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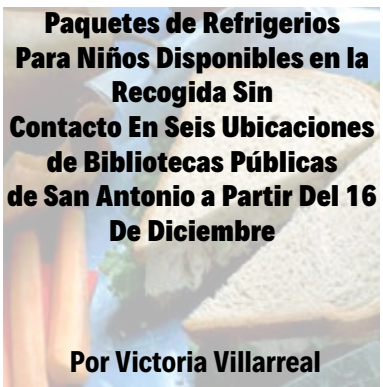
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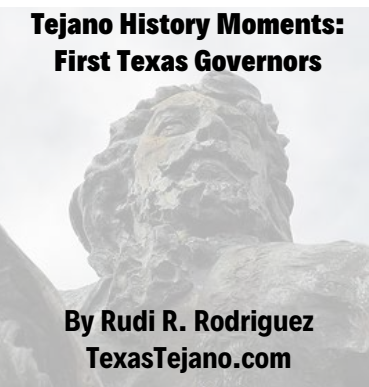
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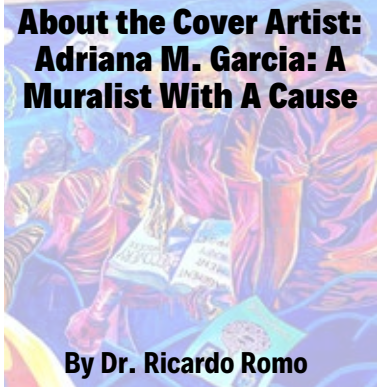
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# Let's Talk About It The Covid-19 Vaccine

By Yvette Tello

*The first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine could be arriving this week. Many people have been asking if an employer can force employees to get the vaccine. An attorney in El Paso who is board certified in labor and employment law says employers can terminate an employee who chooses to not get vaccinated. What do you think? Let's talk about it...*

**Richard Perez:** "So my thought is this: If the vaccine is 95% effective, then anyone who takes it should not care about anyone that doesn't, right? It really is a slippery slope when you begin to think it's ok to ostracize people who don't get a vaccine that's had no possibility of studying long term effects. Some people are not comfortable with that. Yes, I know the disease is real. I had it in July. I also know the flu is real and kills and the flu shot is not mandatory to work so? Every business has a right to run its operations, and every citizen can make a choice. That's how the world works."

**Holly Benchoff:** "I'm a health-care worker and so far...they are letting us choose"

**Mike Miller:** "So everyone in the office gets the shot, right? What are they afraid of if I don't? Do they not trust the shot? By the way, has your boss read aloud every ingredient that is in the vaccine to the office? I recommend it also be done with the flu shot. One more thought; why is it "my body my choice" with abortion but with the shot its my body my job? By the way, I do feel the company owner has the right to say that. Just like the mask mandate, I disagree but respect the businesses who want it."

**Thomas Mc:** "Well yes and no... At minimum 40-60% of the population needs to be inoculated then what you're saying works."

**Clarisa Hernandez:** "No, because they don't care enough about us to tell us that a co-worker tested positive that you were working very close to. Employers should protect their workers! This is only to protect them, not us! They think of us as replaceable."

**Adela Harper Kelly:** "I have a sister who had Gallium Barre and cannot get shots for flu or shingles and most likely will not be able to get Covid-19 shots. But like shots for smallpox, shingles, flu, measles, mumps etc... If you do not have a medical reason, why can you not? You would be foolish not to. But we are and should all have the right of choice! But NO ONE should be forced to do ANYTHING with their body they do not want. "

**Robin White Justis:** "Well I live in a state where they can fire you for whatever so yeah. Employees in Texas possess few rights in comparison with their employers, because Texas is an at will employment state. This means employees can be fired for no reason at all, just not for an illegal reason. Unfortunately, many employees have no wrongful termination rights."

**Brian Stout:** "I'd take it so I wouldn't endanger my parents.... but that's just me and should be left up to the individual..."

**Adina Wisser Smith:** "But how is this different from it being mandatory to get various vaccinations to attend school, university or travel/move to certain countries? Don't we all do that?"

**Daniel L. Harabis:** "Texas is an "at will" employment state...thus some employers can make that decision."

**Britt Burrow:** "They haven't fired for not taking flu vac which kills more people yearly? If they get covid then they take sickness. If they choose not to take it and the company says they should..."

**Vickie Alejandro Perez:** "I don't think they should fire you but like it's your choice it should also be their choice to keep you if you don't take it ...business also should have that choice if they want to work side by side with you not getting vaccinated...as a business woman I would want to have that choice as well."

**Jerry Reed:** "Absolutely! Same way children get vaccinations for schools."

**Carrie Jordan:** "Just so everyone knows...in a declared national emergency like a pandemic a-lot of the medical laws you use to know go out the window. They can make the Vaccine mandatory to everyone if they felt it was necessary to reach herd immunity."

**Alcala Angel Dora:** "What's next for the rest of us if we don't want the Vaccine what are they planning no government help for families that need help."

**Jimmy James:** "Hmm now this is a tough one; if you work behind a desk in some office in some building why right, but if you're a nurse, teacher, or generally around the public in high risk? If you opt-out, perhaps you have to sign a waiver, wear the mask permanently and never get invited to another office party again."



