

CONEXIÓN

VOLUME 4, ISSUE 31

4 el pulso

December 6, 2007 • CONEXIÓN

conexión

EDITORIAL

Dino Chiecchi
Editor of Hispanic Publications
(210) 250-3501

Javier Barroso
Deputy Editor
(210) 250-3503

Dennis Ochoa
Art Director
(210) 250-3312

David Holguín
(210) 250-3505
Jim R. Martinez
(210) 250-3508
Designers

Melissa Rentería
(210) 250-3502
Marissa Villa
(210) 250-3507
Writers

Helen L. Montoya
Photographer
(210) 250-3270

Rosa E. Rodriguez
Editorial Assistant
(210) 250-3514

BUSINESS

Lilia Castillo Jones
General Manager

Rebecca Chavez-Becker
Sales Director
(210) 250-2610

CIRCULATION

Jim Fetsch
Circulation Director

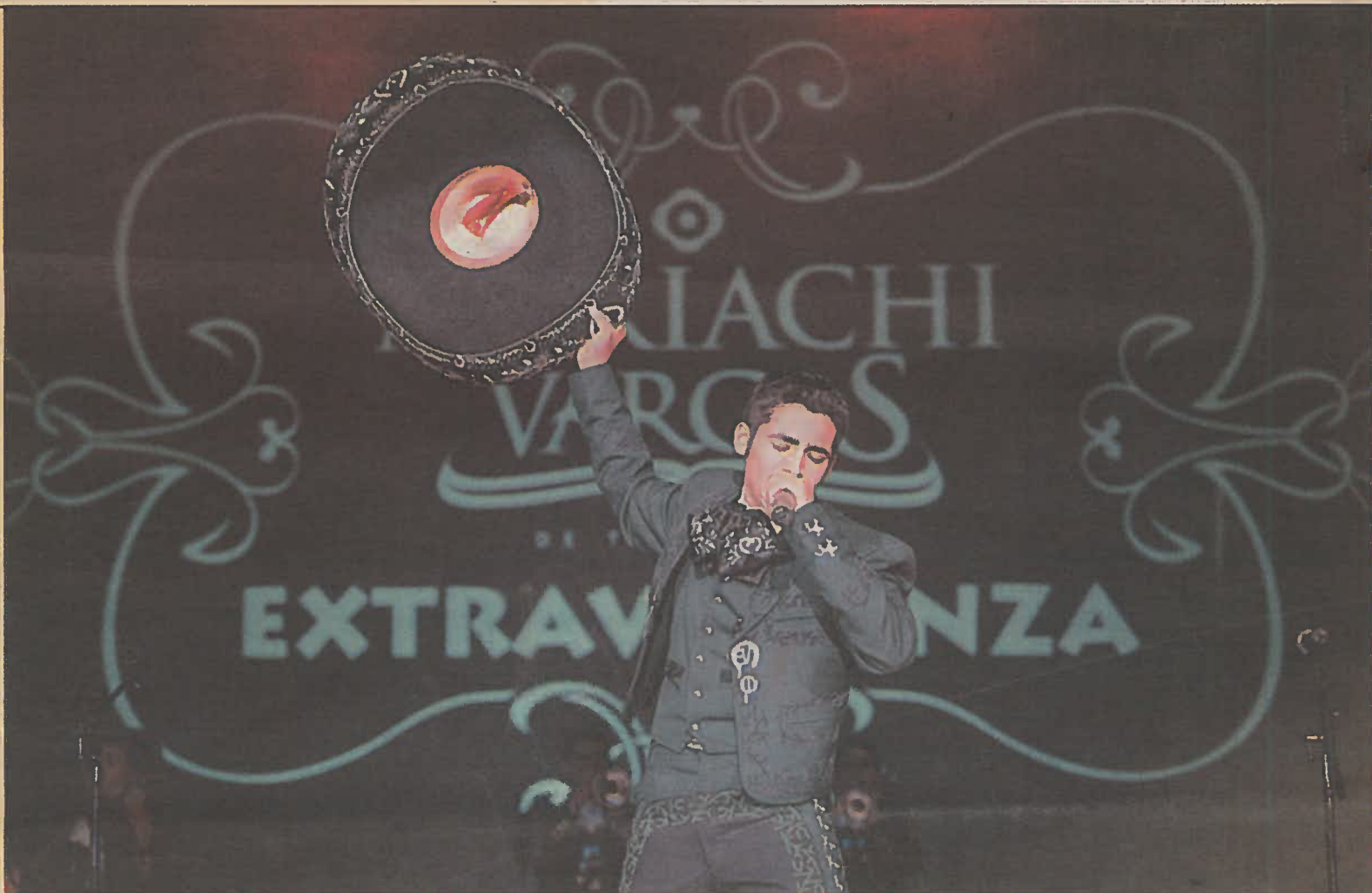
HOW TO REACH US
(210) 250-2525
news@conexionsa.com

Mail Subscription Rates:
Within U.S. \$1 per week
Outside U.S. \$1.50 per week
Home delivery rates: All Zone:
52 weeks for \$10
26 weeks for \$7
13 weeks for \$4
Single copy rates: 25 cents

Home delivery deadline is 6 a.m.; on holidays deadline is 7 a.m. To subscribe, call (210) 250-2400



Brenda Garza and her husband adopted Jordan when he was a baby. Photo by Helen L. Montoya/Conexión



WILLIAM LUTHER/SPECIAL TO CONEXIÓN

ABOVE: Esteban Velasquez of Odessa performs Dec. 1 at Municipal Auditorium during the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza concert. He was voted best mariachi vocalist. BELOW LEFT: Azucena la de Jalisco performs during the event. BELOW RIGHT: A Mariachi Vargas violin player and vocalist sings during the concert.



DINO CHIECCHI/CONEXIÓN

Mariachi Vargas EXTRAVAGANZA

Annual concert provides good music, entertainment

Several thousand students competed in the 2007 Ford Motor Company's Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza that unfolded this weekend at the Municipal Auditorium. There were great performances, good concerts and several winners in different categories.



DINO CHIECCHI/CONEXIÓN

Mariachi Group Competition Winners

BEST MARIACHI
Elementary/Middle School
Mariachi Tesoro de Tucson, Community Group, Tucson, Ariz.
High School
Mariachi Halcon, Zapata High School, Zapata

College/University
Mariachi Nueva Generacion, Texas State University, San Marcos

MARIACHI VOCALISTS
2007 Best (overall) Mariachi Vocalist in the U.S.

Esteban Velasquez, 18, Odessa High School, Odessa.

Elementary/Middle School
Angela Mendoza, 12, 'El Crucifijo de Piedra,' Poe Middle School, San Antonio

High School
Esteban Velasquez, 18, 'Si Te Vas,'

Odessa High School, Odessa
College/University
Tie for first: Selina Elizondo, 19, 'El Crucifijo de Piedra,' San Antonio College, San Antonio; Renee Ganceres, college junior, 'Por Amor,' Texas State University, San Marcos