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Missing Children

By Yvette Tello

Every morning on Social media it seems there are more and more posts of missing children of all ages. Has it always been this way? Are these children being found? Are they running away? Are they being abducted? Studies show most abductions occur by a family member, abductions by non family member perpetrators are less prevalent. Other reasons include run away or thrown away children missing because they were lost, stranded, or injured or missing for benign reasons like in the movie Knowing with Nicolas Cage...only one wish & prayer for the best for these children and others that become victims.”

Barbara Ann Mendoza Mead:

“There’s more and more trafficking and with social media it’s shared more.”

Nina A. Sanchez:

“Call me crazy...but I like to believe they are being abducted to a better place for a better purpose in life...like in the movie Knowing with Nicolas Cage...only one wish & prayer for the best for these children and others that become victims.”

Raul Cervantes:

“I agree with Nina A. Sanchez...lets call her crazy....missing children...for a variety of reasons end up missing...Social media has made us aware of what’s happening in all areas of life.”

Gilbert Dimas Jr.:

“Watch the missing 411 on amazon.”

Mike Miller:

“It’s on the rise. Most parents don’t even know the United States is most trafficked country right now. Most don’t realize the government knows about it. Sadly most don’t talk to their kids about it anymore.”

Penelope Perez:

“Raul is right that social media makes us hyper aware of all of the goings on and those platforms are great for calling attention to urgent matters when we need help. How do some cases get an Amber Alert while others do not? What qualifies the statewide alerts? I feel like domestic missing children has to do with disgruntled fractured families acting outside of family courts, but it’s so sad when you see some of the babies bodies turned up. This reminds me of the disappeared in Mexico but it’s so sad when you see some of the babies bodies turning up. This reminds me of the disappearances in Mexico and I fear missing children is way more prevalent there, but a major concern for our Texas babies.”
By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Jacinto Guevara moved to San Antonio in the early 1990s from his hometown of La Puente, California. He is a product of East LA schools and now lives in East SA. He grew up drawing on scrap pieces of paper and with the encouragement of his parents, taught himself to draw and paint. He writes: “The best of the early drawings were simple ‘studies’ of the world around me plus many fantasies. There were never considered to be a product of ‘Art’. I didn’t consider making ‘Art’ until 1974.”

Guevara came of age during the rise of Chicano art in California. Much of the new Chicano artistic expression could be found in the murals of East Los Angeles which were painted in the 1970s. He acknowledges that he became “obsessed with the Xicano (Chicano) illustrative motif which included indigenous design and history, vato loco/street iconography and the great Mexican muralists.”

I lived in Los Angeles in the early 1970s and taught at California State University-Northridge where Guevara enrolled in the early 1970s. I taught Chicano history for the Chicano Studies Department but never had the opportunity to meet Guevara. Chicano Studies students took pride in being politically active and several worked in publishing El Popo, a campus newspaper that Guevara contributed to on occasion.

In his twenties, Guevara painted but preferred music over art. For over a decade he played the accordion for several Los Angeles bands. In the mid 1970s, he met several East Los Angeles muralists and decided to engage in art full time. East Los Angeles was home to many Chicano artists, most of whom regrettably were ignored by the galleries and museums. Lacking access to the art markets, Guevara decided to move to San Antonio where housing was less expensive and opportunities for exhibitions and shows were more ample.

In his Eastside home on Olive Street, Guevara stays busy painting and constructing his own wood panels for his oil paintings. His paintings are in the UTSA collection as well as in the offices of numerous local professionals. Our recent donation of Chicano art to St. Philips’ College includes several of Guevara’s paintings. His work can be seen in an exhibit planned for the start of the fall semester in September at St. Philips College.
By Dr. Ricardo Romo

San Antonio’s social and cultural history has been enriched over the years by its many Latino neighborhoods. Many of them date back to the World War I era of the 1910s. From 1910-1940 most Latinos lived in the Westside, a community that extended from the Missouri Pacific Railroad yards to San Fernando Cemetery #2 on Castroville Road. The boundaries on the south extended to Frio City Road and the community spread north to Culebra Road.

This is an essay about the evolution of Prospect Hill, an early ethnic neighborhood initially comprised of residents from German and East European background. I lived in Prospect Hill and witnessed first hand much of the Latinization of “Anglo” Prospect Hill.

The Sosa family were pioneers in the movement of Latinos to Prospect Hill. Roberto Sosa married Cristina Jimenez in 1938, the same year that he opened Prospect Hill Cleaners on Commerce Street. At that time he was only 21 years old. The cleaners were two blocks from my house on Monterey Street and in the 1950s, we often saw Lionel and his brother Robert Sosa when we stopped to drop off or pick up clothes at the cleaners. Prospect Hill Cleaners was at the heart of the commercial district of Prospect Hill. The family-owned business was across the street from the original David Crockett Elementary school and near the fabled Walter’s Drug Store. The cleaners were also only a few doors from a popular feed store and Winn’s variety store.

