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About the Cover Artist
Adriana M. Garcia

By Isabella Fernández

Westside San Antonio, Texas native Adriana M. Garcia is an award-winning artist, muralist, illustrator and scenic designer who has exhibited locally and nationally. She has worked as an arts administrator and an art/design instructor for both youth and adult learners and is philosophical about her approach to art, telling the public on her website that “Intimacy abounds in lives encountered. I aim to extract the inherent liminality of a moment before action as a way to articulate our stories.”

These stories are being artfully articulated in expansive murals across the city. Garcia, along with assistance from artists Michelle Love and Robert Sifuentes, recently completed a mural entitled Changing the World depicting the 1968 Edgewood High School student walkouts that helped open the dialogue about inequities in public education. The cover of this week’s La Prensa Texas depicts only a portion of the mural as it has yet to be publicly installed and unveiled. The mural unveiling will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM at North West Vista College, 3535 N. Ellison Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78251 at the Cypress Campus Center. Inquiries on the unveiling can be sent to Dr. Sandra D. Garza, Assistant Professor & Coordinator of the Mexican American Studies Program at North West Vista at sgarza58@alamo.edu.

Other murals Garcia has completed include the San Pedro Creek improvements project for the City of San Antonio’s third centennial celebration entitled De Todos Caminos Somos Todos Uno, which was one of 50 projects selected (out of 361 submitted) for inclusion in the Americans for the Arts 2019 Public Art Network (PAN) Year in Review. Garcia has also collaborated with multiple local nonprofits such as SOMArts in California, South West Workers Union, Bill Haus Arts, San Anto Cultural Arts Center and Casa de la Cultura in Del Rio, Texas. She says that her murals “honor ancestors, speak to access to education as well as give voice to mental health and immigration issues.”

Recognized widely for her substantial contribution to the arts, Garcia has been invited to present at conferences, schools and museums such as National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) and the McNay Art Museum.

Her debut picture book, All Around Us (written by Xelena González, Cinco Puntos Press), was awarded the prestigious 2018 Pura Belpré Honor for Illustration and the 2018 Tomás Rivera Book Award in the picture book category among other honors.

She is currently working on another children’s book and her work can be seen extensively – murals, paintings, drawings, paper works, set design, various art series and workshop information on her website. https://adrianamjgarcia.com.
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Edgewood High School Walkouts of ‘68

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.

The time was set for nearly 3,000 Edgewood High School students - 9:20 AM on Thursday, May 16th, 1968. After months of planning, students would finally walk out of classes to protest the glaring inequalities of the public education system and gain national recognition by arguing public education inequities (due to how Texas public schools are funded in part by property taxes) were robbing them of their future by paving the way into a life of lower-paying employment or endanger their lives through military enlistment.

Education and Civil Rights attorney and Edgewood High School alumni David Hinojosa relayed that while most states use approximately 10-20% of property taxes towards education, Texas is 50%, placing the burden on the local tax base to pay for public education.

“Property taxes are incredibly disparate, focusing on above and below the ground rather than who is in the classroom,” says Hinojosa. As such, low-income residents experienced dramatic inequities despite Edgewood families paying one of the highest percentages of their income to Bexar county.

Their grievances spurred parents to initiate a school finance equity fight that reached the U.S. Supreme Court, Rodriguez v. SAISD (1973) and their political activism helped produce a notable generation of activists, educators, scholars and professionals working to promote justice and inspire new generations of activists.

SCHOOL TEMPERATURE

It was true. Students at Edgewood High School in 1968 were living and breathing in dilapidated conditions, freezing in the winter and melting in the summer because the school had no air conditioner. They used outdated books that promoted racial superiority of Anglos. The equipment they used was generations behind. Teachers and counselors would redirect students to lower-level academic courses, avoid sharing information about college and instead encourage them to join the military. Edgewood alumni were dying at a much higher rate during the Vietnam War than any other ethnicity because military recruitment, like today, targeted minority students attending low-income public schools which resulted in the devastating loss of life.

