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Let's Talk About It

Controversy Surrounds Gov. Kristi Noem: Dog Shooting Incident and Tribal Land Ban

By Yvette Tello

What are your thoughts on Republican South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem's controversy following backlash for shooting her own 14-month-old dog, Cricket, due to its aggressive behavior. Governor Kristi Noem has also been banned from all tribal lands in South Dakota. The governor has faced severe criticism after making inflammatory accusations that Native Americans were "personally benefiting" from the Mexican cartel drug trade. What do you think about the governor's position? Do you think it is acceptable to shoot your own dog to put it down, or are there better ways to handle aggressive pets? Let's talk about it...

Roy Cruz: "They have the means to safely secure and keep the dog happy ..even trained.. Jackasses."

John Saint John: "It's not the dog's fault. I love dogs immensely. It should be the other way around.. Send the dog to me."

Missy Roper Cashman: "Thank goodness other people see the hypocrisy and cruelty of this disgusting excuse for a human. Bravo for standing up to this puppy killer. She deserves to be treated with all the care she showed her poor Cricket. Hope she sees the bloody body every night before she goes to sleep."

Gary Kloster: "She will sadly make the perfect VP for his Orange Juliusness!!!"

Linda Anne: "Those red caps should have the slogan 'Make America stupid again', I think ."

Patty Herbst: "Like her hero, she keeps putting her foot in her mouth."

Sue Herzberg O'Grady: "Glad she's banned for another reason. ... Back to dogs. Treat them better. Here and there, and everywhere. Dogs on reservations. Treat them like family FFS."

Russ Haidys: "Bless you Governor Bless you!!!!"

Carmen Salcido: "That woman needs serious help!"

Michael Mclauchlin: "QUIT voting for her South Dakota."

Gentry Driver: "Now if we can just get the population not voting for these things...too many Natives from all reservations wear red hats...actually surprised me last election...Natives can be dumb too."

Cindy Elle: "Good!! Puppy Killer!! Goat Killer. Gtfoh."

Candise Hammond: "That's because the drug cartels are really on the reservations, and the truth pisses people off! They just proved her right by banning her."

Mark Hatch: "Great...another nut job."

Jamie Pierce: "Puppy killer!"

Larry L. Cunningham: "Deplorable person! She treats people like she treats animals."

Betty Lillies: "He will pick her for VP because she will look great served on a silver platter wearing GOLD sneakers."

B.J. Erwin: "She's not too bright, is she?"

Ernesto Delaloza: "The genocide continues."

Jackie Sutterfield: "Take her to the gravel pit and tie her up and leave her there."

Pat Pensyl: "I think it's great they told her she's now considered an illegal immigrant!"

Arlene Gilbert: "She is a very dangerous woman. Her kind is evil and looking for approval from dangerous people LIKE TRUMP! Insanity in our country and it's like a wildfire. VOTE BLUE!"

Tacitus Killgore: "No, but she's right about the cartel being on the reservation."

About the Cover Artist: Cece Nguyen

Photos by Ricardo Romo

Cece Nguyen is an artist and student from Clark High School. Their work is currently on view at Centro Cultural Aztlan's latest exhibition, titled Chicano Arts Curriculum Project: Student Exhibition which opened last week.

San Antonio is a city with a rich Mexican-American and Chicano arts and cultural heritage. With Congressman Joaquin Castro's help in securing funding for arts and education on San Antonio's Westside, Centro Cultural Aztlan has worked with educators, artists, and historians to bring the richness of Chicano art and culture into K-12 arts curriculum. As a product of this project, young artists from across San Antonio have created artwork with inspiration from some of the most notable Chicano artists of San Antonio and beyond. Join us at this project's culminating art exhibition, featuring shining examples of student artwork that has resulted from this Chicano Arts Curriculum Series.

The cover art photo caption:

"Quiet Day on Train Street." by Cece Nguyen from Clark High School. Inspired by Ana Fernandez.

Read more about the exhibit on page 10.

Centro Cultural Aztlan presents:



Chicano Arts Curriculum Project: Student Work

Opening Reception:
May 16, 2024,
6-9pm

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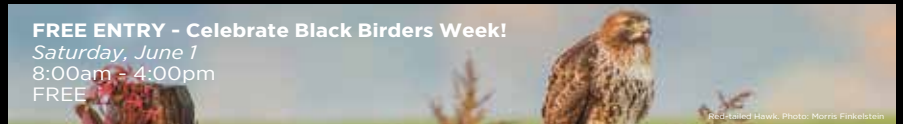
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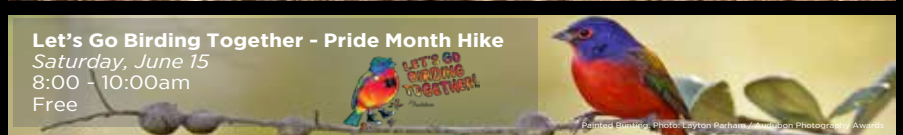
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Dominique and Destiny Gonzales Celebrate Adoption at Bexar County Courthouse

Photos by Roland James Sanchez

A heartwarming celebration took place at the Bexar County Courthouse this month as Dominique and Destiny Gonzales legally completed the adoption process for Mateo and Layne. The adoption process was finalized in a joyful ceremony surrounded by family and friends, marking the start of a new chapter in their lives.