Lionel Sosa was born in family quarters located behind the cleaners. He attended Lanier High School and upon graduation from high school he went into the advertising business and eventually opened his own company with offices downtown. His dad remained in the cleaning business, which every year became more competitive. As large cleaners began offering lower prices and pick-up service, Prospect Hill cleaners closed its doors in the early 1960s.

Prospect Hill extended from the Alazan Creek to Hamilton, just west of Zarzamora. The boundaries of the old Anglo areas of the neighborhood were clearly defined--Durango Street on the south and Travis Street to the North.

When the Centeno Grocery store opened in Prospect Hill in 1948, the Centeno family were following the path of Sosa and several other Latino entrepreneurs. Jose Centeno, a Laredo native, came to San Antonio in 1914 and worked in a dry goods store. He learned the grocery business and in 1928 he opened a small store on Rivas Street, part of the northwest section of the Latino Westside. Business was good, even during the Great Depression years. In the mid-1940s Centeno began looking for property in Prospect Hill.

The Centeno store on Commerce Street was one of the largest grocery stores in the city with parking for 500 cars. Centeno, with its large meat department, bakery and fresh produce, attracted Latino customers from throughout the Westside. Their proximity to the Alazan-Apache Housing units also made shopping easier for the 1200 families living in the courts.

Centeno eventually opened four other stores, including a giant store on Castroville Road near 24th Street. Jose Centeno trained his two sons, Joe Centeno Jr. and Eloy Centeno to manage the business. From 1948 to 1970, the Centeno family rose to the top of most successful Latino businesses of San Antonio.

Prospect Hill also had numerous Latino-run restaurants, none more popular than the Paul Marie. The idea for a drive-in restaurant with carhops came to Oscar Rodriguez Sr. when he landed in California as he returned from World War II. He tasted a crispy dog in California and concluded that it would be a popular dish in San Antonio. He was right.

According to Paula Allen of the Express-News, Paul Marie had been a tavern in the 1930 and 1940s. When Rodriguez opened the new Paul Marie in the late 1940s, he added carhop service and the crispy dog. Soon after his grand opening, Rodriguez met Zulema, one of his carhops. They married and moved to Saunders Street, one block north of his Durango Street restaurant. He lived not far from Pete Cortez, founder of the Mi Tierra restaurants.

In its twenty-year existence, Paul Marie was a popular hangout for Lanier High School students as well as for those attending Central Catholic. It is likely that Hope Andrade, former Texas Secretary of State, who also lived on Saunders Street, would have eaten a crispy dog there or would have spent a few leisure moments there as a teen.

For nearly 100 years, Commerce and Buena Vista Streets have been the main thoroughfares of Prospect Hill. From its founding at the turn of the century to 1960s, Prospect Hill had many prominent residents, including state and local politicians and millionaires. Carol Burnett, a Hollywood movie and television star in the 1950s, grew up on Buena Vista Street and attended Jefferson High School.

II. The Romo Family Odyssey In Prospect Hill In the post-World War II years, Latinos began to move out of the Westside into neighborhoods that were ethnically different. When my parents moved to Prospect Hill in 1950, they were following a path opened by my dad’s mother, Maria Saenz Romo. We called our grandmother Abuelita Romo. She was the matron head of the Romo clan. She began the move north across the dividing line of Durango Street in the late 1940s. It was a planned move.

Abuelita Romo arrived in San Antonio in 1916, just in time to prepare for the birth of my father Henry Romo who was born in early 1917. She and her husband Benito Romo came to San Antonio via the cotton fields of Kyle, Texas where they had been employed as farmworkers. After the birth of my dad, my grandparents decided to make their life in San Antonio and moved to El Paso Street.

In a very good way, my grandmother was clannish. She loved being close to her family and somehow convinced everyone she loved to live close by. For this essay, I consulted with some of the 38 Romos who lived within...
two blocks of one another in Prospect Hill.

After moving to El Paso Street, which is part of the Guadalupe Street district, Abuelita Romo helped relocate her mother to her neighborhood. By the early 1940s when my parents got married, Abuelita Romo lived across the street from one brother and sister and down the block from her mother and older brother. By the 1950s, all the Romos had moved north to Prospect Hill.

The entrepreneurial spirit in the Romo-Saenz families made possible the move north to Prospect Hill. Abuelita Romo learned her profession-- the art of delivering babies-- from a seasoned midwife. It was indeed an art and few gained the skills needed to be successful in such a delicate health profession, and one of the oldest professions for women. In my grandmother’s era, few families on the Westside could afford hospital stays because of the medical costs. Doctors seldom delivered babies in the Westside.

