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**By Yvette Tello**

*This week, I read this: I've been married to the most amazing woman for 30 years. She became a personal trainer and is in incredible shape. I'm not in her kind of shape, and I can't perform too well sexually, even with ED meds. She recently asked if she could have her (sexual) needs taken care of by a young client she trains. I'm OK with it, since I'm sympathetic to her desires, as long as she doesn't fall in love. Would you be willing to do this for your significant other or would you appreciate this being done for you? Let's talk about it...*

**Beverly Brooks:** "I'm a 'in sickness and in health' kinda gal, myself. Sex is a huge part of the marriage it's not impossible to do without in circumstances like this- or maybe they could find alternative ways to please each other without being unfaithful. 30 years would be a helluva lot to give up 'IF' she fell in love.... let's be honest- most women equate sex with some form of love so to me that might be inevitable here. It would be easy to say that it's fine as long as they both agree to it, but pity or obligation on either side of this relationship isn't a healthy alternative. Just my .02 cents."

**Veronica Ronnie Vasquez:** "Nope, a relationship is not all about sex."

**Ramon Chapa Jr.:** "They're both dumb! If someone I am with is interested in someone else, adios! Because tomorrow, I will have a new chick! Ya Sabes!"

**Emmitt Jimenez:** "Love is forever and there are plenty of alternatives to satisfy her needs."

**Joy Poth-Aleman:** "An interesting survey, Yvette."

**Chris Castillo:** "Hell to the no!!! Marriage should not be about 'sharing is caring.' Unconditional love. No matter what. Marriage is about honor and loyalty.. at least to me and mine."

**Roman A Garcia:** "Most just do it without asking."

**Carey Calvert:** "Bye baby."

**Mikey Barrera:** "If you have to do that ,you might as well get divorced now. I don't think my truck would like to see another car."

**Senior Seeking Soulmate:** "This is a dangerous solution to the problem. I can appreciate her

## Let's Talk About It

### Open Marriages

honesty and his willingness to participate in the proposal. What works for one couple may not work for another. We are not to judge others so in a world of polyamorous relationships this may work. I would hope they could work something out that keeps the marriage monogamous. Today ED is treatable, some options are very painful but there are some treatments that are amazing and help the couple to remain sexually intimate with each other. If she wants to stay married I recommend alternative solutions. Dr. Char, Author, TV producer and Senior Dating/Relationship coach."

**Rodney Kidd:** "Gurl, you did not just say that."

**Belinda Mayen-Aldana:** "Well when my husband was sick and could not perform he told me to divorce him and go find someone else that could, I could not do it because it was not his fault that he had been hit with cancer and I felt that would make me a total asshole. Now if the man had these issues and did not want to do anything to help the situation such as taking meds etc then I might."

**Clayton Perry:** "Nope."

**Bpanh Kpnkmyp:** In my perspective, regardless of gender, it's important to have an open and honest conversation with your partner about the possibility of entering into an open relationship. Ensure that you have all your belongings in order before embarking on this new chapter of your life with someone else. It's crucial to understand that the intimacy you share with your spouse may lose its uniqueness, as you may become one of several partners. The distinction might be that you contribute to the household finances, but this doesn't necessarily make you special. I once knew a woman who successfully persuaded her husband to consider an open relationship. Often, when women desire such arrangements, they already have a few potential partners lined up and ready to go once their spouse agrees to the idea. My friend claimed to have experienced the best moments of her life during her open relationship. However, despite her promise not to neglect her marriage, that's exactly what happened. She became so engrossed in her other relationships that she began to distance herself from her husband. It was only when her husband expressed frustration and anger that she realized the need to mend their marriage. She had been going on dates with other men four times a week, but she made sure to spend time with her husband during her menstrual cycle or when she wasn't feeling well. However, when her husband suggested

closing the open marriage because it wasn't working for him, she viewed him as weak and continued with her other relationships. One day, when she returned home, her husband was gone. This event served as a wake-up call for her, snapping her out of her thoughtlessness. It was the moment she began to truly care about her husband's feelings, as he was no longer there to endure her hurtful actions. Upon returning home from work after not seeing her husband for about eight days, she found a separation and divorce envelope on the table. Desperate to save her marriage, she tracked down her husband and begged him not to leave, promising never to repeat her mistakes. Unfortunately, it was too late, and she lost everything."

**Molly Jiang:** "Um No."

**Sandra Luna Perez:** "HELL NO."

**Gregorio De La Paz:** "What happened to thick or thin, richer or poor and health, etc. Hard no for me. Eventually they're going to wind up getting divorced."

**Rick Carter:** " Why would a person be so warped to post that, keep that to yourself, good luck, I know some good doctors. I don't mean to be rude, but really they need to go work at the food bank or veterans shelter or something.. great things to do with Spouses & significant others."

