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About the Artist Sandra Mack-Valencia



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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 in-

vited 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



Carta a la Editora “ROTAR LOS ESTADOS”

Cada cuatro años desde 1972, Iowa y New Hampshire en conjunto han sido repetidamente los primeros dos estados en votar en el proceso primario presidencial estadounidense. ¿No es hora de que los otros 48 estados se turnen para ser uno de los primeros dos estados en votar?

El proceso primario presidencial estadounidense debería reformarse a tiempo para 2024 instituyendo un calendario centinela rotativo por el cual cada estado finalmente tenga la oportunidad de ser uno de los primeros dos estados en votar.

Rotar los estados aportaría un elemento de justicia muy necesario y atrasado al sistema primario estadounidense

al otorgar a cada estado (sin importar cuán escasamente poblado) un período de relevancia política.

Además, sacar a Iowa y New Hampshire de sus posiciones políticas privilegiadas injustificadas al frente de la línea ayudaría a hacer que el proceso sea más representativo demográficamente de la nación en general.

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Flix Brewhouse to Deliver One-of-a Kind Dine-In, Movie, and Brewpub Experience San Antonio Location is First to Debut 100% Laser Projection

By Alix Duchouquette

Round Rock-based cinema and dine-in micro-brewery, Flix Brewhouse, will open with 40,000 square feet of retail, dining and entertainment space next to the Shops at Dove Creek in far west San Antonio in early February 2020. Since 2011, Flix Brewhouse has operated as the only first-run movie theatre worldwide with an in-house microbrewery. Guests will be able to enjoy the pub at Flix Brewhouse which features award-winning regional and local craft beers, as well as signature beers brewed onsite, along with unique menu offerings. Auditorium theatres will treat moviegoers with first access to trademarked, state-of-the-art EG2 Luxury Dining Recliners with easy-glide tables creating a one-of-a-kind experience. San Antonio’s location will be the first to debut 100% digital laser projection within the Flix Brewhouse brand, as well as the first Flix

Brewhouse location featuring Dolby surround processing on premium Klipsch speakers. “Moviegoers who truly value a cinematic experience will appreciate the finery in what our laser projection and sound systems will offer in San Antonio,” said Greg Johnson, Director of Sales and Marketing for Flix Brewhouse. “That, combined with our plush recliner seating and dining system, gets us really excited about opening this location.” Flix Brewhouse is the world’s only first run cinema-eatery-micro-brewery. As America’s Cinema Brewery, Flix Brewhouse combines the latest Hollywood productions, award winning, brewed on- premises craft beer and delicious food – all served “in theater,” on an a la carte basis, allowing the experience to be customized. The genesis of the Flix concept stems directly from consumer demand for a better, more value-oriented way to watch a

movie. Designed from the inside out to deliver a premium viewing and dining experience at an affordable price, Flix Brewhouse addresses the primary concern of moviegoers everywhere – the rising cost of admissions and concessions and the typically poor value realized at the conventional multiplex. The original Flix Brewhouse location in Round Rock, Texas has been in operation since July 2011 and the company now has eight operating locations, including its newest venue in El Paso, Texas which opened in 2019. In addition to the San Antonio location, its ninth, Flix Brewhouse will also open in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 2020. Flix Brewhouse will be located off West Loop 1604 just south of Potranco Road at 845 TX-1604 Loop in San Antonio. For more information, visit <https://www.flixbrewhouse.com/san-antonio/coming-soon/>

Mexican Colonized History 1821–1993 A Brief and Partial Chronology of Texas

1908-1915
Researched, compiled & edited by Mario Longoria, Ph.D.

–1908. (San Antonio, Texas). Adina De Zavala, daughter of Lorenzo De Zavala opposed Anglo elitist Clara Driscoll’s decision to destroy the Hugo and Schmeltzer building adjacent the Alamo in the mistaken belief that it was erected after the 1836 battle. Assurance of her historical knowledge, Adina barricaded herself in the north barracks of the Alamo for three days, and was successful in preserving the original portions of the mission’s wall and in the process neutralized Driscoll’s racist agenda.

–1911. El Primer Congreso Mexicanista is organized in Laredo, Texas on September 14-22, 1911. The Congreso is convened by Texas Mexicans to express and to act upon a variety of social grievances against the encroaching Anglo Texans along with the intensifying Mexican immigration. These factors eventually created a loss of economic power and converted the Texas Mexicans into a cheap labor pool used for the development of Anglo ranching and farming interests.

–1914. In the town of San Diego, Texas, Archer Parr and his son George are political bosses and self-made millionaires. They operate a tight and wretched dukedom of mostly Mexicans who live in fear and poverty. The Parr’s survive legal action and convictions of extortion, murder, tax evasion, and perjury. They maintained political control of Duval County for 50 years. One example of fraud during their reign was the Duval County votes of deceased individuals that provided the margin of victory for Lyndon B. Johnson in his 1948 Congressional election,

–1915. (January) Basilio Ramos is captured by U.S. Federal agents and taken to Brownsville, Texas and questioned about his involvement in “El Plan de San Diego.” Among his personal papers was found the detailed plan, which he testified had been given to him by a friend while in jail in Monterrey, Mexico. He was charged with conspiracy against the U.S. but the case was later dismissed. The Plan called from a general uprising on February 20, 1915. The rebellion was aimed at re-conquering the land taken from Mexico in 1836 and 1848. - (August 1915). In the San Antonio market place, over 1000, Mexicans gathered to listen to three speakers who spoke about rebellion and taking back the land taken from them by the gringos in 1848. The speakers mentioned the Plan de San Diego as their motive to recruit supporters. The city police rush the crowd to break up the gathering and arrested an estimated twenty-six Mexican protesters. They were charged with inciting rebellion and insurrection.



