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## The Race for the 28th Congressional District Seat



### Henry Cuellar

The congressional race in the 28th District in South Texas, is without a doubt one of the hottest in the state. Two years ago, **Henry Cuellar**, once a friend and supporter of **Ciro Rodriguez**, decided to challenge **Rodriguez** for the job, and challenge he did.

Catching the **Rodriguez** team asleep at the wheel, **Henry Cuellar**, a former Texas State Representative and Texas Secretary of State, pulled an upset victory beating **Rodriguez** by 203 votes. This was out of a total of 49,099 votes cast.

Of course there were recounts, lawsuits and more lawsuits, but in the end **Cuellar** held on and is now completing his



### Ciro Rodriguez

first term as a United States Congressman.

**Rodriguez**, who complained bitterly about the outcome went on to form a governmental relations firm called **Rio Strategy Group LLC**. Now recharged, **Rodriguez** has jumped back into the race for his old seat.

And joining both **Cuellar** and **Rodriguez** in the 2006 **Democratic Primary** is non other than **Victor Manuel Morales**.



### Victor Morales

**Morales**, who ran for the **US Senate in 1996 in the Democratic Primary**, was the guy in the little white pick up truck who beat three formidable contenders in a statewide race with very little money. ¿Y Por Que No? . . . and why not? was **Victor**, the school teacher's, favorite question at every campaign stop.

The voters found him refreshing and sincere. The **Democratic Party** reluctantly

supported him but felt all along that he hadn't paid his dues. After being invited to address the

2004 Election Results in U. S. Representative District 28			
Henry Cuellar	DEM	24,651	50.20%
Ciro D. Rodriguez (I)	DEM	24,448	49.79%
Race Total		49,099	100.00%

**Laura Hinojosa**  
for District Clerk of Hidalgo County

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**José A. (Pepe)**  
**ARANDA**  
County Judge

**Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Morales** popularity went through the roof and in the November General Elections he captured 2,428,776 votes or 43.94% of the vote in **Texas**. Continued on Page # 5

# People in the News



## Eliza May Kicks Off Campaign for City Council

**Eliza May** kicked off her campaigning for **Austin City Council** on February 16th, 2006 at the **Juan in a Million Restaurant** on Cesar Chavez Street in **Austin, Texas**.

**May**, who has served for the past five years as the President of the **Greater Ausin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** stated, "Our city's economic, cultural and ethnic diversity will be a major strength as we move forward in this century." The 30 year resident of **Austin** said she wants to work to make **Austin** a "city of opportunity."

**May** is originally from **Laredo, Texas** and came to central **Texas** to attend **Texas State University** in **San Marcos** where she earned a bachelors degree in 1976. After working in state government for a number of years she went back to school and graduated from **The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work** in 1984.



## Davila Named President of Board of Houston ISD

Long time community activist **Diana Davila** has been named President of the Board of Education of the **Houston Independent School District**. This is the largest school district in the state of Texas.

**Davila**, 33, was one of the original members of the **Hispanic Education Committee** in 1994 that questioned the appointment of **Dr. Rod Paige** as superintendent of **HISD**. **Paige** later went on to become the Secretary of Education

**Davila**, along with her husband, **Abel**, who serves on the Board of Trustees of the **Houston Community College System (HCCS)**. are the parents of two young children and became involved in the community at a very young age. **Davila** earned her bachelors degree from the **University of Houston** and a masters degree in educational management from **UofH CL**.



## Sarita E. Brown, new President of Excelencia in Education

**Sarita E. Brown, President, Excelencia in Education**, has spent more than two decades at prominent national academic and educational institutions and at the highest levels of government working to develop more effective strategies to raise academic achievement and opportunity for low-income and minority students.

From the start of her career at the **University of Texas at Austin**, where she created a national model promoting minority success in graduate education, to her current post as founding President of **Excelencia in Education** in **Washington, DC, Ms. Brown** has focused her work on expanding this country's human capital through improving the quality of higher education.

