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Ohio Lottery Results, 11-30-02

Game	Results	Payout
Mid-day Pick 3	9-6-9	\$133,876
Mid-day Pick 4	6-6-5-7	\$ 51,700
Pick 3	8-2-1	\$715,448
Pick 4	8-0-2-6	\$ 66,700
Buckeye5	12-19-27-29-36	\$166,791
Super Lotto Plus	13-19-24-35-40-42	\$5 Million
Kicker	9-7-2-0-4-4	\$ 65,530

Michigan Lottery Results

Michigan Millions	1-6-16-33-38-51-12
Michigan Roll Down	5-6-7-8-24
Mid-day Daily 3	083
Eve. Daily 3	582
Mid-day Daily 4	3248
Eve. Daily 4	5563

Breves

Gloria Trevi desiste de litigio contra extradición a México

SAO PAULO (AP): Tras dos años de lucha para evitar su extradición a México, la cantante mexicana Gloria Trevi ha decidido poner fin al litigio y en cualquier momento retornaría a su país.

La Corte Suprema de Brasil informó jueves en la noche que los abogados de Trevi habían desistido todas las opciones legales que les quedaban y pidieron que la cantante fuera extraditada a México, donde es acusada de secuestro y corrupción de menores.

«Gloria Trevi prefiere enfrentarse a una corte en México que permanecer tres años en una celda en Brasil», dijo el abogado de Trevi, Geraldo Magela de Oliveira.

La corte brasileña no informó cuando se procedería con la extradición.

El ex esposo de Trevi y padre de su retoño de ocho meses, Sergio Andrade, aguarda bajo custodia policial su destino. Asimismo, la corista María Raquiel Portillo también está presa mientras se decide su caso de extradición.

Los tres fueron detenidos en Río de Janeiro en enero del 2000 a petición de las autoridades mexicanas.

Las acusaciones se

originaron en una denuncia de una menor que trabajó en el grupo artístico de la cantante, y quien tuvo un hijo de Andrade a los 15 años.

La Corte Suprema de Brasil autorizó la extradición de los tres en diciembre del 2000, pero los abogados del trío apelaron a todo tipo de maniobras legales para revocar la decisión.

Aprobaban referéndum sobre Chávez en Venezuela

CARACAS (AP): El Consejo Nacional Electoral de Venezuela aprobó convocar un referéndum el 2 de febrero para consultar a los ciudadanos si desean la renuncia del presidente Hugo Chávez.

La consulta, que no sería vinculante, se realizaría con la pregunta «¿Está usted de acuerdo con solicitar al presidente de la República, ciudadano Hugo Chávez Frías, que de manera inmediata renuncie voluntariamente a su cargo?».

La decisión fue anunciada por el presidente del Consejo, Alfredo Avella, la madrugada del jueves tras ocho horas de sesión.

El Consejo aprobó el referéndum luego de determinar que entre los venezolanos se había logrado recabar las firmas del 10% del registro electoral

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La Familia Band and friends—celebrating 15 years: Mario Ramos, David Gonzales, & Rubén Villegas [front row]; George Marroquin, Santos Villegas, Rubén Ramos, Yvonne Ramos, Rubén Ramos, Jr., Juan Ramos, Sam Gonzales, & Tony Avila [back row] at the band's quinceañera last Saturday.

La Familia clan celebrates its quinceañera in gran fashion

By Rico de La Prensa

In 1987, Rubén Ramos formed "La Familia" band. It was a culmination of many years of musical appreciation and development, which began when he was 13 years of age, watching his father, Ben Ramos, practice for gigs for his band, "Ben Ramos y Su Orquesta."

Ramos informed *La Prensa*, "I used to watch my father practice. I asked him one day if I could play in his band. My dad said that I could, but that I must first learn to play the drums. I did."

Ramos learned more than drums. He also learned sax, keyboards, and guitar.

From playing with his
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Brrrrrrrrrr!!! Despite the cold and windy day, George Wos clowns around by entertaining Ben Garcia and Raquel Molina and their children Samarah and Serenah, who attended this year's holiday parade. This was the 15th Annual Food Town Holiday Parade held last Saturday in downtown Toledo. Fun was had by all despite el viento! Just ask los niños! [La Prensa photo]

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Secretary of Education Paige visits México City

México City, [D.F.]: U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige traveled to México City on his first foreign trip as secretary to meet with Mexican education officials, tour an elementary school, and formally renew U.S.-México bilateral cooperation in the field of education.

Paige was in México City Nov. 24-26 to participate in the United States-México Binational Commission Meeting, which included a working group on education.

This working group is co-chaired by Secretary Paige and his Mexican counterpart, Secretary of Education Reyes Tamez Guerra. While in México, Paige will also address representatives of the

Mexican Congressional Education Committees, members of the higher education community, teachers, and university students.

"In the United States... we have a new education law called *No Child Left Behind*, which will help us close the unjust achievement gap that exists between minority children and their peers. We will fully utilize this law to help children that were being left behind, many of them new immigrants from México and other countries. The *No Child Left Behind Act* has put new hope in the hearts of these children and their parents," said Paige.