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El Cambio Propuesto En Las Reglas De Carga Pública, Que Sigue Siendo Disputado En La Corte, Tiene Un Efecto Intimidatorio En Los Inmigrantes

Por Mark Hedin

Ethnic Media Services

Los tribunales federales han bloqueado temporalmente la entrada en vigor del cambio en la regla sobre carga pública, pero sus efectos intimidatorios continúan resonando. El número de inmigrantes que, por temor a las consecuencias del cambio de reglas, han tomado o planean tomar medidas para abandonar los servicios públicos a los que tienen derecho, excede con creces el número real de inmigrantes que estarían en riesgo si la regla entrara en vigor, según muestran los datos de las investigaciones.

Un estudio realizado en mayo por el Urban Institute encontró que casi el 14% de los adultos de familias inmigrantes informaron que ellos u otro miembro adulto de la familia habían dejado de recibir beneficios o habían decidido no solicitarlos, incluso cuando le corresponde a un niño, en lugar de asumir el riesgo percibido de estar expuesto a nuevas reglas. Entre las familias de bajos ingresos, esa cifra aumentó a más del 20%, según el estudio. Los programas que más se evitaron incluyen: SNAP (cupones de alimentos) CHIP (seguro médico para niños), y Sección 8 y otros tipos de asistencia para la vivienda. A nivel nacional, las fa-

milias de 22.7 millones de personas incluyen a inmigrantes que podrían ser víctimas potenciales del efecto intimidatorio creado por el miedo a los cambios en las reglas de carga pública.

El cambio de reglas propuesto debía entrar en vigor el 15 de octubre de este año, hasta que cuatro tribunales federales diferentes decidieron bloquearlo y emitieron mandatos judiciales en contra de su implementación.

Pero desde mucho antes, cuando la noticia del cambio de reglas propuesto comenzó a filtrarse antes de que sea anunciada en octubre de 2018, millones de personas temían ser atrapadas en sus garras y evitaron usar los programas del gobierno destinados a ayudarles a ellos y a sus familias a llevar una vida más saludable y exitosa.

Randy Capps, del Instituto de Políticas Migratorias (Migration Policy Institute), dijo que, a nivel nacional: “Son tan pocos los no ciudadanos que son elegibles para los programas de seguridad social cubiertos por la regla, que se estima que los que se verían afectados son una cantidad en las bajas decenas de miles”, no serían millones, como declaran incorrectamente tanto funcionarios como los medios de comunicación.

Un estudio del gobierno de Michigan encontró que

“de 86,298 inmigrantes legales no ciudadanos que reciben asistencia pública del departamento de salud del estado, sólo a 611 se les podría hacer más difícil el camino hacia la residencia permanente legal si continúan recibiendo beneficios públicos”. Eso es menos del 1%.

Para aquellos que ya están en los Estados Unidos, la categoría de personas que más necesitan tener cuidado con las reglas de carga pública no son aquellas que reciben beneficios, sino las que planean viajar fuera de los Estados Unidos.

“Si tuviera que darle un mensaje a cada inmigrante en Estados Unidos, diría: ‘Si tienes una tarjeta verde, no te vayas por más de 180 días’”, dijo el ex funcionario de la administración de Obama, Doug Rand, cofundador de Boundless.com.

Las reglas de carga pública, incluso las más estrictas como se ha propuesto, simplemente no son aplicables a mucha gente que ya está en el país. No aplican a solicitantes de asilo o refugiados, ciudadanos o solicitantes de ciudadanía, ni a los que están en DACA, ni a aquellos con tarjeta verde (residencia). El uso de beneficios por parte de los miembros de la familia y el uso pasado de beneficios también es irrelevante, incluso bajo las reglas más es-

trictas que se ha propuesto.

“La lista de programas que ahora se consideran en la prueba de carga pública es más limitada de lo que parece a primera vista”, dijo Sara Feldman del Centro Nacional de Leyes de Inmigración (National Immigration Law Center). “El impacto se limitará principalmente al uso de cupones de alimentos, subsidios de vivienda y asistencia en efectivo. Aunque Medicaid está incluido, hay tantas excepciones en la regla que pocas personas inscritas en el programa se verían afectadas”.

“Y el uso de los beneficios públicos es sólo un factor a tener en cuenta al determinar quién obtiene la tarjeta verde (residencia)”, añadió Feldman. “Los oficiales de inmigración también tienen en cuenta los ingresos, el estado de salud, el dominio del inglés y otros factores”.

Las personas que más han sido afectadas por las reglas de carga pública son las que solicitan venir a los Estados Unidos. Desde 2016, el Departamento de Estado ha citado los temas de carga pública de manera más agresiva. Las denegaciones de visa por motivos de carga pública pasaron de 1,000 en 2016 a 12,000 en 2018 en los consulados de Estados Unidos a nivel mundial.

Pero la mitad de esas denegaciones ya han sido

revocadas, y más podrían ser revocadas a medida que continúe el largo proceso de apelación, señaló Jeanne Batalova, del Instituto de Políticas Migratorias, en una sesión informativa por teléfono copatrocinada por Ethnic Media Services, el Centro de Recursos Legales para Inmigrantes (Immigrant Legal Resource Center) y el Centro Nacional de Leyes de Inmigración.

“La brutal ironía es que la gente sigue desafiándose de los beneficios públicos cuando no tiene porque hacerlo”, dijo Rand.