By Leonard Rodriguez

*This column highlights inspiring stories of Latino leaders. For more than 50 years, Latino men and women have positively influenced the face of United States society. Let us celebrate these outstanding hispanics.*



## Willie Velasquez

Willie Velasquez developed and organized the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) in 1974. The SVREP effectively challenged political establishments by convincing Hispanics that the key to political representation was to register to vote. As the Voting Rights Act caught hold in the Southwest, Velasquez's SVREP registered millions of Hispanics in 13 states. Although his life was cut short at age 44 in 1988, his legacy lives on in the thousands of Hispanics elected and appointed across the nation. Dedication his life to ensuring that Hispanics have an equal opportunity to participate in the American Political landscape, Velasquez was posthumously awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential medal of Freedom, in September 1995. (Photo Courtesy of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting)

# About the Cover Artist:

## Adriana M. Garcia: A Muralist With A Cause

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

In the late 1970s Chicano artists began to fill a void of public art that had long existed in the barrios of San Antonio. One of the inspirations for public art came from Mexican muralism created both in Mexico and the United States. As early as 1930, Mexican muralist maestros, Diego Rivera, Jose Clemente Orozco, and David Siquieros had all painted murals in the United States.

While the Mexican masters' most famous murals were painted in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Detroit, New York and Dartmouth, their public art contribution was known to the young Chicano artists throughout the United States who began the mural tradition in the United States four decades later.

For aspiring San Antonio muralists, a second artistic impetus came from early 1970s Chicano murals paintings in Southern California. With the acquisition of Chicano Park in Logan Heights, part of a large barrio in San Diego, Chicano artists began their public art experiment. The artists painted murals on the tall concrete columns of the Coronado Bridge overpass. In Los Angeles, artist Judy Baca and other social activists initiated public art as a means to beautify park space as well as to find creative projects for unemployed youths in East Los Angeles barrios. At the Tujunga Wash, Baca and her team painted hundreds of murals along a half mile

of concrete wall which they titled "The Great Wall of Los Angeles."

The San Antonio mural movement began when two Westside artists, Anastacio Torres and Juan Hernandez, approached owners of a retail food store near 24th street and Castroville Road about the possibility of painting the back wall of the store. The property owners agreed on the assumption that the painted depiction of a Mexican American family would beautify the outdoor space.

With a public mural under their belt, Torres and Hernandez applied for city arts funding and received a small grant which enabled them to form the Community Arts Organization at the Cassiano Homes. Before painting any murals, they canvassed the neighborhood asking residents about preferences of artistic subjects, themes, and concepts.

By 1980, the public arts project at Cassiano Homes was well underway. City arts funding allowed Torres and Hernandez to hire young artists, many of whom had little experience in public art, to work on their mural crews. One of the motivations for creating public art concerned the prevalence of graffiti which bothered many Cassiano Homes residents. Alex Rubio, a resident of the nearby San Juan Housing complex, was one of the most active graffiti artists of the Westside. Torres and Hernandez were able to locate Rubio and redirected his

artistic talents into creating images for the mural project.

In the 1980s, nearly all the Chicano murals of the city were located at the Cassiano Homes. With funding from the City of San Antonio, the Community Arts Program completed more than 50 murals. The murals included religious themes, historical events, and notable figures of the Mexican Revolution including Francisco Villa and Emiliano Zapata.

Manny Castillo, Cruz Ortiz, and Juan Miguel Ramos emerged in the early 1990s as the second generation of Chicano muralists. They founded the San Anto Cultural Arts group as a means for artists "to realize their creative abilities, interpret their culture and heritage," and showcase their talents. A member of the San Anto group was Adriana Garcia.

Adriana M. Garcia grew up in San Antonio's Westside and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She also studied fine arts in Valencia, Spain. Garcia's artist statement reveals much about her approach to art and explains her passion. She writes about the social importance of art as the "most accessible way to protest, love, heal, and learn." Garcia strongly believes that art is how we "share our stories, the voices we choose to manifest our passion, hurt, anger, sadness, love, hope, and heritage." Her art portraying Indigneous



ADRIANA GARCIA. MURAL AT THE CORNER OF ZARZAMORA AND EL PASO STREET.

PHOTO: RICARDO ROMO

people in Spanish colonial San Antonio demonstrates how Spaniards and Indians came to terms with their social and cultural differences.

In 2007 the Center for Health Care Services on Zarzamora Street contracted the San Anto Cultural Arts Center to design a mural for the building's entrance. Garcia designed and completed the "Brighter days are ahead!" mural that year and ten years later it was restored by Rhys Munro.

In preparation for the Zarzamora Street mural Garcia visited the clinic and met with the professional staff. She is a firm believer that through her artwork and paintings she can "provide the viewer a visual articulation of emotions." Her images portray individuals struggling with health issues, lack of family support, and crisis management.

Garcia received permission to engage the patients at the health care center with a survey questionnaire about

their mental health needs. A response by a young man proclaimed: "Brighter days are ahead!" This response provided Garcia with the ideal title for her mural. Garcia commented that she sought to "depict the struggle of the individual striving for mental health through his/her feelings, actions and thoughts."

Garcia's debut picture book, *All Around Us*, with writer Xelena Gonzalez, was recognized with the prestigious 2018 Pura Belpre Honor for illustration. In addition, she received the 2018 Tomas Rivera Book award in the book category for outstanding children's illustrated literature.

In explaining her art work, Garcia writes: "I create as a way to document the lives I've shared, (which) provides a way to honor a person's existence and make visible the marks they have imprinted upon me and the environment-- a legacy left as well as those still to come."