The bi-national agreement focuses on cooperation



to improve primary, secondary, and postsecondary education. Areas of interest include: encouraging educational projects along the border region, facilitating the immediate school enrollment of migrant children, promoting teacher exchanges and development, and strengthening mutual understanding of the two cultures through joint initiatives such as foreign language acquisition.

Secretario de Educación asegura ha disminuido problema de malos olores en escuelas

SAN JUAN (AP): El secretario de Educación, César Rey, aseguró que solo quedan 28 escuelas en toda la isla que enfrentan problemas de malos olores provenientes del mismo plantel.

El funcionario dijo que en el resto de los planteles que reportan problemas de emanaciones de gases, los olores usualmente provienen de industrias y gasolinerías aledañas a las escuelas.

Rey reaccionó así a expresiones del representante novoprogresista José Aponte, quien dijo que el Secretario de Educación no ofrece cifras correctas sobre la cantidad de plantas

afectados por las emanaciones.

Rey indicó que un estudio realizado por la Oficina de Mejoramiento de Escuelas Públicas (OMEP), en el verano de 2001, identificó 320 escuelas que habían reportado situaciones de malos olores, los que en su mayoría eran problemas esporádicos cuya raíz estaba en las tuberías internas o los pozos sépticos.

Añadió que el DE, a través de OMEP, ha construido tanques de retención para sustituir los pozos sépticos de las escuelas, ha cambiado las líneas de gas y se tiene un proyecto para conectar cerca de 100 escuelas al sistema de Acueductos.

«Nuestro equipo de trabajo, en colaboración con

la Junta de Calidad Ambiental (JCA), ha realizado pruebas de humo, aire y agua en todas las escuelas identificadas con problemas y hemos resuelto 292 casos», señaló Rey en un comunicado.

«Sólo quedan 28 escuelas que confrontan problemas, de las que 20 son situaciones críticas que dependen de una acción interagencial concertada por tratarse de condiciones ambientales de la comunidad», agregó.

El grupo de 20 escuelas identificadas con problemas más recurrentes de emanación de olores se encuentran en Lares, San Lorenzo, Las Piedras, Ciales, Santa Isabel, Cidra y Canóvanas.

School administrators raise concerns about new federal ed law

CONCORD, N.H. (AP): New Hampshire school administrators estimate the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* will cost New Hampshire taxpayers at least \$109 million per year when fully in place, and jeopardize local control.

The *No Child Left Behind* law requires states test students more often, provide more training to teachers aides, and ensure that children show yearly improvement on statewide assessment tests.

"The federal law is going to drive what you do, but it won't pay for it," said Mark Joyce, executive director of the New Hampshire School Administrators Association. He said the group has no problem with the ideas about school accountability behind the law, but doesn't think it is fair that communities should pay most of the bill.

The report highlights four areas where costs are ex-

pected to jump dramatically in New Hampshire.

It estimates an added \$11.7 million for teacher pay, \$16.6 million more for more-qualified teachers aides, \$35.4 million for new technology plans, and \$62.8 million more for special education spending.

It's estimated Washington will pay just \$17 million per year toward the costs.

"That doesn't seem fair or logical," Joyce said.

Under the law, schools that repeatedly fail to make adequate annual progress can face sanctions. Those sanctions include allowing students in a "failing" school go to other public schools.

According to the report, parents whose children are in failing schools could push for their children to receive special education services. Joyce said parents with special education students "mainstreamed" in regular classes could push for their children to be placed outside their dis-

tricts.

"School attorneys tell us this will just be open season, if you will, for ratcheting up special education costs for these schools," Joyce said.

New Hampshire school superintendents familiar with the report say the debate over who will pay for *No Child Left Behind* is similar to the dispute over special education.

In 1976, Washington passed the *Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act* that forced schools to provide special education services. But the federal government still is far from paying the 40 percent of those costs it promised to bear.

Nicholas Donohue, the states education commissioner, said there is no question the *No Child Left Behind Act* would have an impact on communities, including cost.

"I think, overall, the issue of reverberation and cost and impact is indisputable," Donohue said.



Rubén Ramos y La Familia, 1993: with Bobby Gonzales, Juan Ramos, Danny Gonzales, David Gonzales, Yvonne Ramos, Rubén Ramos, and Cruz Gonzales, performing at Las Palmas.

Profile of the Month

Last week, *La Prensa* published a profile on community activist and business Latina Maria Rodríguez-Winter.

Each and every month, *La Prensa* will be profiling individuals that assist or service the Latino community. These individuals do not necessarily need to be of Latino/a descent.

Once profiled, that individual will also be entitled to advertise in *La Prensa* one business card-size ad at no expense to the individual.

La Prensa invites its readers to submit suggestions as to who should be profiled each month, by e-mail at laprensa@lycos.com or by mail at *La Prensa*, attn: Rico, 616 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Call 419-870-6565 for questions or comments.

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Breves

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pidiendo la consulta, tal como lo establece la Constitución para esos casos, dijo Avella.

