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Let's Talk About It Opening Up Businesses- Is It Time?

By Yvette Tello

I just read that Greg Abbott our governor is thinking of opening the businesses back up. It will be the biggest mistake Texas makes! We will be hit with a second wave of this virus! Mark my words, if businesses open up again, right now, we will be in trouble! Please keep practicing what we're doing now washing your hands, not going out and staying home because if businesses open up this will get bad! Greg Abbott, you will be making a very big mistake by opening up businesses again! I hope you have better sense than this! Just to make a little money it's going to end up taking someone's life, is it worth it? Is it time to open businesses back up? Let's talk about it. #letstalkaboutit

Elvin Keeney: "I've written this on numerous posts from others. The guy didn't write the current "stay-at-home orders"...the mayors and county folks did. So, now he is going to step in and tell them to reopen? Hmmm...that will be happening at "half past never". Local governments would need to step up and call him out for proposing this BS."

Al Martinez: "Easy for people that have it all and are used to being home all the time. Let's get back to work. Bills never take a break."

Barbara Ann Mendoza Mead: "If he does, it won't be till May. By then we'll pass the curve and things will get better. More people have died from the flu in Texas and around the US. If we don't open up we'll be hit with a major depression that even these working from home will feel."

Ricardo Mendiola: "Yes. Open for business!"

Hope Robinson: "The politicians are testing the water to see what kind of public response there will be. Do you want your loved ones lives to be used for the benefit of political power? That's the question. I'm in SW Michigan. The virus is still spreading here. Number of infections and deaths are still rising. Would feel better if there were at least tests available before lifting stay at home orders. Yes, will need to wait until end of April to decide next step. The wife of one of my husband's coworkers came back from a spring break cruise with covid19. Is still in hospital and husband still not back to work. I had flu/cold last week of February. Now am in 6th week of "bronchitis". Never had it before in my life. Now there's a nagging voice in the back of my head."

Monica Monica: "I agree. People will go out is droves and it will start all over again. Mid May maybe but for sure by end of May. I hate to say it but we need this."

Yvette Elizabeth: "No definitely not!"

Amanda Moreno: "No, we haven't even reached peak exposure. I understand the economy will suffer but lives are more important."

Mary Svetlik Watkins: "I think the end of the month. This thing is not going to go away. H1N1 was this years flu strain. It infected 60 million people in 2009 when it was novel. The longer we keep business closed the harder and wider recession and impact on our economy.

Imagine this thing with mass homelessness and starvation."

Gene A. Gomez: "Nooooo."

Maria Chavez Rocco: "I think it's going to be much longer....Texas is behind in everything including testing and accurately reporting necessary statistics to make informed decisions!"

Benjamin Godina: "We need a lock down for 2 weeks then look it after that. We should have done a lockdown 3.5 weeks ago."

Corina Corina: "Are people even really staying home? My boyfriend is an essential worker so he must go to work at least 4 days a week. Everyday he's out, he says that there's so much traffic out as if it was a normal day and that stores such as HEB, Walmart, and Sams are extremely packed with people everyday. I believe less than half of the people in this city are actually following the orders."

Thomas Mc: "Texas is not ruled by science or education. This is a huge mistake to appease certain people. I'm working from home until June at earliest. I, unlike many, listen to experts."

Richard Perez: "At some point, the economy will have to start again. People cannot stay at home indefinitely and not expect a severe economic depression. Government dollars come from tax payers, with out a GDP to tax, there is no money for government programs such as Medicaid and other social services. Imagine what will happen when state and local government services shut down

because they can no longer pay for it. This disease is not 100% fatal, like media portrays it to be. Honestly, as a veteran I've had worse odds during my time in the military. Now that being said, he never once said "open full bore". He said they are looking at ways to open up while maintaining public safety. No one wants people sick and dying, but thinking we can keep this type of environment going even for another month, is just not a viable solution."