In Abuelita Romo’s era, there were dozens of midwives living and working in the Westside of San Antonio. I have been told by many who worked with my grandmother or after her, that she was one of the best in the city. When I was in my twenties and I applied for a copy of my birth certificate, I was told by a city officer that my grandmother had delivered thousands of babies in the Westside.

My grandmother worked as a midwife for nearly 50 years. She trained my mother’s sister who delivered me. Aunt Julia also delivered several of my brothers. Abuelita delivered all twelve of her youngest son’s children and most of her siblings’ children.

When Abuelita Romo bought a home on Saunders Street, my dad followed with the purchase of a home a block away on Monterey Street. Abuelita Romo bought a second home on Saunders, where her oldest son Benito Romo moved in the late 1940s. Soon another of her sons, Arnulfo Romo, moved across the street from her, as did her daughter, Yolanda. Three dozen Romos eventually lived within two blocks from my grandmother’s house and that of my parents.

The Romo family moved north across the dividing line of Durango Street was only five blocks, but to me as a seven-year-old, it appeared to be a move of many miles. When we arrived in our new home on Monterey Street there were only a few Latinos on each block. To the west on our street lived the families of former San Antonio city manager Alex Briceno, former San Antonio mayor Henry Cisneros, and the famous San Antonio artist Jesse Trevino. They all grew up on Monterey Street.

Ethnically, Prospect Hill changed in the decade of the 1950s. While several of our Anglo neighbors left for the suburbs, a few Anglo teens who remained on our street became lifelong friends. By the mid-1960s the Latinization of Prospect Hill was nearly complete. My elementary school, Sacred Heart Catholic School, had some Anglo students, but not many after 1960. All my memories of growing up in the Prospect Hill neighborhood are good. Today Prospect Hill is over 90 percent Latino. I enjoy returning to my old neighborhood even though only a few Romo families still live there and many of the old family businesses are gone, replaced by national fast-food franchises.
E V E N T O S

Bethel Prevention Coalition Drug Free Community Family Festival

Photos by Ramon Chapa

Bethel Prevention Coalition in collaboration with La Prensa Texas hosted a Drug Free Community Family Festival at Cottage Creek Apartments. Thank you to all our friends and agencies who participated in the heat!

Council Check – In : Responsible Growth

Presented by the West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce on July 17

Photos and Audio by R. Eguia

District 4 Councilwoman Adriana Rocha Garcia, District 8 Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 10 Councilman Clayton Perry and District 6 Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda shared a stage at the Marriott Hotel on the morning of July 17.

The panel was sponsored by Via, Port San Antonio, Pape Dawson Engineers, CPS Energy, San Antonio River Authority, Prodigal Son Films, the San Antonio Housing Authority and the Methodist Healthcare Ministries.

The conversation was moderated by the West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce President, Kristi Villanueva. The councilpeople discussed transportation, climate action and their processes for preparing the 2020 budget. The full conversation was recorded and can be heard on our website.
Por José I. Franco

En las peticiones de su base de seguidores el equipo San Antonio Fútbol Club (SAFC), que es propiedad de la empresa Spurs Sports & Entertainment (SS&E), ha logrado cumplir, como recientemente lo hizo en el concurrido partido intercontinental contra el visitante rival Cardiff City FC (The Blue Birds-Los Pájaros Azules), con sede en el país de Gales, Reino Unido.

Donde han militado en los circuitos Premier League, FA Cup, FA Community Shield, y Welsh League. Los Pájaros Azules, en las últimas campañas bajo el mando del renombrado director técnico Neil Warnock, quien también es influyente comentarista de la radio y televisión, ha logrado sobresalir ubicándose en escaños de prestigio, como lo fue recientemente en la final del balompié inglés donde obtuvo el subcampeonato en la campaña 2017-18.

SAFC a petición de su base de seguidores, con su gerente Tim Holt y el entrenador en jefe Darren Powell, nativos de Nottingham, Reino Unido, optaron por “retar” a los Pájaros Azules, contando con efectiva respuesta del propietario Vincent Tan y Warnock.

El partido se realizó en el estadio Toyota Field, sede de SAFC el sábado 13 de julio, con entrada de 7,723 espectadores (cifra con lo que aumenta su afición en partidos internacionales y locales), con mayoría de fanáticos del equipo local, y un selecto grupo de simpatizantes de los pájaros azules que realizaron viaje especial de diversas ciudades de Estados Unidos.

Warnock, disfrutó cada momento en las acciones de su equipo que con marcador de 1 a 0 goles se llevó la victoria. Neil, con su natural personalidad, le agradeció a la directiva de SS&E y el entrenador Powell, por la maravillosa invitación, recepción y el gran partido que a la vez les sirvió a ambos clubes como preparación.

