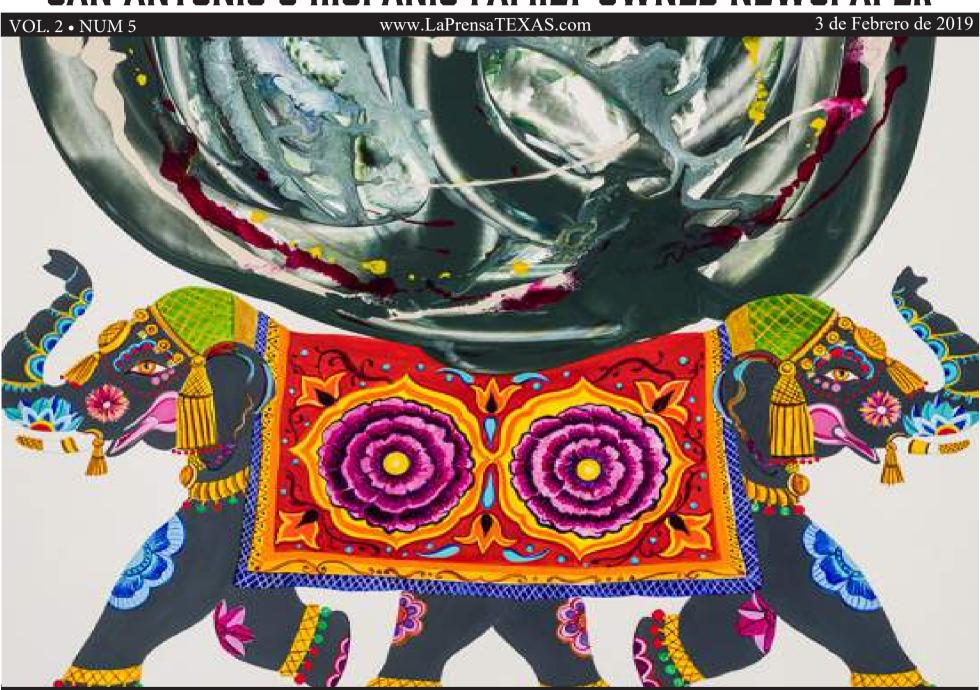
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Let's Talk About it...

Borders All Around

By Yvette Tello

If you or I needed to seek refuge in another country to seek safety immediately and we went to either Canada or Mexico, would we be treated the way the refugees were treated at our border from Mexico? Would we be allowed into their country? I have never heard of anyone telling me they weren't allowed into Mexico or Canada. Let's talk about it...

Mike Miller:

"We give these people food, housing, money and medical; things we don't even give to citizens who have paid taxes. Need an example, one who is one hundred percent disabled."

Shawn Armstrong:

"I don't think people that are going to Canada or Mexico are going in herds of people. Individuals, like you and me like you said that's a different story. They are coming in the thousands that are more like an invasion. And not just from Mexico, the Muslims are coming also. And I don't think all of them are coming here for the American dream. They come here from their Third World countries and want us to assimilate to them so that we become the Third World country they just tried to leave. That's just like the people from California and New York moving to Texas because they like what we offer but they still vote for the same stuff they voted for those two states."

Monica Monica:

"Canada will not allow anyone into the country unless they can sustain themselves."

Kirk Otto:

"That's for legal migrants. Canada has a different policy for refugees. They absolutely do not have open borders, and just applying for asylum doesn't guarantee it. Their refugee policies are similar to the US's."

Mary Svetlik Watkins:

"Mexico offered those people asylum. They didn't take it. If you want asylum you go to a border checkpoint, not swim across the river or bull rush a fence. And yes other countries would treat border runners the same way. A marine found himself in Mexico illegally. The Mexican government threw him in jail until his release was negotiated. While in prison he was beaten. Typically an asylum seeker must accept refuge in the first country that it is safe to do so. They must present themselves at a legal point of entry."

April Medina:

"So let us see hmmm. Would you let someone break into your home or would you want them to come in the proper way? We just don't let anyone in our homes."

Andy Squire:

"Technically, the South American's coming north are not refugees at all. UN definition of a refugee: "Someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion." Also, a lot of countries are much harsher or have very strict guidelines."

Gerard Bustillo:

"Through legal points of entry, you're right. But if I cross through illegally they will not welcome me with open arms. How is it that the illegal alien has more rights and is given a "pass" to illegally commit a federal offense? While others wait their turn to legally become a US citizen when the illegal ones get bumped up and enter without proper vetting?

Now that's the real question. What federal law can US citizens break and nothing be done to them and given something in return? Not a darn one. Why cross the bridge to go to Mexico? Or Canada or to the UK without a passport. Why does one not cross to Mexico just simply go rafting across? Because it's illegal. Is it because I'm not the right color or I don't speak the language perfectly? Is it because I'm doing something illegally."

Blue Rose Alvarez:

"Just in recent years, refugees from Turkey were not allowed entry into a few countries, not just America. There's not much of an influx of Americans seeking refuge into Europe or Mexico. To get to Europe would be costly and you need a passport but it's not hard to go across to Mexico or even Canada. Although you do need a passport now to return. I imagine Canada would be a decent place to live but Mexico, not so much."

Robin Jones:

"Traveled a lot, and every country does not play around with the proper documents, AT ALL TIMES! Mexico is the hardest!"

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Sandra Mack-Valencia

Sandra Mack-Valencia's work has been exhibited in museums, galleries, and institutions in Colombia, Japan, Paris, and the United States. She is a recipient of the Nathalie Angles Award. the Sommerville Arts Prize, and was nominated for the Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters and Sculptors Grant. Her work was selected as part of the (S) Files Biennial at El Museo del Barrio in New York. Sandra was chosen as one of the Outstanding Antioqueños in the World, and her art practice was featured in a documentary that aired at her native city. Sandra Mack-Valencia grew up in Colombia, where under the smell of oil paint, turpentine and linseed oil in her father's studio, she developed a passion for the arts, in particular for painting and drawing. After receiving her BFA from the Universidad de Antioquia, she moved to New York and finished her MFA at Hunter College.

Sandra was recently invited through Art Connects NY to be part of a permanent exhibition at the Fortune Society in New York in April 2016, and she is one of the invited artists to show at the annual exhibit at St. Paul the Apostle Church in NY in August 2016.

