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Let's Talk About It Bullying

By Yvette Tello

As we are opening back up again, some things are back to normal. Unfortunately, one of those things is bullying at schools. In one case, the child was told by the bully to kill himself and would spit on him on several occasions. In another incident, a friend of mine told me the child bullying his daughter would put razor blades in her backpack and tell her to kill herself. Technically, if your child is being bullied, the school has 3 days to notify you in Texas. If not, you can report it to the State and action can be taken toward the school to the point of shutting it down completely if they feel it was not handled appropriately. Has your child been a victim of bullying? Did the school handle it to your satisfaction? Let's talk about it.

Jessica Hernandez: "Bullying is serious. I really hope this gets settled and that her child is left alone. Glad the child spoke up! I was bullied in middle school and it really takes a toll on you mentally."

Elizabeth Ericsson: "My child was bullied and afraid to speak up. One of the parents and their child came and told me. I went that next morning to the school and spoke to the counselor. She assured me she would speak to the girls. The girls were brought in the next day. They were smirking. In front of them I told the counselor I will hold you and the administration responsible. I will file charges against the girls by enforcing Code of conduct rules. The school stands by those rules and they too must be held accountable. It's a frightening thing for both parent and child. Speak to your child even if you don't see a problem. Don't let them die at the hands of others. I pray things will change for this child."

Mari Rodriguez: "My little girl was getting bullied by some boys in first grade. I told the teacher and the principal, yet the bullying continued. Nothing ever happened to those boys.

One day, my daughter had had enough and knocked the crap out of those boys. Until this day, those boys have not bothered her again. School administration wanted my daughter to be disciplined because now the boy's parents were complaining of bullying.. Too bad. They should have done something before."

Michele Lara Hill: "What an embarrassment that the school takes 6 months on something this serious. Disgraceful for sure. I hope they name the bullies and their parents so they can be humiliated just like they are guilty of doing this to innocent children and allowing it to go on. It's a good thing it's not my kids or grandkids. I would act on a whole other level there."

Laura Zapata Pierce: "I pray everyday this does not happen to my boys. One who will be a 7th grader and one who will be in 6th grade. Because I love my family and my freedom. But we have a 3 day rule warning. After that, I might lose my freedom. Don't mess with my kids."

Pamela Sue Mullins: "My grandson, who I have custody of, was bullied at Wood Middle School in San Antonio from the time he started 6th grade until the pandemic hit. I did everything that I was supposed to do but the school failed him. They followed up on nothing. He'd been hit, shoved into lockers, thrown in trash cans, called names but yet the school did nothing. He currently goes to IDEA Judson and that's where he will continue to go until he graduates. So for all the kids out there that are being bullied and to the parents of these children, my heart goes out to you. This bullying has to stop and the schools and the parents of the kids doing the bullying all need to be held accountable. I tried to have one student arrested for what he was doing to my grandson but I was told by the school that it was up to them if they felt an arrest needed to be made. It's time for everyone to stand up and speak out. Put an end to this bullying and put an end to children taking their own

lives because of it"

Pamela Moreno: "Unfortunately, Mom and the school dropped the ball on this one. Even when turned away or ignored, parents need to shine the light right then and there. Being aware and battling the school while your child is dealing with it day in and day out is damaging. It's not an easy situation but as parents we can't let it drag on. I hope this gets taken care of."

Maria Selvera: "My daughter was bullied at one time. She finally said, 'ok, I will meet you away from the school and we will settle this'. Well, they met and they started fighting. My daughter started beating her up and the girl was so scared. She started running and never messed with my daughter anymore. Sometimes you have to say this is enough."

Debra Brunstrom: "If a teacher were spit on, had their hair pulled, and a computer knocked from their hands, you bet the kid would be suspended and the police called. So why not when this happens to another student?"

Liz Price: "A child should always feel safe at school. There are 2 sides to every story. People are too quick to blame administration and the school. When do we hold parents accountable? These behaviors start at home. The school has laws to abide by and can't tell the other parent the punishment of the other student. Not everyone understands what it is like to work in a school."

Donna Snider: "There should be zero tolerance for any bad behavior in school. I hope the school gets in trouble for turning their backs on this. Good luck and God bless."

Jaques Meriz: "Good ole school solution: bully beatdown and they'll leave you alone!"

Bryan Tomecsko: "I feel you. My son was bullied and also the school did ABSOLUTELY nothing. When I stepped in, I got in trouble because I confronted the students and their parents."



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.



Lou Piniella

Born in 1943 in Florida, Lou Piniella made his Major League Baseball debut with the Kansas City Royals in 1969, scoring the first run in Royals history and earning Rookie of the Year honors. In 1973, he joined the New York Yankees and helped them clinch three consecutive pennants. When Piniella retired in '78, he became the Yankees' first-base coach. Two years later, he was named team manager, winning 90 games. In 1990, he joined the Cincinnati Reds and swept the World Series. With four championships under his belt, Piniella was named manager of the Seattle Mariners in 1992. Selected as Major League Manager of the Year in 1995, he is the winningest coach in Seattle history.

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Located at the Texas Diabetes Institute of UT Health San Antonio (701 S. Zarzamora, San Antonio, TX 78207), this mural was commissioned by University Health System in 1999 by Jesse Trevino. Read more about Jesse Trevino on page 10.