(Cover Art Image Courtesy of <https://adrianamjgarcia.com/>)



# Niños Humildes Recibieron La Navidad Con Anticipación

## Por Franco

Pequeños menos afortunados recibieron la Navidad por adelantado. Gracias a la aportación de regalos que selecto grupo de beisbolistas, fanáticos y dirigentes de equipos de San Antonio logró hacer una vez más realidad por ver caritas sonrientes.

Los beisbolistas embajadores All-Star de San Antonio, Anto-

nio Ramírez (El Morris) nativo de Palau, Coahuila y su paisano y también beisbolista Johnny López, en colaboración con Adrian Ramírez ex lanzador profesional liga Mexicana triple A nativo de Piedras Negras, donaron juguetes en el hogar Casa de Amor y Paz con sede en Piedras Negras.

Donde convivieron con sus residentes. Posteriormente El

Morris y Johnny López, acompañados por las voluntarias, Isela Díaz, Rosa Isela Ramírez y Claudia López, se trasladaron a la ciudad de Nueva Rosita, para realizar los importantes donativos y a la vez visitar la radiodifusora XENR 980 AM, siendo entrevistados por el segmento Manantial Deportivo.

Ya entrada la tarde la comitiva se traslado a la carbonífera ciudad de Palau, donde en los barrios del municipio organizadamente repartieron regalos en la Colonia Agraria. Barrio 4, Los Cuervos. PT y Las Milas.

Lista de donantes: Antonio Ramírez, Johnny López. Roberto Villarreal (La Hierba), Adrian Ramírez anfitrión en Piedras Negras. Jaime Cárdenas y su familia James Cárdenas y Patty Cárdenas. Juan Sánchez "El Rielero Mayor", Servando Hernández. Juan Pedro Reza, Danilo Del Olmo, Manuel Rabago (El Rojo). Jesús (Chuy) Ramírez. Lolo

Gómez, Eloy Rocha, dueño del estadio Potranco. Jorge Calderón "Shamu", Nacho Cortez, Mario Medrano. Omar Alarcón. Daniel Guerrero y su sobrino Brayan Guerrero del pentacampeón Piratas de Sabinas. Jesús Rubio, Macario Rosas. José Luis (Chorejas) Velázquez. Francisco Cano,

Iván Rubinsky coach de Piratas. Cuco Arias y Manuel (Júnior) Arias. "Ha todos ellos nuestro agradecimiento por hacer posible donar regalos a niños de esas comunidades", indicaron Ramírez, Roberto Villarreal (la Hierba), Jaime Cárdenas, Daniel Saucedo (colaboradores y donantes) y López. (Fotos cortesía).



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# Paquetes de Refrigerios Para Niños Disponibles en la Recogida Sin Contacto En Seis Ubicaciones de Bibliotecas Públicas de San Antonio a Partir Del 16 De Diciembre

**Por Victoria Villarreal**

La Biblioteca Pública de San Antonio (SAPL) y la Fundación de la Biblioteca Pública de San Antonio (SAPLF) se están asociando con Snack Pak 4 Kids San Antonio (SP4KSA) para ofrecer un programa piloto que proporcionará refrigerios saludables a niños y adolescentes de cuatro a 18 años. en seis ubicaciones de SAPL.

El programa está disponible durante el horario de recogida sin contacto (consulte los detalles a continuación) en las bibliotecas Central Library y Bazan, Carver, Collins Garden, Memorial y Westfall Branch desde el 16 de diciembre de 2020 hasta el 30 de enero de

2021. No se requiere una tarjeta de la biblioteca para recibir un refrigerio.

El programa Snack Pak apoyará a las familias durante el período prolongado de vacaciones de invierno cuando las comidas no están disponibles debido a que la escuela no está disponible, y brindará alivio a quienes experimentan un nivel sin precedentes de inseguridad alimentaria debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.

“El objetivo de esta asociación es ayudar a combatir el hambre de niños y adolescentes y, en el proceso, facilitar el aprendizaje”, dijo Ramiro S. Salazar, Director de la Biblioteca Pública de San Antonio. “Las

bibliotecas están en el corazón de nuestras comunidades y estamos orgullosos de poder ayudar a nuestra comunidad más allá de nuestros esfuerzos de servicio al asociarnos con otras organizaciones comunitarias. Animo a los niños y adolescentes a que saquen libros cuando recojan su merienda para que puedan leer durante las vacaciones de invierno”.

Junto con la asociación Snack Pak 4 Kids, la Fundación de la Biblioteca Pública de San Antonio regalará mochilas con cordones que incluyen un libro gratuito y una hoja de actividades.

Para recoger un Snack Pak, visite una sucursal participante

durante el horario de recogida sin contacto (que se enumera a continuación). Llame a la oficina a su llegada.

Fechas y horarios para recoger los bocadillos:

Martes: mediodía - 7 pm

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- Biblioteca Sucursal Carver 3350 E. Commerce St., 78220 (210-207-9180)
- Biblioteca Central - 600 Soledad St., 78205 (210-207-2500)

- Collins Garden Branch Library 200 N. Park Blvd., 78204 (210-207-9120)
- Memorial Branch Library 3222 Culebra Rd., 78228 (210-207-9140)
- Westfall Branch Library 6111 Rosedale Ct., 78201 (210-207-9220)

Para obtener más información sobre este programa, visite [guides.mysapl.org/snacks](https://guides.mysapl.org/snacks) y para todos los demás servicios de SAPL, comuníquese con el personal de la biblioteca por teléfono al 210-207-2500, en [chateask.mysapl.org](https://chateask.mysapl.org) o visite [guides.mysapl.org/covid-19](https://guides.mysapl.org/covid-19) / cómo hacerlo.

