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# Let's Talk About It Why Don't Marriages Last Anymore?

#### **By Yvette Tello**

How long were you married or have you been married? How long were your grandparents married? Why do you think marriages lasted longer in our grandparents' generations vs today's generation? Let's talk about it...

Beverly Holt Stewart: "I've been married 42 years. Both sets of grandparents were over 50. My parents celebrated 70 in April, my in-laws made 65. All marriages ended with a death and not divorce. Why? Because they made a commitment to make it work no matter how hard it was. Also, we have Jesus to help us make it work. When you are trying to become more like Christ you are also easier to live with."

**Valerie Sepulveda:** "I'm at 13 years married and happy Christ is in the center of our marriage. My grandparents were married once and they both did the till death do them part."

Chris Castillo: "My wife and I have been married 7 years. My parents were over 50 years married and both are deceased. I think nowadays social media has alot to do with breakups. Too much temptation for weak people. But if you both love each other and have the same goals for your life together, nothing else matters."

Amanda Cena: "People don't put God first. Respect, loyalty, and trust is lost. Social media has made things worse and people have become weak rather than stay strong to focus on the one they are with or had."

Michelle Morris: "Communication"

**Stacy Fairhurst-Gansheimer**: "People did not give up on each other; Took their vows seriously."

Frank Burton: "People are too self-centered now and letting their egos steer the relationship off the cliff. If you aren't happy and constantly arguing, what are you doing to fix your hand in that? It takes 2 to tango and most issues are reactive to what they aren't even recognizing as the problem. Most people aren't even trying but complain it's all the other person's fault. And yes, so many toxic people are just there to take advantage of their partner. I could go on from what I've seen and heard from friends. It's just sad they don't even try anymore."

**Melody Mike:** "Was married for 14 years, and I believe that weakness in commitment, morality and judgment are at hand here. Men and women both are being saturated and pummeled with dazzling media that the grass is greener instead of working toward a commitment that should be honored. As some say ( or should) the grass looks greener cause

it's fake. As men, we should take the lead on this. As women, tambien."

**Sharon Cathcart:** "Women are no longer obligated to stay in abusive relationships due to destruction of coverture and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, among other things. It is no longer legal to fire a woman for getting married or getting pregnant, or to limit her career "options" to teaching or nursing, either."

**Kat Francis:** "Have you been living under a rock for the last 70 years? Marriage is an anachronistic, patriarchal/religious institution designed to oppress women, and now we have better education and economic opportunities and no real need for organized religion or the Patriarchy. That's why."

Kirsten Ogden: "Because society no longer pressures \*most people to stay in bad or abusive marriages; because divorce is easier to get and no longer looked down upon as a societal failing; because we are more enlightened and less restrictive and tied to paternalistic patriarchal social norms. Women can now have bank accounts in their own name (they couldn't until the 70's; women couldn't get credit cards; women could be fired from their jobs for getting pregnant... etc. Financial Independence gave women more options so that male Partners weren't their only means of financial support. While many marriages were healthy and wonderful and lasted a long time, others were not. Women that got pregnant often married unsuitable life-long partners. It's not a lack of religious faith or a faltering of society values—staying in a marriage/partnership with someone for a long time (34 years for us) needs mutual respect and equality and commitment. And for society to butt out. Some women in my family were told to stay in marriages where their husbands beat them. That's not a "successful marriage." I doubt the stats are comparable."

Amy Bennett Flippen: "Because people don't feel as bullied by society and religion to remain unhappy for the rest of their lives. Also people are living longer. As physical and mental health improve, quality of life accompanies quantity of life and people realize that they can have a second chance."

Beth Yarnall: "Women have economic independence, birth control, and almost equal rights. They aren't going from their fathers house to their husbands house anymore. We have CHOICES and RIGHTS our grandmothers never had. We don't have to stay in bad marriages anymore."

**Ed Dennis:** "We live in a world of disposability. When things stop working, we don't fix them, we throw them away and get a new one. The world has told women that they don't need a man. The government has incentivized single motherhood.

Young men aren't taught to cherish young ladies and young ladies aren't taught to know their value. We as a nation are dismissing Christian values and glorifying self happiness over glorifying God with our marriages. It is hard work and requires sacrifice. We don't teach young adults the truth about marriage."

Susie Rock: "One of my favorite quotes is, "there are no long term relationships without forgiveness." People are no longer willing to forgive. As soon as it gets tough, people give up. They are more interested in receiving than they are willing to give. I will be married for 28 years this Spring. We have both grown and matured over these years. We have both offered forgiveness for offenses, and we continue to love and honor one another. Marriage is a covenant that can endure, and endure joyfully, when both the husband and wife are willing to do their part in their relationship."

**David Boyden:** "Women are allowed to have credit cards, buy a house, buy a car, make a decent living. Men are not required unless a lady wants one. Us Men need to bring more to the table. Respect, kindness, sensitivity and sharing of efforts. A good deal for BOTH parties."

**Sunny Story:** "Because neither men nor women feel they have to put up with abuse, stress, or being unloved. The church and social pressure used to force people to stay unhappily married."

Kim Olson Steffes: "Biggest reason? Because women have choices now. They don't have to stay in abusive or controlling relationships, they're empowered and can make their own money, they're getting married later (or not at all), they can choose single motherhood if they want without needing a partner."