«Se han cumplido todos los requisitos de ley, por eso sabemos que se puede realizar», dijo Avella.

Por su lado, la oposición mantiene su llamado al paro nacional para el 2 de

diciembre, aseguró este jueves el presidente de la poderosa entidad empresarial Fedecámaras, Carlos Fernández.

Afirmó que un miembro del Consejo Electoral que disintió de la decisión está tratando de lograr que el Tribunal Supremo de Justicia la revoque, y que por lo tanto el paro debe seguir adelante hasta que se determine si la

decisión del referéndum es definitiva.

«Sabemos que un miembro del Consejo está tratando de impugnar la decisión ante el Tribunal Supremo de Justicia, por eso vemos que (el referéndum) no es nada seguro», dijo Fernández.

Agregó que «lo único seguro es que el paro viene el lunes a partir de las 6 de la mañana».



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Garcia chosen to head INS

WASHINGTON (AP): Michael Garcia, a former federal prosecutor who specialized in terrorism cases, will serve as acting commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) beginning Saturday, the Justice Department announced Monday.

Garcia was chosen by President Bush to take over for INS Commissioner James Ziglar, whose term ends Saturday. Ziglar had announced he would leave the troubled agency and the government this fall.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Garcia "will lead tough enforcement of our immigration laws to protect Americans from terrorism and secure our homeland."

The INS came under heightened scrutiny after the Sept. 11 attacks, which exposed gaps in the nation's border enforcement.

Garcia will help transfer

most of the agency's duties to the new Homeland Security Department, created in a bill Bush signed into law Monday. The law abolishes INS and creates two bureaus within the new agency, one for border security and one for citizenship and benefits.

Garcia has been the Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement at the Commerce Department since August 2001.

A New York native, Garcia was U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1992 until he joined Commerce in 2001. As U.S. attorney, he handled the 1993 World Trade Center bombing case and won five convictions; and the prosecution of four people accused of conspiring with alleged terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden to kill Americans at two U.S. embassies in East Africa, the Justice Department said. Those four defendants were convicted last year.

México appears to settle for piecemeal migration reform—but wants it now

By MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press Writer

MÉXICO CITY, México (AP): México and the United States now appear willing to hash out a quick, partial immigration package that might provide more guest-worker visas but avoid the thorny issue of legal status for undocumented migrants.

The administration of President Vicente Fox appeared to lower its sights Tuesday, calling for a rapid, tangible agreement even if it amounts to less than the "whole enchilada" of legalization and open borders México once sought.

"The Mexican government made its position very clear ... about looking for concrete, specific, timely agreements on very concrete points we can move on now," Foreign Secretary Jorge Castañeda said at a México City news conference with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Powell, who headed a U.S. delegation for two days of talks that ended Tuesday, suggested a quick series of discussions on the least controversial issues, perhaps including temporary work visas.

"We want to come up with an agenda of items that we can pursue over the next six months to a year," Powell said. "We

want Mexicans to travel to the United States" and then "come back to their homes to share whatever wealth they have gained by their efforts."

Powell said the issue of the estimated 4 million undocumented Mexican immigrants already in the United States "is a problem that will also have to be dealt with in due course, but these things will take time."

Fox desperately needs to show some kind of quick results on immigration: he faces midterm congressional elections in 2003 with little progress to show on domestic issues from his first two years in office.

Most undocumented workers in the United States are Mexicans, and bettering their situation would provide a huge boost for Fox's conservative National Action Party.

Powell promised "to work as hard and as fast as we can" but offered no specifics.

President Bush, in a videotaped message to the Cabinet-level meeting of the two countries, agreed that work on migration should continue. However, Fox complained that the United States had unfairly subjected all migrants to increased security measures following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Fox called for a migration framework that "clearly distinguishes between those who ar-

Fox: Mexican migrants pose no terrorist threat to United States

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

MÉXICO CITY, México (AP), Nov. 26: Mexican President Vicente Fox, insisting that Mexicans in the United States pose no terror threat, called Tuesday for high-level discussions to give legal status to at least some of the more than 4 million undocumented Mexicans living north of the border.

President Bush, in a videotaped message to a cabinet-level meeting of the two countries, agreed that work on migration should continue but did not suggest that an agreement was high on his agenda.

Fox told the meeting it was important to establish a migration framework that "clearly distinguishes between those who arrive in that country to work and those who could represent a threat."

While the Bush administration has refrained from saying Mexicans represent a terrorist threat, the security measures it has adopted generally have not made distinctions between nationalities.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who is heading the U.S. delegation here, suggested a quick and partial immigration package that apparently wouldn't involve amnesty for undocumented migrants—but

rise in that country to work and those who could represent a threat."

The two countries appeared headed for a serious negotiation on migration last year, but the process was derailed by the terrorist attacks.

The meetings did touch on security concerns, with the two nations promising to implement quicker, high-tech methods of checking vehicles and passengers at border crossings.

They also announced a cross-border initiative to improve air quality, in part by speeding up traffic jams at those crossings caused in part by tightened security.

Bush spoke warmly of Fox's leadership and restated his view that the United States "has no more important relationship in the world than the one we have with México."

could expand current guest-worker programs.