She holds a bachelor's of arts in ethnic studies and a bachelor's of science and

master's of arts in communication from **The University of Texas at Austin**.



## Felix Alvarado Disqualified from Governors Race

**Felix Alvarado** is a middle school administrator from the **Fort Worth** area who decided to run for **Governor of Texas**. He writes a check for his filing fee in the amount of \$3,750. He gets a website up and running and begins to discuss ideas and goals. He starts to travel around the state of Texas to promote his candidacy. Then lo and behold, the **Texas Democratic Party** discovers that the check he wrote the party is worthless.

What does **Felix Alvarado** do? When contacted by the media he says, "I take full responsibility for that. That's mea culpa. I overplayed my hand. I am disappointed"

**Alvarado**, still has his website up as of this writing, now asks that we considering supporting his sister who is running for Lt. Governor of Texas.

**Ciro D. Rodriguez for U.S. Congress**  
28th Congressional District, Texas

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**On Becoming a First Class Citizen**

**Editorial**

As the March 7th 2006, Primaries approach it is instructive that we stop and consider the different types of "operational citizenship" that Americans seem to practice.

**First Class Citizenship**

This type of citizenship is practiced when individuals who are eligible to vote do in fact go out and vote. While this may sound simple, it appears to be an increasing problem for the world's premier democracy.

In Texas, in the last presidential election (2004), only 56% of registered voters bothered to turn out (7,359,621 out of 13,098,329). When people who are citizens, go out and register to vote and then on election day do in fact turn out to vote, they are what we call "first class citizens."

**Second Class Citizenship**

Individuals who practice second class citizenship are registered to vote but do not bother to turn out and vote. The voting rolls are filled with individuals who practice operational citizenship in this fashion.

**Third Class Citizenship**

This type of citizenship is characteristic of individuals who are citizens but not registered to vote. When you are not registered to vote, you cannot vote. And in the words of the late **Willie Velasquez**, founder of the **Southwest Voter Education and Registration Project**, "Su Voto es Su Voz." But if you are not registered to vote, *pues como quien dice, usted no tiene voz*.

**Cambiando de Temas**

It has always been interesting to me to observe that millions of Mexicans manage to find their way into the **United States of America** every year. Most come because of necessity. Most come because their choices have come down to starving to death on a ranchito some where in **Zacatecas**, or taking your chances in a place like **Austin, Texas**, the land of sun and money. (Sometimes more sun than money)

While it is not a difficult choice it is indeed a painful one. For it means leaving behind loved ones. It means constant worry about their safety and well being. And it



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**Editor and Publisher**

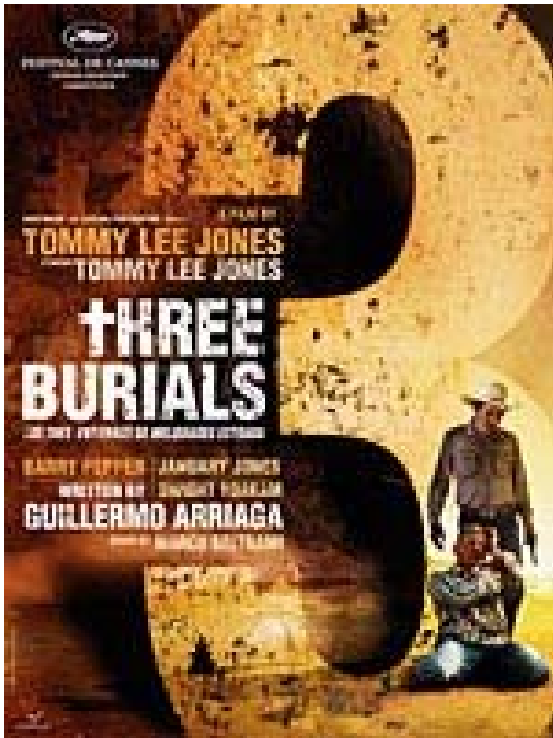
means having to let the days pass without watching your kids grow up. On more than one occasion I have heard these recent arrivals comment on how much we have here in America and yet how much we don't appreciate it.

