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MAY 13th, 2006

for

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Position 9 - At Large**

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Editorial

Por Qué al Mexicano No Le Tienen Respeto?

Dicen que el Mexicano tiene miedo de hablar.

Dicen que cuando el Mexicano recibe su cambio en el **HEB** y no esta correcto, raro es la vez que le dice algo a la cajera.

Dicen que el Mexicano no esta organizado, que trabaja por arroz y frijoles y que cuando se presenta la oportunidad, pisotea a su proximo.

Aunque todo o una parte de lo que dicen es verdad o no, el imagen del Mexicano ha sido construido a travez de los años por una seria de representaciones en las medias de comunicaciones y por una mentalidad perputada por el Mexicano mismo. No ayuda de ninguna manera cuando en restaurante Mexicano, (con dueños Mexicanos) usa el hombre dormido bajo un nopal con el burro esperando que se despierta.

Todo estos ejemplos (y hay más) han bajado el nivel de respeto del Mexicano altravez de los años. Creo que al Mexicano no lo respetan porque ha dejado que otros lo pisotean y no ha dicho casi nada en su defensa.

Pero eso dias de hace amigabale, y de no decir nada se estan acabando. En este siglo que se esta abriendo, el Mexicano, como otros inmigrantes antes, esta realizando que si uno quiere respeto, tiene que exejirlo. Y no nomas tiene que exejirlo, tiene que estar despuesto a pelear por ese respeto!

Chavez, Tijerina, Gonzalez y Gutierrez enseñaron a la nación que el Mexicano si sabia luchar por sus derechos. Y ahora la gente esta saliendo a las calles para enseñar a los demas que la lucha por el derecho de darle comer a la familia apenas esta empezando.

Why the Mexican Gets No Respect



Alfredo R. Santos c/s
Editor

They say that Mexicans are afraid to speak up.

They say that when a Mexican is given incorrect change at the **HEB**, he will rarely say something to the cashier.

They say that the Mexican is not organized and will work for rice and beans and that he will pull down his fellow countryman when given the opportunity. (People like to tell the old crab and bucket story to support this contention).

Whether any or all of these contentions are true or not, the public image of the Mexican in the United States has been constructed over the years through a series of stereotypes, biased media representations (movies and the daily news) and a "*si señor*" mentality perpetuated by Mexicans themselves. It does not help the image of Mexicans when restaurants, (owned by Mexicans), use the image of the guy sleeping under a cactus while his burro stands by patiently waiting for him to wake up.

All of these examples, (and there are more), have driven down the "respect quotient" for Mexicans over the years. I believe that Mexicans, as a group, have gotten very little respect because they have allowed others to step on them have said next to nothing.

But the days of being the friendly, *si señor*, give me a cold tortilla and step on my toes anytime you want Mexican are quickly coming to an end. As the 21st Century opens up, the Mexicans, like other immigrants before him is realizing that if you want respect, you have to demand it. And not only must you demand it, you must be willing to fight for it.

While **Cesar Chavez, Reies Lopez Tijerina, Corky Gonzales and Jose Angel Guterrez** showed the nation in the 1960s, that Mexicans were indeed very capable of fighting for civil rights, a whole new crop of activists have now risen up to demonstrate that when people believe their backs are to the wall, they will come out fighting. The debate over who gets to call themselves an American is just starting.

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En cada ejemplar de *La Voz de Montopolis* habra un a seria de concursos y juegos, El propósito de estos concursos es medir el impacto de la publicación y establecer un perfil de los lectores. Los premios de cada concurso son diferentes. Algunas de las preguntas estan en inglés y otras en español. Buena suerte!

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1. Who is **Ed Leo**?
2. Which story in this issue of *La Voz de Montopolis* was the most interesting to you?
3. ¿Donde lavantó su copia de La Voz de East Austin?
4. Que fue el precio de gasolina en el año 1970?
5. How many pages does this issue of *La Voz de Montopolis* contain?
6. Which story in this issue of the newspaper did you not like?
7. Cuales son los nombres de los candidatos para la mesa del distrito escolar en Austin?
8. Who is Susie Daguer?
9. Do you go to any of the marches in the last 2 months?
10. How many unauthorized people were in the United States in 2005?

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ABOVE: State Representative Norma Chavez joins Ana Yanez Herrera and friends outside the Capitol on May 1, 2006 to bring attention to the issue of immigration.