This painting happened very organically, meaning that one shape lead to the other, and the composition kept evolving based on what was appearing on the surface. Initially, I had considered making just one elephant carrying this dense shape, but after playing around with the images, it was clear to me that it had to be 2 elephants going separate ways, but sharing the same body and the same weight. As it kept evolving, I couldn't help but to think about this country's cur-

> rent state. I have all kind of friends and acquaintances,



some of them with polarized political opinions. I hear them talking, and posting on their Facebook pages, defending with passion their ideas, each one of them believing they hold the truth, and it makes me proud to have such passionate friends. but then I also see families falling apart, siblings and friends terminating their relationships, and just a deep gap that keeps growing and setting us apart. In "The Agreement" I am looking for that equilibrium, that compromise where we understand that sometimes we have to agree to disagree, because at the end, we are all pretty much the same, we all carry our heavy loads, and life is so much lighter when we share the weight.



By Leonard Rodriguez

This column highlights inspiring stories of Latino leaders. For more than 500 years, Latino men and women have positively influenced the face of United States society. Let us celebrate these outstanding hispanics.



Cristina Saralegui

Journalist and TV talk show Cristina Saralegui is the Spanish equivalent to Oprah Winfrey. Leaving her position after 10 years as editor-in-chief of Hearst Cosmepolitan-en-Espanol, Saralegui joined Univision as host and executive producer of "El Show de Cristina" in 1989. An immediate success, Saralegui's show received an Emmy in 1991 and prompted her to launch a lifestyle magazine, a radio show and the English version of her Spanish talk show, making her the first person to host a TV talk show in two languages. Commenting on her goals, she said, "We do the show to help Hispanics here. Once you cross the border you are an immigrant, not a tourist. This is where our kids grow up and we have to be concerned about our community."







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The Politics of a Border Wall

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Over the past three years, Donald Trump has been persistent about building a wall along the two thousand mile border between the United States and Mexico. Initially, he proposed that Mexico pay for it. It is an idiotic proposal and history will not be kind to such a half-baked idea with the

ultimate goal of making "America White Again." There is ample historical evidence that walls do not work. I have visited walls in China, Berlin, and walled cities in Spain and Italy. The Great Wall of China took two thousand years to construct and failed to keep the Mongols from invading and

eventually dominating numerous Chinese dynasties.

President Ronald Reagan hated the Berlin Wall and cheered when it came down.

In Spain, these ancient walls stand as historical reminders of divided empires of the Middle Ages. Spain's walled cities failed to keep the Moors from in-

vading and conquering more than half of Spanish regions, which they then ruled for seven centuries. And yes, I have also visited the thirty-foot high wall in Del Rio, Texas where the federal government has finished only sections of the wall. Walling off Texas from Mexico proved to be beyond anyone's wild-



est budget imagination, generated property rights disputes and raised environmental concerns.

The majority of Americans oppose the construction of a 2,000-mile boundary of concrete or a steel wall. This past week's political showdown between President Donald Trump and Speaker Nancy Pelosi revealed wide policy differences and suggested that the wall is doomed for failure.

First, there is the issue of property rights. It is not always possible or easy to remove residents from their homes and ranches. The government has not always been successful in its attempt to use Eminent Domain in acquiring property.

Just in the state of Texas, there are currently dozens of cases in the courts challenging the government's attempts to acquire property on the banks of the Rio Grande. If the government doesn't win all the legal challenges, there will be large gaps in the wall-- seemingly a night-mare for the Border Patrol. Secondly, numerous naturalist groups are prepared to challenge the construction of a wall because of the possibility of environmental damage to the local habitat.

In a New York Times article titled "Why a Border Wall Could Be a 'Slaughter' for Wolves, Bears, and Butterflies," Times writer John Schwartz reported that the "National Wildlife Federation has also warned of problems" calling the erection of a continuous wall 'one of the biggest potential ecological disasters of our time'."(New York Times 1-25-19). A significant obstacle to the construction of the border wall is the issue of full funding. Neither the Con-





gress nor the public has a clue about how the White House came up with a \$5.7 billion dollar price tag. This much is known: the border already has about 650 miles of wall scattered between Brownsville on the Gulf of Mexico to San Diego on the Pacific Ocean.

The White House proposal called for an additional 1,000 mile of the wall. Costs have to include labor, materials, transportation of materials, property acquisition, and long-term maintenance. The Congress under Speaker Pelosi has expressed no desire to fund such a massive undertaking, and Speaker Pelosi mounted a successful opposition to such funding. Two funding proposals failed in the Senate this past week as well, forcing President Trump to "cave in" and end a partial government shutdown. The thirty-five-day shutdown was seen as an effort by the White House to use federal workers as hostages in return for funding of the wall. Much has been said about a wall acting as a deterrent to illegal migration, drug smuggling, and prevention of terrorists entering the United States.

However, the majority of illegal migration is a result of generous visa policy. Researchers have shown that numerous visitors to the United States never return home. In fact, the majority of undocumented immigrants are those who overstay visas. In an article, "Shortcut to Immigration: The Temporary' Visa Program Is Broken,"

The Center of Immigration Studies reported that the "number of temporary admissions has more than tripled since 1985, from 9.5 million to 32.8 million, and the number of non-immigrant visas (NIV) has risen by 30 percent over the same period." Basically, if we are worried about increased immigration, we need to look no fur-



ther than America 's front door where the majority of immigration abuse occurs. For an understanding of the smuggling of drugs across the U.S.-Mexico border, we only have to follow the trial of drug lord El Chapo in New York City Federal Court.

The New York Times's article "El Chapo Trial Shows Cracks in Wall Plans" revealed that the drug lord's "innovative smuggling networks typically went through legal

checkpoints--not isolated stretches of the border where a wall might be an obstacle."

The trial also exposed information about what many in border enforcement suspected: the number of tunnels to the United States from Mexico was many, and for the most part far too successful in facilitating drug traffic. Political writer Atossa Araxia Abrahamian recently commented that "Walls are a response to deep existential anxiety, and even if the walls come down, or fail to be built in brick and stone, the world will guarantee us little in the way of freedom, fairness or equality." (New York Times (1-27-19). Closed borders favor those with financial means to travel as tourists, study in the United States, enter with a business visa. or retire in the U.S.

The wall, according to Speaker Pelosi, is immoral. It is immoral because it violates the principles of inclusiveness and diversity. But it also seems immoral to spend billions to build a wall which will significantly reduce the number of funds that can be spent on healthcare and education. Funding a wall also detracts from the needed investment in rebuilding towns destroyed last year by hurricanes and fires. People should come first.