**Emmitt Jimenez:** "Love is forever and there are plenty of alternatives to satisfy her needs."

**Harold Smith:** "I'm in my 60's now and have had an 'Open marriage' on and off for years. The one thing I can offer is this; There is a HUGE difference between LOVE and LUST. Do not confuse the two. Many, if not most guys fall in love with their first piece of tail. This is crazy but it happens, not always of course, but a LOT of times. I felt I needed to teach our children to know the difference and not to 'Fall in Love' with his or her first relationship. It's also about the intense talks before a marriage 'Opens'. Ground rules must be discussed beforehand. Do not let your imagination run away with you when you are with someone really sexual and think you are falling in love, what you are falling in is LUST. Just enjoy it and don't let yourself become emotionally attached."

# About the Cover Artist: San Anto Cultural Arts

Courtesy of Cuauhtli Reyna

Photos by Dr. Ricardo Romo

San Anto Cultural Arts is a San Antonio, TX nonprofit founded in 1993 with the mission to foster human and community development through community-based arts. A focus on art through community engagement led to the creation of our community-based arts programs: the Community Mural Program, the El Placazo Community Newspaper, and the After School Arts Program (ASAP). These dynamic programs engage residents and foster the talents of youth by educating them on the history and techniques of public art while documenting and preserving the rich history and heritage of San Antonio's Westside.

San Anto Cultural Arts was originally established in 1993 by community youth and arts advocates Manuel Castillo, Cruz Ortiz, and Juan Miguel Ramos as a project of Inner City Development. San Anto Cultural Arts became an independent nonprofit in 1997. The target demographic of San Anto Cultural Arts is inner city youth ages 6-19, but its mission impacts the entire community as San Anto is an incubator for local artists. In San Anto's 23-year history, 63 murals have been created and over 234 issues of El Placazo have been published.

Through mural painting, thousands of young people learn skills in design, drawing, and painting. Participants work alongside professional artists and learn problem-solving, the importance of creativity, and build self-confidence as they hone their skills and abilities. The murals produced by our program are public-art works, and many have become iconic symbols of the



neighborhoods they represent.

Through our El Placazo Newspaper Program, community youth learn writing, photography, and journalism skills that contribute to their academic achievement, critical thinking skills, and personal success as responsible future stewards of our community.

In 2017, San Anto Cultural Arts served over 300 youth, painted two new murals & published 6 issues of El Placazo. Currently, we have 6 people on staff and 200+ volunteers; we commission 5-15 artists each year. Our long-term goals are to build stronger partnerships with the school systems and local government to create systemic change in our community.

Although we employ lead artists for these projects the conception, design, and execution of these murals is completed by the community being led by artists. These are not the works of a singular or even multiple professional artists but a team of artists, community members, families, children, and teens. San Anto Cultural Arts' mission is to foster human and community development through community-based arts. The 50th mural is a prime example of that mission and tells the story of our community as they see it.

Cover Art Title: El poder del Muralismo mural #50  
Lead artists : Gerry Garcia, Cardee Garcia, Mary Agnes Rodriguez, and Juan Ramos



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# LINESC 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**By Ramon Chapa, Jr.**

LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc. (LNESC) was established in 1973 by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's largest membership based Latino organization, to provide educational programming to economically disadvantage students throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico by the efforts of 16 education service centers.

The mission of LULAC National Educational Service Centers, Inc. (LNESC) is to create lifelong learners and leaders; provide the highest quality educational opportunities possible and seek to develop America's future workforce by effectively preparing young people for the jobs of the new economy.

LNESC San Antonio hosts the Educational Awards Gala event to honor those individuals and organizations who provide support for our students by creating paths and opportunities for higher education. Thus, establishing a better and greater future for our community.

LNESC San Antonio's vision for the next five

years is to continue to expand programs into more schools throughout the San Antonio region and be recognized as an innovator in developing relevant and impactful curriculum. Currently, the center offers programs that prepare low-income, minority youth to achieve academic success and meaningful community participation.

Proceeds from this event help match and support several educational programs throughout San Antonio such as Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math Science, the Young Readers literacy pro-

gram, Science Corp, Washington Youth Leadership Seminar, and Parent Engagement Programs. In addition to other programs and services.

Judge Peter Sakai, Commissioner Rebecca Flores, Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, Commissioner Grant Moody and Commissioner Tommy Calvert presented a Proclamation for the 50th Anniversary of the Lulac National Education Center and Their Big Gala On December 7th! Accepting was Board Chairman Ramon Chapa Jr, Lupe Cruz, Orlando Blancas and Raul Sanchez!



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Deadline: December 19, 2023

A Pre-Proposal meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023; the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the ACCESS Broadway Room #100, 2222 N. Alamo Street; San Antonio, Tx 78215.

The Pre-Proposal meeting is not mandatory; however, attendance is strongly encouraged.

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# Reunión Familiar En Memoria De Ricardo Morales Maldonado

## Por Franco

La estimada Familia Morales Maldonado, integrada por los fallecidos esposos Leopoldo Morales y Josefina Maldonado. Y sus hijos Rolando y Ricardo (Fallecidos), Juan Manuel, Ramiro, Leopoldo y Jesús Humberto. Sus hijas Norma, (ausente), Ernestina, Alma y Rosario, originales de la ciudad de Nueva Rosita estado de Coahuila.

