida nunca se puede recuperar. No obstante, la pérdida adicional de la vista se puede hacer más lenta o prevenir con medicinas o cirugía. "El glaucoma es una afección crónica que se debe



supervisar toda la vida", afirmó. "La detección temprana es vital para parar detener el progreso de la enfermedad".

Programa para prevenir el glaucoma de EyeCare America

EyeCare America, una fundación de servicio público de la Academia Estadounidense de Oftalmología, alienta a las personas que no tienen seguro a que aprovechen su programa nacional para prevenir el glaucoma.

El programa ofrece exámenes de la vista para detectar glaucoma a las personas que corren alto riesgo de contraer esa enfermedad. Para ver si usted, un ser querido o un amigo, califican para recibir un referido para un examen y atención de la vista, llame al 1-800-391-3937, las 24 horas del día, los 365 días al año. Las personas que califiquen recibirán un referido a uno de los 7,300 oftalmólogos voluntarios de EyeCare America.

Las personas que califiquen para un referido por medio del programa de glaucoma, recibirán un examen de la vista para detectar glaucoma y el comienzo del tratamiento, si se considera necesario. Los pacientes sin seguro recibirán la atención anterior gratuitamente. Encontrará más información sobre EyeCare America en: [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org)

## Soldados mexicanos enfrentan resistente híbrido de marihuana

Por MARK STEVENSON

LAZARO CARDENAS, México (AP): Miles de soldados mexicanos enviados a tomar el control de una de las regiones productoras de drogas del país han encontrado una planta híbrida de marihuana que presenta una gran adaptabilidad y resistencia.

Las plantas solamente pueden ser eliminadas al ser arrancadas de raíz, lo cual es una tarea ardua y complicada, dijo el general del ejército Manuel García a The Associated Press, una de las cuatro organizaciones de prensa que pudo acompañar a los soldados en sus operaciones del martes.

El híbrido apareció por primera vez en México hace

dos años y se ha convertido en la planta favorita de los narcotraficantes en el oeste del estado de Michoacán, zona montañosa que se presta para el cultivo de estupefacientes.

La planta resiste los exfoliantes químicos, los cuales solamente queman las hojas más altas sin dañar la raíz, por lo que la fumigación aérea resulta ineficaz, dijo García.

El martes, decenas de soldados con fusiles de asalto atacaron 38 plantíos de marihuana, arrancando las plantas de raíz. En el vuelo de regreso a su base, encontraron otras 32 plantaciones.

García apuntó que por cada 100 plantíos que son

encontrados en el aire, otros 300 ó 500 son vistos una vez que se toca tierra.

La semana pasada, el presidente Felipe Calderón envió a 7.000 soldados y policías federales para restaurar el orden en su estado natal y darle un duro golpe a los narcotraficantes locales.

El estado ha sido sacudido durante meses por los combates entre carteles, que han llegado a dejar las cabezas decapitadas de sus víctimas en la pista de un salón de baile, entre otros actos crueles.

Calderón, quien asumió el 1 de diciembre, ha jurado enfrentar la violencia del narcotráfico, que ha costado más de 2.000 vidas en el curso del año.

## Breves

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de la localidad de Amarillo. La planta es una de las seis que fueron allanadas durante una acción realizada simultáneamente en varios estados y que condujo al arresto de casi 1.300 trabajadores, además de detener brevemente las operaciones de la empresa.

"Estos demandantes son... víctimas de un plan puesto en marcha desde hace tiempo por Swift para deprimir y reducir artificialmente los salarios de sus empleados al contratar a indocumentados

a sabiendas", dijo el abogado Angel Reyes. "Al reducir sus costos de producción y aumentar sus ganancias, Swift afectó gravemente las posibles ganancias y modus vivendi de estos hombres y mujeres trabajadores".

Swift, con sede en Greeley, Colorado, así como la empresa en Dallas que es su matriz, no respondieron inmediatamente a mensajes telefónicos en busca de declaraciones.

La demanda fue presentada la noche del viernes en contra de Swift y la empresa de inversiones HM Capital Partners LLC, en la Corte Federal de Distrito

del Norte de Texas. En ella se asienta que Swift y HM Capital Partners realizaron actos de extorsión con el fin de manipular el comercio.