On the question of voting, I had a man tell me a few years ago, "*No, si yo tuviera la ciudadanía, you saldría a votar cada vez que me tocaba. Yo veo que hay muchos de ustedes que no cuidan lo que tienen aquí en este país.*" (No, if I was a citizen, I would go out and vote every time I could. I see that a lot of you are not taking care of what you have in this country.)

When I think about this man's comments, I think about all the second and third class citizens we have here in **Austin, Texas** and in other places around the country.



## Movie Watch



### The Story

*Three Burials* is languid simplicity at its best. The story starts off as a murder mystery of sorts when a Mexican man, **Melquiades Estrada**, is found shot dead outside a dusty Texas town, near the U.S./Mexican border. Without any family, he's written off and unceremoniously buried in a shallow grave. This is not at all satisfactory for **Pete Perkins** (Jones), a local ranch foreman and **Melquiades'** only friend. **Pete** decides to investigate his friend's murder on his own and finds out the culprit is a young hot-headed border patrolman named Mike Norton (Barry Pepper). He kidnaps **Mike** and forces him to disinter the body. With his captive in tow and the body tied to a mule, **Pete** then undertakes a dangerous and romantic journey into Mexico to give **Melquiades** a proper burial.

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## Hispanics and Texas Politics

### Did You Know?

Since Republicans became the statewide majority in 1994, 8 minority Texans have held statewide office; yet in the 122 years that Democrats controlled the State (1872-1994), only 4 minority Texans held statewide office.

It took Democrats 114 years to elect a single Hispanic to statewide office. The Democrat establishment later tried to defeat him because he was too conservative.

Under Republican leadership, 5 Republican Hispanics have held statewide office. Currently, **Victor Carrillo** serves as Chairman of Texas' powerful Railroad Commission, and **Justice David Medina** serves on the Texas Supreme Court. Others who have moved into even higher positions include **Al Gonzales**, appointed by **President George W. Bush** as U.S. Attorney General and **Tony Garza** now serving as Ambassador to Mexico.

When the Republicans became the majority in the Texas Legislature in 1869, they established a system of free public schools to educate all the children of the state something Democrats had refused to do.

In 1998, Republican Governor **George W. Bush** created the Office of Border Initiatives, which facilitates trade and investment opportunities for Texas communities and companies along the border.

In 1999, Republican **Lt. Governor Rick Perry** established the first ever standing Committee on Border Affairs to address needs along the Texas Mexico border.

In 2001, Anglo Democrat men comprised only 20% of all Texas House members, but were named to 36% of all chairmanships by the Anglo Democrat Speaker. Hispanics were shortchanged because their support was taken for granted by the Democrat elite.

In 2003 however, Hispanics received approximately a 5% increase in chairmanships by the Republican Speaker of the House.

As of October 2004, **Governor Perry** has appointed over 300 Hispanics to different state commissions.

Under the administration of Republican **Governor Rick Perry**, state agencies have invested more resources in the 32-county border region than under Democrat leaders at any time in history.

Equal opportunity is a right and privilege. Texans should be able to start a business, run for office or chase a dream without the threat that government will punish success. Hispanic Republicans are successful leaders in their communities and in Texas politics. The Republican Party of Texas is the political party that can best help all citizens achieve their hopes and dreams.

**This spot is from the  
Republican Party website of Texas  
Next month we will put what the Democratic Party  
has to say about Hispanics**

# The Congressional Race in District 28

But now here we are in 2006 *y la politica en Tejas sigue siendo* one of the top 10 spectator sports in the state. With less than 20 days to go until the March 7th primary election many still believe this three man race will result in a run-off election.

While **Henry Cuellar** has the advantage of incumbency on his side, the recent photos and cartoon by the **San Antonio Express News** of him being embraced by **President George W. Bush** has raised the profile of the **28th Congressional Race** around the county.