The President currently has a misguided approach to the nation's top priorities. That must change and many expect that it can in 2020, if not sooner. Finally, the United States is a frequent critic of human rights abuses in other countries. In mishandling the separation of children from their parents last year, America gave other countries plenty to criticize. The harshness of America's immigrant family separation policy, asylum and refugee denial, massive deportation, and conflicted promises to Dreamers makes it imperative that the Congress establish a comprehensive immigration policy sooner than later. American can be a leader in protecting human rights. Now is a good time to begin.



LULAC Sues Texas Secretary Of State

Attorney General Over 'Attempts To Suppress Latino Voters'

By R. Eguia

On January 29, The League of United Latin American Citizens sued the Texas attorney general and secretary of state over attempts to suppress the Latino vote in the upcoming May 2019 election.

The official lawsuit document reads, "Full-fledged United States citizens, legally participating in Texas's election system, particularly those who are part of the Latino community across the State, are being illegally targeted for voter intimidation. This lawsuit seeks to stop such intimidation. The pretextual facade of concern

about voter fraud provides no cover for the voter intimidation at work here."

David Whitley is the Texas Secretary of State and designated as the State's chief elections officer.

On Friday, January 25, Whitley issued the "Election Advisory No. 2019-02" to voter registrars and elections administrators in the counties across the State that read, "personal information obtained by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in connection with a motor vehicle record shall be disclosed and used for any matter of voter registration or the administra-

tion of elections by the secretary of state. The secretary of state has been working with DPS to obtain and use information regarding individuals who provided documentation to DPS showing that the person is not a citizen of the United States during the process of obtaining or acquiring a Texas Driver License or Personal Identification Card from DPS. The initial set of information

provided by DPS is being compared to the voter registration rolls, and we are providing information relating to matches out to counties beginning tomorrow."

The Secretary of State turned the data discussed in the advisory to the Attorney General, who tweeted the following shortly after noon on the same day as issuance of the SOS advisory, "VOTER FRAUD ALERT: The @TXsecofstate discovered approx 95,000 individuals identified by DPS as non-U.S. citizens have a matching voter registration record in TX, approx 58,000 of whom have voted in TX elections. Any illegal vote deprives Americans of their voice."

Attorney General Ken Paxton, on that same day posted a four-paragraph press notice that stated, "Texas law allows lawfully present non citizens to obtain driver's licenses by showing proof of lawful presence to DPS. However, only citizens are eligible to vote. And Texas law currently does not require verification of a voter's statement that they are a citizen. The Texas Secretary of State provided the information to the Office of the Attorney General this week, which has concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute election crimes."

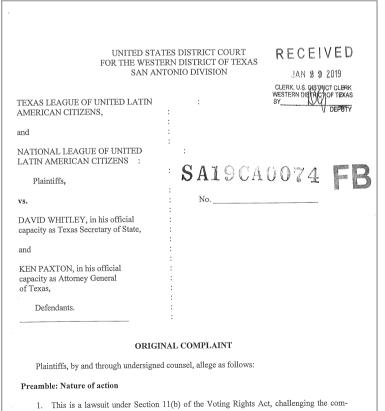
LULAC members argued that, "this "matching" process fails to take into account a major factor that throws reliance on the old DPS data particularly suspect: the naturalization process, whereby those who came to the

United States as non-citizens may later attain citizenship." According to the Migration Policy Institute, in Texas alone in fiscal year 2014, nearly 53,000 people became citizens through the naturalization process. If each of those people had applied to DPS for a driver license or

personal ID card before 2014, even going back to 1996, and registered to vote after naturalization, they would still show up in the SOS "matching" even though they are fully legitimate registered voters.

Over the 2007-2017 decade, 7.5 million people became naturalized citizens, and it is certain that people in Texas are a relatively large percentage of that number.

This lawsuit is still pending and more information will be available as the story develops.



bined effort of the Secretary of State of Texas and the Attorney General of Texas to intimidate

people who are currently legitimately registered to vote into de-registering or just not voting (or

both) in the upcoming May 2019 election. These two Texas officials have carefully crafted and

orchestrated a program that combines an election advisory ostensibly directed at ensuring that all

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Tip Top Cafe Honors the San Antonio Police Department K9 Unit

By Elvia Hernandez Cavazos

In coordination with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) the Tip Top Cafe Sunday starts collecting donations for K9 training fund while BCSO makes arrangements to properly remember the line of duty heroics performed by K9 Chucky (EOW 01/25/2019).

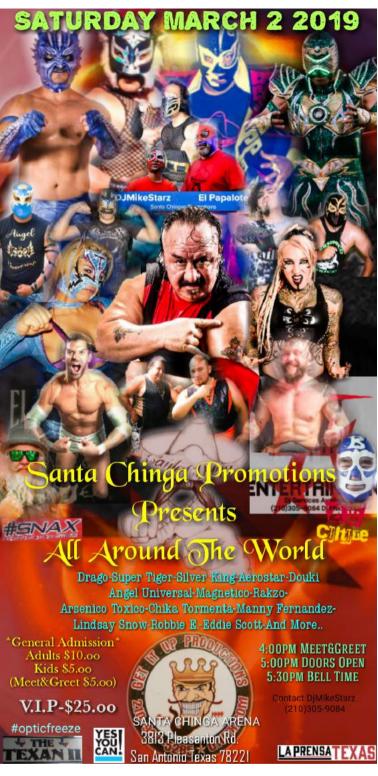
Starting tonight, the diner's nostalgic neon sign will il-

luminate the message "RIP Chucky" in solidarity with BCSO, law enforcement K9 units everywhere, and emblematic of shared loss by a

grateful community for its fallen public servants.

More details to follow on Monday in cooperation with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office PIO personnel. The landmark Tip Top Cafe, 2814 Fredericksburg Road (78201) is open 7 days a week, 11-9 Monday-Saturday, 11-8 Sundays.





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Histórico: Doble No Hit No Run

Por Sendero Deportivo

La liga dominical categoría Abierta Potranco Baseball League, en su dorado libro de récords añadió el histórico acontecimiento (domingo 27 de enero, 2019), cuando en su antepenúltima jornada se registraron dos espectaculares partidos que finalizaron con la hazaña del "No Hit-No Run", (partido lanzado sin jit y sin carrera).

El club Calaveras con su lanzador estelar Jason Guerra, durante siete entradas pudo haber finalizado de forma "perfecta", sin embargo dos errores fueron el factor de lograr dicha hazaña. Calaveras blanqueó 10-0 carreras a los Rieleros.

