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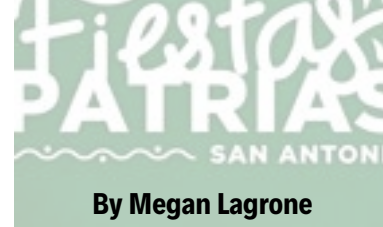
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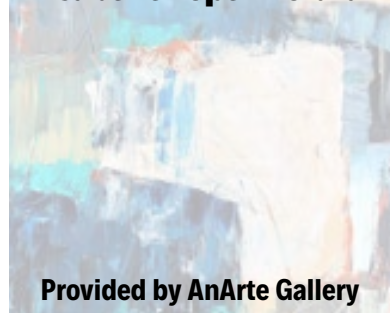
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Let's Talk About It Racial Injustice

By Yvette Tello

Racial injustice is a big topic. This month is Hispanic Heritage Month. I say we have come a long way but still have a ways to go. Many people disagree with me. I live in San Antonio where we are the majority and I think we are blessed with diversity. What do you say? Let's talk about it.

Roxanne Perez: "I think it's a shame that Hispanics aren't treated equally, however that's never a big topic. I understand the whole BLM movement, but no one seems to address, that's it's not only Black people being discriminated against. In reality, all cultures are discriminated against, even the privileged white people, because they are automatically entered into it's "us against you!" That's not fair either. There is prejudice in every color. My father told me that as a child. This still rings true. Service men and women are least likely to do so because they depend on their team, regardless of race, color or sexual orientation. That's how I was raised, and I am proud of it! I do believe that All Lives Matter, and I'm not ashamed to say so. Police get a bad rap, because what a few bad people have done. Imagine their lives; dealing with criminals every day, putting their lives at risk, for us! And, God Bless our Service men and women!

Alice Herrera: "I lived on the Texas/ Louisiana border when I was a child. People of color were horribly racist towards Hispanics!!! They would call me all sorts of names they call Hispanics. I was a 7 year old child and will never forget to this day. That was that I'm less than half Hispanic too!! According to history, Mexican Hispanics

enslaved native Indians and Spanish treated them as domestic workers, very much different according to them. Mexican Hispanics were Indian slave traffickers back in the 1800's. So many now native Americans mixed with Spanish blood continue to loathe Mexican descendents. Here in the South, Hispanic Spanish people enslaved and trafficked Mexican Hispanics. It's horrible; everywhere we turn!! All ethnicities have suffered somehow, one way or another. We just need to keep praying that one day everyone would love one another and forgive our ancestors convoluted past mistakes!

Veronica Amaro: "We are diverse. We went to a high school where we had many military families from all over. But now that I date outside my race, I see racism and am experiencing it often (from my own race). I also experienced racism directly when working for a doctor in Bulverde. It was quite the shock as I didn't see myself as a Mexican Minority in a mostly white community. I saw myself as a person, the Administrator of his practice. Then again, I wasn't allowed to date who I wanted when I was in HS. I ended up marrying within my race. Now I'm grown, my parents are so accepting and love me and the person I choose to be with, as long as I'm happy and treated well. They saw that race didn't matter. But I should share some screen shots of people that message me or text me about it. It's crazy real. But you have to consider that it was just ONE generation ago that the first black child was allowed to attend a white school. It was 1960. So, we are living what that generation had to endure

and were taught. We are the generation to acknowledge that we still need to work on changing that mentality and pray that things will get better for our grandkids and great grandkids.

Mary Svetlik Watkins:

"Living in San Antonio as a kid where we embrace culture of all flavours, it was a huge shock moving to west Texas and then Albuquerque where that wasn't the case. Especially in Albuquerque, people were very quick to point out that they were Spanish not Mexican. There is a difference there and people of Mexican descent were treated like they were lesser. I grew up never understanding the Mexican stereotype because I was the minority. It shocks me still that people see and are shocked by Hispanic success. I am recruiting now in Milwaukee and presented a Hispanic client. They are excited about the diversity. In San Antonio, Phoenix or LA, no one would notice the hispanicness. I see my friends, coworkers, and clients who are Hispanic as my friends coworkers and clients who do amazing, adult things. My tribe is my tribe. My son dated a Hispanic girl. I was shocked that people were shocked that he dated, and I allowed him to date, a Hispanic girl. She's smart, pretty, and kind.