En espíritu y presentes celebraron con el éxito deseado el tradicional festejó la 5a Reunión Familiar Morales en memoria de Ricardo Morales Maldonado, durante el pasado viernes 24 de noviembre en el popular Olmos Park de San Antonio.

Este tradicional evento fue cancelado durante los años de 2020, 2021 y 2022 por la pandemia

## Covid-19.

Éste importante evento familiar, fue creado basados con el fin de seguir tradiciones en el valor familiar que el patriarca Leopoldo Morales y su esposa Josefina Maldonado, quienes desde pequeños los educaron cómo Dios manda.

"Aquí estamos una vez más conservando el evento familiar como fue desde la primera vez. Continuar legado de nuestros padres qué son Unión y Familia, basados en amor y el respeto personal", dijo Alma Morales, vocera del gran evento.

En la fotografía aparecen en orden los hermanos Morales, Humberto, Ramiro, Rosario, Ernestina, Alma y Juan Manuel.

Quiénes una vez más con anticipación lograron reunir a sus

familiares, que tras los años de la pandemia, no pudieron reunirse, al sufrir lamentablemente perdidas de sus seres queridos. Sin embargo en el retorno normal a las actividades de la vida cotidiana, lograron reunirse en gran número haciendo bendiciones por volverse a reunir y darle la bienvenida a sus nuevos miembros (nacidos durante o después de la pandemia Covid-19).

Por lo cuál durante el pasado fin de semana fue bastante emotivo, celebrando con la dedicación de la 5a Reunión Familiar en Memoria de Ricardo Morales [QEPD], cuya imagen de su rostro fue grabada en el tradicional pastel.

"Es un gran evento qué estamos celebrando en memoria de nuestro hermano Ricardo, celebrando su vida. Con eventos deportivos entre

adultos y menores. Así como con pequeños qué han disfrutado nuestro deporte favorito el béisbol", dijo Ramiro Morales, quién ha destacado como lanzador derecho junto con sus hermanos en el béisbol independiente, regional y Semi-Pro en circuitos de Coahuila y al norte del Río Bravo.

Los participantes llegaron desde varios estados de la Unión Americana [entre ellos Texas], así como de la ciudad de Nava y Nueva Rosita, Coahuila.

Actividades deportivas: Se jugaron partidos de béisbol entre adultos y menores con 12 elementos en el terreno de juego, dando oportunidades para qué todos jugaran [de acuerdo a Ramiro y su hermano Humberto "El Cuate" quien de pitcher lanzó a baja velo-

cidad ante los menores. Así como clínica de béisbol entre los pequeños niños y niñas. Pará el final del evento sé jugó partido de softball Slowpitch entre los equipos "Las Veteranas vs. Las Tóxicas". Qué fue aplaudido por los más de 160 asistentes.

Quienes durante el día saborearon carnes asadas de gran calidad. Brisket, menudo. Frijoles Charros. Pizzas, y bebidas para todos los gustos. "Ya estamos planeando el siguiente evento del 2024. Al parecer será tomado en cuenta cambiar de sede en la región petrolera de Port Arthur Texas", dijo Ramiro Morales. En las fotos aparecen los hermanos Morales (Foto de Franco). Foto de Ricardo Morales de cortesía. Y foto panorámica Familia Morales de Franco).



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**TOPIC:** Growing Your Business Market - Federal Opportunities & Resources

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**State Panel (Hall A) - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**TOPIC:** Updates on the Texas Historically Underutilized  
Business (HUB) Program and Opportunities

**MODERATOR:** Texas Statewide HUB Program

**PRESENTERS:** Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)  
Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR)  
Texas Facilities Commission (TFC)  
Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC)

**Lunch Program - 12:00 to 1:30 pm (Exhibit Hall closed during the luncheon)**

**TOPIC:** San Antonio Airport's Terminal \$2 Billion Development Program -  
Upcoming Business Opportunities



**GREETINGS:  
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Ron Nirenberg**



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## El Tiempo se Está Agotando para Elegir un Plan de Medicare para el 2024

**Por: Jose Perez, Gerente de Alcance Comunitario Hispano, Humana**

Elegir un plan de Medicare que satisfaga sus necesidades de salud y su bienestar financiero no debería ser estresante, especialmente en esta época del año en la que la mayoría de las personas están ocupadas con las festividades, reuniones y celebraciones. De hecho, un plan bien elegido puede servir como una red de seguridad, proporcionando tranquilidad tanto para circunstancias rutinarias e inesperadas.

El Periodo de Inscripción Anual de Planes de Medicare Advantage y de Medicamentos recetados (AEP), que finaliza el 7 de diciembre, es una oportunidad anual para que aquellas personas que son elegibles para Medicare revisen su plan actual y se unan, cambien o cancelen un plan de Medicare Advantage. Es una decisión importante, ya que el plan que elija antes de la fecha límite es el plan que probablemente tendrá durante todo el próximo año.

