

notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Lawrence Deckman, at 2406 Lawrence Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405 (541) 484-3782. Dated and first published May 1, 2008. Barbara-Jo Novitski, Personal Representative.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE In the Matter of the Estate of Wanda Lucille Barker, Deceased. No. 50-08-08280 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 5004 Blanton Road, Eugene, OR 97405, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Lawrence Deckman, at 2406 Lawrence Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405. (541) 484-3782. Dated and first published May 1, 2008. Colleen Shannon Lewis, Personal Representative.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY JANE OLDAKER, Deceased. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS No. 50-08-08591 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 767 Willamette Street, Suite 201, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, John C. Fisher. Dated and first published this 1st day of May, 2008. Personal Representative Jimmy L. Oldaker.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Marguerite Louise Powell, Mills No. 50-08-03936 In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for the County of Lane, Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of Marguerite Louise Powell, Mills, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Charles G. Mills has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative at: 56 School Street, Glen Cove, New York 11542 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below,

or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the personal representative. The personal representative is not represented by an attorney. Dated and first published May 1, 2008. Charles G. Mills, Personal Representative, pro se, 56 School Street, Glen Cove, New York 11542.

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ASK A MEXICAN!

BY GUSTAVO ARELLANO

Dear Readers: The paperback version of my book is out in stores now, cheap enough so that even a Guatemalan can afford it. Buy, por favor! Now, on to the *preguntas* ...

Dear Mexican: Consider the similarities between my people, the Celtic Scots, and yours, the Hispanic Mexicans. Both our people trace roots back to Spain. We sailed north to the British Isles and mixed with the aboriginals to become the Scots; you sailed west to mix with the aboriginal Americans. The Roman Empire invaded, pushing us back into the marginal lands in the northern mountains. Then they built a wall to keep us barbarians out. The American Empire conquered your lands, pushed you into the deserts and built a wall to keep you out. My people were organized into large gangs called clans distinguished by our colors (plaids), like the Mexican gangs today. We would cross over the border into Anglo-Saxon England to commit various crimes – cattle rustling, theft, rape, murder – and then run back across the border to get away scot-free, just like you Mexicans.



For centuries, we too tried to hold out against our larger and more powerful neighbor. We had our moments: William Wallace sacked York; your Pancho Villa shot up Columbus. We still boo English soccer teams, and you boo Miss America. The big difference is that eventually we realized that being uneducated barbarians was no way to beat the English, so we decided to become the most educated people on Earth, rivaling even the Jews (whom we were the first to emancipate). In 1707, we effected a merger with England to form the United Kingdom, placing our King James on their throne. This year, another Scotsman became Britain's Prime Minister.

And there is the history lesson for you Mexicans. When you decide to culturally value your own minds rather than your ignorance and victimization, you will be able to effect the eventual political merger of North Americans as equals. And maybe then we will elect a Mexican-born presidente of the 82 Estados Unidos. – Great Scot

Dear Thrifty Gabacho: You forgot to mention our cultures' shared affinity for offal and patronymic surnames; otherwise, your fascinating analysis is dead wrong. Everyone knows our Celtic brothers are really the Catholic Irish, and they were the ones who persevered and gained true freedom, unlike you kilt-wearing, golf-inventing Presbyterians. And about that Acts of Union that merged England and Scotland: It's fraying. The Scots Parliament readjoined in 1997 after more than two centuries of silence, and a secession movement endorsed by no less an authority than Sean Connery is gaining steam. We Mexicans, meanwhile, have enjoyed our sovereignty; the only tyranny we need independence from is diabetes.

Are there specific things that "white" Americans are doing in everyday interactions with Mexicans and other Hispanics in the United States that really irritate you? I'm talking about the little, misguided actions of otherwise well-meaning people, not the name-calling, sneering vocalizations and behaviors of racists. – Curious in Cudahy

Dear Gabacho: Not really. If a *gabacho* mispronounces Spanish words, I understand it's not his native tongue. If he gets drunk this Cinco de Mayo on Jose Cuervo and Corona and not Herradura and Bohemia, I figure it's because a Mexican hasn't taught him the *bueno* booze. Mexicans and *gabachos* are two different cultures, and no one can honestly expect each side to seamlessly understand the other in this country, nor should they want to—the bumps and bruises caused by the conflict is what creates these United States. The key difference is that Mexicans understand this point and eventually assimilate *gabacho* culture into theirs, while *gabachos* steadfastly refuse to incorporate some wabiness into their lives outside of superficial traits like food and women and get mad when we don't absorb their cultural markers fast enough. For the millionth time, *gabachos*. Mexicans. Assimilation. Believe it. And happy Cinco de Mayo!

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