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## St. Mary's University appoints New Greehey School of Business Dean

### New Dean Becomes First Latina To Lead The Business School

By Jennifer Lloyd

St. Mary's University today named Rowena Ortiz-Walters, Ph.D., Dean of the St. Mary's University Greehey School of Business.

Ortiz-Walters comes to St. Mary's from SUNY Plattsburgh, a public liberal arts college that is part of the State University of New York (SUNY) System, where she currently serves as Dean and Professor of Management in the School of Business and Economics.

"It is an exciting time to be embarking on this new role as the next dean of the Greehey School of Business. I admire the school's focus on ethical and global business, and I believe I can add a more intentional focus on equity to complement the academic portfolio and reinforce the mission of St. Mary's University," Ortiz-Walters said. "As a Hispanic professional, I am also uniquely positioned to engage the Hispanic business community in Texas, which may be an untapped resource for the Greehey School."

She begins her tenure as the first Latina dean of the Greehey School of Business in June 2021.

"After meeting Rowena, I am confident her commitment to her faith and her leadership and work focused on success for all students make her an excellent fit for St. Mary's University and the Greehey School of Business," said President Thomas Mengler, J.D.

More about Ortiz-Walters  
Ortiz-Walters received her Ph.D. in Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Connecticut, a research-one level university. She earned an MBA in Technology Management from the University of New Haven.

Before moving to SUNY Plattsburgh, she was a professor and department chair at Quinnipiac University, a private institution in

Hamden, Connecticut.

Ortiz-Walters is known among her colleagues to be a strong strategic thinker and collaborator. In her role as dean, she has led efforts to develop a culture and vision to position the School of Business and Economics at the intersection of business and technology. Essential to that vision are new initiatives focused on students' proficiency in using new technologies and utilizing technology in decision-making.

"As technology continues to change too, this will mean a need to graduate students with the ability to use collaborative software (e.g., Microsoft Teams), advanced discipline-specific technologies (e.g., blockchain in fintech), manage data securely (e.g., cybersecurity), analyze large amounts of data to inform decision-making using different tools (e.g., Tableau) and proficiency with coding languages (e.g., Python)," she said. "These are all relevant skills business graduates need to be well-positioned for the jobs of the future in the growing industries of San Antonio and the Silicon Hills of Austin."

Ortiz-Walters has a record of achievement in building student enrollment and supporting student success. She has taken a particular interest in programs focused on recruiting and retaining students of color and women in cybersecurity and the information technology profession. As dean, Ortiz-Walters has focused on developing new programs and fostering interdisciplinary collaborations for graduate and undergraduate programs that prepare students for career opportunities and meet employment trends.

Ortiz-Walters models her commitment to research and scholarship. She motivates her faculty to be productive scholars by continuing



to conduct research and publish as an academic and administrative leader of the school. She has been recognized for her research on mentoring for underrepresented minorities and women and minority business owners' entrepreneurial ventures.

Ortiz-Walters understands what it means to receive and maintain the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International distinction of quality. She led the SUNY Plattsburgh School of Business and Economics through its review process for successful reaccreditation. Currently, she serves as the chair and member of the AACSB-International Steering Committee for Women Administrators in Management Education.

Ortiz-Walters has received many internal and external awards and honors for her teaching and research initiatives and her leadership and mentoring of students. One of the most notable honors was the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics in 2016.

"The St. Mary's edge really resonated with me: to help each student discover, affirm and cultivate his or her unique talents and gifts, and prepare each student to enter the world with the skills and motivation to make a difference," she said.



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# Cachorros De Nava Invictos Por Su Consagración Vs. El Sublíder Red Sox

## Por Sendero Deportivo

Con ocho victorias consecutivas el equipo Cachorros de Nava, dirigidos por Alejandro Becerra (Rábano), y los expertos coaches y jugadores Benito Martínez y Rubén (Alacrán) Galindo, este sábado estarán a punto de convertirse en los directivos y jugadores que logren establecer único récord en caso de vencer a su duro rival Red Sox en ser el plantel que se adjudique ganar la temporada de forma invicta con 9 victorias y 0 derrotas.

Nava tiene 8 victorias por 0 derrotas en la temporada regular, todo depende en que logren salir adelante en la novena jornada de la Liga Veteranos Invernal 2020

Potranco Baseball League que presiden el artista Eloy Rocha y don Simón Sánchez, quien funge como presidente, comentarista jugada por jugada y compilador oficial.

Para Cachorros, esta es su primera campaña en su historia que ha logrado liderar la temporada de forma invicta con ocho triunfos, gracias al pitcheo de su lanzador estelar René Rodríguez, quien lleva 6 triunfos consecutivos, y lo acredita como el lanzador campeón de la temporada invernal.

Nava cualesquier que sea el resultado en su novena salida para concluir la temporada ante Red Sox del manager y jugador Pe-

dro Espinoza, quien tiene como segundo de abordo al coach y receptor Catarino Obregón, será merecedor del trofeo “Campeón de Temporada Invernal 2020”. Su récord de 8-0 lo garantiza, y Red Sox (5-3), también será reconocido por ser el sublíder por sus últimas tres victorias consecutivas en las que han destacado su lanzador abridor Hilario Álvarez y el contundente bateador Amado Razura, quien se ha mantenido como líder en la tabla de bateo con excelente promedio.

