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Let's Talk About It

Texas Gun Policy

By Yvette Tello

This week I received an email from Legislative Black Caucus:

"Our hearts ache for Uvalde, Texas. As chair of the Legislative Black Caucus, I too am frustrated by the lack of progress in implementing gun safety policy. Instead of making empty promises or arming more people, why don't we look at common sense solutions that work? Why do we accept a government that allows an 18 year old to buy an assault rifle, but not tobacco products? The hypocrisy of the government is deafening. We can develop gun policy that does not infringe upon one's constitutional right, while preserving and protecting life; that's called multitasking and we can do that."

At the same time, Jim Jordan (Republican-OHIO) complained that Democrats were rushing to pass gun safety laws following the massacre.

What do you think? Let's talk about it....

Gene A. Gomez: "Assault weapons have no business on the streets of America. We should research other countries and their gun laws and follow some of their laws. It just might put a stop to these mass shootings. Aren't we tired of this? I mean think about how simple this fix is. Our leaders need to make it damn near impossible to purchase and own a gun like this. Assault rifles and ammo shouldn't be sold to the public."

Tracy Evans: "Columbine was 23 years ago. Sandy Hook was 10 years ago. We don't need thoughts and prayers from politicians. We need action. This is not a rush to pass gun safety. This is long overdue."

Barbara Gunn Rhodes: "Repugs wouldn't change a thing even if it happened to their own kids or family. They don't care!"

Elaine Kabat: "23 YEARS since Columbine.... that's no rush job...that's GOP stall tactics."

Joanne McConville: "The Dems have been "rushing" since Sandy Hook!"

Gabrielle Weafer: "No problem ignoring sexual abuse. No problem trying to overthrow America's democracy. No problem lying through his teeth. No problem doing what he needs to support a criminal enterprise of Trump. Jim Jordan has no problem being a criminal enterprise for his career. The Mafia would have been proud to have him as one of their own."

Jeffrey Sanderson: "As long as the "non-profit" NRA is allowed to continue to "lobby" (bribe)

the Right, the few Right will continue to stall. Jim said raising the age to 21 is unconstitutional but where is the age mentioned in the constitution?"

Gail Aubertin: ":Here is a suggestion: anyone taking money from gun lobbyists for the NRA should not be able to vote on any reform because of conflict of interest."

Don Powis: "Jimmy what will work? More assault rifles for duck hunting?"

Diane Thrasher-Staats: "How many more massacres need to happen, for you to consider enough is enough? Ever seen a child's body so mangled, that they had to swab DNA from the parents, to be able to identify what once was a child? But now a bloody pulp?"

Stewart Wagner: "Twenty years seems plenty of time for republicans to come up with a solution. What do you have, ranking members?"

Kathleen Lutz: "It could be your child next. This is not a political issue. It is a right to Life issue!"

John A Fitzgibbons: "Term limits please."

Barbara Makuck: "Republicans don't care if your children are dying"

Larry Stein: "You mean rushing after this current horrific event, or from the last one, or the one prior to that one, or the one prior to that one, or the one prior to that one (on and on) asking for a bunch of friends."

Kris Keith: "Nothing like politicizing the death of children."

John Hott: "Working to disarm the American public one tragedy at a time."

Mike Giordane: "To vote and to buy guns, a person should be working for more than 1 year. Those actions are for real adults!"

Franklin Hix: "What's needed is crime talks and mental health actions!"

Richard Doyle: "Maybe we should start clothing our children in ballistic cloth and start ROTC training in kindergarten."

Fern Torres: "I was reading how medics described the scene at that school and they said some of these kids were almost decapitated with the wounds from the weapons used. That was tough to read. Something has to be done about these weapons."

Brad Birchfield: "Why don't we demand that Congress stop sending our tax money to every country on planet earth for foreign aid, and use it to make our schools safer? Just a thought."

Nicole Martens: "There is no gun problem (inanimate objects don't act). There is a society problem (depraved hearts harm others). Making people defenseless doesn't stop criminals from being violent."

Sherlyn Meiers: "Shotguns must be "plugged" to prevent firing more than three rounds before reloading to give those duckies a chance to fly away. The AR15 can fire 45 rounds a minute. If it's modified with a bump stock it can shoot 400 rounds or more per minute, so the "well regulated militia" can target more kids.".

Barry Chapman: "Due to the fact that the GOP is in the pocket of the NRA."

David Wood: "I've got one easy one: Enforce existing laws."