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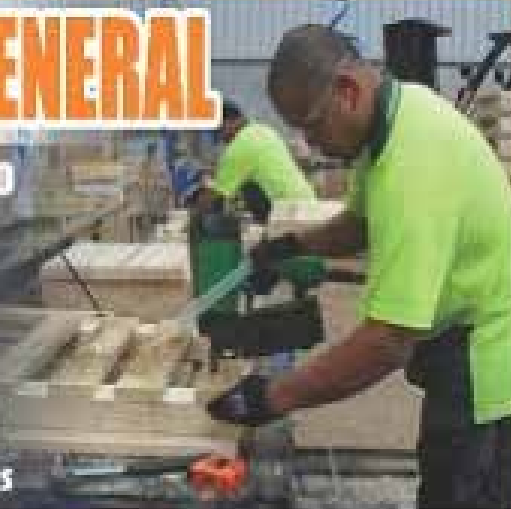


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Babes on Bikes Empowers Women Cyclists with Ladies' Wednesday Night Bike Rides

By Liliana Teran

On Wednesday evenings, you can find bike enthusiast Veronica Salas getting ready to host and lead the Wednesday Ladies' Bike Ride around downtown San Antonio.

"I know biking can be intimidating for women, especially riding on the street. So I want to provide a safe environment where they can meet up and ride together," she said.

Salas has been hosting the Wednesday Ladies' bike ride since October. She first created the event as a fitness bike ride and it quickly got attention from other women interested in biking. Women would reach out to Salas to let her know she has inspired them to become faster and build endurance. This led Salas to focus the ride more on making women feel confident and encouraged to bike.

"I just want to help others gain experience and bike knowledge," she said. "To get that kid feeling again once you get on that bike."

Libby Day, or Salas' "right hand" has been riding with Salas for over a year. Day said Salas helped her build speed and endurance. Day often steps up to help Salas during the ride by making sure all the

women stay together in a group and no one is left behind.

"I love it," Day said. "It's a cool way to help other women and get to hang out with them."

The meet up points and times are different, but currently being held around 7 p.m. at scenic places like the Pearl and Woodlawn Lake. "I always ride the route alone first, so I can make sure the other women will be able to do it no matter the experience," Salas said.

The rides are kept interesting by making stops at local bars like Little Death for \$1 oysters or the Lighthouse for drinks, which the ladies never contest. She also brings gifts to give away for participating in the ride. In the past she has given out prizes like CBD products, bike equipment and even drinks on her.

"It's what I love to do. Plus to hang out with some cool girls, mobbing through the street, people really turn their heads," she said.

The ride lasts for approximately two to three hours, depending on the route, but women are welcome to stop and leave at any point. Rest stops are made to hydrate, but also to take pictures, upload stories on Instagram,

have a beer that they may have snuck with them, and just connect through conversation.

"My hope is they gain confidence and find a place they can bond with other women. A place to come and ride, be comfortable and not feel awkward," she said.

Salas was born and raised in San Antonio and has been riding for over eight years. She gained much endurance and speed by riding in men's biking groups and has participated in the Redbull Race and local crit races, a lapped race on a closed circuit, organized by the biking community. Safe to say she has the experience to lead this event.

"What it comes down to is, I don't judge people on their bikes. I have a girl who meets us at Woodlawn and she comes in her beach cruiser. And she loves it," said Salas.

All women with different levels of biking experience are welcome to join. No need to reach out, you can simply show up ready to ride. You can find the latest information for the bike ride, like the meetup points and time, on her Instagram @sa_babesonbikes.



Muchas Gracias por la campaña de Vacunación gratis contra COVID-19

Por Franco

A un año de distancia qué nos pusieron en cuarentena obligatoria. La población del condado de Bexar y la ciudad de San Antonio, hoy en estos

días se ha visto beneficiada porque ha tomado responsabilidad de vacunarse contra la pandemia COVID-19.

En lo personal tengo que agra-

decirle al voluntariado de diferentes sectores que han puesto sus vidas en riesgo ayudando a la población tanto en hospitales, como en sitios donde los gobiernos del estado de Texas, federal, municipal y condado han implementado campañas de inmunización general sin costo alguno para quienes han decidido vacunarse.

El 24 de marzo recibí en el Alamo-dome la primera vacuna Pfizer y el 21 de abril por coincidencia con el año 2021, me dieron la segunda vacuna.

En ambas vacunas no tuve ninguna reacción secundarias. A pesar del estrés y la ansiedad que padezco no hubo problema en mí cuerpo.

Gracias todo ello al excelente trato que desde un principio recibí del personal voluntario que me ayudó en complementar las informaciones personales.

A ello se sumó la amabilidad de agentes del sector patrullero y motociclistas del SAPD, así como del SAFD,

voluntarios de instituciones colegiales y no lucrativas, entre ellos enfermeras y enfermeros.

Para mí fue una gran experiencia recibir la doble vacuna dentro del automóvil. No fue tardado, los únicos minutos que tuve que esperar para regresar a la carretera, fueron minutos los que paramédicos del SAFD me pidieron para luego preguntar cómo me sentía físicamente. Tras responder qué bien me dejaron ir.

A todos ellos les di las gracias mientras duró el recorrido en el estacionamiento del Alamodome.

Por cierto que no se registraron percances todos salimos por nuestra propia cuenta.

La campaña de vacuna sigue abierta para el público no sólo en el Alamodome, sino en otras localidades. Existe división entre residentes de esta región porque es como todo en un país de libertad social, sin embargo porque el peligro de contagios existe es reco-

mendable aceptar la vacunación cómo lo requiere el sistema desde que fuimos pequeños con las inmunizaciones requeridas para estudiar y otras normas de salud.

Datos recientes: Se han confirmado más de 3,300 muertes por COVID-19.

Más de 855 mil personas que han recibido la primera vacuna y más de 558 personas que ya tienen la segunda vacuna.

La región de El Álamo con más de millón y medio de habitantes, se puede decir que está en buen promedio de aceptación en su programa de inmunización contra el COVID-19.

Muchas gracias al voluntariado, autoridades y habitantes de la región porque han luchado para ganarle la pelea a la inesperada pandemia, que ha desestabilizado a todo el planeta.

Nuestro deseo está en que pronto se logre retornar a la vida normal.

