



## Laredo Sister Cities Youth Committee travel to Laredo, Spain

The 2006-2007 Laredo Youth Committee traveled to Laredo, Cantabria, Nuevo Santander, Spain to do their student exchange program. The youth visited Laredo, Spain during the week of July 3rd - 10th. They were hosted by the City of Laredo, Spain who paid their hotel, meals, and tours for a total cost to our host city Laredo, Spain of about \$10,000 US dollars. The trip was never meant to be paid by our hosting city, but the Mayor of Laredo, Spain insisted and who are we to argue with a Mayor. We also had a tour hosted by BBVA, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, who provided our group with a chartered bus, meals, and tickets to the world famous Guggenheim museum in Bilbao.

We visited the medieval town of Santillana del Mar, the capital city of Santander, and the museum of prehistoric drawings in Altamira.



Going to meet the Mayor  
(notice how clean the sidewalks are)



Meeting the Mayor  
Santos Fernandez Revollo



Laredo, Texas presents the  
Texas flag to the mayor



Outside of City Hall



Laredo, Spain



Guided tour of Laredo, Spain  
by Casa de la Cultura



Picture taken from hotel room



Laredo, Spain



Monument of the 3 Laredos Park



Historical Archives Building of  
BBVA in Bilbao



Teatro Ariaga in Bilbao



Guggenheim Museum



Outside Guggenheim Museum



Bilbao by the river



Christopher Columbus ships  
in Santander, Spain



Santillana del Mar