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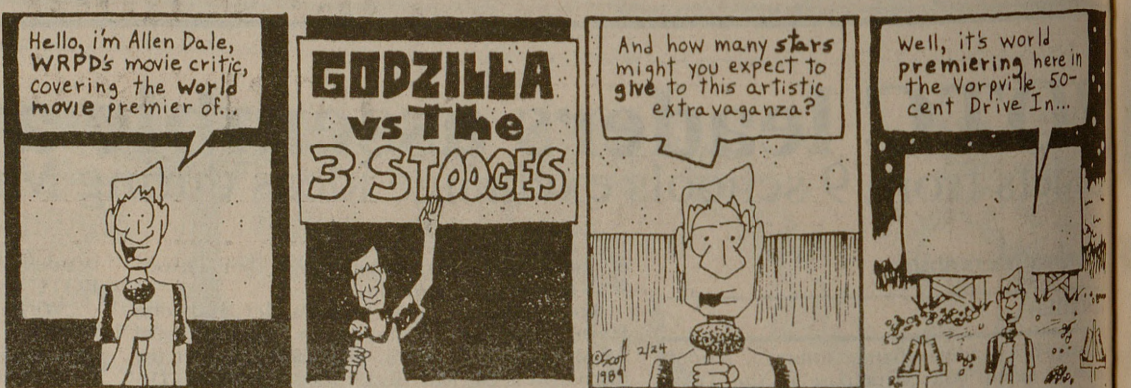
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### Hispanics deserve no extra pay, FBI contends

MIDLAND (AP) — Hispanic FBI agents who speak Spanish don't deserve extra pay for their language ability, the FBI argued Thursday in a class-action discrimination suit against the bureau.

Attorneys for the FBI argued that Hispanics who speak Spanish have an ability comparable to being a pilot or a laboratory technician. Those specialists aren't paid extra for their expertise.

Attorneys for the 311 Hispanic agents suing the FBI argued the bureau was comparing apples to oranges and pointed out that U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton already has found that the FBI discriminates against Hispanics in promotions, assignments and working conditions.

Bunton made that ruling after a two-week non-jury trial last summer in El Paso. He is now presiding over the damages phase of the trial, in which he will decide how the FBI should change its procedures and whether Hispanic agents should be compensated for suffering discrimination.

The class-action lawsuit was filed in January 1987 by Bernardo "Mat" Perez, then the No. 2 man in El Paso and the FBI's highest-ranking Hispanic agent. Eventually, 310 of the FBI's approximately 400 Hispanic agents joined Perez in the suit. The FBI has about 9,000 agents.

The plaintiffs contend Hispanic agents are given an unequal number of dangerous undercover assignments and are more likely to be sent out of town, away from their families, for months at a time on boring wiretap-listening duties.

### A&M professor heads program researching control of mosquitos

By Sharon Maberry  
STAFF WRITER

Mosquitos simply may be pesky insects to most people, but they represent more than 20 years of research to a Texas A&M entomology professor.

Dr. Jim Olson heads a mosquito research program emphasizing mosquito control in rice-producing areas.

"The focus of our research has been on mosquitos associated with wetland agriculture such as occurs along the upper coastal zone in rice-producing areas, which are the major man-made, man-supporting mosquito habitats in the world," Olson said. "Some of the biggest centers for malaria are in rice-producing areas of Asia and Africa."

Olson and his colleagues study the biology and behavior of wetland mosquitos to develop better strategies for controlling them.

"Our research has an emphasis on decreasing the indiscriminate use of pesticides," he said.

The 83 mosquito species in Texas alone make Olson's job difficult. However, his efforts have met with considerable success.

Olson helped define the swarming and mating behavior of one species of mosquitos, which aided in discovering when this species is most concentrated, he said. Knowing when these mosquitos are likely to be in the same place, they can more effectively be controlled with less pesticide and less environmental harm.

Olson also assisted in making an effective and safe pesticide economically feasible. BTI, a toxin produced

by bacteria, is safe for the environment, but was too expensive to use, he said. Olson's efforts helped reduce BTI's cost from \$5 per acre to 27 cents to 47 cents per acre.

A third project on which Olson worked was a method to better define likely mosquito breeding sites using aerial infrared photography, he said.

"Using this method, we can cover large areas of land otherwise inaccessible by ground," Olson said. "Then we can more effectively control mosquitos with less pesticide."

Olson is the director of the National Rice Land Mosquito Management Program, created in 1979 by the Environmental Protection Agency and now overseen by the United States Department of Agriculture, he said. Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and California participate because they are major rice-producing states.

"This national program involves cooperative research of our state (Texas A&M) and the land grant institutions of Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and the University of California," Olson said. "It's augmented by grants from the USDA for about \$450,000 each year. The money is distributed in accordance with need to each of the participants of the program."

The national program is helping cooperative research for controlling mosquitos in rice-producing areas with international countries through the World Health Organization, Olson said.

"Right now, we are advising WHO and countries serviced by WHO how they might modify their programs to be effective," he said.

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