Dominique, beaming with pride, said, "We are so relieved and no longer scared, that these babies we love so much, are finally ours and no one can ever come and take them or change that."

The couple first took in the siblings from a relative in January of 2022 and immediately formed a special bond. The adoption process, which can be lengthy and complex, was navigated with the help of dedicated professionals at the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).

"For all the family here, just remember this moment when they call you for free babysitting," said the honorable Judge Kimberly Burley, who presided over the ceremony. The children were gifted plushie toys as a keepsake for the special day.

As Dominique and Destiny left the courthouse it was clear that their love and commitment to each other and their new babies would continue to flourish in their new life together. Their story is a reminder of the power of family and the joy that adoption can bring.



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Duties**Social Media**

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Schedule client's posts using agency software and Meta Business Suite Planner

Use best practices, remain knowledgeable of new tools, and become an early adopter of social trends

Working with the web team in developing marketing copy and coordinating/designing collateral materials for client projects

Familiar with CTA, Impressions, and Reach
Strong writing and editing skills

Email Marketing

Upload contacts and create lists based on demographics

Create engaging messaging for conversion
Schedule and send weekly newsletters on behalf of our clients and TSB

Additional Duties

Proficient using Meta Business Suite

Proficient in using Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter, TikTok, and Google My Business

Familiar with Loomly software

Familiar with email marketing software such as Constant Contact, MailChimp, and Mailerlite

Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

6 months of writing experience is required

Must have an active social media presence

Ability to multitask in a highly energetic, fast-paced environment

Ability to think critically and problem-solver
Our ideal candidate will be independent, driven, and a self-starter

Must-Have

Valid Drivers License

Reliable Transportation

Able to Pass a Background Check

Resume

Degree/Copy of College Transcripts

Certifications/Copy of Certificates

Salary

Pay is \$15 per hour

Benefits

Work Hours are Monday – Friday during business hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm

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Duties**Web Support**

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Assist with various other duties assigned

Qualifications

Ability to think critically and problem-solver
Ideal candidate will be independent, driven, and a self-starter

Ability to multitask in a highly energetic, fast-paced environment

Ability to handle multiple projects and maintain a high quality of work under strict deadlines

Any experience using WordPress CMS
Preferred experience using Divi and Elementor Themes and Builders

Ability to learn front-end code:

HTML, CSS, JavaScript and PHP

Experience with

Photoshop/Illustrator/InDesign

Knowledge of the concept of SEO

Must-Have

Valid Drivers License

Reliable Transportation

Resume

Degree/Copy of College Transcripts

Certifications/Copy of Certificates

Salary

Starting Pay is \$15 per hour

Benefits

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Los Missions Regalaron Ginóbili Jersey Softball Kings Adelante Kennedy Slowpitch

Por Franco

Los Missions de San Antonio, sucursal doble A de Padres de San Diego, con camisetas alusivas de camuflaje a nuestra Military City, con su promoción "Flying Chanclas Jersey 20" en honor al guardia argentino Manu Ginóbili. [Las cuales fueron patrocinadas por las tiendas Circle K]. Quien tiene acciones en la organización, logró un sold out en el estadio municipal Nelson W. Wolff.

Lo cuál a la vez les dio suerte derrotando al rival visitante Hooks de Corpus Christi [sucursal doble A de Huston Astros], con pizarra de 6-2.

La victoria sé la agencio el abridor derecho Víctor Lizarraga, con derrota para José Urquidy.

En el segundo episodio Robert Pérez Jr. (Missions). Pegó Jonrón con su compañero abordo Brandon Valenzuela. Ubicando la pizarra 2-0, para así salir adelante ante su legión de seguidores.

En la ceremonia de apertura Missions hizo donativo a Pleasanton Little League por la cantidad de \$8,872.00, cantidad obtenida mediante un fundraiser. El Himno Nacional fue interpretado por el Castroville Elementary Choir dirigido por la

maestra Joy Hudspeth. Quienes recibieron emotiva ovación del público y los directivos Luke Montz manager de Missions y Joe Thon, timonel de Hooks.

Durante el partido se presentaron promociones y las mascotas Balapeño y Henry Puffy Taco.

Al final hubo coloridos Fireworks presentado por Álamo Colleges.

La siguiente magna promoción será el viernes 31 de mayo [7:05 pm], ante el visitante Frisco RoughRiders afiliado doble A del campeón Texas Rangers, la gerencia estará regalando Jersey del

Almirante David Robinson (socio de Missions), con patrocinio de Circle K.

Por otro lado en la pelota blanda municipal en el complejo deportivo Kennedy, el trabuco Softball Kings, de Héctor "Papo" Garza y el coach John Santos (ambos jugadores), ganaron su doble partido de apertura en la temporada. "Comenzamos bien y esperamos salir adelante en este gran circuito. Damos

gracias a nuestros jugadores y sus familiares que una vez más nos estarán apoyando durante la temporada", dijo Garza.

