

La Prensa Texas

FREE • GRATIS

VOL. 7 • NUM 19

www.LaPrensaTexas.com

12 de Mayo de 2024

EN SAN ANTONIO

2024

42



TEJANO CONJUNTO FESTIVAL

La Prensa Texas

This grass roots publication is the life source for a community that is not easily afforded viable access to diverse and accessible media. San Antonio and the surrounding counties have become accustomed to relevant news brought to them in both English and Spanish since 1913.

Yvette Tello

Publisher

y.tello@laprensatexas.com

Ramon Chapa Jr.

Community Liaison

r.chapa@laprensatexas.com

Roxanne Eguia

Editor In Chief

r.egua@laprensatexas.com

Nicodemus Gonzalez

Graphic Designer

Dr. Ricardo Romo

Contributor

info@laprensatexas.com

José I. Franco

Editor Español

Maria Cisneros

Sales Representative

La Prensa Texas, Inc., is a Texas non-profit Corporation. We are under new management and not affiliated with La Prensa Foundation, Inc.; La Prensa Publications, Inc.; La Familia Duran; Duran Duran Inc.; or any of the Tino Duran family companies. We are not responsible for, nor will we be liable for the acts, omissions or debts of La Prensa Foundation, Inc.; La Prensa Publications, Inc.; or any of the Tino Duran family companies.

La Prensa Texas San Antonio is published once a week by La Prensa Texas Inc. San Antonio, Texas (210) 686-0600. Subscription price in the U.S.A. \$125 per year (52 issues). The opinions expressed in the editorials of this publication represent the positions and ideology of this newspaper; the opinions expressed by writers and guest columnists are not necessarily the opinions of the management staff or ownership of this newspaper; the contents of which they are solely and exclusively responsible for. Letters from our readers are welcome and will be published, subject to space availability so long as they are signed and have a proper return address. All letters will be reviewed and edited for offensive language, libel, slander, defamation, proper grammar, spelling, and accuracy, according to our style. La Prensa Texas Inc. is not responsible for advertisements that may be deceitful or fraudulent, and does not guarantee in any way the products or services offered, of which only the advertiser is responsible. All Rights Reserved. Published and printed in the United States of America.

Let's Talk About It Mother's Day

By Yvette Tello

Every week, I ask for your thoughts on different subjects, sharing your comments and perspectives without judgment in La Prensa Texas. The beauty of this column lies in the diversity of opinions—it's not about right or wrong answers, but rather about starting meaningful conversations. This week, it is Mother's Day. In Hispanic culture, mothers are revered as the backbone of the family. They are not only caregivers and nurturers but also pillars of strength, wisdom, and unconditional love. Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and honor these extraordinary women for their countless sacrifices and unwavering dedication to their families. To all the amazing mothers out there—Feliz Día de la Madre! What does your mother mean to you? How do you honor her on this day? Let's talk about it...

Chris Castillo: "My momma has been gone since 2015. My siblings used to say that our tightness wasn't because of our mom and that even when she's gone we'll still be close...nope. She was absolutely the reason we were so close. We're still close but rarely get together. Although I look like my daddy, I inherited my momma's patience and kindness. She was funny and loved to frequent yard sales. My Saturdays were for her. I'd pick her up early, not too early because she would say "I need my beauty sleep", have breakfast and off to whatever yard sales she found in the paper. She would prefer I'd take her because I was patient with her. We'd end our day at Ray's or Oscar's. I still have her # on my phone. The first few years were the hardest.. I'd still pick up the phone to call her. I honor her every day of my life. But on mother's day, I would take her flowers, a cake and a card. I miss her dearly."

Ralph Tello: "My mother is still my whole world. She is the reason I play today ..though she isn't with us anymore .. her spirit carries on through us and the generations to come... Love you always... I'll see you ... One fine day."

Melissa Garza: "I loved and cherished my mother. As you know, she was one of the most kind and generous people in my world. In this world. Love and honor your mother if you still have her with you; as her absence is the largest void you can never fill. Love you, Vett-eh, as Sal so lovingly called you. Happy Mother's Day to you!"

Sandra Luna Perez: "My mommy has been gone since 2015. I miss her dearly. She was my best friend and we did almost everything together. I lived next door to my parents so we

would eat dinner every evening together, go to church every Sunday, have breakfast every weekend and travel together. We would go have our hair done together. We even used to celebrate our birthdays together because her birthday was June 16 and mine is June 15. She even passed on my birthday. Lord took her on my birthday day so I felt that she became my angel. I have beautiful memories so I try to carry on her traditions. Even my sister says 'you're just like mom.' I miss her so much that just writing this has me in tears. I hope and pray that I am making her proud. Mommy I love you so much."

Priscilla Cervantes: "I love my Mother Katy. She is beautiful and kind! All my friends from HS said we want her to be our Mother too! Most of all... she taught us how to forgive and forget! God will do the rest she says! My Mother will be 87 this May 21st! We will wine and dine her."

Tina Hickey: "In Judaism, every day is Mother's Day, as it rightly should be. Your mother conceived you, she carried you for nine months and was probably nauseous most of that time, and, most likely, she raised you, fed you, cared for you when you were sick... The list goes on. Your appreciation should not be reserved for one day a year. Every day ought to celebrate your mother's hard work; every day is the perfect day to let her know that you appreciate the life she gave you. So, Mother's Day is great in principle, but the very fact that it is a once-a-year event shows that it is missing the point."