Jerem Fabiano: "GOP lawmakers have blood on their hands. The new Taliban, the do nothing party, anti women party, pro-death party and talibangelical party."

Jerry LaCouture: "So, just as a reminder, last weekend there were 47 shootings in Chicago... one of the strictest gun law cities with the most shootings. Oh, that's right, we don't talk about that on this page."

Christine Byrnes: "The current bill coming out of the House committee does little on assault weapons -- they refuse to ban assault weapons for fear of alienating voters who weren't planning to vote for them in the first place."

John Stevens: "If Congress wants to limit the purchase of firearms to those over 21 because, if you are under 21 you are too irresponsible at that age to have guns, then they are also too irresponsible to vote. So I am fine with raising the age to 21 to purchase firearms as long as we raise the age to vote to 21 as well."

James Kwon: "I am sure all you are concerned about is the massive shooting deaths of young black males in Chicago/NY/Philly/Detroit/LA every day. I don't see your post attacking the Democratic party that controls the state's and the horrific job they are doing with crime. Soft on crime Democrats let violet gun criminals out every day. Are you concerned where they got their guns? I am sure they did not walk into a gun store and show ID and a background check. Fact less than 4% bought the guns retail!!!"



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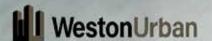












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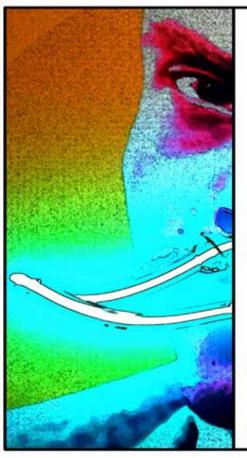
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Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Presents La Niña Girasol (The Sunflower Girl)

By Playwright J. Cesar Duenas

Provided by Jorge Piña, Guadalupe Theater manager

The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center proudly presents the Teatro Salon's world premiere of La Niña Girasol (The Sunflower Girl) by J. Cesar Duenas scheduled for June 22 - 25, 2022, at the historic Guadalupe Theater, 1301 Guadalupe St., San Antonio, TX 78207. Directing this unique and imaginary children's play is Clint Taylor.

"Follow a brother and sister on a journey through their dreams to save their maternal line from being lost forever. La Niña Girasol is a magical tale of family, history, and the struggle to keep their roots alive" according to playwright Duenas. He is a local theatre actor and while La Niña Girasol is his first play, Duenas has acted with VIVA 48hr Play, Teatro Audaz, Killer Productions, Overtime Theatre and Jumpstart.

He is a first-generation American and a US Army veteran who was born and raised in San Antonio. "I am so excited with this rare opportunity to have my first play produced and enjoyed by the community," says Duenas. Directing 'La Niña Girasol' is Clint Taylor who has over 25 years working with numerous theater companies in San Antonio and New York.

Two morning performances will be offered on Wednesday & Thursday, June 22 & 23, 2022 at 11:00am and two evening performances on Friday & Saturday, June 24 & 25, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Admission is \$12 Adults, \$6 Teens & Seniors and \$2 Children (13 years and under).

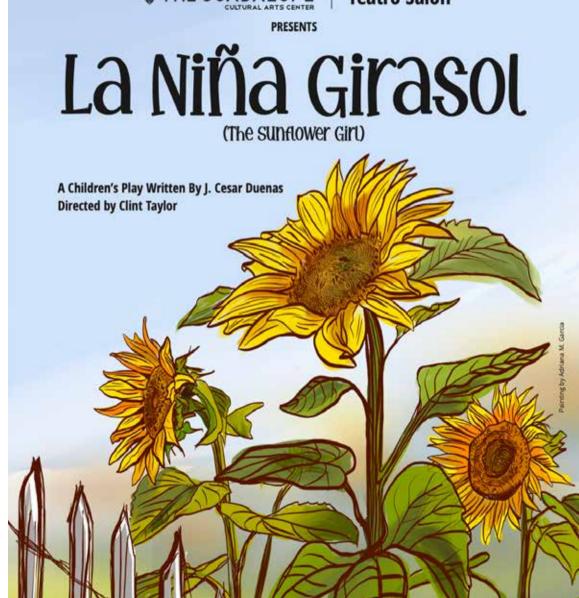
ABOUT TEATRO SALON

Teatro Salon is a project of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center that provides opportunities to develop new plays and is sponsored by City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture, Texas Commission on the Arts, Trinity University and National Performance Network.