Critics of **Cuellar** have used the President's embrace to point out how the Republicans really feel about him. This, coupled with the endorsement from the conservative group called the **Club for Growth** has caused a flood of campaign contributions into the **Ciro Rodriguez** war chest.

According to recent reports, **Rodriguez** has collected more than \$85,000 dollars from online donors in the last few weeks. At the end of 2005, **Henry Cuellar** had almost \$300,000 in cash for his war chest compared to \$40,000 for **Rodriguez**.

With contributions and endorsements continuing to come in for both candidates, **Victor Morales** remains the wild card in this race.

Currently on leave from his job as a school teacher, **Victor** has been speaking to people door to door and relying on a vast network of

*when I ran for the United States Senate the first time out and now I am not a credible candidate when I want to run for congress?"*



friends and supporters that he has built up over the years. And still refusing to take political action committee money, **Morales** is adamant about being his own man and a voice of the people. While the **Republican Party** has tried repeatedly over the years to get **Victor** to switch to their party, he stills says no and insists on doing things his way.

At a recent debate organized by the **San Antonio Chamber of Commerce**, **Morales** was told he was not a viable candidate and therefore could not participate in the event. A week later at a debate organized by **Channel 8 KGNS (NBC)** in **Laredo**, **Morales** was allowed to participate and the issue of whether he was viable or not was never raised. **Morales** says, "How is it that I was able to get over 2 million votes

## The Morales Factor

Say what you want about **Victor Manuel Morales** but one thing that may be a source of worry for **Henry Cuellar** and **Ciro Rodriguez** is the public's memory of the guy in the little white pick up truck who kept asking, *¿Y Por Qué No?* And Why Not a School Teacher?

The table below shows the votes **Morales** got in 1996 when he ran for the U.S. Senate and what he got when he ran again six years later in 2002. Both times he ran with very little money but the people remembered him. (Be aware that only part of three counties are in the 28th Congressional District this time.)

What will happen on March 7th, 2006? Stand by for a surprise.

**Votes Cast by County and Year in the 28th Congressional District**

COUNTY	2004		1996	2002
	Cuellar	Rodriguez	Morales	
Atascosa	1,126	1,948	1,256	2,573
Bexar (part)	2,737	10,824	18,144	27,648
Comal (part)	252	664	326	565
Frio	1,720	2,014	1,809	1,536
Guadalupe (part)	587	1,573	533	796
Hays (part)	400	725	1,734	1,758
La Salle	1,112	833	711	957
McMullen	71	47	66	61
Webb	12,894	2,431	11,570	15,638
Wilson	1,376	2,534	1,112	1,924
Zapata	2,356	855	1,644	1,410

Source: Texas Secretary of State, Election Division

# La Politica by the Numbers

In the 2006 Primary Election scheduled for **March 7th, 2006**, a total of 1,128 candidates filed with their respective state parties in **Texas**.

For the Republicans, there are a total of 534 candidates. For the Democrats, there are 410 candidates and for the **Libertarian Party**, there are 184 candidates. Those candidates who stated they are running as independents were not counted.

As Table # 1 shows, the Republicans fielded the largest slate with 534 candidates or 47% of the total. (534/1128) These figures do not include candidates who are running for offices at the county level.

In Table # 2 the candidates for elective office in the coming primary are shown in terms of gender. Both the Republican and Democratic parties fielded a slate of candidates that is about 25% female. The **Libertarian Party of Texas** came up with 16 female candidates or 8.6%.

Statewide, a total of 249 of the 1128 candidates in this year's primary election (33%) are female.

Table # 3 shows the candidates by party affiliation and ethnicity. A total of 151 Latinos are represented in this election cycle's offering. Upon closer examination it can be seen that the largest number of Latino candidates (116) have filed to run as Democrats. Stated differently, 13.3% of the candidates in the 2006 primaries in Texas

**Table # 1**  
Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation

POLITICAL PARTY	NUMBER OF CANDIDATES
Republicans	534
Democrats	410
Libertarians	184
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1128</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

are Latinos. (151/1128) The **Republicans** and **Libertarian** parties contributed 25 and 10 of the Latino candidates respectively.

