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## Francisco Cigarroa Named Chancellor of The University of Texas System

AUSTIN – The governing board of **The University of Texas System** unanimously named **Francisco Cigarroa, M.D.**, president of the **UT Health Science Center at San Antonio** and a pediatric transplant surgeon, as the sole finalist for chancellor of **The University of Texas System**.

*"We are extremely pleased Dr. Cigarroa has agreed to be considered for the position of UT System chancellor," Regents' Chairman H. Scott Caven, Jr. said. "The UT System is a national leader in higher education and health care, therefore the selection of a chancellor is one of the most important decisions this governing board will ever make. Dr. Cigarroa is an accomplished administrator, scientist and faculty member with the experience and proven track record that would be invaluable in advancing the interests of the System and our nine academic and six health institutions. The Board selected him from among an extraordinary group of candidates, and on behalf of the board I would like to thank all the candidates who have taken part in this very important process."*

Cigarroa has served as president of the **UT Health Science Center – San Antonio** since 2000. A member of the **Institute of Medicine**, he is a recognized pediatric transplant surgeon and researcher whose articles on the principles of surgery in infants and children have appeared in several scientific publications. During his tenure as president of the health science center, sponsored research expenditures increased from \$86.1 million to \$146.3 million.

He joined the health science center faculty in 1995, where prior to his appointment as president he was director of pediatric surgery and director of abdominal transplant surgery. He serves on the medical staffs at **Christus Santa Rosa Hospital**, **Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital** and **University Hospital**, among others. An accomplished fundraiser, Cigarroa was the first Hispanic appointed to lead a major academic health center in the United States. He announced last October that he would be stepping down as president of the health science center.

Cigarroa received a bachelor's degree from **Yale University** and his medical degree from **UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas**. He was the chief resident at **Massachusetts General Hospital** and completed a fellowship at **Johns Hopkins Hospital**. Cigarroa is a fellow of the **American College of Surgeons** and a diplomate of the **American Board of Surgery**. He serves on the board of several organizations, including the **Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce** and the **San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**.

Cigarroa and his wife, **Graciela**, an attorney, have two daughters. Despite a very busy schedule, Cigarroa is an excellent guitar player. He begins work at his new job on February 2, 2009. Cigarroa is a native of **Laredo**.



## Se Murio Ricardo Montalban a la edad de 88 años

**Ricardo Gonzalo Pedro Montalbán y Merino**, the Mexican born actor who made it big in Hol-



lywood passed away on January 7, 2009 at the age of 88. Montalban who started his acting career in 1934 was best known for his Fantasy Island TV role as **Mr. Roarke**.

In addition to acting **Mr. Montalban** was involved in social justice issues and founded the organization called **Nosotros** in 1970 to improve the image of Latinos/Hispanics as they are portrayed in the entertainment industry, both in front of and behind the camera. Original board members included **Desi Arnaz**, **Vikki Carr** and **Anthony Quinn** among others.

**Nosotros** has been instrumental in furthering the careers of many actors such as **Edward James Olmos**, **Salma Hayek**, **Lupe Ontiveros** and **Lorenzo Lamas**.

## Manuel Castillo Passes Away in San Antonio, Texas

**Manuel Castillo, Jr.**, Executive Director of **San Anto Cultural Arts** passed away on January 6, 2009 after a short battle with cancer. He was 40 years old.



A graduate of **Holy Cross High School** in **San Antonio**, **Castillo** started his cultural arts organization in 1994 as a way help young people realize they had talent. Over the years the organization sponsored a number of programs and projects including a **Community Mural Public Arts Program**, a community based newspaper called **El Placazo**, and a **Video Oral History Program** that taught film

and video production skills through the production of oral histories and documentary programs focusing on the history, culture and community of **San Antonio**, specifically the Westside community surrounding **San Anto Cultural Arts**.

To help raise funds for all of the programs and projects, **Manny** helped organize the annual **Huevos Rancheros Breakfast Gala and Art Auction**. Held in mid October, the event proved to be very successful. Another community event that drew wide support in the Westside of **San Antonio** was the **San Anto Cultural Arts (SACA) Dia De Los Muertos Barrio Procession and Community Altar**.

It was a peaceful event intended to bring together people of all walks of life, and is a time and place created to remember and pay homage to friends, family and even enemies who have passed on. Hundreds would turn out for this yearly event.