All performances will take place at the historic Guadalupe Theater, 1301 Guadalupe St. San Antonio, TX 78207. For more information, please go to www. guadalupeculturalarts.org or call (210) 271-3151.



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Celebrate the Summer 2022 Solstice June 21 with a special **Urban 15 Performance at San Antonio International Airport**

By Aaron Taylor

The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year, respectively, in the sense that the length of time elapsed between Sunrise and Sunset on this day is a maximum duration for the year. In the Northern Hemisphere, the longest day of the year (near June 20/22) is when the Sun is farthest North. In the Southern Hemisphere, winter and summer solstices are exchanged. The Summer Solstice marks the first day of the season of summer.

-EriPress Releasec Weisstein, World of Astronomy

For the 21st year in celebration of the Summer Solstice, choreographer and dancer Catherine Cisneros will present her solo performance within the lighted squares of Christopher Janney's "Passing Light" solar sculpture. "Passing Light" was commissioned by the City of San Antonio's Public Art FOR a LIVE and Office in 2000 and completed in 2001, celebrat- AN ONLINE AUDIENCE ing its 20th anniversary.

The solar sculpture incorporates large plexiglass squares embedded in the ceiling that project a grid of colors onto the passageway surface. Once a year, at 2pm on the Summer Solstice, the lighted grids align with the painted grids on the floor for less than a minute as the Sun passes directly overhead.

URBAN-15 Artistic Director Catherine Cisneros has created a dance work that exploits the changing colors penetrating the environment. Her movements are designed to bring a ceremonial awareness of our planet's humble travels within a celestial clock, evoking the elaborate rituals performed by the ancient Egyptians, Aztecs, Celts, Mayans, Hindis, Incas and others to make visible the moment of solar zenith.

THE EVENT IS **PERFORMED**

When: June 21st, 2 pm CST Moment of Zenith Where: Long Term Parking Garage Nave, SA International Airport Watch: https://www. facebook.com/UR-BAN15/, https://www.instagram. com/urban 15/

This project, as part of URBAN-15's commitment to international dance and drumming expressions, is made possible, in part, through support from: by the City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture, Texas Commission on the Arts, Bexar County Department of Economic and Community Development, The Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation, The National Endowment for the Arts, Alice Kleberg Reynolds Meyer Foundation, The John L. Santikos Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, Recovery Fund for the Arts, The H. E. Butt Foundation, VuTURE Art and Friends of URBAN-15.

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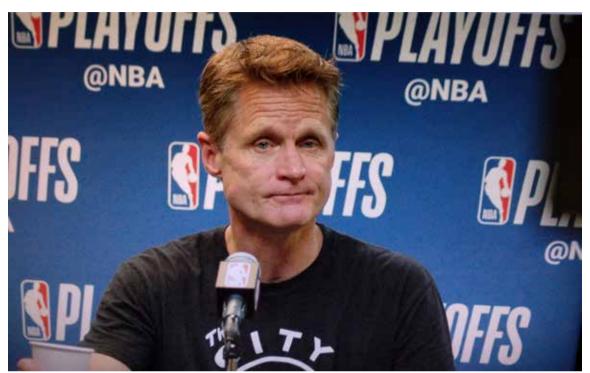
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Steve Kerr "Estoy cansado de minutos de Silencio"



Por Franco

Steve Kerr, entrenador en jefe del plantel Warriors de Golden State, en rueda de prensa celebrada en Dallas, sede del equipo Mavericks.

Sé manifesto abiertamente contra los asesinatos masivos qué en últimas fechas lamentablemente sé han sucitado.

Kerr, de 56 años de edad, con 8 campeonatos conquistados en el circuito de la National Basketball Asociation (NBA), 5 ganados cómo jugador (escolta titular).

Y 3 dirigiendo a Warriors, fue claro ante los medios especializados en la cobertura de la final en la Conferencia del Oeste. La cuál ganaron a Dallas.

"Tras los sucesos de hoy en Uvalde, Texas no hablare de basquetbol, a pesar de ello vamos a salir a la cancha y jugar el partido. Estoy cansado de rendir minutos de silencio", dijo Kerr con voz entrecortada por la masacre de 19 estudiantes y dos maestras en el centro de estudios Robb Elementary School, qué fueron abatidos por el joven Salvador Ramos, presunto actor de ésa barbaridad, qué dejó consternado al sur de Texas y el resto del país.