Carolina Rodriguez-Roberts: "This is true, I'm American from Spanish descent, and Mexican. I have to say, I've never felt or have been discriminated against. Well that I knew of, all my friends co-worker have been the same and different from me, but we got along and love each other."



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.



Nestor Carbonell

Graduating from Harvard University with an English degree, Nestor Carbonell convinced his parents that his Ivy League education would not go to waste. Days later, Carbonell headed for Los Angeles to pursue acting. Wasting little time, Carbonell landed guest-starring roles on daytime dramas and programs such as "Melrose Place," "Law and Order" and "The John Larroquette Show." Quickly making a name for himself as an actor to keep an eye on, Carbonell currently stars as suave photographer Luis Rivera on NBC-TV's "Suddenly Susan," with Brooke Shields.

About The Cover Artist

Isabelle Lopez-Kotara



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My current pieces isolate movements of nature, time and our own vulnerabilities. I intentionally try not to reference a recognizable form, but more the concept, to allow for interpretation from many. By applying the abstraction to the subject, I am able to create an intense personal moment, luring the viewer into personal interpretations of my work.

These moments are visualized through deconstruction and abstraction, forged into new imagery where interpretation becomes multifaceted for the viewer. In doing so, the viewer is able to submerge themselves into a new relationship between color, light, nature and emotion.

"As pandemic restrictions became more and more severe, I realized travel would not be an option in the coming summer and fall months. I wondered, what would I miss most? The answer most certainly has always remained the same. That place on the map that offers rest, reflection, and peace. The place where idyllic days transform into magical nights, where truths

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Por Franco

Con motivo de los festejos por Labor Day y por el Mes de la herencia Hispana que sé celebra anualmente a nivel nacional del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre.

Los propietarios de las cocinas ambulantes El Cevichero y La Monchera. Los esposos Betty y Arnulfo Martínez y su hijo Abe Mota Jr., y los socios Bernardo Solís y Chito Rodríguez, respectivamente, se unieron para ofrecer inolvidable evento especial denominado "Ceviche & Birria".

El evento se organizó en el sitio de El Cevichero, 1023 Cupples Road and Kirk Place, donde ofrecieron sus respectivos menús. Birria de Res de La Monchera, que regularmente se ubica de jueves a sábados en el 1218 S.W. Military Drive en los horarios de 7pm a 12am.

El Cevichero, con su extenso menú tuvo éxito preparando "Mota Ceviche. Tostada de Aguachile. Ceviche de Camarón y Tacos de pescado El Gobernador", ello por mencionar algunos de sus platillos.

El ambiente musical fue amenizado por el conjunto norteño Nivel Alterado. Los invitados y clientes de

ambas cocinas ambulantes, aplaudieron el espectacular show de los caballos bailadores (Frisones-Españolas), Faraón, El Gallito y el moro Gasparin, entrenados por Cuadra Rancho El Diamante (Arandas, Jalisco), del jinete y preparador Germán Quiroz "El Titi".

Cabe anotar que Arnulfo (conocido futbolista. Apodado Rusito), montado en Faraón, enseñó sus habilidades de jinete. El moro Gasparin fue montado por el prestigiado jinete Misael, qué lo guió en exclusiva presentación bajo las notas musicales del grupo "Nivel Alterado".

"Sé tuvo éxito durante nuestra presencia. Los clientes saborearon nuestra birria que pronto sé acabó. Agradecemos invitación de El Cevichero. Ahora seguir adelanté para los festejos que siguen", indicaron los socios Solís y Rodríguez.

"Nuestra familia agradece el apoyo de los dueños de La Monchera, y clientela de ambos. Unidos seguiremos adelante con promociones especiales. Ahora que comienza el Mes de la herencia Hispana ", indicó Abel Mota Jr. (Fotos por Franco).



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Banorte Securities International traslada su sede estadounidense a Houston

Banorte-Ixe Securities International, Ltd. (BSI), miembro de FINRA y SIPC, una compañía de administración de inversiones y servicios de corretaje, anunciaron hoy la reubicación de su sede en Estados Unidos a Houston. Liderado por un equipo directivo nuevo y experimentado, la reubicación de la sede más cerca de la base de clientes de la empresa y la expansión de las ofertas de productos con tecnología marca un cambio fundamental en la estrategia operativa de la empresa.