**Manuel Castillo, Jr.** ya se fue. Nacido en **San Antonio** en el año 1968, el año del Hemisferio, y pizotó la tierra por 40 años. Todo que le conocieron nunca se van a olvidar de le. c/s

## Gov. Perry Appoints Cuevas Presiding Officer of TABC

**Governor Rick Perry**

named **José Cuevas, Jr.**, as the new presiding officer of the **Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission**. This appointment marks the first time in the agency's history that a Hispanic has been named to the highest position at the agency. The commission supervises and regulates all phases of the alcoholic beverage industry.

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## On the Economic Crisis

### ¿Qué Piensas?

So you work hard all your life. You sacrifice and invest your money for a better tomorrow. Each month you review your financial statements and smile as you watch your investments grow. You go to bed at night knowing that as you sleep, your money is hard at work.

*Te levantas* the next morning, you get up in the morning and lo and behold your favorite newscaster is reading a report with the grim news that the stock market has dropped 3%. The next day it drops some more. Throughout 2008 it's all bad news for the stock market... and you, because you had your money tied up in a "safe" retirement account or hedge fund didn't really see it coming.

**Now here you are at the beginning of 2009 and you have just learned that your money . . .**

Now here you are at the beginning of 2009 and you have just learned that your money, the money you worked so hard for and the money that worked so hard for you as you slept soundly, is gone. Not all of it. Just 43% of it. What are you to do?

This is the state of a good number of people today. As they slept, they were in essence robbed! How is one suppose to feel about that? Certainly if someone were to pull a pistol on you in a parking lot outside of **Target** and demand your wallet, you would be mad as hell. If you were to peek outside your window and you happen to notice someone taking the tires off your car you would be furious! So how do you feel about the loss of your retirement or the diminished value of your investments?

Some people say they are mad. Some people are afraid to say anything because when they were making all the money they said too much too often with a comfortable assist from a glass of wine. Now they are too

embarrassed to admit that they are a member of the 43% crowd. Some people just can't believe they have worked all their lives and now, after doing the math, have come to the conclusion that they are going to have to continue working well into their 70s.

**And then there are those of us who silently realize that after quietly smiling**

There are those who would like to blame someone. There are those who want to hold someone responsible for our loss. And then there are those of us who silently realize that after quietly smiling all those years every time the quarterly financial reports arrived with the good news of an increase in the net value in our retirement portfolio, there is there is no one they can point the finger to except to the mirror on the wall. Because in the world of finance, as in the world of biology, everything that goes up . . . must come down. *Así es.*

To be sure, all those who faithfully followed the rules, followed the general path of the American Dream of working hard, doing without, sacrificing and saving for a better tomorrow, now feel betrayed or bamboozled. But this financial crises or meltdown was not without signals.

More than two years ago, there were hearings in **Washington, D.C.** about the fiscal soundness of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. (the two government backed housing corporations that have helped millions of people get homes for the first time in their lives) And more than two years ago the warning bells were being sounded.

But many did not want to hear the warning bells or believe that something wasn't right. There was just too much money to make. Too many big bonuses being paid out at Christmas time. So the brokers, the investors and everyone else acted like everything was fine.

**Editorial**

**Alfredo R. Santos c/s**  
**Editor & Publisher**

Now here comes **President Barack Obama**. He has a plan. At least he says he has a plan. But as **Paul Krugman**, the winner of the 2009 Nobel prize in economics stated in his weekly column in the **New York Times**, there are banks that are "zombie banks, still operating, but the reality is that it has already gone bust. Their stock isn't totally worthless — they still have a market capitalization of \$20 billion — but that value is entirely based on the hope that shareholders will be rescued by a government bailout."

As the new President tries to get Congress to work on the economic crises, there are to many who are too close to the greedy ones who are to blame for this mess. Will the President have the courage to face up to those whose heads must roll? As of this writing will he have the courage to dump **Timothy F. Geithner** as the Treasury Secretary? Will **President Barack Obama's** eloquent words match the deeds that must accompany them if he is to be taken seriously?

As was stated earlier, as in the world of biology, everything that goes up must eventually come down. After the honeymoon is over, and few more Wall Street types go missing, the President is going to have put his foot down. *¡Es todo!*

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## Governor Rick Perry Appoints Veronica Vargas Stidvent to Texas Human Rights Commission

Texas Governor Rick Perry has announced the appointment of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs' Center for Politics and Governance Director Veronica Vargas Stidvent to the Texas Human Rights Commission. Stidvent replaces Patricia Asip of Plano, whose term expires February 1, 2009.



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Stidvent has previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Labor, where she provided advice and counsel to the Secretary of Labor on the vast array of labor issues that affect the American worker, including immigration reform, worker health and safety, and job training. Prior to her appointment as Assistant Secretary, Stidvent served in the White House as Special Assistant to the President for Policy under the George W. Bush Administration where she helped develop policy on a wide range of issue areas, including labor, education, justice, homeland security, and regulatory reform. Before that, she served as a policy adviser in Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. In that position, she provided counsel on federal regulatory policy and coordinated the implementation of new rules with the federal agencies and senior White House officials.