“We had lost 54 kids in a 16 square mile per capita was the largest loss in the entire United States, mostly EISD, mostly Edgewood High School graduates,” said Richard Herrera, alumni of Edgewood High School, (Class of ’69, retired Southwestern Bell lineman and current DJ), where nearly 90% of the students in the district were of Mexican origin.

So, when a handful of students who had spent time visiting other schools saw what life could be like with functional facilities, new textbooks and educational equipment, they developed a list of eight demands to improve education for themselves and generations that followed by presenting the list of request to the Principal and Vice Principal. The list, abbreviated for publication, is indicated by bold print:

1). Inadequate policing of building and grounds, restroom supplies: We request more adequate janitorial service than is presently available. Two janitors are inadequate for the area to be kept clean and policed. Many of the restroom facilities lack running water, toilet tissue and/or soap. This deficiency is a health hazard and must be remedied. Plaster in many rooms falls in chunks while classes are in session and heavy rains have caused many leaks which have not been repaired.

Bathrooms were horrible. “It was never clean. If you would walk in your shoes would be sticky. You would go in, and don’t touch anything. The teacher’s bathrooms were locked because they were just for administrators. There was one upstairs for women administrators and teachers. Students said restrooms were locked during class hours, that there was no toilet paper,” said Ben Gutierrez, an English teacher and one of the few certified teachers at the time. Gutierrez asked the Vice Principal, “What the hell’s going on? There’s no toilet paper,” said Ben Gutierrez, an English teacher and one of the few certified teachers at the time. Gutierrez asked the Vice Principal, “What the hell’s going on? There’s no toilet paper and so he said, “We’re teaching the boys a lesson because they would get the rolls of toilet paper and stuff them down the commode, and then it would all gush out, so now they don’t have a place to go pee” and I said, well, that is...
2). Inadequate qualified teachers: Many teachers are not fully qualified to teach the subjects which they have been hired to teach. We request that this inadequacy be remedied...

90% of teachers at Edgewood were non-degreed and non-certified. Subsequently, they were paid substantially lower salaries than teachers in wealthier districts.

3). Inadequate control of monetary records of various clubs and general funds: We request that the monetary records be audited by a committee of qualified parents and administrators and that club monies be entered in the names of the respective clubs for which they have been collected.

4). Inadequate level of academic courses and facilities for teaching: We ask for higher standards with respect to academic courses, as well as a wider variation of such courses to obtain comparability, with those of other schools to better prepare those students planning college study on graduation. Examples are: Chemistry, Physics, Algebra, Computer Programming, Updated Printing and Photography Shops. (An evaluation of present vocational and technical training should be in accord with the technical need for the local community); more speakers on various career opportunities should be engaged. Professional counseling should be made available to all students, as well as counseling on scholarships, loans, grants, and other higher education assistance programs.

Like the great majority of Edgewood’s students, Diana Herrera, Class of ’69 (who would eventually become a 30-year Edgewood Bilingual and Gifted Education teacher, OLLU and UTSA instructor and National Education Association representative) was not viewed as “college material.” Says her husband of 33 years, Richard Herrera - “When Diana went for counseling about going to college, she was told, ‘No, because you’re going to marry Richard and have babies.’” When Mario C. Compéan, Class of ’60 (co-founder of MAYO, Texas Raza Unida Party, Committee for Barrio Betterment, Mexican American Unity Council and Centro Cultural Aztlan) expressed interest in going to college after learning about the possibility during an exit student interview, the guidance counselor outright laughed at him. Says Compéan, “I was a good student academically but had no options. I was not aware of any scholarship money. The counselors were no help.... when I found out about it, the next day I was at St. Mary’s campus. (But) when I first met the counselor that’s what he told me: your best option is the military. Sign up for the army.” When he said he wanted to go to college, the counselor “nearly fell out of his chair. He said, quote, “you don’t have what it takes to go to college.” I said, that’s what you think, not me. Very clearly, he said to me, “the best thing for you to do is to join the army.” That’s exactly what he told me.” Herlinda Sifuentes, Class of ’68, (retired business director AT&T and currently Hispanics Inspiring Students’ Performance and Achievement (HISPA) Operations Director and Edgewood Education Foundation president) expressed interest in becoming an engineer and wanted to take Algebra, but was steered to less challenging business math. Rey Flores, Class of ’71 was accused of cheating in math when he was in fact, excelling.