Quiero que los beneficiarios en Texas se sientan empoderados durante el periodo de AEP este año, así que aquí hay varias cosas clave a considerar:

**Costos de Bolsillo:** Los planes de Medicare Advantage tienen costos de

bolsillo limitados, mientras que Medicare Original no los tiene. Asegúrese de comparar deducibles, copagos y primas para comprender los aspectos financieros de cada plan. Cabe destacar que los miembros de Medicare Advantage informan que ahorran más de \$2,400 en promedio por año en costos de bolsillo en comparación con las personas inscritas en Medicare Original.

**Cobertura de Medicamentos Recetados:** Comprender la cobertura de medicamentos de su plan es vital, ya que los medicamentos pueden ser costosos si no están cubiertos. Los planes de Medicare Advantage con cobertura de medicamentos recetados incluyen esta cobertura, mientras que Medicare Original requiere un plan Parte D por separado si desea cobertura de medicamentos recetados. Prepare una lista de sus medicamentos actuales para ayudar a filtrar planes y comparar costos.

**Ofertas Especializadas:** Los planes de Medicare Advantage están diseñados para garantizar que sus necesidades de atención médica estén cubiertas, por lo que es importante considerar un plan que incluya beneficios dentales, visuales y auditivos. Si es elegible para Medicare y Medicaid, investigue los Planes



de Necesidades Especiales de Doble Elegibilidad que pueden incluir beneficios como transporte a visitas al médico y una asignación mensual que puede ayudar a pagar necesidades como alquiler, servicios públicos y productos de venta libre. Por ejemplo, los D-SNPs de Humana incluyen una Asignación de Opciones Saludables que se acumula para el próximo mes si no se utiliza por completo.

**Reputación:** Tener una aseguradora con calificaciones sobresalientes en cuanto a planes y servicio al cliente es útil para evaluar cuánto apoyo recibirá como posible miembro. Los Centros de Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid evalúan anualmente los planes de Medicare Advantage en una escala del uno al cinco, siendo

cinco estrellas la más alta calidad. Las puntuaciones están disponibles en el Medicare Plan Finder en Medicare.gov cuando está comparando planes.

Comprender cuáles son los planes que mejor se adaptan a sus necesidades puede ser complicado, así que asegúrese de utilizar recursos gratuitos y confiables para responder a sus preguntas antes de la fecha límite del AEP.

Para comparar planes y beneficios y obtener un costo estimado para cada plan, visite Medicare.gov o llame al 1-800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227) las 24 horas del día, los siete días de la semana (los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048). Puede obtener información sobre las opciones de Hu-

mana en Humana.com/Medicare101 o llamando al 1-800-706-1368 (TTY: 711) de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m., los siete días de la semana, para hablar con un agente de ventas con licencia.

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Humana es una organización de Medicare Advantage HMO, HMO SNP, PPO, PPO SNP y PFFS con un contrato de Medicare. La inscripción en cualquier plan de Humana depende de la renovación del contrato. Cada año, Medicare evalúa los planes según un sistema de calificación de 5 estrellas. Las cantidades de la asignación no se pueden combinar con otras asignaciones de beneficios. Pueden aplicarse limitaciones y restricciones.

# Andres de Tapia Wrote An Eyewitness Account of the Conquest in Mexico in 1519

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Bernal Diaz del Castillo, a soldier of fortune who served under Hernan Cortes in the conquest of Mexico, provided a brilliant eyewitness account of the conquest of the Aztec Empire. Published in 1568 as *The True History of the Conquest of New Spain*, the book is a highly readable and exciting account of an epic battle between the Old and New World. I have recently discovered that Andres de Tapia, Cortes's trusted Lieutenant who was frequently mentioned in Castillo's account, is indeed my direct descendant twelve generations back.

Several bronze plates near the entrance of the Albuquerque Art Museum honor the soldiers and families that founded New Mexico in 1598. Captain Alonso de Sosa, his wife Beatriz Navarro, my direct ancestors [10th generation great-grandfather], were recognized among New Mexico's earliest Spanish settlers.

The bronze plaques for Sosa and Navarro made me wonder where they came from and why they chose to go north across the Rio Grande to colonize unknown territory. With the aid of the Mormon database FamilySearch and Bing, a new Microsoft search engine, I ventured into discovering my association with de Sosa and de Tapia.