En las fotos aparecen: Castroville Elementary Choir. Aficionados vistiendo la Jersey con el número 20 del argentino Manu Ginóbili. El club Softball Kings.

[Fotos de Franco].



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Public Art Dedication - "El Papalote" and "El Trompo" June 25 at W Commerce St & N Frio St

Courtesy of the City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture

rich multicultural heritage of San Antonio's Westside.

About the art:

The community is invited to join the City of San Antonio's Department of Arts & Culture and City Council District 5 to celebrate the completion of the 2 new sculptures, "El Papalote" (The Kite) and "El Trompo" (The Top) on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of W Commerce St & N Frio St, San Antonio, TX 78207. Parking will be available at Golden Star Cafe.

The kite (papalote) is made from the newspaper La Prensa. This newspaper was the first and oldest bilingual publication in the state of Texas (established in 1913). The trompo is a vintage top thrown from a string wound around its body. Players compete inside a circle drawn on the ground for the longest spin, to strike a central coin, and sometimes even perform tricks. The string coils toward the trompo's apex as if it has been freshly spun in one of these friendly competitions.

The artist hopes each work is a reminder of fun-filled childhood afternoons.



PUBLIC ART DEDICATION
 New sculptures by San Antonio Artist Joe R. Villarreal

W Commerce St & N Frio St
Tuesday, June 25 | 10:30 a.m.



ARTS & CULTURE



"El Papalote" and "El Trompo"

U.S. Department of Education Funds San Antonio Latino Arts

By Ricardo Romo, Ph.d

San Antonio's Latino Westside community is abuzz with music, art, and literacy activities. The Con-junto Festival sponsored by the Guadalupe Cultural Center saw record crowds on May 16, 2024; its bookstore across the street from the famed Guadalupe Theater drew readers and art lovers to its premier Latino Bookstore Education Outreach and Literacy Program. On the city's northwest sector, Centro Cultural Aztlan hosted a joyous Latino art evening event demonstrating that the creative work of Latino artists has a firm place in the hearts and minds of young students. The Centro showcased the newly developed art curriculum program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Thanks to Texas Congressman Joaquin Castro's work to secure funding for the arts and education on San Antonio's Westside, more than \$200,000 in federal funding was put to good use over the past 24 months at the Guadalupe Book Store and Centro Cultural Aztlan. Congressman Castro took to heart the National Endowment of the Arts mantra that the "Arts belong to all the people of the United States." This represents a significant change over previous decades when Latinos received few federal grants because many artists and Latino organizations did not have the grant-writing expertise or teams to compete adequately.

The Centro Cultural Aztlan was founded in the late 1970s to enhance art access to San Antonio's Latino community. During this decade, many San Antonio Latino residents struggled daily to survive financially allowing little time to devote an interest in the arts. When the Centro opened its art



Mirel Mejia, "Colorful Stamping." Clark High School. Inspired by Luis Valderas. Photo by Ricardo Romo.

complex in the city's Westside, the area was one of the poorest urban communities in the nation.

According to the 1970 U.S. Census data cited in the social science book *The Mexican American People* by authors Leo Grebler, Joan Moore, and Ralph Guzman, 74 percent of San Antonio Latinos earned less than \$5,000 annually. The U.S. Census data cited in this study also confirmed low educational attainment: only nine percent of Latinos in San Antonio

had completed high school in 1970. Even fewer Latinos had earned college degrees. The data show only two percent of the city's Latino population had completed more than four years of college.

Joaquin Castro grew up in San Antonio's Westside, an area he now represents as the U.S. Congressman for District 20. The community remains poor. Part of this congressional district is adjacent to zip code 78207, the lowest-income area in the city. The educational level in the Westside has improved over the past 50 years, especially in high

school completion which the 2020 U.S. Census counted at 45.1 percent. However, college completion among Westside residents demonstrates a great educational gap compared to the rest of the city. The 2020 U.S. Census also reported that only 2.7 percent of residents of this Westside district had completed a Bachelor's degree. On May 16, the Centro Cultural Aztlan opened an art exhibit representing student artwork from six school districts in the city. Artists/Educators Luis Valderas and Kim Bishop organized the exhibit as part of a larger art education project submitted to the Department of Education by Centro Director Malena Gonzalez-Cid and supported by Congressman Joaquin Castro. The Centro received a grant from the Department of Education for \$95,000 in 2023 and completed the proposed art projects in Spring 2024. The Centro project produced an arts education curriculum consisting of 40 lesson plans, including lessons created for Primary (PreK-2nd), Intermediate (3rd-5th), Middle School (7th-8th), and Secondary (9th-12th) students.



U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro at the Centro Cultural Aztlan with CEO Malena Gonzalez-Cid and Latino artists. Photo courtesy of Congressman Castro.