Por su lado el campeón Pi-

ratas de Sabinas sigue defendiendo su corona, sumando el también histórico partido "No Hit-No Run", ante el duro rival Cardenales que fue desplumado en el sexto capítulo tras aceptar el nocaut por tener una pizarra adversa de 13-0 carreras. "Una hazaña que nos llena de orgullo y de poder seguir adelante defendiendo el banderín", dijo Iván Rubinski, jugador y coach de Piratas quien "relevo" al manager Sergio De Luna, que solicitó permiso para estar ausente en este clásico dominical. El receptor Lupe Guerrero y sus hermanos (patrocinadores de Piratas), agradecieron el apoyo de jugadores, seguidores y familiares por su apoyo durante

este emotivo partido.

Resultados: Mineros 3 Broncos 1, con su victoria Mineros se apoderó del liderato, dejando a Broncos en segundo lugar del standing general. Cubs blanqueo 3-0 a Bravos. Este domingo en el horario de las 10 a.m. se juegan el clásico Bravos v Piratas.

En la liga Veteranos, los Broncos de Reynosa SA, con pizarra de 4-1 ante Red Sox, se coronó campeón del playoff. La victoria fue para el lanzador estelar derecho Gilbert Salazar quien ganó el trofeo de campeón de temporada con 8 victorias y 1 derrota. La derrota fue para Chris Lee (Red Sox) con relevo del ex profesional

Humberto "El Triste" Montemayor.

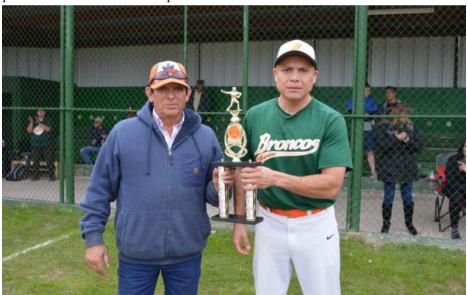
"Liga Potranco les agradece por su participación y disciplina deportiva", dijo Simón Sánchez, presidente, quien tuvo apoyo del gerente general Eloy Rocha, que premió a jugadores y equipos individuales con flamantes trofeos.

Broncos recibió doble trofeo por ser campeón de temporada 2018 y del playoff (barrió 2-0 a Red Sox). Red Sox de subcampeón. Kelly Skeens de bateo .460. Gilbert Salazar de pitcheo 8-1. Ramón Bingochea de Cardenales por 2 jonrones. "Buena serie, el pitcheo rival nos contuvo. No se bateó a la hora oportuna. Listos

para el retorno y ganar el campeonato", dijo Pedro Espinoza, quien tiene dos subcampeonatos. "Broncos vendrá con más refuerzos, para defender los campeonatos. Red Sox es digno rival. Agradecemos apoyo de jugadores, seguidores y nuestras familias", dijo Garza.

"Me alegro de como Roberto Garza ha dirigido a Broncos, gracias por haberme invitado a ser parte de uno de los fundadores de este gran club. Broncos ganó porque tiene jugadores con gran disciplina deportiva. Felicidades", dijo Goyo Prado. En la fotos aparecen Broncos y Gilbert Salazar, recibiendo trofeos presentador por Eloy Rocha.









GROWING UP LATINO

MANGUERA MEMORY:

Annual Field Trip to the Zoo (Part 1)





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$By \, Rosie \, Speedlin\text{-}Gonzalez$

The bell marking the end of the school day is ringing. We are all sitting at our desks ready to bolt as fast as we can walk through campus, on the sidewalk... no running . . . past the water fountains . . . no running . . . under the awnings . . . no running . . . past Mr. Guzman swinging his

paddle . . . no running . . . through the dragonfly filled playground . . . no running . . . over the bridge crosswalk ... now, RUN!!!! Get home and make sure the permission slip gets on and stays on the dining room table for Mom to see when she gets home from night classes. The teacher wanted everyone to remember to get our permission slips signed so we could all go to the Zoo this Friday. This year it was 4th grade and Mrs. Lisaukis had a way of making everything exciting and fun. Her enthusiasm was contagious. From landscaping our classroom with beautiful, big tropical plants and flowers to teaching everyone how to dance folkloric style dance for Charro Days . . . but I digress.

It is Spring and Easter is in the air, but more important is getting to get to the Zoo. This was no ordinary field trip, it was the field trip of all field trips . . . we were going to walk, yes walk from J.T. Canales Elementary all the way to the world-renowned Gladys Porter Zoo. Thinking back to this I swear we walked for miles and miles and realized later it was a 1.2-mile walk. But that walk was much more than a stroll. It took teachers in unison wanting to chaperone gaggles of 4th and 5th graders, working with volunteer parents like Mrs. Garza (Isabel's Mom) and Mr. Trevino (Ruben's Dad that looked like Tony Orlando some days and Sonny Bono other days), and staying in the good graces of





our school principal Mr. Villarreal and his vice-principals, Mr. Perez and Mr. Guzman. Together, they all worked to keep us safe, in control and for the most part, happy.

The anticipation would start to build around Easter with talks about the upcoming field trip, next would be the passing out of permission slips to all the students and constant reminders to everyone to get those permission slips back, signed or risk being left behind to sit in the library with Ms. Bebon, our librarian all day long, returning books to the shelves and helping her keep our library organized and orderly. Permission slips were required and we were also asked to invite our parents to join us. With

our rowdy bunch of J.T. Canales Bulldogs, the more adults helping all of us stay focused, the better. We were told to dress accordingly: shorts were allowed, wear caps, good walking "tenny" shoes, pack a good lunch with lots of snacks and bring change for beverages. Ice chests and ice always seem to magically appear on this day and our magicians were parents and teachers planning together.

Continue reading about Rosie's childhood Zoo adventure in the next issue. Manguera Memories is a series of short stories that will be published in a book this year with proceeds benefiting La Prensa Texas. Read past stories at LaPrensaTexas.com

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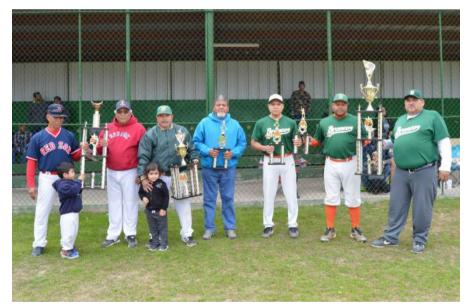
Lluvia de Champaña para el Club Broncos

En el complejo deportivo y social Potranco, se registró memorable fiesta beisbolera, la cual disfrutaron jugadores, fanáticos, y familiares del club de béisbol (categoría Veteranos) Broncos de Reynosa SA, que es propiedad de los esposos Linda y Roberto Garza.