Warnock, de 70 años de edad, nativo de Sheffield, Inglaterra, dijo en exclusiva para La Prensa Texas, haberse sentido complacido porque ambas aficiones, les dieron excelente recepción. Dándose a la tarea de firmar autógrafos para su base de seguidores y los fans del SAFC que lo felicitaron por la victoria y su venida a la ciudad de El Alamo.

El entrenador Powell, por su lado, agradeció la visita de los pájaros azules, indicando que durante el partido se lograron varias experiencias debutando a novatos y dándole minutos de juego a prospectos, titulares y suplentes. “De antemano se agrade la venido de Cardiff City FC la afición quedo complacida y eso es lo mejor de todo. Los visitantes es un equipo de gran potencial y les deseamos todo lo mejor en su próxima temporada”, dijo Powell.

Christmas in July for Children with Cancer

By Isa Fernández
Isa Fernández, MPA is a Legacy Corridor Business Alliance Program Manager at Westside Development Corporation, a freelance photographer and peace and justice advocate.

“Put the heart where the hurt is,” is the motto of Ma Hila’s Heart, a 501c (3) formed by Gloria Rodriguez in 2010 shortly after her mother Irene “Nana” Benavidez died of pancreatic cancer. As one of eight siblings, Gloria fondly remembers her large religious family from El Campo, Texas as being “rich with love, joy and hope.” Rodriguez infuses these feelings into the nonprofit with the tagline, “we create planned acts of kindness” to address seven far-reaching causes: the elderly, women and children, the food insecure, the homeless, wounded warriors, bullied kids and the suicidal and children fighting cancer.

The name “Ma Hila’s Heart” was born when Rodriguez’s mother Irene was close to the end of her life, in continual pain due to her refusal of medication due to her strong religious beliefs that “offering her pain and suffering” would help “souls in purgatory” (a biblical concept). Rodriguez found that the soothing rituals performed at her business Dasa Spa (which provides massage, organic facials and body treatments) were a relatable form of palliative type care that she could provide her mother. In the depth of suffering, before passing, her mother Irene said something that would change daughter Gloria’s life: “Yo quiero mi Corazon de Ma Hila” (Ma Hila’s Heart). Gloria asked her aunt Margaret who immediately teared up when explaining the memory of their grandmother Hila. Grandma “Ma” Hila would perform a healing ritual when helping her grandkids through the tough scrapes and unexpected falls of childhood. She would cut paper hearts to help distract her grandchildren from the pain and ask the kids to “put it where it hurts” to inspire faith and healing. This profound moment lives on in the nonprofit borne of comforting those in need. A close-up photo of Irene’s hands holding a red paper heart graces the organization website.

The hallmark event of Ma Hila’s Heart is “Christmas in July” a two-day event aimed at bringing festivities and relaxation to children battling cancer and their families. The event offers children with cancer and their families a two-day “staycation” at the downtown Riverwalk. The event is sponsored in part by nearly two dozen business sponsors, individual donors and volunteers. This year the Hyatt Regency is sponsoring the hotel rooms for the families and the ballroom where the event will take place. Mariachis and DJ’s will provide music. Popular superheroes Batman and the Alliance will make an appearance. Balloon artists will design animal shapes for kids and real animals with Paws for Pets will perform tricks. A magic mirror photo booth will entertain, makeovers inspire and massages from Dasa Spa will reinvigorate. And as it is “Christmas in July”, Santa will make an appearance to give gifts to approximately 28 children. The goal of this yearly event is to fill the gap of services that exists for children with cancer outside of the holiday season and to share a Christmas experience with kids who may not have the opportunity to experience such festivities at a later time due to illness.

Ma Hila’s Heart’s mission is to “inject medicine for the soul into the lives of others that are in need of comfort.” This weekend’s “Christmas in July,” among all the services for the neediest in the community offered, surely accomplishes this. It serves as a fond remembrance of both mother Irene and grandmother Hila, two women who inspired their daughter and great-granddaughter Gloria to care for the those most in need of comfort.

For more information, visit: Ma Hila’s Heart Project Foundation or call 210-224-4340.

University Health System

Is soliciting sealed proposal for RFP-219-07-018-SVC Worker’s Compensation Third Party Administrative (TPA) Services

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Tres Nuevas Leyes que Afectan a San Antonio

By Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, District 7

Durante la 86ta sesión de la legislatura estatal, la Ciudad de San Antonio supervisó más de 1,600 proyectos de ley que podrían afectar a los residentes de San Antonio y el presupuesto de la ciudad. También promovió leyes que beneficiarían a la Ciudad y a los residentes.