"We want to come up with an agenda of items that we can pursue over the next six months to a year," Powell said at a México City news conference. The talks would start with the least controversial issues, perhaps including temporary work visas.

"We want Mexicans to travel to the United States," he said. "We want them to come back to their homes to share whatever wealth they have gained by their efforts."

Powell said giving legal status to undocumented immigrants "is a problem that will also have to be dealt with in due course, but these things will take time. These are not simple issues. They are difficult issues."

Mexican Foreign Secretary Jorge Castañeda, appearing with Powell, appealed to the United States for "concrete, specific, punctual agreements on very concrete topics that we can move on now."

Powell acknowledged the Mexicans' impatience with the slow progress and promised "to work as hard and as fast as we can."

Fox has complained the U.S. focus has been dominated by border security at the expense of measures that would treat Mexican migrants with greater dignity.

He said the two countries now have a "window of op-

portunity" to advance their common agenda that includes giving legal status to U.S.-based Mexican aliens and to expand a small temporary worker program now in place.

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Bush showed little flexibility on migration in his remarks, declining to offer new proposals. "Our cabinet officials continue to work together on creative new policies so that migration is legal, orderly and safe," he said.

To that end, the two countries announced a cross-border initiative to improve air quality, in part by speeding up traffic jams at border crossings that have become slower with the increased scrutiny after the terror attacks.

Despite the disagreements, the tone of remarks by Fox and Bush overall was positive. Fox praised Bush's leadership in persuading Congress to remove legislative statutes on drug trafficking that irritated México.

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Besides Powell, the visiting American VIPs were At-

torney General John Ashcroft, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, Interior Secretary Gail Norton, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman.

They came here for a meeting of the U.S.-México Binational Commission, a cabinet-level body that has met 19 times since 1981.

In his remarks, Fox warned that additional Mexicans may be forced to flee for the border unless the two countries take steps to ease the impact on México of the Jan. 1, 2003, elimination of tariffs on most farm products. That move was mandated under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

He said its impact could be aggravated by subsidies American farmers are receiving under legislation that took effect earlier this year.

"We must work together and increase cooperation so that income levels in rural México are not affected," Fox said.

Neither Fox nor Bush mentioned México's water debt to the United States. En route here, Powell said that unless México moves quickly to cover the debt, much of the crop in parched areas of South Texas will be lost in the coming weeks.



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CDC study finds higher cervical cancer rates among Latinas

By DANIEL YEE
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP): Latinas contract cervical cancer almost twice as often as other women, indicating that not enough of them are having Pap tests, federal officials said.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also found that older women of all ethnic groups were more likely to show advanced cases of the disease when first diagnosed.

These women sometimes lack easy access to screening tests because of their age, low education, low income and lack of health insurance, the CDC's Dr. Sidibe Kassim said.

"We really need to reach those women," Kassim said.

For the study, the CDC analyzed 14,759 new invasive cervical cancer cases

between 1992 and 1999. The disease was found at a rate of 16.9 per 100,000 Latinas 30 and older, compared with 8.9 per 100,000 non-Hispanic women.

Forty percent of the patients were diagnosed with advanced cases of the disease; among women 50 or older, the rate rose to 52 percent.

The government noted the high rates came in the face of a 50 percent drop in cervical cancer cases among all women in the last three decades. Better cervical cancer education, screening and treatment led to that decline, Kassim said.

The CDC estimates that 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed this year, and about 4,100 women will die from the disease.

The Pap test identifies precancerous lesions and leads to early treatment.

"What's critical for people to realize is for many cervical



cancers, it takes years for an early cancer to become established as an invasive or potentially fatal case," said Dr. William Golden, a professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences who was not involved in the study.

Screening programs for cervical cancer exist in each state, but some women may not realize they need to be tested, Kassim said.

The tests are recommended every three years for women who are sexually active. Cervical cancer is virtually always caused by the human papilloma virus, which is transmitted sexually.

Number of AIDS deaths in Cuba down

HAVANA (AP): The number of AIDS-related deaths in Cuba has dropped significantly over the past 11/2 years following the development of several local treatments, a leading local expert said in an interview published this week.

"It was a political decision by Cuba to start the generic production of these medicines to save the lives of human beings," Dr. Jorge Pérez, director of the island's lead AIDS treatment center, told the weekly newspaper *Trabajadores* for its Monday edition.

Cuba began producing a series of generic antiviral drugs for treating the AIDS virus starting in May 2001, said Pérez, who directs the Pedro Kouri Institute in Havana.

During the first 10

months of 2002, 66 people in Cuba died from AIDS-related causes, lower than was expected, said Pérez. He said authorities anticipated a death rate of 25 percent for people with AIDS this year, but so far have seen a death rate of only 7 percent.

Pérez credited the locally produced treatments, which help people with AIDS improve their autoimmune defenses and slow the virus' progress. They are not, however, a cure.

The doctor said 743 Cubans with AIDS are currently receiving the locally produced treatments.