Mark Greenberg, miembro del Instituto de Políticas Migratoria, dijo a Ethnic Media Services, en una entrevista telefónica después de la sesión informativa por teléfono que “No está muy claro qué problema la administración pensó que iba a resolver, porque el Congreso ya había acordado hace 20 años las restricciones basadas en el tema sobre carga pública”.

“El número de personas a las que se les negaría el ajuste de estatus migratorio basado en su uso de beneficios sería bajo, porque no son elegibles (para esos beneficios)”, dijo, mucho menos que el número de personas que están sintiendo el efecto del cambio de reglas propuesto mientras continua su camino por los tribunales.

Councilwoman Sandoval Appointed to Serve on National League of Cities’ Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee

By Matteo Treviño

The National League of Cities (NLC) has selected Councilwoman Ana E. Sandoval to serve on its 2020 Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) federal advocacy committee. This committee leads the development of NLC’s federal policy positions on issues involving air quality, water quality, energy policy, national wetlands policy, noise control, and solid and hazardous waste management. NLC President Joe Buscaino, councilmember, Los Angeles, California, announced the appointment.

“The conversations we’re having here in San Antonio about our air quality, water quality, and energy future are playing out across the nation,” said Councilwoman Sandoval. “I look forward to working with the committee



to advocate for federal policy that will uplift cities like ours.”

As a committee member, Councilwoman Sandoval will play a key role in shaping NLC’s policy positions and advocate on behalf of America’s cities and towns

before Congress, with the administration and at home.

“NLC’s federal advocacy committees ensure policymakers in Washington understand the most pressing issues facing local communities,” said Joe Buscaino, councilmember of Los Angeles,

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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.



Elizabeth Peña

Destined for a career in theater, Elizabeth Peña was born to Margarita and Mario Peña, the creators of the Latin American Theater Ensemble in New York. Since her debut in “Down and Out in Beverly Hills,” she has proven her versatility. She has starred in “La Bamba,” “Jacob’s Ladder” and “Lone Star,” but is most proud of her creation “Celebrando la Diferencia, a Latino Series for Children,” whose goal was to get kids turned on to reading and feeling pride about their culture. Commenting on the production, which features stars such as Richard Dreyfuss and Sonya Braga, Peña said, “If I can get a couple of kids to understand that though they are American, they come from a very long history and can use this history to empower them, I would be a very happy person.”

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Triple festejo: Vladimir Guerrero cumplió dos años Su hermana Daniella, fue bautizada y cumplió su primer año

Por José I. Franco

Los estimados esposos Jessica Martínez y Daniel (Danny) Guerrero, con el éxito deseado le festejaron a su hijo Vladimir, su segundo cumpleaños y su hija Daniella, su primer año y el importante motivo de su bautizo.

Daniella, recibió el sacramento del bautismo en la Iglesia Divina Providencia, donde los esposos Ernesto Soria y Andrea Cerda, la apadrinaron comprometiéndose a velar por su bi-

enestar y cumplir con los mandamientos de la Iglesia Católica.

“Nos sentimos agradecidos porque nuestros compadres (Jessica y Danny), nos eligieron para ser los padrinos de Daniella. Nuestra familia le da a ella (Daniella), la bienvenida y estamos listos para cumplir con nuestro delicado compromiso de velar por su bienestar”, indicaron los amables padrinos, quienes en su momento durante la fiesta dieron el tradicional “voló” lanzando

al aire monedas y billetes de varias denominaciones, mismos que fueron capturados por pequeños y adultos invitados a la inolvidable fiesta que tuvo el tema de los personajes de Disney “Minnie y Mickey Mouse”.

La nueva cristianita (Daniella), al concluir la ceremonia de su bautismo recibió bendiciones de sus abuelos Argelia y Guadalupe Guerrero, así como de sus padres, padrinos, familiares e invitados a su colorida fiesta, que compartió con su hermano Vladimir.

De acuerdo a los esposos Jessica Martínez y Daniel Guerrero, Daniella, cumplió su primer año el 17 de diciembre y Vladimir su segundo aniversario de feliz existencia el 22 de diciembre, por lo que optaron por ofrecerles festejos en la misma fecha (sábado 21 de diciembre).

Durante este importante festejo, Daniella y Vladimir, fueron objeto de bonitas atenciones, disfrutando de la quiebra de dos piñatas alusivas a sus cumpleaños, deliciosa cena (tamalada), pasteles y golosinas.

Entre los invitados asistieron jugadores y directivos del club de béisbol Piratas de Sabinas, equipo que ostenta cinco campeonatos ganados bajo el patrocinio de los hermanos Guerrero, amistades y directivos encabezados por los hermanos Guerrero, encabezados por Daniel, su sobrino el capitán Brayan Guerrero, el

manager Sergio De Luna y los coaches Iván Rubisky y Maury Esparza.

Durante la partida de los coloridos pasteles, familiares y los invitados, cantaron los tradicionales temas “Las Mañanitas”, y “Happy Birthday to You”. Dando

paso a la quiebra de las piñatas que fueron la emoción de chicos y grandes, todo cuando los participantes se lanzaron a la captura de dulces de su preferencia, mientras que su hermanita solo se concretó a verlos en acción.

El ambiente musical fue mediante sonido local, con temas interpretados por diversos cantantes del espectáculo infantil. “Nuestro agradecimientos a famili-

ares, los compadres (Ernesto Soria y Andrea Cerda), amistades y jugadores de Piratas, que nos acompañaron durante la fiesta en honor de Vladimir y Daniella. Todo resultó como se había planeado”, dijo Daniel Guerrero.