For more information about Veronica Vargas Stidvent, visit: [http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/cpg/about/faculty\\_staff.php](http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/cpg/about/faculty_staff.php)

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# A Chronological History

One hundred and sixty one years ago, Mexico and the United States of America were at war. In 1848, the **Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo** was signed in a city of the same name that resulted in Mexico "selling" nearly one half of its land for millions of dollars. The treaty ending the **Mexican American War** was signed in February. We thought it would be fitting to remember this February some of the events that have constructed our collective history using a chronological approach.

## Chronology

**1810** Mexican War of Independence starts (16th of September)

**1821** - On Aug. 24, 1821, **Mexican President Agustín de Iturbide** and the Spanish viceroy, **Juan O'Donohú**, signed the **Convention of Córdoba** (a town in Veracruz state), by which Spain acquiesced in the **Iguala Plan** and agreed to withdraw its troops.

**1822** - The first group of **Texas** colonists, known as the **Old Three Hundred**, arrived in 1822 to settle an empresarial grant that had been given to **Stephen F. Austin**.



**1824** - On October 4, 1824, **Mexico** adopted a new constitution which defined the country as a federal republic with nineteen states and four territories. The former province of **Spanish Texas** became part of a newly created state, **Coahuila y Tejas**, whose capital was at **Saltillo**, hundreds of miles from the former **Texas** capital, **San Antonio de Bexar** (now San Antonio, Texas).

**1829** - Mexico abolishes slavery

**1830** - **Mexican President Anastasio Bustamante** implemented several measures on April 6, 1830. Chief among these was a prohibition against further immigration to **Texas** from the United States, although American citizens would be allowed to settle in other parts of **Mexico**.

**1833** - In April 1833, **Texas** settlers called a convention to discuss proposed changes in immigration, judicial, and other political policies. The delegates also advocated separate statehood for **Texas** and elected **Stephen F. Austin** to carry a proposed state

constitution to Mexico City. The new Mexican President, **Antonio López de Santa Anna**, approved many of the proposals, but refused to agree to separate statehood; **Austin** was jailed when he wrote a letter advocating that **Texians** act unilaterally on statehood



**1835** - Animosity between the Mexican government and the American settlers in **Texas** (who were called **Texians**) began with the **Siete Leyes** of 1835, when Mexican President and General **Antonio López de Santa Anna** abolished the **Constitution of 1824** and proclaimed a new anti-federalist constitution in its place. Unrest soon followed throughout all of **Mexico**, and war began in **Texas** on October 2, 1835, with the **Battle of Gonzales**. Early **Texian** successes at **La Bahia** and **San Antonio** were soon met with crushing defeat at the same locations a few months later.

**1836** - General **Santa Anna** leads Mexican army northward to quell colonist uprisings. The **Battle of the Alamo** takes place in March. Other battles take place but finally **Santa Anna** is defeated in the **Battle of San Jacinto**. (present-day Harris County, Texas) He is forced to sign the **Treaties of Velasco** (which is now Surfside Beach, Texas) on May 14 which recognized **Texas's** independence. The first Congress of the **Republic of Texas** convened in October 1836 at **Columbia** (now West Columbia).

**1838** - There are internal politics with the new Republic based on the conflict between two factions. The nationalist faction, led by **Mirabeau B. Lamar**, advocated the continued independence of **Texas**, the expulsion of the Native Americans, and the expansion of **Texas** to the Pacific Ocean. Their opponents, led by **Sam Houston**, advocated the annexation of **Texas** to the United States and peaceful co-existence with Native Americans.

**1840** - Others are plotting their independence including a group who decided on January 17, 1840 at a constitutional convention at the **Oreveña Ranch** near **Laredo** that the Mexican states of **Coahuila**, **Nuevo León**, and **Tamaulipas** would withdraw themselves from **Mexico** and would form their own federal republic with **Laredo** as the capital.

**1842** - Although **Texas** governed itself, **Mexico** refused to recognize its independence. On March 5, 1842, a Mexican force of over 500 men, led by **Rafael Vásquez**, invaded **Texas** for the first time since the revolution. They soon headed back to the **Rio Grande** after briefly occupying **San Antonio**. 1,400 Mexican troops, led by the French mercenary general **Adrian Woll** launched a second attack and captured **San Antonio** on September 11, 1842. A **Texas** militia retaliated at the **Battle of Salado Creek**. However on September 18th, this militia was defeated by Mexican soldiers and **Texas Cherokee Indians** during the **Dawson Massacre**. The Mexican army would later retreat from the city of **San Antonio**.