Steve Kerr, a la vez recalco su desconcierto en contra de la bancada republicana de 50 senadores qué tienen estancada una propuesta de ley denominada H.R.8, pará el control en la venta de armas qué les fue enviada el año pasado por la Casa de Representantes. "Los minutos de Silencio no resuelven violencia con armas. Estás tragedias tienen qué acabarse. Estoy cansado y dolido por éste tipo de asesinatos masivos", apuntó Kerr.

La propuesta de ley H.R.8, exigira chequeo personal a quiénes desean comprar armas de fuego legalmente. Lo cuál es un derecho constiticional en el segundo amendamiento.

En el estado de Texas, el pasado mes de septiembre, el gobernador Gregg Abbott, firmo decreto pará comprar armas de fuego, estableciendo qué residentes tienen el derecho de comprar armas sin muchas restricciones, así cómo su portación, siempre y cuándo reunan los requisitos legales de buenos ciudadanos.



De acuerdo a un individuo qué dio su respectiva opinión de forma anonima. Dijo lo siguiente. "Estoy de acuerdo y desacuerdo sobre ésa ley qué el gobernador Abbott, firmo. Por consiguiente la apruebo".

Añadiendo lo siguiente "En pocas palabras, sé las autorizan portarlas a toda persona con buen récord personal. Yo porto arma pará proteger a mi persona. Mí familia y clientes

en mi propiedad. Es sólo protección. Es mejor traerla y no usarla. Qué necesitarla y no Traerla".

Cabe anotar qué durante el domingo 29, el presidente Joe Biden y la primera dama Jill Biden, visitaron la ciudad de Uvalde. Dónde dieron sus condolencias a familiares de las victimas. Esto sucedió en improvisado Memorial, frente al plantel Robb.

Extendiendo su gratitud a la comunidad, autoridades. Agente policiacos y personal

médico qué arriesgaron sus vidas pará auxiliar al personal docente y los pequeños estudiantes.

Posteriormente el primer mandatario y su esposa, depositaron ofrendas y luego asistieron a Misa concelebrada en la iglesia Sagrado Corazón.

En su retiró de ésa ciudad de más de 16 mil habitantes, escucharon a manifestantes qué exigieron hacer algo pará frenar masacres.

El presidente Biden, respondió diciendo.

"Lo vamos hacer. Qué bueno qué sé manifiesten y dejarse oir".

En la foto aparece Steve Kerr, en fotografía de archivo de Franco, quién la captó el 22 de Abril de 2018 (AT&T Center), cuándo Warriors jugó contra los Spurs los cuartos de final del playoff en la Conferencia del Oeste. Warriors de Golden State ganó la Serie 4-1.

2nd Annual Charlie Watkins

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No booths this year, and no drone footage as of

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Meet Bat Boy 'Big Mike' Garcia, **Ballpark Icon Beloved Sugar Land Fixture Now Working In San Antonio**



By Benjamin Hill

If you've never met a batboy with his own bobblehead before, then you've never met "Big Mike" Garcia. He's been a beloved ballpark presence for the past decade, establishing his reputation with the Sugar Land Skeeters/Space Cowboys before moving on to the San Antonio Missions this season.

"I get to watch good baseball games every single day, get the crowd pumped up," said Garcia, speaking from the home dugout at San Antonio's Nelson Wolff Stadium prior to May 20's ballgame. "I'm always about the players and the fans and I show it off, my hard work. That's why they call me 'Big Mike.""

Garcia's experience as a bat boy goes back to his days attending Clements High School, located in Sugar Land. He worked with a talented team that went to the state championships, and still keeps in touch with its alumni (including pitcher John King, now with the Texas Rangers).

"It's a true blessing for me. I always wanted to work for a professional team, since high school days," said Garcia. "Right after high school I went to the Sugar Land Skeeters and just kept on following my dreams."

Sugar Land's team, based out of Constellation Field, was bought by the Houston Astros prior to the 2021 season and now serves as the organization's Triple-A affiliate. The franchise was originally established in 2012 as the Skeeters, operating out of the independent Atlantic League. Garcia was with the Skeeters from the beginning, his path to the pros abetted by a team





program dedicated to hiring individuals with special needs.

"I had a job coach that helps people with disabilities get jobs, and I just went to the job fair and they liked me," said Garcia.

Like gave way to love, as Garcia became a favorite of players and fans alike due to his positive spirit and on-field hustle, a trait indicative of his indefatigable work ethic.