En las fotos aparecen: Los padrinos Ernesto Soria y Andrea Cerda, lanzando el voló. Los esposos Jessica Martínez y Daniel Guerrero, con su hija Daniella y los padrinos Ernesto Soria y Andrea Cerda. Vladimir con su pastel. Invitada garroteando la piñata de Daniella. La feliz bautizada Daniella, con su pastel. Vladimir con su colorida piñata. Daniella, posando con invitados y su piñata. (Fotos por Franco).



COMMUNITY RESOLUTIONS

Latinos Count on the Census

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

How we think of ourselves and what ethnic identification terms we prefer are important and such terms have been evolving over the last four decades in San Antonio and Los Angeles, two cities with large Latino residents. A new book by Edward Telles and Christina A. Sue, "Durable Ethnicity: Mexican Americans and the Ethnic Core" offers valuable insights into the Mexican American experience in San Antonio and Los Angeles over the last fifty years. One of those new findings is the swift appeal and acceptance of the term Hispanic [36%] in San Antonio, which edged out the previously most popular term Mexican American [35%]. Two terms that I grew up with, "Mexican or Mexicano" was third with 10% usage in San Antonio. Growing up in San Antonio during the decade of the 1950s and 1960s I seldom heard the term "Hispanic." Before 1970, I never met anyone who claimed to be Hispanic. We grew up thinking of ourselves as Mexican American, Tejanos, and American. Before 1980, the term Hispanic was popular mainly in the states of New Mexico, Florida, and New York, but it was not utilized much nationally. Then with the support of Latino leaders, public relations firms and Latino marketing experts, we got the "Decade of the Hispanic." Lionel Sosa, a San Antonian and a principal builder of the largest Latino advertising firm in America during the 1990s, believes that it was Raul Yzaguirre, head of the National Council of La Raza, who first introduced the idea that the 1980s would

be the decade of the Hispanics. Sosa told me that he attended a conference in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1978 where Yzaguirre made such a proclamation, citing as evidence the political gains in several Southwest cities as well as the rising buying power of Latino consumers and increases in the number of Latino small businesses. Former LULAC executive director Arnoldo S. Torres, wrote a commentary in the Chicago Tribune in 1985 which observed that it was the private sector which first "proclaimed this to be the 'Decade of the Hispanics.'" While many believed that Hispanics were on the verge of a major political and economic breakthrough, such was not the case. Torres concluded that the "first four years of this decade do not reflect any of these great expectations." That same year, 1985, Frank Del Olmo, the Deputy Editor of the Los Angeles Times editorial pages, wrote one of the earliest critiques of the famed "Decade of the Hispanic." He noted that this phrase was first used in an article published in U.S. News and World Report in 1978 commenting on the rise of Latino appointees working in President Carter's Administration. But Coors beer also played a key role in popularizing the term "Hispanic." Del Olmo added that "Coors Brewing Co. saw the Latino community as a growing market for its beer. So it plastered billboards all around town of a smiling Latino holding a beer and toasting the world as he proclaimed Coors 'the beer for the Decade of the Hispanic.'" The Decade of the Hispanic

also has local roots associated with San Antonio's very own marketing guru, Lionel Sosa. In the 1970s Sosa had been a marketing consultant to various Republican politicians who were trying to reach Latino voters. With some successes under his belt, he formed an advertising firm and began helping Bacardi, Coors, and Dr Pepper reach Latino consumers. His firm eventually became the largest Hispanic advertising agency in the United States. According to 2018 Census data, nearly five million Hispanics lived in Los Angeles County [4,920,000] and represented 49% of the city's total population. In second and third place are Houston [2,040,000] and Miami-Dade County [1,910,000]. Bexar County is seventh in the nation with a Hispanic population of 1,200,000. California and Texas accounted for eight of the eleven top counties with the largest Hispanic Population. In the next six months, the U.S. Census will gather information from all Americans for their 2020 report. While the Hispanic population is growing, now estimated at 59.9 million, its growth has slowed over the past decade. The birth rate among Hispanics has dropped slightly and immigration from Mexico and Central America has declined. Still, the U.S. Census is important to Hispanics for many reasons, most notably the possibility of new congressional seats. The Census also determines federal funding allocations and will be very important for the future well-being of San Antonio and Texas.



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Inks and Transfer on Paper
By Sandra Mack-Valencia
Image courtesy of AnArte Gallery*

Community Editorial Meeting Friday January 24

By R.Eguia

The Staff of La Prensa Texas is so excited to be publishing the 3rd Volume of this Non Profit Bilingual Community Newspaper. It has been a journey of labor and love keeping this publication on the shelves every Sunday since June of 2018 and we will continue to expand our circulation and coverage.

One of the greatest feats of this paper has been transitioning the organization. La Prensa has always been a family owned and operated paper and only recently transitioned to a non profit news organization. The La Prensa brand has always belonged to the people of San Antonio and we want to open our platform to you to share your voice, vision and experience.

We will host our first community editorial meeting on Friday, January 24 at 6:30 pm. The location will be shared with you when you RSVP to the meeting by emailing r.egua@laprensatexas.com with Community Editorial Meeting in the Subject line.

Community members are invited to sit with our editorial and production leadership to discuss the topics of future editions and suggest organizations, people and places for our weekly columns that include Cover Artists, News, Eventos Especiales, Editorial Topics, Community Resources, History Topics, Deportes, Opinions and Corridor content.

We will discuss content submission guidelines and content deadlines as well as other ways to get involved with the La Prensa Texas organization. This meeting will be facilitated in an open ended format so we can hold space for community conversations and collect community resolutions to examine throughout the year.