En si el clásico sabatino de fin de temporada en el estadio Potranco Baseball Field, va a ser un gran partido que la noble afición no debe perderse de ver, su cita es al punto de las 2 p.m. En el partido matutino se enfrentaran Missions SA y Sultanes (11:00 a.m.)

Resultados: Cachorros 9-0 ante Sultanes, René Rodríguez, ganó

su sexto partido, con salvamento de Víctor Vázquez. La derrota fue para Ricky Mata, con relevo de Manuel Rábago (El Rojo), por derrotados sobresalieron con el bate, Henry Pichardo de 4-2 y Jesús Ramírez Sr., con 4-2. Nava celebró su octava victoria invitando a su patrocinador “El Cowboy” Aubrey Harrell, a disfrutar cena preparada por “Taquitos al Minuto”, de Víctor Silva (quien sigue celebrando su cumpleaños 52). Sultanes fueron dirigidos por Gabriel Ruiz (La Puntada) y el jugador Ruperto Ortega. Red Sox ahora ya con sus potentes refuerzos, consumó importante victoria ante Missions SA de Mike Tobhan. Hilario Álvarez, se agenció su tercera victoria sobre la lomita, por Missions abrió Rick Hernández, seguido por los relevistas Luis Velázquez y Tobhan. Por Red Sox, el líder de bateo Amado Razura, solo pego un imparable

en cuatro turnos al bate.

En la Liga Masters Mayores de 50 años. Rangers de Benito Martínez, derrotó al visitante combinado Tecos-Tigres de Laredo con pizarra de 17-10 carreras, adjudicándose la victoria Baldo Montelongo, en relevo al abridor José Luis “Liga Mexicana” Gómez, Calixto Moreno, cerro el partido sin permitir anotaciones. Chón Rodríguez, por Rangers dio de 6-4, seguido por Óscar Márquez con 6-4, y Juan González (La Moñonga) con 5-4.

Astros del buscador de talento, Frank Torres, ante Atlético dirigidos por Robert Hernández, superó desventaja de 7-0 anotadas en la primera entrada ante el serpentinerero experto Luis Arredondo, quien fue removido y en su lugar entró su tocayo Luis Sánchez “El otro Biónico”, quien superó al abridor Macario Rosas.

En Liga Independiente San Antonio que preside Adalberto Campos, con sede en el estadio Potranco, el club Harper dirigido por Juan Camacho, eliminó en serie de semifinal a los Rieleros, con lo que ganó boleto para disputarle el campeonato de la serie del playoff al potente equipo Charros Potosinos, que dirige Saúl Puente y el coach Fausto Cortinas. Su serie será a ganar 2 de 3 partidos.

En las fotos aparece: Freddy Rodríguez, su hijo Peter, René Rodríguez (pelota en mano derecha). “El Cowboy” Aubrey Harrell, su suegro Víctor Silva y Alejandro Becerra “El Cachorro Mayor”, en acción que Nava, agradeció patrocinio de Mister Harrell. Mike Lozano, de Red Sox, barriéndose en el plato para anotar la carrera 12 contra el receptor de Missions SA, Roy Reyna. Observó la acción Sergio Quintanilla, quien estuvo de cumpleaños. Motivo por el que sus compañeros y directivos de Red Sox le cantaron las tradicionales Mañanitas. El lanzador Hilario Álvarez, quien llegó a tres victorias consecutivas por Red Sox. (Fotos por Franco).





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# 2,500 Residentes Mayores Y Discapacitados De La Autoridad De Vivienda De San Antonio Para Recibir Tarjetas De Regalo De Gonzaba Medical Group

**Por Marivel Resendiz**

La Autoridad de Vivienda de San Antonio (SAHA), en asociación con el mayor proveedor de atención médica para personas mayores de San Antonio, Gonzaba Medical Group, traerá alegría navideña a algunos de sus residentes más vulnerables el martes 15 de diciembre con tarjetas de regalo para 2,500 ancianos y discapacitados. residentes de viviendas públicas que viven en propiedades de SAHA en todo San Antonio.

Algunos residentes de viviendas públicas de edad avanzada y discapacitados también recibirán

un saludo navideño muy especial y socialmente distanciado del alcalde de San Antonio, Ron Nirenberg, SAHA, el liderazgo de Gonzaba Medical Group e incluso el mismo Santa Claus.

La Gala Dorada Anual de SAHA generalmente se lleva a cabo en diciembre, lo que reúne a los residentes ancianos y discapacitados para una celebración navideña. Debido a la emergencia de salud en curso, el evento fue cancelado y la agencia, en cambio, está llevando la alegría navideña directamente a los residentes.

“Aunque las fiestas pu-

eden verse bastante diferentes este año, el espíritu de dar a la familia, amigos y vecinos nunca ha sido más significativo. Aunque extrañaremos recibir a nuestros residentes en la Golden Gala este año, esperamos que esto les recuerde lo especiales que son”, dijo David Nisivoccia, presidente y director ejecutivo de SAHA.

La donación de \$ 25,000 para esta iniciativa navideña fue apoyada por la generosidad del proveedor de atención médica local, Gonzaba Medical Group. Como el principal proveedor de atención médica para ancianos de San An-

tonio, propiedad de médicos, el grupo médico es conocido por sus amplios servicios de apoyo para la población de ancianos de San Antonio durante más de 60 años.