"Mike was such an integral part of our ballpark experience and is a part of the fabric of our franchise's identity," said Sugar Land Space Cowboys general manager Tyler Stamm. "Fans knew that when they came to Constellation Field, they were going to see No. 99 in the dugout with his trademark smile and hard-working attitude."

In 2016 the Skeeters gave away "Big Mike" bobbleheads, an honor usually reserved for top prospects and established

"I really never asked for it, but I work really hard for what I do and everybody appreciates me and it came out and I was really shocked about it," said Garcia. "I'm very happy and blessed to have one."

Garcia and his mother moved to San Antonio prior to the

2022 season. He said he misses Sugar Land, because "It was like family to me." Fortunately, the Missions -- Double-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres -- gave him an opportunity to pick up right where he left off. He said he's formed strong relationships with the team's players. mentioning Brandon Dixon and Chandler Seagle as particularly supportive.

"We're close. I don't have any brothers so I treat them like my brothers," he said.

Working alongside his ballpark brothers, Garcia shows up every day knowing what he needs to do and getting it done.

"I get here, I stock the fridge up with waters and take out the trash," he said. "Then I make ice water for the game, put two coolers out for ice water. Then after batting practice I make the Powerade and I bring it out on the field. And then the towels, gum and seeds for the game and then the baseballs and the hitter's bags. And then I take out more trash, then get ready for the National Anthem and first pitch."

And then comes the best part.

"Game time," said Garcia, with a smile.

Small Scale Big Change Auction Closes with In-Person Event Hosted at SAY Sí June 9

Provided by SAY Sí

Let's close out the Small Scale Big Change auction with a bang! This year we are excited to bring back our in-person event, where guests can mix and mingle with participating artists, and enjoy bites and drinks courtesy of TAQUITOS West Avenue, The Art Institute of San Antonio, The Lemon Girls and Oh Yeah Cakes! Wine served is courtesy of Southern Glaziers and The Well.

What is Small Scale?SAY Si's annual Small Scale - Big Change art auction returns! This event unites San Antonio's arts community for an auction of 100+ local artworks, all in support of our tuition-free programs.

The auction began on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at small-scale.givesmart.com, with an in-person exhibition that leads up to the Final Auction Night event on Thursday, June 9,

2022. With art for every taste, community members can win and buy amazing art pieces from some of San Antonio's most esteemed to our up-and-coming creatives - while supporting SAY Sí's mission at the same time. The exhibition and auction will also feature select SAY Sí's student-artists, who will be showcasing their works alongside some of their favorite mentors and role models.

Bidding & Raffle Information:

Starting Thursday, May 26, 2022, you can bid on artworks using a computer or mobile device with internet access at smallscale.givesmart.com. Art bidders can easily bid and claim artworks in support of SAY Si's tuition-free creative youth development programs. Remember, you can purchase artwork outright at the "buyit-now" price up until noon the day before the final auction



night. Throughout the auction, you can also participate in a raffle of select items curated by SAY Sí's Small Scale - Big Change event committee.

Important Dates: Thursday, May 26, 2022: Digital artwork bidding, "buyit-now" purchasing and raffle begin.

May 27 - June 9, 2022: Artwork is available for bidding digitally (online or on a mobile device).

June 8, 2022: "Buy-it-now" purchases will end at 12:00 p.m.

June 9, 2022: Final Auction Night @ 6 pm - Artwork bidding will end at 8:30 p.m.

In-Person Event Hosted at SAY Sí 1310 South Brazos Street, 78207 Thursday, June 9, 2022 6 - 9 pm

Presale tickets \$50

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Join the fun and support SAY Sí by taking part in Small Scale's Raffle

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May 26 - June 9, 2022 Final Auction Night: June 9, 2022

The Auction is Open!

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Latino Children Benefit From Uvalde's Public Library



Children's section, El Progreso Memorial Library.

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Over the past five years, Harriett and I have been donating books to Uvalde's El Progreso Memorial Library. Both of us have been educators for over fifty years, and we donated a minimum of a box of books for every year of teaching service. Although most of our books focused on history, sociology, and art, our fields of research and interest, we also had children's books saved from past reading to our two children. In our visits to the Progreso Library, we noticed that the children's section was the most active part of the library. Yet, the holdings in children's books did not always meet the needs of the children interested in reading about subjects such as science, art, space and oceanic exploration, and Latino/a Heroes heroes.