Stacey Sappah: "Divorce was unheard of during that time and my grandparents were catholic so no way!!!Today marriages aren't centered around God and people marry for money instead of communication,love,sacrifice and commitmenthave to talk everything thru and I feel marriages to some people are just a joke."

**Bill Peckman:** "Because our grandparents didn't belong to a generation that saw things as disposable. When something was broken that was valuable, they fixed it. Now we throw it away and search for something new."

**David Brin:** "Divorce rates - and gambling, STDs, teen sex and every other turpitude are higher in GOP-run states on average (excluding Utah.) You asked, and that's a simple answer."

# About the Cover Artist: Al Rendon

#### By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Photographer Al Rendon has documented the life and culture of San Antonio for decades. He is both a commercial photographer and an artist. *Read More on Page 10.* 

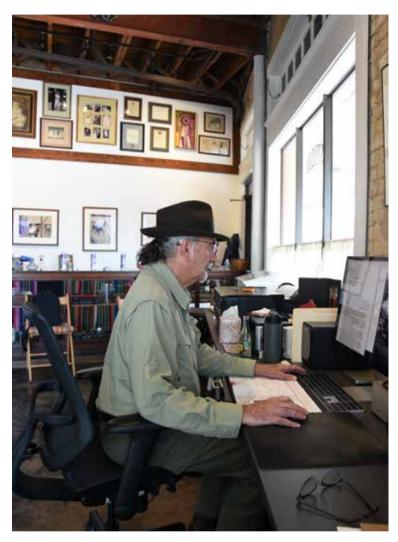




Photo by Al Rendon. Mayor Henry Cisneros with Santana in San Antonio 1980s.

Photo by Dr. Ricardo Romo . Al Rendon working in his studio.

Photo by Al Rendon. El Maestro.

Photo by Al Rendon. Fiesta Performance.









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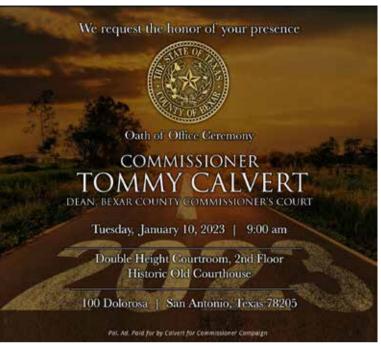
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# **Calvert Becomes Dean of Bexar County Commissioner's Court**

#### By Ramon Chapa. Jr.

La Prensa Texas Community Liaison Ramon Chapa Jr was honored to be in attendance at the Swearing in of Commissioner Tommy Calvert and Commissioner Justin Rodriguez to 4 more years! Calvert is now the Dean and Senior Commissioner on the Court!











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Si tienes preguntas, visite sariverauthority.org/draftFPM o llame al 210-227-1373.



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Personal que hablan español estarán presentes.

# Tradición Los Tres Reyes Magos

#### Por Franco

Vaya qué nuestra comunidad todavía sigue creyendo en la tradicional noche de Los Tres Santos Reyes.

La cuál por el calendario siempre se realiza durante el 6 de enero. Fecha en qué sé recuerda la visita de Los Tres Reyes Magos, Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar, llegados de tierras lejanas, [qué visitaron el pesebre del Niño Dios, Jesús de Nazaret] en Belén, Judea.

Llevándole de regalo. Oro, incienso y Mirra.

Ello en homenaje al nacimiento al Rey de Reyes.

Al paso de los años, cristianos y católicos. Han venido celebrando la noche de los 3 Reyes Magos. Con diversos eventos. Especialmente regalando un juguete entre los pequeños qué durante el año se portaron bien. Los que no se portaron bien, a cambió en su zapato viejo ubicado en el árbol navideño recibieron una pieza de "Carbón".

En el caso de la familia Franco-Vara, de San Antonio, el matrimonio formado por Vidal Rodrigo Franco Sr., y Tiffani Vara-Franco, festejaron la tradicional fecha, ofrecieron juguetes a su hijo Junior y su princesa Valina Raine Franco.

Por otro lado su servidor y esposa Pauline Franco, felicitamos al cuñado Moisés Torres, de Santa Ana, California, por su cumpleaños justamente el 6 de enero.

Su esposa Alice Franco-Torres, su hija Alma, y sus hijos Alejandro y Noé Torres, lo festejaron en grande. Recibiendo felicitaciones de sus nietos: Yvonne-Alicia, David. Damián, Joshua. Geovanni, Bethanny, Vida. Elena, Jesse (JJ). Bisnietos: Rosalie, Moisés y Ángel.

"Gracias a mi familia y a Dios porque estoy festejando con ellos mi cumpleaños, así cómo a los Santos Reyes Magos", dijo el feliz cumpleañero. En las fotos aparecen Moisés Torres con su pastel de cumpleaños y la rosca

de Reyes. Junior y Valina Raine con sus regalos y familia y su zapato viejo.

(Fotos de Franco).









# Unaccompanied Burial Memorial Service - January 18, 2023

#### By Amparo Arriaga

Bexar County Military and Veterans Services Center in conjunction with Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery invite you to the upcoming Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service on January 18, 2023.