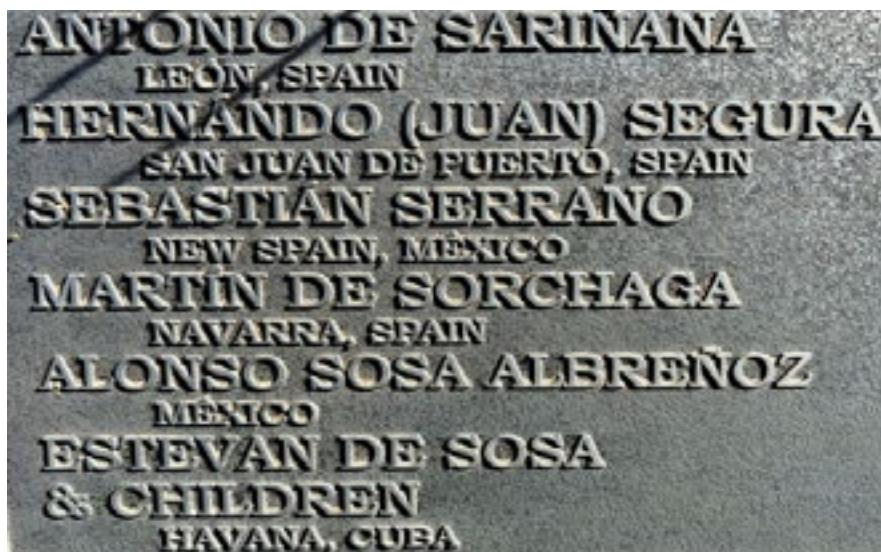
Alonso de Sosa [10th generation great-grandfather] was among the soldiers that New Mexico colonizer Juan de Onate recruited from the Zacatecas region of New Spain. Sosa was the grandson of Conquistador Andres de Tapia Andres de Tapia [12th generation great-grandfather] and son of Francisco and Ines de Tapia.

Ines de Tapia was born in Medellin, Spain, the same birth town of Hernan Cortes, as was her future husband, Francisco de Sosa Albornoz. She emigrated to Mexico with her father Andres de Tapia sometime in the 1530s or early 1540s. In 1548, Ines de Tapia married Francisco de



*Artist Frederico Vigil portrays the chronicler Bartolome de Las Casas in a Santa Fe Courthouse mural.*

*Photo by Ricardo Romo.*



*A bronze plaque honoring Alonso Sosa, [Alonso de Sosa Albornoz] one of the first settlers of New Mexico.*

*The Albuquerque Museum of Art. Photo by Ricardo Romo.*

Sosa in Mexico City. She is described in a genealogy account as "daughter of the highly esteemed and remarkable Maese de Campo and Teniente" Andres de Tapia.

Andres de Tapia was a highly respected Spanish soldier who participated in the conquest of Mexico from 1519 to 1521. Tapia was born in Medellin,

Extremadura, Spain in 1485 and lived in Sevilla as a young man. In Sevilla, Tapia is reported to have served as a valet to Admiral Christopher Columbus and journeyed to the New World in 1517.

In 1519, Tapia joined Hernan Cortes's army which was preparing to embark on an expedition to explore the coast of China. The

reference to China stems from the idea that at that time the Spanish explorers in Cuba still believed they had landed in India and that China was in close proximity.

Prior to the publication of Patricia De Fuentes' book, *The Conquistadors: First Person Accounts of the Conquest of Mexico*, scholars and students in-

terested in details of the conquest relied heavily on Bernal Diaz del Castillo's *The True History of the Conquest of Mexico* [originally published in Spanish]. Three scholars, Castillo [1568], De Fuentes [1963], and Cervantes [2021], all comment on the close association of Andres de Tapia with Cortes. De Fuentes's publication is especially critical to understanding Tapia's role in the conquest of Mexico.

De Fuentes wrote that in Andres Tapia's chronicles "there are first-hand accounts of the march from Veracruz to the great city of Mexico-Tenochtitlan, and the impressive welcome that Moctezuma gave the Spaniards." I should add that prior to the founding of Veracruz, Cortes

learned that three Spanish sailors may have been stranded in Cozumel and that one, a Spanish missionary, had been rescued.

Tapia documented Cortes's first landing in Cozumel in 1519 where friendly natives informed Cortes and his men of three Spaniards living among them who had been shipwrecked some years earlier. One of the survivors, Tapia wrote, was a friar who claimed to have been stranded for ten years. The friar joyfully joined Cortes. Tapia noted that another Spaniard [Jeromino Aguilar] "had taken as wife an Indian woman of rank" and refused to leave with the Spaniards.

From Cozumel, Cortes's ships sailed to the province of present-day Tabasco where upon landing they were attacked by Mayan natives. Cortes defeated the combatants. In return, Tapia wrote, the Mayans "gave the marques [Cortes] twenty of the women they kept as slaves." Tapia was among the first of Cortez's men to recognize that "one of the women" [whom other scholars called Marina or La Malinche] spoke both the Mayan and Nahuatl languages. Since the rescued missionary had learned the Mayan language, he could communicate with

Marina, and in turn, she could speak to the Aztec and Mayan Indians.

Cortes and his soldiers continued on their journey and next found a natural harbor which he named Veracruz. As the Spaniards moved inland, they repeatedly heard stories about the Aztecs and their formidable leader Moctezuma. In an effort to convince the Spaniards to leave the area, the Aztec emperor sent, according to Tapia, "a gold disk and another of silver, each the size of a cartwheel...said to

represent the sun and the moon." Tapia's description is precise, and he captured the dynamics of two major societies about to clash.

