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Let's Talk About It

Covid makes an exception for Alamodome Events

By Yvette Tello

San Antonio has another spike in the spread of the coronavirus, including a rising death and hospitalization count. The briefings by Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff continue to stress social distancing practices and the use of facial masks. Family gatherings are discouraged to prevent the spread of the virus. At the same time, City officials have a double standard when it comes to events hosted at the AlamoDome like the world championship boxing match and annual Valero Alamo Bowl that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would consider a danger to public health. What about the Riverwalk crowds and how narrow the walkways are? How can we not have Christmas or New Years Eve but we can have boxing and football games in our city? Let's talk about it...

Tea Santos: "Good question for the Mayor."

Gary Zeinert: "Or how can Walmart and H-E-B be open and the local, corner bar has to shut down? I was at H-E-B on Christmas Eve and a local bar two days later. There was a lot more social distancing at the bar. I'm not saying 10,000 square foot nightclubs. I'm saying a neighborhood bar run by the same family for 30 years, 2,000 square feet and never had more than 20

people in it at a time. That can't be more dangerous than Walmart."

Henry Shamdas: "No, there is not more social distancing at a bar. At HEB, you're moving around not stagnant in one place and you have a mask on as you're moving. At a bar, you're not moving around and masks aren't on."

Mary Svetlik Watkins: "Limited people touch stuff at a bar and there is a required level of cleanliness. You don't know who touched what at WalMart."

Shawn Armstrong: "I had Christmas and going to have a New Years too..... nobody or nothing stopped me."

Thomas Mc: "From what I understand the alamo-dome is operating only at 17% and will have things sectioned off and closed off. A study done showed that if there was a stadium of 10k people and every single person wore a mask the chances of contracting covid would be nil. I feel bad for bar owners because I feel many did a good job at complying but too many didn't and now they are all shut down again. It would have been better to just shut down the ones not complying but that takes too long to figure out unfortunately."

Mike Miller: "This is not a virus it's an agenda disguised as a virus! I have been knee deep in this for

2 months solid this time. I am just saying that if the government really wanted this done, they would be in tune across the country. Everyone has their own rules to fit what they want. The CDC can't even make up their minds. The WHO has different ideas and then it trickles down to a close friend getting it and being sent home from the hospital with the only instructions to drink a lot of water. He is 82. There is an agenda. The 5th largest economy in the world is closed and the state of Florida is bragging that they are open for business. They are playing with all of our lives."

Joey Santibanez: "That game starts at 9pm. I'm already sleepy"

Michelle Butler: "It's Texas Football!"

Amanda Cena: "Stores are a necessity, bars are not. For those that still believe this is fake, how do you explain the deaths from this virus? And the stronger virus is already here. Prayers over you and yours still living your life like nothing is going on. I would not want to chance my life over a party or to go to a bar."

Rhonda Broyles: "I think this is outrageous."

Isaiah Agunk: "Not that scary when you break down the math."



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.



Gigi Fernandez

One of the greatest doubles players in tennis history, Gigi Fernandez was born in 1964 in Puerto Rico. Graduating from high school, she was awarded a tennis scholarship to Clemson University in 1984. After losing to a more experienced Beth Hurr in the NCAA singles championship during her freshman year, Fernandez decided to go pro. Evolving into a top-rated doubles player, Fernandez captured six Grand Slam women's double titles, reached No. 1 in the world in doubles tennis and, with teammate Mary Joe Fernandez, brought home the gold for the U.S. at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. With that Olympic victory, Fernandez became the first Puerto Rican to win a gold medal.

About the Cover Artist: Joel Salcido



By Ricardo Romo and Joel Salcido

When asked, “Why do you take photos,” Salcido answered:

For more than 30 years photography has been my companion on this journey we call life. Many times it has escorted me into the darkest corners of human existence. Other times it has opened the gates of light where visual poetry and beauty reside.

As a journalist, I spent half of my career framing tragedy and disaster and sometimes glorified in it. Eventually it chipped away and eroded my hope in mankind to a skeletal

resemblance of what it once was. In my need to rediscover hope, I began to seek refuge in visual poetry. What has been one of your most memorable photo experiences?

I made a commitment to use the camera as an instrument of grace. And so “Spain: Millennium Past” came to be. My series is an interpretive documentation of an old world whose rich traditions continue to vanish with every century past. Spain revealed that the true wonder of tradition is anchored by an incessant human effort to celebrate life. I refuse to allow my photography to

celebrate the worst aspects of ourselves and for that reason I continue to craft my awareness of hope in my effort to honor the beauty still within.