#### Those We Honor

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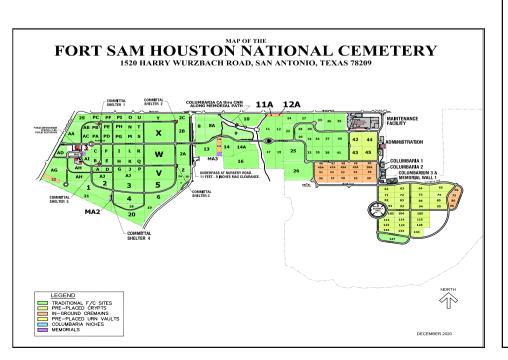
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BIVINS, SUSAN SGT US AIR FORCE

**HUDSON, PAUL** SP4 US ARMY

PORTALATIN, RAMON, A. SSGT US MARINE CORPS







What: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and Bexar County

Military and Veterans Services will conduct an Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service

**Who:** All members of the community are encouraged to come honor

and pay tribute

When: January 18, 2023 at 9:00 am

Where: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Assembly Area

To care for those who served our nation is a commitment, honor and responsibility for the entire community.



Contact Bexar County Military and Veterans Services at 210-335-6775 for additional information



# Cleaning up San Antonio "Be a Beauty Bug, Not a Litter Bug"

#### By Rick Melendrez

I saw "OP" Schnabel a couple of times on Houston St in the mid 60's. Once he was sweeping under the canopy of the Texas theater. I was in my St. Michael's school khaki uniform, black tie and all. He smiled and struck up a conversation with me as he rested his head on the broom handle. He asked me what school I went to. Told him, "St. Michael's, sir" and I showed him my school patch. He said that was a fine school and to say hello to the Sisters of Divine Providence. He asked if I would like to sweep. I said, Sure sir!" I helped him for about 20 minutes. When I was leaving, he reached into his pocket and gave me his business card. First business card I ever received. Attached to the card was a shiny penny.

Here's a little history on OP Schnabel... apparently he had gone to Europe on vacation and was impressed with the cleanliness of the cities of Europe. He comes back to SA on a one man campaign to beautify SA. He founded the Beautify San Antonio Association. On practically every block downtown on utility poles, he placed dark green box metal trash receptacles with swinging doors. Over 500 of them!

He was smart and very savvy in marketing his insurance business. In white lettering on every receptacle was painted; "Be a Beauty Bug, Not a Litter Bug, O.P. Schnabel, Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company". Thousands of San Antonians would see his name every day.

Another one of OP's guerrilla marketing ideas was his business cards. He literally handed out thousands of cards with a shiny lucky penny glued to the card. "Carry This and Never Be Broke". It is said he personally handed out over 70,000 cards.

People called him "Old Pushbroom", but his real name was Otto Phillip Schnabel. There is a park named in his honor on Bandera Rd.

Thanks to OP, I became an anti-litter bug and never went broke because of the business card he gave me.

Thanks OP!

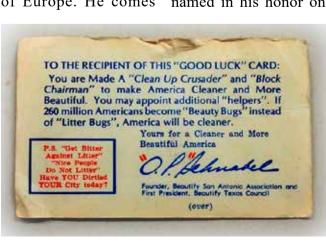
Rick Melendrez, is a native San Antonian. Melendrez considers himself fortunate to have been born in San Antonio, just 3 blocks from the San Antonio de Valero mission (the Alamo) at the former Nix hospital on the riverwalk and to have attended Catholic grade school on the southside and on the river walk.

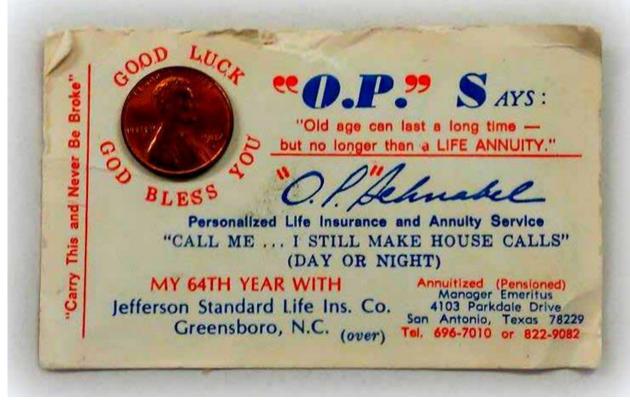
Catholic education is very close to his heart. Melendrez attended St. Michaels for five years (1960-65) and then attended St. Mary's School on the river walk (1965-68) and onto Cathedral high school in El Paso, Texas.

He is the former publisher of the El Paso Citizen newspaper and former chairman of the El Paso County Democratic Party. He writes a page on Facebook titled "Sister Mary Ruler, Growing Up Catholic In San Antonio". Everyone is invited to read about the San Antonio of the 1960's

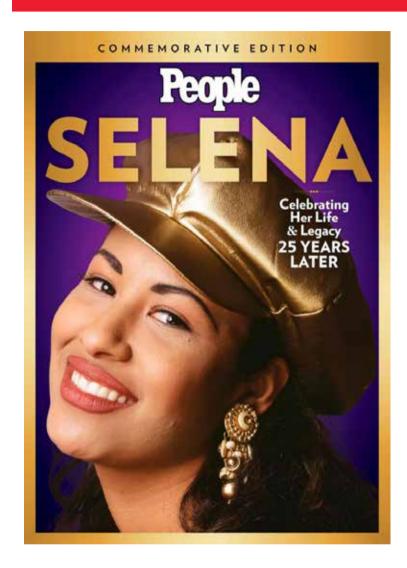
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# Al Rendon: A Highly Acclaimed Latino Photographer



Al Rendon, Selena. People Magazine, 2021. Photo courtesy of Mr. Rendon.