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Neighborhood Weather Emergency Preparedness Resilience Hubs and Home Insulation Upgrades

By Dee Dee Belmares
Public Citizen San Antonio

February's Winter Storm Uri left over 300,000 San Antonio residents without electricity for days, revealing just how unprepared the city, CPS Energy and SAWS were for a weather event of that magnitude.

In the aftermath, the lack of preparation angered and frustrated thousands of residents who endured frozen and broken water pipes. The blame game soon began. Mayor Ron Nirenberg announced the formation of the Committee on Emergency Preparedness. This committee, made up of city council members and other community members, met to assess the city and utilities' response and how to be better prepared for extreme weather.

However, the committee didn't have to look far to discover that the city already had a plan for a winter storm like Uri. Councilwoman Adriana

Rocha-Garcia dug up a 2015 City of San Antonio Hazard Mitigation Plan, developed a year earlier.

According to the city of San Antonio's website, "Development of the plan involves a risk assessment, multiple steps to analyze past and future hazard events that impact the area, and how these hazard risks and events affect people, buildings, and critical infrastructure. Another key component of the risk assessment is to assess the potential future impact of hazards based upon the current and projected development trends and plans for the City of San Antonio."

What Winter Storm Uri revealed is that the city and its utilities were unprepared, and people suffered in the freezing temperatures without electricity or water.

We can't wait for the Committee on Emergency Preparedness to keep us safe. In early

April, ERCOT asked Texans to conserve electricity due to a statewide power shortage because power plants were shut down for maintenance. We should be concerned because it's still springtime and there is already stress on our power supply. ERCOT said recently that outages could happen again this summer if we have severe heat waves and high demand for power.

Even as the Committee on Emergency Preparedness does its work, it's up to community organizations and grassroots groups to take ownership of their neighborhoods and make plans to protect residents from heat waves or freezing storms. Cities across the nation are working to respond to climate events by creating resilience hubs, according to the Urban Sustainability Directors Network.

"Resilience Hubs are community-serving facilities aug-

mented to support residents, coordinate communication, distribute resources, and reduce carbon pollution while enhancing quality of life," the network says on its website. Hubs provide an opportunity to effectively work at the nexus of community resilience, emergency management, climate change mitigation, and social equity while providing opportunities for communities to become more self-determining, socially connected, and successful before, during, and after disruptions."

These hubs are happening in Baltimore, Washington D.C. and Los Angeles and they can happen here in San Antonio, too. Community centers, churches or schools are a great start for forming a hub because these places are already providing much needed services to their community such as food distribution or community gardening.

We know that severe weather - storms, heat waves, hurricanes, etc. - are going to keep happening because of climate change. That's why it's critical that we don't wait until it's too late. Summer is around the corner and we know that the heat is dangerous to our vulnerable neighbors like the elderly and children.

The safest place for people to be during extreme weather when power is out is to be in their homes. This is why it is important that CPS Energy help the most vulnerable neighbors by strengthening energy and efficiency programs to weatherize homes to keep them insulated. It will also save ratepayers energy and money.

Please encourage San Antonio city leaders to get behind this effort. Our communities deserve better our neighbors are seeking shelter in a storm.



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Savage Skills

Interview by
Natasha Gonzales

Article by Jackie Velez

Savage Coffee Co.'s grand opening was held last month on April 25, and though the family business is primed for success with its Mexican candy served in every cup of iced or hot coffee, it was an unexpected path for owner Diana Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, who previously worked in the radio and television industry, found herself in the same situation as most people when the pandemic hit—unemployed. However, she was not about to allow herself to suffer defeat, especially with children to raise.

"I've been working since I was very young, so I'm like, okay, what can I do? What's next?" said Gonzalez.

She dreamt of one day owning her own coffee shop. After her mom purchased a trailer and advised her to get it up and running, Savage Coffee, a name inspired by the popular Megan Thee Stallion song, "Savage," was born. The song also inspired the logo's bright red dripping lips which her husband designed.

"If my trailer were a woman, that would be her," said Gonzalez. "Classy, but don't mess with her 'cause she will take you down," she continued.

The unique menu contains homemade Mexican candy powder flavors such as Mexican Mazapan (Mexican peanut), Mexican Horchata (Mexican Rice), and Tomybear (Mexican Butterscotch).

Gonzalez's goal is to own several locations throughout San Antonio, enrich her community, and empower women much like her mother and grandmother who empowered her to pursue this growing coffee endeavour.

"You're not just consuming a cup of coffee, you're coming to a place where we wanna remind



you that you're capable, you're enough, you're loved, you're blessed, and we want to spread that word through Savage Coffee," Gonzalez said.

It takes savage skills to run a coffee shop, especially during a pandemic, and Diana Gonzalez has just that, along with her family, passion for coffee, and desire to turn San Antonio into savages.

