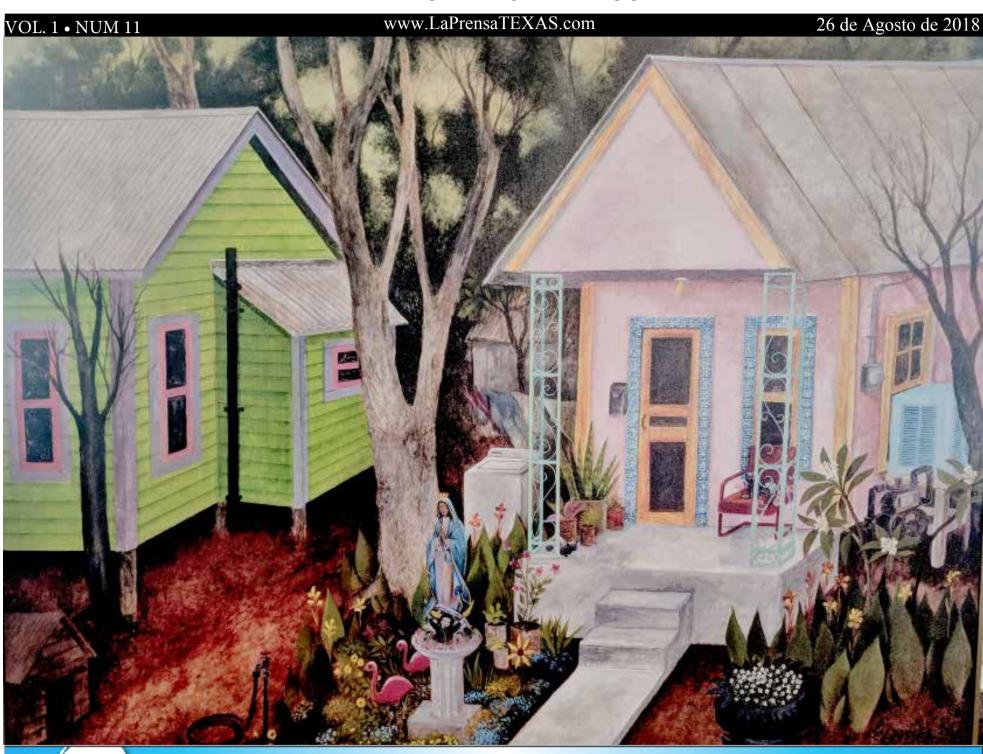
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Let's talk about it...

Things to do in your backyard

By Yvette Tello

Today, I had my nails done. The ladies in the salon spoke In their native language as they often do; Vietnamese. I overheard someone comment, "I hate when they speak in their language." Then, I stopped to get gas. There were two young men at the Shell speaking their native language, Arabic. I saw a few eyebrows raised in the store and a young boy mocking them. Then, I had lunch and heard the staff speaking their native language; Spanish. We are a multilingual city. Shouldn't we expect to hear different languages be spoken here? How do you feel when you don't understand what is being said because a conversation is being spoken in another language? Do you speak in a different language in front of other races knowing they can't understand you? Is it intentional? Let's talk about it....

Benjamin Godina OH... this is going to get good!

Barbara Ann Mendoza Mead When I was a little girl (long time ago) my mother,

who was Hispanic and spoke Spanish, told me it was rude to speak another language other than English when you were around other people. I think my grandmother, who was born in Mexico taught her that. Of course, things have changed. But, when I get my nails done and they don't speak in English when 100% of their clients are obviously English speaking, I get slightly offended but not enough to say anything. I shrug it off.

Kirk Otto 1) America is about freedom. And being multilingual is awesome (at least I would think so).

- 2) America is a melting pot, which should be embraced by
- 3) There are situations where I get self conscious when it's done, because I think they might be saying mean stuff about me. I'm not fluent in Spanish, but I know enough to know it's happened a few times in my life.