Una subsidiaria de Grupo Financiero Banorte, la segunda institución financiera más grande de México, BSI aplica el mismo enfoque probado en el tiempo e impulsado por las relaciones para brindar soluciones de inversión a una base creciente de clientes nacionales y mexicanos.

“Nuestra reubicación de la

sede de Estados Unidos en Houston es el comienzo de un nuevo capítulo para Banorte Securities”, dijo el Director Gerente de Banca Privada de Grupo Financiero Banorte, Luis Pietrini. “Con un nuevo equipo directivo experimentado a la cabeza y una gama ampliada de productos impulsados por la tecnología para atraer a nuestra clientela sofisticada, estamos comprometidos a extender la misma experiencia confiable que ha impulsado a Banorte en México durante los últimos 100 años a los clientes de América del Norte.”

Los servicios de corretaje de BSI ofrecen numerosas opciones de inversión que incluyen fondos mutuos, acciones y productos de renta fija, mientras que los servicios de asesoría de la compañía brindan una estrategia de inversión diversificada globalmente diseñada para cumplir con los

objetivos financieros específicos a corto y largo plazo del cliente.

El equipo de gestión recién instalado de BSI está dirigido por el director ejecutivo de Houston, Xavier Ibarrola. Ibarrola llegó a la compañía procedente del Grupo BBVA donde estuvo más de 20 años en puestos de gestión de inversiones y finanzas.

Además de presentar la nueva sede de la compañía y anunciar su equipo de liderazgo, BSI está ampliando su oferta de productos a los clientes existentes en México con el lanzamiento de BAM Digital. Creado en asociación con BlackRock, BAM - Banorte Asset Management - Digital es la primera alternativa de inversión totalmente digital de BSI. De fácil acceso a través del sitio web o de una aplicación, BAM Digital presenta opciones de cartera diversificadas a nivel mundial diseñadas por Black-

Rock y respaldadas por un equipo de asesores experimentados.

Ibarrola dijo: “Estamos ansiosos por presentar BAM Digital a nuestros clientes existentes en México y esperamos presentar esta plataforma totalmente digital a nuestra clientela nacional en un futuro cercano”.

Si bien la sede de BSI está ubicada en el área de Galleria, la compañía mantiene una sucursal en The Woodlands, un suburbio al norte de Houston, y planea expandirse por Texas, así como Miami y San Diego en los próximos años.

Para obtener más información sobre Banorte Securities o para hablar con un asesor financiero dedicado, visite www.BanorteSecurities.com.

Grupo Financiero Banorte es una institución financiera líder en México, el segundo grupo financiero más grande

del país y el que cuenta con la diversificación de negocios más amplia en el mercado. Banorte brinda servicios a más de 21 millones de clientes a través de una extensa red que incluye más de 1,100 sucursales, más de 9,000 cajeros automáticos, más de 16,000 corresponsales y más de 162,000 terminales de punto de venta. La principal actividad de las subsidiarias es la realización de operaciones financieras como la prestación de servicios bancarios, de corretaje y almacenamiento, operaciones de leasing y factoraje. Se ofrecen servicios de seguros y anualidades, así como la gestión de aportes de ahorro para el retiro. También operan la empresa internacional de transferencia de dinero Uniteller, que atiende principalmente al mercado de remesas.



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Coming to America: A Romo Family in 1539

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Latinos have been in America longer than any other ethnic or racial immigrant group. This is an account of how a Romo family came to America.

In 1539 Maria Romo bid farewell to her three sons, Alonso, Diego, and Arias as they joined an adventurous group to help their kinsman, Hernando de Soto, recruit men willing to sail to the New World in search of wealth and exploration.

The three brothers, Arias Tinoco, Alonso Romo, and Diego Tinoco, were the sons of Gutierre Garcia Calderon and Maria Romo. It is likely that they had different fathers. Diego is often listed as Diego Arias Tinoco, while Alonso is also listed as Alonso Romo de Cardenosa.

The three Romos were related by blood to De Soto, according to the accounts of that era, and hailed from the same village in the Province of Badajoz. They were joined by Pedro Calderon, age 51, likely a brother to their father also from Badajoz.