Joseph Martinez : "There are too many unknowns about this virus. With that said, the virus controls us, we don't control the virus UNLESS we shut it down by following present guidelines. Huge mistake by Abbott who is dancing to the tune of the ignorance in leadership of this country."

Bob Garcia: "Really, your money tree must be dropping leaves like crazy. The swine flu hit millions in 2009 and we did not do what we're doing now. Not everyone has money bags to carry them through. There are families that pool their income together to make ends meet. Business need consumers to stay open, product needs to move. If not farmers and companies will lose. Yes, it scary; this virus but adapt to a cleaner lifestyle we will overcome this."

Norma Sanchez Martinez: "I think we need to do a total lockdown. I know this is hurting businesses but this covid-19 is taking people's lives. We're going to be just as bad as New York if we don't take the right precautions."

About The Cover Artist: De La O

Juan Espinoza Y Su Esposa Kathy Personas De Profunda Fe Sobresalieron En La Gastronomía, Ahora Ayudan A Sus Inquilinos

Por José I. Franco

Los estimados esposos Kathy y Juan Espinoza, en su vida de casados por 37 años, han vividos infinidad de buenas y malas experiencias, todo con la finalidad de seguir adelante ayudando al prójimo y a su familia.

Su fe les ha llevado a mantenerse adelante en su vida personal, familiar y en los negocios, ello tras haber sido intervenidos quirúrgicamente de inesperadas enfermedades. Desde hace cuatro años se jubilaron en sus actividades dentro de la rama gastronómica, cediendo en renta sus dos locales, ubicados en “Government Hill Historical District” del sector militar Fort Sam Houston, en North New Braunfels Avenue, donde se localizan sus propiedades que anteriormente llevaron la razón social de “Johnny’s Mexican Restaurant” y “Johnny’s Seafood Restaurant”. Ahora respectivamente con la razón social “Taquería Mi Chapala Jalisco” (1808 North New Braunfels Ave.), y “Ma’Harpens BBQ Restaurant” en el 1816 No. New Braunfels Ave. Que es un edificio histórico fincado en el año de 1924.

Juan Espinoza, tras su recuperación a pesar de seguir cumpliendo con su habitual programa de actividades personales y de medicamentos, ha tenido a bien seguir ayudando al prójimo, recientemente sufrió la ir-

reparable perdido de su buen amigo Manuel De La Rosa (cofundador y presidente de Liga de Fútbol Latina de San Antonio), quien paso a mejor vida. Espinoza, en parte estuvo a su cuidado hasta las últimas horas de su existencia (por igual continua brindando ayuda en todo lo que este a su alcance a la familia De La Rosa).

Así como ahora con sus inquilinos, que por ordenamiento del condado de Bexar y el municipio de San Antonio, por situaciones para controlar la epidemia Covid-19, lamentablemente se han vistos forzados a solamente preparar alimentos en órdenes para llevar.

A la fecha Espinoza, no ha tenido respuesta de ambos inquilinos, sobre arreglos de como pagaran sus respectivas rentas. Sin embargo él dijo a La Prensa de Texas, que seguirá esperando respuesta y abierto al dialogo, para llegar a un acuerdo del sistema de pagos que ambos le tendrán que rendir.

“Siguiendo con lo ordenado por las autoridades, estamos dispuestos a respaldar los reglamentos. Sin embargo, espero que inquilinos, respondan sobre cómo vamos a continuar con respecto al pago de rentas vencidas y lo que está por delante. Ellos tienen responsabilidades económicas y por igual nosotros, pero estoy de acuerdo de poder llegar a buenos acuerdos, y seguir adelante hasta que todo vuelva

a la normalidad”, apuntó Espinoza.

Juan Espinoza, nativo de la ciudad de León, estado de Guanajuato, México, y su esposa Kathy, nativa de San Antonio, Texas, desde 1975 al 2016, estuvieron al frente de ambos restaurantes, él en ocasiones como cocinero (además de ser la fuente principal surtiendo las necesidades prioritarias de ambos restaurantes), y ella en la administración y promociones de beneficio comunitario.