Among the effects of Mexico's attacks on **Texas** was the intensification of conflicts between political factions, including an incident known as the **Texas Archive War**. To "protect" the **Texas** national archives, **Governor Sam Houston** ordered them removed from **Austin**. The archives were eventually returned back to **Austin**, albeit at

But prior to statehood taking effect, in November 10, 1845, **President James K Polk** sent **John Slidell**, a secret representative, to **Mexico City** with an offer of \$25 million for the **Rio Grande** border in **Texas** and **Mexico's** provinces of **Alta California** and **Santa Fe de Nuevo México**. U.S. expansionists wanted **California** to thwart British ambitions in the area and to gain a port on the **Pacific Ocean**. **Polk** authorized **Slidell** to forgive the \$3 million owed to U.S. citizens for damages caused by the **Mexican War of Independence** and pay another \$25 to \$30 million in exchange for the two territories.

**1846** - **Mexico** was not inclined nor in a position to negotiate. In 1846 alone, the presidency changed hands four times, the war ministry six times, and the finance ministry sixteen times. However, Mexican public opinion and all political factions agreed that selling the territories to the United States would tarnish the national honor.

**Mexicans** who opposed open conflict with the United States, including **President José Joaquín de Herrera**, were viewed as traitors. Military opponents of **de Herrera**, supported by populist newspapers, considered **Slidell's** presence in **Mexico City** an insult. When **de Herrera** considered receiving **Slidell** in order to peacefully negotiate the problem of **Texas** annexation, he was accused of treason and deposed.

After a more nationalistic government under **General Mariano Paredes y Arrillaga** came to power, it publicly reaffirmed **Mexico's** claim to **Texas**. **Slidell**, convinced that **Mexico** should be "chastised," returned to the United States.

**Polk** ordered **General Taylor** and his forces south to the **Rio Grande**, invading the territory that **Mexicans** claimed as their own. **Mexico** claimed the **Nueces River** — about 150 miles (240 km) north of the **Rio Grande** — as its border with **Texas**; the United States claimed it was the **Rio Grande**, citing the 1836 **Treaties of Velasco**. **Mexico**, however, had never ratified these treaties, which were signed by **Santa Anna** while he was a prisoner in **Texas**. **Taylor** ignored Mexican demands to withdraw to the **Nueces**. He constructed a makeshift fort (later known as Fort Brown/Fort Texas) on the banks of the **Rio Grande** opposite the city of **Matamoros**, **Tamaulipas**. Mexican forces under **General Mariano Arista** prepared for war.

On April 25, 1846, a 2,000-strong Mexican cavalry detachment attacked a 63-man U.S. patrol that had been sent into the contested territory north of the **Rio Grande** and south of the **Nueces River**. The Mexican cavalry routed the patrol, killing 11 U.S. soldiers in what later became known as the **Thornton Affair** after the U.S. officer who was in command. A few survivors were returned to **Fort Brown** by the **Mexicans**, including wounded sent in an ambulance.



Battle of the Alamo

gunpoint. The **Texas Congress** admonished **Houston** for the incident, and this episode in **Texas** history would solidify **Austin** as **Texas's** seat of government for the Republic and the future state.

**1845** - On February 28, 1845, the **U.S. Congress** passed a bill that would authorize the United States to annex the **Republic of Texas**. On March 1, U.S. President **John Tyler** signed the bill. The legislation set the date for annexation for December 29 of the same year. On October 13, 1845 a large majority of voters in the Republic approved both the American offer and the proposed constitution that specifically endorsed slavery and the slave trade. This constitution was later accepted by the **U.S. Congress**, making **Texas** a U.S. state on the same day annexation took effect, December 29, 1845

# of the Southwest and Mexico



attempted to offer **Mexico** for the land before the opening of hostilities—and the U.S. agreed to assume \$3.25 million in debts that the Mexican government owed to U.S. citizens.



American Occupation of Mexico City

## Mexico before the Mexican American War of 1846-1848



By then, **Polk** had received word of the **Thornton Affair**. This, added to the Mexican government's rejection of **Slidell**, **Polk** believed, constituted a casus belli. His message to Congress on May 11, 1846 stated that "Mexico has passed the boundary of the United States, has invaded our territory and shed American blood upon American soil."