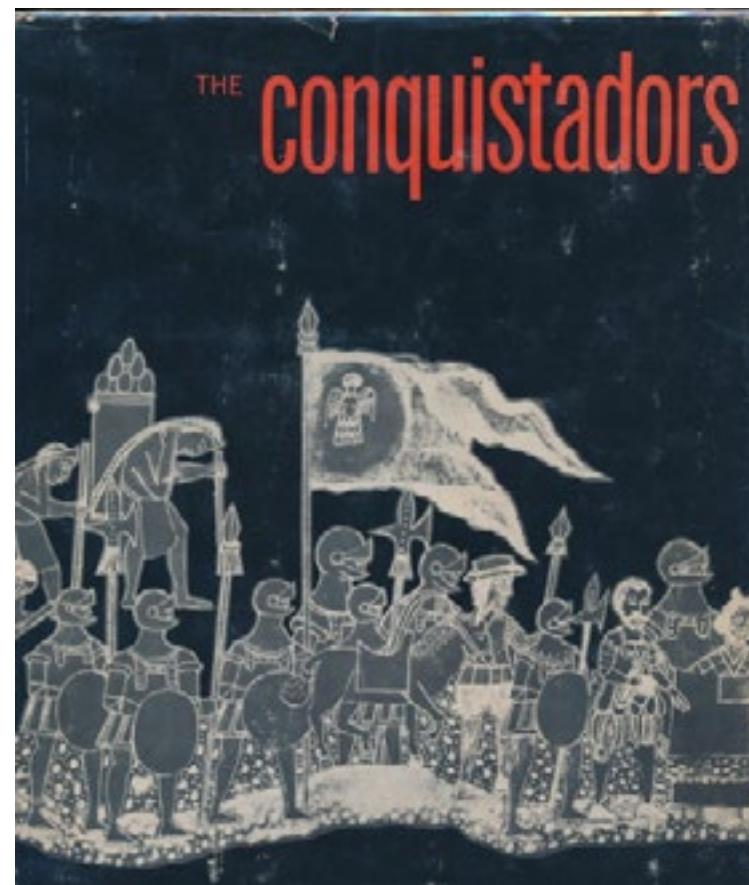
Cortes ordered Tapia and two other of his men to place Moctezuma under house arrest following an attack on the Spaniards by Aztec forces in Veracruz. Tapia captured the moment with precise detail. He described Moctezuma as saying with all the gravity imaginable: "My person is not one to be taken captive, and even if I should consent, my people would not tolerate it." Tapia's account abruptly ends with Cortes convincing the Spanish forces sent to arrest him for leaving Havana without permission to join his conquering forces.

In the aftermath of the fall of Mexico-Tenochtitlan, Tapia received an encomienda [award of Indian labor]

from Cortes. In the book *The Encomenderos of New Spain*, Himmerich y Valencia listed Andres de Tapia as a "First Conqueror," a reference to those who served with Cortes in the conquest of Mexico. Valencia wrote that in the early 1520s, Cortes assigned Tapia, his "close associate and vecino of Mexico City, the encomienda of Cholula [60 miles east-southeast of Mexico City]."

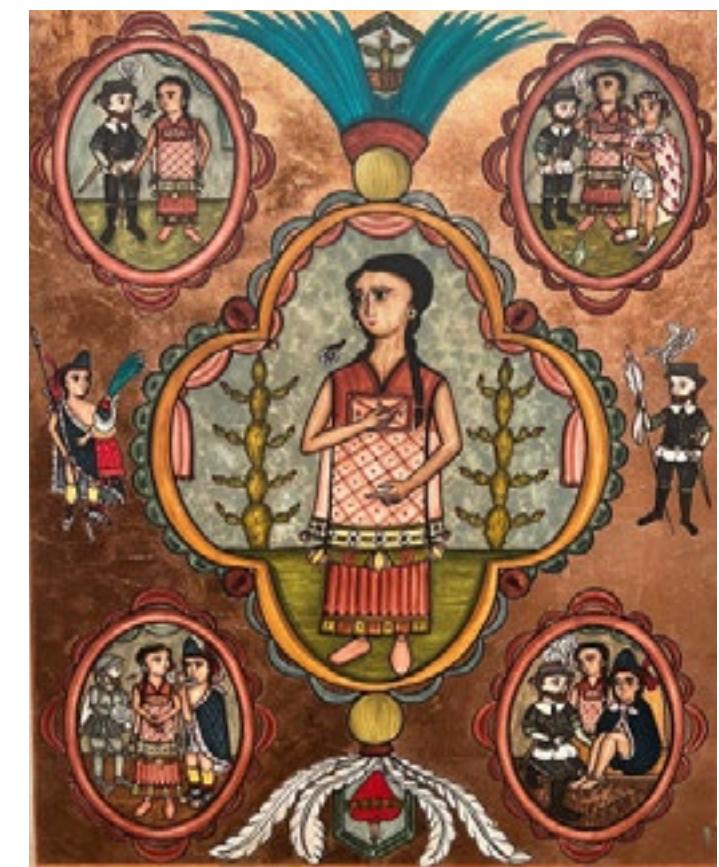
Tapia's fortune changed somewhat a few years later when Cortes gave Tapia's Cholula parcel to the father-in-law of his first wife. However, in 1530, according to Valencia, Cortes gave Tapia the Veracruz region of Tuxpan, Papantla with control of at least 60 estancias in the lowlands of Panuco.