The first person carrying HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, was detected here in 1986. Since then, 4,390 people have been diagnosed HIV positive and about 1,000 of them have died.

SAO hosts pot luck to aid needy families

According to Bob Salazar, President of the Spanish American Organization (SAO) in Toledo, "There will be a pot-luck dinner this December 12th starting at 6:00 p.m.—the day that celebrates the Virgin of Guadalupe—at the former State Home Savings bank building, 902 S. Broadway, to raise funds to help needy families.

"In all, funds will be raised to purchase baskets for 4 families selected by The Salvation Army. We encourage the public to attend and bring canned goods for this worthy project."



Yvonne and Rubén Ramos, 1992

La Familia

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father's band, Ramos moved on to play with "The Dells" (1972-75) with his uncles Frank and Juan Ramos.

"This was big time action," according to Ramos, "and we opened for many national acts, such as Sunny Ozuna and Joe Bravo, at Lansing's Dell's Lounge. We were the house band and we played Fridays through Sundays. These were great times."

From there, Ramos played in "La Compañía Chicana," "Brown Sugar," and "Electra" (1975-1981).

"I took a 2-year break in the mid-80s and then formed "La Familia." We have been gigging ever since," said Ramos.

Ramos was delighted to see his daughter, Yvonne, join the band as a vocalist in 1989—she was only 14 years of age. "Yvonne went on to blossom into a very talented entertainer. Yvonne has won best female vocalist for 1995 and 1996 at the Midwest Tejano Music Awards (MTMA). I am very proud of her."

Ramos himself won Male

Vocalist of the Year at the MTMA in 1991 as well as Band of the Year in 1992.

Ramos was also part of MTMA's House Band, directed by area musician, Tony Avila, from 1991 through 1996. According to Ramos, "I look forward to the 8th Annual MTMA in 2003."

When asked what his fondest memory was, Ramos responded, "When I was a kid I always wanted to play drums for Sunny Ozuna and Jimmy Edwards. This dream became a reality at the MTMA in 1991 and 1992."

Last Saturday, the band held its quinceañera at the Yorkshire Banquet Hall in Toledo. Since its formation, over 17 musicians have performed with "La Familia," some of whom made special appearances as shown on page one of *La Prensa*. [The band is also pictured on page 2 as it appeared in 1993.]

According to Ramos, "These have been great years and I wish to thank all of my fans, friends, and, of course, *mi familia*, for their tremendous support."

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Weekly Horoscope

BY SEÑORITA ANA

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Just when you were on a roll, your momentum slows down and everything sputters to a snail's pace. Plan a few outings to spice things up. If you've been holding your feelings back, don't go to the other extreme and express affections intensely.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You may feel on top of the world, both physically and emotionally—don't take unnecessary risks. Use a close friend as a sounding board for those ideas that have been churning within you for some time. If practical, your ideas will be good.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Just being your self will be a big asset in the workplace and at home. Your personal finance situation is rosy, be aware of get rich quick schemes, and make sure to think things through completely. Adjust to whatever it is that is bothering you.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Doors will open which will lead to wonderful family, property or household developments. Start the week with your eye fixed on an important target. If you don't concentrate and stick to your resolve, a number of possible distractions will send you off course.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)

Your romantic prospects are likely to enjoy a lively upswing during the weeks ahead, as well as life in general. You will no doubt have more free time for pleasures. The romance theme will continue for some time, but you now have a more realistic view about love.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

A brighter future, concerning career activities, will now be in plain view. Many actions will be related to your income, so plan carefully. There is a fortunate accent on your home and property interests this week, and your personal aims are supported by all.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Don't push your luck concerning a job or career opportunity. Confidence is good, but what you may be banking on now is not a sure thing. Your efficiency on the job will be noted by a superior. You will receive answers to some questions today.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Caution is the keyword. Try not to sound off in the heat of the moment; you will no doubt say things you will later regret. Be careful regarding any transportation plans. You have ideas which will eventually come to fruition, but be practical.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Love and marriage is definitely in the air. If you are already married, you and your partner will share and communicate even more, which will strengthen the rapport within your relationship. If you are presently on the sidelines, you may soon fall in love!

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

This week may seem long and unduly drawn out. There is trouble everywhere you look, so be aware of what you say and what you do; others may be overly sensitive. Concentrate on doing your best at work, instead of worrying about romantic uncertainties.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Don't take on any more tasks than you can really handle, or you may find yourself feeling totally drained. If there is a problem, you need to speak out and not let negative feelings fester inside. Work on your various friendships this week, people need to know you care.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

A family member or friend could use some of your sympathy and quiet understanding this week. You are in tune to a lover's feelings and are appreciated for this fact. Watch out for any mood swings, which may cause you to overdo it with regards to spending or eating and drinking.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You don't make it easy for other people to know you, putting up big walls between you and those around you and wondering why no one tries to get through them. Let others see your fun-loving side.

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México Awaits Return of

Gloria Trevi

By MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press Writer

MÉXICO CITY (AP): Mexicans waited with fascination for the return of 1990s pop icon Gloria Trevi after she agreed to be extradited from Brazil to face charges at home in a sex-abuse case involving teenage girls seeking stardom.