A joint session of Congress approved the declaration of war, with southern Democrats in strong support because they saw the annexation of **Mexico** as an opportunity to increase the number of slave states. Sixty-seven **Whigs** voted against the war on a key slavery amendment, but on the final passage only 14 **Whigs** voted no, including **Rep. John Quincy Adams**. Congress declared war on Mexico on May 13, 1846 after only having a few hours to debate. Although **President Paredes's** issuance of a manifesto on May 23 is sometimes considered the declaration of war, Mexico officially declared war by Congress on July 7.

**1847** - Attempts made to negotiate an end to war. Talks break down and US occupies **Mexico City**. **Santa Anna** resigns and Mexican Government flees to a provisional capital 100 miles to the North. Fighting in **California** ends on January 12th, with **Californios** surrendering to U.S. forces. That marked the end of armed resistance in California, and the **Treaty of Cahuenga** was signed the next day, on January 13, 1847. Fighting continues in many parts of **Mexico** as US forces have invaded.

**1848** - The **Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo**, signed on February 2, 1848 by American diplomat **Nicholas Trist**, ended the war and gave the U.S. undisputed control of Texas, established the U.S.-Mexican border of the **Rio Grande River**, and ceded to the United States the present-day states of **California, Nevada, Utah**, and parts of **Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico**, and **Wyoming**. In return, **Mexico** received US \$18,250,000—less than half the amount the U.S. had



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## Zamora publishes book tracing Mexican workers employment opportunities during WWII

**Professor Emilio Zamora** continues his longstanding scholarship on Mexican-origin workers, civil and labor rights during World War II with the publication of a new book entitled *Claiming Rights and Righting Wrongs in Texas, Mexican Workers and Job Politics during World War II* with Texas A&M University Press (January 2009).



The book covers Mexican workers fight for equal rights in transnational settings, an enterprise that has allowed him to make recognized contributions in various fields, including Mexican American, Texas, labor and Mexico history.

In *Claiming Rights and Righting Wrongs in Texas*, **Zamora** traces the wartime experiences of Mexican workers as they moved from rural to urban settings in search of improved employment opportunities. Zamora contends that although the expanded wartime economy allowed many of them to improve their occupational standing, discrimination slowed their movement from agricultural to nonagricultural employment and reinforced inequality.

**Zamora** also points out that the fight against discrimination and inequality—a historic concern in the Mexican community—achieved added importance during the war years in large part because they energized Mexico's advocacy policy of Mexicans in the exterior and prompted the State Department to promote the Good Neighbor Policy principles of wartime understanding and good will in the domestic arena.

Inserting the cause for equal rights among Mexicans as a defining concern in intergovernmental relations meant that race had assumed hemispheric importance. Texas, according to **Zamora**, became a point of contention as Mexico isolated it as a test site for the application of a Good Neighbor Policy and the State Department rendered aid and advice to policy makers in Texas to win the favor of the U.S.'s principal ally in the Americas.

The State Department's response to Mexico's interventions included an inter-agency focus on Mexicans in the United States that Zamora assesses with an examination of the work of the Fair Employment Practice Committee (FEPC) in Texas. Although the FEPC's efforts at enforcing the nation's nondiscrimination policy in wartime industries did not achieve great success, they stood in contrast to the policy of the United States Employment Service to discourage the movement of Mexicans out of agriculture.

Against a backdrop of a booming wartime economy, heightened intergovernmental relations and inconsistent U.S. government policies, Zamora also examines the civil and labor rights activity of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Although other organizations spoke out against discrimination and inequality, LULAC became the favored intermediary between the Mexican and U.S. governments. Its members worked closely with Mexican consular staff and FEPC officials to advance pan-Americanism, equal rights and a political identity as Americans in the original (hemispheric) sense of the word.



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## Cambodian-born student follows her dreams to Brazosport College

As a child growing up in Cambodia, Rothany Cuba loved school. She enjoyed expanding her mind and learning new things, and even dreamed that one day she would be able to study in the United States or Japan.

Years later, Rothany's dream has become a reality. And Brazosport College helped make it possible. In fact, the freshman Rothany has excelled at the Brazosport-area college.



start our new lives," she said. She attended the University of Cambodia and chose English as a major in hopes of it becoming a gateway to an American college.

"In my country we didn't have the technology the U.S. has," she said. "I learned from science and chemistry books without learning from lab experiments."

Since coming to the U.S., Rothany has achieved a 4.0

GPA, joined the Honors Program and is involved with the student senate for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Brazosport College.

In December, she will be traveling with her church to Cambodia on a mission trip to help the underprivileged to learn a better life.

"I want to share hope and tell young children to keep dreaming and to never give up," Cuba said.

The Brazosport College Foundation has helped thousands of students like Rothany Cuba with similar stories of the challenges they faced to get to college.