Primera Ley: Límite de Ingresos de Impuestos a la Propiedad

Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) limita la cantidad de nuevos ingresos por impuestos a la propiedad que la ciudad puede recaudar cada año a 3.5% por encima del año anterior. Por ejemplo, si la ciudad recauda $100 en impuestos a la propiedad en el 2020, no podrá recaudar más de $103.50 en el 2021, al menos que los votantes de la ciudad lo aprueben en una votación.

Los legisladores presen-taron SB 2 como un proyecto de ley para aliviar la carga de los impuestos a la propiedad. Según el análisis realizado por la ciudad, la nueva ley les ahorrará un dólar cada mes a cada residente. También proviene más certeza sobre cuanto cambiarán los impuestos cada año.

Esta ley no aplica en cuanto a los impuestos escolares, del condado, o de los hospitales. Esos impuestos no serán limitados al 3.5% de aumento por esta ley.

Es posible que esta nueva ley afecte la calificación crediticia de la ciudad. Si eso sucede, la ciudad tendrá que pagar intereses más altos cuando tenga que prestar fondos para proyectos y paquetes de bonos – significando que más de nuestros impuestos se irían hacia los pagos de interés en vez de los proyectos. En ese caso, un paquete de bonos de $850 millones no sería capaz de pagar por tantas reparaciones de calles, mejoramientos de parques, ni los mejoramien-tos de seguridad pública, como lo hacían antes.

Segunda Ley: Reforma de Finanzas Escolares

House Bill 3 (HB 3) incrementa la cantidad de fondos que el estado contribuye al el sistema de educación publica, de 38% a 45% - significando que habrá más fondos por cada estudiante, aumento salarial de los maestros, y reducciones a los impuestos a la propiedad de los distritos escolares.

Esperamos que HB 3 sea más que un proyecto de ley sobre educación, y esperamos que HB 3 dé alivio considerable a los impues-tos a la propiedad para los residentes. Los legisladores estiman que el dueño de una casa con valor de $250,000 puede esperar pagar aproximadamente $200 menos en el 2020 y $325 menos en el 2021.

House Bill 3 fue parte de la agenda legislativa del Consejo Municipal, lo que significa que el personal de la Ciudad fue dirigido a promover la ley de parte de la Ciudad. Además de enviar activistas a la Legislatura de Texas, la Ciudad juntó a todos los superintendentes de los distritos escolares del área de San Antonio para urgirlos a comprometerse a un alivio de impuestos si acaso se aprobaba el HB 3.

Y lo hicieron.

Adicionalmente, les agra-dazo a los dos represent-

antes de San Antonio que fueron líderes para pasar HB 3, especialmente el Representante Diego Bernal.

Tercera Ley: Multa para Compañías de Telecomunicaciones

Senate Bill 1152 (SB 1152) rebaja las multas locales para compañías de internet y cable, por lo que San An-tonio perderá $1.7 millones en nuestro presupuesto. Las compañías de telecomunicaciones alegaron que los impuestos de internet y servicios telefónicos eran redundantes. Argumentaron que si ellos implementan un solo cable que provee ambos servicios, entonces ellos deberían de pagar la renta para un cable solamente.

Varias ciudades, incluyendo San Antonio, se opusieron diciendo que los impuestos no eran para el uso de la propiedad de la Ciudad, sino eran para cada uno de los servicios prestados. Desafortunadamente, las ciudades perdieron el argumento y tendremos que planear tomando en cuenta el corte en los servicios, entonces ellos deberán de pagar intereses más altos.

By Leonard Rodriguez

This column highlights inspiring stories of Latino leaders. For more than 500 years, Latino men and women have positively influenced the face of United States society. Let us celebrate these outstanding hispanics.

Ramon Cortines

Born in San Antonio in 1932, Ramon Cortines was reared with an appreciation for higher education. After earning his B.A., he began teaching in the California public school system while earning two master’s degrees. In 1972, he was appointed superintendent of a 24,000 student school in Pasadena California. Twelve years later, he was asked to restore solvency to a 30,000 student school district in San Jose California. A proven master of school financing, he captured national attention for being first to lead a school district out of bankruptcy since the Depression while raising test scores and reduc- ing drop out rates. For his success, Cortines was asked to step in as school chancellor of the nation’s largest school system in New York City.
Affordable Housing Nonprofit Completes $1.5 Million Renovation to Preserve 92-unit housing complex on the Westside

By Cyndi Martinez
San Antonio Alternative Housing (SAAHC) originally built the Lago Vista Apartments at 4243 West Commerce in 1999 under the section 42 low-income housing tax credit program. Lago Vista has a total of 92 units with 74 of the units set aside at affordable rents for households at or below 60% Area Median Income. The remaining 18 units are leased mostly to households at or below 80% Area Median Income. The property consists of twenty-four (24) one bedroom, forty-two (42) two bedroom and twenty-six (26) three bedroom apartments.