Juan Espinoza, dio crédito al éxito de sus negocios, a la gran ayuda de su fino personal, así como de sus hijos Juan Espinoza Jr., y Jennifer Espinoza (ambos de su primer matrimonio). Y de Miguel, Tomás y Juan Diego Espinoza (de su segundo matrimonio), sin descartar a su gran amigo Gabriel Navarrete, a quien conoció jugando fútbol infantil, y quien desde adolescente a mayor de edad, fue parte de la familia ayudándoles en las diversas actividades que compone la gastronomía y el deporte del fútbol soccer.

Las metas de Juan Espinoza, para salir adelante fue basada por su fe cristiana, entrando a una nueva fase dentro de la rama gastronómica, en la que se inició bajo una gran oportunidad, tras adquirir el primer restaurante que compro a dueña de origen oriental (1975), cuando él se dedicaba a la rama de la construcción. “Desde en-

tonces con la ayuda de Dios pudimos salir adelante”, enfatizó Espinoza.

Con el paso del tiempo él como buen aficionado del balompié mexicano, fundó el club Monterrey San Antonio, equipo que con el paso del tiempo le dio emotivas satisfacciones, ganando campeonatos en la Liga Latina, la cual posteriormente estuvo presidiendo en ausencia de Manuel De La Rosa. Durante sus años dedicados al deporte del fútbol soccer en Liga Latina, Espinoza, fue reconocido por La Prensa de San Antonio y sus propietarios los esposos Amelia J. Durán (Millie), Tino Durán Sr. Con quienes compartió el éxito de campeonatos copatrocinados con ellos que excelentemente compartieron donativos económicos para ser entregados a los equipos que resultaron campeones de grandes finales.

A ello posteriormente se sumó intercambio comercial, entre La Prensa de San Antonio y los restaurantes Johnny’s Mexican Restaurant y Johnny’s Seafood Restaurant. “Respecto al fútbol, los reconocimientos recibidos, fueron basados dependiendo del buen trato que se le dio a los equipos. La gente (afición, directivos y jugadores), reconocieron el trabajo bien hecho. Con mi equipo Monterrey FC, tuve excelentes satisfacciones durante las 24 temporadas que lo dirigí y patrocine”, dijo Juan Espinoza, conocido

en el balompié local, por el nombre de Johnny y el apodo de “El Lobo Espinoza”.

En su labor filantrópica los esposos Espinoza, han tenido el honor de recibir reconocimientos como parroquianos ejemplares en St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, donde desde 1985 al 2020 se han distinguido por su misión de servir al prójimo. Así como de haber sido elegidos en tres ocasiones para presidir el tradicional Festival de St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Juan Espinoza, concluyó indicando que los milagros recibidos por sus recuperaciones, fue su fe en ordenar la creación de un mural (mosaico al relieve), religioso realizado por el artista y pintor De La O, mismo que hace cuatro años le llevo dos meses para finalizarlo en la pared (de Taquería Mi Chapala Jalisco), que enfrenta la avenida New Braunfels, el cual fue dedicado a la Virgen de San Juan de los Lagos y la Patrona de América, la santísima Virgen de Guadalupe. En las fotos aparecen: Juan Espinoza a un lado del mural dedicado a la Virgen de San Juan de los Lagos y Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe. Juan y Kathy Espinoza, en el año 2008, cuando presidieron el patronato del festival St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Los edificios de Ma’Harpers BBQ Restaurant y Taquería Mi Chapala Jalisco. (Fotos por Franco).



Thinking Outside of the Box Together

By Yvette Tello

In this time of uncertainty, there is one man we can be certain about; Reynaldo “Rey” Chavez, the president and CEO of the San Antonio Manufacturers Association. Rey Chavez is someone who has brought together and fostered new relationships with manufacturers to think outside the box. He has brought suppliers and manufactures together to find ways to be able to expedite basic supply needs. For example, he has connected Dixie Flags and Mission laundry to be able to supply garments for masks. Manufacturers are very pleased with SAMA’s leadership, keeping employees safe and well while retaining them on the job. Rey has really been pushing best practices, resources, safety, and benefits. These are just some of the resources and information Chavez has put out to the community.