Students received donated, outdated equipment and books from schools with Anglo children. “Inside you sign for your book. The book was first lent
out 10 years ago. We noticed we were using old books,” said Richard Herrera. There were manual typewriters, despite the technology being available for electronic. Some Chemistry teachers ordered lab books and chemicals labs, paying out of pocket. “The band wanted uniforms in the correct school colors and instruments that were not hand-me-downs discarded by other school district,” said Manuel Diaz Garza, Class of ’69 who was active in Student Council and served as a Drum Major (and today is a senior consultant with the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and Advisory Board Chair of the Alamo Colleges Westside Education and Training Center).

Students who wanted to take advanced classes in order to achieve their potential had to be bused to John F. Kennedy High School, the affluent nearby school at the time where certified teachers taught, classes needed to enter college were available, facilities were up to code and necessary educational materials were current. While some administrators and teachers laughed at the idea of sending Edgewood students to Kennedy for advanced courses, the top five students ended up being from Edgewood High School.

5. Grievance Board: We ask that a committee of faculty members be forced to listen to, investigate and act upon complaints of the student body.

6. Freedom to express views: We request the right to comment upon any school policy or policies felt to be detrimental to the student body

7. Student Council to be Voice of Student Body: We request that the Student Council be the voice of the student body (and) no action be taken against any student or any teacher who has taken part in this non-violent student movement for the improvement of school conditions and the betterment of our educational standards.

8. We further and finally request that no action be taken against any student or any teacher who has taken part in this non-violent student movement for the improvement of school conditions and the betterment of our educational standards.

...Rosendo didn’t know they couldn’t keep us from graduating because we had all our credits, at least I didn’t, at that time.” After attempting to intimidate students from walking out, some teachers tried to stop nearly 3,000 protesting students by barricading the hallways and doors. Rosendo was locked in a classroom by one of his teachers to ensure he didn’t walk out.

When the school’s principal called the police, a group of at least 400 students, with some parents and community leaders, received a police escort as they marched five blocks to district headquarters cheering and carrying signs with messages such as “Better education now, not tomorrow” and “Everyone in America deserves a good education.”

Edgewood walkout alum Manuel Diaz Garza: “San Antonio policemen were sent to arrest...
the protest as the work of out-
operation of students was going 
well what the younger gen-
community who knew all too 
alumni with tight roots to their 
Compéan were Edgewood 
students. Both Velasquez and 
throughout Texas and South-
which 
became prominent 
needs of Mexican Americans 
political party focused on the 
Ignacio Perez, which would 
Gutiérrez, Juan Patlan and 
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students, but instead, they 
be transformed into the Edge-
American priests mentor-
students. By blaming them, administrators 
tried to minimize student 
involvement by suggesting 
they were “misled as to who 
their leaders were.” Yet teach-
er Ben Gutierrez rightfully 
gives credit to the students 
saying, “These guys were the 
catalyst that gave others the 
courage to walk out and de-
mand what was fair.” Not that 
they didn’t use “outside help” 
to the fullest. With the help of 
parents, students procured 
the support of a local attorney 
who presented their demands 
to the Edgewood school board 
a week after the walkout. 
Board members responded by 
proposing a school sug-
gestion box. Some improve-
ments were made – namely, 
restrooms were functional.

CONTINUING SOLIDARITY 
& COMMUNITY

After, the “Class of 68, we 
graduated. We left and we 
kept looking back…looking to 
to see what’s going to change?

What’s going to happen? Our 
history remains unknown,” 
says Diaz Garza, adding, 
“there’s not one plaque” in 
San Antonio commemorat-
ing their participation in the 
walkouts, which is considered 
monumental in education 
civil rights history. Edgewood 
High School closed campus in 
1998 after a bond was passed 
to renovate the high school. 
Alumni were shocked to find 
that their school would instead 
be gutted.