As I prepared my commentary this morning, I opened the New York Times to its Editorial page. There I found the words of poet and author Amanda Gorman that gave me inspiration and additional insight to continue my quest to find ways to help the Uvalde community in the wake of the

horrific events of this past week. Gorman wrote: "Everything hurts,/ Our hearts shadowed and strange,/ Minds made muddled and mute,/ We carry tragedy, terrifying and true/. ..May we not grieve, but give;/ May we not just ache, but act;...But only when everything hurts/ May everything change."

Uvalde, a small commu-

nity of approximately 16,000 residents, is located 85 miles south of San Antonio. [Uvalde County recorded 24,729 residents in 2021] It is surrounded by small ranches and farms. Among its best-known residents of the 20th century were Jack Nance Garner, former Vice President under Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930s. and former Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, the single largest ranch landholder in Texas. Uvalde is also the hometown of the University of Texas at Austin history professor Dr. Monica Muñoz Martinez, a 2019 recipient of a MacArthur fellowship, often referred to as the "genius grant." The award recognized her work to recover untold histories of racial violence along the U.S.-Mexico border. She is the author of the prize-winning book, The Injustice Never Leave You.

In 2019 Uvalde was identified as the "11th most dynamic micropolitan statistical area in the United States," according to a Walton Family Foundation study. Their report stated that "quality of place attributes, such as arts, cultural, recreational and lifestyle amenities impart an

advantage for communities that possess them and focus on expanding them."

Founded in 1903, Uvalde's El Progreso Memorial Library is one of the more important public institutions in the city. The library is free to the public and had 22,658 cardholders in 2021. In addition, the Progreso Library's public space of 36,00 square feet serves as a cultural and civic center for Uvalde and surrounding communities. The library offers a gathering place for research, meetings, networking, selfimprovement, and communication. Over the past year,



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the Uvalde library had a 13% increase in children holding library cards.

El Progreso Library has been a favorite among local readers and book lovers for over a century. The library has an interesting history. While most public libraries in South Texas have their origins under the auspices of local government, such was not the case for the founding of El Progreso Library in Uvalde, Texas.

This library traces its origins to 1903 when a group of civic-minded women formed El Progreso Civic Club. One of their goals was the founding of a public library. The original location of the library was in one of the founder's homes. The women named the library after their club and their efforts

contributed to the education of the young and old. After a robust and successful campaign that raised over five million dollars in the late 1990s, El Progreso Library moved from its many previous locations into a new spacious building on Uvalde's West Main Street in 2003.

Mendell Morgan, the library's Director, noted that its popular reading programs for children include a weekly Children's Story Hour. The library has been recognized for hosting educational programs and school visits/tours and helping homeschooled children and their tutors with ample resources. Harriett and I attended one program that featured Latino artists from South Texas. We have been invited to many of their cultural and arts programs. Mor-



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gan added that the library also offers a cooling place in summer and a warming place in winter for those in need.

The El Progreso Library is at the center of many community activities that benefit children. For example, the San Antonio Food Bank meets at its facility to register food-insecure families in Uvalde County for monthly food support. Professional counselors-some coming from San Antonio-meet clients there for mental health counseling sessions in private meeting rooms. Texas-based AVANCE holds parenting classes for Uvalde County low-income families to assist them "in overcoming isolation and lack of opportunities." The Early Head Start [infant and toddlers] and Head Start [pre-K3 and Pre-K4] classes meet there as well. The library is undoubtedly the "community hub"

for the town and region.

The Uvalde Library's newest goal for this year is the Dual Language [Spanish/English] Program for Children. Mr. Morgan and his staff started this bilingual program to complement the Uvalde School District academic Dual Language Program by providing bilingual books, computer

software, and puzzles/games for toddlers to 12trh grade students.

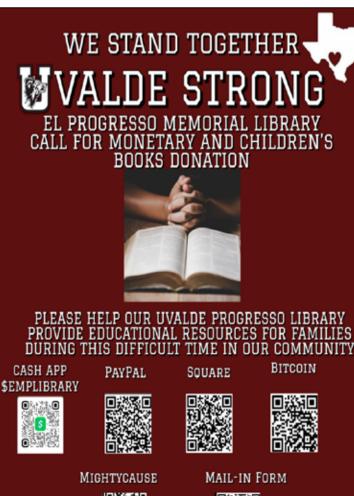
Because the library does not charge cardholders, it looks for ways to raise funds. For example, it operates a bookstore that is managed by Friends of the Library so that 100% of proceeds for all items sold [in-house and online] go to the general operating fund of the Library. The fundraising project that I am proud to have launched this past week "Uvalde Strong: El Progreso Memorial Li-



Historical Tile Mural. Children's Section, El Progreso Memorial Library.

brary Call for Monetary and Children's Book Donation" directs all funds raised to go to the children's section of the library. Our goal of raising \$25,000 for the summer project has been more than half met, with \$15,000 raised this week. The response to this call has been exceptional. Children's bilingual activity book donations from Smithsonian offices in Washington, D.C., collaborated with a medical group from Los Angeles California were among the first commitments.