Dr Patrick Liew: "Who can understand what a woman has to go through to be a mother? Labor pain is one of the worst pains in life. Mothers have to suffer through it to bring forth one of her own. That is but only the first part of an exciting and at times heart-wrenching journey. In bringing up a child, a mother has to put in all of her being. She cannot detach any part of her life from fulfilling her maternal care and duties. As a result, she can enjoy the peak of many emotional experiences. She may also have to endure the pits of many emotionally-draining exercises. Being a mother is not an easy task. If motherhood is a job, it's one of the lowest paid hardest jobs. It's a job that requires them to be on standby, 24/7 to fulfill unpredictable needs. After childbirth, mothers serve "bosses" who cannot express their appreciation adequately. When the children are mature enough, they are often caught up with their studies or work. They don't do or say enough to convey their gratitude to their mothers. Still, mothers continue their care and help without any

expectation. They do not seek any recognition or reward. In performing their duties, mothers have to put on many hats, including taking on many challenging roles. They have to, at the same time, be a leader, teacher, mentor, coach, counselor, cheerleader, and friend. A mother's true love is unconditional. It will never falter and is forever. In a way, I feel Mother's Day is a misnomer. Every day should be Mother's Day. There's nothing we can ever do that can express enough of our gratitude and thankfulness to them. Mothers and grandmothers deserve all our love and appreciation. When you go out there to pursue your dream and goal, a part of that pursuit should be devoted to help meet your mothers' dream and goal too. For all that your mother has done for you, you owe it to her to make every day of her life a safe, secure and happy one. Love her, honor her, and show your gratitude and appreciation to her. Please have a wonderful Mother's Day celebration."

Alex: "Mother's Day, in my understanding, is a celebration that honors the essence of motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is a day to acknowledge and appreciate the myriad roles that mothers play in nurturing, guiding, and shaping the lives of their children and families. The significance of Mother's Day lies in recognizing the selfless love, dedication, and sacrifices that mothers make, often without expecting anything in return. The origins of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient civilizations where mother goddesses were revered, but the modern holiday as we know it began in the early 20th century in the United States. It was Anna Jarvis who campaigned to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday after the death of her own mother, an activist who cared for wounded soldiers and worked for peace. Today, Mother's Day is celebrated in various parts of the world, though the dates and traditions may differ. Despite the commercialization that often surrounds the holiday, the true essence of Mother's Day remains a heartfelt expression of gratitude towards mothers. It's a day to pause from our busy lives and reflect on the profound impact mothers have on our personal development and on society at large. Mother's Day also serves as a platform to advocate for social issues affecting mothers and families, such as childcare, maternal health, and women's rights. It is a reminder of the strength and resilience of mothers and a call to action to support and empower them in all aspects of life. In essence, Mother's Day is more than just a day for flowers and greeting cards; it's a day of deep appreciation for the nurturing spirit of mothers and all they do to make the world a better place."

About the Cover Artist: San Antonio native Anna Arce

Courtesy of Laura Aplin

Anna Arce, a San Antonio native, has been a creative force in the local art scene since her early years. Born and raised in the heart of San Antonio, Anna's artistic journey began at St. Anthony Catholic School, where her talent was recognized early on by her art teacher. It was there that she first discovered the San Antonio Poster Contest, an event that would become a significant part of her life.

Anna's first taste of success in the contest came in 2012 when she won one of the top selections in the middle school category. Encouraged by her early achievements, she continued to participate, and in 2015, she secured the top prize in the high school category, marking a significant milestone in her artistic career.

After graduating from St. Anthony Catholic High School in 2017, Anna pursued her passion for art by enrolling at Schreiner University in Kerrville. In 2021, she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design, honing her skills and refining her artistic vision.

Inspired by her Mexican heritage and her family's love for Loteria, Anna's winning poster design reimagined the El Musico playing card to highlight female musicians of conjunto music. Her design not only paid homage to her cultural roots but also celebrated the role of women in music—an idea close to Anna's heart.

Currently, Anna is furthering her education as a graduate student at Saint Mary of the Woods, where she is studying Art Therapy through their online hybrid program. Although she is taking a semester off at the moment, Anna remains deeply committed to her artistic pursuits and continues to be an influential figure in the San Antonio art community.

With her passion for art, dedication to her craft, and a string of successes in the San Antonio Poster Contest, Anna Arce is undoubtedly a rising star in the world of graphic design and visual arts. Her unique perspective and boundless creativity promise to make a lasting impact on the art world for years to come.

Full Schedule of Events:

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9186 (650 VFW Blvd.), San Antonio, TX 78223
10:00 am Seniors Conjunto Dance – FREE FOR SENIORS 55+!

The 42nd annual Tejano Conjunto Festival will feature a free Seniors Dance with music from Los Hermanos DeLeón and Felipe Perez y sus Polkeros. It will honor new inductees Jose A. Morante and Juan Santos.

THURSDAY, May 16, 2024

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9186 (650 VFW Blvd.), San Antonio, TX 78223
5:15 pm Doors Open
6 pm -11 pm Dinner, ceremony and dancing with Hall of Fame Induction ceremony and special presentations.

This year, the Hall of Fame dance will feature a special expanded line-up including previous Hall of Fame inductees Bene Medina y su Conjunto Águila, Eddie "Lalo" Torres, Boni Mauricio y Los Máximos, Ruben Garza y La Nueva Era, and Santiago Jimenez. Jr., who has been nominated for three Grammys.