Maia Hutcheson. "The Seasons." Clark High School. Inspired by artist Adriana Garcia. Photo by Ricardo Romo.

Nine teachers implemented the curriculum with at least 600 students in Year 1 from Northside ISD, Northeast ISD, Incarnate Word HS, San Antonio ISD, Edgewood ISD, and Harlandale ISD. This curriculum will be shared with additional arts educators in the summer of 2024 in professional development workshops and open-source documents. Scarlet Fuentes,

The project managers, Bishop and Valderas, LLC., brought together a team of artists, educators, historians, and cultural experts to develop lesson plans with audiovisual resources and age-appropriate art activ-

ities to engage K-12 students in learning about Chicano art, culture, and history. Bishop and Valderas conceived the idea of preserving the legacy of local Latino artists and developed the template for the art curriculum.

The project managers organized a team of award-winning artists/educators representing six San Antonio school districts and one university to write and present these art lessons. Participating students created art inspired by selecting an artist from a list of more than fifty established Latino artists. The students researched the artists' backgrounds and artwork and produced art-



Lovely Ann Gonzalez, "What If I Was You." Bonham Academy. Inspired by Ricky Armendariz. Photo by Ricardo Romo



Alexa Barbosa, "El Espiritu del Mexica." Madison High School. Inspired by Roberto Jose Gonzalez. Photo by Ricardo Romo.



Scarlet Fuentes, "Antepasados." Harlandale High School. Inspired by Raul Servin. Photo by Ricardo Romo.

work in a style similar to that of the chosen artist. The teachers selected representative art for the Centro exhibit.

The Centro is an art beacon for the 60,000 residents in the San Antonio City Council Districts One, Five, and Seven that the organization principally serves. Larger cultural and exhibit events, which include Day of the Dead, Guadalupana celebrations, and Segundo de Febrero attract thousands of visitors from the entire city and beyond. These special events complement the Centro's "Platica" interview series hosted every Friday evening. The interviews are carried on the Centro's special YouTube channel. The Centro is one of the leading art centers in Texas recognized and funded by major organizations such as the National Endowment for the Arts, Texas Commission of the Arts, the San Antonio Area Foundation, Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation, and more recently, the U.S. Department of Education. In the past decade, the Centro has provided exhibit space for nearly five hundred artists annually. Under the direction of Malena Gonzalez-Cid, the Centro's future is bright as the

non-profit readies new gallery spaces and begins preparing the celebration of its 50th year in operation in 2028.

Nine teachers implemented the curriculum with at least 600 students in Year 1. They include the following Kim Bishop MA.,

MFA.—UTSA - PaCE, Mandy Clarson—NISD, Hector Garza PhD.—Incar-nate Word HS, Noe Garza—Harlandale ISD, Brandy González MFA.—NISD, Clayton Kilduff—NISD, Elizabeth San Miguel—Edgewood ISD, Clifton Tinker—NEISD, Kimberly Villarreal—NEISD and Monico Vitela—SAISD.



Genna Longoria, "Paletas For Sale." Harlandale High School. Inspired by Joe Lopez. Photo by Ricardo Romo.



Raul Rene Gonzalez, artist, standing by the artwork of Roosevelt Dual Language Academy students: Joel, Camila, Alan, Jonathan, Ricardo, Kaylee, Gazelle, Miamour, Oliver, Luis, Vivianna, and Ronnie. Photo by Ricardo Romo.



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The exhibit will run through Saturday, June 15.

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6 pm-7 pm



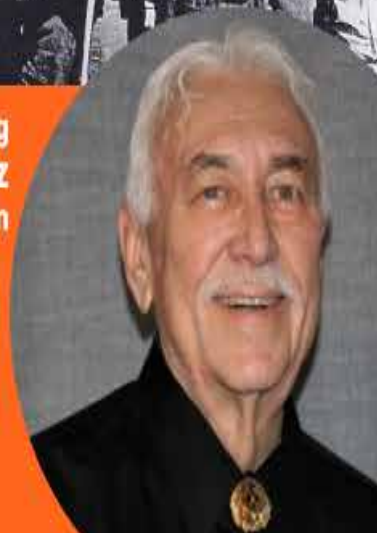
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Este otoño, San Antonio verá un gran cambio en los proveedores de planes de salud para adultos mayores y personas con discapacidades. Esto es lo que necesita saber.

Muchos adultos mayores y personas con discapacidades inscritos en el programa STAR+PLUS de Medicaid necesitarán seleccionar un nuevo plan de salud. STAR+PLUS es uno de los programas más grandes de Medicaid para esta población vulnerable, que generalmente requiere atención médica especializada y servicios de apoyo. Se acerca una transición crítica en la cobertura sobre planes de salud en el condado de Bexar. Los miembros de STAR+PLUS serán notificados si necesitan elegir un plan nuevo. La fecha límite para elegir un nuevo plan es el 1° de julio del 2024.

¿Por qué es importante el plan de salud que elija? Cada plan de salud se diferencia en sus médicos/as y especialistas, servicios adicionales (beneficios extra), y proveedores de apoyo en el hogar y la comunidad. Community First Health Plans es la única opción de plan de salud local sin fines de lucro para los residentes del condado de Bexar y los siete condados circundantes.