For more information on the Brazosport College Foundation and how to give a gift please contact Barbara Franklin, Development Officer at Brazosport College at 979-230-3496.

She recently received a \$500 scholarship from the college foundation. She's one of more than 240 students that have been awarded \$102,500 worth of scholarships this semester alone.

"I have followed my dreams and it gives me great satisfaction to be a leader and an example for fellow students," she said.

Although Rothany's route to Brazosport College is a true success story, it didn't come without a huge amount of determination.

She was born in a Cambodia refugee camp on the border of Cambodia and Thailand right after the Khmer Rouge, which was a civil war that occurred in the late 1970's. Rothany and her family were eventually able to escape the war and the refugee camp to begin their own lives.

"The government gave us \$300 to

## Profile of the Month

### Ezreal J. Garcia

Twenty Five years ago I came into this world and throughout the years, I have grown up and gained a clear understanding of how this world has changed and also changed our ideals as Americans. Now with this being said, I am not in no way saying that we have grown ignorant, on the contrary I believe that we have become more educated about life's problems and life's daily obstacles. However, I believe that we have not done a good job at educating our culture about the different types of services that are available to them



wither they be American citizens or un-documented individuals. I have seen our culture loose some important ideals because no one has bridged the gap between one generation and the next. As a minister at an amazing church in Alvin and an advanced planning consultant at Dixon Funeral Home, I have begun to see the need and it has become my calling and my mandate from my Father to respond to this need.

There is a scripture that says, "...for many are called, but few are chosen", I believe that this scripture captures the essence of the high calling that we all are beginning to sense and feel. We are living in difficult times, times that do not respect race, color, religion, culture and sex. These times are times of great trouble. Times of great turmoil, but we as inhabitants of this world and citizens of this great country, need to band together and began to heal our wounds, forgive our trespasses towards each other and move on to fulfill that high calling that has started to weigh on our hearts. I challenge you not to put your faith in man, but in that person to whom which has called you. Let us come together and challenge each other to band together.

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# Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas

**SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR** Shintech Incorporated, 5618 East Highway 332, Freeport, Texas 77541-3113, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ por sus siglas en inglés) para autorizar Permiso Num. 82045 del Estado para Calidad Atmosférica y Permiso Num. PSD-TX-1094 para Prevención de Deterioro Significativo (PSD por sus siglas en inglés), Permiso Num. N94 de "Nonattainment" y Permiso Num. HAP9 de Fuente Mayor de Contaminantes Atmosféricos Peligrosos [FAA §112(g)], los cuales autorizarán la construcción de la planta de Shintech Chocolate Bayou Facility. La planta está situada en FM 2917 aproximadamente 8 millas al sur de la intersección de FM 2917 y de la carretera 35 de Tejas, Alvin, Condado de Brazoria, Texas. Esta solicitud se le presentó a TCEQ el 29 de mayo del 2007. La planta propuesta emitirá los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos en cantidades bastante significativas para requerir un reviso de nonattainment: compuestos de carbono y óxidos de nitrógeno por ser contribuyentes al ozono. La planta propuesta emitirá los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos en cantidades significativas: monóxido de carbono y materia en partículas menores de 10 micrones de diámetro. La planta propuesta emitirá contaminantes atmosféricos peligrosos de las calderas de gas requerirá un reviso de caso-por-caso de Tecnología de Máximo Control Alcanzable. Además, la planta propuesta emitirá los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: dióxido de sulfuro, amoníaco, cloruro de hidrógeno, clorina, cloruro de vinilo, y dicloruro etilénico.

"Nonattainment areas" se refiere a las áreas del estado de Tejas que exceden los límites de calidad de aire establecidos por la Agencia Para la Protección del Medio Ambiente (EPA).

El Condado de Brazoria ha sido designado como Nonattainment para compuestos de carbono y óxidos de nitrógeno por ser contribuyentes al ozono porque las Estaciones de Monitores Continuos de Calidad de Aire han indicado que los niveles de ozono exceden las Normas Nacionales de Calidad de Aire Ambientales (NAAQS) de ozono. La Ley Federal del Aire Limpio (FAA) requiere que fuentes mayores fijas nuevas, o modificaciones a fuentes existentes en áreas designadas como Nonattainment deban satisfacer un reviso de nonattainment para fuentes nuevas antes de empezar construcción.