According to SAAHC Executive Director Keith Newcomb, “In addition to developing new affordable properties our mission also places emphasis on preserving affordable housing long term such as the Lago Vista Apartments. Therefore, we obtained long term financing and invested $1.5MM of our funds to ensure long term availability of affordable housing units to low-income households. Exterior upgrades include new siding, complete replacement of all wooden columns with steel columns, a new composite roof. Interior work includes new appliances, new air conditioning units, flooring and remodeling the main office.

Located on West Commerce across from Our Lady of the Lake University and adjacent to Apache Creek Linear Park. The Park was developed in cooperation with SAAHC, City of San Antonio and San Antonio River Authority. Lago Vista is convenient to shopping and employment centers. A Via stop is located in front of the property and such amenities are important to low-income residents for employment opportunity and self-sufficiency.

City Of San Antonio Buena Vista Corridor Project June 2019 – March 2020

By R. Egua
The City of San Antonio (COSA) Buena Vista Corridor project is currently underway and is expected to go through March 2020. Work, designed to improve pedestrian connectivity on Buena Vista Street between Frio Street and Santa Rosa Street, includes new sidewalks, lighting enhancements and the installation of a HAWK signal at Buena Vista Street and S. Leona Street.

As part of the project, COSA will permanently close the Buena Vista Street entrance to the Cattleman’s Square parking lot on Monday, July 1, 2019. The W. Commerce Street and I-10 frontage road entrances are now open and can be used to access the parking lot. For additional information, reference the attached map or contact COSA’s project officer, Joey Doctor, Capital Projects Officer for TCI – City of San Antonio at 210.207.8415 or by email at joe.doctor@sanantonio.gov.

More information about Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI) can be found at www.sanantonio.gov/tci. General inquires can be sent to PO Box 839966 San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966, to reach them directly call 210-207-8022.
Just a Thought
West Commerce & Buena Vista Corridor

By Steve Walker
Here are some interesting statistics pertaining to the 7.1 acres that face W. Commerce, and Buena Vista, and Alazan Street and Las Moras Street on the opposite sides. The current Total Population within a mile is 25,688, within 3 miles, 179,506 and 5 miles, 443,196.

Employees number 19,731 within a mile, 125,662 within 3 miles and 193,508 within 5 miles. The numbers for total businesses within 1 mile is 1,240, 3 miles 8,188 and 5 miles 14,430. Notice how the numbers increase drastically as you move away from West Commerce and Buena Vista?

Look at average household income is $33,339 within a mile, within 3 miles $51,475, and within 5 miles $51,934. Is there a pattern here?

Total Consumer Spending in the area is $116.9M within a mile, $1.2B within 3 miles and $2.9B within 5 miles.

These statistics are amazing for sure. Moving onto the median Age of people living within the one-mile area is 34.1 while in the three-mile radius it is 35.1 and within the five-mile radius 33.7. Finally, the Percent College Degree or above within 1 mile is 2%, within 3 miles 9% and 5 miles 8%. Location does make a difference!!!

Compare the West Commerce and Buena Vista Corridor with say Balcones Heights which is approximately 7.1 in the area as well, shows a contrast. Most know Balcones Heights as the home of Crossroads Mall. As of the census of 2000, there were 3,016 people, 1,437 households, and 708 families residing in the city.

The median income for the city was 69.66% white, 5.37% African American, 1.56% Native American, 1.13% Asian, 0.03% Pacific Islander, 17.41% from other, and 4.84% from two or more races. Hispanics made up the difference. I lived there for nineteen years till 2008 when I became the Justice of the Peace for four years. I also served as a Councilman for 8 years as well with 3 Hispanics.

In the city, the population was spread out with 23.7% under the age of 18, 14.5% from 18 to 24, 33.1% from 25 to 44, 19.5% from 45 to 64, and 9.2% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 32 years. For every 100 females, there were 107.1 males.

The median income for a household in the city was $21,452, and the median income for a family was $27,074. Males had a median income of $21,209 versus $18,944 for females. The per capita income for the city was $13,529. About 18.1% of families and 21.1% of the population were below the poverty level, including 23.6% of those under age 18 and 15.2% of those were 65 or over.

Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary, 6515 Commerce St. is part of the corridor. Some of their statistics include: Proficient Reading 44% state average: 44% Math 44% State average: 47%, Writing: 35%, State average: 32.

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Welcoming a New Child?
Consider These Financial Moves

By Edward Jones

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If a new child has entered your life, you are no doubt full of joy today and hopes for the future. And you can help make that future a brighter one for your child and your family by taking some important steps in these areas:

• College – Given the consistently rising costs of higher education, the earlier you start your savings and investment plans, the better off you will likely be. While it may be difficult to set aside money for education when you’re still a young family, planning to cram at the last minute is not a good idea. Time is one of your biggest assets, and delaying even a few years can have a big effect on your portfolio’s value.