El señor Garza en calidad de manager, su coach y jugador Rick Felán, recibieron felicitaciones y los trofeos que les fueron presentados por su compadre Eloy Rocha. Broncos aceptó los flamantes trofeos de campeón temporada 2018, y monarca del playoff.

Por tan importante acontecimiento los esposos Garza, el coach Felán, y jugadores recibieron el tradicional "baño de champaña". La lluvia de champaña no estaba prevista ya que Broncos enfrentó al club Red Sox, en serie a ganar 2 de 3 partidos. Broncos con su primera victoria, aún no tenía asegurado el llegar a ser quien ganara el máximo galardón, ya que de acuerdo a Garza, su rival (Red Sox) con su manager Pedro Espinoza y el coach René Juárez, siempre han sido la franquicia a vencer, tanto en partidos del rol regular como en series de postemporada. La lluvia de champaña, concluyó con una deliciosa cena que fue preparada al gusto de los integrantes del club Broncos que hizo historia tras haber marcado su debut en Potranco Baseball League ganando 10 juegos con 2 derrotas en el rol regular y 2 triunfos en postemporada. En las fotos parecen directivos de Red Sox y jugadores que recibieron trofeos individuales, así como el señor Goyo Prado quien hizo viaje desde la ciudad de Dallas, para venir a presenciar este interesante evento deportivo, donde felicitó a los Broncos y su buen amigo Roberto Garza (quien lo felicitó con emotivo saludo).

(Fotos por Franco)





50th Wedding Anniversary

(Photos by Yvette Tello)







FINANCIAL FOCUS

Roth vs. Traditional 401(k): Which Is Right for You?



For many years, employees of companies that offered 401(k) plans only faced a couple of key decisions how much to contribute and how to allocate their dollars among the various investment options in their plan. But in recent years, a

By Ernest J. Martinez

third choice has emerged: the traditional versus Roth 401(k). Which is right for you?

To begin with, you need to understand the key difference between the two types of 401(k) plans. When you invest in a traditional 401(k), you put in pre-tax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Your contributions and earnings grow tax-deferred until you begin taking withdrawals, which will be taxed at your ordinary tax rate. With a Roth 401(k), the situation is

essentially reversed. You contribute aftertax dollars, so you won't lower your taxable income, but withdrawals of contributions and earnings are tax-free at age 59-1/2, as long as you've held the account at least five years.

So, now that you've got the basics of the two types of 401(k) plans, which should you choose? There's no one right answer for everyone. You essentially need to ask yourself these questions: When do you want to pay taxes? And what will your tax rate be in the future? If you're just starting out in your career, and you're in a relatively low income tax bracket, but you think you might be in a higher one when you retire, you might want to consider the Roth 401(k). You'll be paying taxes now on the money you earn and contribute to your Roth account, but you'll avoid being taxed at the higher rate when you start taking withdrawals. Conversely, if you think your tax rate will be lower when you retire, you might be more inclined to go with the

traditional 401(k), which allows you to avoid paying taxes on your contributions now, when your tax rate is high.

Of course, you can see the obvious problem with these choices – specifically, how can you know with any certainty if your tax bracket will be lower or higher when you retire? Many people automatically assume that once they stop working, their tax liabilities will drop, but with your tax advisor

that's not always the case. Given their sources of retirement income from investment accounts and Social Security, many people see no drop in their tax bracket once they retire.

Since you can't see into the future, your best move might be to split the difference, so to speak. Although not all businesses

offer the Roth 401(k) option, many of those that do will allow employees to divide their contributions between the Roth and traditional accounts. If you chose this route, you could enjoy the benefits of both, but you still can't exceed the total annual 401(k) contribution limit. which for 2019 is \$19,000, or \$25,000 if you're 50 or older.

You may want to consult

before making any decisions about a Roth or traditional 401(k) – or Roth and traditional 401(k) - but in the final analysis, these are positive choices to make, because a 401(k), in whatever form, is a great way to save for retirement. Try to take full advantage of it.

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Universal Basic Income

Your Social Inheritance

By Isa Fernández

Isa Fernández, MPA is a Legacy Corridor Business Alliance Program Manager at Westside Development Corporation, a freelance photographer and peace and justice advocate. As the richest country on earth, one must wonder why we have the highest poverty, infant mortality, incarceration, and lowest life expectancy rates in the world out of other developed countries.

Is poverty, as Nelson Mandela said to the United Nations in 2013, "like slavery and apartheid...not natural (but) manmade"? And can it be "overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings...not as a task of charity, (but as) an act of justice?" This is a question that can continue to be pondered for thousands of years, but it

needn't be. There are solutions that we should proactively pursue now that can benefit people immediately, such as the concept of Universal Basic Income (UBI), the progressive economic theory that proposes providing workers with a monthly stipend that supplements their income and can potentially alleviate or at best, abolish poverty and needless suffering.

UBI picks up where the industrial revolution (the period of transition from hand production methods to manufacturing processes using machines in factories in Europe and the US, from about 1760 to around 1820-1840)

left off, where during that productive time of worker's history, laborers were promised that they too would reap the benefits of the heightened manufacturing processes (that they were a part of creating) that would make work more efficient). In theory, this was supposed to give workers more free time, according to the so-called



"Father of Economics" John Maynard Keynes, who was certain the real purpose of economic growth is to free people from work, not to encourage people to keep working harder and harder in pursuit of capital - yet that is exactly what has happened. Today, people are working harder for less, working multiple jobs to live a substandard existence - and barely surviving, let alone thriving. Wages have stagnated and have not kept up with inflation. People are being forced to do more with less and add to this the that we are at the cusp of a "technological revolution" we are not prepared for that will most certainly impact the jobs and livelihoods of Americans. A 2013 Oxford Study tells us that 47% of jobs in the US are at risk of being eliminated due to software, robotics, machines, and other learning and artificial intelligence...and not just for repeatable task jobs – so-called "white collar jobs" are next. Job leaders aren't

shying away from their intentions either, with a recent Harvard Study showing that 46% of alumni would rather invest in technology such as driverless cars and other automation rather than human workers. This makes sense considering approximately 45% of all activities that workers take

on in the US economy can be automated using available technologies, with only 4% of work activities requiring creativity above a median human level, 29% of work activities requiring sensing emotions above a median human level, all of which suggest those activities that are safe from automation are relatively rare (Stern, Andy. "Raising the Floor: How a Universal Basic Income Can Renew Our Economy and Rebuild the American Dream", Public Affairs, 2016, 65). However, I was surprised to find out that 65% of Human Resources tasks, which I had thought needed the "human touch" can be computerized (Stern, Andy. "Raising the Floor: How a Universal Basic Income Can Renew Our Economy and Rebuild the American Dream", Public Affairs. 2016, 122). Also startling is the fact that we are only 5 to 10 years away from automated truck driving, which is the most popular job in 29 states, accounting for 3.5 million jobs. And since job statistics are not gauged until they happen, informed workers can only brace for the changes that lie ahead and how they will impact their livelihoods. (As Henry Ford once said, "Why do I always get the whole person when all I want is a pair of hands?"). Because of scenarios like