Joel Salcido’s photographic assignments have included much of Latin America for USA Today, the border region for Texas Monthly and Texas Highways, and the cities of Juarez and El Paso for the El Paso Times. His devotion to fine art photography took him and his family to La Rioja Spain in 1999 for a personal in-depth study of the region and its people. His photographs from Spain are now in several Texas museums.

Salcido, a native of Ciudad Juarez, the largest Mexican border town in Texas, moved to the United States at the age of seven. He grew up in one of El Paso’s low income barrios and received his secondary and college education in his hometown. While working for the El Paso Times, his employer for ten years, he covered a vast region that included the cities of Ciudad Juarez and El Paso as well as the Rio Grande Valley, and southern New Mexico.

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Arnulfo Martínez Tuvo Gran Fiesta De Cumpleaños

Por Franco

El futbolista coahuilense Arnulfo Martínez, conocido popularmente por “Chufy y Rusito”, tuvo la más grande e inolvidable fiesta de cumpleaños en su existencia.

Su esposa Betty Martínez, familiares y amistades se encargaron de realizar los magnos preparativos para

que todo estuviera de acorde al tema vaquero.

Arnulfo Martínez, en sus mejores años se destacó como arquero en el balompié regional independiente y Semi-Pro de San Antonio, destacándose por su disciplina deportiva. En su festejó lo acompañaron futbolistas de su tiempo, con quienes

recordó varias espectaculares acciones.

A lo largo de la fiesta sus invitados escucharon y bailaron temas musicales de reconocido grupo musical norteño y de un cuarteto de Mariachis.

El sitio del Cevichero que es de la propiedad de su esposa Betty y de él, resultó insuficiente para acomodar a todos sus invitados, familiares y clientes quienes admiraron y aplaudieron el espectacular show ecuestre de finos caballos bailadores (Frisonas Españoles), del entrenador Germán Quiros “El Tití”, dueño de la cuadra El Diamante de Arandas, Jalisco. Y del buen amigo Andrés Amaya, quién montó bello ejemplar del que tiene opción para su compra.

Otro de los atractivos fueron un par de televisores portátiles en los que la concurrencia se divirtieron admirando segmentos deportivos. Ya entrada la noche Arnulfo, se dio a la tarea de quebrar alusiva piñata de su cerveza favorita Dos XX. Y posteriormente posar frente a su colorido y delicioso pastel decorado al estilo vaquero apagando velas conmemorativas de su 45.º birthday.

Luego sus amigos lo embarraron y él hizo lo mismo al besar a su enamorada señora esposa y de pasó a varios de sus amistades.

Tras los brindis y los buenos deseos. Rusito y su esposa invitaron a los ahí reunidos que decidieron quedarse hasta el final para que saborearan recuperante Pozole. “Muy feliz porque

nos la pasamos excelentemente. En esta fiesta que no esperaba recibir tantos buenos deseos y sobre todo el gran ambiente que armaron los músicos y el show de los caballos bailadores de los amigos “El Titis” y Andrés Amaya. A toda mi familia y amistades muchas gracias”, indicó el feliz cumpleaños Arnulfo Martínez.

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Pres House Presenta La Primera Exposición Individual del Artista Visual Y de Performance Andie Flores, Nativo de San Antonio Y Con Sede en Austin

Cortesía de Pres House Gallery

Pres House se enorgullece de abrir su calendario 2021 con la primera exposición individual del artista nativo de San Antonio y residente en Austin, Andie Flores. El título, pero poetas siempre cercanos, está tomado de un pequeño pasaje de Gaston Bachelard en La poética del espacio. La exposición se inaugura el 1 de enero de 2021 y permanecerá a la vista con cita previa hasta el 29 de enero de 2021.

Andie Flores (n. 1990) es artista visual y de performance, escritora y comediente y actualmente es estudiante de doctorado de segundo año en México. Programa de Estudios Latinoamericanos de la Universidad de Texas en Austin. Su trabajo y juego están dirigidos por cuestiones de audiencia, exceso, fallas, legado / archivo, experimentos de viveza y representaciones de una identidad en línea. Flores explora las formas en que la vigilancia (autovigilancia, vigilancia ubicua del estado y manejo familiar condicionado de las emociones y el cuerpo) interrumpe las interacciones sociales y dificulta el anoni-

mato de la vida de los peatones. Ella usa el humor para insinuar nuevas narrativas de un sujeto femme marrón excesivo en sitios donde ocurre la vigilancia. Sus retratos (en cualquier forma) a menudo se construyen en torno a temas de aislamiento y soledad que se centran tanto en la imagen final como en las interacciones en el espacio de la creación in situ de la fotografía.