Stay savage, lady!
Savage Coffee Co. is located at 11395 Shaenfield Rd.
For more info, visit Instagram - @savagecoffee_co
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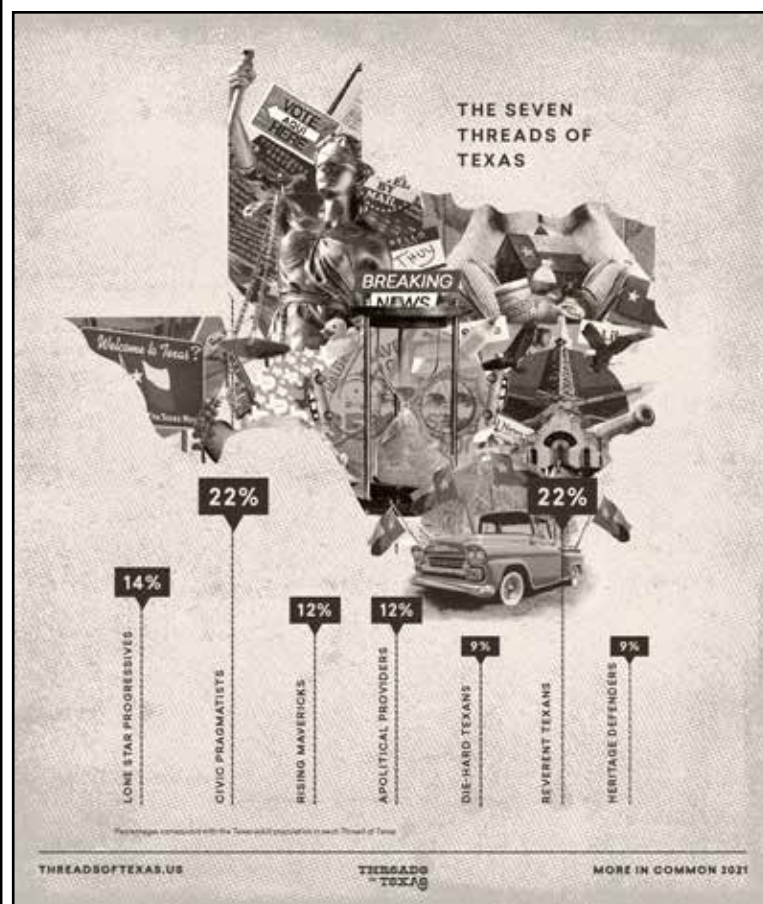
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La Prensa Texas Presents the Saving Lives Award to Health Leaders Bill Phillips and Leni Kirkman

By Ramon Chapa Jr.

A tremendous honor bestowed last month to Bill Phillips and Leni Kirkman of University Health System with The Saving Lives Award from La Prensa Texas and Commissioner Tommy Calvert. Their COVID 19 Vaccine Team at Mall De Las Americas has administered more than 325,000 doses of vaccine over the past 4 months! SAVING LIVES!

University Health, under the leadership of George Hernandez, has been giving the COVID-19 vaccine since December 17 of last year. They opened one of the state's first hub vaccine centers on January 4th and have grown exponentially ever since. Over the past 4 months, this team has administered more than 325 thousand doses of the vaccine. More than any other site in Bexar County.

This Wonderland Vaccination Center is the brainchild of Bill Phillips, who designed the patient flow and IT infrastructure to make it run extremely efficiently, always putting the needs of our patients first.

Early on, when the vaccine was in very short supply, University Health developed guiding principles aligned with the State of Texas' allocation plan.

They first prioritized health care workers who fill a critical role in caring

for COVID-19 patients and in maintaining the entire health care infrastructure for all who need it.

Bill and Leni Kirkman have worked with numerous organizations including the City of San Antonio EMS, CentroMed, Communicare, the Center for Health Care Services, and the Bexar County Medical Society to ensure their eligible staff members and physicians were able to get scheduled for the vaccine.

They also moved quickly to protect front-line workers who are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of their work providing critical services and preserving the economy.

They again partnered with organizations such as VIA, the Sheriff's office, school districts, private schools, HEB and most recently the Texas Restaurant Association, to make it as easy as possible to protect these workers who are critical to the success of our community.

They have also focused intently on bringing in vulnerable populations who are at greater risk of severe disease and death if they get COVID.

Under Bill's leadership, the St. Philip's College vaccination center opened last Thursday. This important partnership will en-

sure access to the vaccine in the underserved East Side community.

Under Leni's leadership, University Health is playing a key role in educating our community about all things related to this horrible

virus.

And her team is innovating to reach people where they are. For example, their smartphone app is able to push custom messages to cell phones in different geographic areas of our community, with a goal of giving people in areas with a lower rate of vaccination, the first opportunity to sign up for vaccine appointments.

This is just one of the ways they are using technology to do all they can to efficiently and equitably get shots in arms. But, on-line scheduling is just one strategy. Phone assistance, direct outreach to vulnerable patients and strategic partnerships are helping to bridge the technology divide.

Now, as they move into the next phase of vaccine distribution, they are piloting walk-in appointments at both locations and also implementing a wide range of communication and outreach strategies to educate those in our community who have concerns about taking the vaccine.



Sultanes Ganó Clásico De Líderes A Cachorros

Juan González “La Moñoña” Destacó Con Rangers

Por Sendero Deportivo

El esperado clásico entre líderes del béisbol sabatino Veteranos Potranco 2021, se lo llevó Sultanes de Monterrey SA ante el campeón Cachorros de Nava SA.

Nava perdiendo 4-2 carreras en el séptimo episodio con jonrón de El Caminante, Víctor Mercedes con su compañero Danilo del Olmo, empató la pizarra 4-4.

Ello le dió oportunidad de ll-evarse la victoria con el pitcheo de René Rodríguez, quién en el cierre permitió llenar la casa, siendo relevado por Víctor Vázquez, quién permitió potente línea conectada por El Capitán, Erick Montes, quién pegó por la antesala y tuvo la suerte de qué el tercera base cometiera error para que su compañero Jesús García anotara la quinta carrera y de esa espectacular

forma dejará en el terreno de juego al campeón.

La victoria fue para el abridor derecho Julio Aquino y la derrota para Rodríguez.

Los Mineros de Juan Sánchez y Ramiro Morales ganaron 9-0 a Missions SA.

Rol de juegos sábado 1 de mayo estadio Potranco Baseball Field. 11am Mineros vs. Red Sox. 2pm Cachorros vs. Missions. Descansa Sultanes.

En liga dominical Masters Rangers de Benito Martínez se impuso 9-3 ante Lone Star del manager Glen Lane y su coach Bill Rector.

Rangers con su lanzador estelar José Luis Gómez “Liga Mexicana”, y el receptor Juan González “La Moñoña”, jugaron buen béisbol tocando la pelota que a la par en varias ejecuciones les dio la

victoria avanzando corredores a la antesala.