these, pilots are being conducted in places like British Columbia, India, Italy, Africa, Scotland, the Netherlands, and Spain and even stateside in California, Hawaii, and Alaska, which have a "permanent fund", that has been supplementing the incomes of its citizens for years. The piloting of new economic programs that serve people, such as the universal basic income program, which works by providing every adult a monthly stipend of an agreed upon amount, that is only a supplement to their income, not a replacement, but substantial enough that it can help alleviate some financial problems, pay for or free up time for childcare, caregiving, volunteering, spur entrepreneurship, encourage creativity and generally help people enjoy their time on earth a bit more, is a beautiful concept, and one that must be explored.

As one of the most beloved

proponents of universal basic

income once said as part of his "Poor People's Campaign", expressed in his 1967 book Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community "I am now convinced that the simplest approach will prove to be the most effective - the solution to poverty is to abolish it directly by a now widely discussed measure - the guaranteed income... The contemporary tendency in our society is to base our distribution on scarcity, which has vanished, and to compress our abundance into the overfed mouths of middle and upper classes until they gag with superfluity. If democracy is to have a breadth of meaning, it is necessary to adjust this inequity. It is not only moral, but it is also intelligent. We are wasting and degrading human life by clinging to archaic thinking. The curse of poverty has no justification in our age. It is socially as cruel and blind as the practice of cannibalism at the dawn of civilization when men ate each other because they had not yet learned to take food from the soil or to consume the abundant animal life around them. The time has come for us to civilize ourselves by the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty."

For more information on universal basic income, please visit https://basicincome.org/basic-income/.

SPORTS

Pelicans' Davis Requests Trade

By Jessica Duran

The longtime New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis informed the team he was intending not to sign an extension and requested to be traded. Although he requested to be traded, he's still interested in sticking it out the rest of the season with the Pelicans. Davis is currently sitting out for the next week or two with a sprained index finger on his shooting hand. Davis is having a career season so far averaging about 30 points per game, 13 rebounds and 5 assists a game. The Pelicans season hasn't

been one to remember as they sit in 13th place. Davis has stayed with the team the past 2-3 seasons in hopes that the team can help lure big-name free agents to help him win New Orleans a championship or at least get to the Western Conference Championship. Despite his loyalty, the team has not managed to get big-name talents to help him. Davis and point guard Jrue Holiday, can't carry the team alone. The Lakers are favored to land "The Brow" but they will need to clear the bench to trade for Davis. But what team doesn't? Two years ago,

Davis said in an interview, he wants to be apart of a team that has a good front office, a great coach, and team he can go all the way with. Among those teams, he felt had all those characteristics. were the Lakers, Golden State, Houston, and the Spurs. With big money spent on the Warriors and Rockets, the Spurs and Lakers are the teams that can work their magic and fix the salaries and offer players in trade that won't hurt either team. The NBA has released a memo on their "tampering rule" because of the big news, reminding teams not to

try and recruit Davis to their team under the table. Lakers were previously under fire two seasons ago for tampering with Paul George in a quest to get him to the Lak-

ers. George ultimately signed with OKC and resigned with them again this past summer. Lakers were fined and relinquished a draft pick. In another hot summer of free agents including Klay

Thompson and Kawhi Leonard, Davis will have his name in the conversation and all eyes will be on Davis to see where he lands and how it'll affect other teams.



Super Bowl Preview

By Jessica Duran

It's Super Bowl time! As one of the most anticipated sports days vastly approaches, this Super Bowl has some people excited and some just ready for good food, drinks, and some awesome commercials. While the Los Angeles Rams became an unfavorable team across football fans due to one player's questionable play in the NFC Championship against the New Orleans Saints. Tom Brady and the Patriots remain by popular vote as the biggest villains of the NFL. For Tom Brady, it's his 8th Super Bowl. For 3rd year Rams quarterback Jared Goff, this is his first

Super Bowl appearance. In what could be one of Brady's toughest opponents he's ever faced in the Super Bowl, Vegas has only a 2.5 point spread between the two teams. Major keys for victory for both teams are actually pretty similar. For Brady and company, the Patriots will need to utilize running back Sony Michel, get the ball to receiver Julian Edelman and tight end Rob Gronkowski. With an undersized secondary for the Rams, going to the air might be a better option as opposed to trying to go through physically the biggest defensive line they've faced all year. On defense, the Patriots

have to eliminate Rams running back Todd Gurley's run game. They will also have to put as much pressure on quarterback Jared Goff as he tends to make crucial mistakes in big moments and under pressure. Experience is on the Patriots side. and that sometimes is more valuable than any perfected game plan for an inexperienced team and coach. For the Rams, while inexperience could cost them the ultimate prize, being such a young team could give them some freedom to get creative and take chances. Taking chances and getting creative worked for the Philadelphia Eagles against the Patriots in last year's Super Bowl, and it can certainly work for the Rams. With a charismatic fan base, if Rams fans show out at the Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta, the crowd could feed them much needed energy. The Rams are going to have to get Gurley and C.J. Anderson some good yards in the run game to keep pressure off Jared Goff's back. Minimize turnovers and control the clock. If they keep the ball out of Tom Brady's hands, they can wear down the Patriots defense and clear a path to victory. On defense, this has to be the biggest game of the year for the Rams. Reigning defensive player of the year

winner, defensive end Aaron Donald has to play like it but so does his bash brother Ndamukong Suh who will also have to step up. Rams secondary is led by NFL veteran Aqib Talib, their secondary has to slow down Edelman and shut out red zone king Rob Gronkowski. Despite how you feel for both teams, this will be one exciting game between two of the best teams in the NFL. Even if you don't care about the game, Maroon 5 and Travis Scott is the halftime show. Plus the commercials are always good and we might get a new Avengers trailer. Super Bowl LIII is Sunday, at 5:30pm CT on CBS.

One year in UTSA Dreamers Resource Center is Helping Students Succeed

By Courtney Balderas-Jacob

The UTSA Dreamers Resource Center, established as part of the UTSA Presidential Initiative on Diversity and Inclusion, is celebrating a special milestone. Today marks one year since the center opened to educate the campus and community members about the needs of undocumented students, provide support services to help Dreamers achieve aca-

and assisted prospective students in the admissions and financial aid processes. Some of the UTSA Dreamers who were an integral part of the proposal and implementation of the center are now UTSA alumni.