In the 1500s when these

three brothers were born, their province offered little livelihood other than farming for uneducated youth. De Soto had gone to the New World in 1510 as a 14-year-old soldier and had participated in the conquest of Nicaragua. But it was his military service with Francisco Pizarro in the Conquest of Peru that made him a wealthy man.

De Soto returned to Spain in 1536, wealthy from the plunder of the Inca Empire. Upon his return, De Soto became familiar with the stories of Cabeza de Vaca who had shipwrecked in 1528 in Matagorda Bay near present day Galveston, Texas. De Vaca's accounts were published in Spain, and talk of finding another Inca empire that would yield gold riches became popular.

When De Soto was "granted the right to conquer Florida" by the King of Spain in 1536, he instantly began the recruitment of 600 men to sail with him to the New World. Numerous recruits came from Elvas, Portugal, a few miles west of the Spanish border and the town of Badajoz. Alonso Romo,

whom De Soto appointed as one of his cavalry captains, likely assisted his primo De Soto in selecting good men for the adventure.

In June 1538, De Soto arrived in Santiago de Cuba aboard the San Cristobal. He was accompanied by a 950-man expedition. His kinsman, Alonso Romo, was placed as commander of a large ship De Soto named "San Anton." Arias Tinoco was given charge of the large ship Santa Barbara.

There were a total of seven ships and two smaller ships referred to as brigantines. Pedro Calderon, a kinsman to the Romos, was placed in charge of one of the brigantines. Because of their command of three ships and military rank, their participation is well documented. Thus, we are able to follow the Romos and their kinsman Pedro Caldernon from the beginning of the expedition to the end of their adventures.

Upon landing in Florida, near present-day Tampa Bay, De Soto and his men had their first bit of good luck. Juan Ortiz, a survivor of the

ill fated Panfilo Narvaez expedition of Florida in 1528, had been living among the Indians and joined with De Soto as a translator. Over De Soto's four thousand mile sojourn, the explorers encountered many tribes and often struggled with communications given the hundreds of dialects used in the vast region between Florida and Texas.

The expedition did not go well. As historian David Weber wrote: "Journeying wherever rumors of gold took them, De Soto and his men left a trail of shattered lives, broken bodies, ravaged fields, empty storehouses, and charred villages."

Upon reaching the great Mississippi River, De Soto fell ill and died in a short time. The loyal brothers, Alonso, Arias, and Diego, were chosen to bury him at night in the river in a bag loaded with sand to keep their Indian enemies from learning of the Spanish leader's death.

The expedition continued for several more months travelling as far west as the Colorado River near present day Austin, Texas. There, the

weary explorers decided it would be easier to travel along the Gulf coast by boat. They turned back and marched toward the Mississippi River where they constructed seven sturdy boats to take them to the Gulf of Mexico.

From the Gulf of Mexico they sailed south along the coast until they reached the mouth of the Panuco River, a river which connected them with Mexico City. The Romo brothers and their cousin Pedro Calderon survived, and the majority of the 300 survivors remained in the Americas.

The mystery of where the Romo brothers lived out their lives is buried perhaps in some obscure documents in Spain. I have some leads, but I am not expecting to solve this question anytime soon. The topic of Latino immigration is of great interest to me. I am also convinced that we know too little of the narratives of Latino families and their experiences in coming to America. There remains much to learn and I will continue to explore more of my family history. I also encourage you to do the same.

NON-PROFIT HIGHLIGHT

Mexican American Civil Rights Institute Announces Virtual Fall Events After Successful Virtual Launch Last Month

The creation of the Mexican American Civil Rights Institute (MACRI) began as an idea for a one stop shop, repository of Mexican American catalogues, archives and histories said interim director, Sarah Zenaida Gould, PhD.

After a successful virtual launch last month, the organization is poised to continue to roll out more virtual content this fall that will engage audiences with multifaceted history and discussions. The half-day Somos MACRI virtual launch featured panels on the intersections of Mexican American civil rights history and the public humanities, public education, and ongoing struggles for social justice, and a presentation from MACRI's founding board on the mission, vision, and guiding principles of this new national organization.