FRIDAY, May 17, 2024

Rosedale Park (303 Dartmouth Rd)
5:30 pm Opening Ceremonies
6:00 pm Conjuntazzo with Joel & Sarah
7:00 pm Los D Boys
8:00 pm Gilberto Pérez Jr. y su Conjunto
9:00 pm Los Conjunto Kings de Flavio Longoria
10:00 pm David Flores y Los Tremendos Alacranes
11:00 pm Los Desperadoz

SATURDAY, May 18, 2024

12:00 pm Student Conjuntos from the RGV
1:00 pm Retoño
2:00 pm J.R. Gómez y Los Conjunto Bandits
3:00 pm Mando y La Venganza
4:00 pm Conjunto Prestigio
5:00 pm Bernardo y sus Compadres
6:00 pm Impozible



7:00 pm Los Tellez
8:00 pm Los Monarcas de Pete y Mario Diaz
9:00 pm Ruben de la Cruz
10:00 pm Los Cucuys de Rodney Rodriguez
11:00 pm Lazaro Perez

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

12:00 pm Student Conjuntos/ GCAC Traditional Music Academy Students
1:00 pm Texas Sweethearts
2:00 pm Linda Escobar y su Conjunto
3:00 pm Susan Torres y Conjunto Los Pinkys
4:00 pm Cindy Ramos y su Conjunto
5:00 pm Los Delta Boyz
6:00 pm Santiago Garza y la Naturaleza
7:00 pm Eva Ybarra y su Conjunto Siempre
8:00 pm Los Texmaniacs with Flaco Jiménez
9:00 pm Los Fantasmas del Valle

Programming is subject to change.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets can be purchased online or by calling (210) 271-3151
The 3 Day Pass gives you access to three days of events at Rosedale Park: \$50
The VIP 3 Day Pass gives you three days of events and early access to Rosedale Park, VIP access to reserved seating and designated area at Rosedale Park: \$80

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: \$45

Senior Dance: Free for seniors 55+

Sponsorship packages are available by contacting:
conjunto@guadalupeculturalarts.org

Home Loans Happen at Texas Community Bank

If you are buying or refinancing a new home, a second home or a retirement home, Texas Community Bank has a mortgage product for you! We also offer home improvement and home equity loans.

For information regarding our home mortgage products, please contact one of our Mortgage Department representatives at (956) 722-8333 or visit our website at www.tx-communitybank.com to send us an information request.



LAREDO · SAN ANTONIO · SOMERSET · MCALLEN · BROWNSVILLE · DEL RIO · AUSTIN
WWW.TX-COMMUNITYBANK.COM Member FDIC / Member Vision Bancshares, Inc.

NGSAA

NOBLE GENTLEMEN OF SAN ANTONIO

2024 SPRING INTO SUMMER SOCIAL

CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 / 6PM-MIDNIGHT

NIGHT

CASINO TABLES / 7PM-10PM

NO ATHLETIC GEAR AND MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| VIP
• \$40
• COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES
• 2 DRINK TICKETS
• \$1,000 IN CASINO CHIPS | \$1,000 DONATION
TO THE ORGANIZATION WITH THE MOST REPRESENTATION | GEN
• \$20
• COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES |
|--|---|--|

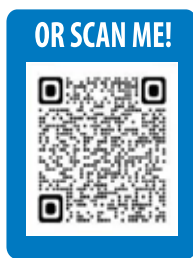
FOR TICKETS: NGSA210@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 210.833.1975 OR 210.863.1118
FRED BROCK AMERICAN LEGION POST 828, 3415 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR., SAN ANTONIO, TX 78220

Continuous Medicaid & CHIP Coverage is COMING TO AN END!

You are at Risk of Losing Your Health Insurance!

To Schedule an Appointment for Free Assistance:

Call 210-977-7997
or Visit
EnrollSA.com



15th Annual Edgewood District

Veterans Golf Classic



ENTRY FEES:
\$100 PER PLAYER
\$400 PER TEAM
Fee includes cart, range balls, breakfast tacos & lunch banquet

\$250 HOLE SPONSOR

PRIZES
Hole-in-one - TBA
First Place - \$400
Second Place - \$200
Third Place - \$100
Closest to pin
Longest Drive
Mulligans (3 for \$10)
Monster Drive (\$20/All Team)

Registration - 7 a.m.
Tee Time - 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION:
Golf Club of Texas
13600 Briggs Ranch, San Antonio, Texas 78245

50/50
Golf Ball
Drop

1st Prize:
Ball in Hole
50/50
Prize Money

2nd Prize
Closest Ball
\$100
Gift Card

3rd Prize
\$ 50
Gift Card

\$5 PER BALL

17
May

Register Now!

Edgewood District Veterans
Golf Committee
5332 Blackberry
San Antonio, TX 78238

For More Information
+Robert Valle
(210) 683-4771
rvalle46@sbcglobal.net



Alivia Grace Camero Holy Communion

By Ramon Chapa. Jr.
Congratulations Aliva Grace Camero on receiving Holy Communion. Joined by her parents Jorge and Chasity and her sister Demi and all Grandparents, God Parents, Family and Friends it was a Special Occasion!



Nuestra.TV celebra la maternidad con programación original exclusiva para empoderar a las nuevas madres

Por Rubi Olvera

Nuestra.TV, el servicio de streaming gratuito bajo demanda de Adsmovil, estrenó hoy "Cerebros en acción", un programa original exclusivo que promete ser un recurso valioso para las nuevas madres que buscan orientación y apoyo durante los primeros años cruciales del desarrollo de sus hijos.