#### By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Every American City has its favorite photographer who is able to produce revealing imagery that captures the mind and soul of its people, that documents the cultural attributes of its society, and that reveals the historical aspects of the region's landscape. Large cities with diverse populations count on the expertise of numerous photographers to explore the nuances of their dif-

ferent population groups. Over the past fifty years San Antonio has been the beneficiary of one of the nation's most talented and accomplished Latino photographers, Al Rendon. Al Rendon is one of the few U.S. Latino artists whose work has been collected by three Washington D.C. Smithsonian Museums: the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Rendon's path to becoming a photographer dates back to his pre-teen years when his mother, who took all the family photos, passed on her camera to him as she became less confident of her eyesight. One Saturday morning Rendon wandered over to the Alamo after church service downtown on a day when a Hollywood crew was filming Viva Max. Rendon followed the local press crew as they took photos of the set and starring actors. His photo of Jonathan Winters rehearsing with Peter Ustinov before a scene is a favorite of this early work.

From the 1960s on, San Antonio's music scene exploded. Major performers and bands of all varieties frequented the city on a regular basis. While attending Central Catholic High School in the early 1970s, Rendon's interest in photography expanded He joined the yearbook staff and covered music concerts on the weekends. He earned enough money from his high school years to attend college. However, he decided to postpone college and instead work full-time as a photogra-



Al Rendon. The family in front of the mural honoring 10 year old Nevaeh Bravo who was killed in the Uvalde school shooting. [Parents, Magdaline Garcia and Juan Julian Bravo] 2022. Photo courtesy of Mr. Rendon.

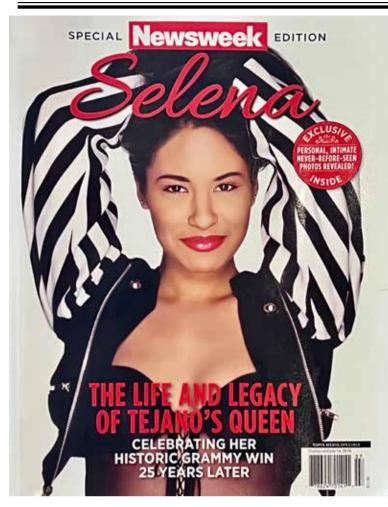


Al Rendon, Taco Stand. Photo courtesy of Mr. Rendon.

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When San Antonio's Guadalupe Cultural Center hired a photographer in 1985 to cover their cultural events and the Conjunto

Festival, they recruited Rendon. Rendon recalled that working with the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center reintroduced him to his Latino roots. He told Kath-



Al Rendon, Selena. People Magazine, 2021. Photo courtesy of Mr. Rendon.

leen Franz of the National Museum of American History: "Before I knew it, that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to document Hispanic culture."

Rendon's coverage of Tejano music led to several exciting opportunities in the early 1980s. The enterprising photographer met Selena during a time when her band was performing mostly in South Texas and charging between \$300 to \$600 per gig. The music world for Selena changed after she won Female Vocalist of the Year honors at the Tejano Music Awards in 1988. Rendon was there to capture that moment for the seventeen-year old star.

In 1992, the recording company Capitol Records

EMI Latin had a problem—no one liked the photos proposed for a new album due in the stores that spring. Selena, the newly crowned Queen of Tejano Music, recalled Rendon's great photos of her and her band of earlier years. Thus, the San Antonio photographer got his big break to work with Selena for the cover of her upcoming album, Entre a mi Mundo (Come into my World).

On a cold winter day, Selena's bus pulled up to the studio that Rendon had rented for this emergency photo shoot. Selena's band was on its way to a venue, and there wasn't much time. Rendon remembered that Selena came to the studio with only her family. She brought along several outfits she had designed herself. Rendon could not have known at the time, but this album would be her breakthrough creation. Her songs recorded in Entre a mi Mundo included the influence of R&B, pop, and disco, but also reflected her personal style of Colombian cumbias.

Rendon's association with Selena opened other doors for the young photographer. When the Hispanic advertising agency Sosa, Bromley, Aguilar & Associates garnered the Coca Cola contract in the early 1990s to feature Selena in their Coke ads, they chose Rendon for the photo shoot. The Sosa firm knew of Rendon's work and were well aware that he had good rapport with Selena. Over the next several years, Selena became one of Coca Cola's most popular product promoters. Rendon's numerous Coke images of Selena are now in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

The recent publication of the book San Antonio: City on a Mission by Henry G. Cisneros and Catherine Nixon Cooke demonstrate Rendon's understanding of San Antonio's favorite sights. Rendon's photographs of the city and its "Many Colors" begin on page 108 and continue to page 193, a vibrant exploration of the culture and



Photo by Dr. Ricardo Romo, Al Rendon in his Studio.

traditions of a rich city in 85 beautiful pages. More than 100 photos highlight the city's many colorful festival events, its iconic citizens, and the area's historical structures of centuries past.