Fue así cómo González, sobresalió añadiendo mejor récord a su vida deportiva qué inició a la edad de 10 años jugando en liga infantil Liga La Costa de su natal ciudad Nueva Rosita, Coahuila. La Moñoña González, tiene en su foja deportiva inolvidables partidos qué jugó como portero en varias ligas del fútbol soccer en San Antonio vistiendo los uniformes de los equipos Barroteran, Lamineros de Juan Vázquez y UDG.

“Ahora traigo a mí hijo Eliseo González, para comenzarlo a qué se incline por el deporte a pesar de que pronto cumplirá dos años. Pero ya me ha sorprendido, porqué le gusta. Estoy enfocado en el béisbol, con Rangers y motivado por mí buen amigo Gabriel Morales”,

indicó González.

En liga abierta dominical Tune-ros derrotó a Diablos 6-1, Chuy Ramírez JR., pegó jonrón con uno a bordo. La carrera del honor fue anotada por el lucifer Roy Luna.

Águilas de Veracruz derrotó 8-2 a los Potros. Por Veracruz abrió Juan Serrano, le siguió Leonel Montes y el timonel Luis Cerros, quién se lució dominando a los bateadores rivales, sacando los últimos tres outs, con rolas al short stop, y al primera base concluyendo con elevado al segunda base.

“Increíble pero al Caminante (Víctor Mercedes), con bases llenas le dieron la base internacional”, dijo Cerros.

En Liga Semi-Pro Independiente Potranco 2021, estos fueron los resultados: Broncos 12 Bobcats 1. Highsox 15 Piratas de Sabinas

3, con su nuevo timonel Iván Rubinsky quien tiene de coaches al ex manager Sergio De Luna y al siempre peligroso bateador Mauricio Esparza.

Desperados doblegó a Diablos 9-5 carreras.

Rol de juegos: Domingo 2 de mayo campo 3. 10am Diablos vs Piratas. 1pm Bobcats vs. Desperados. 4pm Indios de Nava vs. Broncos de Reynosa SA qué será el clásico en esté nuevo circuito.

En las fotografías aparecen: Gabriel Morales lanzador fronterizo de Rieleros, Juan González “La Moñoña”, con su hijo Eliseo. Juan González “La Moñoña” , poniéndose los arreos de receptor. Erick Montes de Sultanes. Aspecto nueva liga Semi-Pro, en partido Desperados vs. Diablos. (Fotos por Franco).



Jesse Trevino: An In

Photos & Article By Dr. Ricardo Romo

The National Hispanic Hall of Fame will honor local artist Jesse Trevino on May 5th, 2021 with its annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Trevino, recognized for his brilliance in the arts, joins other Texas distinguished leaders in receiving this prestigious award, including the Honorable Henry Cisneros, General Alfred Valenzuela, and Lionel Sosa. Raul Zuniga and Noe Medina, the organization's top leaders, announced their selection recently and noted that a ceremony is being postponed until 2022 because of the Covid pandemic.

Jesse Trevino, one of America's premier Latino artists, grew up in the West-side San Antonio neighborhood called Prospect Hill. His family of eleven brothers and sisters lived in a modest home on Monterey Street. His dad, Juan Trevino, immigrated from Monterrey, Mexico to the United States in the late 1920s.

Juan Trevino drove trucks and repaired cars for a living. He was working as a mechanic in San Antonio when he first met his future wife Dolores in the nearby city of New Braunfels. Following their marriage in the mid 1930s, they moved to Monterrey, Mexico where most of the Trevino's eleven children, including Jesse were born.

The Trevino family moved back to San Antonio in the 1950s and bought a house on Monterey Street, two blocks



from Henry Cisneros' home. Jesse Trevino's interest in art and design led him to Fox Tech where his older brothers had attended. In his early years of art training at Fox Tech High School, Trevino found inspiration in the American portrait tradition.

During his first year at Fox Tech High School, Trevino painted a portrait of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson that he titled simply "LBJ" (1962). Trevino's biographer, Anthony Head noted that Trevino found inspiration in the work of portrait artist Norman Rockwell.

Finishing high school in 1965, Jesse headed East to the prestigious Art Students League of New York on a scholarship. His mentors and teachers were some of America's finest portrait painters, and he studied alongside some of the brightest young

artists in the nation.

In the 1960s New York was considered among the top three places in the world to pursue the study and practice of art. Trevino's stay in New York lasted less than a year, ending when he was drafted into the United States Armed Services.

Anthony Head, whose biography, *Spirit: The Life and Art of Jesse Trevino*, best tells the Trevino story. He described Trevino's Vietnam service and his return from the war as the beginning of a tortured experience extending from many months to many years. Head wrote: "Under heavy fire, Trevino sustained life-threatening injuries including to his right arm, which he painted with." Eventually, that arm was amputated below the elbow, but "Jesse had already started



Inspirational Art Hero



training himself to live left-handed—especially as an artist.”

In 1977 Trevino painted the well-known drugstore “Progreso” as part of his Westside series, which included several other acrylic paintings from that period. His best known paintings of that era include; “Raspa Man,” “La Cita Lounge,” and “Liria’s Lounge”. The “Progreso” painting was purchased by public relations guru Lionel Sosa in the 1980s and is part of Lionel and Kathy Sosa’s private collection.