A través de una combinación única de experiencia clínica y aprendizaje interactivo, "Cerebros en acción" cubre temas de actualidad que ayudarán a las madres durante las primeras etapas del crecimiento de sus hijos. El programa profundiza en varios temas, incluido el desarrollo del lenguaje infantil, la crianza de niños bilingües, ideas de juego atractivas para niños pequeños de dos años en adelante, habilidades de alfabetización temprana, lenguaje de señas natural, y mucho más.

Al explorar estas áreas cruciales, y combinar el asesoramiento de expertos con un enfoque lúdico-didáctico, "Cerebros en acción" equipa a



las madres con las herramientas necesarias para mejorar las habilidades comunicativas de sus hijos, fomentando una base sólida para su éxito futuro. Esto es de suma importancia ya que los estudios han demostrado que, desde el nacimiento hasta la edad de cinco años, el cerebro infantil se desarrolla más rápido que durante cualquier otra etapa de su vida. La interacción y experiencias toman prioridad durante los primeros cinco años para un mayor éxito en la escuela y la vida.

“Tener nuestro contenido en una plataforma de streaming como Nuestra.TV, nos da la posibilidad de llegar a toda nuestra audiencia hispana”. ‘Cerebros en acción’ se enfoca en desarrollar las habilidades comunicativas de los niños, desde una edad temprana, incluyendo temas de bilingüismo en un contexto global”, expresó Natalia Sánchez,

CEO de “Cerebros en acción”.

“Estamos encantados de anunciar este contenido exclusivo para nuevas madres. Desde sus inicios, Nuestra.TV se ha comprometido a entretener, educar y empoderar a nuestra diversa comunidad hispana. Al brindarles a las nuevas madres las herramientas necesarias para mejorar las habilidades de comunicación de sus hijos, educamos y empoderamos a la comunidad, manteniéndonos firmes en nuestra misión”, dijo Alberto Pardo, cofundador and CEO de Nuestra.TV.

Los usuarios de Nuestra.TV pueden disfrutar de contenido premium de video bajo demanda de formato corto y largo que es cultural y lingüísticamente relevante. Su biblioteca de contenidos incluye producciones de estreno de EE. UU., América Latina

y España, así como contenido original dirigido al consumidor bilingüe/bicultural por creadores galardonados. Además, Nuestra.TV ofrece a sus suscriptores programación educativa para atender mejor y potenciar las necesidades de nuestra diversa y multifacética población hispana.

Para ver Nuestra.TV, los consumidores pueden descargar la aplicación gratuita desde Apple App Store, Google Play (para Android), ROKU, Apple TV, Sony, LG, Panasonic, Samsung, Philips, Android TV, Sharp, TCL, Amazon Fire TV y Amazon Móvil/Tableta. Para más información, visite www.nuestra.tv.

Adsmovil, una empresa certificada de propiedad minoritaria de medios digitales hispana confiable que presta servicios a esta cohorte multigeneracional con ofertas escalonadas, que incluyen segmentación

precisa y oportunidades personalizadas. La compañía llega a más de la mitad (65%) del total de la población digital hispana en todos los niveles de diversidad cultural y aculturación y tiene relaciones directas con más de 2,500 editores digitales premium en EE. UU., LATAM y España. Su oferta omnicanal abarca pantallas, sentidos e idiomas, y alberga capacidades de producción completas, a través de Adsmovil Studios. La compañía ocupa constantemente la cima de los informes móviles de enfoque de publicidad hispana de ComScore. Adsmovil fue fundada en 2012 por su director ejecutivo, Alberto Pardo, y su sede en Estados Unidos se encuentra en Miami, FL. Es una empresa consciente del medio ambiente, comprometida con la reducción de su huella de carbono para crear un futuro más verde y sostenible.

Roberto Reboloso Sr. Y Su Inolvidable Fiesta De 80 Años

Por Franco

El caballero regiomontano Roberto Reboloso Sr., quién vio la primera luz el primero de mayo de 1944 en la ciudad de Monterrey, Nuevo León, México, el pasado viernes 3 de mayo por sus 80 años de feliz existencia acudió a fiesta familiar en su honor ofrecida en el popular centro social Potranco Rodeo Ballroom propiedad del artista Eloy Rocha.

lo llaman, en la comunidad y el deporte de sus amores el béisbol "Rey de los Deportes", también recibió emotivas felicitaciones de parte del club Rieleros de San Antonio y sus directivos Juan Sánchez, Servando Hernández y JP Reza.

Sus hijos; Roberto Jr., Jesse y Henry, y demás familiares se encargaron de realizar los preparativos, invitando a familiares y amistades, quienes compartieron emotivos mo-

mentos y disfrutaron del ambiente música proporcionado por el conjunto Los Escorpiones del Norte, que abrieron el baile con el tema "Bonita Finca de Adobe", favorito del cumpleaños. El DJ Lalo Zapata, estuvo animando la velada y presentando mediante video gráfico el show la vida familiar del dichoso cumpleaños.

De cena se saborearon platillos de Brisket, Sausage. Arroz y frijoles con ensalada de papas y Ice Tea. Así como del delicioso pastel de cumpleaños.

Roberto Reboloso Jr., agradeció a los invitados diciendo emocionado lo siguiente. "Estamos felices celebrando el cumpleaños del mejor Padre del Mundo [Roberto Reboloso Sr.]."