Comentarios Sobre Las Manifestaciones

En los últimos 30 días se ha visto cantidades de personas en las calles queriendo llamar a la atención del público, que las leyes que se están considerando en Washington, deben ser rechazadas. Aunque los senadores todavía están discutiendo y negociando entre ellos como debe ser la ley, la gente ya ha dejado de discutir. Ellos quieren acción!

En los próximos días vamos a ver cuál fue el impacto de las demostraciones y el boicoteo que se llevó a cabo el primero de mayo. Se oye por allí, que ya se está haciendo planes para el siguiente paso

en este movimiento para enseñar a la nación que el inmigrante no va a dejar pasar el tren, como quien dice, "con las manos nomás cruzadas"

Hace 20 años (1986) cuando el congreso tomó acción con respecto a la cuestión del proceso de inmigración. Muchos se acuerdan de las filas que hizo la gente y las horas que pasaba uno esperando su turno para arreglar sus papeles. Tal vez va a pasar lo mismo. Eso es lo que se está esperando. En los siguientes ejemplares de *La Voz de Montopolis*, buscar historias sobre lo más reciente en este asunto de la inmigración.

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and wait for the train to pass.

It was 20 years ago (1986) when Congress last took action on the question of the process of immigration. Many of us still remember the long lines and the many hours that passed as one waited their turn in order to fix their papers. Maybe this will happen again. This is what people are waiting to hear about.

In the coming issues of *La Voz de Montopolis* we will carry stories on the immigration debate and how the people are engaging in this new movement to make a difference.

The Immigration Debate: What it is and what it is not

With thousands of people taking to the streets to make their voices heard in the current debate over who will eventually get to call themselves a "Legal American," there are a number of words that have been tossed around, used, abused and misused. In addition to words, there are many numbers that continue to float by and taken at face value. We hope the following provides you with a clearer understanding of: *The Immigration Debate and what it is and what it is not.*

By the Words:

Immigrant - An individual who leaves one place, (for whatever reason) and moves to another place or country with the intention of *staying*.

Migrant - An individual who leaves one place, (for whatever reason) and moves to another place or country, with the intention of *returning* to his or her place of origin

Unauthorized immigrant - An individual who has entered a country without proper documentation with the intention of remaining for an indefinite period of time.

Unauthorized migrant- An individual who has moved from one country to another without proper documents with the intention of returning to his or her place of origin

Illegal immigrant - Same as unauthorized immigrant

Mojado - Same as unauthorized immigrant but could be an individual who intends to return to place of origin and thus would qualify as an unauthorized migrant

Wetback- Same as mojado, often used pejoratively as a put down

Green Card - The immigration document one carries to show to authorities upon demand as proof of the right to be in the United States.

Resident Alien - The immigration status of an individual who holds a "green card."

Minutemen - In the state of Massachusetts around 1645, men were selected from the militia ranks to be dressed with mattocks or pikes and accoutrements and within half an hour of being alerted, they would be the first responders in battle. Usually 25 years and younger, they were chosen for their by their commanding officers for their enthusiasm, reliability, and physical strength.

By the Numbers:

As of March 2004

Estimated size of unauthorized population in the United States: **10,300,000**

Composition of Unauthorized Population

5,900,000	Mexicans	57%
2,500,000	Latin Americans	24%
927,000	Asias	9%
618, 000	Europeans and Canada	6%
355,000	Other countries	4%
10,300,000	Total	100%

As of March 2005

The United States Bureau of the Census' most recent estimate of the number of unauthorized people (2005) in the United States is between 11.1 and 12 million. It is estimated that of the 12 million unauthorized people in the US, 5.4 million are adult males, 3.9 million are adult females and 1.8 are children

5,900,000	Adult Males
3,900,000	Adult Females
1,800,000	Children under 18 years
11,600,000	Total

By the Faces:



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El 13 de Mayo



Las proposiciones 1 & 2

Propositions 1 & 2

Las proposiciones 1 & 2 fueron escritas en secreto por un pequeño grupo de gente.

Las proposiciones 1 & 2 prometen "PROTEGER EL MEDIO AMBIENTE" y "PROMOCIONAR UN GOBIERNO ABIERTO" pero la verdad es muy diferente.