“Estoy emocionado por profundizar en las complejidades de conocerse a uno mismo como un cuerpo racializado y un payaso idiota en general en múltiples capas de tiempo, espacio y conectividad cultural a través de autorretratos, experimentos de video de personajes, presentaciones en vivo (en persona y en línea) y la reanimación de imágenes familiares de archivo”.

En poetaspero siempre cerca,, flores crea una videoinstalación inmersiva que sitúa su presente con varias etapas de sus experiencias de crecimiento. A través de una lente de cámara Sony Hi-8, flores graba nuevos videos diseñados para crear un diálogo con videos caseros grabados hace más de dos décadas. Los padres de Flores compraron una



videocámara Hi-8 lanzada por Sony en 1989, un año antes del nacimiento de Flores. Equipados con una poderosa herramienta para documentar la formación de su nueva familia, comenzaron a filmar todo, asumiendo el papel de historiadores familiares. Más recientemente, durante los últimos años, Flores pasó largos períodos examinando y reinterpretando el archivo y dando sentido a los momentos clave que impactaron y dieron

forma a su existencia. Flores identifica patrones que ella cree que son cruciales para estar en sintonía con la propia identidad adulta al volver a presenciar relaciones familiares o sintonizarse con conversaciones privadas y matices. El teórico de la performance queer José Estaban Muñoz sitúa la intersección de queer-ness (“el no-todavía-aquí del futuro”) y moreno (“ya aquí” / “vasto, presente y vital”) como una especie de estruc-

tura poética del ser. Las palabras de Muñoz enmarcan con precisión por qué considero valioso explorar videos caseros / imágenes de mí misma como una mujer morena queer más que una nostalgia narcisista auto-masturbatoria.

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El Proyecto De Rampa De Texas Marca Un Hito Con 20.000 El Número Rampa

Por Kay Champagne

El proyecto de rampa de Texas marcó un hito importante el 5 de diciembre cuando un equipo de voluntarios se reunió para ayudar a una residente del condado de Hill a recuperar su movilidad. Se instaló una rampa de silla de ruedas, de forma gratuita, en el domicilio de Itasca Verna Sue C.

La rampa de 38 pies fue el 20.000º que la organización sin fines de lucro ha construido para los adultos mayores y otras personas con un problema de movilidad. Los cuatro escalones hasta el suelo hicieron que fuera riesgoso para la Sra. C., que usa un andador, salir de casa sin ayuda. Los ocho voluntarios, en su mayoría de White Bluff Chapel en Whitney, pasaron unas cuatro horas en el sitio en una soleada mañana de sábado.

La 20.000 número rampa coincide con otro logro histórico: la finalización de 100 millas de rampas en más de 100 condados de Texas. Durante noviembre y diciembre, los voluntarios del Texas Ramp Project en todo el estado han estado construyendo rampas para celebrar la campaña "100 Miles of Freedom" de la organización sin fines de lucro. La rampa en Itasca ayudará a la Sra. C. y su esposo, quien también tiene problemas de movilidad, a salir de su casa de manera segura y mucho más fácil.

La organización sin fines de lucro ha estado ayudando a personas con afecciones discapacitantes en todo el estado durante 14 años y en el área de Dallas desde 1985. Si todas las rampas construidas durante ese tiempo se tendieran de un extremo a otro,

se extenderían por 100 millas, llegando fácilmente desde Dallas a Waco.

Las rampas brindan seguridad, independencia y una mejor calidad de vida a cada destinatario. La construcción de la mayoría de las rampas cuesta entre \$ 700 y \$ 800, aproximadamente un tercio de la instalación típica de un contratista minorista. El Proyecto de la Rampa de Texas puede mantener bajos sus costos gracias a una organización de base con un solo empleado de tiempo completo y unos 3,500 voluntarios en todo el estado.

Sobre su participación en el Proyecto Ramp local, el líder del equipo del condado de Hill, Ron Williams, dice: "Siempre es una bendición para aquellos para quienes construimos y también para nosotros. Fuimos a la casa

de la Sra. C. el otro día para pintar la rampa, y ella estaba alegre. Ella estaba muy agradecida por eso".

"El Proyecto Texas Ramp es una alegría absoluta desde un punto de vista humano", dice John Laine, fundador y director ejecutivo. "Nos pone en contacto con personas que de otra manera nunca conoceríamos y podemos cambiar su vida de manera efectiva en unas pocas horas".