“Después de casi 30 años de brindar a nuestros ciudadanos del sur de Texas la cobertura de salud tan necesaria, estamos ansiosos por expandir una vez más nuestra presencia y ofrecerles a los miembros de STAR+PLUS nuestros servicios,” dice Theresa Rodriguez Scepanski, presidenta y CEO de Community First. “Esperamos cerrar brechas en la atención médica para estos miem-

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bro anticipando sus necesidades de salud únicas y satisfaciéndolas a través de la experiencia y la compasión, y poniendo a los miembros en primer lugar, ayudándoles a poder alcanzar sus objetivos de salud y mantener su independencia.”

Community First Health Plans puede responder preguntas y asistir a los miembros de STAR+PLUS durante esta transición. Esto es lo que necesita saber:

¿Qué es STAR+PLUS?

STAR+PLUS es un programa de atención administrada de Medicaid para servicios de atención médica y atención a largo plazo para adultos con discapacidades o mayores de 65 años.

¿Por qué algunas personas que tienen STAR+PLUS necesitarán cambiar de plan de salud?

Varios planes de salud grandes que actualmente ofrecen STAR+PLUS a los residentes del condado de Bexar y áreas circundantes ya no proporcionarán cobertura a partir del 1° de septiembre. Se les notificará si necesitan seleccionar un nuevo plan.

¿Cuándo es la fecha límite para seleccionar un nuevo plan de salud STAR+PLUS?

El 1° de julio del 2024. Si usted no elige un nuevo plan, se le asignará uno automáticamente.

¿Cuándo comenzará la cobertura bajo su nuevo plan?

El 1° de septiembre del 2024.

¿Hay alguna oficina en donde pueda recibir ayuda en persona?

Sí. El apoyo en persona está disponible en inglés y español en la oficina comunitaria de la Avenida Guadalupe ubicada en 1410 Guadalupe Street, Suite 222, San Antonio, TX.

¿Los planes de salud ofrecen diferentes servicios de valor agregado?

Sí. Community First ofrece a los miembros de STAR+PLUS beneficios adicionales llamados servicios de valor agregado. Estos incluyen: *

Cuidado de relevo en el hogar

Recompensas de tarjetas de regalo

Programas de prevención de la diabetes y pérdida de peso con membresías gratuitas al YMCA

Cuidado de los pies y bolsa térmica aislada para miembros con diabetes

Mascarilla con cámara de inhalación y más productos para miembros con asma

Asignación para un asiento que se ajuste a un andador

Servicios de visión mejorados, que incluyen hasta \$125 para anteojos o \$75 para lentes de contacto

Servicios dentales de bajo costo que incluyen exámenes dentales gratuitos, radiografías y hasta 50% de descuento en servicios de ortodoncia para miembros y sus familiares sin seguro

Comidas preparadas y entregadas a su hogar después de una hospitalización

Fiesta para bebés, artículos para bebés y tarjetas de regalo para las miembros embarazadas

Tarjeta de ahorros en recetas para familiares sin seguro

Clases de Zumba para miembros y sus familias con regalos relacionados con la aptitud física

*Efectivo el 1 de septiembre del 2024. Se aplican requisitos de elegibilidad.

Si usted tiene STAR+PLUS, debería:

Revisar su correo para ver si recibió información de salud y servicios humanos y responder inmediatamente. Visite CommunityFirstSTARPLUS.com para obtener actualizaciones o llamar al 1-844-382-2347 para obtener ayuda en inglés o español.

Reportar cualquier cambio en su número de teléfono o dirección llamando al 2-1-1 o en línea en YourTexasBenefits.com.

San Antonio Celebrates Queer Voices in Spectacular 6th Annual Pachanga: Kicking Off Pride Month with a Bang on June 1 at Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

Courtesy of Imane Saliba

Get ready to paint the town in all the colors of the rainbow as the vibrant and inclusive community of San Antonio gears up for the 3rd Annual Queer Voices Pachanga! Produced by the dynamic duo, Chibbi Orduña of Gem.In.Eyes Productions and Anel Flores of Anel I. Flores Studios, in collaboration with the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center and The Pride Center San Antonio, this electrifying event promises an unforgettable celebration of diversity, empowerment, and artistic brilliance.

Mark your calendars for June 1st, as the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center at 922 San Pedro Ave transforms into the epicenter of pride and joy from 4 PM to 10 PM, featuring an array of activities and entertainment that will leave you cheering for more!

Starting at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., a Queer Clothing Swap will be open for the community to come in search of gender-affirming attire. No contributions of clothing or funds are required to participate. Private changing spaces will be provided at the event.

From 6-7 p.m., you are invited to receive a blessing provided by the Cuir Curanderas: Erika Casasola, Rebel Mariposa and Sophia Velasquez, setting the tone for an evening of spiritual renewal and empowerment. As the beats start to drop, DJ De La O will keep the energy high with a mesmerizing mix of tunes that will have you dancing into the night.