HECHO: *Las Proposiciones 1 & 2 reducirían el financiamiento para caminos e infraestructura pública en setenta vecindarios de Austin.*

HECHO: *Las proposiciones 1 & 2 crearían nuevas restricciones de desarrollo económico en cada parte de Austin.*

HECHO: *Las proposiciones 1 & 2 costarían a los contribuyentes mas de \$100 millones durante los siguientes siete años para equipo de computación y consultoría.*

HECHO: *Las proposiciones 1 & 2 podrían invadir su privacidad colocando información sobre usted y su familia en el Internet en "tiempo real."*

No se deje engañar – obtenga toda la información acerca de las Proposiciones 1 & 2.

LAS PROPOSICIONES 1 & 2 NO SOLO VIGILAN AL PALACIO MUNICIPAL, LO VIGILANA USTED TAMBIÉN.

Propositions 1 & 2 were written in secret by a small group of people.

Propositions 1 & 2 promise to "PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT" and "PROMOTE OPEN GOVERNMENT" but the truth is very different.

FACT: *Propositions 1 & 2 would cut funding for roads and public infrastructure in seventy Austin neighborhoods.*

FACT: *Propositions 1 & 2 would create new restrictions on economic development efforts in every part of Austin.*

FACT: *Propositions 1 & 2 could cost Austin taxpayers more than \$100 million over the next seven years for computer equipment and consulting.*

FACT: *Propositions 1 & 2 could invade your privacy by posting information about you and your family on the Internet in "real time."*

Don't get fooled – get the facts about Propositions 1 & 2.

PROPOSITIONS 1 & 2 DON'T JUST KEEP AN EYE ON CITY HALL. THEY KEEP AN EYE ON YOU, TOO.

Mayor Wynn Says NO to Austin Interfaith!

Austin Interfaith held a candidate forum at **Dolores Catholic Church** on Sunday, April 30th, 2006. The event started at approximately 3:00pm in the church hall and there were close to 300 people present.

All of the candidates running for **Austin Independent School District**, **Austin Community College** and **Austin City Council** were in attendance. The Interfaith organization in **Austin** is composed of a number of church groups and civic activists and has a solid reputation for posing tough questions to candidates seeking elective office.

At this Candidate Forum, various members of **Austin Interfaith** made short presentations on issues that are of concern to them as a group. The candidates in attendance all sat in a group off in a corner and listened to the presentations. The candidates were then called up one by one and asked to respond publicly to the **Austin Interfaith** concerns with either a YES or a NO. Each candidate was given a minute and fifteen seconds.

The last candidate to be called up was **Austin Mayor Will Wynn**. The transcript below captures his performance in the **Austin Interfaith Candidate Forum**.

Moderator: Mr. Wynn

Mayor Wynn: Good afternoon. I am also Mayor Will Wynn and I am very honored to be here with you. Regarding the questions about meeting with AIF or anybody else, the answer is always yes. Regarding any specific spending promise on a specific program, the answer is always no. I have never made a campaign promise around spending and I won't start now. Issues related to improving the efficiencies, application processes, you bet! If you have some ideas on efficiencies, administrative improvements, bring them to me and I will work hard on those. Regarding specific spending issues, (stuttering) while I will never make a campaign promise on a specific spending program, I trust my track record speaks for itself. Over the last 6 years regarding these specific programs like,



ABOVE: Austin Interfaith member making a presentation

Capitol Idea, I will let my track record speak for itself. But I am telling ya (if) proposition 1 passes, (and) we have to figure out how to start dramatically cutting our general fund budget, like with an economic downturn, watch how we have to do that. Disproportionately, cuts always come in a downturn or a forced downturn, from parks, libraries, health and human services. It is very painful. I have done it in 2003 and four. I don't want to do it again! Thank you all very much for having me.

Moderator: Uh . . . if you don't mind, could we get a clarification on question number one, about the traffic light and the safety issues.

Mayor Wynn: If the traffic light means spending, NO! Nobody has worked harder to increase transportation spending in this town than I have. . . . spending on a specific intersection, the answer is always No! I'll work hard to prioritize the worst intersections in town with our limited resources.

Moderator: And uh . . .

Mayor Wynn: Item number 2, Legislation recently introduced by (State Representative Eddie Rodriguez) it is more than just wrinkles, it was very poorly

amended law. I certainly support the intent of what Eddie was trying to do but they amended it very poorly. No city official after reading that legislation can be supportive of it.