Yet more than 50 years 
after the walkouts, student, 
faculty alumni and supporting 
groups like MAYO are still a 
tight knit group fighting for 
political, economic and social 
change, working together to 
plan the first national confer-
ence on the walkout to be 
held in November. “We still 
network with each other, we 
still talk to each other and you 
know, it’s important,” 
reiterates Diaz Garza. “I see 
a path to the future, but it 
does have to engage students. 
One of the things that I see 
that is very positive in what’s 
happened lately is Mexican 
American studies and so to 
me, that’s one methodology to 
do organizing. Not only just to 
learn about cultural and social 
implications of what has done 
but do a transformation politi-
cally. We didn’t have this. We 
were asking for Chicano Stud-
ies. We had very few models 
of what we wanted or to be 
included. To me, this is one of 
the best routes or vehicles to be 
inclusive of younger people in 
high school, even elementary,” 
says Diaz Garza. “It’s very 
important that younger people 
get involved. On the one hand, 
it’s all about resources. Right 
now, because of what we did, 
partly, the current policies we’re looking from the govern-
ment, especially the state and 
national…those policies are directly...the goal is to undo 
everything we did. They’ve 
already been very successful. The question then becomes, 
who’s going to stop them? So, 
the younger people need to do 
it. Do they want to organize 
another Raza Unida or an-
other MAYO? If not, what is 
it they want to organize? How 
are they going to tackle these 
problems? Because all of these 
policies are intended to keep 
us out of power, which means 
we won’t have resources. 
Which means there won’t be 
any opportunity, so if these 
younger people want oppor-
tunities, they need to start to 
get active, to make sure they 
are protecting their interests, 
fighting for their commu-
unities. Whatever is left in us, 
as elders, we have to make 
sure that somehow, that huge 
population gets the word. That 
they need to get active” says 
Compéan.

Join the National Chicano 
Student Walkouts Conference 
taking place on November 
20-23, 2019, in San Antonio, 
Texas. For more information, 
please visit https://chicano- 
historytx.org/ncmsw-confer-
ence/.

The author would like to thank 
Manuel Diaz Garza for his exten-
sive help with this living history 
piece and his continued dedication 
to peace and justice and helping 
others.
Por Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, District 7

En los últimos tres meses la comunidad de San Antonio se ha unido para asistir a los solicitantes de asilo que viajan a través de San Antonio. Muchas de estas familias están escapando violencia y conflicto en sus países de origen en Centro América y África. Se dan ejemplos de El Salvador quienes triste y frecuentemente cuentan historias de violencia pandillera y amenazas hacia sus hijos.

Los solicitantes de asilo llegan a los EE. UU. luego de arduos meses de viaje, y luego de haber dejado vidas económicamente estables llegan a la frontera habiendo gastado la mayoría de sus recursos. Cuando llegan a un puerto de entrada o al entregarse a la Patrulla Fronteriza, las familias son procesadas por el gobierno federal.

Desde el 30 de marzo del 2019, el gobierno ha enviado a los solicitantes a ciudades como McAllen y San Antonio. Llegan a ciudades como la nuestra con sus pertinencias y una fecha para su audiencia judicial.

El municipio de San Antonio estableció el Centro de Recursos para Migrantes junto a la central de autobuses en el centro de la ciudad donde los voluntarios proveen refugio, comida, y asistencia para viajes. Mi equipo y yo nos ofrecimos como voluntarios recientemente, y vimos con ojos propios la importancia de nuestro servicio para con estos hombres, mujeres, y niños quienes buscan una nueva vida.

Desde el 5 de julio, el Centro de Recursos para Migrantes ha ayudado a más de 21,000 personas.

Adicionalmente, la Ciudad esta colaborando con el San Antonio Food Bank, Catholic Charities, y Travis Park Church para asegurarse que los solicitantes de asilo no estén sin comida, refugio, o asistencia médica.