But that's not all – satisfy your cravings with delicious food and drinks while you mingle and make new friends. Dive into a world of fun with board and card games or explore the vibrant Mini Mercado showcasing

the incredible talents of local artists and vendors.

As the sun sets, get ready to be dazzled by a showcase of performers unlike any other! From poetry that will touch your soul to burlesque performances that will leave you breathless, drag shows that defy expectations, and live music that will move you to your core – this lineup is bursting with talent and passion, including Cesar de Leon, MJ Rocha, Diamond Braxton, Cloud Cardona, Natasha Hernandez, Marcela Hernandez, Alejandra Sanchez Alanis, Vixy Van Hellen, Glori B, and Las Hijas de la Madre, hosted by Anel and Chibbi.

Best of all, this event is free and open to the public, ensuring that everyone can come together to celebrate love, diversity, and acceptance. While admission is free, donations to support the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center and The Pride Center San Antonio are warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Worried about parking? Don't be! Free parking is available at the nearby San Antonio College lot #28, ensuring that your journey to join us in this celebration of Queer Voices is as stress-free as possible.

So, gather your friends, bring your allies, and join us as we raise our voices, dance with pride, and showcase the beautiful mosaic of talent that makes San Antonio shine. Together, let's make this 3rd Annual Queer Voices Pachanga the most unforgettable yet!

Esperanza was founded in 1987 by a group made up of mostly Chicana activists seeking to bring together

diverse movements for peace and justice in San Antonio and around the world. It is a nationally recognized nonprofit arts organization dedicated to the intersections of cultural arts and social change. In the early years, the Esperanza was engaged in caravans to Central America, demonstrations against the KKK, mural projects that engaged children as artists, and the first art exhibit in Texas to focus on the Queer community and the AIDS crisis. Esperanza's cultural programming champions the lives and expe-

periences of women, people of color, LGBTQ+, immigrant, and working class communities. Esperanza continues to be a politically progressive, outspoken, and unwavering force for justice in San Antonio and beyond.



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**RFP# 2024-0057 PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE
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**RFP# 2024-0058 PURCHASE OF MARKETING AND ADVERTISING
SERVICES**

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CATION & TECHNICAL TRAINING SERVICES**

Deadline: June 4, 2024

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OF COVERAGE**

Deadline: June 5, 2024

**RFP# 2024-0061 PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
FOR HYDRONIC DISTRIBUTION PIPING REPLACEMENT AT ALA-
MO COLLEGES DISTRICT – PALO ALTO COLLEGE**

A Pre-Proposal meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2024. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Palo Alto College Building #12 Ozuna Library Room #101 Legacy Conference Room, 1400 W. Villaret Blvd, San Antonio, Texas 78224

Deadline: July 2, 2024

**RFQS NO. 2024-0063 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION
STATEMENTS (RFQS) FOR PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION MATE-
RIAL TESTING AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING**

A Pre-Response meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2024. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Hemisphere Conference Room #333, 2222 N. Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78215.

Deadline: June 18, 2024

Specifications are available by visiting Alamo Colleges District website:
www.alamo.edu/purchasing or by emailing dst-purchasing@alamo.edu

South Texas Alliance for Orphans Seeks 200 New Foster Families during National Foster Care Awareness Month

By April Mayrath

In recognition of May as National Foster Care Awareness Month, the South Texas Alliance for Orphans (STAFO) is calling on churches and community members alike to join the mission of combating the current foster care crisis by opening their hearts and homes to children in need. With over 3,000 abused and neglected children in our community in the foster care system each year, STAFO has set an ambitious goal of recruiting 200 new foster families in 2024.

“There is a critical shortage of foster parents across South Texas,” said Jennifer Smith, Founder and Executive Director of STAFO. “Our ultimate goal is to end the foster care crisis and break the generational

cycle of abuse and neglect by creating a ‘bench’ of families ready to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and restoration of families. We focus on equipping and empowering churches and individuals to provide vital support and resources for foster, adoptive and kinship families and caseworkers.”

STAFO is a unique organization that bridges the gap between the often underutilized church community and the overburdened foster care system. They work directly with churches to educate leaders and members about the foster care crisis and empower them to take action.

“I thought money was the best way you could help someone within the foster care

crisis until I met Juan,” said John Fischer. “Here was this very young man trying his best to be a man to his newly adopted siblings, and it was clear he had no one to model what being a man was all about. I was able to teach him how to replace the brakes on his car and what to do when you have a flat. He was so appreciative and enthusiastic about learning these things too. I’m grateful the Alliance has provided opportunities to not just give money to someone in need but also an opportunity to truly connect to another person in need. We’ve kept connected and he knows if he has questions he can call me for help. I hope that makes him feel less alone.”