El grupo musical Los Escorpiones del Norte de San Antonio. En repetidas ocasiones dijeron "Gracias a

Dios estamos felicitando y complaciendo a don Beto Reboloso, con todos sus temas favoritos".

Don Beto, agradeció las finas atenciones, diciendo que gracias al respaldo de sus familiares, y el cuidado personal llegó a esta gran fiesta que el domingo 5 de mayo concluyó con su tradicional festejó beisbolero con el club de béisbol Rieleros que a la

vez celebraron triunfo ante Desperados en Liga Abierta dominical Potranco. Recibiendo abrazos de los directivos JP Reza, Juan Sánchez y Servando Hernández. "El trabajo, mi familia y el béisbol. Han sido mi pasión y ayuda físicamente por muchos años, lo cual me ha dado estas satisfacciones", dijo Reboloso Sr.

[Fotos de Franco].



¿ESTÁ BUSCANDO AMPLIAR EL ALCANCE DIGITAL DE SU EMPRESA?



La ciudad de San Antonio está apoyando a las pequeñas empresas de San Antonio para que lleguen a más clientes en línea. ¡Responda la breve encuesta y comience hoy! ¡Es posible que sea elegible para recibir servicios digitales gratuitos!

Visite <https://SanAntonio.Digital> para realizar la encuesta y recibir un informe útil.

000

¡EMPIECE HOY MISMO!





PROGRAMA PRESENCIA DIGITAL

2024 – 2027 San Antonio Poet Laureate Eduardo “Eddie” Vega



Scan the QR code to learn more, or visit: SanAntonio.gov/Arts



ARTS & CULTURE

#PoetLaureateSA @GetCreativeSA



Your Solution
to **Great Skin**
NOW OPEN

SAN ANTONIO, TX

BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

(726) 213-3494

WWW.EPIPHANYDERMATOLOGY.COM

**Amazon Para Todos!
Now accepting EBT/SNAP**

Shop deals & SNAP-eligible groceries

No Prime membership required.



by Natasha Gonzales
Did you know that up to 27% of San Antonio residents are dealing with food insecurity according to the city's data. It's no surprise that with summer rapidly approaching, many children will be left with less food due to not being in school with regulated meals. For this reason, Amazon Access has made buying food on Amazon easier and more affordable. Families are now able to not only purchase Amazon Prime for 50% off but they are able

to use their EBT/SNAP cards to purchase items to be delivered right to their door.

Amazon Access was created to help residents in food deserts to get high quality but affordable groceries to feed their families. They believe that everyone should have equal access to healthy foods while also offering convenience at an affordable price point.

"Ways to save are especially important during the summer, when children who count on

free and reduced-price school meals face the highest risk of hunger," said Nancy Dalton, Head of Community Experience and Customer Marketing for Amazon Access "We're proud to be teaming up with Chef Cortez to share information about Amazon Access resources like payment with SNAP EBT and Prime Access that make grocery shopping in Amazon stores easier and more affordable."

Prime membership is not required but again, is offered with a hefty

discount to qualifying persons. By going to the Amazon website: amazon.com/snap, you can peruse their discounts and offers. With the click of a button, you can be on your way to shopping for EBT/SNAP eligible groceries and items by adding your card information. Groceries can either be picked up or delivered depending on your preference. Don't forget to sign up so when school ends, Amazon Access begins.

Luminaria Pop-Up Exhibit Features Maestro Joe Luna

By Ricardo Romo, Ph.d

The Maestros' Pop-Up exhibit at St. Paul Square in downtown San Antonio features exciting Picasso-like paintings of San Antonio artist and retired Burbank High School art teacher Joe Luna. Curated by Bobby Bacon and Karen Evans, this is the second fine art gallery exhibition outside of the Luminaria Festival.

San Antonio artist Joe Luna has four fanciful paintings in the Luminaria show that stand out. In this article, I discuss his path to becoming an artist and feature additional work from his studio.

Pablo Picasso stands out as one of Luna's greatest artistic influences. Luna brands himself as a creator of "Picasso Like Original Art." Luna paints abstract canvases that draw upon Picasso's unique creative styles. For example, one Luna piece in the Luminaria exhibit, "Lady Moon," features a colorful woman with quarter moon-shaped eyes standing with her circular multi-colored arms decorated with paint brushes. Behind her is a series of quarter moons embedded in colorful shapes and a window revealing a calm sea and bright orange clouds.

Joe Luna was born in Laredo, and his family moved to San Antonio when he was thirteen. He attended public school in the early 1950s when Spanish-speaking students were expected to repeat the first and sometimes the second grade on the false assumption they lacked adequate language skills.

Luna generously acknowledges the positive impact



Joe Luna, "Amor Prohibido." Photo by Ricardo Romo.

early teachers had on his art training. In his biography, he provides the names of his elementary, middle, and high school teachers crediting them with giving him the instruction and encouragement that led him to become an artist and eventually an art teacher. His art skills and leadership grew as he progressed through school. As an elementary student, he was given principal responsibility for the class bulletin board. He won 1st place in poster competitions in middle school.

In the 1950s-1960s, Lanier and Fox Tech high schools offered the city's best art programs specializing in commercial art. Jose Esquivel, an original Con Safo art group member, graduated from Fox Tech in the early 1950s and Lionel Sosa, a successful portrait artist, finished at Lanier in the late 1950s. This was a difficult era when fewer than five percent of Latino high school graduates attended college. When Luna graduated from

Fox Tech in 1966, he set a goal to study art in college and become an art teacher like his

early role models.