Her return, expected in a

matter of days, was almost certain to contain the mix of overwrought soap-opera and supermarket-tabloid hype that marked her rise to fame and fall from grace.

The country's largest television network Televisa said it was studying the possibility of hiring Trevi to act in a soap opera, and a cartoonist suggested she run for president.

Trevi, her ex-husband Sergio Andrade, and backup

singer Maria Raquenel Portillo were arrested in Rio de Janeiro in January 2000 at the request of Mexican authorities on charges of abducting and raping teenage girls in their care.

The women were accused of recruiting adolescent girls for live-in "musical training" that allegedly included sex with Andrade.

The Supreme Court authorized the trio's extradition in December 2000, but for the last two years defense attorneys have used every legal maneuver available to overturn the ruling.

Brazil's Supreme Court announced on Wednesday evening that Trevi's lawyers have dropped all remaining legal options and asked for her immediate extradition to México, where she faces charges of kidnapping and corruption of minors.

"The soap opera is finally over," Brazilian news media quoted Justice Nilson Naves, president of Brazil's Supreme Tribunal, as saying after Trevi agreed to give up her fight against extradition.

But for México—where the singer first stunned the public with her wild uncombed hair, sexually daring photos and feminist-tinged song—this is just the next episode.

A Brazilian judge was reviewing Trevi's decision to return to México and could make a ruling as early as next

week. México's Justice Department said it had no information on when she would arrive.

Prosecutors in Trevi's home state of Chihuahua promised to treat her "like any other suspect," except for one thing. "We'll be making some special provisions for the news media, which are certain to arrive in large numbers," the prosecutor's spokesman David Díaz was quoted as saying in local news media.

Trevi's mother, Gloria Ruiz, said she was looking for warm winter clothing for her daughter and demanded that Trevi be allowed to keep her 8-month-old son, Angel Gabriel, with her.

The prison-born baby of Trevi and Andrade has lived with Trevi in a Brazilian jail cell for most of his life. It is unclear if he has ever seen his father, who was held in a separate prison.

Andrade and Portillo have not volunteered to return to México and will remain in Brazil to fight extradition.

An editorial-page cartoon in the newspaper Reforma quipped that Trevi's experiences qualified her for a run for the presidency, referring to a comment from President Vicente Fox in November that he hoped the country would have a female leader after his term ends.



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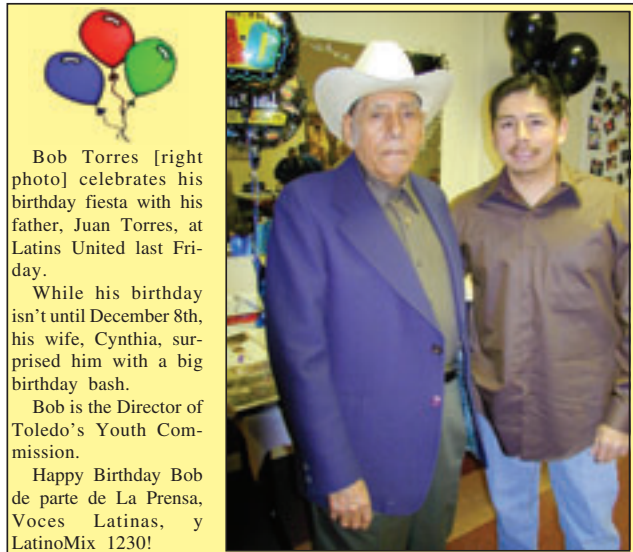
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Bob Torres [right photo] celebrates his birthday fiesta with his father, Juan Torres, at Latins United last Friday.

While his birthday isn't until December 8th, his wife, Cynthia, surprised him with a big birthday bash.

Bob is the Director of Toledo's Youth Commission.

Happy Birthday Bob de parte de La Prensa, Voces Latinas, y LatinoMix 1230!

La Prensa Calendar of Events

TOLEDO, OHIO

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Sunday, *December 8*: Public showing of the *Drawing Resistance Road Show* and the *Beehive Collection* at the Collingwood Arts Center, 2413 Collingwood Blvd; works by North American artists including: Carlos Cortez (Chicago), Domitila Dominguez, and Antonio Ramirez. Call 419-244-2787 for details or check the web at: www.drawingresistance.org and www.beehivecollection.org.

Sunday, *December 8*: Happy Birthday *Robert Torres*, Director of Toledo's Youth Commission!

Thursday, *December 12*, starting at 6:00 p.m., Pot luck dinner sponsored by the *Spanish American Organization (SOA)* to raise funds to purchase holiday food baskets for 4 needy families selected by the Salvation Army. At the former State Home Savings bank, 902 S. Broadway. Bring your canned goods for this worthy project.

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El campeón Ricardo López se retiró invicto luego de 18 años

MÉXICO (AP): El mexicano Ricardo «Finito» López, que se coronó por primera vez campeón mundial de boxeo en peso paja al noquear al japonés Hideyuki Ohashi en 1990, decidió el miércoles colgar los guantes y dar por terminada su carrera deportiva que lo mantuvo invicto en 52 peleas durante 17 años.