For the month of May, STAFO is en-

couraging anyone interested in helping to choose one of their many ways to get involved:

- Individuals can take a quick and easy online quiz to determine if fostering is right for them. A staff member will then reach out to provide a free consultation and provide additional resources.
- Attend a free informational meeting to answer questions and provide a clear picture of the fostering experience.
- Make plans to watch a documentary providing an in-depth look at the foster care crisis, releasing July 4th titled “Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot” - the true story of an East Texas church committed to becoming a solution to this issue.
- With National Foster Care Awareness

Month shining a light on this critical issue, STAFO is urging churches and community members to step forward and become a beacon of hope for a child in need.

The South Texas Alliance for Orphans (STAFO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to building a community of support for children and families impacted by foster care, adoption, and kinship care. They serve churches and individuals across San Antonio and the surrounding areas, empowering them to become a force for positive change in the lives of vulnerable children. To learn more about becoming a foster parent from veteran foster parents, visit their website at

<https://alliance4orphans.org/>

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Hilario Álvarez Lanzó 1ra Bola En Masters El Caminante Dedicó HR A Mamá Y Abuela

Por Sendero Deportivo

Hilario Álvarez de 60 años de edad deportista de toda la vida, y lanzador derecho del equipo Tuzos afiliado a la categoría Masters 50+ Liga Potranco en San Antonio.

Por su trayectoria fue nombrado Padrino de la octava temporada, siendo elegido para tirar la primera bola. En ceremonia dirigida por el director Frank Torres, Hilario subió al montículo del campo 2, acompañado de su invitado Tomás Muñoz, también beisbolista con excelente foja en el béisbol regional de San Antonio.

Álvarez, tiró perfecto strike en la mascota del receptor Macario Rosas del equipo Broncos de

Reynosa. El bateador fue Castulo Jiménez y el umpire Carlos Gutiérrez "El Pato".

Tras el evento sé dio paso al partido estelar entre Astros y Broncos. Posteriormente sé jugó el tercer partido del rol regular entre Reds y Rangers qué finalizó empatado 8-8 carreras.

Álvarez, agradeció el homenaje indicando modestamente no ser digno de recibir dicho reconocimiento. Sin embargo feliz acepto la nominación y dio gracias a Dios por recibir éste reconocimiento en vida. "Sólo he jugado béisbol a nivel escolar en preparatoria y Bachillerato. Tuve oportunidad de acudir a tryouts semi-pro. Lo cuál

siempre he agradecido", dijo Álvarez, quién tuvo inspiración académica de ser Veterinario en su natal ciudad de Nuevo Laredo y Ciudad Anahuac en el estado de Nuevo León, México.

Álvarez, tuvo de invitado al beisbolista y manejador Tomás Muñoz, ha quién respeta por sus intervenciones de ser un gran jugador y manager en los diferentes niveles del béisbol independiente regional en San Antonio.

Hilario Álvarez, tras su lanzamiento de la primera bola, recibió felicitaciones de su equipo Tuzos y del manager Luis Ríos. Lo cuál emocionado agradeció.

Resultados Masters: Yankees doblegó a Tuzos 4-2. Con victoria para Will Martínez y salvamento de Moisés Cervantes. La derrota fue para el campeón Ubaldo Montelongo.

Astros dirigidos por Jack López, con Alfredo Obregón derrotó 8-2 al trabuco de Broncos del magnate Roberto Garza y el coach Manuel Limón "La Liebre".

Reds de Jimmy Martínez empató 8-8 ante Rangers de Benito Martínez "El Venado".

Rol de juegos. 10am Broncos vs Rangers. 12pm Tuzos vs. Reds. 3pm el clásico Yankees vs Astros.

En liga Abierta dominical Potranco. Rieleros de JP Reza con su abridor Estelar José López [El Latigo], sé impuso ante Yankees qué le estropeó la blanqueda en el último capítulo para una pizarra de 8-1 carreras. En el clásico jugado en campo 3 Águilas de Veracruz conducidos por Luis Cerros y Nicho Jacome, por nocaut derrotó a Despos de Elias Contreras.

Victor Mercedes (El Caminante) jardinero derecho de Águilas sé destacó pegando perfecto de 5-5, con 3 dobles, 1 jonrón y 8 carreras producidas,

en el triunfo de 15-1 [dedicado por Día de las Madres ha su Mamá Rufina y abuela Bojola].

Partido narrado por el comentarista Sergio Trigo. Quien destacó la valiosa batería del dominicano El Caminante, quien ostenta varios MVP's en el béisbol independiente y profesional ha nivel internacional. En las fotos aparecen: Hilario Álvarez tirando el primer strike, acompañado de Tomás Muñoz. Castulo Jiménez, Mack Rosas catcher de Broncos y Pato Gutiérrez, umpire en Masters. El Caminante Víctor Mercedes, tras pegar jonrón contra Yankees.

[Fotos de Franco].



BIG Medicaid health plan changes coming soon for seniors and adults with disabilities. Are you ready?

This fall, San Antonio will see a big shift in health plan providers for seniors and adults with disabilities. Here's what you need to know.