In a world where San Antonio's images are recorded by the thousands by tourists and locals alike, Rendon's imagery stands out. The city's most photographed icons of the Alamo and World Heritage Missions require the eye of a consummate professional. Rendon is that and more. His studio and home in Southtown near Hemisfair Park allow him quick access to San Antonio's downtown that he visits almost daily. His familiarity with the bustling urban centers and the quiet rural edges of the city make him the ideal professional photographer of Fiesta, the Mexican Charreada, Hardberger Park, the San Antonio River and Riverwalk, and the five historic Spanish missions.

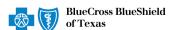
Al Rendon's photography exemplifies the character and essence of San Antonio and is a treasure for future generations. In September of 2023 the Witte Museum will present a retrospective of Al Rendon's work over the past 50 years. Rendon is currently culling through thousands of his photographs to select his favorites for this exhibit.





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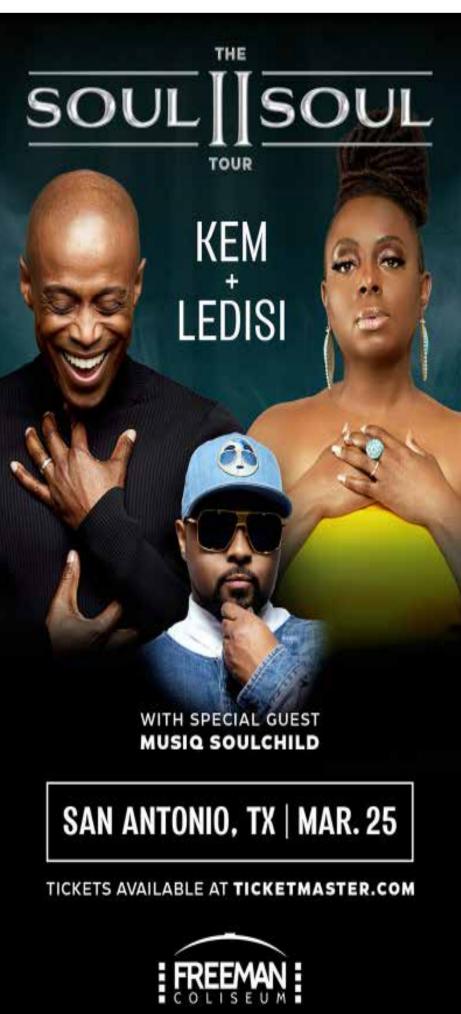
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# Maceteros primer lugar Liga Abierta Charros de cierre derrotó a Dodgers SA

#### Por Sendero Deportivo

Tras el retorno de las acciones beisboleras en el estadio Potranco Baseball Field, éstos fueron los resultados.

En categoría Abierta dominical Potranco Bravos de Jesús Ramirez y Freddy García doblegaron a Balandra del ex ligamayor Ezequiel Pérez 4-2 carreras. (Éste domingo sé enfrentaran en serie del playoff).

Tomateros forfiteo a Rieleros empatando con Cardenales para la postemporada.

Maceteros de Edwin Ortiz Jr y el coach Francisco Navarro, con pitcheo de José López blanquearon a Cardenales 2-0, ubicandose líder de temporada con marca de 12 victorias por 2 derrotas.

Bravos finalizó con récord de 11 victorias. 2 derrotas y 1 empate. En otros resultados en la potente categoría Masters 50+, qué preside Simón Sánchez y el scout Frank Torres, la comentarista Linda Garza reportó los siguientes resultados: Rangers de El Venado Benito Martínez perdió contra Rieleros de Juan Sánchez y el coach Servando Hernández con pizarra de 7-5. Rangers tuvo oportunidad de salir adelante, pero la ofensiva del pitcher Amado "Sorpresa" Gutiérrez y sus compañeros fue el factor, ya qué Chon Rodríguez, con bases llenas pegó triple, seguido por

Rosenberg Falcón con hit poniendo la pizarra 7-5.

Por Rangers abrió Alberto Ubaldo seguido por Eleazar Bocanegra quién tarde detuvo la ofensiva rielera.

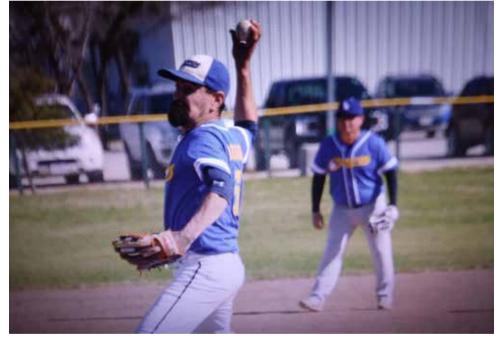
Charros de Catarino Obregón, sé impuso ante Dodgers SA con pizarra de 14-10 y victoria para el relevista Alfredo Obregón quién entró al quite del abridor Ismael Hernández, lacderrota fue para el manager Macario Rosas.

El clásico entré el campeón Astros de Pedro Espinoza, fue ganado por Yankees SA de Luis Velázquez con score de 7-2. Un partido ya casi ganado por Astros qué en el sexto episodio aceptaron 4 carreras con derrota para Chris Lee y victoria para el zurdo Moisés Cervantes.