“During this time, the community has banded together to

fight the virus as a big team. Manufacturers in our region have stepped up to the plate. Many of them have changed operations to start making personal protection equipment for our medical and local government.” They have made masks, face shields, another barrier to help from contracting the virus. In addition to that, manufacturers are also sharing processes to help improve and develop products with one another. Chavez talked about a germ zapping robot made here in San Antonio by a company by the name of Xenex. We have a few manufacturers that are helping them with their supply chain management and their processes to make those robots and increased production for the needs of the medical community; not just our community but the state, national, and also the global arena. It looks like R2D2. The top pops up about 3 to 4 feet in a hospital room. You turn it on for about 30 minutes and ultraviolet light zaps all the

germs in the room and kills them to include the Covid-19 coronavirus. “It is a game changer but we need to help Xenex increase production to get more out there,” says Chavez. Additionally, manufacturers have produced 3D printing and additive manufacturing to make parts for basic shields, masks and helmets that are used to offset the use of ventilators. Chavez could not stress enough, “manufacturers know that this is a community fight and we all need to band together and follow the instructions and rules that our local government officials have set in place; which is social distancing and staying home to help stop the spread of the virus.” Manufacturers are deemed essential. In our area, they are still working because they provide components to the medical community, food service, and transportation. They are approved by Homeland Security and Cyber Security. They are critical because they are contributing to

our national and local infrastructure. “After we get over the hump of this coronavirus, I believe that manufacturing will increase significantly because of what we have found in our infrastructure and our reliance on foreign countries, to include China that do alot of our manufacturing especially for our pharmaceuticals. I think we are going to see a lot of reshoring of manufacturing companies back to the United States.” Rey said. “If we can help our city and county attract those types of companies here, we definitely will. San Antonio is a great place to set up shop and work. For right now, we want to make sure that our local businesses get the right information they need for SBA Loans and payroll protection programs so they do not lose their employees and they keep their operations going. I give kudos to all of us all of those who are trying to help our businesses.”



La Prensa Texas would like to thank Reynaldo “Rey” Chavez and San Antonio Manufacturers Association for their dedication but more so for this innovative way of thinking and bringing our people together. Keep up the great work and remember we’re All in This Together.

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Covid And Climate



DeeDee Belmares

Welcome to La Prensa's new column about San Antonio, the environment and you.

My name is DeeDee Belmares and I'm Public Citizen's climate justice organizer in San Antonio. Public Citizen is a Washington-based non-profit organization whose mission is to protect Americans from corporate and government abuses. In San Antonio, it's my job to raise awareness of environmental threats and to push decision-makers to protect all neighborhoods in town.

I was born and raised in San Antonio. I grew up on the south side in a working class family. Conservation of natural resources and protecting the planet came naturally to our family, as my father insisted that we not waste water or electricity, and that we reuse as many household items as possible. I think my family was like many throughout San Antonio – common-sense, resourceful and protective of each other. In fact, protecting our children and families is the cornerstone of Latino life.

Unfortunately, it seems it's getting more difficult to keep our families safe from environmental degradation. We hear on the news of so many different threats facing our communities. One of the most urgent is climate change and its dramatic impact on the world we live in. We see raging wildfires in California and Australia, massive flooding in the Midwest and dev-

astating droughts and hurricanes right here in Texas.

In Texas, Latinos bear a disproportionate burden of environmental threats because we often live closer to highways and breathe in the tailpipe pollution of thousands of vehicles every day. Our homes and schools are located dangerously near coal plants, contaminated sites and other industrial facilities that release toxic air pollution and contribute to the warming of the planet. All of these are affecting the air we breathe and the water we drink and moving us further into a climate crisis. The toxic air pollution is impacting our children and families' health. According to a 2017 survey from Yale Program on Climate Change Communication (www.climate-communication.yale.edu), three out of four American Latinos are "worried" about climate change, and two out of three of us are "very worried" about it. And we're paying closer attention than the general population in part because we're being disproportionately affected.