El Progreso Memorial Library is a valuable treasure for the community's young people. Support will enable the library to remain a viable resource with adequate assets to continue serving present and future generations of children and youth in Uvalde.



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Éxito 1er Torneo Amistad Poncho Maldonado Dallas campeón derrotó a Cloete-Nueva Rosita



Por Sendero Deportivo

Todo un éxito en el estadio Potranco fue el primer Torneo Internacional Amistad Alfonso "Poncho" Maldonado, ha quién sé le reconoció su legendaria carrera por 40 años de locutor, y comentarista deportivo en la Radio y T.V., en la región carbonifera.

Los organizadores del evento categoría Veteranos; Norberto Maldonado y su hermano Luis, así cómo Miguel Hernández e Iván Rubinsky, con anticipación lograron animar al público y los cuatro equipos participantes, Sabinas del manager Juan Ochoa "El Rayo". Dallas de Pablo Barron. Cloete-Nueva Rosita de Arturo Rodríguez "La 4", y San Antonio de Iván Rubinsky., ya qué el cuadrangular sé jugó durante el feriado del Memorial Day en San Antonio.

Fueron dos días de plena acción durante el sábado 28 y domingo 29 de Mayo en los horarios de las 10am y 1pm.

La presentación en honor de Poncho Maldonado sé realizó en la primera jornada antes de comenzar el segundo partido entre Cloete- Nueva Rosita, dónde el galardoneado comunicador acompañado de su esposa María Luisa Rangel, sus hijos Luis Alfonso, Norberto Javier. Celia Guadalupe y Martha Sanjuanita, lo acompañaron durante las jornadas y presentación de flamantes placas a los cuatro equipos en especial a él porqué con éste torneo seguirá con el mismo nombre honrando a beisbolistas y personalidades qué por años han contribuido en el desarrollo del béisbol internacional.

Poncho Maldonado de 74 años de edad nativo de Sabinas, Coahuila, obtuvo su diploma de locutor en la ciudad de México cursando los ciclos de 1966. 1967 y 1968.

Posteriormente trabajo en XEMJ Radio Popular de Piedras Negras. En Monclova trabajo 15 años en XEQX, en Sabinas con XEBX La Primera trabajo 25 años. Fue cronista Deportivo por 38 años en Radio y T.V. con Canal 10 de Sabinas, jubilandose en 2008 después de 40 años dedicados a esa digna profesional.

"El torneo a pesar de qué fue categoría Veteranos, sé logró ver el gran talento de los cuatro equipos participantes", apuntó Maldonado. Quien dijo qué con éste homenaje vivira eternamente agradecido.

Resultados. De acuerdo al comentarista Simón Sánchez, en la primera jornada Dallas derrotó a Sabinas 10-7 carreras, ganó José Luis "La Matraca" Ponce, con derrota para Edgar Cerda. El combinado de Cloete-Nueva Rosita vencio a San Antonio con pizarra de 12-10, Luis Rios ganó. Miguel Ybarra perdió tuvo relevos de Víctor Velázquez "Picho" y JP Reza.

El tercer lugar fue ganado por San Antonio ante Sabinas 8-7. Destacó el receptor Lupe Guerrero remolcando la carrera del empate 7-7 y la del gané 8-7 anotada por Picho Velázquez, quién sé adjudicó la victoria en la serpentina.

Dallas en gran partido final sé coronó ante Cloete-Nueva Rosita 9-7.

"Agradecemos el respaldo del señor Eloy Rocha dueño del parque Potranco y Simón Sánchez. Presidente de Liga Abierta dominical, porqué nos dieron las facilidades pará realizar éste valioso torneo", dijo Norberto Maldonado.

El valioso jardinero Gallo Villa (jugador en Liga Semi-Pro con Piratas de Sabinas), qué vistio la franela de Cloete-Nueva Rosita por éste conducto envía saludos para La Rovis, Texas. (Fotos de Franco).