Your voice matters and every experience here tells the holistic story of San Antonio.

Friday, January 24 2020

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2019 U.S. Population Estimates Continue to Show the Nation's Growth Is Slowing

By Ximena Alvarez

Natural Increase Drops Below 1 Million for the First Time in Decades Due to Fewer Births and More Deaths

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's national and state population estimates released today, forty-two states and the District of Columbia had fewer births in 2019 than 2018, while eight states saw a birth increase. With fewer births in recent years and the number of deaths increasing, natural increase (or births minus deaths) has declined steadily over the past decade.

"While natural increase is the biggest contributor to the U.S. population increase, it has been slowing over the last five years," said Dr. Sandra Johnson, a demographer/statistician in the Population Division of the Census Bureau. "Natural increase, or when the number of births is greater than the number of deaths, dropped below 1 million in 2019 for the first time in decades."

The nation's population was 328,239,523 in 2019, growing by 0.5% between 2018 and 2019, or 1,552,022 people. Annual growth peaked at 0.73% this decade in the period between 2014 and 2015.

The growth between 2018 and 2019 is a continuation of a multiyear slowdown since that period.

The South, the largest of the four regions with a population of 125,580,448 in 2019, saw the largest numeric growth (1,011,015) and percentage growth (0.8%) between 2018 and 2019. This growth is driven mainly by natural increase (359,114) and net domestic migration (407,913), which is the movement of people from one area to another within the United States. The Northeast region, the smallest of the four regions with a population of 55,982,803 in 2019, saw population decrease for the first time this decade, declining by 63,817 or -0.1%. This decline was due to net domestic migration (-294,331), which offset population gains from natural increase (97,152) and net international migration (134,145), or the difference between the number of people moving into the country and out of the country.

Forty states and the District of Columbia saw population increases between 2018 and 2019. Ten states lost population between 2018 and 2019, four of which had losses over

10,000 people. The 10 states that lost population were New York (-76,790; -0.4%), Illinois (-51,250; -0.4%), West Virginia (-12,144; -0.7%), Louisiana (-10,896; -0.2%), Connecticut (-6,233; -0.2%), Mississippi (-4,871; -0.2%), Hawaii (-4,721; -0.3%), New Jersey (-3,835; 0.0%), Alaska (-3,594; -0.5%), and Vermont (-369; -0.1%).

Also released today were national- and state-level estimates of the components of population change, which include tables on births, deaths and migration.

Puerto Rico Population Estimates: Puerto Rico's population increased by 340 people (0.0%) between 2018 and 2019 after several years of annual population decline. This slight increase is due to total net migration, which was positive for the first time in years (7,733) and large enough to offset the natural decrease (-7,393).

"Though migration between 2018 and 2019 was large enough to increase the population this year, Puerto Rico's population remains below where it was at the start of the decade," explained Johnson. Additional Highlights:

Nationally, net international migration continues to decrease, falling to 595,348 between 2018 and 2019. Between 2010 and 2019, the year with the highest net international migration was 2016 at 1,046,709; however, since 2016, the net international migration has been gradually decreasing each year. Between 2018 and 2019, natural increase was 956,674, reflecting 3,791,712 births and 2,835,038 deaths. 42 states and the District of Columbia had fewer births in 2019 than 2018. Eight states saw increases in births - Washington (612), Utah (293), Nevada (232), Arizona (175), Idaho (166), Montana (66), Vermont (44), and Colorado (30). Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia saw increases in their number of deaths compared to the previous year. Four states had more deaths than births, also called natural decrease: West Virginia (-4,679), Maine (-2,262), New Hampshire (-121) and Vermont (-53). Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia lost population through net domestic migration between 2018 and 2019, six of which had losses

over 25,000, and three of which experienced losses greater than 100,000. The top states with net domestic migration loss were California (-203,414), New York (-180,649), Illinois (-104,986), New Jersey (-48,946), Massachusetts (-30,274) and Louisiana (-26,045). Nine states had a population of over 10 million in 2019. Those states were California (39,512,223), Texas (28,995,881), Florida (21,477,737), New York (19,453,561), Pennsylvania (12,801,989), Illinois (12,671,821), Ohio (11,689,100), Georgia (10,617,423) and North Carolina (10,488,084). During 2020, the Census Bureau will release estimates of the 2019 population for counties, cities and towns, and metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, as well as national, state and county population estimates by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin. Population estimates for Puerto Rico and its municipalities by age and sex will be released as well. These estimates include counties and cities affected by the 2017 hurricane season. Vintage 2019 estimates will be the last official series of estimates released prior to the 2020 Census.