Texas Ramp Project es una organización sin fines de lucro 501 (c) (3) que ofrece rampas gratuitas a personas de bajos ingresos con discapacidades, independientemente de la edad, el

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Energy Petition Drive Continues This Month

By DeeDee Belmares

In June of 2017, San Antonio's City Council approved a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement – a pact signed by nearly 500 nations that pledged to combat climate change by keeping global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius.

The municipal resolution established the groundwork for city staff to develop a plan to help San Antonio meet the objectives of the historic agreement.

On Oct. 17th 2019, San Antonio passed the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan(CAAP), which would put the city on a course of carbon neutrality by 2050. What does carbon neutrality mean for those of us who live in San Antonio? The emissions we create from cars or coal plants for example, must be offset by reductions in emissions elsewhere. Complicated scientific jargon aside, this is good environmental and public health policy. Making our city carbon neutral will help us to avoid the worst impacts of climate change and ensure a habitable planet in the near future for our families.

It has been a little more than a year since the CAAP was passed. Let's take a moment to consider what the city is actually doing to

help San Antonio meet its 2050 goal. Two committees were formed to start implementing the plan: An Equity Committee and a Technical/Community Advisory Committee. The Equity Committee's mission includes advising city staff and the San Antonio City Council on the advancement of equity-centered implementation of the CAAP and long-term sustainability plans, such as the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan. In other words, the Equity Committee will ensure this plan helps protect those who contribute the least to pollution but suffer the most. The Technical/Community Committee will advise city staff and city council by providing expertise, diverse perspectives, and input regarding implementation of the CAAP as the city works to achieve greenhouse gas reduction and adaptation goals.

As the city celebrates the one-year anniversary of the climate plan, we should reflect on its 2020 climate initiatives - Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Transportation, Waste Management, Biodiversity and Ecosystems and Educate and Empower. These are all important initiatives for reaching the 2050 target. However, a critical initiative is missing: Closing CPS Energy's

dangerous, polluting coal plant. This must be considered, publicly discussed and planned for by Mayor, Ron Nierenberg, city officials and anyone who cares about keeping our planet livable.

The Spruce coal plant, which contributes to San Antonio having the worst childhood asthma hospital rate in Texas, isn't mentioned anywhere in plans for the one-year celebration. But Spruce emits seven million metric tons of carbon pollution every year. In 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency put Bexar County in Nonattainment for ozone which means the air that we are breathing is unhealthy. What is the city of San Antonio and county doing to change that?

Our mayor should be calling on CPS Energy to stop keeping the public in the dark about its mysterious and opaque plans for shutting the plant down. Let's take the climate crisis seriously. That means putting the premature celebrations on hold until that coal plant is retired, and we truly move our city to a cleaner renewable future.

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With 2020 in the Rearview, Marcina and Staff Already Looking to 2021

By Preston Petri
SAFC special to
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IT wasn't the way the club envisioned the season ending. Apart from the quarterfinal loss, the manner in which it happened—a clear handball that led to the New Mexico goal—made the end a bit harder to swallow from an SAFC standpoint.

After a season that was dictated by obstacles, distractions adjustments and adaptation, SAFC players and staff persevered to finish atop their group and earn the club's second playoff berth in history.

The way it ended, just didn't feel right. "Our players are incredibly disappointed," SAFC Head Coach Alen Marcina said after the game. "I told players and staff in the locker room that I was incredibly proud of each of them. They left it all out there and they made 210 [San Antonio] proud."

"It's a pretty terrible feeling," defender Joshua Yara echoed. "It's a game that should not have ended the way it did. Everyone is disappointed obviously especially with the way they scored and the way that game ended."

The loss expectedly stung for a bit, but as the weeks passed and the wounds healed, Marcina and company have gotten back to work already preparing for 2021.

As they say, time waits for no man, and SAFC couldn't waste too much of it focusing on how 2020 ended, but instead they are focused on how to start off 2021.

It starts with reflection. The coaching staff has taken a long look at the positives and negatives of the previous campaign, and there are a lot of good things to take away aside from the team's top finish in Group D.

SAFC recorded its second longest unbeaten streak in team history, had three SAFC Pro

Academy products make their professional debuts and finished unbeaten (7-0-1) at home during the regular season. Marcina, his staff and the SAFC players acknowledged these positives and need to look back on them fondly. "As a collective, we are very proud of what was achieved last season during these trying times," Marcina said.