Como es requerido por un reviso de Nonattainment, compuestos de carbono y óxidos de nitrógeno han sido evaluados y el nivel de emisiones mínimo ha sido establecido para el control de estos contaminantes. El incremento a las emisiones de este proyecto serán contrarrestadas por reducciones en una proporción de 1.3 a 1. Además, el solicitante ha demostrado que los beneficios ofrecidos por esta instalación exceden en valor los costos ambientales y sociales impuestos por su localidad, construcción o modificación. Finalmente, el solicitante ha certificado que todas las fuentes mayores de su propiedad o bajo su manejo en el estado están en cumplimiento con todos los límites y normas de emisiones federales y estatales aplicables, o están en un programa para alcanzar cumplimiento con



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PM10	24 horas	18	30

encuentra a continuación.

### COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS/JUNTA PÚBLICA.

La TCEQ celebró una junta pública el día 29 de octubre del 2007 a las 7:00 PM en 2925 South Bypass 35, Alvin, Condado de Brazoria. Usted

puede presentar comentarios públicos adicionales o solicitar otra junta pública

sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de la junta pública es el proveer la oportunidad de someter comentarios o hacer preguntas sobre esta solicitud. La TCEQ tendrá una junta pública si el director ejecutivo determina que hay suficiente interés de parte del público en esta solicitud o si es solicitada por un legislador local. Una junta pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

**Comentarios sobre esta solicitud deberán recibirse por escrito a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ), Oficina del Secretario Principal (Office of the Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, dentro de 30 días después de la publicación de este aviso.**

### OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO

Después del plazo final para someter comentarios públicos, el director ejecutivo considerará los comentarios y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos relevantes y materiales, o de otro modo significativos. La respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, serán entonces enviada por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios públicos o que hallan peticionado para estar en la lista de correo sobre esta solicitud.

Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un procedimiento legal similar a un juicio civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado. Una persona que puede estar afectada por contaminantes de

emisiones atmosféricas de una planta tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Si se solicita una audiencia de caso impugnado, debe presentar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección, número de teléfono y número de facsímil si lo tiene; (2) el nombre del solicitante y número de permiso; (3) la oración en inglés "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) una descripción específica de como se vería adversamente afectado por la solicitud y emisiones atmosféricas de la planta de manera que no es común para el público en general; (5) la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad con relación a la planta; y (6) una descripción de como emplea la propiedad la cual puede ser impactada por la planta. Si la petición la hace un grupo o asociación, el miembro o miembros que tienen derecho a solicitar una audiencia y los intereses que el grupo o la asociación busca proteger, también se deben identificar. También puede presentar los ajustes que propone hacer a la solicitud / permiso que pueden satisfacer sus preocupaciones. Solicitudes para una audiencia de caso impugnado deberán ser sometidas por escrito dentro de 30 días de esta notificación a la oficina del Office of Chief Clerk a la dirección mencionada anteriormente.

Una audiencia de caso impugnado solo se concederá con base a cuestiones debatibles de hechos que son pertinentes y materiales para las decisiones de la Comisión con respecto a la solicitud. Además, la Comisión solo concederá una audiencia sobre cuestiones que se presenten durante el periodo de comentarios públicos y no se retiren. Cuestiones que no son tratadas como comentarios públicos pueden no ser consideradas durante la audiencia.

**ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO** A menos de que se presente una petición para una audiencia en controversia o una petición para que reconsidere su decisión, puede ser que el director ejecutivo apruebe la solicitud para este permiso. Si peticiones recibidas a tiempo no son retiradas, el director ejecutivo de la TCEQ no aprobará la solicitud para este permiso y remitirá la solicitud y las peticiones a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una junta de Comisionados.

**INFORMACIÓN** Para mayor información acerca de esta solicitud para permiso o el proceso de obtener permisos, favor de llamar a la Oficina de Asistencia al Público (Office of Public Assistance), sin cargo, al 1-800-687-4040. Si requiere información general de TCEQ dirigirse al portal electrónico [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Se puede obtener información adicional de Shintech Incorporated a la dirección en el primer párrafo, o llamando al Sr. E. G. Fiesinger, Principal, Zephyr Environmental Corporation, al 281-668-7353.

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## Latino Workers in the Ongoing Recession: 2007 to 2008

by Rakesh Kochhar

A small but significant decline has occurred during the current recession in the share of Latino immigrants active in the U.S. labor force, according to a **Pew Hispanic Center** analysis of **Census Bureau** data. In a year when jobs have become scarce for everyone, the proportion of working-age Latino immigrants participating in the labor force has fallen, at least through the third quarter of 2008, while the proportion of all non-Hispanics as well as of native-born Hispanics has held steady.

Jobs attract many Hispanic immigrants to the United States, and their labor force participation rate — the proportion of the working-age population that is either working or actively seeking work — is typically higher than the rate in the native-born population. That remains the case now.

