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# Let's talk about it... Things to do in your backyard

By Yvette Tello

After a conversation with Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, I decided to search for things to do for kids in the Westside, Southside, and Eastside of San Antonio. Councilwoman said she is sure there are things to do but where are they listed? Where are they advertised? I didn't find anything other than the large theme parks and attractions. La Prensa Texas would like to be where you can find that information. We are asking you to send us family-oriented things that are happening in your community. My question is, why do you think that this is not something already put in place? What do you suppose would happen if these communities came together more often? Am I wrong? Where would someone find this info as per community? Let's talk about it...

**Greg Jordan** Something I have been doing to entertain and educate my grandchildren is taking them to Traders Village. No I'm not just advertising for my business either. The amusement rides are plentiful for the young and old. There are numerous events pre planned throughout the weekend. I'm also teaching the kids the value of money and how to take care of it, spend it, or just save it. The adults also have a good time as well. I'm just suggesting that y'all give it a chance. \$4.00 per vehicle. Thank you for your time!!

**Denise Castano Wirth**

Look at the alamo city moms blog, it's for ALL moms. There's always activities listed

**Stephanie Chavez** We have parks but kids events to guide them into activities would help. I've done several kids camps and kids events. You have to engage and work with these kids so many that really don't know what to do at a park, parents as well. I've been to even YMCA's and staff doesn't know how to get kids excited or interested. You have so many personalities, so many with ADHD, autism you have to set the environment for them to engage

and learn to socialize.

**Kelly Narvaez** There is always stuff posted in that Kids magazine that's at HEB.

**Maria Perez** You're absolutely right Tello each district should have a listing under child development or community activities. Or at least listed under the city of San Antonio web page. We're all responsible for our children's development and education. Apparently San Antonio ranks in between. When it comes to education I believe that each organization or children activities/events should merge. So that it won't be so difficult for parents to look for.

**Stephanie Chavez** We have Texas Parks and Wildlife that hosts several events. I work with them. Fin Addict with Shimano Penn. Local Peter Piper Pizza's, Chikfila's Aquarium on Bandera... They actually come out to community events as well as host their own.

**Noel Tello** My nephew leads one of the Fin Addict groups. George Tello Jr.

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# About the Cover Artist:

## Gilbert Duran

Por Melissa Bryant

Born in 1936, San Antonio Artist Gilbert Duran is a distinguished name in the art community. With many of his notable works reflecting historical and iconic themes that are synonymous with San Antonio, Duran has composed numerous painting that depict Frida Kahlo. This painting entitled, “Frida Margarita” is known as one of Gilbert’s favorites; it is in the collection of Guadalupe Rivera Marin, the daughter of the famous painter Diego Rivera who was married to Frida Kahlo.

The Frida Margarita painting is an iconic image created by Gilbert Duran and it graces the walls of many high end restaurants throughout the country. The artist revealed to us that he chose to portray Frida with the frothy margarita because he sympathized that she deserved a nice, cool, refreshing drink for all the trials and tribulations that she



went through.

An award winning artist, Duran’s accomplishments range from Congressional Hispanic Artist of the year award, to numerous renowned

exhibits to include works shown at the Smithsonian Museo Alameda, credited in a variety of prominent publications, and countless works secured in private collections. A valued talent, thriving in



Southtown San Antonio, he is continually working on new projects. To view his works in person, they are on display at Studio 911 and Paradise Gallery y Cocina by appointment.

*If you are a local artist or know an artist from San Antonio who would like their work featured on the cover of La Prensa Texas, Please contact Melissa Bryant at [info@laprensatexas.com](mailto:info@laprensatexas.com) or call 2106860600*

## Outstanding Hispanics in History : Salma Hayek

Por Leonard Rodriguez

From Mexico box-office posite Matthew Perry. As sensations to Hollywood diva, more opportunities open for actress Salma Hayek left Latina actresses in the U.S. Mexico City for Los Angeles “people are going to start dis- with two suitcases. She made covering that (Latina) magic her U.S. debut in the 1994 little by little,” Hayek says, girl-gang film “ Mi Vida Already capturing the hearts Loca” and is quickly becom- of millions with her witty ing Hollywood’s premier charm and drop-dead gor- Latina actress. She starred geous looks, Hayek is cer- in Robert Rodriguez’ “Des- tainly bringing that “magic” perado” opposite Antonio to American audiences. Banderas and in the romantic comedy “Fools Rush In” op-

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# Just a Thought: San Juan Puerto Rico Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz Soto



*Steve Walker is a Vietnam Veteran, former Justice of the Peace and Journalist*

Last week the San Antonio Association of Hispanics (SAAHJ) bestowed the Corazon De Oro Award honoring the San Juan Puerto Rico Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz Soto. It is given to professionals who use their national profiles to advance the lives of Latinos. We celebrated the 20th Annual Gala Scholarship & Annual Awards at the Grand Hyatt downtown next to the Henry B. Gonzalez Center.