"To go undefeated at home in the regular season, finishing first in our group and three points short of finishing tied for first in the overall league standings is a significant team accomplishment. It is our second consecutive year that we have a player nominated as a finalist for the USL Young Player of the Year Award. All players and staff each played a meaningful part in the newly implemented high-performance culture."

One thing that has always been a part of the club's identity and was amplified even more in 2020 is the dedication to a strong first-team along with growing and developing local youth players in the region through the SAFC Pro Academy. The 2020 roster saw a healthy mix of veteran players with championship experience to go along with young emerging starts—products of the academy along with players from abroad—which provided a successful recipe. Heading into 2021, that identity will still be as prevalent as ever.

"We believe a balance of youth and veterans allow us to meet our team objective of establishing SAFC as a national leader in team performance and player development," added Marcina.

As the new culture grows and SAFC builds on its 2020 success next season, the staff is beginning to piece together the roster for next season. With certain players from 2020 already under contract for next season (who are

likely to be announced later this month), SAFC will also look to retain and add key players in each position going forward.

One thing is certain. Aside from ability on the field, Marcina and his staff will require players to share the club's vision and values so that the team standards are upheld.

Marcina has a strong track record of recreating exciting and talented players, but 2020 was just another example of how those players he recruits also need to buy into the team culture—which the 2020 roster did phenomenally.

"We want to retain, identify, and acquire people who share our vision, objectives, values, and can execute the team standards to continue to evolve our culture," Marcina said of his recruitment.

"We are looking for people with a growth mindset, who are relentless in preparation, have a high degree of integrity, and put the good of the team ahead of themselves. Our loyal and

passionate fans can continue to expect to see our team trademark standards of being the aggressors with and without the ball and collective 'earn everything' mindset."

With the end of the 2020 season firmly in the rearview mirror, the excitement levels for 2021 are starting to build. The offseason is officially underway, and SAFC fans will be excited to

see who joins the club's roster for next season.

No matter what the team looks like, Marcina, the staff and fans can expect the culture and vision for the team to only get stronger. SAFC Head Coach Alen Marcina. *(Photo courtesy of SAFC). SAFC team/photo by Franco).*



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First Texas Soldiers/Settlers

By Rudi R. Rodriguez
Historian

In 1688 as New Spain responded to French incursions into its northern most frontier, it planned to send expeditionary forces led by capable and experienced generals that would lead veteran military units. In this era, these leaders were no longer referred to as 'Conquistadors', but they certainly still fulfilled the order to explore, colonize and Christianize the natives they encountered.

As an example, in 1688, General Alonzo de Leon, Governor of Coahuila, was chosen to lead the first "Entradas", first entries, into its unexplored province "El Desboboado", the uninhabited. Prior to this time there had been very little military reconnaissance of this territory. However, it was known that there were very many Native American tribes both friendly and hostile that were living in this area. Also, very little was known of the geography, topography and flora and fauna of this province.

As the general consider these challenges, he began to develop a list of the soldiers he would need for this expedition. He would have to choose men from the presidios in the neighboring northern states of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila. Most of these men were experienced soldiers as they had the most recent expeditionary and combat experiences in these newest northern provinces they were posted to. Also, these men were familiar with harsh living environments and depredations on the frontier. These men would be the best suited for the up-and-coming long-term expedition into the unknown filled with harsh terrains and hostile Native Americans.

Most of these men were also second and third generation military descendants that understood regiment and discipline in order to survive in the wilderness. They also, came from ranching environments where early childhood training taught them skills to survive on the frontier. Such as, finding water, hunting wild-game and what plants and trees to harvest on the prairie. They also



learned the use of weapons early on as they had hostile enemies against them. Plus, they became accomplished horsemen and livestock handlers. These skills helped them sustain themselves on the harsh frontier.

The soldiers that were first chosen to be on the expedition needed to be married men with families. This was important as part of the over-all plan was to colonize the new province and these soldiers and their families would be able to populate the new "Villas", settlements. Also, extended soldier/civilian family members would be encouraged to settle in the new "Villas". Ultimately, these first Texas Soldiers/Settlers would be the foundation of the new society and culture that would rise from the new Texas frontier. Clearly, the military would be an important part of the paradigm of presidio/villa/mission life.

The plan for development was, once the presidio was built and the soldiers brought their families, a new 'Villa', town, would be started to house the arriving families of the soldiers and then the missions would be built to accommodate the Native Americans. Civilians were also encouraged to settle in these new "Villas" to provide an expanding population, economy and society. Many of the early settlers came from the neighboring provinces of Chihuahua, Coahuila and Nuevo Leon. Of these areas, it is understood that far more persons and soldiers came from Coahuila.