"The UTSA Dreamers Resource Center was envisioned over a decade ago by a bright group of student activists who had a vision of hope and resilience for future undocumented stulike me would graduate." Maria M. Rocha '12, '15 added, "The Dreamers Center is a safe haven for our undocumented student body; perhaps the most resilient and self-sufficient students arriving at our college campuses today. The center's dedicated staff provide support for Dreamers as we continue to persevere and strive for higher education."

In the spring and fall of 2018, UTSA Dreamers Resource Center hosted renewal clinics for students who had been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. At the clinics, the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) provided the students with free consultations with immigration attorneys and assistance with application completion. Ultimately, 13 students filed an application to renew their DACA status. The Dreamers Resource Center also partnered in a number of projects on campus to help students, faculty and staff understand the unique challenges of Dreamers including: Dreamer ALLY training to share best practices for working with undocumented students with faculty and staff an Immigration Symposium at the UTSA Downtown Campus along with employment/internship and financial aid workshops the Plática Campus Conversation, leading a discussion for 38 students, faculty and

staff about Dreamers and other displaced individuals in the U.S.

Within the San Antonio community, the Dreamers Resource Center participated in several outreach opportunities, including: Alamo Colleges Transfer Preview Davs the San Antonio Independent School District Dream Summit Coordinating with the Mexican Consulate General of San Antonio to offer the Institute for Mexicans Abroad BECAS Scholarship to UTSA students for the first time in 2018 Working with the nonprofit P16Plus Diplomás College Attainment and the City of San Antonio Immigration Education Action Team to create resources and events which promote opportunities for student access to higher education and support student success.

Most importantly, the UTSA Dreamers Resource Center has served as a model

for the development of similar centers at other universities. In its first year alone, the UTSA center was visited by students, faculty, and staff at other colleges and universities including Baylor, the University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley, Our Lady of the Lake University, Texas Tech University, Mountain View Community College and the University of Central Oklahoma. Internationally, six college faculty members from Ukraine, who was part of the San Antonio Council for International Visitors, turned to the UTSA to understand how to implement similar services at their universities.

As the UTSA Dreamers Resource Center looks ahead to its second year, it will focus on identifying funding opportunities, scholarships, and grants for Dreamers and traveling with the UTSA Strategic Enrollment team and various other campus partners to recruit future Roadrunners.



demic and personal success, and serve as a campus and community advocate.

Located in the UTSA Student Union within the Student Center for Community Engagement and Inclusion (SU 2.01.04) on the Main Campus, the Dreamers Resource Center has made a positive impact on dozens of students over the last year. Its staff has regularly engaged with students in one-on-one advising sessions, eased access to legal services via partnerships with local nonprofit agencies, participated in outreach efforts to spread awareness of its services

dents at UTSA," said Andrea Ramos Fernandez '18. "One year after the opening of the Dreamer Center, I wish to admire the legacy of the students whose hard work and dedication brought a legacy of inclusion to our university. Thanks to their efforts, many students will have more opportunities to excel in their academic goals, regardless of their immigration status."

"The Dreamer Resource Center was a light of hope during my experiences at UTSA," said Emmanuel Quiroz '18. "It was a symbol that things were going to get better and that someone



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Alamo Plaza

This is an early 1900's view of a tree-lined landscaped garden in Alamo Plaza with a bandstand as a major feature. The Gibbs and Maverick Office Buildings are shown on the left at Houston Street with other buildings such at the Giles Crockett Block and the Grand Opera House adjacent to the south on Alamo. The 1886 Richardsonian Romanesque Post Office and Federal Office Building is shown in the center. The Alamo and the historic Long Barrack walls are pictured on the right. Around the Plaza, which was used as a terminal, were the popular electric streetcars in use from 1890 to 1933.





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Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week



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bbb.org Start With Trust® As tax season begins and you look forward to getting your refund, so do identity thieves. Tax identity theft happens when you use your Social Security Number to get a job or a tax refund. Unfortunately, you might find out you're a victim of tax identity theft when you go online to file a tax return and discover one has already been filed using your social

security number. Other ways consumers discover tax ID theft is a letter from the IRS saying more than one return was filed under your name, or your IRS records show wages from an employer you don't recognize.

How should consumers protect themselves from tax identity theft?

•Complete your refund as soon as possible. Scammers usually file fast to beat the real taxpayer to the refund. The sooner you file, the less likely a scammer will be successful.

•Pay attention to official communications and know the signs. Respond promptly to written notices from the IRS about duplicate returns or other written communications.

·Identify fake communications. The IRS always sends written communications first, so if you receive a call or email before an official letter, it's probably from a scammer pretending to contact you about past due taxes. Always be cautious of anyone who threatens you, the IRS will never do that.

•Understand spam. If you receive an email from the IRS, do not reply to the sender or click on links or attachments included in the email.

•Protect your privacy. Online accessibility to shopping and banking also means increased accessibility to your personal information, so be sure to take extra precautions against data breaches.

•Employers should also exercise caution. The IRS

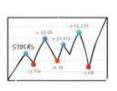
encourages company payroll sonal information. officials to double check any unusual or executive-level requests for employee's per-

For more information on Tax Identity Theft, visit bbb.















Achieving Self-Awareness



By Tammy C. Perez

Self-Awareness is having a well-defined understanding of your personality, thoughts, values, strengths, weaknesses, and beliefs. What motivates you? What is your purpose in life? Achieving self-awareness allows you to better communicate and understand others. Do you live your



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life based on the opinions of others? If so, you are not alone. Many people live their lives based on what others think. They avoid pursuing their dreams because they fear failure and humiliation.

My goal for clients in session is to increase their state of awareness. I stress the importance of mindfulness and being present. What is going on inside and around you? I want my clients to slow down

and focus on the details of their thought process. Our thoughts control our moods which leads to our actions and choices. With practice, we can learn to take control of our thoughts and emotions in a positive way. Self-awareness creates the freedom to make changes in our behavior patterns which strongly affects our relationships and quality of life.