López, quien fue campeón en las divisiones de peso paja y mínimo en cuatro distintos organismos mundiales, y que actualmente cumplió un año sin exponer el título mínimo de la Federación Internacional de Boxeo (FIB), anunció su retiro la noche del miércoles en una reunión con varios de sus colegas, amigos y la prensa deportiva.

«Mi vida ha sido el boxeo y mi adiós es definitivo», dijo López, quien luego de recibir un par de guantes de su hijo Ricardo, de nueve años de edad, los colgó frente a un Cristo y dio por terminada su

carrera. López cumplió una de las más brillantes carreras dentro del boxeo mundial al lograr 51 victorias y un empate, ante el nicaragüense Rosendo D'Alvarez, a quien en dos peleas posteriores le ganó por palizas.

«Finito» López, que debutó como profesional en 1985, logró 38 triunfos por nocauts e implantó algunas marcas, como la de 26 defensas de sus títulos y 12 años como campeón mundial.

«Ahí se dejaron los números (récorde) para que los superen», dijo López, quien fue acompañado por el ex campeón mundial Julio César Chávez y actual campeón de peso pluma Marco Antonio Barrera.

«Siempre agradezco la palabras de Ricardo de que yo soy el mejor, pero eso no es verdad: el mejor boxeador mexicano es él», dijo Chávez, ídolo del deporte mexicano.

«Ricardo es ejemplo de profesionalismo y será difícil igualar lo que ha hecho», dijo por su parte Barrera.



A la reunión asistieron unas 300 personas, entre las que se encontraba la corredora de 400 metros, la mexicana Ana Gabriela Guevara, quien recientemente ganó la liga dorada de atletismo en Europa.

Entre aplausos, música de mariachi y abrazos de los invitados, López dio por terminada su carrera deportiva.

López fue campeón del Consejo Mundial de Boxeo (CMB), la Organización Mundial de Boxeo (OMB), la Asociación Mundial de Boxeo (AMB) y la FIB.

«Hoy terminé todo felizmente y con sus facultades completas», dijo Magdalena López, padre del estelar boxeador de los pesos chicos del mundo.

Panamá vence a México 12-2 en béisbol

Por LUIS R. VARELA

SAN SALVADOR (AP), nov. 28: Panamá se impuso el jueves a México 12-2 y enfrentará el viernes a Venezuela en el inicio de la serie de cuartos de final en el campeonato de béisbol de los Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe.

Los panameños se impusieron por la regla del nocaut en un encuentro abreviado a ocho entradas.

Panamá finalizó segundo en el Grupo B y tendrá que medirse con Venezuela, que cerró la primera ronda con una victoria sobre Antillas Holandesas 7-2.

Venezuela, que concluyó con tres victorias y un revés, concluyó tercero en el Grupo A.

Panamá ganó tres partidos y perdió uno ante República Dominicana.

Roberto Gutiérrez inició el carnaval de batazos de los panameños con jonrón solitario en el segundo

episodio y remolcó con doblete otras dos en el tercero, en el que Oscar García también trajo al plato otras dos con un batazo de dos bases.

Los panameños, que batearon 17 inatrapables, lograron las dos carreras del nocaut en el octavo episodio.

Los mexicanos marcaron carreras en la primera y séptima entrada.

No obstante, el manager de Panamá Carlos Heron se expresó disgustado por la inestable ofensiva de su novena y convocó a una sesión de bateo en el estadio tras concluir el juego contra México.

«No estamos bateando y por eso tenemos que realizar prácticas», dijo «Chico» Heron. «El bateo en toda la serie ha sido inestable. No sé si el equipo está cansado por haber jugado en Cuba en la Copa Intercontinental, pero tenemos que mejorar el bateo».

Heron escogió a Jorge Cortez para iniciar el partido

del viernes contra Venezuela. «Nos faltan tres victorias para ganar la medalla de oro y tenemos que empezar por ganarle a Venezuela, que es un buen equipo», dijo Heron a la AP. «Hay que fajarse duro mañana».

El manager mexicano Carlos Sosa también se expresó irritado con el trabajo defensivo de su equipo, que ha cometido 15 errores en tres partidos.

Anunció que ante Nicaragua enviará a la loma a su mejor lanzador, Sergio Mora. «Este no es el béisbol que podemos jugar. El club ha estado muy mal en estas eliminatorias. Esperamos que mejore a partir de mañana que es cuando se inician las series», dijo Sosa.

«Todo el mundo conoce la calidad de la pelota mexicana, pero desgraciadamente no la hemos podido ratificar aquí», dijo.

Entre los traspiés de México en este torneo está la derrota que sufrió ante El Salvador.

Castro opens Cuban alternative to Central American games

By ANNE-MARIE GARCIA Associated Press Writer

HAVANA (AP): Declaring that Cuba's athletes would not have been safe at the Central American and Caribbean Games, Fidel Castro late Tuesday opened his island's own national games, created as an alternative to the regional event.