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Spotlight on Magik Theatre

Magik Theatre is a nonprofit founded in 1994 with the mission to use the power of theatre to create Magikal storytelling for children that Activates imagination, Grows young minds, and Inspires creativity and a love of learning that is the Key to a more literate future for our community. Young people are at the heart of everything we do, and community is what we champion. Theatre allows us to bring families together and establish genuine connections with themselves and those around them. Through shared, rich experiences, we are able to engage families and communities to create memorable moments that lead to lifelong impact.

Organization highlights include -

- Tickets to Literacy provides the opportunity for Title 1 students to access the arts with free and reduced-price tickets to our theatre
 productions. This past year, 6,321 Title 1 students received tickets to enjoy our field trip performances.
- Magik Theatre on the Road is driven by the belief that theatre can be transformative. By seeing and participating in live
 performances, children learn to identify with others, build self-esteem, and develop confidence in their own abilities. This season,
 artists toured 42 schools and locations around Texas.
- Magik Theatre partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to produce Maddi's Fridge a production for young audiences that
 addresses the challenges of food insecurity in a relatable way for children through the lens of friendship. This heartwarming
 production emphasized important lessons about friendship, empathy, trust, and helping others. In Bexar County alone, 14% of
 people live in food-insecure homes. Of those residents 25% are children; that is approximately 120 children at risk of going hungry
 each day.

Meaningful storytelling and emotional resonance have become core values to drive our programming. This Fall 2022, Magik Theatre and Celebrate Dyslexia are partnering to bring awareness to the Alamo City. Together, we will commission a new production, Eddie and Vinnie that takes young audiences on a journey through the trials of an elementary school student with dyslexia. With early intervention, students with dyslexia often adapt and find unique learning techniques to succeed in school.

Dyslexia is a specific reading disability in the area of single-word reading and spelling and affects 1 in 5 school-aged children. However, Celebrate Dyslexia's research of San Antonio schools suggests that dyslexia is likely under-identified in San Antonio at a disproportionate rate compared to the national average. Therefore, Magik and Celebrate Dyslexia are working together to create awareness campaigns in San Antonio and its surrounding areas about the neurobiological disorder and to provide teachers and caregivers with the necessary tools to identify students with dyslexia.





Living through the pandemic has taken a toll on families. This summer, let's go play outside, get reconnected, learn new skills, and start building good habits.

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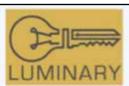
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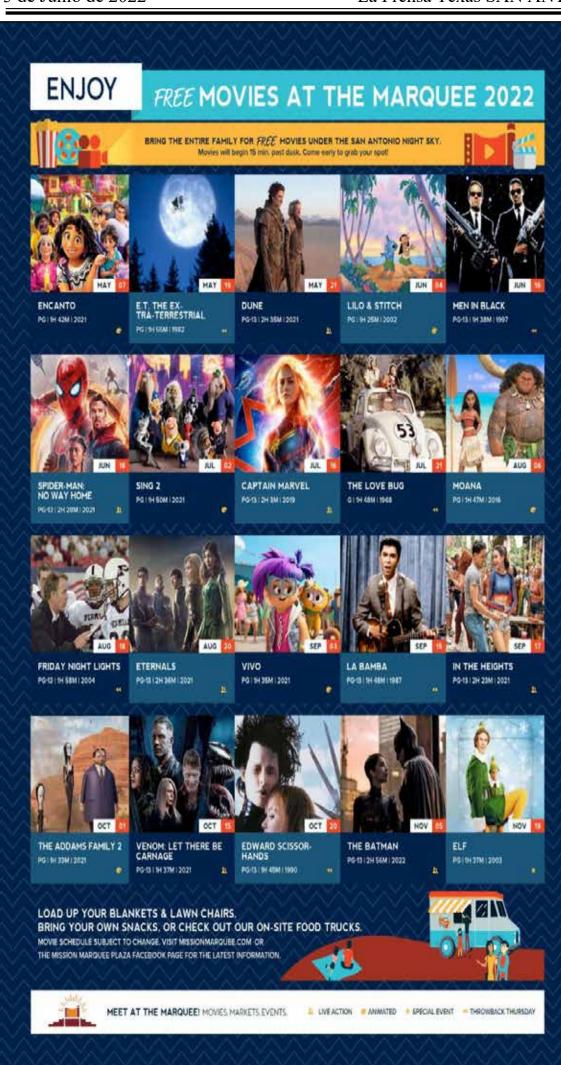


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