Hope Robinson It has never bothered me when people speak a language other than English. I wish I. Would have learned another language.But if I was going to work in a foreign country I would be love hearing people speak sure to learn their language. their language. Even though I think it's part of the trump I don't understand what they effect that so many are openly are saying or use their hands scornful of hearing a foreign to speak. I think it's beautilanguage.

makes your customers un- a beautiful thing to hear comfortable you shouldnt various languages spoken do it.

Benjamin Godina Que?

it doesn't bother me. The only none of my business what thing that does bother me is they are talking about. I do certain places only hire you the same we should not be if you are bi- lingual. That's suppressed. discrimination

Greg Jordan I really like it when I walk into a place and the people are speaking English and they start talking Spanish without knowing I understand what they are saying.

Melida Melissa Lopez It gives us all a great opportunity to be positive and learn "Let's talk about," please different language's if you are interested IN LEARNING

Carmen Gomez-Moya I ful. That just me

Gilbert Dimas Jr. If it Joseph Martinez It's throughout the US. I stay in my lane unless they're communicating with me they have 2 options, English or Patrick Music I don't mind, Spanish. Other than that it's

> This weekly column is dedicated to topics that are not the most comfortable to talk about, but it is time we stop acting like they did not happen. We encourage our readers to give us your feedback. There is no wrong or right way to feel about these topics. We just want you to "talk about it.."

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About the Cover Artist: Jose Esquivel

Por Melissa Bryant

Our cover artwork is entitled, "The Shrine". It is an oil painted work that is reflective of the visual aesthetics of the quaint, colorful homes located on the city's west side. The petite, skillfully manicured lawns are often intricately adorned with ornate objects. These precious objects hold significant meaning to the families that have taken the time to decor their dwelling. Every element is place and arranged with intention and presence. care.

hibited, critically acclaimed, award winning artist, Jose Esquivel of San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Esquivel has been creating art for decades and he has advanced an influential career in the art industry for over fifty years. His work

is rooted in social, political, cultural and environmental themes. The Chicano Socio-Political movement of the 60's and 70's was a major influence through his early works. Today Jose maintains a gallery on the west side of San Antonio and expressed his excitement and enthusiasm about the productive and expansive developments taking place in the community with art being a noticeable

Jose Esquivel has been Meet internationally ex- published in countless publications, news articles and his work has been exhibited in prestigious galleries and museums both nationally and internationally. To see his work, and contact the artist www.JoseEsquivel.com



If you are a local artist or know an artist from San Antonio who would like their work you can visit his website at: featured on the cover of La Prensa Texas, Please contact Melissa Bryant at info@laprensatexas.com or call 2106860600



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Just a Thought: Some San Antonio History



former Justice of the Peace and Journalist

As a former middle school and high school History teacher and other subjects, I encouraged my students to read history books on their own for their own enjoyment. I also encouraged them to come up with some historical facts that they could use to challenge their classmates and me in a game of historical trivia. Two of those high schools were La Memorial in Edgewood ISD and McCollum in Harlandale ISD.

We would write down some interesting facts we read and make questions out of them to bring to class to see who knew more history than others. They were up for the challenge. Each time we did it the winner would earn an extra 100 to average in their grades for the semester which proved to be an added incentive. It was a fun activity.

In an Express-News article, a few years ago, the writer listed over 40 questions about the history of San Antonio to see how much the reader knew about the Alamo City. Surprisingly very little of it referenced the history of the many contributions of Hispanics to the local community. It was more on historical old buildings and businesses which was still kind of fun trying to answer them.

It brought back sharp memories of my classroom filled with excited students raising their hands to give an answer in hopes of winning the competition. I thought today's column would address some historical facts about San Antonio primarily related to our city's Hispanic heritage.

Did you know that activist Adina de Zavala lived at the Menger Hotel downtown from 1926-1932? Born in 1861, she died in 1955. She was an elementary teacher, historian and preservationist of Texas History. Her father was Augustine, son of Lorenzo de Zavala the first Vice President of the Republic of Texas. As a prolific writer she authored History and Legends of the Alamo and Other Missions In and Around San Antonio.