Por ahora, la Ciudad ha asignado $144,000 para asistir a los solicitantes de asilo, pero podríamos usar su ayuda. Hay tres formas en las que necesitamos que las personas se involucren:

1. Contribuir con donaciones monetarias a Catholic Charities: https://ccaosa.ejoinme.org/PF
3. El Food Bank necesita especialmente calcetines nuevos y ropa interior (todas las tallas para hombres, mujeres, y niños/niñas); artículos de higiene; productos para limpieza; agua y Pedialyte; pañales, toallitas, crema para sarpullidos, formula y comida para bebés; y meriendas que no expiren pronto.

Usted puede encontrar más detalles en safoodbank.org/donate.

Ofrezcase como voluntario con el Interfaith Welcome Coalition Se necesitan voluntarios durante la noche en el refugio de migrantes en Travis Park Church, la estación de autobuses Greyhound, y el aeropuerto. Para mas información y para inscribirse como voluntario, por favor visite: interfaithwelcomecoalition.org/get-involved.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
FY 2019-20 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing to consider the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget on Tuesday September 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Double-Height Courtroom on the second floor of the Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa Street, Suite 2.01, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Persons wishing to be heard on these matters may appear at this public hearing. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Bexar County Commissioners Court at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available for viewing in the County Clerk’s Office, first floor, Bexar County Courthouse located at 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, TX 78205; in the County Manager’s Office, tenth floor, Paul Elizondo Tower, located at 101 West Nueva, San Antonio, TX 78205; and in the County Auditor’s Office, eighth floor, Paul Elizondo Tower, located at 101 West Nueva, San Antonio, TX 78205. Citizens wishing to be heard on these matters may appear before Commissioners Court at the public hearing, or may contact a representative of Commissioners Court by calling (210) 335-2011. The FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget will also be available on the Bexar County website: www.bexar.org.

BEXAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT FOR DISABLED PERSONS

This meeting site is accessible to disabled persons as follows: Entrance to the Bexar County Courthouse is accessible through the south end of the Courthouse located at the intersection of Nueva and Main streets. To access the second floor, individuals must use the handicap ramp located at the southwest corner of the County Courthouse and take the elevator to the second floor.
By Karla Lorena Aguilar

It’s about time. San Antonio has the 10th largest population of urban Native Americans in the U.S., per capita. According to the 2018 Census updates, 64 percent of San Antonians were Latino/Hispanic and .7 percent identified as Native American or Alaska Native. Among Latinos, a large majority most likely have Native ancestry, yet most those bloodlines are invisible to the Census data.

That’s one of the reasons why American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions https://aitscm.org chose to produce the Talom Aptzai Film Festival Sunday, August 25, 2019 at the Guadalupe Theatre. The stories of the Native Americans in San Antonio, and beyond, are far too often erased from the history books. Or worse, incorrectly portrayed in those books, as well as in commercial cinema. AIT, for 25 years, has been working to preserve and protect the culture and traditions of the indigenous peoples. So, what better way than to select sensitive and intelligent films to express the past, present and future of the Native people in Texas, and throughout the Americas.

Scott Pewenofkit, a member of the Kiowa tribe from Oklahoma, welcomed the opportunity to curate the nine-hour festival to create platforms for discussion.

Talom Aptzai, meaning “ancient fire” in Pajalate (a Coahuiltecan language), refers to the custom of gathering around the fire to share stories among family. Sharing stories of our history, traditions, and plights, is the concept behind the free film festival. A total of 17 films, short and feature length, will touch upon subjects ranging from spirituality to cultural appropriation, addictions, gender dysphoria and gender stereotypes, forced family separations, social and health inequities and unjust labor practices.

“My interest in Native film comes from a love of filmmaking and its ability to enrich our view of people and the world,” explains Pewenofkit. “Over the last several years, I’ve become interested in the use of media as a means to give an artistic voice to indigenous people, which is still rare in the film industry overall.