Each year we honor the Corazon De Oro Award recipient as well as

The Henry Guerra Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Journalism and the SAAHJ Community Service Award. This year San Antonio Express News reporter Elaine Ayala was honored with the Henry Guerra Award. She grew up on the Westside and attended Memorial High School. I taught at "LA Memorial" 80-81!

For four decades she has immersed herself in the printed word. She has been a reporter, editor, blogger, columnist and mentor to young journalists.

She helped mentor former SAEN writer Francisco Vara-Orta who also received a scholarship through SAAHJ and served as the President of the SAAHJ after Elaine Ayala.

American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions were honored with the SAAHJ Community Service Award presented to them by well-known actor and graduate of Harlandale H.S. Jesse Borrego. I taught at McCollum H.S.

The San Juan Mayor made the 2018 list of the most influential people in the world by Time Magazine. After Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico last year she was a candidate for Time's Person of the Year.

She has written a book, "El Poder esta en La Calle." Translated, "Power is in the Street." After graduating from high school, she left Puerto Rico and attended the University of Boston graduating cum laude in political science, then a Master's Degree in public policy at Carnegie Mellon. She is a recipient of numerous leadership awards including the 2018 Martin Luther King Centre Justice, Peace and Freedom award and more.

In the VIP room before the event, I was able to take her picture with numerous attendees including myself! She was so gracious. When the program neared the start time in the main hall, Mariachis began singing and playing their instruments. Suddenly the Mayor jumped out of her seat at her table and started singing with them. Numerous



Award recipient San Juan Puerto Rico Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz Soto jumps up to sing along with the Mariachi band along with supporters before they bring out the 2018 Scholarship students. Photo by Steve Walker

attendees smiled and jumped up and began singing with her and the Mariachis!

I jumped up from my table sitting next to La Prensa Texas Publisher Steve Duran and Melissa Bryant the managing editor and headed toward the Mayor and the Mariachis for some photo taking.

Apparently, many people had the same idea and pulled out their cell phones to take photos as well. The excitement exploded as many others chimed in to the singing. I took lots of photos of the singing participants. I posted them on my photo blog, [www.walkerreport.net](http://www.walkerreport.net). Later her speech to the crowd was truly inspirational with a standing ovation.

The event attracted over 700 people in attendance. The organization attempts to

promote the next generation of young aspiring journalists and the opportunity as an organization to honor its own.

I am personally proud to have been an active member for a number of years. I will continue to be an active member in good standing as long as I am able and continue to write for La Prensa Texas.

Composed of local Hispanic, African-American, and Anglo journalists, public relations professionals and students interested in communications or the public relations industry, our chapter is thriving. I qualify as a "Bolillo."

The Corazon De Oro Award is presented to the individual, group or institution whose work has been nationally recognized for excellence. The recipient is publicly ac-

knowledged as an inspiration to those around them. Former recipients include: filmmaker Robert Rodriguez, "Little Joe" Hernandez, singer Vikki Carr and CNN Reporter Jim Acosta.

The 13 scholarship recipients include: Ruben Betancourt, A&M San Antonio, Paulette Carreon UT San Antonio, Jenna Carroll, Texas State University, Amanda Fierros, UT Arlington, Jennifer Gutierrez Texas State University, Kaley Lopez Univ. of Incarnate Word. Andres Mesa. Texas State University, Renee Muniz, Univ. of Incarnate Word, Micah Palomo, Texas Tech, Brassant Richardson, Univ. of North Texas, Briana Rodrigue Silva, SAC, Colin Spalten, UT Austin.

Anyway, as always, what I write is "Just a Thought."