Question: Who likes to eat lots of Fritos? They were invented here in San Antonio in 1932. My father was offered the opportunity to buy stocks in Fritos really cheap in the 50s, but opted to purchase other stocks that didn't do so well. There went my inheri-

Another interesting fact about San Antonio from 1731-1837, one hundred and thirteen Hispanics served consecutively as Mayor before an Anglo, John Smith was elected. In 1842 Juan Seguin served one year and it wasn't until another Hispanic Mayor, Henry Cisneros, was elected in 1981 until 1989. Since then Ed Garza (01-05) and Julian Castro (09-14) have served as mayor.



A number of my govern- guez, and Army WWII Jose ment class students at La Memorial volunteered to work for Mayor Cisneros campaign, stuffing envelopes and passing out fliers. We Antonio, appointed February were an active part of the first 2005 by President George W. modern day Hispanic mayor's Bush becoming the highestelection since 1842!

In 1956 Albert Pena became the first Mexican-American to be elected to the Bexar County Commissioners Court. He of Precinct 1 for sixteen years. He went on to become a Municipal Court Judge.

San Antonio Hispanic Congressional Medal of Honor recipients include Army Viet Nam Santiago Erevia, Army Sr. (68-69) became the first Viet Nam Roy Benevides, Hispanic Texas Secretary Army WWII, Cleto Rodri- of State followed by San

Lopez.

Do you remember the name of the 80th United States Attorney General from San ranking Hispanic in executive government up to that time?

Alberto Gonzales was also the first Hispanic to serve as White House Counsel and represented his home district earlier he had been Bush's General Counsel during his governorship of Texas. Gonzales had also served as Secretary of State of Texas and a Texas Supreme Court Justice.

Local attorney Roy Barrera

Antonio native Alberto Gonzales, (98-99) San Antonio Congressman Henry Cuellar, (2001-2002) and hometown icon Hope Andrade. (08-12)

Many voters recall before he became a Congressman, Henry B. Gonzalez was the first Hispanic to be elected a Texas State Senator. He was followed by Dr. Joe Bernal then the first female Hispanic Senator from San Antonio, Leticia van de Putte and now Senator Jose Menendez.

Continuing my column to inform and promote "all things Hispanic" for the readers of La Prensa Texas, I sign off with "As always, I write just a thought."

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Kenney's Historical Westside Store Taqueria Since 1886

Por Roxanne Eguia

"Do you know about La Gloria? On Laredo and Brazos? Upstairs was for dancing, Mucho dance. And the story: one time in the 30s the devil was there," said David Villareal, a Kenney's store regular for more than 62 years. He has been visiting this west side store since he was in elementary.

I visited this unassuming store/taqueria at the corner of Merida and South Sabinas for some fideo loco and shared a dining room with Villareal and his two childhood friends, Jesse De La Cruz and Juan Agirre.

The men shared fond memories and their experiences throughout many different eras in San Antonio's Westside

"The real story: There were no houses around here. This store was una tienda que vendia stuff for your farms. The store was for the rancheros here. Ms. Kinney used to be at Laredo and 35 and the church was san juan and used to be on Kempher and aqui puro ranchos. Across the street, old houses like would be about 200 years old so they put new ones," said Villareal.

Ms. Kenney, born Irene Marie Kenney on March 8, 1908, grew up in the grocery business. She was the 3rd generation owner/operator of Kenney grocery food store, a business started by her grandfather in June 1886 and now the oldest continuously operated grocery store in San Antonio.

She retired from the business in 1988 and Atilano Mendoza has managed the store ever since. The long time patrons said that nothing

much has changed since they were little except for now there is a restaurant and you can buy beer.

"A lot of things in here have been here longer than I have. Customers just bring me stuff to put up on the wall," said Mendoza as he points to an old coca cola clock from another century.

He said one of the ladies has been cooking here for a decade because the kitchen is closed on sundays.

"For other people sundays in mandatory to work at restaurants. It's home in here, the ladies, I never bother them. Do what you know how to do and they do," said Mendoza.

The store has been a historical beacon for many and the men who grew up here hope that this generation will be interested in preserving it.