**Table # 2**  
Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation and Gender

PARTY	MALE	FEMALE	PERCENT
Republicans	407	127	23.7%
Democrats	304	106	25.8%
Libertarians	168	16	8.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>22.0%</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

**Table # 3**  
Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation and Ethnicity

PARTY	TOTAL CANDIDATES	LATINO CANDIDATES	PERCENT
Republicans	534	25	4.6%
Democrats	410	116	28.2%
Libertarians	184	10	5.4%

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

**Table # 4**  
Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation, Ethnicity and Gender

PARTY	TOTAL CANDIDATES		LATINO CANDIDATES	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Republicans	407	127	17	8
Democrats	304	106	84	32
Libertarians	168	16	9	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>41</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

Table # 4 increases the level of detail by examining party affiliation, ethnicity and gender. Here it can be observed that among Latino candidates:

76.0% filed to run as Democrats (84+32=116/151)

72.8% of those who filed were male. (17+84+9=110/151)

55.6% are Latino and Democrats (84/151)

27.1% are Latinas (8+32+1=41/151)

16.5% are Latino/a and Republican (17+8=25/151)

# La Politica by the Numbers

The tables on this page examine in greater detail the candidates who have filed to run in the March 7th, 2006 Texas Primary. In Table # 5 Latino participation in the Primary Election is examined in terms of incumbency.

As Table # 5 shows, there are a total 40 Latino Democrats in the March 7th, 2006 Texas Primary who are **incumbents**. There are 16 Latinas who share the same status in the Democratic Party. In the Republican Party there are 6 Latino and 4 Latina incumbents. There are no Latino incumbents in the Libertarian Party. Altogether, there are a total of 66 Latinos who are **incumbents** scheduled to run in the March 7th, 2006 primary.

**Table # 5**  
**Latino/a Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation, Gender and Incumbency**

PARTY	TOTAL CANDIDATES	GENDER		INCUMBENTS	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Republicans	25	17	8	6	4
Democrats	116	84	32	40	16
Libertarians	10	9	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>20</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas and the Texas Secretary of State Office

**Table # 6**  
**Latino/a Candidates as Challengers for Elective Office by Party Affiliation, Type of Office and Gender**

PARTY	NON JUDICIAL CHALLENGE CANDIDATES		JUDICIAL CHALLENGE CANDIDATES		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Republicans	10	1	2	2	15
Democrats	22	4	21	13	60
Libertarians	9	1	0	0	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

Table # 6 examines Latino participation during this 2006 primary season with respect to **challengers**. As the table on the left shows, there are 41 Latinos and 6 Latinas running for non-judicial posts on March 7th, 2006. In judicial contests there are 23 Latinos and 15 Latinas who are running against someone for a total of 38 candidates. Altogether there are 85 Latino candidates who are challengers

Combining the 66 Latino and Latina incumbents who are **incumbents** from Table # 5 with the 85 candidates who are **challengers** brings the total number of Latino/as running in the 2006 Primary season to 151.

**151**



## Texan to lead Iowa Latino division

By DANA BOONE  
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

A Texan has been chosen to lead the **Iowa Division of Latino Affairs**. **Armando Villarreal**, 58, a Latino advocate and private consultant from **San Antonio** was appointed Wednesday by **Gov. Tom Vilsack**. **Villarreal** will begin as the state division's administrator Dec. 14. His salary will be \$52,000.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Armando Villarreal**," **Vilsack** said. "He will be a strong advocate for diversity and education in a variety of areas because he understands our responsibility to continue to strengthen economic security for all Iowans."

**Villarreal** had worked as a private consultant and Latino advocate with a variety of groups including the **AFL-CIO** in Texas. He also worked on Latino voting rights issues in Texas, Central America and South Africa. **Villarreal** replaces **John Paul Chaisson-Cardenas**.