Photos by Stephen Walker

Henry Guerra Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Journalism recipient Elaine Ayala with San Juan Puerto Rico Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz Soto, recipient of the Coron De Oro Award SAAHJ, Community Service award to American Indians in Texas @ Spanish Colonial Missions, La Prensa Texas Publisher Steve Duran and granddaughter Lili, former Selective Service Director in the Obama administration Larry Romo, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce CEO Ramiro Cavazos retired Judge Al Alonzo & wife Maria Elena Torralvo, Dr. Laura Barbarena, Telemundo 60 anchor Jorge Nunez, former SAEN Columnist Bruce Davidson now in the Mayor's office, WOAI News 4 Reporter Renee Santos, Dr. Manny Berriozabal & wife, former Councilwoman Maria, Erica Gonzaba, Congressman Joaquin Castro & brother former HUD Secretary Julian Castro & SA Mayor, judicial candidate Rosie Gonzalez, Mamie Campbell, Barbie Scharf Zeldes, Councilman Roberto Trevino, former HUD Secretary & SA Mayor, Henry Cisneros & wife former Councilwoman Mary Alice, Pat Jasso, Councilman Walter Perry with Melissa Aguillon, Mayor Ron Nurenberg, & wife, Erica, actor Jesse Borrago, Elizabeth Eguia with former Councilwoman Leticia Cantu, Jon Gary Herrera & Marc Rodriguez, La Prensa Texas managing editor Melissa Bryant, Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran, Yoli Arrellano, Walker Report Editor, La Prensa Texas Columnist & former Judge Steve Walker, former Councilman & current ACCD Board Member Joe Alderete & wife Chris & daughters, Ken Slavin, WOAI Reporter Ashlie King, attendees, SAAHJ logo



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# ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES DUE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ALAMO COLLEGES FOUNDATION

Sheila Marlow Due, Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), has assumed her duties as the new executive director of the Alamo Colleges Foundation. Due replaces Jim Eskin, who retired earlier this year.

“Sheila Marlow Due is a definite asset to the Alamo Colleges District leadership team,” said Alamo Colleges District Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie. “Her outstanding skills and experience will be invaluable as we seek to reach new goals in our scholarship fundraising efforts,” he added. Due brings more than 20 years of leadership experience to in-

stitutional advancement programs, spanning fundraising, public affairs and communications work.

The Alamo Colleges Foundation works to increase philanthropic support to help advance access to higher education through scholarships and innovative programmatic support. As the executive director for the Foundation, Due takes over an organization boasting more than \$26 million in assets. Due, who started on July 30, will provide strategic vision to the district’s fundraising and donor engagement efforts.

“This is an extraordinary time for the Foundation and its donors,” said Anthony White, chairman of the board of directors for the Alamo Colleges Foundation. “Due is a remarkable leader with a track record of achievement and innovation who will inspire our donors and shape a bright future for thousands of student scholarship recipients.”

“The Alamo Colleges District has long been at the heart of this community and is unparalleled in providing an affordable quality education,” said Due. “I’m honored to be joining the team.”

Prior to joining the college district, Due served as CEO of the Center for Health Care Services Foundation after joining in 2015 as their chief development officer. Previously, she was chief philanthropy officer for Promising Youth Alliance, a Dallas based nonprofit that provided an array of comprehensive afterschool programs geared to address the whole child, and chief advancement officer for the National Council on Family Violence in Austin. She earlier served as vice president of community relations and regional executive director for Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone

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- Collaborative leadership skill within a senior leadership team to continuously improve student success, social and economic mobility, business partnerships and economic development within the community;
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- Ability to foster and maintain high ethical standards;
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, including demonstrated success in working with diverse groups in an institution built on diversity;
- Effective leadership in establishing a positive institutional presence and image in the community;

**The date after which applications are not guaranteed a review is 09/07/2018. For more information about this search, the Alamo Colleges District and the application process, please visit our website at [www.alamo.edu](http://www.alamo.edu) and click on "Vice Chancellor for Economic and Workforce Development." For information call Human Resources at 210-485-0233.**

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Los residentes que deseen hablar en las Audiencias Públicas sobre el Presupuesto pueden registrarse en la entrada de la Cámara del Consejo de la Ciudad a partir de las 4:00 p.m. el miércoles 29 de agosto de 2018 y el miércoles 5 de septiembre de 2018. Los residentes también pueden registrarse en línea el miércoles 29 de agosto de 2018 de 8:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m. y el miércoles 5 de septiembre de 2018 de 8:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m. en [www.sanantonio.gov/clerk](http://www.sanantonio.gov/clerk).

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Romo has been an active member of the AGIF San Antonio Miguel Hernandez Chapter for about 20 years. He is honored to lead the legacy left of Doctor Hector P. Garcia, the founder of the AGIF. Romo will emphasize during his tenure Veterans

Advocacy and Civil Rights/ Equal Rights Advocacy for Hispanics and all citizens, and educational opportunities/access for all citizens. He also plans to increase membership.

Romo grew up in San Antonio, Texas and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Air Force Academy and a Master of Education degree from Montana State University – Northern (formerly Northern Montana College). He was the first in his family to attend college. He served 28 years in the United States Air Force and Reserves having retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Romo was also a Senior

Federal Employee having been nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate as the United States Selective Service System Director. He supervised the agency that registers virtually all United States citizens and foreign nationals living in the United States who are male between 18 and 25 years of age. His term as Director ended with the Obama Administration on January 20, 2017 having served as the longest politically appointed Director over seven years.