"The new generation has left, but we didn't we are still here. Everything we know is from our grandfathers," said Aguirre.

Mendoza pulled out two thick coffee table books with large photos of San Antonio from the 1800s featuring notes on some local monuments like Hot Wells, the Missions and dance halls that have historical roots.

De la Cruz recalled when the mothers of Vietnam Veterans crawled on their knees from their doorsteps to the church when they were told their sons would be returning home because many did not.

"Everyone that lives here, we know all the families that were here born and raised. I used to know their mothers and their grandmothers. They would get after us and we would listen out of respect. That's how we grew up here







Left to Right: Owner, Atilano Mendoza, Patrons David Villareal, Juan Aguirre and Jesse De La Cruz



in the neighborhood. All of my families were born in the house, not in the hospital. A lady would come to take care if it," said De La Cruz whose mother used to live right next door to the store.

Mendoza said jokingly,





"Some of these customers we cannot get rid of." This year he will celebrate operating Kenney's food store for 30 years. You can visit Kenney's store at 342 Merida St, San Antonio, TX 78207, Monday-

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Mr. Brown

By Dean Evans



1970 graduate of East Bakers- celebrates mediocrity. field High School. He has a in Educational Leadership. He is the recipient of the 2007 from 3rd to 12th—specializing in English, Algebra, and Theater Arts. He is a veteran of the United States Army. He has been married for 41 years to the former Janie Torres 5 children and 10 grandchilrecently found his biological this unexpected turn for an in turnaround relationships. upcoming book.

from colleagues in recent tary in the Fairfax School years, and certainly with

greater intensity, has been that the students are unmotivated, irresponsible, undisciplined, detached, and disrespectful. Many teachers feel they are doing all they can to address the problem and seem content to view the problem through a deficit lens. The problem rests, severally and collectively, in the laps of the children, their parents, their culture, our society, T.V., lawlessness, listlessness, Godlessness, and Dean Evans, born in Ba- an educational system that kersfield, California, is a often stymies creativity and

Still, there are those teach-Bachelor of Science degree ers who seem to see promise in Criminology from C.S.U., in all their students, who Fresno, a Master of Science refrain from teachers' lounge degree in Counseling and bashings, remain optimistic Guidance from Texas A&M in the face of daunting condi-University, and completed tions, and seem able to ignite several years of doctoral work in their students a desire to learn. These are turnaround teachers---teachers who are, "Texas Teachers for Excel- first and foremost, caring lence Award." Dean retired individuals who develop relafrom teaching in 2012 after tionships with their students. having taught every grade It might be argued that the most frequently encountered positive role models for children, outside their circle of family members, is a favorite teacher. For many, a special teacher is not just an instructor from Bakersfield. They have for academic skills, but also a confident and positive role dren. At the age of 66, Dean model for personal identification. Having a person acfather, Tony Marquez, who knowledge us, see us for who lives in Bakersfield. Dean we are, as their equal in value is currently writing about and importance figures high

I met my first turnaround The refrain teachers have teacher while in the 4th grade begun to hear more frequently at Virginia Avenue Elemen-

District in Bakersfield, Cali-

from the back of the classroom, he gently squeezed a long series of terrible weekends--weekends punctuated step-father. For me, in that precise moment, the skies opened and the Angels smiled in the wake of this "small" kindness. Mr. Brown became had he done to be deserving of father, and marry my mom! such adoration? Simple. He cared. For the first time in my life, I dared to dream.

cause Mr. Brown read vora- -- and that, in a quite literal ciously. It began the day he sense, he had saved my life. asked, during recess, why During the two-hour drive I was reluctant to read and from Fresno to Bakersfield, what did interest me. I told California, my mind was him I didn't like reading--- flooded with memories of but that I was a big fan of the a simpler time. There were old Yankees baseball teams. Tinker Toys, the Twist, How-He walked me to the school dy Doody, Looney Toons, library and helped me check Superman, Zorro, and the out a biography of Lou Gehrig by Frank Graham in 1942. I loved the book---which led to similar books and eventually a life-long love of books from a wide range of genres! Years later I found the same book, published in the fifties, in a stack of discarded books from the library at the high school where I taught in San Antonio, Texas. It was a poignant reminder of the joy that may be gleaned and the seeds sown in the smallest unpopular war. We watched