The festival was curated to highlight the wide array of voices and types of movies that are part of Native cinema currently,” explained Pewenofkit. Settings for the 17 movies featured range from Alaska, New Mexico, Arizona, Canada, Mexico, to San Antonio.

68 Voces: About the First Sunrise, is an animated series that seeks to promote the preservation of Mexico’s 68 indigenous language groups. As such, it is a re-telling of the creation of the first sunrise, as told in the Huichol language.

Red Hand, by Rod Pocowatchit, is an 80-minute film produced in 2017. The premise of the film is a man with the power to heal time who travels from the future to rescue a tech genius who is pivotal in saving the Native American race.


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.

Lleana Ros-Lehtinen

A Cuban by birth, Llena Ros-Lehtinen immigrated with her family to the U.S in 1960. Initially, she worked as a teacher and later established a private school in Miami. In 1982, she turned to politics and became the first Cuban-born female elected to the Florida State Legislature. Four years later, she was elected state senator where she served one term before being elected to the U.S Congress in 1989. As the nation’s first Hispanic U.S Congresswoman, Ros-Lihtinen is regarded as a champion of minorities and in particular, Hispanic women. In an interview in Vista, Ros-Lihtinen asked that the Latina community, “Re-energize and refocus... to realize the vast potential that lies within our grasp.”
CONJUNTO

AVISOS DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA Y AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA EL PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACIÓN DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES MUNICIPALES

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SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR: Crystal Clear Special Utility District y MCLB Land, LLC, 2370 Farm-to-Market Road 1979, San Marcos, Texas 78666, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ), en su calidad de Agencia Autorizada, para realizar una revisión de la Antidegradación de Aguas del Nivel 1 para la aplicación de la Tasa Siguiendo la antidegradadora de las aguas de contaminación para la solicitud de permiso, el cual se ha identificado que tiene altos usos de la vida acuática. Los usos existentes serán mantenidos y protegidos. La determinación preliminar puede ser reexaminada y puede ser modificada, si se recibe alguna información nueva. El Director Ejecutivo ha tomado una decisión preliminar que este permiso es emitido, cumpliendo con todos los requisitos normativos y legales. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del Director Ejecutivo y el borrador del permiso están disponibles para leer y copiar en la Biblioteca Pública de San Marcos, 625 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas.

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El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. Una reunión pública se llevará a cabo y consistirá de dos partes, un Periodo de Discusión Informal y un Periodo de Comentario Formal. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Durante el Periodo de Discusión Informal, el público será invitado a hacer preguntas del solicitante y personal de la TCEQ sobre la solicitud del permiso. Los comentarios y preguntas presentados oralmente durante el Periodo de Discusión Informal no serán considerados antes de ser una decencia sobre la solicitud del permiso y no se hará una respuesta formal. Las respuestas se proporcionarán durante el Periodo de Discusión Informal. Durante el Periodo de Comentario Formal, los miembros del público pueden expresar sus comentarios formales oralmente en el registro oficial. Una respuesta escrita a todos los comentarios oportunos, relevantes y materiales, o significativos será preparada por el Director Ejecutivo. Los datos formales de los comentarios formales estarán disponibles para leer y copiar en la Biblioteca Pública de San Marcos, 625 East Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ: Los ciudadanos son alentados a enviar los comentarios escritos en cualquier momento durante la reunión o por correo antes del fin del periodo del permiso. La Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 es el correo electrónico, www.tceq.texas.gov/enviro/Comment. Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos deben ser presentados durante los 30 días después de la publicación del aviso o antes de la fecha de la reunión pública.

La Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas

Comité de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas

Fecha de emisión 7 de Agosto del 2019
EVENTOS ESPECIALES
SAFC Continúa Honrando a la Comunidad

Por José I. Franco
Desde la primera campaña en 2016 la franquicia San Antonio Fútbol Club (SAFC), propiedad de la empresa Spurs Sports and Entertainment (SS&E), se comprometió por colaborar en el desarrollo del balompié local, tanto a nivel académico, profesional y en actividades de la cultura y entretenimiento local, lo cual ha venido cumpliendo bajo la administración de Tim Holt y el entrenador técnico Darren Powell.