Andres de Tapia's account of the conquest of Mexico is one of



*Cover of the book by Patricia De Fuentes, The Conquistadors.  
1963 edition. Collection of Ricardo Romo.*

only six eyewitness accounts that documented the fall of the Aztec Empire. Unfortunately, we lack a fuller understanding of the Aztec perspective of the conquest. Thus, much research remains to be done, and hopefully, with the new technology for ancestor research, that story will also be discovered.



*Vicente Telles, "La Malinche." 2018. The artwork tells the story of the conquest with Malinche's role as a translator. Courtesy of the artist.  
Photo by Ricardo Romo.*



*Jesse Trevino's mural portrays the battle between the Aztecs and Spanish forces. Our Lady of the Lake Library. Photo by Ricardo Romo*



*Frederico Vigil's mural portrays a Hacienda overseer managing a Mestizo worker. Santa Fe Courthouse.  
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*Cassiano Homes mural. "Cortes meeting Moctezuma."  
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Fiesta Navidad de Culturas produced by Teresa Champion's granddaughter Annette Champion Flores and ballerina Monica Everman.

The show will begin at 7:00 P.M., December 6.

The doors at the Jo Long Theatre will open at 6:00. Tickets are \$25/PP and VIP\$40 and can be obtained by calling 210-326-3646 or online at TICKETMASTER.COM Proceeds benefit the San Antonio Hospitality Foundation.



Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas



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Permiso No. 66C

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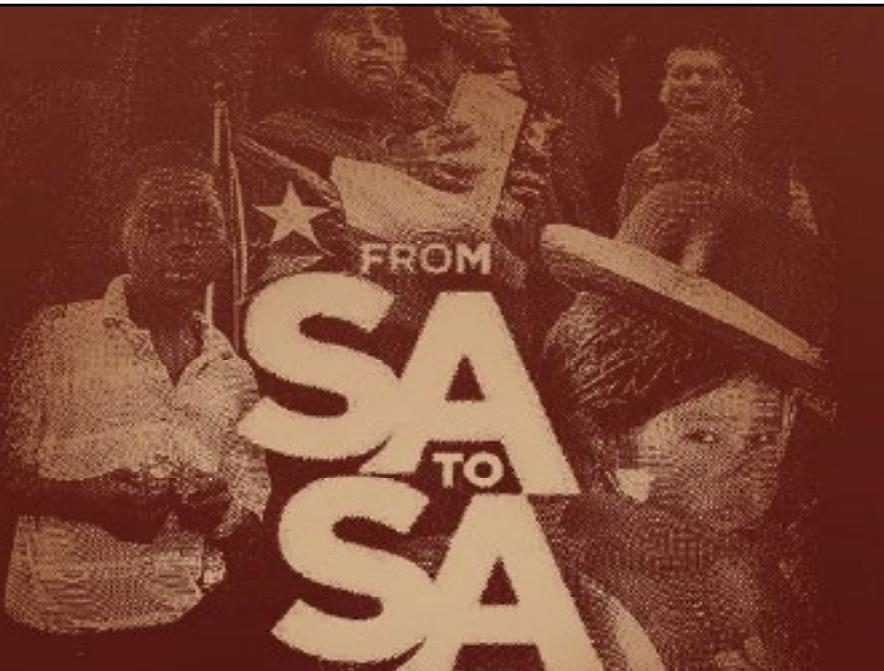
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Ganaron el trofeo de campeón en el tradicional torneo anual de Thanksgiving Day 2023.

Tuzos SA presentó el trofeo al señor Jesús Rodríguez, papá del magnate Juan Villanueva (El Güero).

Este evento deportivo de gran calidad beisbolera, una vez más fue organizado

por El Rielero Mayor, Juan Sánchez y Servando Hernández (ambos directivos del club Rieleros). Quiénes agradecieron el apoyo del artista Eloy Rocha dueño del complejo deportivo Potranco Baseball Field y del presidente Simón Sánchez [Liga Potranco Baseball League].

En la ronda sabatina noviembre 25, Piratas de Sabinas dirigidos por Sergio De Luna y el coach Iván Rubinsky, blanquearon 4-0 a Cardenales de Nacho García con pizarra de 4-0.

Tuzos SA dejó en el terreno a Bobcats de John Guzmán y el coach Jaime Cárdenas.

El partido por tercer lugar no se jugó dándole a Cardenales el trofeo del tercer lugar y a Bobcats el cuarto por su participación.