Also, as the Native Americans became Christianized they began to be acculturated into Tejano society. This also led to intermarriage among the Tejanos, Mestizo and Spanish members of the "Villas". Within several generations some of the Native American identity and culture had been lost. Yet, at the missions they were able to develop "Villas" that promulgated their new identity, society and government. These new communities had their own mayor's and councilmen.

Typically, arriving civilian settlers were given land grants to begin their new lives and to provide for their futures. Typically, Soldier/Settlers had designated areas of land that was set-aside for them. Yet, as integration and assimilation occurred lines of settlement would blur. Although military families had additional restraints and control than their civilian counterparts, they all had to observe the governments protocols for civil and religious celebrations and participation.

It is interesting to note in the records of early 1700's city council minutes that there were annual committees appointed to organize the annual civic and religious festivities for food, refreshments, music and location of event. Celebrated authors visiting in these historical eras have written and reflected as to these celebrations, size and duration. Another unifying community factor was the practice of religion which was almost all



Catholicism. Church's had been established in the "Villas" which provided its inhabitants with a place for worship and to receive the sacraments of the faith. There were also ample and annual religious feast days to celebrate in the 'Villa'.

Equally important for the Tejanos of the era was the practice of "Compradozgo", Godparenting. This practice was very strong in the Tejano towns and ranching communities. The role Tejana matriarchs played in these matters was very important as they were able to determine future brides and grooms for their sons and daughters. Many times, these decisions forged strong economic circumstances and also could provide extensive land holdings. In addition, it would provide

strong interpersonal family ties that would only strength their culture and society as a whole.

During the Spanish colonial period, 1690-1821, Tejano society was strengthened by many factors and further enhanced by their distance from the interior government. This resulted in a very self-reliant and independent Tejano population that relied on self- government through their own laws and order. Once again, this text helps to illustrate the basic concept of the Tejano Soldier/Settler that contributed to the founding of Texas, his background, his identity and culture that contributed to the founding of our great state of Texas! Viva Tejanos! For more information on Tejanos visit TexasTejano.com

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Notificación de Borrador de Permiso Federal de Operaciones y Permiso de Lluvia Ácida

Borrador de Permiso Nro.: 07

Solicitud y Borrador de Permiso. La Junta de Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad, Apartado Postal 1771 MD 100406, San Antonio, TX 78296-1771, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) una renovación del Permiso Federal de Operaciones y Permiso de Lluvia Ácida (en lo sucesivo denominados Permiso) Nro. 07, Solicitud Nro. 31109, para autorizar la operación de la Central Eléctrica VH Braunig, una instalación de Generación de Energía Eléctrica a través de Combustibles Fósiles. El área abordada por la solicitud se encuentra en 15290 Streich Rd en Elmendorf Condado de Bexar, Texas 78112-9672. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico del sitio o la ubicación general de la instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no forma parte de la solicitud o notificación. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud. Puede encontrar un mapa electrónico de la instalación en: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.2575&lng=-98.382777&zoom=13&type=r>. Esta solicitud fue recibida por TCEQ el 2 de septiembre de 2020.

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También se puede obtener más información para la Junta de Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad llamando a la Sra. Lisa Clyde al (210) 353-3302.

Fecha de Emisión de la Notificación: 11 de diciembre de 2020

La Fundación de la Familia Mays Recibo \$1 millón a Construirá un jardín a lo largo de East Nueva Street por dos parques



Por Thea Setterbo

Un obsequio de Hemisfair anunció hoy que recibió un generoso obsequio este día festivo temporada: un millón de dólares de la Fundación Familia Mays para construir un jardín a lo largo de la calle East Nueva, que se extiende entre el Jardín Yanaguana y el futuro Parque Cívico. El “regalo de liderazgo” es la donación caritativa más grande y la primera de siete cifras a Hemisfair Conservancy.

Nombrado en honor a la matriarca de la familia que falleció el 11 de noviembre, el “Jardín de Peggy Mays” será una serie de áreas densamente plantadas, pequeños senderos y áreas de descanso con una mezcla de especies de plantas para atraer a los polinizadores.

“Mi madre se dedicó a agregar belleza y mejorar la vida de todos los habitantes de San Antonio”, dijo Kathy Mays Johnson. “Nuestra familia no puede pensar en una mejor manera de honrarla que con estos exquisitos jardines en Hemisfair que todos pueden disfrutar durante generaciones”.