Brown. One day, as he walked us, dazzled us with his knowledge, and taught us Spanish (a practice probably frowned and patted my shoulder. A upon based on what I rememsimple, perhaps benign, ges- ber about ethnic sensibilities ture. I've often wondered if in the San Joaquin Valley in this kind teacher sensed in the early sixties). It was in Mr. me a profound need to have Brown's room that I became someone care. He could not a true life-long learner and have known that at that pre- lover of literature. With his cise moment I was reeling encouragement I began playemotionally from the latest in ing the saxophone, a skill that has served me well in the 57 years since! My newfound by the beatings and verbal confidence led to many sucabuse of my entire family at cesses in school academics the hands of a binge-drinking and leadership despite continued challenges at home. My nine-year-old musings even included an oft-embellished scenario in which Mr. Brown would come to my house, beat my hero that day. Yet what up my cruel alcoholic step-

Years later, I decided to was the purveyor of hope. He visit my hometown and to thank Mr. Brown. I wanted him to know that I had mod-I read voraciously, be- eled my teaching after his-Mickey Mouse Club. Levi ieans were not really seasoned until they were so dirty that they stood in the corner of the room waiting for our return. P.F. Flyers really did make us run faster and jump higher and we were reminded daily that "father knew best". Soon the invincibility of our handsome president would be shattered, civil rights would take center stage, and people we knew would take part in an gesture of kindness. That year history unfold in our dining

fornia. His name was Mr. Mr. Brown played sports with rooms as strategically angled T.V. sets flickered images that forever altered our threshold for violence.

> Sadly, I would never complete my mission to see Mr. Brown. I learned that the Mr. Brown of my youth--my hero--had died. This wonderful young teacher, with the infectious smile and boundless energy died only a few years after he taught me. How had he died? The school secretary told me that he had died from the complications of alcohol. The irony did not escape me. However, I was not discouraged by it. I have continued the legacy of the heroic teacher who was a giver of dreams. I too became a giver of dreams. I taught. Although I retired several years ago, I realize that our profession may be better served by an inquiry that not only identifies the traits and qualities of turnaround teachers--but seeks to cultivate those traits in aspiring teachers and, indeed, any teacher who, like Mr. Brown, recognizes in all our students, no matter the challenges, a glass that is significantly more than half full.

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The 2nd Annual Psychedelic Peace Tour Supports Boy Scout Troop 251 and the Heart of Texas Roller Derby Female League

Por Eli Rodriguez

The 2nd Annual Psychodeleic Peace Tour held at the Chisholm Trail Fairgrounds on August the 18, 2018

As All great weekends come to an end, this past was no exception at the Chisholm Trail Fairgrounds...presented by San Antonio Wood stock was not only a concert but an event to help build awareness and support of two local organizations; The

local scouts of Troop 251, and the heart of Texas Roller Derby Female League.

Live music provided by local talent Elnuh, Booty Feet, Slomobile, and Samantha Flowers filled the air as the boy scouts not only provided security, but also manned the dunking booth. In attendance was also the Classic Street Knights of San Antonio showing off their collection of classic muscle cars.

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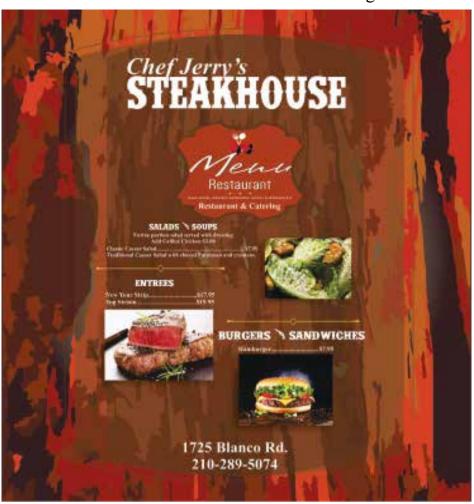
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SPORTS