In addition, just like regular attendance is crucial for success in school, setting aside money every month can help make a difference in reaching your family’s education savings goals. Developing a strategy for achieving your education savings goal can help you stay on track. And if you have other goals, such as saving for retirement, it’s important to address how they fit into your overall financial strategy.

• Insurance – If you did not have life insurance before, you may want to consider it now. Ask yourself: If something happened to me, would my child be able to stay in the same house? Receive an education? Enjoy a comfortable lifestyle? Even if you have an actively involved co-parent with a steady income, it still might not be enough to take care of your child in the way you would have wanted. Consequently, you may need life insurance – and you might need other types of protection, too, such as disability insurance.

• Estate plans – With luck, you will live to see your children as adults who have found their way in the world. Still, it’s best to be prepared for anything – which means you should draw up your estate plans well before they are likely to be needed. Among other things, you may want to name someone to serve as your child’s guardian if you – and your co-parent, if one is involved – are not around. And because a minor generally cannot inherit money or property, you may also want to appoint a conservator to act as a guardian over whatever financial assets your child might inherit until the child is of age, which will be 18 or 21, depending on where you live. Your legal professional can help you determine whether you should write a will and possibly create other estate planning documents, such as a living trust.

Even when you devote the time and money necessary to your new child, you can’t forget about yourself and your own needs – in particular, you must save and invest for retirement. Contribute as much as you can afford to the retirement accounts available to you, such as your 401(k) and IRA. After all, the more you put away, the less likely the need for your child to help support you later in life.

You’ll have much to think about when you welcome a new child to your family – but by taking the time to make the appropriate financial moves, you can help make the transition a positive one.

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THIS DAY IN LA PRENSA HISTORY

By Jessica Duran

Growing up in San Antonio from the age of 5, all I've known is the greatest era in Spurs franchise history and one of, if not the greatest trios of all time in NBA history – Tim, Tony, Manu, led by Coach Pop. Those three and Pop could be known as the Four Horseman.

While all three players have made an impact on the city of San Antonio, Gracias Manu.
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Red Sox imparable en Veteranos
Indios de Nava y Piratas de Sabinas rivales a vencer en playoffs Abierta

Por Sendero Deportivo

Red Sox (campeón temporada 2019), continua imparable en Veteranos Ve-
rano 2019 Potranco Baseball League. Su timonel Pedro Espinoza, mostrando gran entusiasmo comparte su éxito con su coach René Juárez, y jugadores.

Red Sox se impuso 17 a 2 carreras contra Potosí-

ños que dirige Catarino Obre-

gión, anotándose la victoria el lanzador abridor Hilario Leija. El boricua Israel González, ayudó al triunfo de Broncos, pegando jonrón (con dos compañeros en bases) al relevista rival Víctor Vázquez, quien entró al juego.

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Resultados fin del rol regular en la temporada domi-

lcal Abierta (onceava fecha). Indios 13-1 ante Cardenales. Jason Guerra fue el lanzador ganador y la derrota se la contaron a Nacho García, quien lanzó dominando a los bateadores de potencia ofensiva. Calavera predominó ante Highsox con pizarra de 7-6, con victoria para Alfredo Obregón. Broncos con marcador de 5 a 3 carreras y pich eo de Omar Solís, do-

bajo del subcampeón Mineros de Jesús Ramírez Sr. Cabe

anotar que el capitán de Mineros, Marco García y el timonel Ramírez Sr., contestaron a opinión de Iván Rubinsky, coach y jugador del campeón Piratas, quien había dicho que Mineros continuaría siendo “el elenco” de los bucaneros. Ramírez y García, coinci-

dieron en sus opiniones, indicando que “por mientras” Mineros ya nada podrá hacer para desquitarse de las derrota que fueron en la final del pasado playoff y en su único partido del rol regular en la temporada Abierta 2019, la cual finalizó sin penas, ni gloria para la novena minera. “La siguiente temporada va a ser diferente. Iremos con todo como es nuestro plan de juego”, dijo Tony Ramírez, “hasta el cierre de temporada, defendimos el campeonato. Hubiera querido ganar el partido ante Leones, y además finalizar de líder en la temporada, pero no se logró, sin embargo concluimos en primer lugar de la Zona Norte, Highsox vs. Broncos. 2:30 p.m. Piratas actual campeón contra Águilas”, apuntó Sergio De Luna, manager de Piratas y el beísbol regional indepen-

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Las Ventas de Casas en San Antonio Siguen Subiendo este Verano

Reportes de la Junta de REALTORS® de San Antonio sobre la actividad más reciente del Mercado