Respected leaders in education, public policy, and community advocacy from San Antonio and throughout the country, participated in the event's panels, which are still available for viewing

on MACRI's Facebook page and YouTube page. Featured speakers included Dr. Stephen Pitti of Yale University, Dr. David Montejano of the University of California, Berkeley, Celina Moreno, President and CEO of the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA), and Rosie Castro, civil rights activist and former Bexar County Chair of La Raza Unida Party and others.

The vision for the organization is to foster, "communities where all Americans are inspired by the Mexican American civil rights legacy and see themselves as participants and transformational leaders in the ongoing struggle for social justice, inclusion and equity."

Gould emphasized that Mexican American history is U.S history and MACRI supports that foundational knowledge by partnering with Region 20 to enhance Texas History courses which are taught in the 4th and 7th grades.

Upcoming Virtual Programming includes:

Saturday, September 26th, MACRI will partner with the City of San Antonio's World Heritage Office to present "Mission Marquee Plaza celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month and the Legacies and Promises of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement" online at 6 p.m. CT.

MACRI will also partner with Education Service Center, Region 20 this fall to host workshops for fourth and seventh grade teachers on incorporating Mexican American civil rights history into the classroom.

"All of us just want to be seen and acknowledged. This is the struggle

to be respected, so that all of your human rights are recognized and not trampled on," said interim director, Sarah Zenaida Gould, PhD.

More information on these and additional events can be found at SomosMACRI.org or on MACRI's Facebook page.

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Se jugó en honor de Alejandro Ortiz “El Pato”

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Con el éxito deseado se logró presentar el concurrido cuadrangular con motivo de los festejos de Labor Day 2020. Sus organizadores, Jaime Guerrero, gerente administrativo del estadio Colt 45, Javier “Chicharito” Hernández, comentarista por Facebook, los esposos Linda y Roberto Garza, propietarios de la franquicia Broncos de Reynosa SA.

Los equipos participantes, fueron Padres d Eagle Pass, dirigidos por Alberto Torres. Agujita, de Juan Pedro Reza y el coach Efraín Cruz Franco. Palaú, comandados por Eduardo García y el coach Omar Alarcón. Broncos con Roberto Garza en el timón y el coach y jugador Giro Rodríguez.

El cuadrangular fue dedicado al beisbolista veracruzano Alejandro Ortiz “El Pato”, por su espectacular trayectoria en las ligas Mexicana Triple A, y Liga del Pacífico Triple A. Ortiz, debuto a los 23 años con Tecolotes de Nuevo Laredo. Y se retiró con Pericos de Puebla. Jugó 26 temporadas en liga mexicana y 15 en la liga costera. De por vida en liga mexicana dejó foja de 2,600 imparables (séptimo en todos

los tiempos), y 434 jonrones, por debajo de Héctor Espino y Nelson Barrera (455). Pato Ortiz, tuvo el honor de lanzar la primera bola, y ver su nombre grabado en el trofeo de campeón y en placa dedicada al jugador MVP del torneo.

En la primera ronda jugada el sábado 5 de septiembre, Broncos se impuso ante Palaú, con pizarra de 14 a 3 carreras, con victoria para Gilbert Salazar y derrota para Baldo Montelongo.

Agujita derrotó al visitante club Padres con score de 10-3, con derrota para Héctor “Papo” Garza, quien fue relevado por Andy Vázquez, la victoria fue para el izquierdo Gregorio (Goyo) Quintero con salvamento para Will Martínez.

En partido por el tercer lugar entre Padres y Palaú, la afición disfruto de un buen partido, ganado 9-7 por Eagle Pass, con victoria para el relevista René Rodríguez, quien entró por el abridor Lauro Quincy. Jaime Cárdenas Sr., tuvo gran actuación bateando oportuno 5-4 con 4 carreras producidas para llevarse la designación (de su equipo), como el MVP.

En la gran final, Agujita con su lanzador abridor Hugo

Méndez, desde el primer episodio fincó su victoria marcando 12 carreras en la pizarra. La derrota fue para el abridor Rick Felán. Cabe anotar que el jardinero central Freddy Rodríguez, de Agujita, sorprendió impulsando seis carreras en la primera entrada, lo cual le garantizó ser nombrado como el jugador más valioso (MVP). Agujita se coronó ganando con pizarra de 15-5. Broncos pegó 8 jits y cometió 5 errores. Agujita, conectó 15 imparables, con 2 errores.