In the early 1990s Trevino’s good friends Jorge Cortez, owner of the well known Mi Tierra Mexican Restaurant in San Antonio, and fellow Fox Tech High School graduate, Dr. Carlos Orozco, suggested that Jesse paint a large mural at Market

Square or at Christus

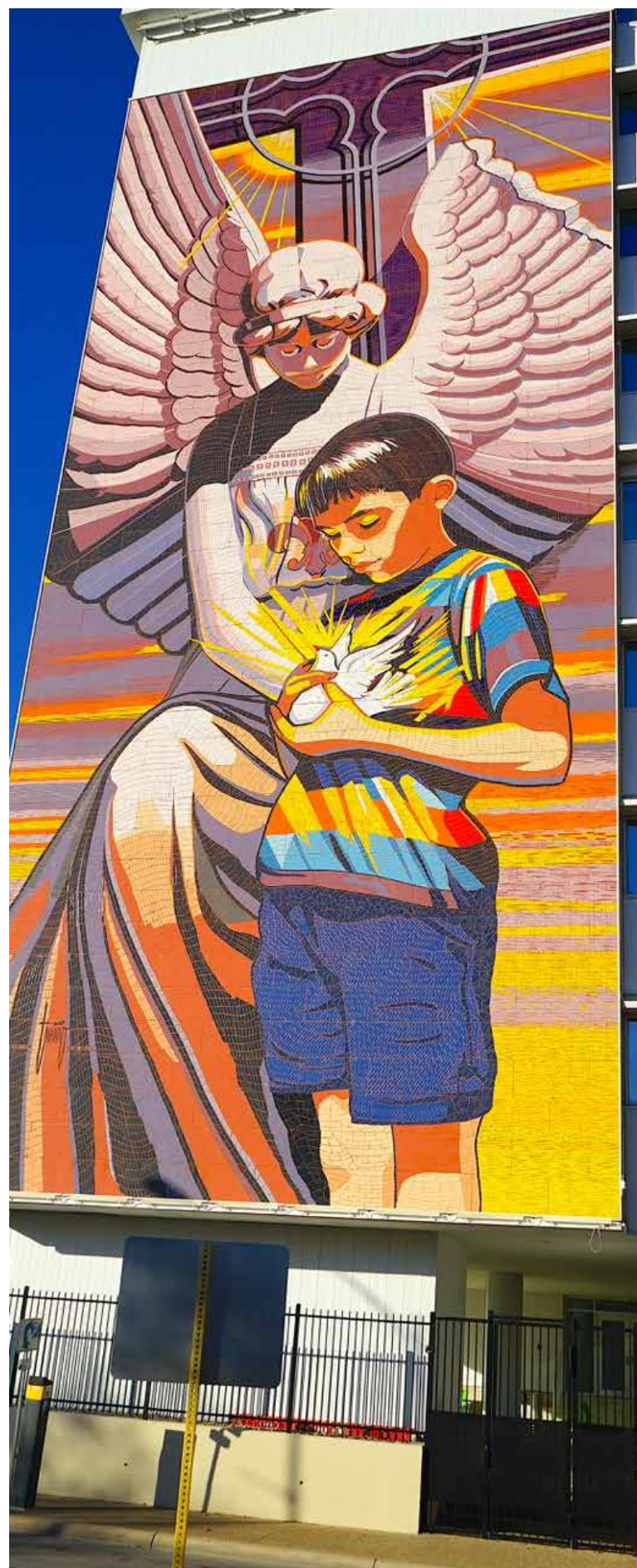
Santa Rosa Hospital just a block from the Cortez family restaurant. Trevino always loved monumental art and proposed painting a mural on the entire nine story Santa Rosa hospital wall facing south which could be viewed from the elevated I-35 Highway.

Trevino’s Spirit of Healing mural is a gigantic 93 feet by 43 feet which required thousands of small pieces of tile of 70 different colors. At its completion, the art piece was reputed to be the largest ceramic mural in America. The mural depicts a young boy (his son) holding a dove under the watchful protection of a guardian angel.

Trevino is also known for his monumental art mosaic tribute to the Virgin Guadalupe, “Veladora,” located

at the Guadalupe Cultural Community Center, considered the heart of the Westside. In 1999 the Texas Diabetes Institute near the corner of Guadalupe and Zarzamora commissioned Trevino to paint a rendition of a Mexican American healer which he titled “La Curandera.”

Trevino’s portraits of San Antonio’s Westside heroes including Congressman Henry B. Gonzales, community leader Ruben Munguia, and singer and dancer Rosita Fernandez. They are favorites among many collectors. Trevino has been painting for more than fifty years and is considered one of Texas’ great living treasures. His life is an inspiration, especially to young people, who are challenged by difficult circumstances in their quest for achievement and success.



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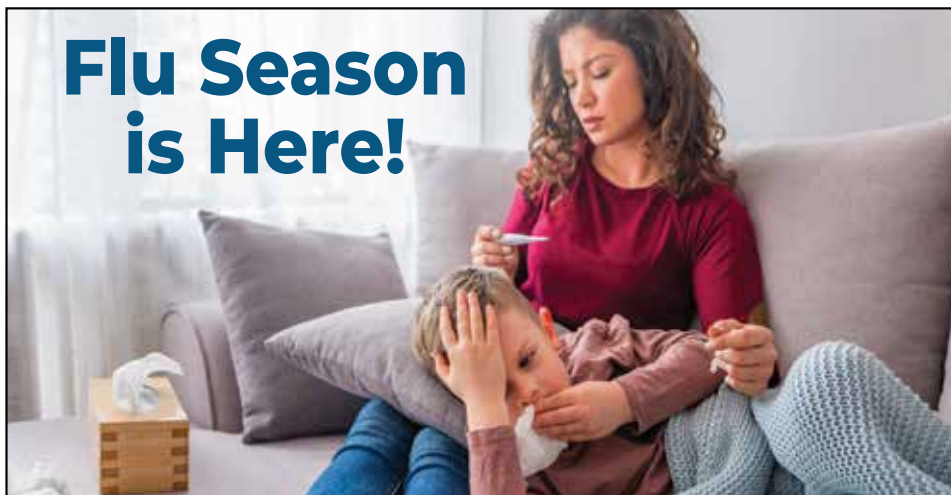
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Mexico's Hidden Jewish Roots

by **Laura Leon**

Ever since Rudolph Valentino, Ramon Novarro, Gilbert Roland, and Cesar Romero broke box office records in the early days of film, Latin actors have made their mark in Hollywood. Given the technical limitation of the primitive equipment at the time, dark hair and eyes simply showed up better on film. And equally importantly, Latins could more believably play a wider range of roles set in places around the globe. To cash in on the trend, studio executives even changed the name of a young Jewish actor with roots in Austria-Hungary to "Ricardo Cortez," riding the wave of Latin popularity successfully at first. But his career stalled when disappointed fans learned that in fact he was not Latin at all but was born Jacob Krantz. Ironically, genetic testing is now revealing what perhaps should have been obvious all along -- Jews from Austria/Germany look Hispanic because they are Hispanic.