The term Luna uses for star art performers is "a Michelangelo." In his lifetime, he remembers he has met two



Joe Luna, "Lady Moon." Photo by Ricardo Romo.

"Michelangelo," Jesse Trevino and Vincent Valdez. Luna enrolled in the same classes as Jesse Trevino at Fox Tech. Luna and his classmates marveled at Trevino's drawings and paintings and recognized that Trevino had a bright future ahead of him. After three years of art classes at Fox



Joe Luna, "Happy Birthday Blast." Photo by Ricardo Romo.



Joe Luna working in his studio. Photo by Ricardo Romo.



*Joe Luna, "Our Scorching Earth."
Photo by Ricardo Romo.*

Tech with Ms. Katherine Alsup, Luna gained confidence in his own unique style and won a dozen statewide art competitions.

Ms. Alsup inspired Luna. He wanted to be a teacher like her and teach at Fox Tech High School. Luna's First Place Blue Ribbons in state art competitions won him a scholarship to the Art Academy in Washington, D.C. The scholarship paid for tuition, but not all other expenses, which forced him to turn down the offer.

Luna developed a plan after high school graduation to earn an art degree and one day return to Fox Tech High School to teach commercial art. With the art portfolio he had prepared for the Art Academy, he applied for a commercial art job at Frost Bros., an exclusive clothing store in San Antonio. Luna was hired to handle the window displays.

At Frost Bros., Luna worked alongside former Burbank art student, Armando Sanchez, a well-known San Antonio artist. Luna's supervisors al-

lowed him to work and attend community college at night. Over the next five years, Luna completed an Associate Degree at San Antonio College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Our Lady of the Lake University.

Luna began teaching art at Burbank High School a few years after earning his college degree. During his 31 years as an art teacher at Burbank, he mentored hundreds of students, including one "Michelangelo"-- Vincent Valdez. When Valdez enrolled in his art class, Luna quickly recognized an immense talent and arranged for the young artist to paint a mural in the school cafeteria. Valdez's painting was recently preserved in a digital format allowing the school to reconstruct his older painting on the wall of the new cafeteria. Luna is supremely proud of Valdez, and over the years, he has bought nearly a dozen drawings and prints by Valdez.

Luminaria's Maestros' Pop-Up exhibit at St. Paul Square is a new art venture for Execu-

tive Director Yadhira Lozano. The arts organization is known for its annual festival that draws artists from across the state and several major U.S. cities. Last year's festival featured over 200 individual artists creating fine art, film, poetry, large art installations, digital art, and live music. Artists came from New York City, Mexico City, and 15 countries.

Luminaria emerged from the 2020-21 pandemic determined to reach San Antonio's growing communities. In the post-pandemic years, the city's cultural audiences have requested more Luminaria events and year-round cultural activities. San Antonio City Councilwoman Phyllis Viagran commented, "Luminaria highlights the rich cultural heritage of San Antonio and pushes the boundaries of artistic innovation."

The Maestros exhibit is an effort to expand

Luminaria's art and cultural programming. Lozano believes that art heals and enriches people's lives. The organization promotes the idea that the arts can also be an engine for economic development. She is working with businesses in St. Paul Square to increase tourism. The Square is a few hundred yards from the popular Alamodome, an indoor stadium with 65,000 seats and the home field for the University of Texas San Antonio football team, and can draw large audiences to Luminaria events.

Luminaria is celebrating its 16th year of elevating the arts and meeting its goal of enriching San Antonio by making the city a global arts destination. Luminaria remains committed to opening opportunities for all artists, especially those from underrepresented communities.



*Joe Luna, "The Contortionist."
Photo by Ricardo Romo.*



*Yadhira Lozano at Luminaria Exhibit.
Photo by Ricardo Romo.*

ÚNASE AL

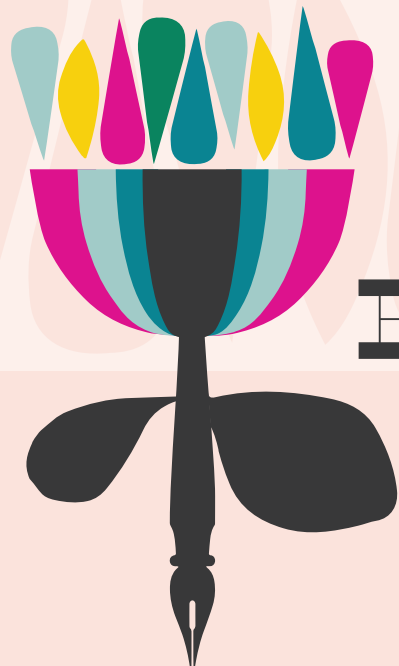
COMITÉ DE APORTACIONES DE LA COMUNIDAD (CIC) DE



Buscamos voluntarios que representen los intereses de nuestra comunidad y aporten sus reflexiones a la Junta Directiva de CPS Energy.

Las solicitudes se abren el lunes 29 de abril de 2024 y se cierran el viernes 17 de mayo de 2024.

Obtenga más información y presente su solicitud en cpsenergy.com/cic-es o pase por uno de nuestros Centros de Servicio al Cliente para obtener una copia impresa de la solicitud.