La subvención financiará el diseño, la construcción y el mantenimiento del jardín, incluida la plantación, los árboles, la iluminación y una gran cantidad de asientos para hacer una pausa y reflexionar sobre la belleza de la naturaleza.

“Ha sido un privilegio trabajar con Kathy y la familia Mays para honrar la memoria de Peggy de esta manera reflexiva y significativa”, dijo Anne Krause, directora ejecutiva de Hemisfair Conservancy. “La Fundación de la Familia Mays está liderando el camino para ayudarnos a lograr nuestra visión aspiracional de crear uno de los mejores lugares públicos del mundo aquí en San Antonio. La filantropía está en el corazón de Hemisfair y esperamos que este regalo transformador inspire a otros donantes a apoyar la reurbanización”.

El diseño del jardín, que se finalizará en los próximos meses, reflejará el amor de Peggy por la familia, la naturaleza y su deseo de dejar el mundo en un lugar mejor. Se prevé que la construcción comience a fines de 2021.

La Corporación de Reurbanización del Área del Parque Hemisfair (HPARC) fue creada por el Concejo Municipal en 2009 para reconstruir el antiguo sitio de la Feria Mundial de 1968 en San Antonio, Texas. HPARC se dedica a la transformación de Hemisfair en un distrito urbano sostenible y autofinanciado con residencias, negocios locales, programación única y tres parques: Yanaguana Garden, Civic Park (Fase II) y Tower Park (Fase III). Hemisfair es donde se encuentra San Antonio: es un lugar de encuentro vibrante para un día con amigos y las celebraciones más importantes de la ciudad. HPARC es una corporación del gobierno local 501 (c) 3, apoyada en parte por Hemisfair Conservancy, una 501 (c) 3 independiente. Para obtener más información, visite hemisfair.org y siga a @hemisfair. (La foto es una representación conceptual y los detalles están sujetos a cambios).

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Los participantes pueden participar haciendo clic en <https://us02web.zoom.us>. La primera junta comenzará a las 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM el 7 de Enero del 2021. Haga Clic en Join A Meeting. Escriba el ID 813 2436 1800 seguido por Su Nombre y Clave: 026922.

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Se les presentará a los participantes nuestra propuesta escolar, y tendrán suficiente tiempo para hacer preguntas. Si es aprobada, la escuela se iniciará con PreK a 2º grado en Agosto del año 2022 y se ampliará de PreK a 8º grado para Agosto del 2026. Miembros de la junta escolar son Angelina Osteguín, Elda Flores, Edward Munguía, Rosario Crutchfield, y Luis Rodríguez. El Director Ejecutivo (CEO) es el Dr. Nathan Balasubramanian. <https://7CsAcademy.org/>



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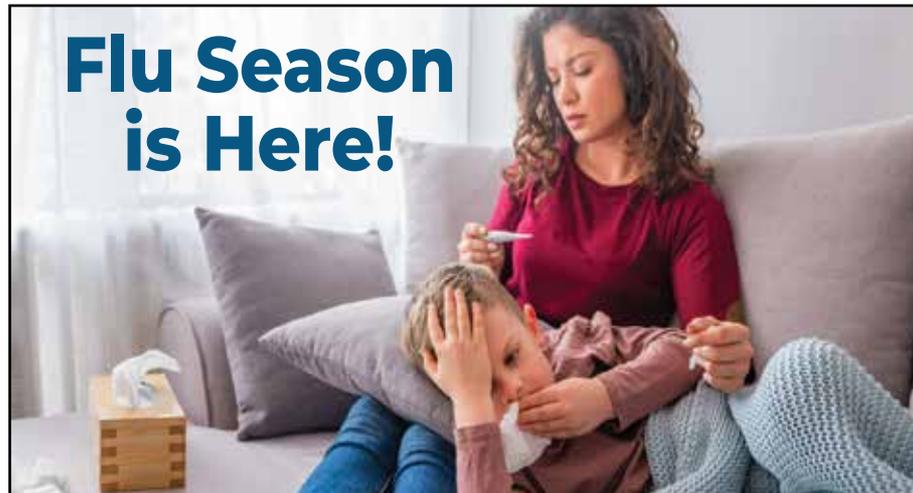
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Latinos Pin High Hopes on Biden



LATINO SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN HARD HIT BY THE PANDEMIC. FLORESVILLE, TX. PHOTO: RICARDO ROMO



BORDER WALL CONSTRUCTION TIJUANA-SAN DIEGO CORRIDOR. PHOTO: RICARDO ROMO

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

The first order of business when President-elect Joe Biden takes office on January 20 will be to address the Covid-19 crisis and the restoration of jobs for Americans. While the Covid-19 crisis tops all other domestic issues, the new administration plans to work with the Congress to introduce laws and policies concerning jobs, infrastructure, the environment, immigration, affordable health care, and student loans, among others. Expectations are high.