La premiación se hizo frente al público, que aplaudió la presencia de Pato Ortiz, quien acompañado por su compadre Jaime Guerrero, y Tony Gómez, comentarista y anotador oficial, hizo la presentación del trofeo de campeón a los directivos Juan Pedro Reza y Efraín Cruz Franco. Felicitando y entregándole su plaza de MVP, al popular jardinero Freddy Rodríguez.

“Muy importante para mí que me tomen en cuenta por mi trayectoria. Este ho-

menaje no lo esperaba, por lo que siempre estaré agradecido y seguiré adelante buscando talento para el club Monclova de Coahuila”, indicó Ortiz (quien es miembro del Salón de la Fama en México).

“Contentos y felices, porque se logró ganar el torneo. Nuestra alineación fue integrada por grandes peloteros, se jugó excelente béisbol”, dijo JP Reza. “Sé jugó calidad de béisbol, ganó el equipo que mejor bateo. Broncos cumplió participando. Estamos agradecidos por esta oportunidad”, dijo el manager Garza. “Broncos, como siempre, gusta participar en este tipo de torneos, y poder colaborar en dar buena atenciones a los equipos, como lo hicimos con Padres, quienes disfrutaron de los platillos que se prepararon para ambos equipos. Chicharito, hizo buen papel en la

convocatoria y el homenaje para Alejandro Ortiz”, afirmó la señora Garza. En las fotos aparecen: Efraín Cruz Franco, Jaime Guerrero, Freddy Rodríguez (MVP). Alejandro Ortiz, Javier Hernández, JP Reza con trofeo y Tony Gómez. Jaime Cárdenas Sr., su hijo Jaime Cárdenas Jr., ambos con trofeo de campeón en su debut con Águilas de Veracruz, donde marcaron historia jugando padre e hijo. Héctor “Papo” Garza, Jerry García, Darren Ibarra y Jaime Cárdenas Sr., celebrando el tercer lugar. “Ya estamos en buena condición de juego para cuando llegue oportunidad de ir a jugar a Liga del Norte de Coahuila”, dijo Cárdenas Sr., en referencia a que su hijo Jr. También está optimista para que se les dé oportunidad de vestir la misma franela. (Fotos por Franco).



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VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.322953 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.314619 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for BEXAR COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that BEXAR COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for BEXAR COUNTY exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for BEXAR COUNTY

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for BEXAR COUNTY, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for BEXAR COUNTY

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that BEXAR COUNTY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM at in the Double-Height Courtroom on the second floor of the Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa Street, Suite 2.01, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, BEXAR COUNTY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the COMMISSIONERS COURT of BEXAR COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

- FOR:** County Judge N. Wolff, Commissioner S. Rodriguez, Commissioner J. Rodriguez, Commissioner K. Wolff
- AGAINST:** Commissioner Calvert
- PRESENT and not voting:** N/A
- ABSENT:** N/A

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by BEXAR COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by BEXAR COUNTY this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.301097	\$0.301097	decrease of \$0.000000 OR 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$216,075	\$227,584	increase of 5.33%
Tax on average homestead	\$651	\$685	increase of \$35 OR 5.33%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$463,764,481	\$473,861,035	increase of \$10,096,554 OR 2.18%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact:
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Carlos Gutierrez, PCC
Property Tax Division Director
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City of San Antonio and Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission Announce Fiestas Patrias San Antonio

By Megan Lagrone

The City of San Antonio’s Department of Arts & Culture has partnered with the Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission to announce the commission’s annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, which will take place virtually this year. Fiestas Patrias San Antonio will feature a series of online and televised events honoring San Antonio’s strong connection to Mexico. Streamed events will be available free for the community via the Department of Arts & Culture website, YouTube channel and TVSA.

“In San Antonio, we look forward to the annual celebration of Diez y Seis and Hispanic Heritage Month as an opportunity to explore the history and culture of our unique city,” said District 1 Councilman and Honorary Diez y Seis Commission Chair Roberto C. Treviño. “Although we can’t gather in person this year, the Fiestas Patrias San Antonio programming will allow us to commemorate the occasion by bringing these meaningful traditions into our homes.”