Rol de juegos domingo 15 campo 2 estadio Potranco Baseball Field.

9:30am Rangers vs. Dodgers. 12pm Charros vs Astros. 2:30pm Yankees vs Rieleros. En las fotos aparecen: Yankees SA. Alfredo Obregón de Charros (Fotos de Franco), y Maceteros

(Foto cortesía de Edwin Ortiz Jr.









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### **Proposed Amendment Challenges Preservation In Perpetuity At Cibolo Canyons**

#### **By Annalisa Peace**

St. Mary's University will receive more than \$5.5 million in federal appropriations, secured by Congressman Joaquin Castro, who represents U.S. House District 20, to help fund the construction of the Blank Sheppard Innovation Center. This funding was signed into law as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 omnibus appropriations law, which also included more than \$10 million procured by Castro for additional San Antonio community projects.

St. Mary's University and its School of Science, Engineering and Technology broke ground on the three-story Blank Sheppard Innovation Center in October 2022. The additional \$5,561,000 will help build and equip seven new laboratories on the first two floors of the stateof-the-art, 30,000-square-foot center.

The Blank Sheppard Innovation Center will support advanced manufacturing research and instruction. It will also promote outreach with industry and community partners engaged in engineering, computing and related scientific disciplines. The third floor will become home to a planned Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

"Thanks to this significant, new federal funding, the programs in the Blank Sheppard Innovation Center will improve the educational opportunities for our students, many of whom are from neighborhoods in Congressional District 20, San Antonio's West Side and

the Rio Grande Valley," said Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., President of St. Mary's University. "Also, because so many of our students, whether from San Antonio or not, wish to pursue careers in our great city upon graduation, the Innovation Center will promote economic and research development in San Antonio for many years to come."

"I have always fought to ensure San Antonio receives its fair share of funding so our community can continue to thrive," Castro said. "That's why I am glad to have gotten more than \$5.5. million included in the 2023 federal funding bill to help St. Mary's University construct and equip an innovation center that will create even greater opportunities for students as they work to pursue degrees and enter the workforce. I look forward to seeing the Center bring together bright minds in the advancement of cutting-edge research as well as host a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program that will strengthen our city and state's health care system."

Construction of the building is scheduled for completion in 2024, including the seven labs funded by these appropriations, which will include spaces dedicated to:

Robotics and smart manufacturing Measurement and instrumentation Human factors engineering Additive manufacturing and reverse engineering Data science and machine learning Innovation,

entrepreneurship and supply chain An engineering design

The new labs will serve up to 400 students a year, including the entire engineering student body, computing students or those earning the Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity, and students from other disciplines. The spaces will also be utilized by about 30 faculty members each year and about 20 industry partners sponsoring student project work. The resources of the Center will be made available to the local manufacturing base for projects, training and technology demonstration.

For more information and to watch the construction live, visit the Innovation Center's webpage.

St. Mary's University, founded in 1852, is the first institution of higher learning in San Antonio and the oldest Catholic university in the Southwest. It offers 75 programs, including doctoral and law programs. Its vision, as a Catholic and Marianist liberal arts institution, is to become one of the finest private universities in the region, a gateway for graduates to professional lives as ethical leaders in Texas, the nation and the world

(Photo Caption:Rendering of a lab in the Innovation Center)



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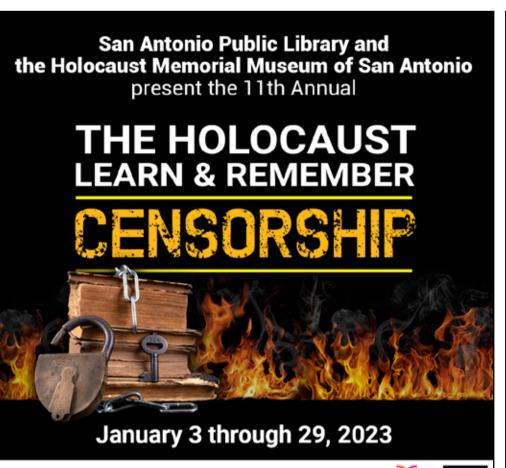
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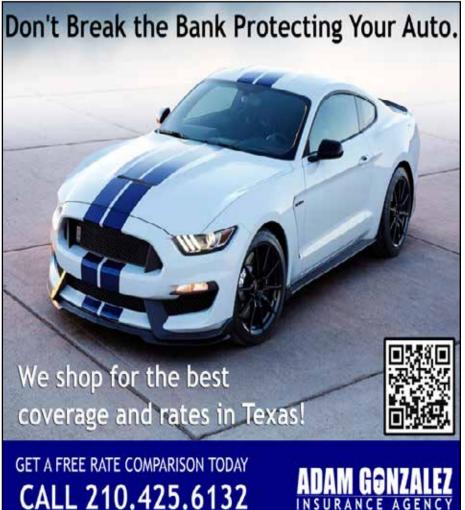
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# NALCAB Launches New Executive Level Latino Leadership Program for Community Development

#### By Sharon Garcia

NALCAB launches an executive level Latino leadership program to advance economic and racial inclusion in the community development field. The year-long fellowship will focus on a culturally relevant understanding of systemic racism, economic policy and leadership development to support latino communities.