The great migration of Jews out of Spain to many places including Austria and Germany started in 1492 with the Spanish Inquisition. Soon they took German names and their Hispanic heritage was all but forgotten. But many, like Edward Bernays 1891-1995 (the father of public relations/advertising and nephew of Sigmund Freud) are aware of being from Spain, although no one would ever know it with names like Bernays and Freud.

Even greater numbers of Jews from Spain fled to the New World and Mexico in particular. Although this has long been common knowledge, it is still surprising that far more of us (including myself) than

anyone suspected are of Jewish descent. DNA testing reveals that there are perhaps 200 million genetic Jews today in Latin America, which is really news!

In a synagogue in Los Angeles while exploring my own Jewish roots I overheard a woman telling another woman to get her genome analyzed -- she had just learned much to her surprise that her genetic makeup matches the genetic makeup of people living in Mexico. This supposedly white Jewish woman who had assumed herself to be Ashkenazic (descended from Yiddish-speaking European Jews, as opposed to the Sephardic Jews of Spain and the Arab countries) discovered to her great surprise she was genetically actually a Mexican woman!

That is just how Jewish Mexico really is, or how Mexican Jews really are!

No doubt Trump would never have made his "Mexicans are rapists" comment had he known science would soon reveal it to be an anti-Semitic statement.

Furthermore, I've discovered that many non-Hispanics misunderstand La Raza cosmica to be a racist pro-Hispanic notion, but nothing is further from the truth. Mexico and Latin America, like the US and Canada, are also great melting pots. Case in point, the ancestors of President Vicente Fox, Mitt Romney, and countless other Americans have joined La Raza. More Americans live in Mexico today than in any other country in the world. La Raza is the cosmic blending of all races without exception into the new Hispanic race; same as the old Hispanic race, which was a blend of Mediterranean cultures.



In conclusion, the larger point I suppose is that all nations of the world really are artificial constructs and are fairly new compared with how long humans have inhabited the planet. Consider that the oldest cultures in the world, Damascus and China, are a mere 5,000 years old. If we could trace our DNA back 50,000 years, perhaps it would be clear that we really are one human (or human-Neanderthal) family descended from Noah. Every culture has a version of Noah's flood story, so perhaps we can speculate that the 3 different races resulted from the sons of Noah having wives of 3 different races. Like the idea of Jacob Krantz in fact being Latin, it's not beyond the realm of possibility.

(Photo Caption: Detail from The Inquisition Tribunal (Auto de fe de la Inquisición) by Francisco Goya, painted between 1812 and 1819.)



Ricardo Cortez

Exposición del Museo Witte: Te Amo FIESTA!

Video de Julia Aguilón

Artículo de Jackie Velez

El Museo Witte invita a todos a explorar lo que hace que Fiesta sea tan apreciada en la exposición especial, Te Amo Fiesta.

La fiesta es una tradición muy querida que se remonta a 130 años desde el primer Desfile de la Batalla de las Flores en 1891. Aunque el evento se pospuso hasta junio, debido al Covid-19, los entusiastas de la Fiesta aún pueden probarlo visitando la exposición del Museo Witte y descubra historias personales de la realeza oficial y "no oficial" de Fiesta que muestran lo que Fiesta realmente significa para ellos. Vaya más allá de la corona para conocer el proceso de cómo cualquier persona, in-

cluido usted, puede convertirse en parte de la realeza de Fiesta. Mida el impacto de Fiesta, la "fiesta con un propósito" anual que es organizada y atendida por miles de voluntarios para más de 100 organizaciones sin fines de lucro. El dinero recaudado por las organizaciones apoya numerosos programas educativos y basados en servicios en todo San Antonio.

"Esta es nuestra pequeña carta de amor para Fiesta", dijo Amy Fulkerson, curadora en jefe del Museo Witte.

"Es todo lo que amamos de nuestra celebración anual aquí en San Antonio", continúa. A medida que Fiesta ha crecido y cambiado, la colección del Witte Museum ha crecido y cambiado para reflejar esos

cambios en las tradiciones. Entonces, si está de humor para celebrar, tiene todo el verano para ver la exhibición.

Celebremos, con seguridad, San Antonio, en la nueva exhibición Fiesta del Witte Museum, Te Amo Fiesta (Te amo, Fiesta), abierta desde ahora hasta el 1 de agosto de 2021. ¡VIVA FIESTA!

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Amplio Lanza Esperanza, El Primer Plan De Estudios Digital De Dislexia En Español En Su Tipo

Por Morgan Moritz
Traducido por LPT

AmplioSpeech ("Amplio"), desarrollador de una plataforma digital que conecta a estudiantes, educadores y terapeutas con tecnologías avanzadas para ayudar a estudiantes con necesidades especiales, anunció hoy el lanzamiento de un plan de estudios digital de dislexia en español, Esperanza, desarrollado por la Dra. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan. La Agencia de Educación de Texas (TEA) ofrece la plataforma de intervención digital de Amplio con el plan de estudios de Esperanza a los 1,029 distritos escolares sin costo. A principios de este año, Amplio y TEA lanzaron una plataforma de intervención digital de dislexia en inglés que utiliza el Enfoque de enseñanza multisensorial (MTA), desarrollado por Margaret Taylor Smith, que también está disponible

para todos los distritos escolares de Texas sin costo alguno. Esperanza es el primer plan de estudios de dislexia en español de su tipo.