“Fiestas Patrias San Antonio community partners include the Consulate General of Mexico in San Antonio, LULAC, the San Antonio Charro Association, the Avenida Guadalupe Association, Mariachi Festival and Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. Planned events include

filmed versions of El Grito San Antonio, the Avenida Guadalupe Diez y Seis Parade, a charreada, the annual Mariachi Festival and Vida Mi Cultura, an educational performance featuring the Guadalupe Dance Company, as well as a variety of video content contributed by the local arts and culture community. A full calendar of events is available at SanAntonio.gov/arts.

“Thanks to San Antonio’s strong ties to Mexico, the city’s long standing Diez y Seis de Septiembre celebrations have been among the most prominent in the United States for more than 25 years,” said Consul General of Mexico Rubén Minutti Zanatta. “This year, we will observe Mexican Independence Day and Hispanic Heritage Month in a different way, while continuing to focus on the shared culture, friendship and solidarity that bind San Antonio and Mexico.”

The City of San Antonio Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission was established in 1994. Through its vision and leadership, the Commission hosts cultural events, children and senior citizen programs, and educational endeavors that take place throughout the city as part of the official annual commemoration in San Antonio. Each event is created to promote an understanding of the historical significance of Mexico’s Day of Independence.



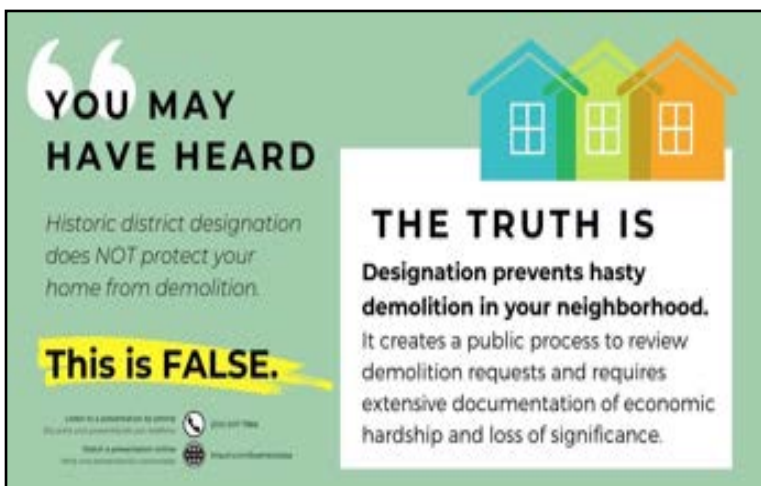
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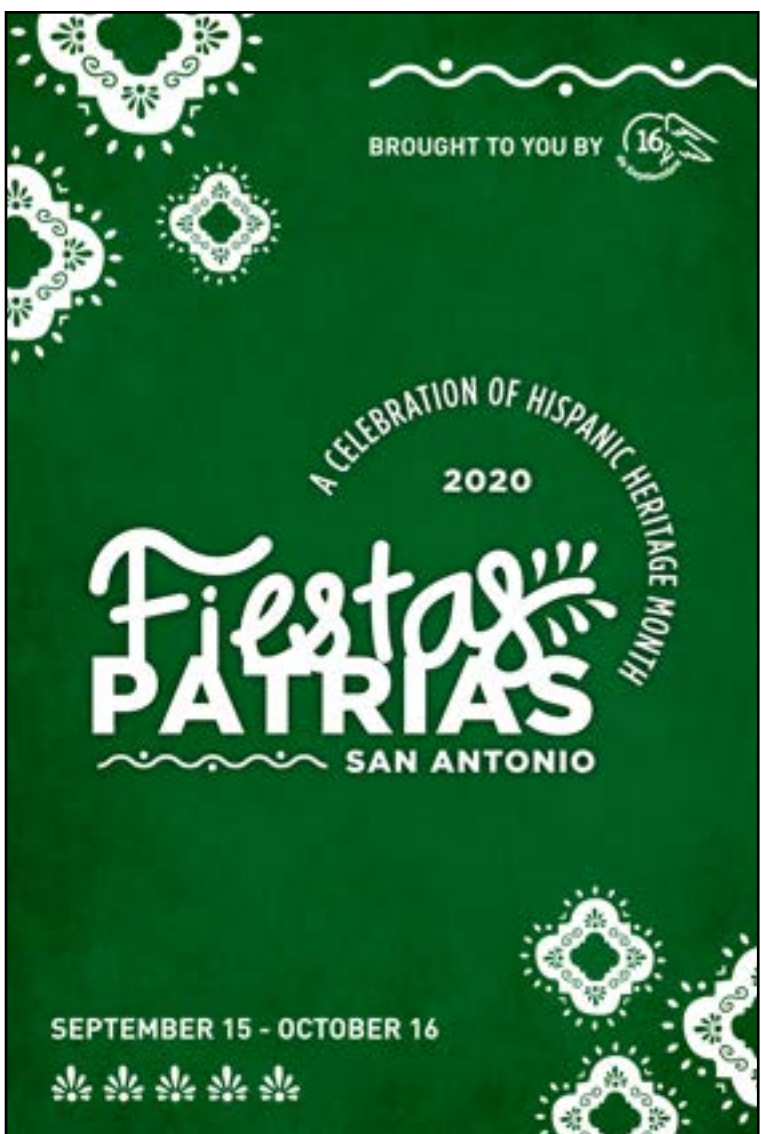
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Gonzaba Medical Group Will Host Online and Socially Distanced Events throughout September in Honor of City's Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month