“Nuestros adultos mayores son una parte muy importante de nuestra comunidad, y este año ha sido particularmente desafiante para ellos”, dijo Paco Gonzaba, Director Ejecutivo de Operaciones Comerciales de Gonzaba Medical Group. “Esperamos que esto les ilumine el día y les dé una razón para sonreír mientras celebran la temporada navideña. En nombre de

nuestros más de 90 médicos y proveedores, y de más de 800 empleados de apoyo, ¡nos sentimos honrados de ayudar a difundir la alegría de las fiestas!”

HEB también brindó apoyo financiero con una contribución de \$ 1,000.

“Un gran agradecimiento a Gonzaba Medical Group y HEB por hacer que la temporada navideña de este año sea especial para nuestros residentes mayores. Tenemos la suerte de tener organizaciones tan reflexivas aquí mismo en nuestro patio trasero”, dijo Nisivoccia.



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# Students Paint Little Library Gifted Through Book Buddies Program Little Library Constructed By Lanier High School

By Laura Short

Herff Academy is the first of five schools to receive Little Libraries through the SAISD Foundation's Book Buddies program this school year. The Little Library will be installed on Thursday in a grassy area near the school's front entrance. Herff AVID Students will begin painting on Friday morning to personalize the gift to a match a theme selected by the campus.

The Little Library initiative is a collaborative effort that includes students both on the creation side and the receiving side. The Little Libraries are being handcrafted by construction students at Lanier High School. The first five schools to receive the libraries are Herff, Franklin and Bowden academies, and DeZavala and Margil elementary schools.

The SAISD Foundation, in addition to coordinating the initiative, is providing paint kits for the students to use on painting day to ensure the libraries are weatherproofed and will last for years to come. The foundation also is stocking the new libraries with a variety of K-8 books in both English and Spanish. Joeris General Contractors sponsored the materials, and the SAISD Facilities team is installing each of the libraries.

"It means the world to us to see everyone coming together to make this project a reality," said Cristina Noriega, alumni engagement and volunteer manager with the SAISD Foundation. "Little Libraries are a natural extension of the Book Buddies program, which provides free books for SAISD students in grades PK-8. It allows children to start and grow their own libraries at home."

After the students have finished painting their new Little Library, the foundation will install an engraved nameplate to recognize all the sponsors.

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# Tejano History Moments: First Texas Governors



**Rudi Rodriguez, Historian  
TexasTejano.com**

In the late 1680's as New Spain responded to French incursions in its furthest undeveloped province. It sought experienced and capable military men to carry out their plans of exploration, colonization and Christianization of the Native Americans. Typically, men with higher ranks and frontier experience were considered for these responsibilities. These officers also had to possess administrative, developmental and operational skills in order to conquer the vast Texas wilderness. In 1688, New Spain chose General Alonzo de Leon to lead the first expeditions into the unknown. De Leon had risen through the ranks and was an experienced officer and was also Governor of Coahuila.

In 1689, after prior attempts to locate the French he discovered the ruins of the failed Fort La Salle near the Bay of Matagorda. De Leon is credited with contacting the largest Native American tribes in the east, notably the Caddo's and Tejas nations. He also established some of the first presidios and missions. He continued in command of the first presidios and missions put into play until 1791.

In 1691, General Domingo Teran de los Rios was appointed the first Governor of Texas and continued the founding of missions and presidios in east Texas along the Sabine River. He was also the governor of Coahuila. Several other governors: Varona, Valdes, Aguirre, Cordova, Subisa and Valdez were appointed between the years 1692-1716.

In 1716, General Martin de Alarcon who had previously served

as governor in 1703-1705, was re-appointed to re-enforce the Spanish missions and presidios. At this time, French activity had significantly increased and there was a fear that they might lose their territory. While on his way to east Texas he founded the "Presidio San Antonio de Bexar" and the "Villa de San Antonio de Bexar". This move helped assure provisions and soldiers could readily be deployed to the eastern missions and presidios. He had also previously named the "San Antonio River" that ran through the "Villa".

From 1719 to 1730, Governors Virto de Vera, Almazan, Azcona and Ceballos were the governors of Texas and Coahuila, New Spain. The most important rule was of Virto de Vera otherwise known as the "Marquis de San Miguel de Aguayo who became famous as a military commander for re-taking eastern Texas from France without firing a shot. During his tenure, 1719-1722, he re-established several missions and presidios and added several hundred soldiers to garrisoned forces in Texas. Plus, his initial expedition brought almost three-thousand horses, seven thousand sheep, cattle and sheep. This constituted the first large "cattle drive" in Texas and provided the foundation of ranching in Texas.

The years 1730 to 1741, were governed by Manuel de Sandoval, Carlos Benites Franquis de Lugo, Prudencio de Orobio y Bastera and Tomas Felipe de Winhuisen. Not many eventful activities occurred during all of these administrations. Only the alleged mismanagement of Governor Sandoval administration has been documented in history to a large degree.

From 1743 to 1751, Texas was governed by Justo Boneo y Morales, Francisco Garcia Larios and Pedro del Barrio, Junco y Espriella and Jacinto de Barrios y Jauregui. Of these administrations, the Jauregui is the most important during this decade of development. In 1751, Governor Juregui arrived in Los Adaes, capital of Texas. During his tenure, 1751-1759, he founded Mission Santa Cruz de San Saba and the Presidios of San Saba and Agustin de Ahumada. In addition, he moved the San Xavier missions and San Francisco Xavier Presidio to the San Marcos River. He, along

with the other governors became governors of Coahuila as well.