Bama Tops AP Preseason Poll

Associated Press (AP) released their poll ranking and once again, Alabama tops the list at number one for the third straight season, the first team to do so since Oklahoma in 1985-1987. Rounding out the rest of the top 5 was Clemson, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Ohio State at number five. Bama looks to repeat this year, but will have some tough teams to face in the SEC this year, including number three ranked Georgia led by sophomore quarterback

Jake Fromm. Bama Head Coach Nick Saban has won 5 national titles since taking over back in 2009.

Saban will have to answer to the Roll Tide's diehard fan base the biggest question heading into the new season. Who will start at quarterback? In last season's National Championship game, now junior quarterback Jalen Hurts, struggled against Georgia. After being down just 13-0 entering halftime, Saban decided he had enough and put in then freshman quarterbeing center stage in college football's biggest game of the year, Tua stepped up and led Bama to a 26-23 victory in overtime.

Heading into the new season, it appears that Saban is leaning towards starting Tua over Jalen Hurts. But, ultimately it's up to Saban. QB Fromm will look to bounce back and lead Georgia on another run to compete for the National Championship again despite having an un-

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back from Hawaii, Tua Tago- derwhelming camp. Clemson, investigation on head coach vailoa. With the pressure of now focused on their defense after losing former quarterback DeShaun Watson, looks at competing for another bid. Wisconsin in the same boat, will look to have defense carry them to a National Championship. Maintaining momentum and success will be the challenge for them as that is usually the problem for the Badgers when they are ranked in the top five.

> Ohio State will either have a great year of football, or a year overshadowed by offfield issues. No doubt, the

Urban Meyer for covering for an assistant coach accused of domestic violence, has already been a distraction for the team. This will also be a bad look for the university for future recruits. Having a group of solid veterans and a new five star recruit freshmen, this might be the fall of Ohio State before it even gets a chance to rise. Some colleges start August 25, but the rest of college football starts September 1 across the nation.

LLWS Continues to **Diversity**

Por Jessica Duran

As many sports fans know today, it doesn't matter where you came from, as long as you can play and have a good attitude, you're on a team. Besides the FIFA World Cup, the annual Little League pete as well. World Series held in historic Williamsport, Pennsylvania, brings together kids from all over the world to compete to be number one in the world.

Young kids who love to play the game of baseball travel from all corners of the world to compete and be called the best youth team in baseball. This year, the tournament had teams from various regions in the U.S. competing in the U.S. side of the bracket. Teams like, Hawaii, New York, Georgia, including a team from Houston, Texas are

like Mexico and Japan are represented, but teams from Canada, Spain, and Australia flew to Williamsport to com-

but one thing for with these kids, if you can speak baseball, what else is there to talk about? Throughout games, you can see kids and opposing coaches high five opponents after a home run or a good play.

been a problem for kids that have fun and play ball. compete in this tournament,

just a few teams competing. and it's a tournament that In the international pool, the exemplifies what it means to usual contending countries be a true athlete and that you can be a good sport while still competing at a high level. Some professional athletes have a problem with that.

Maybe that's why it's so Multiple times throughout refreshing to see the Little ESPN's coverage of the tour- League World Series every nament the past two weeks, year. There are no egos, no viewers could see players call conflicts, and more imhanging out with each other portantly, the parents and from other teams. Some may coaches respect the game have a language problem, and don't ruin the game for the kids like you see at local youth leagues. No matter if you're white, black, brown, Asian, American, Mexican, these kids are first and foremost baseball players. Celebrate what separates us, and celebrate what makes us the Sportsmanship has never same. For the love of baseball,





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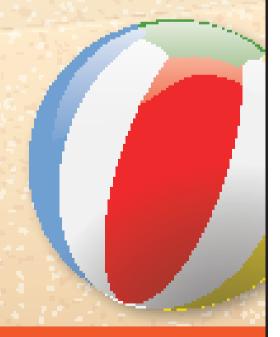
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