El trofeo de campeón lo recibieron los directivos de Tuzos SA quienes votaron a favor de su jugador Anthony Hampton, quien por su defensiva y ofensiva recibió trofeo del jugador MVP en el partido de campeonato en el que realizó importantes atrapadas en el jardín central y produjo una carrera en el marcador final de 5 a 3 carreras ante la serpentina de Piratas. Hampton, a la vez recibió botella de fino vino espumoso donado por el legendario beisbolista Mencho Vargas de los Rangers SA afiliados al circuito categoría Masters 50+ con sede en el campo 2 del estadio Potranco.

Cabe anotar qué en el cerrado partido del campeonato Piratas anotó sus tres carreras con 2 en la apertura del séptimo episodio y 1 en el octavo. Tuzos SA en el sexto capítulo anotó 4 carreras y firmó una más en el cierre de séptimo inning. La victoria en la lomita fue para el fronterizo Jorge González con salvamento de Humberto Vela. La derrota fue para el cubano Juan Serrano con relevó de José López "El Latigo".

El Güero Villanueva dijo lo siguiente. "Un torneo qué ya veníamos siguiendo desde hace dos años. Piratas es un gran rival y éste partido se jugó en honor de mi padre Jesús Rodríguez. Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los jugadores, nuestras familias. Seguidores y quienes aportaron su apoyo".

Sergio De Luna, reconoció en Tuzos un gran rival. "Siempre nos ha gustado enfrentar a equipos duros de vencer. Felicidades para Tuzos y nuestra afición". Afirmó De Luna.

"Ya comenzamos en los preparativos del torneo Thanksgiving Day 2024. En el partido de campeonato estuvo presente Hugo Franco dueño del club

Vaqueros de Austin, quien aseguró un lugar para participar en el siguiente torneo", dijo Juan Sánchez.

Por su parte Simón Sánchez, en el micrófono agradeció la participación de los cuatro equipos y sus respectivos seguidores.

La premiación fue por conducto de Juan Sánchez y Eloy Rocha.

En las fotos aparecen: Tuzos SA campeón. Rubinsky segundo lugar. Nacho García tercer lugar. Jaime Cárdenas y Manuel Cisneros de Bobcats cuarto lugar. Roberto Garza y Juan Villanueva. Trofeo de Tuzos con su MVP Anthony Hampton y Aficionados. (Fotos de Franco).



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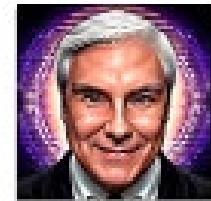
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Ladies and gentlemen, step right up and get ready to be blown away by the future of off-roading—the 2023 GMC HUMMER EV! This revolutionary electric vehicle is not just a pickup truck; it's a bold statement that takes the world of adventure to new heights. In this column, we'll delve deep into the details of this magnificent beast, from its striking exterior to its cutting-edge interior, powerful electric powertrain, range, interior space, safety features, and more. So, grab your off-road gear and let's embark on this thrilling journey together. The 2023 GMC HUMMER EV exudes an aura of rugged sophistication that's impossible to ignore. Its imposing stance demands attention, thanks to its massive dimensions and eye-catching design. The front grille proudly bears the iconic HUMMER logo, setting the tone for the adventure that awaits.

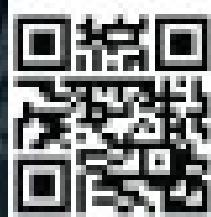
Its sharp LED headlights not only illuminate the path ahead but also add a touch of modernity to the overall design. This monster on wheels rolls on 35-inch tires as standard, but you can opt for the Extreme Off-Road Package, which upgrades to 37-inch tires for even more off-road capability. The underbody armor and skid plates ensure that you're prepared to tackle the roughest terrain with ease.

Slide into the driver's seat, and you'll find yourself in a cabin that seamlessly blends luxury with utility. The interior of the 2023 HUMMER EV is nothing short of spectacular. Supple leather seats, with contrast stitching and an embossed HUMMER logo, provide the utmost comfort for both on and off-road adventures. The spacious interior offers ample room for passengers and cargo, ensuring that you never have to compromise on comfort or utility. The rear seats even fold flat, expanding the cargo area to ac-

3 seconds. It's an experience like no other, and it will leave you with a grin from ear to ear. GMC understands the importance of safety, especially when you're out in the wild. The HUMMER EV comes equipped with an array of advanced safety features, including adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assist, blind-spot monitoring, and more. It even offers the Super Cruise hands-free driving system, providing an extra layer of convenience and safety during long highway drives. The 2023 GMC HUMMER EV – Ready for Anything. The 2023 GMC HUMMER EV is more than just a vehicle; it's a testament to innovation, power,

and the future of off-roading. With its striking exterior, luxurious interior, electrifying powertrain, impressive range, and advanced safety features, it's a force to be reckoned with on and off the road.

So, whether you're embarking on a thrilling off-road adventure or simply cruising through the city, the 2023 HUMMER EV has got you covered. It's a game-changer in the world of trucks, setting a new standard for performance, sustainability, and style. Don't miss your chance to experience the future of off-roading – visit your nearest GMC dealership and get ready to conquer the wilderness in style!



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