From 1760 to 1770, Angel de Martos y Navarete, Hugo Oconor and Juan Maria Vicencio, "Baron de Ripperda", served as governors. Upon his appointment in 1770, Ripperda moved his family to San Antonio. Anticipating reforms, he placed his headquarters there as well, rather than Los Adaes. In 1772, the capital of Spanish Texas was officially moved to San Antonio. The following year he was ordered to remove the eastern establishments and its inhabitants to San Antonio. This action did not end well as the Tejanos from the east petitioned to return and ultimately ended settling in Nacogdoches.

For Tejano leaders in San Antonio having the capital in their community helped strengthen their political, economic and military power base. Also, it gave Tejanos greater independence and self-reliance as they were so far removed from the seats of government. The capital of Texas would remain in San Antonio for almost forty years (1821).

From 1778 to 1790, Governors Domingo Cabello y Robles, Bernardo Bonavia y Zapata and Rafael Martinez Pacheco, would serve as Texas governors. Previously, Cabello y Robles had been governor of Nicaragua and had been a Battalion Commander. In 1778, he became governor of Texas and in 1785-1789 he was instrumental in negotiating a peace treaty with the Comanches. During this era, massive exports of cattle and horses almost depleted the stock in Texas. The governor issued the "Bando" (Side) Law that helped stem the depletion of Texas stock. This circumstance is very similar to the massive "cattle trails" conducted to market in the 1870's.

Also, important to this era was Governor Munoz's fulfillment of the Decree of Secularization of the missions in San Antonio. This action meant that the religious lands could now be granted to civilians for homesteading and ranching. This resulted in significant land holdings by the civilian population in an around San Antonio. It also provided for Native Americans to hold title to land.

By 1800 to 1811, Juan Bautista Elguizabal, Manuel Antonio



Cordero y Bustamante, Manuel Maria de Salcedo, Juan Bautista de las Casa and Simon de Herrera served as governors. During this period there was very much political unrest as revolution had begun to oust New Spain government. In San Antonio, De las Casa led a coup to depose Salcedo and was governor for thirty-nine days before being arrested.

In 1813, General Bernardo de Lara waged a war against New Spain and won independence for Texas in that year. A constitution was drafted, and he became the first president of Texas. Unfortunately, three months later in August, the Battle of La Medina occurred, and a Spanish army led by Gen. Arrendondo soundly defeated the Tejanos. This battle was the bloodiest battle in Texas history as over one-thousand Tejano patriots lost their lives in combat with a far superior number of forces.

From 1814 to 1821, the following governors served: Cristobal Dominguez, Juan Ignacio Perez, Manuel Pardo and Antonio Maria



Martinez was the last to serve as colonial governors of Texas. In over one-hundred and thirty years, thirty-eight governors served Texas in many different ways to advance Tejanos, their government, their economy, culture, religion and society.

In 1821, the ten-year revolution to create the new Republic of Mexico was finally over and thirteen Mexican governors would rule over Texas and Texas y Coahuila until 1836. Therefore, a total of fifty-one governors in one-hundred and fifty-two years would rule over Texas until the final Battle of the Alamo and the creation of the Republic of Texas.

We submit that this early Tejano history is very important to understand that Tejanos had governance for a very long period that contributed to their sense and understanding of their laws and order, culture and society and their political and economic well-being. Although other writers have suggested that there was very little development in Texas prior to 1836, we submit some of the most important developments and actions occurred through the direction and orders of these very important and capable leaders of early Texas!



## La Donación De \$ 10 Millones Permite A Liftfund Fortalecer Y Aprovechar Las Asociaciones Para La Inclusión Económica En Apoyo De Los Empresarios De Color Y Las Empresas Propiedad De Mujeres Durante Un Momento Económico Desafiante

Por Lisa Marie Barocas

LiftFund se complace en anunciar una donación transformadora de MacKenzie Scott en reconocimiento a su compromiso a largo plazo con la justicia económica a través del microcrédito. LiftFund se enorgullece de haber sido seleccionado junto con otras organizaciones sin fines de lucro que abordan la creciente desigualdad económica de nuestra nación durante un período tremendo en la historia.

“Este obsequio permite a LiftFund avanzar en su compromiso a largo plazo de nivelar el campo de juego financiero para las micro-

empresas, en particular las mujeres, emprendedoras de color y, por extensión, la cultura vibrante de nuestros vecindarios para superar las barreras económicas sistémicas, como el acceso a capital y recursos.”, Dijo Janie Barrera, directora ejecutiva y presidenta fundadora de LiftFund. “LiftFund aprovechará estos fondos para aumentar las oportunidades que aborden la demanda insatisfecha de financiamiento para pequeñas empresas durante este momento desafiante”.

Desde 1994, LiftFund, una organización sin fines de lucro dirigida por mujeres pertenecientes a minorías,

se fundó con los principios de crear una economía de pequeñas empresas más justa y equitativa en los EE. UU. Más del 80% de los clientes de LiftFund son empresarios de color, el 40% son mujeres y el 26% son nuevas empresas. La misión y el modelo probado de LiftFund para el éxito de las pequeñas empresas aprovechan las asociaciones públicas y privadas para ayudar a las pequeñas empresas a lanzar, crecer y escalar a través del capital responsable, la educación financiera y la capacitación empresarial.