APRIL
2024

NATIONAL
POETRY
MONTH



San Antonio

For a full calendar of National Poetry Month events, visit www.SanAntonio.gov/Arts



#NPMSA2024
@GetCreativeSA
SANANTONIO.GOV/ARTS



Ladies Night

20% off

On any service every Wednesday
Bridal and Quinceanera Special
\$100 Hair & Makeup
\$150 Hair & Makeup & Nails & Toes
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Estilo

Hair and Nail Salon
423 W. Mitchell Ste 101 78204
210.233.0990

Former Marine and Single Mother Finds Success in Tech Field with NPower Program

By Yvette Tello

Former Marine and single mother of three, Geneva Knott, always had an interest in entering the tech field. Now, thanks to the NPower Tech Fundamentals program, she's not only pursuing her passion, she's also able to be a full-time mother to her children while working from home.

Knott shared her journey, expressing how the program provided her with much-needed support, making her feel like part of a family. She emphasized that NPower not only assisted her with job placement but also provided a nurturing environment where she felt valued and supported. She obtained an apprenticeship through an NPower employer partner which resulted in a full time position at this company.

"I recommend NPower to anyone and everyone interested in the tech field," Knott said. "It's more than just a program; it's a community that truly cares about your success."



NPower is a national nonprofit organization focused on increasing economic mobility for veterans, veteran spouses, and young adults by providing IT tech training for in-demand tech jobs. Currently, they are reviewing applications for the Fall 2024 cohort in San Antonio, which begins in August. Approximately 60 seats are open for the program, which is entirely free for students.

Individuals selected for the program receive top-notch training and job placement support, all at no cost. This is made possible through grants and funding by companies like USAA, Fortune 100 companies, and foundations.

The Tech Fundamentals program offers a range of benefits to trainees, including:

- 20 weeks of virtual instructor-led technical instruction
- Chance to earn industry-recognized certifications such as CompTIA A+ & IT Fundamentals+, a Google IT Support Certificate, and an IT Generalist Apprenticeship credential
- Exposure to leading technologies from Microsoft, Accenture Federal, Citi, and others
- Job placement assistance with access to a wide range of top employers
- A full range of ongoing social service and personal development support



- Foundational professional development (e.g., resume writing, office communications, financial literacy, and mock interviews)
- Mentoring from senior-level IT professionals
- Lifelong alumni engagement supports

By completing the program, participants like Knott can increase their earning potential by over 300 percent.

For individuals like Geneva Knott, NPower isn't just a training program; it's a life-changing opportunity that opens doors to a brighter future. If you're interested in pursuing a career in the tech field, NPower could be the pathway to your success. Apply now and take the first step towards a rewarding career in IT. For more information please visit <https://www.npower.org>.

Celebrating Mother's Day: Hispanic Traditions and the Importance of Mothers

By Yvette Tello

Mother's Day, or "Día de la Madre," holds a special place in the hearts of Hispanics around the world. It's a day filled with love, gratitude, and cherished traditions that honor the women who play a central role in Hispanic families—the mothers. In Hispanic culture, mothers are revered as the backbone of the family. They are not only caregivers and nurturers but also pillars of strength, wisdom, and unconditional love. Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and honor these extraordinary women for their countless sacrifices and unwavering dedication to their families.

One of the most common ways Hispanics celebrate Mother's Day is by gathering with family for a special meal. Whether it's a homemade feast or a meal at a favorite restaurant, the focus is on spending quality time together and showing appreciation for the matriarch of the family. In many Hispanic households, Mother's Day is also an opportunity for the entire family to come together and celebrate not only mothers but also grandmothers, aunts, and other maternal figures.

Gift-giving is another important aspect of Mother's Day celebrations in Hispanic culture. Children often present their mothers with flowers, chocolates, or other thoughtful gifts as a token of their love and appreciation. Handmade cards and crafts, especially those created by younger children, are treasured by mothers as heartfelt expressions of love.

Music and dancing are also integral parts of Mother's Day celebrations in many Hispanic communities. Families may gather to enjoy mariachis, dance to traditional tunes, or simply listen to the favorite songs of the honored mothers during an early morning seranata. These joyful moments create lasting memories and strengthen the bonds between family members.

Religious observances are common on Mother's Day in Hispanic culture, with many families attending special church services dedicated to mothers. Prayers and blessings are offered for mothers and maternal figures, acknowledging their importance in the lives of their loved ones.

Beyond the celebrations and traditions, Mother's Day holds deep cultural and emotional



significance for Hispanics. It's a day to reflect on the sacrifices mothers make for their families, often putting their needs and desires aside to ensure the well-being and happiness of their children. Mothers are seen as the embodiment of love, strength, and resilience, and their influence extends far beyond the family unit.

Hispanic mothers, as all mothers, are revered for their wisdom, guidance, and unconditional love. They are the keepers of traditions, the storytellers of family history, and the source

of endless support and encouragement. Their love knows no bounds, and their sacrifices are often unspoken but deeply felt.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this year, let us take a moment to honor and appreciate the incredible mothers in our lives. Whether biological, adoptive, or maternal figures, they deserve our love, gratitude, and recognition not just on Mother's Day, but every day.

Feliz Día de la Madre!

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

Purchasing & Contract Administration

Office: (210) 485-0100 Fax: (210) 486-9022

ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT BID/PROPOSAL INVITATION

The Alamo Colleges District is receiving sealed bids/proposals prior to 2:00 PM (CST), unless otherwise indicated, on the date shown.