Many seniors and adults with disabilities enrolled in Medicaid's STAR+PLUS program will need to select a new health plan. STAR+PLUS is one of Medicaid's largest programs for this vulnerable population, who usually require specialized medical care and support services. A critical transition in coverage is underway as some health plans are leaving the Bexar County area. STAR+PLUS members will be notified if they need to choose a new plan. The deadline to choose a new plan is July 1st.

Why does the health plan you choose matter? Each health plan has a different network of doctors and specialists, value-added services (extra benefits), and home and community-based support providers. Community First Health Plans is the only local health plan option for residents of Bexar County and the seven surrounding counties.

"After nearly 30 years of providing fellow citizens of South Texas with much-needed health coverage, we are eager to expand our footprint once again and offer our services to STAR+PLUS Members," says Theresa Rodriguez Scepanski, Community First President & CEO. "We hope to close gaps in health care for these Members by anticipating their unique health needs and meeting those needs through experience

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and compassion, and by putting the Members first, helping them to meet their health goals and maintain their independence."

Community First Health Plans can answer questions and assist STAR+PLUS members during this transition. Here's what you need to know:

What is STAR+PLUS?

STAR+PLUS is a Medicaid-managed care program for health care and long-term care services for adults who have disabilities or are age 65 or older.

Why will some people who have STAR+PLUS need to change health plans?

Several large health plans that currently offer STAR+PLUS to residents of Bexar County and surrounding areas will no longer provide coverage beginning September 1. You will be notified if you need to select a new plan.

When is the deadline to select a new STAR+PLUS health plan?

July 1, 2024. If you don't choose a new plan, one will be chosen for you.

When will coverage under your new plan begin?

September 1, 2024

Is there an in-person office where you can receive help?

Yes. In-person support is available in English and Spanish at the Avenida Guadalupe Community Office located at 1410 Guadalupe Street, Suite 222, San Antonio, TX.

Do health plans offer different value-added services?

Yes. Community First offers STAR+PLUS Members extra benefits called value-added services.

These include:*

In-home respite care

Gift card rewards

Diabetes Prevention and Weight Loss Programs with complimentary

YMCA memberships

Foot care and insulated cooler bag for Members with diabetes

Mask with aerosol chamber and more products for Members with asthma

Allowance for seat attachment that fits on a walker

Enhanced vision services, including up to \$125 for frames or \$75 for contact lenses

Low-cost dental services to include no-cost dental exams, x-rays, and up to 50% off orthodontic services for members and their uninsured family members.

Home-delivered prepared meals after a hospital stay

Baby shower, baby items, and gift card rewards for pregnant members

Prescription Savings Card for uninsured family members

Zumba classes for members and their families with fitness giveaways

*Effective September 1, 2024. Eligibility requirements apply.

If you have STAR+PLUS, you should:

Check your mail for information from Health and Human Services and respond right away.

Visit CommunityFirstSTARPLUS.com for updates or call 1-844-382-2347 for help in English or Spanish. Report any changes to your phone number or address by calling 2-1-1 or online at YourTexasBenefits.com.

Duty Free Americas Welcomes the Introduction of Nonstop Service between San Antonio International Airport and Frankfurt International Airport

By LPT Staff

This month Duty Free Americas, Inc. (DFA) congratulated San Antonio International Airport, the city of San Antonio and Condor airlines on the occasion of the inaugural nonstop flight between Frankfurt and San Antonio. As the city's first direct transatlantic commercial passenger flight, this event marks an historic milestone in the impressive development of San Antonio and its emerging position on the global stage.

“We congratulate all involved... We have no doubt that the critical expansion of nonstop routes between San Antonio and Europe will only serve to strengthen this city's ability to thrive and bring the world closer together.”

“This new route between San Antonio and Frankfurt is the culmination of countless efforts and tireless work by a host of public, private sector and community leaders dedicated to the future growth and prosperity of San Antonio. We congratulate all involved, and, in particular, San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Director of Airports Jesus Saenz,” said Simon Falic, Chairman and COO of Duty Free Americas. “As a vibrant city and robust economic hub, San Antonio sits as America's gateway to Mexico and South America. We have no doubt that the critical expansion of nonstop routes between San Antonio

and Europe will only serve to strengthen this city's ability to thrive and bring the world closer together.”

Louis Escareño, General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs for Duty Free Americas, added, “I am thrilled to be one of the first people to fly on this nonstop flight from San Antonio to Frankfurt. We are proud of DFA's deep and long-standing connections to the City of San Antonio and San Antonio International Airport. I look forward to doing our part to showcase San Antonio's global appeal and importance to audiences in Frankfurt and beyond.”

Duty Free Americas, Inc. (DFA) is the largest duty-free retailer in the Americas, operating approximately 150 stores in airports, border crossings and seaports located in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and other international locations. DFA stores offer a vast assortment of exceptional brand name merchandise, including liquor, tobacco, fragrances, cosmetics, confections, fashion accessories, watches, leather goods and luxury gifts, free of all duties and sales/excise taxes. Established in 1972 and headquartered in Hollywood, Florida, DFA provides an exciting travel retail experience for millions of vacationers and business travelers from around the world every year. For more information, visit www.dutyfreeamericas.com



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