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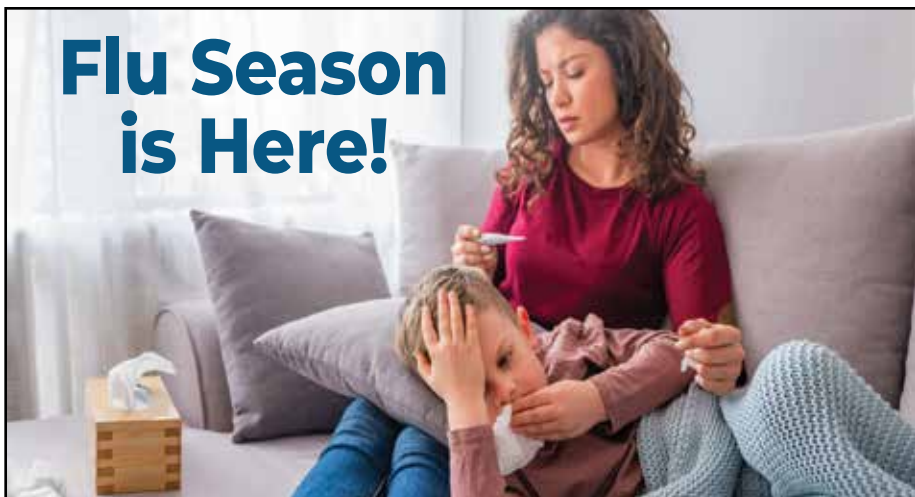
empresarios subestimados a tener éxito, un deber desafiante con las barreras sistémicas actuales que enfrentan las personas de color y los propietarios de pequeñas empresas diversas. Este regalo es un catalizador para que LiftFund trabaje de manera más inteligente y colabore con otros para cerrar la demanda insatisfecha de necesidades de capital para las pequeñas empresas”, dijo Ret. Mayor General Jimmie O. Keenan, presidente de la junta de LiftFund. “Esta inversión histórica de MacKenzie Scott nos permitirá impulsar más pequeñas empresas, para que no solo sobrevivan

sino que prosperen”.

Durante la pandemia, LiftFund ha proporcionado un alivio rápido a las pequeñas empresas. Desde marzo de este año, la organización ha proporcionado más de \$ 94 millones en préstamos y subvenciones para pequeñas empresas, incluidos \$ 25 millones en préstamos PPP, en asociación con entidades gubernamentales, instituciones financieras, fundaciones, donantes corporativos y donantes individuales. Sin embargo, la solicitud de financiación ha superado con creces el apoyo disponible.

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# Healthy Corner Store Project Expands to Districts 1, 2, 4, and 7

By Michelle Vigil

The City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District has partnered with community health leaders and business owners in Districts 1, 2, 4, and 7 to promote the sale of fresh, affordable produce to local families. The Healthy Corner Store Initiative (HCSI) began in April 2019 in District 3 and included eight stores. This year, the project will be expanding to Districts 1, 2, 4, and 7 to a total of twenty stores in the program by the end of 2020. "The Healthy Corner Store project has been a great collaboration with council districts, store owners, and our community health workers. We are excited to be able to bring healthy and affordable food to neighborhoods who do not have easy access to large grocery stores," said Jennifer Herriott, MPH, Assistant Director over the Community Health and Safety Division of the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

The pilot project in District 3 was awarded the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Award in 2019. This project is a community collaboration and wouldn't be possible without the work of the Food Policy Council of San Antonio, the San Antonio Food Bank, University of Incarnate Word's School of Osteopathic Medicine, Big State Produce, and the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Healthy Neighborhoods



**Bringing fresh, affordable, and local fruits and vegetables into neighborhood corner stores.**

program and Community Nutrition team. "The Viva SA Healthy Corner Store initiative is something I am so proud of and gives me hope for our future. This program has been transformative for District 3 and surrounding areas. I started this pilot program to combat food insecurity and bring healthy food into corner stores throughout San Antonio. This access gives people the ability to buy healthy fruits and vegetables at a low cost," Councilwoman Viagran stated. "When I see my constituents purchasing these healthy foods and being so complimentary of the program, I know this is filling a need and it makes me want to do more. I am happy this program is continuing to grow throughout San Antonio."

Locations and corner stores were selected based on food desert data (as determined by the USDA's Food Atlas), acceptance of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits by the corner stores, community health worker (CHW) input, community member feedback, distance from a grocery store, and store owner interest. Healthy corner stores increase healthy food options for local residents by

offering accessible and affordable, nutritious choices. The project works by utilizing cost sharing with stores to promote the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price to the community. At the conclusion of the program, the stores have the experience necessary to sell produce successfully without the subsidy. The San Antonio Food Bank provides training on how to market and store produce. The University of Incarnate Word supports the project's community events and provides business plans for store owners to help ensure sustainability. The owner of one of the participating stores (Kim's Express), Ahmed Badarpura, said "We are a neighborhood South Texas Merchants Association union store serving local communities by providing them with fresh fruits and vegetables near their residence. This is part of the convenience that we offer. Also, since we have an elementary school nearby, we offer fresh water and fruits and vegetables to kids, also promoting healthy choices. We are excited to be a part of this program! It brings more customers to the store and helps us achieve our overall goal of serving the neighborhood."

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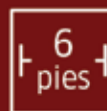
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