"Cuando la planta de Swift inició operaciones en Cactus, los salarios eran de aproximadamente 20 dólares por hora. Ahora, el promedio es de 12 ó 13 dólares por hora. La inmigración ilegal ha impulsado esta baja en los salarios", dijo otro de los abogados de los demandantes, Michael Haygood.

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**A Happy, Healthy New Year...**

**2007**

New Year's Day is a wonderful time. This first day of January and of the new year is a time to remember the past, celebrate, and hope for a happy, healthy future.

Almost every person in the world celebrates the ringing in of a new year. We all do it in our own way, following our own beliefs.

In our country, some people have parties or attend church services at midnight. Others go to Times Square in New York to listen to music, enjoy the crowds and wait for the magical stroke of midnight.

In other countries people exchange gifts or open their homes to neighbors or visitors. Many people honor parents or relatives and try to pay all their debts so they will not owe anything at the start of the new year.

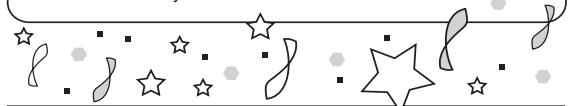
New Year's Day is a time to think back - and ahead! **Can you list four things that you will always remember about 2006?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Now list four things you think will be important in 2007.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Ask your Mom or Dad to slip this page in with your holiday decorations when you pack them away. Next year, when you help unpack the decorations you will find this page with your lists. Do you think you'll remember all the things you listed for 2006? Will all of your ideas about 2007 be correct?



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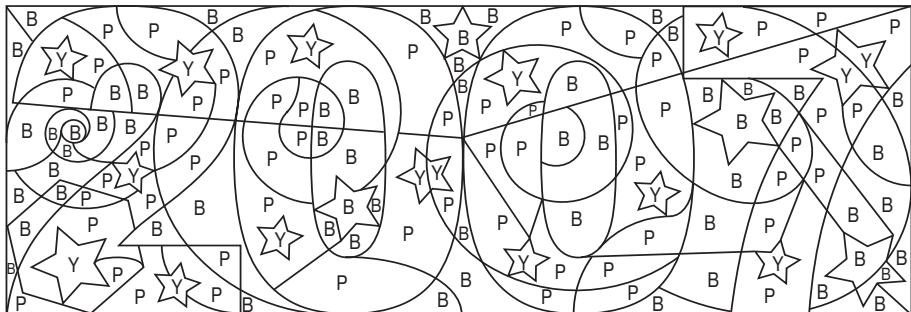
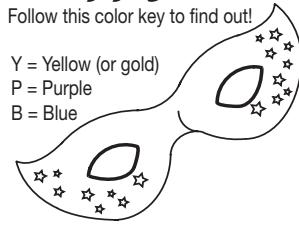
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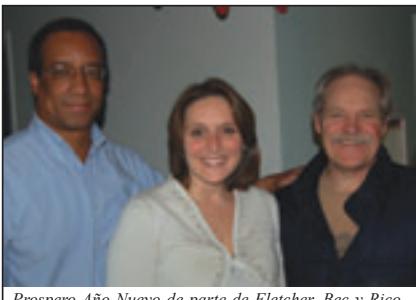
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P = Purple

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**DO YOU THINK ENGLISH IS EASY?**

- 1) The bandage was wound [v] around the wound [n].
- 2) The farm was used to produce [v] produce [n].
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse [v] more refuse [n].
- 4) We must polish [v] the Polish [a] furniture.
- 5) He could lead [v] if he would get the lead [n] out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert [v] his dessert [n] in the desert [n].
- 7) Since there is no time like the present [n], he thought it was time to present [v] the present [n].
- 8) A bass [n] was painted on the head of the bass [a] drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove [n] dove [v] into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object [v] to the object [n].
- 11) The insurance was invalid [pa] for the invalid [n].
- 12) There was a row [n] among the oarsmen about how to row [v].
- 13) They were too close [pa] to the door to close [v] it.
- 14) The buck does [v] funny things when the does [n] are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer [n] fell down into a sewer [a] line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow [n] to sow [v].
- 17) The wind [n] was too strong to wind [v] the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear [n] in the painting, I shed a tear [n].
- 19) I had to subject [v] the subject [n] to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate [v] this to my most intimate [a] friend? {n}=noun; {v}=verb; {a}=adjective; {p}=predicate.