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# SPORTS

## NBA Releases Team Schedules

Por Jessica Duran

Mark your calendars basketball fans because the NBA has released all team schedules ahead of the upcoming 2018-2019 season. Of course, everyone is looking forward to this year's Christmas Day schedule with games including the defending champs Golden State Warriors, LeBron and the Lakers, and the Houston Rockets.

Many, of course, thought the Toronto Raptors would meet the San Antonio Spurs on Christmas considering

the Kawhi Leonard trade was the biggest offseason headline outside of LeBron's move to Los Angeles. But, that first meeting between the teams will be January 3rd in San Antonio. The Spurs will open their season against the Minnesota Timberwolves in San Antonio.

Opening night will be October 16 and kicking off the season will be the Philadelphia 76ers and the Boston Celtics squaring off in Boston. Thereafter it's a showdown in Oakland between the Golden State Warriors and the Okla-

homa City Thunder.

Hopefully Celtics forward Gordon Hayward will not get injured in the first five minutes of the game like last season. If he stays healthy, along with point guard Kyrie Irving, and proving an already playoff caliber team without them, Boston may be the scariest team to play in the Eastern Conference.

The Los Angeles Lakers may have acquired the best player of this generation, if not of all time, but are the Lakers true NBA Championship contenders with LeBron

James and a troupe of young stars?

Personally, I don't believe so. Their success will not depend on how well LeBron performs with the Lakers, rather their success will depend if their incredibly young bench can carry the load. Without a doubt, many feel LeBron doesn't feel like carrying a team anymore like he did with former teammate Kyrie Irving and especially last season without Irving's help. With clear frustration with his ex-Cavaliers teammates' play in the playoffs last season, he

may find himself in the same predicament this year.

In what looks to be the most exciting season that the NBA has seen the last few years, this year's NBA Championship may be up for grabs for anyone to take. With an overloaded Western conference and balanced LeBron James-less eastern conference, Boston looks to take back the East and keep teams like Toronto and Philadelphia at bay. No matter who you root for, grab some popcorn and kick your feet up for an exciting upcoming season.

## NFL Pre Season: Rookies Excite, Veterans Struggle

Por Jessica Duran

NFL fans are starting to paint a picture of how strong or weak their teams are just after completing the first week of games. Although most teams' starters and superstars were sitting out, these are games to see how well you spent your draft picks and how much each team invested in free agent signings.

All eyes were on number one draft pick Cleveland Browns rookie QB Baker Mayfield. The former Oklahoma Heisman excited the loyal "Dawg Pound" Browns and fans were excited to get their first glance of Mayfield in game action. Mayfield did not disappoint.

In a 20-10 victory over the New York Giants, Mayfield impressed fans and quieted

critics throwing 11-20 for 212 yards. He threw two touchdown passes showing great passing decisions and the ability to move around in and out of the pocket.

In the same game, the number two pick, Giants running back Saquon Barkley impressed Giants fans with a breakout 39-yard run showcasing his elusiveness with football avoided tackles left and right from Browns' defenders. Although that one run accounted for a majority of his yardage in his total of only four carries, that play might give him a good boost in playing time from head coach Pat Shurmer.

The Denver Broncos squared off against NFC North Champs the Minnesota Vikings. Former Vikings

quarterback Case Keenum has been on multiple NFL rosters. This time he's in Denver and started against his former team. Although new Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins looked sharp, the same case couldn't be made for Keenum who struggled and finished 1-5 and threw for just five yards, yikes.

Broncos rookie quarterback Chad Kelly, looked poised in his debut. Even though he threw an interception, Kelly threw an impressive 14-21 for 177 yards, and finished with two touchdown passes. Kelly is the hidden gem in the Broncos group of quarterbacks and if Keenum doesn't find his play from his almost Cinderella season last year, he might just be back to what he has always been, a good back up.

The number three pick New York Jets rookie quarterback Sam Darnold impressed Jets fans and coaches. Darnold was able to throw six straight and accurate passes in a row in one series and threw for a touchdown pass. Making a case for himself, he has not faltered under the pressure and has kept up in the quarterback battle in New York.

But, veteran quarterback Teddy Bridgewater is making it tough and competitive for Darnold by also having a solid outing. With an almost perfect passer rating, Bridgewater went 7-8 and threw for 87 yards. Whether or not Minnesota lost a quality star quarterback in Bridgewater may depend on the success of Kirk Cousins. Either way, Jets fans should be excited.

Given that it's just one week of preseason games, their performance in one game shouldn't mean anything, but they do. Signs shown in these early weeks of preseason could be the dominos that can crumble a team halfway through the full NFL season. Rookies and veterans will have just three more weeks to prove themselves. Time to step up or shut up.

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