

# Hispanics protest lack of panel representation

HOUSTON (AP) — Hispanic activists voiced opposition Sunday to the makeup of a panel participating in Tuesday's presidential town hall meeting on race and sports, calling the one Hispanic representative "a token."

Felipe Lopez, a basketball player at St. John's University, is the only Hispanic on the 11-member panel, which also includes President Clinton and nine other athletic figures — six blacks and three whites.

"So we're one token," said Johnny Mata, spokesperson for the Houston chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens. "It just shows you the lack of sensitivity on the issue as far as equality of the Hispanics, and that's what the forum is all about — racism in America."

The 90-minute town hall meeting, part of the president's initiative on race, will discuss the impact of race in sports from the playground to the pro level. The forum will be televised on ESPN from Houston's Wortham Center.

The cable sports network, which chose the panelists, announced the selection of Lopez on Sunday, after LULAC officials wrote Clinton to protest the absence of Hispanics.

ESPN spokesperson Chris LaPlaca said the network had been looking all along for a Hispanic representative but had been turned down by several athletes whom he declined to name. He said Lopez agreed Saturday to take part in the discussion.

"We were looking for a variety of perspectives from different sports and ethnic back-

grounds," he said. "We've been working very hard to address all that."

But Mata said Lopez's late selection made it appear as though a Hispanic was picked as "an afterthought."

"Nobody wants to be invited in the last hour to the party," he said.

Officials with the president's initiative on race did not return several messages from The Associated Press Sunday. A White House spokesperson also did not return a message.

Lopez, a 23-year-old Dominican who lives in New York, said he does not mind being the only Hispanic on the panel and considers it an honor to participate.

"It's great for myself, not only to be the only Hispanic there but one of the panelists. I will try to give my view about things," he said. "It's going to be a great thing."

Joining Lopez on the panel are NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown, Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green, track-and-field star Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson, New York Jets receiver Keshawn Johnson and ESPN analyst Joe Morgan, all of whom are black.

Also on the panel are San Francisco 49ers President Carmen Policy, San Diego Padres owner John Moores and University of Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley, all of whom are white.

The lack of Hispanic representation, LULAC officials said, is especially shortsighted in light of the nation's rapidly growing Hispanic population.

## The hunt for pastel April



Mark Landry, watershed management graduate student, waits with his sons, Stephen and Hayden, for the start of an Easter egg hunt at the University Apartments on Saturday.

## WHAT'S UP

### Monday

**Officers' Christian Fellowship:** Bible study on how to live a Christian life in the military/Corps of Cadets will be held at 7:45 p.m. in the Military Science Building room 108. Call Tim at 847-1730 for details.

**ATM Womens Rugby:** Come join! No experience needed. Practices are from 4 to 6 p.m. at the pitch on the corner of Texas Avenue and University Drive. Call Nikki at 694-0084 for information.

**Alpha Phi Omega:** Meet to go to Girl's Club at 3:30 p.m. in 133 Koldus.

**Intervarsity Christian Fellowship:** On-campus Bible studies will be held. Contact David at 847-4264 for location and further details.

**Fellowship of Christian Cowboys:** FCC will hold a Bible study, prayer and fellowship meeting at Pearce Pavilion on George Bush Drive from 8 to 9 p.m. Call Jay or Andy at 825-2716 for details.

**Catholic Students Association:** There will be a praise and worship session from 7:30 to 8:30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church and a general meeting at 9 p.m. in the St. Mary's Student Center-Main Room every Monday for the rest of the semester.

**Study Abroad Programs Office:** There will be an informational meeting from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Bizzell Hall West 154, 16. The meeting will promote the Italy Spring '99 program.

**Marijuana Debate Program:** An in-

formational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in A-1 lounge. Call Rachel at 862-9654 or Joe at 847-5909 for details.

**ATM Roadrunners:** Meet at 6 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum. We will run three to four miles. All students and skill levels are welcome. Call Steve at 847-7905 for details.

**Mexican Student Association:** The opening ceremony for Mexican Association week will kick off at 7 p.m. in 206 MSC. Guest lecturer Dr. Guadalupe Cortina will make the pre-

sentation. Call Paco Rangel at 693-0140 for details.

### Tuesday

**Mexican Student Association:** There will be a movie *The Rise and Fall of the Aztecs* at 3 p.m. in MSC 206. There will be Mexican History lectures by Dr. Henry Schmidt and Dr. Armando Alonzo at 7 p.m. in MSC 206. Call Paco Rangel at 693-0140 for details.

**TAMU Water Ski Club:** A general meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in

the Student Recreation Center. Contact John at 695-8843 for details.

**Alpha Phi Omega:** Meet to go to Crestview Retirement Home at 7 p.m. in 133 Koldus.

**What's Up is a Battalion** lists non-profit student events and activities. Items submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Action deadlines and notices of events and will not be run in the newsroom at 845-3313.

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Asociación de Estudiantes Mexicanos

**Monday, April 13**  
7:00 p.m. MSC 206. Opening ceremony. Remarks by José Francisco Rangel, President of the Mexican Student Association.  
7:15 p.m. Dr. Guadalupe Cortina, Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University, will give an introduction to the various aspects of the Mexican Culture. (In Spanish)

**Tuesday, April 14**  
3:00 p.m. MSC 206. The Mexican Student Association will present the movie "The Rise and Fall of the Aztecs."  
7:00 p.m. MSC 206. Dr. Henry Schmidt, Associate Professor of History at Texas A&M University, will speak about "Watersheds in Mexican History." (In English)  
7:45 p.m. Dr. Armando Alonzo, Assistant Professor of History at Texas A&M University, will speak about "Historic Economic Ties between Texas and Mexico, 1820-present." (In English)

**Wednesday, April 15**  
3:00 p.m. MSC 206. The Mexican Student Association will show the movie entitled "Mexico" (In English) This is a movie that gives an overview of many cultural aspects of the country.  
7:30 p.m. Rudder Theatre. The prestigious musical group, TRIBU, from the Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City, will perform a Pre-Hispanic music concert. (Admission \$3.00)

**Thursday, April 16**  
4:00 p.m. Rudder Fountain. Folklore Dance Show by the "Ballet Folklorico Celestial."  
7:00 p.m. MSC 206. Dr. Samuel Gordon, Professor at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), will give a conference on "The Roots of *Lo Mexicano*" (In English)

**Friday, April 17**  
3:00 p.m. Rudder 301. Bilingual poetry reading by Mr. Raúl Renán, Mexican poet, winner of several literary awards and Director of Literature at the National Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico  
4:00 p.m. Rudder 301. Closing Ceremony. Dr. Eduardo Espina, from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Texas A&M University and José Rangel, will acknowledge the sponsors of the event and the guests who participated. (Refreshments will be served)  
10:00 p.m. Party at the Ramada Inn Hotel. Everyone invited! (Admission \$5.00)

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**AGGIE SPORTS BRIEFS**  
from staff and writers

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