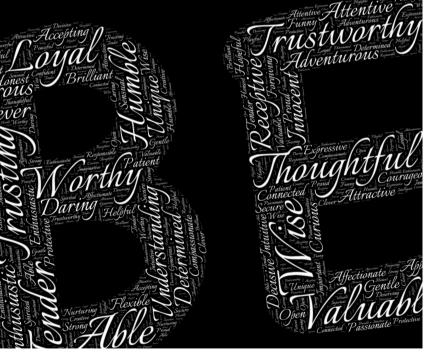
What is your story? Are you living the life you want? When self-awareness is



achieved, new opportunities will emerge. The outcome of your life is determined on your thoughts, your choices and your perceptions. Focus your attention and energy on things or people that make you a better person. Be authentic and asses your self-talk. Talk to yourself like to talk to people you love! Don't take things personal. Be a good listener and have empathy. Remember, we are all experiencing some level of stress. Lastly, learn to self-accept. Show appreciation and gratitude to others. Give yourself credit!

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Attention Readers

Due to a typing error in last week's (January 20th, Vol. 2, Num 3) La Prensa Texas on Chicho Boys, the story listed them as a "Nonprofit" and was meant to be "Non-corporate." La Prensa Texas apologizes for the error.

Solo un Pensamiento:

Elección Especial Para HD125



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

Por Steve Walker

El reciente e inesperado fallecimiento del Comisionado Paul Elizondo, Pct.2, justo antes de su juramento en la ceremonia del décimo mandato, los Comisionados votaron para reemplazarlo con el actual Rep. 125 Justin Rodríguez, quien ocupará el puesto vacante de Paul Elizondo hasta 2020.

Suscribirse a las Elecciones 2019

Cinco candidatos se han presentado oficialmente para ser colocados en la boleta electoral. La semana pasada, la votación anticipada comenzó el 28 y el día de las elecciones se llevará a cabo el 12 de febrero. Obviamente, si nadie recibe el 50 por ciento del voto popular, habrá una segunda vuelta con los dos principales votantes.

Los cinco candidatos incluyen al republicano Fred Rangel y los demócratas Ray López, Steve Huerta, Art Reyna y Coda Rayo-Garza, la única mujer en la carrera. El ganador serviría el resto del período de Rodríguez, que expira en enero de 2021.

Irónicamente, conozco

personalmente a cuatro de los cinco candidatos que se postulan, habiéndolos cubierto en numerosas ocasiones durante años. La única que nunca he conocido es la demócrata Coda Ravo-Garza. Según sus partidarios, ella es una defensora de las políticas y se está centrando en la educación, particularmente en las finanzas escolares. Ella dice que decidió darse cuenta de que la Legislatura también está comprometida con la reforma de la educación. Otro tema que ella prioriza es la reforma del impuesto a la propiedad y el transporte.

Un problema que puedo simpatizar personalmente con la Sra. Rayo-Garza cuando habla de que Ban-

dera Road es una arteria principal que está constantemente congestionada, con vehículos que viajan de un lado a otro y largos tiempos de espera en cualquier momento del día. He estado conduciendo por Bandera desde 2008 cuando era juez en Guilbeau y también vivía en el área.

Rayo-Garza trabaja actualmente con el superintendente adjunto de escuelas en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Antonio.

Mi amigo Steve Huerta es un organizador de la comunidad. En el día en que cofundó el Programa de Alternativa Juvenil al Encarcelamiento de Todos Nosotros o Ninguno de Nosotros". Él ha asesorado sobre la política de justicia penal, fundó el Movimiento Demócrata de Texas 2nd Chance para enseñar a otras personas anteriormente encarceladas sobre el voto. requisitos y derechos, y se desempeña como copresidente del comité de reglas del Partido Demócrata del Condado de Bexar.

Cuando era juez, Steve Huerta venía a mi habitación periódicamente y me visitaba para saber qué estaba haciendo con esos programas. Aprecio sus visitas.

nas que consideren apoyarlo. López señala: "si la gente ve que estás haciendo un buen trabajo, estás bien. Pero si no eres esa persona, reconocen que "no eres el tipo para el trabajo". López dijo que aprecia lo que los antiguos representantes han hecho por el área. Según él, él tiene la experiencia para ayudar a continuar y administrar el crecimiento de la ciudad.

Fred Rangel es el único republicano en la carrera. Anteriormente, se ha postulado para un cargo, incluida una carrera por el Concejo Municipal y una candidatura para vicepresidente del

> Partido Republicano de Texas. Rangel dijo que está listo para abordar la reforma de las finanzas escolares y los impues-

tos a la propiedad si llega a la Legislatura de Texas. Actualmente es el propietario de Adco Master Builders y Adco Professional Services, y trabaja como diseñador de diseños. Conozco a Fred desde hace varios años.

Fred asistió a la escuela en Edgewood ISD con su hermano en los años 60. Enseñé en La Memorial a principios de los años 80 y puedo empatizar con su preocupación por las disparidades en el financiamiento. Fred dice que su hermano tuvo que soportar clases durante todo el año sin aire acondicionado, mientras que carecía de equipo para su

clase de física. Cuando vio la oportunidad, pensó: "Este es el momento de hablar, este es el momento de comenzar a hacer esos cambios y solicitudes a nuestro programa de financiamiento escolar en el estado de Texas".

Como representante del distrito desde 1997 hasta 2003, Art Reyna no es ajena a HD 125. También se desempeñó como Concejal de la Ciudad de Leon Valley por cuatro términos. Si es elegido, Reyna dijo que se centraría en la educación pública, la atención médica, los derechos de las mujeres, la igualdad y la justicia.

"Se está desmantelando el sistema de educación pública y nuestros niños están recibiendo una educación de segunda clase", dice Reyna. "La atención médica aún no es asequible para todos los tejanos, especialmente para las poblaciones vulnerables como los niños y los ancianos. Tenemos este horrible asalto a los derechos de las mujeres no solo aquí en Texas, sino en todo el país ".

Destacó que sus años anteriores en la Cámara de Representantes de Texas lo posicionan como el representante más útil para el distrito. La Legislatura valora la antigüedad, y sus tres términos cuentan para eso, dijo.

Reyna actualmente trabaja como abogada en San Antonio. Él ha trabajado y continúa trabajando para varias organizaciones sin fines de lucro y fundaciones centradas principalmente en la educación pública.











Hablamos sobre mi lista de ausentismo y escuchándolo, no solo me impresionó sino que también usé algunas de sus ideas en la corte.

Luego hay otro candidato para St. Rep. 125 que es un amigo mío, Ray López, que fue concejal D6 de la ciudad de San Antonio, por cuatro períodos que se fueron en 2017 y un miembro de la Junta Escolar de NISD por tres términos. Obviamente, López trae a la mesa la experiencia política y de gobierno. Lo he cubierto muchas veces, incluido su reciente evento para reunirme con simpatizantes y otras perso-









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