By Lindsey Amick Gisela Girard

September is Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month, an annual awareness month dedicated to recognizing and honoring the Alamo City's senior citizens. During a time in which such a celebration may be more relevant than ever, Gonzaba Medical Group, who established the awareness month in collaboration with the City of San Antonio and District 3 City Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran in 2017, has prepared an entire month of online and socially distanced programs for seniors to enjoy virtually, as well as drive-through events.

"This is our most important Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month yet," said Dr. Bill Gonzaba, Gonzaba Medical Group founder and CEO. "The pandemic has impacted everyone, but particularly seniors, who are at higher risk for COVID-19 and therefore following social distancing precautions to the fullest. Staying connected is so important as we overcome these challenging times."

This year, Gonzaba Medical Group is hosting a series of virtual and socially distanced events for Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month, including a new digital literacy course series, several drive-through produce and box fan giveaways, virtual chair yoga and more.

In collaboration with Senior Planet, an organization dedicated to enabling older adults and people of all ages to come together and find

ways to learn, work, create and thrive in the digital age, Gonzaba Medical Group will also sponsor a digital literacy course for seniors by purchasing 40 new tablets that those taking the course will be able to use. The first session of this 5-week course will begin September 21, and is available to those 65 years of age or older on a first come first served basis. Each of these participants will be able to take the course free of cost and will be provided with a tablet from Gonzaba Medical Group that will support their learning through the remainder of the course. Details on how to register for the course will be forthcoming on the Gonzaba Medical Group Facebook page.

In addition, Gonzaba Medical Group will be hosting bi-weekly Connection Wednesdays, educational segments via Facebook Live that feature important discussions with community leaders to ensure that seniors stay connected and receive important information during these uncertain times. Upcoming topics for September include Medicare FAQs and women's health.


"When COVID-19 began, we were deeply concerned about the impact social isolation could have on our seniors. We mobilized quickly to add online educational events and even moved some of our signature social events to virtual or drive-through formats. Now, more than six months into the pandemic, we've been absolutely inspired by how resilient our San Anto-

nio seniors are. We're seeing great attendance for our online events, lots of excitement about these upcoming digital literacy courses and we realized that hosting a virtual Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month was not only possible, but important to this community. So here we are, going virtual with the best senior community in the country," said Erica Gonzaba, Gonzaba Medical Group senior marketing manager.

Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month began with Gonzaba Medical Group founder and CEO, Dr. Bill Gonzaba. As the leading senior care provider in San Antonio, he recognized a need to bring awareness to this segment of the population, which so easily can be overlooked. In collaboration with San Antonio City Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran who sponsored the proclamation, Gonzaba presented the launch of this new awareness month to City Council in fall 2017, and it was passed unanimously.

"Now more than ever we need to celebrate and highlight this vibrant segment of our San Antonio population. We're looking forward to a great month as we bring awareness of social, health and economic issues that affect senior citizens," said District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran.

To learn more and participate in this year's Celebrate San Antonio Seniors Month festivities, visit Gonzaba.com and visit their Facebook page (@GonzabaMedical) for the



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