"Mediante el uso de tecnologías avanzadas, la plataforma de Amplio facilita intervenciones individualizadas y centradas en los resultados y la práctica intensiva guiada digital, que se correlacionan con el progreso de los estudiantes", dijo el Dr. Yair Shapira, fundador y CEO de Amplio. "Estamos muy contentos de ofrecer el primer plan de estudios digital de dislexia en español con Esperanza, que ayudará a los estudiantes bilingües a adquirir conocimientos de la lengua materna".

"Amplio fue diseñado para usarse en el aula, durante una lección, así como cuando se necesita instrucción remota", agregó el Dr. Shapira. "En un momento en que los educadores y los padres están

preocupados por el tremendo costo de la pérdida de aprendizaje y la 'diapositiva de COVID', debemos pensar de manera innovadora para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes y educadores a recuperar rápidamente este tiempo perdido".

Al abordar sonidos específicos, palabras y conceptos generales de lectura, los intervencionistas pueden usar Esperanza para brindar terapia diferenciada e individualizada para estudiantes de habla hispana o bilingües con dislexia. Utilizando tecnologías avanzadas como la inteligencia artificial y el procesamiento del lenguaje natural, la plataforma funciona como una extensión del intervencionista al evaluar las respuestas de los estudiantes y proporcionar pistas visuales y de audio para respaldar la lección. Amplio recientemente puso a prueba Esperanza en Ysleta y Crowley ISD, impactando di-

rectamente a más de 40 estudiantes con dislexia.

La Dra. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan, directora del Valley Speech Language and Learning Center y socia de Amplio, comentó: "Siempre he tenido la esperanza de que todos los niños tengan acceso a intervenciones de lectura de alta calidad. La demanda de recursos digitales y en línea para los estudiantes ha aumentado drásticamente. La plataforma Amplio permite que el programa de alfabetización en español de Esperanza llegue a más estudiantes con el beneficio adicional de profesionales altamente capacitados que ahora tienen acceso a datos en tiempo real que informan y mejoran la instrucción de alfabetización. A través de la plataforma Amplio podemos acelerar aún más nuestra misión de brindar a cada niño bilingüe la oportunidad de leer y aprender".

En mayo de 2020, TEA se acercó a Amplio para ayudar a abordar los desafíos de aprendizaje que enfrentan los estudiantes en los programas de terapia del habla y el lenguaje debido al brote de COVID-19 y el cambio al aprendizaje remoto en el hogar. Los patólogos del habla y el lenguaje tienen acceso a la plataforma de Amplio e interactúan de forma remota con los estudiantes para proporcionar la terapia del habla requerida por el programa de educación individualizado (IEP) de cada estudiante. Más de 10,000 estudiantes han recibido servicios a través de la plataforma de Amplio, y la asociación ha permitido que los patólogos e intervencionistas del habla y el lenguaje apoyen virtualmente grandes cantidades de casos, al mismo tiempo que brindan valiosos servicios de documentación, monitoreo y supervisión.



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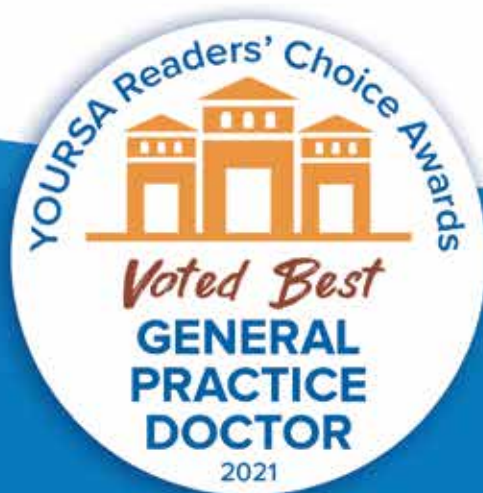


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The Gente's Dream: Archways to Opportunity

By Celinda De La Fuente

The average Joe flipping burgers is an easy image to summon whenever anyone thinks about McDonald's, while finding your path to a career at such an establishment is a course many of us do not even realize is filled with oportunidad. Gilberto Vasquez, 26, Store Manager of the 1604 and Shaenfield location, is no stranger to the stereotypes of a San Antonio West-side Latino. A Memorial High School graduate, he has seen people full of potential never break out of the mentality, or stigma, that society sees fit to keep us under. From riding the bus and walking 2-3 miles just to get to work, to now a newlywed who owns his own house and car, Vasquez has certainly taken every opportunity available to him to better his situation and education through the Archways to Opportunity program at McDonald's. Such programs are available to their employees to assist them on their journey to success.

Working at McDonald's as a first job tends to be a rite of passage for many. For Gilberto Vasquez, it was a matter of family as his mom helped him get his first position at the restaurant during his Senior year of high school. As a part-time crewmember, Vasquez worked after school only a few days out of the week to keep up with his academics and extracurricular activities. After graduating high school in 2013, Vasquez continued to work at the fast food eatery, working his way to Trainer, then Store Manager in 2017. Throughout those years, he enrolled in the Archways to Opportunity program for higher education, which pays for 43% of his tuition at Colorado Technical University (CTU) in which he will graduate from with an online Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in June 2021. The program has already helped him achieve his Associates Degree in the same field of study. Now, Vasquez acts as a mentor and role model

for those employees who want to grow and learn as well, but may not have the means to or simply do not know how. He encourages others to take advantage of the educational programs offered through Archways. Vasquez's main goal is to continue to grow in the company and eventually, become an entrepreneur, a leader in small business, and be his own boss. He credits his parents for keeping him on the right path.

Vasquez leaves us with these *consejos, "I'd encourage [people] to be different...Follow your dreams. There are going to be obstacles in your life, but you can manage how to get through." Palabras to live by, gente. We never have to be the stereotype, and can break through those generalizations.

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