With the generous support of Capital One and in partnership with the Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute at The George Washington University (GW), the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NA-LCAB) announces its new executive level leadership development program called LEAD. LEAD Latino Executive Advancement & Development, is a first-of-its kind leadership development program for CEOs, Presidents and Directors at economic asset-building nonprofits that primarily serve Latino communities across the US.

Applications are now open for the inaugural class: CLICK HERE for application information. An informational webinar will be held on January 19 at 2:00PM CT. Register at: https://bit.ly/3IslQJw

NALCAB's LEAD Fellowship is much more than understanding the fundamentals of leadership. The emphasis on community development allows professionals in the field to expand their viewpoints and encourages collaboration amongst their peers to tackle multi-layered problems. Through exploration of racial and ethnic equity, inclusion, and history, LEAD Fellows will learn best practices for combating systemic



#### What is the NALCAB LEAD Fellowship?

The LEAD Fellowship is NALCAB's new Latino leadership development program designed specifically for CEOs, Executive Directors, and Presidents, at economic asset-building nonprofits. Presented in partnership with the Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute at The George Washington University (GW) and supported by Capital One, the LEAD Fellowship is much more than understanding the fundamentals of leadership. Our emphasis on community development allows professionals in the field to expand their viewpoints and encourages collaboration amongst their peers to tackle multi-layered problems. Through exploration of racial and ethnic equity, inclusion, and history, LEAD Fellows will learn best practices for combating systemic racism and leadership principles that have deep connections to the work they do. The thirteen-month fellowship includes curriculum focused on effective communication, cultural intelligence, organizational culture, critical thinking, and leadership theory.

#### Who is a Good Candidate?

We strive to have a diverse group of the following:

- Executive Directors
- President
- Chief Executive Officers (CEOs)

We are looking for individuals interested in remaining in the nonprofit asset-building field, providing public service or advocating and supporting Latino/a/x communities.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

#### Eligible applicants should:

- Be able to commit to the entirety of the hybrid in-person/virtual program: Mandatory attendance of Fellowship in-person and virtual sessions and completion of a Personal Leadership Development Plan
- Self-identify as a Latino leader with at least five (5) years of overall asset-building work experience and at least two (2) years of asset-building experience at your current organization.
- Be currently employed at a NALCAB Member nonprofit or CDFI dedicated to community economic development. If your organization is not a NALCAB Member and you are interested in becoming one please email <a href="mailto:membership@nalcab.org">membership@nalcab.org</a>.
- Demonstrate leadership and dedication to community service/engagement with a strong commitment to Latino issues and a passion to serve low- to- moderate income Latino communities.
- Have the support of their organization's Board of Director's Chairperson to participate in the 13 month Fellowship program, including devoting time for coaching and working on the Personal Leadership Development Plan.



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"As the leading collective voice for Latino economic mobility and asset-building in the US, NAL-CAB saw the need for executive level professional development for Latino nonprofits that are guiding the future prosperity of Latino communities across the nation," said Marla Bilonick, President & CEO of NALCAB. "We are thrilled to partner with the prestigious Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute at GW to offer this vanguard training program that

brings together top experts in executive coaching, policy advocacy and investment in Latino-focused economic community development."

LEAD Fellowship enrollment is open to Latino-serving nonprofit CEOs/Executive Directors within the NALCAB member network that self-identify as Latino. Participants in the inaugural class will be selected through a competitive application process and limited to 15 members. The first cohort will be announced in late February of 2023.

"Capital One is committed to investing in organizations that break down the structural barriers to racial equity with attention to supporting the excellence enrich-

#### **Fellowship Program Schedule**

#### March 2023 - April 2024 (13 months)

NALCAB LEAD Fellows will participate in virtual coaching sessions with an executive coach, three (3) inperson NALCAB-facilitated training sessions, and one week-long in-person training at George Washington University's, Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute, Executive Leadership program in Washington, DC.

Please <u>click here</u> to register for our informational webinar January 19, 2023 at 2:00PM CT. A detailed timeline will be provided once accepted to the program.

#### Fellowship Costs & Tuition

The vast majority of the LEAD Fellowship Program costs are underwritten by NALCAB through generous support from our sponsors. Applicants will be asked to pay a nominal tuition fee and travel expenses to assist in meeting these costs. NALCAB can provide a letter of support to assist in fundraising for nonprofit applicants.

#### The NALCAB Member Organization that employs the qualified applicant will pay a tuition fee of:

- Level 1 \$5,000: Organizational operating budget of less than \$1M\* plus travel/lodging costs for the four
   (4) required in-person sessions.
- Level 2 \$7,500: Organizational operating budget between \$1M \$5M plus travel/lodging costs for the four (4) required in-person sessions
- Level 3 \$10,000: Organizational operating budget above \$5M plus travel/lodging costs for the four (4) required in-person sessions.

#### Tuition and Investment will be determined depending on the size of your organization.

Travel/lodging costs include hotel accommodations, airfare, and ground transportation. NALCAB will secure hotel for lodging and provide information on hotel accommodations. NALCAB will provide all instructional program costs, as well as breakfast and lunch for Fellows during in-person trainings. Applicants should be prepared to cover the cost of dinners during the program and other personal expenses they may acquire.

For organizations with an operating budget of \$500,000 or less, please reach out for financial assistance.