"Latinos are more engaged with the issue of global warming than are non-Latinos," the Yale study found. "Latinos are more convinced global warming is happening and human-caused, more worried about it, perceive greater risks, are more supportive of climate change policies, and are more willing to get involved politically."

That's where you come in. In the weeks and months ahead, I hope to use this space to inform you about our most pressing environmental challenges and motivate you to action. I hope you'll let me know about environmental challenges and dangers you see in your communities, and together, we can work to protect the health and well-being of all San Antonians.

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The COVID-19 pandemic is demanding the attention of all San Antonians as we try to protect ourselves and our families from this devastating threat. However, we must not let this crisis distract us from another global menace - the impact of air pollution on our health and environment.

A number of factors, such as transportation and industrial facilities, contribute to air pollution in San Antonio. But by far one of the largest producers of carbon pollution in our city is CPS Energy and its Spruce Coal Plants on the southside of town. These plants contribute fifty percent of the carbon pollution in San Antonio.

Every year, these hazardous coal power plants emit nearly 8 million metric tons of toxic pollution into the air that we breathe. Coal plant emissions cause a range of illnesses like asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. For our families in San Antonio, this is especially important because state health data shows that more of our kids are sent to the hospital or emergency room because of asthma attacks than in other large Texas cities. It also hits us in our pocketbooks. In Bexar County, asthma cost residents almost \$37.3 million in hospital fees in 2017, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

It doesn't have to be this way. We don't have to pollute the air we breathe to generate power for our homes. Texas leads the nation in wind generated energy. Solar power is steadily growing as well. In fact, Texas now ranks first in the nation for wind energy production and fourth in solar power generation. Our state is on course to build twenty-five percent of the new industrial-scale solar capacity being installed across the US this year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Wind and solar, neither of which spew harmful emissions into the air, are

creating jobs and saving lives. Yet CPS Energy wants to continue to burn dirty coal.

These toxic coal emissions contribute to climate change too. We are already seeing the effects of climate change with rising sea levels and extreme weather events like hurricanes. Scientists have warned us that if we don't drastically reduce pollution from coal plants and other sources, climate change will worsen. That means higher temperatures and more droughts and hurricanes. This can mean more heat stress and an increase in waterborne diseases. We are in the middle of a global health pandemic that is causing massive economic loss. Our city - already starkly divided between the haves and have-nots - cannot afford any other disasters caused by climate change.

The nation's 56 million Latinos are especially vulnerable to the health threats posed by climate change because of where they live and work, and a lack of access to health care, according to a report released this month by the Natural Resources Defense Council. Latinos in San Antonio and elsewhere stand to benefit greatly from concerted efforts to reduce carbon pollution, which fuels global warming, according to "Nuestro Futuro: Climate Change and U.S. Latinos."

CPS Energy, the nation's largest municipally owned utility, must explore all energy options for San Antonio to protect our most vulnerable, such as our children, working class families and elderly, from the effects of coal's toxic pollution. As customers, we must demand that CPS Energy protect our health from harmful toxic pollution and quickly phase out the coal burning power plants damaging our health and environment. This will be all the more important as our nation works to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.



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.



Angel Martinez

Joining the fledgling Reebok Corp. in 1980 as a sales representative, Angel Martinez is credited with creating the aerobic shoe industry. In 1981, as the running shoe market began to level, Martinez began looking for a new niche and came up with the idea for an aerobic shoe. Though this idea was initially rejected by CEO Paul Fireman, Martinez continued to promote his idea. One month later, he sent Fireman 1,000 orders, creating the aerobic shoe and making the Reebok Free-style Aerobic Shoe the best-selling shoe in history. Raised in a Bronx duplex on food stamps, today Martinez is the president and CEO of the \$300 million Rockport co.



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