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Villaraigosa Wins L.A. Mayor's Race

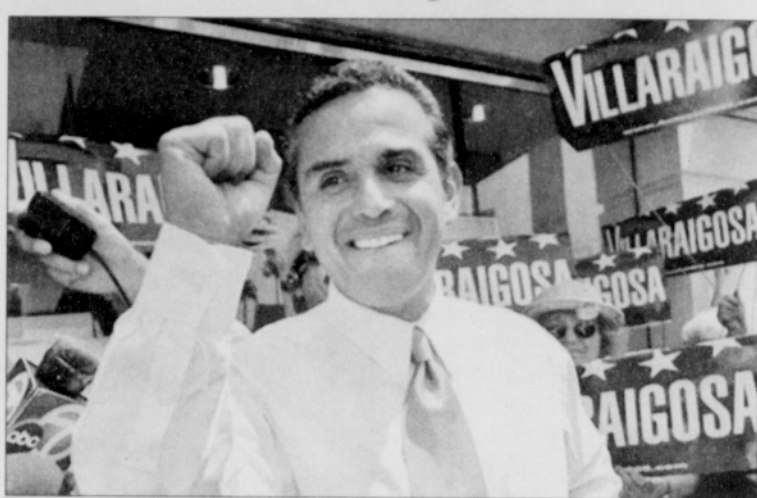
Confirms rising political power of Latinos

(AP) — Los Angeles Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa unseated Mayor James Hahn May 17 to become the city's first Hispanic mayor in more than a century, confirming the rising political power of Latinos in the nation's second-largest city.

After a lackluster term tainted by corruption allegations at City Hall, Hahn was turned out of office in favor of a high school dropout and son of the barrio who turned his life around to become speaker of the California Assembly and then a member of the Los Angeles City Council.

With 82 percent of precincts reporting, Villaraigosa had 225,328 votes, or 59 percent, to 158,732 votes for Hahn, or 41 percent.

Striding to the podium at his victory party amid chants of "Si, se puede," Spanish for "Yes, we can," Villaraigosa thanked his family and



Los Angeles Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa celebrates an election victory over Mayor James Hahn.

the people who had inspired him over the years, and promised to "bring this great city together."

"You all know I love L.A., but tonight I really love L.A.," an exuberant Villaraigosa told supporters.

Villaraigosa will become the first Hispanic mayor of Los Angeles since 1872, back when the city was merely a dusty outpost of only about 5,000 residents on the edge of the Western frontier. Hahn, the

scion of a prominent political family, becomes the first Los Angeles mayor in 32 years to be bounced from office.

Villaraigosa, 52, positioned himself as a unity candidate who would bridge racial and ethnic groups in a city that is 48 percent Hispanic, 31 percent white, 11 percent Asian and 10 percent black. The Democrat lined up marquee endorsements from John Kerry to basketball legend Magic Johnson.

Venezuela Wants Cuban Exile Back

(AP) — Thousands of Venezuelans demonstrated Saturday as the government demanded the extradition of a Cuban exile Luis Posada Carriles, now being held by U.S. immigration authorities.

Posada is accused of plotting the 1976 bombing of a Cuban jet that killed 73 people.

Hundreds of President Hugo Chavez's supporters gathered in the historic Plaza Bolivar in Caracas, dancing to a band that sang one song urging the crowd to "fight against the protection of Luis Posada Carriles" by the United States.

Posada, who has denied wrongdoing, was being held without bond at a federal detention center in El Paso, Texas, while awaiting a hearing set for June 13.

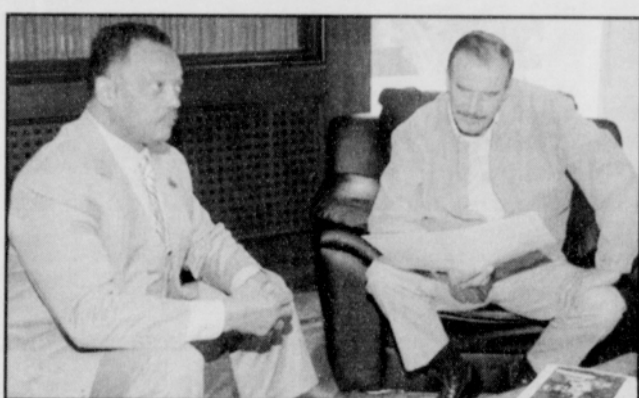
Venezuela wants to try the 77-year-old with murder and treason.

Mexico's Fox asks Black Leaders for Support

(AP) — Mexico President Vicente Fox is asking U.S. black leaders to support a migration accord as part of efforts to ease tensions over comments he made more than a week ago that were branded racist.

Fox angered the U.S. government and black Americans on May 13 when he said that Mexican immigrants take jobs "not even" blacks want in the United States.

He defended his commitment to minorities and human rights on Sunday during an interview with civil rights activist Jesse Jackson on a U.S. radio program, in his first public response to his



Mexican President Vicente Fox (right) looks at a photo during a meeting with Rev. Jesse Jackson at the presidential residence Los Pinos in Mexico City. (AP photo)

controversial comment.

"I very much regret the misinterpretation," said Fox, touting laws created under his administration that outlaw discrimination and protect minorities.

Many Mexicans were at first puzzled by the outcry over Fox's comment, saying the president was justified in his reaction to new U.S. immigration policies that include extending walls along the border and cracking down on illegal migrants.

Frustration has grown in Mexico with the failure of the U.S. government to approve a migration accord widely promoted by President Bush.

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2005 Dodge RAM 2500 4X4 Laramie

Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$40,075; Engine: 5.7L Hemi Magnum V8; Transmission: 5-speed Automatic.

The heavy duty 2500 and 3500 are an immediate hit because of the great combination of big-rig styling, powerful engine lineup and car like interior. The heavy-duty models have been particularly popular with contractors who appreciated the trucks' rugged nature.

The 2005 Dodge Ram 2500 is smooth and refined, particularly when compared to with previous models. The cabs are comfortable and convenient, among the roomiest in their respective class. The Quad Cab is handy for hauling friends, family and the work crew. The styling is bold and handsome, more sophisticated than the previous design.

The Dodge 2500 comes standard with a 5.7 liter Hemi V8 rated at 345 horsepower and 375 pound-per-torque and five-

speed manual transmissions. It is an exceptionally good engine, smooth and responsive. The five-speed automatic is optional for the V8. Also offered is the Cummins diesel engine a 5.9-liter inline six with 325 hp and 610 lb-ft of torque with a six-speed manual.

The Base prices for the 2500 range from \$25,740 thru \$36,985 depending on the model and optional that you choose. The 2500 Ram was comfortable to drive for everyday use. One item that should be standard on big rigs is running boards. It can become a hazard trying to get in or out. I have driven a few of these big trucks and found that they seem to get better gas mileage than some of the small SUVs. As larger as this truck is, it still is easy to drive. It may take a little more maneuvering to park it and two spaces but once you overcome the size, it will meet all your needs for your family and work.

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