However, among Latino immigrants, 71.3% were in the labor force at the close of the third quarter of 2008, compared with 72.4% a year earlier. This 1.1 percentage point decrease follows on the heels of a steady increase in the labor force participation rate of foreign-born Latinos since 2003 when the economy started its recovery from the 2001 recession.<sup>1</sup> The drop in labor market activity was about twice as high among immigrants from **Mexico** and among immigrants who arrived in the U.S. since 2000. Among all non-Hispanics, the labor force participation rate was essentially unchanged during this period — it was 66.2% at the end of the third quarter of 2008, up marginally from 66.0% a year earlier. Among native-born Hispanics, the rate was 66.4%, up from 66.0% a year earlier.

The absolute number of immigrant Latinos in the labor force did increase slightly — by 150,000 — between the third quarters of 2007 and 2008. But this increase is much smaller than it had been in previous years. And because it is also much smaller than the growth in the working-age population of Latino immigrants, the share that is active in the labor force has declined.

It is not possible to conclude from these data whether or not some of the foreign-born Latinos who left the labor force have returned to their countries of origin. The growth in the immigrant Latino population has leveled off in recent years, but it is not clear whether this has been due to an increased outflow of migrants. Passel and Cohn (2008) do find a decrease in the annual inflow of undocumented migrants to the U.S. since 2005. About four-in-five undocumented migrants come from Latin America.

The labor market data do not paint an unrelentingly negative picture for Latino immigrants, who make up about 8% of the total U.S. labor force. Their unemployment rate in the third quarter of 2008 was 6.4%, not much higher than the 6.1% rate for the total U.S. workforce and much lower than the 9.6% rate for native-born Hispanics (who account for about 45% of the Hispanic labor force in this country). However, workers who withdraw from the labor force are not counted among the unemployed. If foreign-born Latinos had remained as active in the labor market in 2008 as they were in 2007, their unemployment rate would be much higher today.

These findings emerge from the **Pew Hispanic Center's** analysis of the latest data from the **Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau**. Most of the data are from the Current Population Survey, a monthly Census Bureau survey of approximately 55,000 households. Data from three monthly surveys were combined to create larger sample sizes and to conduct the analysis on a quarterly basis.

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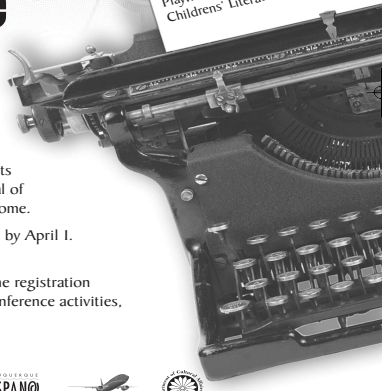
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Te dije	I told you
Es la pura verdad	It is nothing but the truth
Nomas pa que veas	Just so you can see
Pues por aquí estaba	Well, it was around here
Compralo en el HEB	Buy it at the HEB
Sacame de esta duda	Remove this doubt I have
Qué tal el Presidente	How about the President
Era tiempo	It's about time
Terco el John Cornyn	Stubborn that John Cornyn
Dile la verdad	Tell him the truth
El país esta cambiando	This country is changing
Nosotros también	We are also
Apague la televisión	Turn off the television
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Ahora duermase	Now go to sleep



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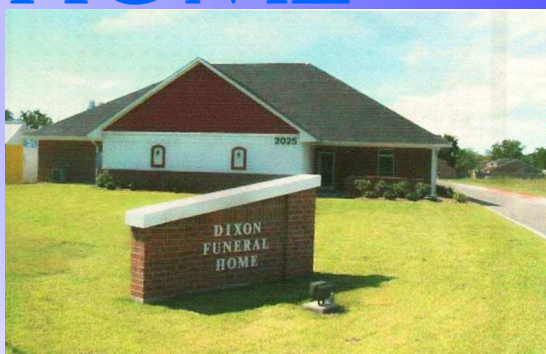
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Necesitamos personal para todos posiciones  
(Hablamos Español)

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## Servicios Fúnebres Principiando de \$4190.00

Estos servicios fúnebres incluye los servicios basicos:

- el transporte (sin limusina),
- un ataúd de 20 calibradores (de un tamaño mínimo),
- un libro conmemorativo.

No incluye:

- Los certificados de defunción
- artículo periodística
- asistente para de entierro
- cargas de cementario.

## Cremaciones principiando de \$1450.00

Tenemos varios modos de pago.

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3,5,y 10 años opciones de pago mensual  
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3 y 5 años las opciones de pago mensual  
(81-85 años de edad)

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