Moderator: So that is No to number two. OK.

Mayor Wynn: And number 3, uh, you know, my children are in fourth and second grade. There is nothing more important to me than children's safety. But on individual intersections, No! On programmatic, on addressing a priority, Yes. But I will not make a promise on spending money on a certain intersection when I don't have all of the information in front of me about priorities and our limited resources.

Moderator: That will be no a "No."

Mayor Wynn: My votes on Capitol Idea speaks for itself, but I won't make a promise to hold them harmless or increase them. I have met with AISD leaders many times, which you can always do that. I look forward to opportunities to increase administrative efficiencies like the math program. My personal work on immigration issues speaks for itself

Moderator: OK. And on the security issues and the immigrant friendly resolution?

Mayor Wynn: Security issue?? Which one in that?

Moderator: Safety, I am sorry, safety. In the area of Sacred Heart Parish . . .

Mayor Wynn: Again . . . a specific promise on spending for a specific location, No!

Moderator: No. OK. And on the immigrant friendly resolution?

Mayor Wynn: Our track record speaks for itself. We are lauded for progressive policies on immigration reform. What I have done . . everything to and through choosing which books to have in the Mayors Book Club is important. But I do not support non-binding resolutions.

Moderator: OK. Right.(applause)

Other voice: Mr. Mayor, I need clarity on one question. The question about security. It says will you work with **Austin Interfaith** leaders to develop strategies to improve security in the neighborhoods and (in) around Sacred Heart Parish? A yes or no please.

Mayor Wynn: Will I work with AIF leaders? Of course!

Voice: OK, thank you!

Mayor Wynn: Will I promise to spend money on something . . .

Voice: We heard. (cutting Mayor off)

Mayor Wynn: Uh

Voice: Thank you! (Applause)

Moderator: We thank the candidates for their willingness to renew a relationship . . to work with Austin Interfaith. We know that a working relationship with public officials can yield results.

Candidate Forum ended at 4:30pm

Hispanics Running for Elective Office in Austin

	CANDIDATE	AGE	OFFICE SEEKING	INCUMBENT	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION
1.	Alberto C. Gonzalez	51	Austin Independent School District	No	Attended Princeton University University of Texas at Austin Completing BA Texas State Univ.	Community Activist Consultant
2.	Ed Leo	62	Austin Independent School District	No	B.A. Pan American University M.Ed. New Mexico State University	Retired Educator
3.	Mike Martinez	36	Austin City Council	No	A.A. Austin Community College	Austin Firefighter
4.	Eliza May	52	Austin City Council	No	B.A. Southwest Texas State Univ. MSW University of Texas at Austin	President Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
5.	Anna Mejia-Dietche	39	Austin Community College District	No	B.A. Yale University J.D. Catholic University of America	Attorney at Law
6.	Lori Moya	40	Austin Independent School District	No	Travis High School Attended the University of Texas	State Employee
7.	Vincent Torres	46	Austin Independent School District	Yes	B.A. University of Texas at Austin M.S. University of Texas at Austin	Registered Engineer

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There will be a grant information session for organizations interested in applying on May 18, 2006 at the Southeast Austin Library (5803 Nuckols Crossing from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Price of Gasoline

The History of Gasoline Prices in the United States of America

How Much Are You Willing To Pay For Fuel?

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\$2.85
\$2.75
\$2.65
\$2.45
\$2.40
\$2.50
\$2.25
\$2.15
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ABOVE: Gasoline pumps from many years ago.

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Typical Price for a gallon of gasoline

1915	14¢
1920	13¢
1925	12¢
1930	10¢
1935	10¢
1940	11¢
1945	15¢
1950	18¢
1955	22¢
1960	26¢
1965	32¢
1970	36¢
1975	59¢
1980	\$1.12
1985	\$1.30
1990	\$1.16
1995	\$1.42
2000	\$1.77
2005	\$2.40

1910 1915 1920 1925 1930 1935 1940 1945 1950 1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005

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“Ed Leo, a longtime educator who worked in the Valley, in D.C., and for many years as a principal and administrator in AISD . . . (is) highly qualified for trusteeship and personally engaged in the issues confronting the school district, as well as exhibiting refreshing independence of mind. . . .we endorse Ed Leo because of his direct, hands-on educator’s experience in AISD, and because we believe his very particular experience and talents will provide a perspective and voice much needed on the board. ”



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