Por Byline

Las ventas de casas en junio se estabilizaron después de un gran comienzo el mes pasado, con junio reportando 3,306 casas vendidas, una disminución del uno por ciento en según el Reporte de Servicio de Listados Múltiples (MLS) de la Junta de REALTORS® de San Antonio (SABOR) que informa sobre Todas las áreas contenidas dentro de la MLS. Sin embargo, tanto el precio de venta promedio como el mediante experimentaron incrementos interanuales, con un aumento promedio del seis por ciento a $284,852 y un aumento de la mediana del cuatro por ciento a $241,000. La cantidad de días que un hogar pasó en el mercado aumento dos días en comparación con el año pasado, con junio del 2019 que reporto 53 días en el mercado, mientras que los meses de inventario continuaron bajos con solo 3.8 meses disponibles.

“Cuando el inventario está por debajo de seis a ocho meses, se considera un mercado de vendedores. Pero los posibles compradores no deben dejar que eso les impida mirar,” dijo Grant López, Presidente de la Junta Directiva de SABOR del 2019. “En el área de San Antonio, las casas salen al mercado todos los días, a precios diferentes. Solo junio tuvo 10,407 listados activos, más de 4,000 de los cuales fueron listados nuevos. Sigue siendo mucho para elegir para cualquier persona interesada en comprar “

De hecho, junio tuvo más de 700 listados más activos en comparación al año pasado, ya que cada vez más vendedores ponen sus casas en el mercado este verano. De las casas vendidas el mes pasado, la mayoría tenía un precio entre $200,000 y $500,000 (62.5 por ciento). Otro 30 por ciento tenía un precio inferior a $200,000, y el 7.5 por ciento restante de las casas vendidas tenía un precio de más de $500,000.

Mientras tanto, el condado de Bexar continuó demostrando su asequibilidad en comparación con otras ciudades del estado. Por ejemplo, el precio de venta promedio de una casa en el condado de Bexar fue de $229,000. En comparación, la mediana en el Condado de Travis fue de $400,000, mientras que en el Condado de Harris fue de $242,000 y en el Condado de Dallas fue de $269,990.

En Texas, se vendieron un total de 31,736 casas en junio, 4.5 por ciento menos que en el mismo mes del año pasado. El precio promedio de venta para el estado subió 3.3 por ciento a $311,524 y la mediana aumentó 2.1 por ciento a $250,000.
By R. Eguia

The Southwest Workers Union offers several programs to get involved with the community. At 1416 East Commerce street you will find a Gallery and Garder maintained by the organization. Every Wednesday from 5 pm to 8 pm, community members are invited to work in the garden and learn about their local ecology.

In 2006, Southwest Workers Union began an Eastside sustainability initiative in response to the struggle to defeat further development of fuel storage tanks. An integral part of the local movement for climate justice in San Antonio has been the development of home-grown solutions that are culturally-appropriate and led by those who are most affected by the local causes of climate change. While the potential for a vibrant green economy in San Antonio is growing, the grassroots communities have little to no access to low cost methods for sustainability and “green” technology. SWU has won significant campaigns to increase conservation programs, passed a sustainability plan and shifted policy to support local food system.

To date, the SWU complex has acquired over an acre of unused, brownfield land. In 2006, they began the process of transformation into a functioning community garden, the first food producing community space in the city. The name Roots of Change developed from the realization that the long term transformation of our neighborhood will come from within the community. The aim to build upon this success by further developing the SWU complex as the first grassroots-level sustainability center in San Antonio.

The Roots of Change Co-op gives you access to annual seeds, plants, and consultation on your own garden project. Membership access is $30 a year.

There is also the option to join the Co-op membership at a reduced rate by volunteering some time in the garden. Send us an email to schedule any garden work time to ensure the discount on the membership.

Roots of Change, a project of Southwest Workers Union, works to address environmental racism issues directly through the development of urban food growth. More than a garden we believe in food sovereignty - the right to choose cultural appropriate food grown through sustainable, traditional methods. Our aim is to building a strong community armed with skills and knowledge to create a food system that puts people first.

Intergenerational, multi-cultural sharing is critical to localized food systems. A key element of building a strong community is sharing best practices, seeds, traditional and medicinal knowledge, and skills. These are all needed for the continued benefit of our families and sustainable food systems.

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Para explorar esta tradición, el Servicio de Investigación Agrícola probó las hojas de Callicarpa americana y encontró dos compuestos que repelen a los insectos que pican: el callicarpal y el intermedol. Otro hallazgo de investigación en las hojas de Beautyberry fue terpenoides, que los propietarios de plantas comerciales han respetado a Callicarpa americana esté disponible en los lugares que venden plantas en el área de San Antonio. A menudo, los centros de jardinería de propiedad local son más capaces de responder a las preguntas de los clientes que venan los baños de aves o cuen-

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