Castro said El Salvador, site of the regional games, failed to "offer the least guarantee of the physical and moral integrity of our athletes."

"For reasons beyond our control, we were obligated to suspend participation in an event that our country has never failed to attend," Castro said at the opening ceremony Tuesday night.

Cuba announced last month it would not attend the event because of fears its athletes would be targeted for violence and defection efforts by Cuban exiles.

Earlier this month, Ha-

vana complained that Salvadoran authorities had failed to respond to concerns about the safety of Cuban athletes at the event, and said state security officials had discovered plans to assassinate Vice President José Ramón Fernández, the head of Cuba's Olympic Committee, during his planned visit to El Salvador.

"The organs of intelligence and counterintelligence of Cuba have reported on the dangers of physical aggression to, and even the kidnapping of, Cuban athletes," Cuban sports authorities said on Oct. 26. "The pressures and harassment were to be incessant."

Cuba's Olympic Committee and National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation also expressed concerns that "the brain washers and the shameless scouts" would pressure Cuban athletes to desert.

Salvadoran officials have denied that Cuba asked them

to offer security guarantees. Salvadoran President Francisco Flores had said "there is no reason" for the cancellation.

The organizing committee for the Central American games had said officials were "surprised and let down by this attitude because we understand that decisions of this nature are not taken from one day to the next, but are largely discussed and thought out."

Cuba's opening ceremony Tuesday featured a colorful parade of hundreds of athletes as about 30,000 spectators looked on.

Osleidys Menendez, world champion in the women's javelin, ignited a flame that will burn until the games end Dec. 8.

State-run television broadcast the ceremony and is planning about 180 hours of live coverage, more than that given to the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

El Salvador vence a Honduras en béisbol

SAN SALVADOR (AP): El Salvador concluyó el jueves la ronda clasificatoria del campeonato de béisbol de los Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe al vencer a Honduras por 4-0.

Los salvadoreños, que ganaron dos partidos y perdieron dos, terminaron en el tercer lugar y se medirán en cuartos de final a Puerto Rico.

Honduras perdió los cuatro partidos y se va a casa.

El juego lo ganó Donald Morgan, quien lanzó siete entradas. Fue relevado por Cristóbal Mancí.

Los locales marcaron una



carrera en el tercer inning y dos en el cuarto.

El lanzador perdedor fue Luis Matamoros Velázquez, quien lanzó tres y dos tercios de entradas.

Los otros partidos de cuartos de final del viernes son México-Nicaragua, Venezuela-Panamá y República Dominicana-Antillas Holandesas.

Obituaries FIDENCIO PARRAZ

Fidencio Parraz, 70, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2002. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Angelo.

Surviving is his wife, Concepción Díaz; daughters, Estella (Pedro) Ruiz of Seattle, Washington, Elida (Rudy) Rael of Portland, Oregon, Delia (Richard) Ethridge, Elena Parraz, Linda (Mark) Johnson of Temecula, California, Olga Boleczak, Blanca (Wendell) Goans of Knoxville, Tennessee; sons, David Parraz of Portland, Oregon, Fidencio (Maria) Parraz Jr., Michael Parraz, Rubén Parraz; brother, Ismael Cruz of Mercedes, Texas; 44 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren.

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Cuban musician Polo Montanez dead at age 47 after car accident

HAVANA (AP), Nov. 27: Cuban musician Polo Montanez, whose country-style music was hugely popular throughout Latin America, has died from head injuries suffered in a car crash, his recording company said Wednesday. He was 47.

A spokesman for the Lusafica recording company said Montanez died at a Havana military hospital shortly before midnight Tuesday.

The musician was in a coma after suffering severe head injuries in the Nov. 20 accident. Montanez was driving the car carrying a group of relatives back from a family party when the vehicle collided with a tractor-trailer on a highway outside Havana.

His 25-year-old stepson, Mirel Gonzalez Garcia, was killed and his wife, Adis Garcia, was injured.

Montanez, whose real name is Fernando Borrego, came from a humble, provincial background to become a musical hit three years ago. He described his song "Guarajo Natural," which topped the charts in Latin America, as a "self-portrait" of a simple country boy who falls in love and enjoys life.

The singer's success began in Colombia in the late 1990's. Later, he toured Latin America and Europe, where he gained a huge following.

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Matias E. Quintero died Saturday morning, November 30, 2002, at her home. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are 6 sons: Aurelio of Glendale, AZ; Abel of Defiance, OH; Jesse of Defiance, OH; Carlos of Defiance, OH; Eduardo of Defiance, OH; & Noe of Sylvania, OH; 5 daughters: Amelia Anderson of Chicago, IL; Irma Medina of Napoleon, OH; Alicia Quintero of Defiance, OH; Mary Landreth of Burleson, TX; & Hilda Quintero of Southbend, IN.

There are 25 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Matias is preceded in death by her husband, Simitrio J. Quintero; a daughter, Rosita Quintero; brother, José Presas; sisters, Maria Guevara, Teodera Cantu, Marcellena Martínez, Trinidad, San Jaunita, and Leonarda Echavarria.



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