NON-PROFIT HIGHLIGHT

2019 U.S. Population Estimates Continue to Show the Nation's Growth Is Slowing

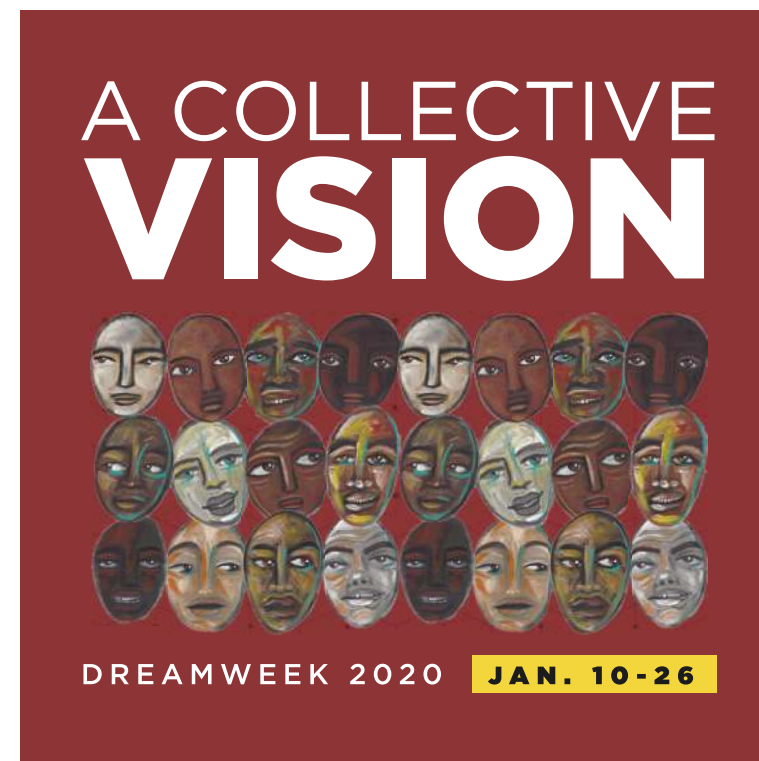
By La Prensa Texas Staff

DreamWeek is a 16-day summit of events to foster the exchange of ideas on universal issues in an environment curated for successful civil and civic engagements. The January, city-wide summit takes place in and around downtown San Antonio. The aim is to invite all to participate in an open forum where real-world issues are presented and nurtured, with the understanding that the truest voices will always prevail. An idea inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s teachings.

Throughout the summit, participants honor the past, take stock of the present, and present a vision for the future. Since its inception, DreamWeek has gained unprecedented momentum. Since 2013, the summit has grown to include more than 100 partners hosting over 150 events throughout the San Antonio area annually and attracting a global audience of civic-minded individuals. DreamWeek is concurrent with the City's annual MLK Commemorative March, which has grown to become one of the largest in the country since the first march in 1987. San Antonio celebrates its 300th anniversary in 2018. The San Antonio Tricentennial Celebration is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that is being commemorated with a year-long calendar of events, activities and innovative initiatives that will carry San Antonio into the next 300 years.

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3. Partner: Partner with DreamWeek to develop and host events that celebrate and promote an environment for the civil and civic exchange of ideas. Yes, anyone can host an event as long as the invitation is public and participants are allowed to engage in an open forum and civil environment. Each event application receives final approval by the DreamVoice staff when it meets the criteria stated above.

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5. Attendee: Attend DreamWeek events and help unveil the genius in us all.

The majority of DreamWeek events are free and open to the public, however some event hosting partners require an entry fee for fundraising and other purposes. The DreamTeam will specify which events contain a charge on our website, and schedule of events brochure.

For the complete list of events, please visit <http://dreamweek.org/events/>.



In 2011, DreamVoice, LLC was established as an organization dedicated to realizing this collective aspiration, and in 2013 the first DreamWeek summit was presented with 20 partners and 35 events.

DreamVoice supports organizations that exist to better the human condition through the promotion of media assets and resource contributions. Funding for DreamWeek is solicited by DreamVoice through sponsorships, donations and sales of branded merchandise. The DreamVoice Team, a collection of community advocates from all walks of life, consists of dedicated writers, entrepreneurs, artists, authors and designers. The singular commitment is to promote an environment in which issues facing our global community are addressed in a civic and civil manner, while empowering those who seek the understanding and education required for peaceful coexistence.

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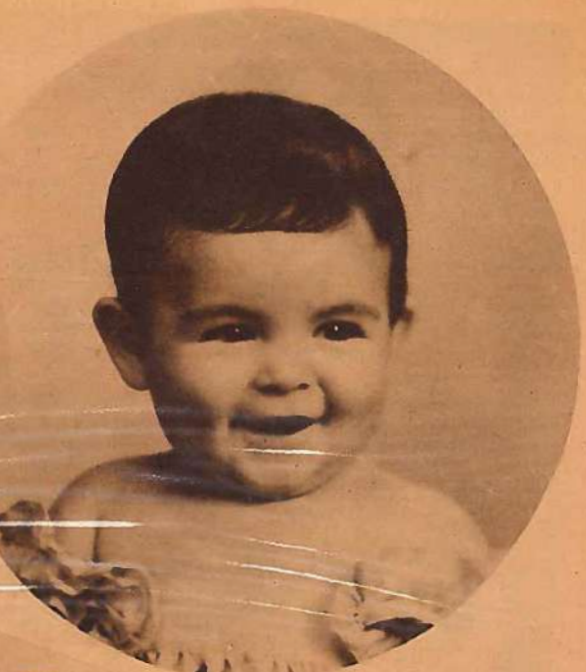
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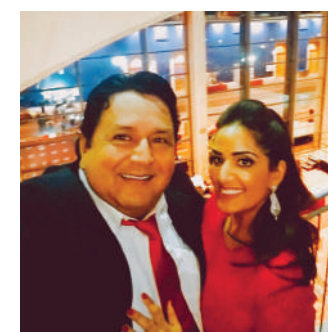
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Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector Albert Uresti Receives Endorsement of the San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association in his re-election campaign