MARIA LUISA ALVARADO for LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR for the people of TEXAS  ONE TEXAS FOR ALL

# Maria Luisa Alvarado Heads the Top of the Democratic Ticket in Texas

**Maria Luisa** is a native Texan born and raised in **San Antonio**. She is one of four daughters and eight sons born to **Francisco and Bonifacia Alvarado**.

Her family's history of public service includes her father who served in the **US Army** during WWII during which time he was a POW and released. All eight of her brothers served in the military, of which four served concurrently in **Vietnam**.

One younger sister served in the Texas Air National Guard. (In 2005, her youngest brother served in **Uzbekistan** in support of the current US war efforts in Iraq.)

After graduating from **Memorial High School** in May 1974, **Maria Luisa** awaited her date of entry into the **US Air Force** to begin a six-year enlistment of active duty. On November 10, 1980,

**Maria Luisa** completed her 6-year enlistment and soon after returned to **San Antonio** to attend college and serve in the **Texas Air National Guard**.

In May 1988, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from **The University of Texas at San Antonio** and then accepted a position with the **National Veterans Outreach Program**, a veteran's service organization of the **American G.I. Forum**.

**Maria Luisa** believes that all tax payers have a right to expect that their government work effectively and efficiently to serve all its citizens equally and fairly.

"This campaign is about identifying the issues that really matter to Texans. Conversations with ordinary citizens suggest the issues are many and vary, but most agree that the most urgent issues must first be resolved.



**María Luisa Alvarado**

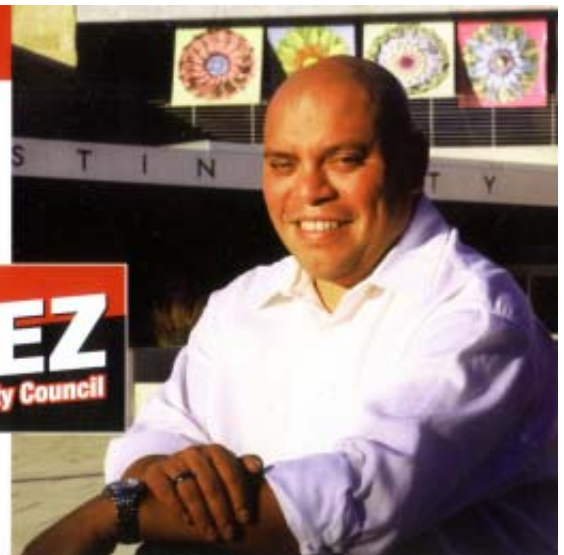
*In 2005, I opposed all proposed constitutional amendments on the November 8th ballot on principle. Those propositions did not pertain to our most urgent needs. Texans deserved more for their patience over several years. Our state leaders have had ample time to resolve the more urgent needs of Texas schoolchildren and taxpayers. I will work towards shifting the focus of government back to the people it is obligated to serve."*

## A Champion For Austin Families

"As a professional firefighter for 13 years, I know what it means to protect and serve Austin families. Now, I want to take that experience to City Hall, and continue my service in an even more meaningful way."

"If elected, I will fight every day to protect 'the basics' of our quality of life: good jobs and benefits; safe and stable neighborhoods; clean air and water; and great schools. I ask for your vote for Austin City Council."

- Firefighter, Austin Fire Department
- President, Austin Firefighters Association
- Central Texas Native, East Austin Resident
- Proud Father And Community Volunteer



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La Música Tejana**

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8:00 p.m.**

**UT PAC, Bass Concert Hall**  
(on the UT campus, 23rd & Robert Dedman)

This is one of many events marking the 35th anniversary of the founding of CMAS at The University of Texas at Austin. This event also marks the first time that CMAS and the UT PAC have collaborated together to feature artists who best represent the Texas Mexican orquesta music of *La Onda Chicana*.