RFP# 2024-0060 PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL LINES
OF COVERAGE

Deadline: June 11, 2024

Specifications are available by visiting Alamo Colleges District website: www.alamo.edu/purchasing

or by emailing dst-purchasing@alamo.edu

Estrada Creations Painting
Free Estimates
Local San Antonio Business
23 Years Experience
Ruben M Estrada
726-228-4277

Siegel Suites San Antonio:
Grandes habitaciones tipo estudio:
Servicios públicos
GRATIS. Solo \$249 por semana. Sin cargos ocultos.
Se admiten mascotas.
Programa de recompensas gratuito.
Llamar 210-226-4361!

Siegel Select San Antonio:
¡Oferta Especial para Estancias Largas! ¡Tarifas semanales
a \$289 y un Programa de Recompensas Siegel gratuito!
Quédate donde te valoran.” Llamar 210-794-9596!



APPLY FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE
FROM OPPORTUNITY HOME SAN ANTONIO

Income-Based Housing Assistance (IBHA)

Open Enrollment Begins May 24

Opportunity Home will be accepting preliminary applications for a newly opened waitlist, Income-Based Housing Assistance (IBHA). Applicants interested in one- and two-bedroom units are encouraged to apply. **Applicants must be 62 years of age or older.** Property is located at Snowden Apartments in the Medical Center area.

Applications will be accepted beginning May 24. Visit homesa.myhousing.com to apply.

Those interested who have an active application and a portal account established with Opportunity Home can log into their portal account and be added to the IBHA waitlist if they meet requirements.

\$59 Off Any Pest Control Service



San Antonio 8114 City Base Landing

Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78235

(210) 343-5434

www.anytimepesteliminationsanantonio.com

Se Habla Espanol

Happy Mother's Day



from

La Prensa Texas

Wemby Es 2023-24 Kia NBA Rookie Of The Year

Por J.I. Franco

Tras haber sido elegido como el novato del mes durante tres meses consecutivos en la Conferencia del Oeste, el delantero y poste francés Víctor Wembanyama apodado cariñosamente Wemby.

Al final de temporada volvió a cerrar fuerte en su plan defensivo y ofensivo guiado por el estratega en jefe Gregg Popovich, quién ostenta cinco anillos de campeón mundial en la NBA dirigiendo a Los Spurs de San Antonio.

En boletín oficial informativo de Spurs Sports and Entertainment [SS&E],

girado por Alexis Winston (Basketball Communications Coordinator-Spurs Sports and Entertainment), sé dijo que la NBA oficialmente hizo el nombramiento de Wemby declarado unánimemente ganador de trofeo "2023-24 Kia NBA Rookie Of The Year".

Wemby, es el primer basquetbolista francés en ganar dicho trofeo, y el tercero en la historia de Spurs al lado del Almirante David Robinson y Tim Duncan.

Wembanyama participó de estelar en 71 partido de los 82 jugados durante el

rol regular, con promedio de 21.4 puntos, 10.6 rebotes, 3.58 bloqueos y 1.24 robos en 29.7 minutos de acción en cada cotejo. Lo cuál le dio promedio para imponerse ante el resto de novatos participantes en ambas conferencias Este y Oeste. Con más puntos anotados, rebotes y bloqueos por partido.

Wemby logró acumular 1,522 puntos, 755 rebotes, 274 asistencias, 254 bloqueos. Siendo el primer jugador en la historia de la NBA con más de 1,500 puntos. 700 rebotes, 250 asistencias, 250 bloqueos y más de

100 encestes triples en su primera temporada.

Destacandose en otros departamentos ante competitivos rivales que estuvieron activos con sus respectivos clubes y otras estrellas del mejor balo-

ncesto mundial quienes ahora tienen su Nicho en el Salón de la Fama.

[Fotos de Franco].



TOP CHEF VIP



NUEVA TEMPORADA
MARTES 21 MAYO
7PM/6C



Celebration Honoring 119 Centro Ambassadors During San Antonio National Tourism Week In Downtown San Antonio



By Ramon Chapa, Jr.

It was an honor to give thanks at the Centro San Antonio National Tourism Week Celebration honoring all 119 Centro Ambassadors! Thank You to my great friends Chris Cortez and Trish DeBerry for the V.I.P. Invitation!

Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood hosted all 119 Centro Ambassadors to experience a one-of-a-kind luncheon, celebrating the dedication and continuous service of these men and women in blue and yellow to the Downtown San Antonio community. This event comes just as we approach National Travel & Tourism Week in late May. National Travel & Tourism Week highlights the impact of the travel and tourism industry, offering an opportunity to explore how it contributes to San Antonio's economy, business growth, employ-



ment, and overall quality of life. Select leaders of San Antonio and other dignitaries will be on hand to lunch and thank the Ambassadors, providing remarks that aim to exemplify the Ambassador's services that specifically target visitors to our city's core. "We couldn't be more honored to provide a day of gratitude as we salute the Ambassadors during National Travel & Tour-

ism Week and the commitment they provide to downtown San Antonio," said Chef Mark Bohanan, executive chef and owner of Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood. "Their service is invaluable, and we are thrilled to share the Bohanan's dining experience with them." The lunch will feature a variety of Bohanan's signature dishes, served buffet-style for attendees.



EXHIBITION ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024



MILLENNIAL LOTERÍA

THE LATINXPERIENCE

Michael Alfaro & Gerardo Guillén

Permanencia Voluntaria

efedefroy



CENTRO DE ARTES GALLERY

101 S. Santa Rosa



ARTS & CULTURE

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#CentroDeArtesSA | @GetCreativeSA