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La Junta directiva y el Director general de nuestra organización educativa sin fines dA lucro sostendrán una serie de reuniones públicas para proporcionar información sobre la propuesta de una nueva escuela charter de PreK-5 llamada charter 7Cs Academy en San Antonio. Nuestra misión es de inspirar a cada niño a que piensen críticamente, que puedan resolver problemas y que busquen el mejoramiento de sus comunidades. Pueden asistir a tres sesiones para obtener más información. La primera sesión será el martes 7 de enero de 2020, y comienza a las 6:00 p.m. La primera sesión se llevará a cabo en la sala de reuniones Barrera, localizado en la Biblioteca Henry Guerra, 7978 W. Military Drive, San Antonio, TX 78227. La segunda sesión será el sábado 11 de enero de 2020, y comienza a las 10:30 a.m. y se llevará a cabo en la sala Community de la Biblioteca de la Universidad Our Lady of the Lake, 411 SW 24th Street, San Antonio, TX 78207. La tercera sesión será el 11 de enero de 2020 y comenzará a la 1:00 p.m. Todos los que asistan escucharán nuestra propuesta y tendrán suficiente tiempo para hacer preguntas. Si se aprueba la propuesta, la escuela comenzará en agosto del 2021, con los años escolares de PreKinder – 2 grado. Los miembros de la junta directiva escolar son Angelina Osteguín, Elda Flores, Edward Mayberry, Edward Mungia y Doyle Valdez. El Director general es el Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian.



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Botana Futbolera, en su Posada Navideña rindió tributo a futbolistas por su Trayectoria y recaudo juguetes para donarlos a niños de escasos recursos

Por Sendero Deportivo

El programa deportivo digital “Botana Futbolera”, que transmite semanalmente exclusiva presentación de jugadores activos y los que se han retirado de la acción, entre ellos patrocinadores y directores técnicos, celebró su primer aniversario contando con la organización principal del directo ejecutivo Luis Romania y su liga nocturna Golazo Soccer League (balompié regional de salón). El evento fue en el Liz’s Events Reception Hall del 2823 Hillcrest Dr., donde también participo en coordinación la Liga Veteranos “Klan Destino” de Nico Gaona (y Romania), así como de Martín Gómez, del programa “Noches de Fútbol”. Nicolás (Nico) Gaona, es director de la prominente Southside Soccer League (SSL).

De admisión los invitados llevaron un juguete, los cuales al final

fueron destinados para ser donados a niños ahí presentes y de escasos recursos. El directivo Romania, presentó a la productora digital Danna Valeria, y los futbolistas presentadores de Botana Futbolera, Diego Corpus “Lurias”, Isidro (Chico) Aguilar y Luis Adam. Los asistentes disfrutaron deliciosa cena, mientras se presentaba importante ceremonia para reconocer la valiosa trayectoria de jugadores y directivos de equipos. El comentarista Luis Adame, quien en sus mejores tiempos fue un destacado y disciplinado jugador en el balompié independiente en el sur de Texas, tuvo a cargo la presentación de los individuos que recibieron su merecido reconocimientos, con entrevistas grabadas que se pasaron por circuito cerrado.

El primero de los galardonados fue Sergio “La Chula” Rodríguez, del equipo Bukaros, quien contó

su trayectoria y agradeció el homenaje. Seguidamente, fue el turno para los hermanos Gerardo Torres y Marcos Torres, ex directivo y jugador respectivamente del triunfador equipo “Diablos Rojos del Toluca”. Horacio Almanza, del equipo Atlético Toros, toda una institución dentro del balompié de primera división y Veteranos. El delantero regiomontano Máximo Saavedra “Chimo”, considerado como el goleador de todos los tiempos en las diferentes ligas en las que ha militado vistiendo casacas de populares clubes.

“Muy buenos que esta organización por primera vez, rindió tributo a futbolistas y directivos, que con el tiempo aportaron su talentos en el fútbol de San Antonio”, dijo Chimo Saavedra, quien dijo a La Prensa Texas, sentirse satisfecho por su trayectoria en la que impuso marcas del mejor goleador, con 102 tantos anotados en la Liga United, dirigida por Camilo Soto, Javier Rodríguez y Héctor Borrego. Así como en la Liga Ejecutiva donde en una temporada estampó su firma en los 59 goles anotados con el equipo Álamo Estrella en la categoría Libre dominical. Chimo, añadió que ahora se dedica a cumplir invitaciones con los equipos Jabatos, y Aztecas en partidos por jugarse en el estado de Texas.

Luis Adam, a nombre del programa La Botana Futbolera, dijo lo siguiente. “Gracias por venir a respaldar este programa, y nuestra primer celebración de un año al aire en Facebook. Hoy con orgullo presentamos la trayectoria en el fútbol local de jugadores y directivos de equipos, quienes han estado involucrados en el desarrollo del balompié local”. Luis Romania, agradeció el respaldo de los comentaristas y la productora digital, indicando que

Golazo Soccer League, en sus ocho años de existencia, ha logrado sobresalir en la promoción del soccer “rápido”, de salón, indicando tener excelentes planes a futuro para continuar exitosamente en la práctica de tan popular deporte. “Bueno lo mejor de todo, es que estamos en alianza impulsando el fútbol rápido. Por lo que nuestra liga Klan Destino, seguirá adelante

promoviendo y dando oportunidades en la categoría Veteranos. Sin quitar el dedo del renglón en los programas de Southside Soccer League”, apuntó Nico Gaona. El evento fue copatrocinado por: Lugo’s Auto Repair, Disco Móvil Armadegon, Puro SonSon (Simple Cleofas), Parrandas Dj. “Mix Tomás Flores”. (Fotos por Franco).



Let’s Talk About it...

By Yvette Tello

Weekly, I write an article for a nonprofit paper asking Facebook Friends and Family for their opinions on current events or issues that the Latino community faces. We received an email from an unhappy someone that I would like to share.

I will repost the piece she is talking about. I really try my best not to express my opinions. The truth is your opinions matter more to me and they are the point of my column.