According to a Univision Latino National Poll conducted shortly before the November election, Latinos listed the following most important issues facing them: [1] Responding to coronavirus; [2] Lowering the cost of health care; [3] Improving wages; [4] Unemployment, income disparities and creating more jobs. [5] Protecting immigrant rights; [6] Stopping discrimination against immigrants and Latinos.

It is fitting that the response to the coronavirus pandemic will be Biden's top priority issue upon taking office. According to a PEW survey, Hispanics considered the pandemic crisis as "among the most serious issue facing the nation, with 70% saying it is a very big problem, somewhat comparable with the 60% who said unemployment, according to the June survey." Both issues are closely linked.

Even with the arrival of an approved vaccine, the vast majority of Americans will not be vaccinated until the spring of 2021. Medical experts note that Latinos and Blacks have been especially hard hit by the pandemic. Sociologist Rogelio Saenz reviewed various medical studies and observed that "Black Americans and Latinos are dying at rates 3.2 times higher than white Americans" because of Covid-19.

In El Paso, one of America's worst hit areas of the Covid-19 crisis, the most pressing issue since the election has been finding ICU rooms for the critically ill. Covid patients needing medical ventilators were flown to other large Texas cities. A San Antonio medical team from Brooks Army Base was dispatched to assist the overwhelmed El Paso team of physicians and nurses. El Paso doctors and nurses are encouraged that a coronavirus vaccine will arrive this month and health care providers will be among the first to receive the vaccine.

Among the policies most discussed among Latino leaders is that of immigration. During his presidential campaign Biden "vowed to stop the practice of separating immigrant families trying to enter the U.S. from Mexico." [NPR] Latinos are especially hopeful that the new president will press for comprehensive immigration reform.

Dreamers, immigrants brought to America by their parents at a young age, worked hard to get Biden elected and many expect the new president to quickly push for a new version of the Dream Act and, hopefully, a route to citizenship.

Biden's chances for passage of a comprehensive immigration bill rest on a victory for Democrats in Georgia's two senatorial special election on January 5th. Nonetheless, Biden has executive powers that could reverse President Trump's previous harsh immigration

policies. Many Latinos along the U.S.-Mexican Texas border area faced the loss of property with the construction of a border wall. They are encouraged that Biden has promised to cease additional funding for Trump's border wall.

Latinos will also closely follow Biden's big-picture agenda which calls for new job creation legislation. A PEW study found that "Hispanic women have experienced an especially steep rise in their unemployment rate, which jumped from 5.5% to 20.5% between February and April 2020. By comparison, the unemployment rate for Hispanic men rose from 4.3% to 16.9% during this time." With schools closed in many areas, women faced additional challenges of finding adequate child care if they could not work from home.



SOUTH TEXAS SHOP OWNER WITH TWO JOBS. PHOTO: RICARDO ROMO.

In an editorial December 13, the New York Times commented that "The gross inequities of the nation's digital divide have become more glaring as the pandemic has pushed school, work, medical appointments and other everyday activities online." Biden's job creation plans call for passing an "infrastructure bill that includes expanding broadband internet to rural areas. [New York Times:] That would make access to on-line schooling and medical services more equitable.

Biden has also expressed the need for funding universal pre kindergarten and increasing Social Security benefits. Of great interest to Latinos is Biden's support of raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour from \$7.25 and easing the path for workers to form a labor union. This would help many Latinos who have been identified as "essential workers" but receive minimum wages.

Latinos would also like to see the extension of the Voting Rights Bill. While this bill passed the U.S. House last year, it died in the Republican controlled Senate. NPR notes that "Biden advocated for extending the original 1965 legislation following the death of civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis of Georgia." Given the many efforts to restrict access to voting during the 2020 election, protection of our democratic processes and participation of all eligible voters is essential.

Over the past year billions of dollars of pandemic assistance was provided to farmers across the red states of America. As Biden looks to help the most needy, he should look at communities where hunger is an everyday battle for thousands of Latinos in Texas and throughout the United States.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION FROM THE FOOD BANK IN WESTSIDE SAN ANTONIO PRIOR TO THE COVID CRISIS. PHOTO: RICARDO ROMO

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