**Senado de México aprueba Ley de Ingresos para el 2007**

MEXICO (AP): El Senado aprobó por unanimidad la Ley de Ingresos para el ejercicio fiscal del 2007, la cual aumenta gravámenes a cigarrillos de 110% a 160% en un período de tres años.

Los senadores aprobaron el presupuesto de 210.000 millones de dólares con 121 votos a favor y ninguno en contra después del acuerdo negociado con la Cámara de Diputados en torno a ingresos del petróleo.

El acuerdo dio al gobierno acceso gubernamental a una partida extra de 1.800 millones de dólares en ingresos excedentes de las ventas de crudo que habrían sido destinados para el Fondo de Estabilización de Ingresos Petroleros.

El presidente Felipe Calderón, quien asumió el cargo el 1 de diciembre, había propuesto originalmente un gravamen especial del 5% a las sodas (refrescos), el cual tenía el objetivo de recaudar 360 millones de dólares al año.

Sin embargo, legisladores de oposición que dominan el Senado rechazaron la medida el miércoles diciendo que lesionaría la economía de familias de bajos ingresos. Además, la industria refresquera del país cabildó contra la medida, argumentando que causaría la pérdida de miles de empleos.

México tiene uno de los peores índices de recaudación fiscal en Latinoamérica y el gobierno depende en gran medida de la paraestatal Pemex para obtener ingresos.



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Dirección \_\_\_\_\_

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¿Necesita Usted material en formato alternativo? \_\_\_\_\_ Sí \_\_\_\_\_ No  
Si Usted contestó "Sí" por favor especifique el formato: \_\_\_\_\_ Braille \_\_\_\_\_ documentos en letras grandes (especifique el tamaño del letrado) \_\_\_\_\_

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The Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs will meet in a public session on Friday, January 5, 2007. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Ottawa Building, Conference Center, Conference Room #3, Lower Level, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan. For questions or driving directions, please call (517) 373-8339. The meeting site and parking is accessible. Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products, in order to enhance accessibility for everyone. People with disabilities requiring additional services (such as materials in alternative format) in order to participate in the meeting should call Vicky Potter at (517) 373-8339 at least two business days prior to the meeting. If anyone has matters to bring before the Commission, they can contact the Commission office at (517) 373-8339. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

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Human Resources Dept./DLR  
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**Assistant Director  
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**PURPOSE:**

To highlight pertinent information regarding social services needs in the community through public testimony for the County's two year Social Service Plan.

**DATE: January 9, 2007**

**TIME: 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

**LOCATION: Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services  
3210 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toledo Room**

**\* Please report to security upon arrival.**

Individuals and organizations wanting to provide testimony at the Public Hearing should register, via e-mail or phone, in advance to reserve a time slot. A written copy of your testimony must be submitted at the hearing. Testimonies should incorporate your name, organization (if applicable), a brief description of your testimony, and contact information.

To register, please contact Cheryl Wawrzyniak at 419-213-8809 or via email at [wawrzc@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:wawrzc@odjfs.state.oh.us) by January 2, 2007.

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Feb 2, Apr 13, Jun 22, Sep 14, Nov 16.

**The Executive Committee of Family Council is scheduled to meet at**

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A Bachelor of Engineering or Technical degree and 3 years experience in petroleum refining or petrochemical industries is preferred. Sound background experience relating to maintenance programs and service assessments is preferred. Exhibited leadership skills in directing, appraising, counseling and coaching employees.

In addition to challenging and rewarding opportunities offered with an industry leader, BP provides a very competitive salary and comprehensive benefit package. To learn more about this opening and to register and apply online, go to our website at [www.bp.com/careers/us](http://www.bp.com/careers/us) and click on "Search for a specific job" and enter 7598 in the keywords/job ID field by Wednesday, January 10, 2007. **No phone calls please.**

BP is committed to equal opportunity and supports diversity in the workforce, M/F/D/V.

Inquiries will not be accepted at BP Toledo Refinery. No applications will be given out at the refinery. Only résumé's submitted by Wednesday, January 10, 2007 will be accepted.

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

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