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**Tickets go on sale Friday, February 17, 2006.**

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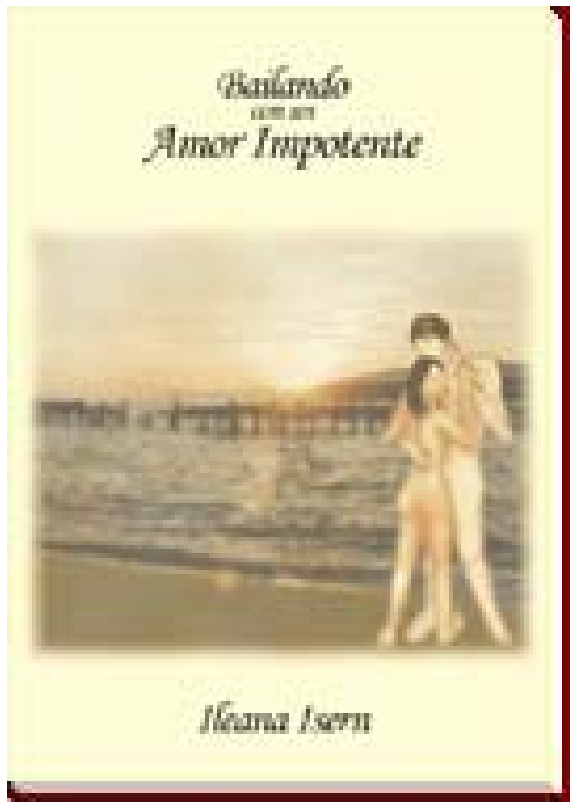
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# New Book

## *Bailando con un Amor Impotente* (Dancing with an Impotent Love)

by: Ileana Isern



Dr. Ileana Isern was born in the city of Caguas, located in a small valley in the center of Puerto Rico. She graduated with a degree in Chemistry from the University of Puerto Rico, and subsequently obtained a Doctorate degree in Analytical Chemistry from Purdue University. While working as a scientist in the United States at various private companies where she held management positions, Ileana authored over 25 articles in technical journals, a book chapter and obtained her first US patent. In October 2004, she decided to place all her energy into making a long-term dream a reality, to become a novelist. She started writing in her native language, Spanish, and finished her first literary work, *Bailando con un Amor Impotente* in August of 2005. Ileana has shown the world that any dream can become reality, as long as you work at it! She wishes that this novel will be the first one of many more in her new career as a writer

Dr. Ileana Isern nació en la ciudad de Caguas, situada en un pequeño valle en el centro de Puerto Rico. Se graduó con un grado en Química de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, y posteriormente obtuvo el grado de doctorado en Química Analítica en Purdue University. Mientras se desempeñaba como científica en varias empresas privadas en los Estados Unidos, y donde también ocupó puestos gerenciales, Ileana Isern fue autora de más de 25 artículos en revistas técnicas, un capítulo en un libro, y una patente (E.U.A.). En octubre del 2004, decidió desbordar todas sus energías en hacer realidad un sueño que guardaba en su mente por años, el convertirse en novelista, y comenzó a escribir en su idioma natal, el español, su primera obra literaria *Bailando con un Amor Impotente*. Como los sueños no cuestan nada, Ileana Isern anhela que esta novela le abra las puertas a su nueva carrera como escritora.

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# Calendar of Events

## February, 2006

**February 21st, 2006** – First day of Early Voting in Texas

**February 28th, 2006** – Last day to apply for ballot by mail in Texas

## March, 2006

### March 1st, 2006

**NALIP-Austin with Cine las Americas** present a free, sneak-peek of the HBO film, **“Walkout”** at **8:00 pm Ruta Maya Coffee House**, 3601 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas

**March 3rd, 2006 - The Garcia Brothers** at **H and H Ballroom** in **Austin, Texas**. For more information call (512) 282-1143

**March 7th, 2006** – Primary Elections in Texas. Polls are open from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Vote and vote often!