“The President has been impeached. Minutes after the House impeached President Donald Trump, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi refused to say when or whether she would send the articles of impeachment to the Senate for a trial. Do you think the articles will be sent to the Senate? Let’s talk about it..”

“I am pissed-off and offended by your impeachment piece. Did you ask Latinos, Mexicanos, Chicanos who might have an issue with him calling us rapists, putting our kids in cages, and encouraging white people to shoot us down at Walmart’s? Yvette, what is phone number? You need to be held

accountable for such biased journalism.” - Alice Salinas”

Do you agree with Ms Salinas? Is this piece biased? Is there something I should be held accountable for? Let’s talk about it.. #letstalkaboutit

Alice Herrera: “Stating facts or making direct, correct quotes is not bias! That’s the way all media should present pieces. People don’t understand the difference between, feelings, opinions or FACTS!! On one more note, not ALL Latinos should think to FEEL the same.”
Richard Perez: “No it’s not. Some people are just too blinded by hate that anything said will be twisted and offensive. You cant control how other people react to a simple statement. It’s very unfortunate.”
Carlos Araiza: “No bias, Yvette Tello. The reader is not listening to the whole picture. We as people have opinions, although there are many that may be ignorant and come out very offensive.”
Enrique Martin: “There is nothing here that you could be accountable for! You wrote what took place and what was to be expected next. I agree that people

so blinded by hate can read but not comprehend, can hear but not listen!”
Barbara Ann Mead Mendoza: “Salinas if full of crap. I’m a Latina. Case closed. No sense in arguing with a fool... Happy holidays!”
Terry Salas Hernandez: “Yvette Tello, she’s wrong about you. Your article is irrelevant to the things the president has done to us. But she is 100% right about what she’s saying about him.”
Rick Carter: “Salinas best find God in her life or else James 4:7 “hasta”!”
Priscilla Sanchez Hurt: “I don’t see any bias. You were stating the facts and asking for opinions.”
Casey White: “You didn’t post anything bias. She didn’t read the words you wrote. She jumped to a conclusion about what you wrote by seeing one word, impeachment. Had she read the article, she would have known it was asking for others opinions about the impeachment and not just saying what he was impeached for. We all know that he is a rapist, a murderer, and just an all round criminal.”
Mary Svetlik Watkins: “I don’t think Alice understands the Constitution

and she’s too used to biased reporting. You asked a question and anyone who wanted answered. People have their thoughts- and opinions and they gave them. That’s what opened pieces are. Alice has to accept and understand that not everybody shares her opinion and if she’s offended, that her issue not yours. She needs to understand that it’s okay to disagree with someone and still like them. Just because she’s upset doesn’t mean the article needs to be removed.”
Charlie Parker: ”That sounds like a threat. Back in the eighties I had a column in the New Braunfels Herald about Sail Boat Racing. Even something that light and frivolous could cause mean vicious letters to my house. Cheer up your being read.”
Candace Price: “By all means, you’re not biased at all. This is just an example of the leftist hatred that has permeated throughout our nation.”
Blue Alvarez: “While your question was not biased, it is political, so I’m sure you expected to receive very biased responses. I do feel, however, it was unprofessional to release the name of the person

(or any person) who contacts you by email. Even folks who write in to an advice column or to make suggestions often prefer to remain anonymous.”
Priscilla Sanchez Hurt: “Do not see Bias. You stated the fact & asked people for their feedback.”
Tom Shattuck: “She’s ignorant and uninformed! My President never called all Mexicanos, Latinos or Chicano’s rapists nor did he put all their kids in cages. He never encouraged white people to shoot them down at Walmart’s or anywhere else! Stay impartial and unbiased and your readers will keep reading!”
Maria Araiza: “I wonder if she even voted ?!! There is nothing wrong with what you wrote !”
Mary Valdez: “U did a good job! I agree with impeachment!!”
Norma Sanchez Martinez: “There is nothing here that is biased. You asked for people’s opinions on the president’s impeachment and you got them. She was offended for the wrong reasons.”
Jazmin Zuniga: “Some Ppl are just Plain & simply Cray Cray!!! & Yes to the Impeachment!”

Just a Thought New Year’s Resolutions



By Steve Walker

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



Now that we are in the swing of things for the New Year, it is time to make New Year’s resolutions. Or do we? How many times throughout the years have we purposed to make resolutions to lose weight, get a new job, travel and spend more time with the family? At least my generation has attempted that in past years. I am a baby boomer. As I get older I make less of an effort to “make resolutions.” I have come to the realization I tend to fall far short of those pronouncements of determination. Whether it is a proclamation to diet, exercise or just take better care of myself, I always seem to miss the mark and then feel bad about it for the rest of the year. That in itself is discouraging. How can I purpose to change my life for the better if I can’t even stick to a regiment of smaller portions, more physical exercise and a plan to increase my financial income by winning the lottery? Since I am currently un-

employed, a pay raise is obviously not in the cards as a viable option for me. Finding employment at a more mature age has proved to be a daunting scenario to say the least. Just because you resolve to accomplish it doesn’t necessarily mean it is going to happen or at least any time soon. Part of making resolutions is setting reasonable expectation, especially when you are old! Looking back to last year for example in my own life, I have reflected numerous times on my expectations for the future, based on the past. With all of us at some time or other we have many unresolved situations in our life that simply resolving to change our circumstance can be complicated and be so much more than just a resolution. Granted making a resolution is but the first step into making that resolve a reality. Without trying to make a simple New Year’s Resolution into a major hoopla, we continue to re-evaluate our lives and give it a try to do something different for a different outcome. Remember Nobel Peace




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