#### Application Deadline: 11:59PM PST on Friday, February 10, 2022

Fellowship Application Link:

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#### About NALCAB

The National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB) is the hub of a national network of 200 member organizations serving Latino communities in 45 states, Washington, DC and Puetro Rico. NALCAB supports our members through funding, training, research and advocay, enabling them to invest in their communities through affordable housing, equitable neighborhood development, small business support and financial counseling. The NALCAB Network serves hundreds of thousands of low- and moderate-income people, advancing economic equity and inclusivity in the communities we support.

ment and leadership advancement of community partners that strengthen their critical position in communities," said Aarón Almada, Senior Manager, Community Impact & Investment at Capital One. "We are proud to support NALCAB's new leadership program, LEAD, to advance economic and social opportunities in Latino and Hispanic communities, and help close the racial wealth gap."

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funding, training, research and advocacy, enabling them to invest in their communities by building affordable housing, ensuring equitable neighborhood development, supporting small business growth, and providing financial counseling on issues including credit building and homeownership. As a grantmaker and US Treasury certified CDFI lender with offices in San Antonio and Washington DC, NALCAB serves hundreds of thousands of low- and moderateincome people, advancing economic equity and inclusivity.

For more information about LEAD, please contact: Eartha Cruz, NALCAB Director of Human Resources and Organizational Culture at ecruz@nalcab.org



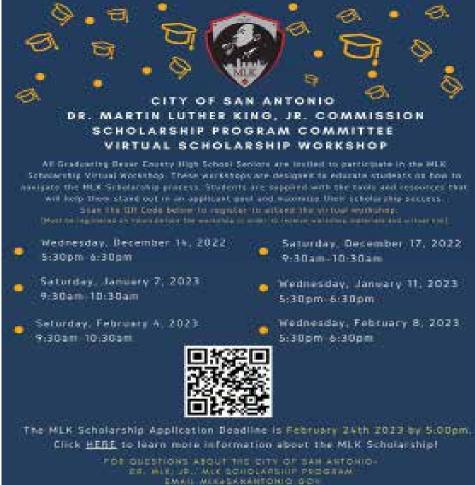
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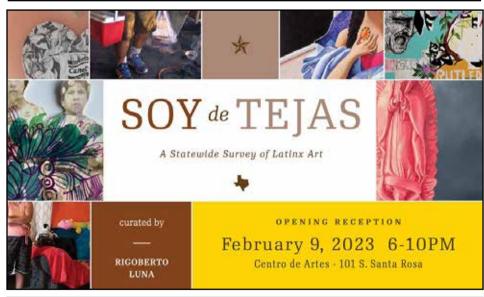
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## 2023 Toyota Prius Review

#### By Albert J. Flores

I've been driving the Toyota Prius for a long time with the knowledge that, to save money on gas, I would have to give up power and any sort of actual performance. You were fortunate to reach 60 mph in less than 10 seconds; that was, to put it mildly, unsatisfactory. The Prius' design is changing in 2023. Believe it or not, it achieves even better fuel efficiency. 57 city/56 highway mpg combined—how does that sound? Here is a new feature that is really astounding; it looks really good. So, Instead, of only focusing on making this fifth generation Prius fuel efficient. The new chief engineer for the Prius design, worked on giving it a "love at first sight" design. With new 17- and 19-inch wheels with two-inch higher tires that are closer to the body corners and a track width that is 2.3 inches wider in front and two inches wider in back, this Prius looks crisp and a touch sporty. The hood now flows into the windshield and roof, giving the Prius a less boxy appearance while simultaneously reducing drag and shortening its height thanks to the pulling back of the roofline. Unfortunately, the view out the back windshield is a little more restricted and you have lost a little interior space.

The acceleration this new Toyota Prius has been given, is really the main story. Instead of the original 1.8-liter engine's meager 96 horse-



power, the new engine sports a 2.0-liter inline-four that produces 150 horsepower. With six magnets per pole as opposed to three, the permanent-magnet synchronous traction motor produces the combined horsepower. Instead of the ole 121, to a very acceptable 194 horsepower. That represents a 60% increase! Every trim, from LE to Limited, also has the option of all-wheel drive, which contributes to the vehicle's overall 54 mpg fuel efficiency and the largest year-over-year fuel economy gain of 6 mpg. They can now reach 60 mph in just over 7 seconds and can reach 92 mph in the quarter mile. The aggressive style which was made possible by the new lower and wider styling, I think will greatly increase its appeal to younger customers.



However, the already compact car becomes slightly more cramped due to the lower roofline, which does reduce headroom by 1.4 inches in the front and one inch in the back. However, the longer wheelbase does help, adding front legroom, which moves the driver's seat slightly for a more com-

fortable driving position. On the inside, the touchscreen on the LE is an 8.0-inch panel, but a big 12.3-inch unit is optional on the XLE and standard on the Limited, giving the Prius a contemporary vibe and making it easier to use the air conditioning, GPS and stereo controls while driving this brand-new Prius. The LE's starting price point of \$28,545 represents a modest \$1100 increase over the prior year. The Limited costs \$35,560, while an XLE costs \$31,990. In conclusion, if you're searching for a sleek 5 passenger, 4 door hatchback with tons of style, I'd recommend the Toyota Prius.



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