### March 9th, 2006

Tejano Music Awards Fan Fair Kick-Off Party  
La Villita Assembly Hall 401 Villita St  
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### March 10-12-2006

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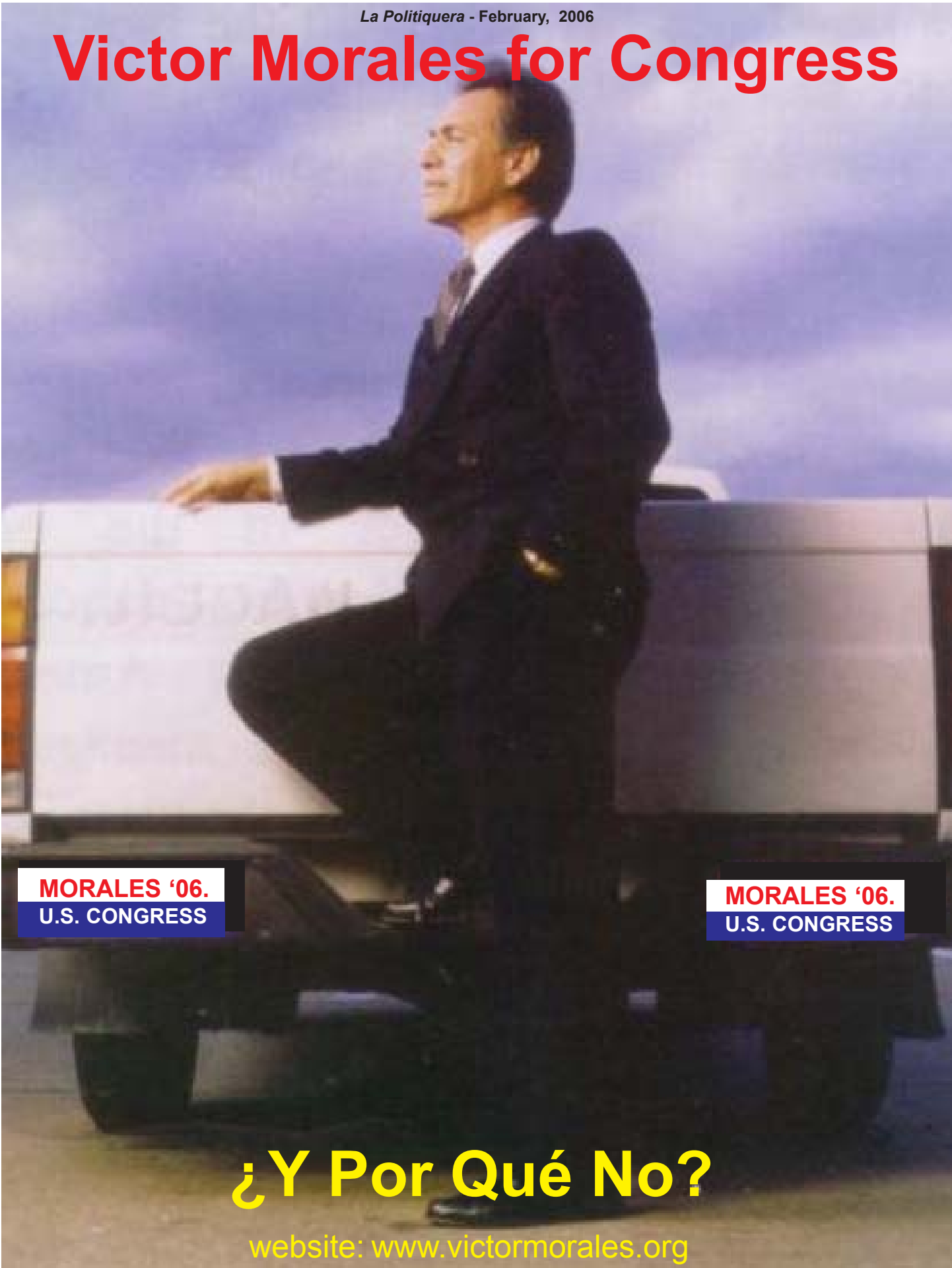
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