SAFC en su partido denominado “El clásico del Recuerdo”, celebrado en su estadio Toyota Field, ante el visitante rival Sacramento Republic FC (dirigido por el timonel Simon Elliott), rindió minuto de silencio en memoria de las víctimas de El Paso, así como de otros acontecimientos de nivel local.

Jugadores del SAFC durante su sesión de calentamiento, vistieron los colores del desaparecido club profesional San Antonio Thunder, las cuales fueron subastadas al mejor postor, y cuyas ganancias serán distribuidas en programas de beneficio enfocados al desarrollo del balompié infantil y juvenil de San Antonio.

SAFC con el éxito deseado convocó a la juvenil cantante Veronique Medrano, para que con su especial estilo cantara el Himno Nacional, lo cual al final en respuesta recibió emotiva ovación, y felicitaciones.

Posteriormente el aficionado, Trey García, fanático de SAFC, con boletos de admisión por la temporada tuvo el honor de posar con la oncena titular, y el pequeño futbolista Jason Heinen, co-capitán del partido fue invitado para estar presente con los capitanes de los clubes a disputar el esperado encuentro, en los arreglos del partido que fue sancionado por el árbitro central Daniel Gutiérrez.

En el intermedio Rebecca Pérez, presentadora oficial de los eventos especiales y promocionales del SAFC, sobre la grama fue acompañada por las populares mascotas de la cadena de restaurantes Chick-A-Filet, durante la especular promoción “Kicking for Chicken”, en la cual un aficionados participó, pateando el balón desde la media cancha y anotando “gol” le dio a la afición el derecho de recibir un sándwich gratuito en el negocio mencionado.

La promoción Twin Peaks Supporter of the Match, el aficionado Tylor Pelletier, recibió incentivo por su respaldo a la franquicia Silver & Black, afiliada a la liga de fútbol soccer profesional USL Championship. También se honró a Girl Scout Night/SAFC.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Can Your Family Benefit From a Special Needs Trust?

By Edward Jones

Edward Jones is a licensed insurance producer in all states and Washington, D.C., through Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. and in California, New Mexico and Massachusetts through Edward Jones Insurance Agency of California, L.L.C.; Edward Jones Insurance Agency of New Mexico, L.L.C.; and Edward Jones Insurance Agency of Massachusetts, L.L.C.

If you have a child or another family member with disabilities, you obviously have concerns and questions. How can you help your loved one achieve the greatest quality of life possible? Can you arrange for adequate services? What’s the best way to pay for them? Can you get some financial help?

Fortunately, you are not alone. Your disabled family member may well be eligible for several government programs. But these programs won’t cover everything, so you may want to help close the gaps. Yet, some government benefits impose eligibility restrictions based on the level of assets or resources available to the recipient, which means the financial help you’re willing to provide could backfire – unless you establish a special needs trust.

A special needs trust allows the beneficiary – your family member – to receive government benefits while still receiving funds from the trust. You, as the donor, supply these funds, while a trustee holds and administers them according to your wishes. Generally speaking, the beneficiary can’t use the trust for basic support – food, clothing and shelter – or to receive benefits that can be provided by the government. Instead, the trust can be used to provide specialized therapy, special equipment, recreational outings and other items.

When considering a special needs trust, you’ll need to explore several issues, but it’s especially important to focus on these two:

- Naming a trustee – You could name a trusted family member or friend as a trustee. This choice works well for many people, but it does have the potential to cause familial conflicts. Another possibility is to name a trust company, which can provide professional management, expertise and continuity of administration. You can even name an individual and a trust company as trustees, combining the personal touch of a family member with the technical and administrative skills of a professional trustee.

- Funding the trust – You can fund the trust during your lifetime or have it activated upon your passing. You don’t have to be the sole donor, either – you can structure the trust so other family members can contribute to it. And a trust can be funded with many types of assets – securities (stocks and bonds), IRA proceeds, insurance death benefits and more.

While it’s important you understand the fundamentals of a special needs trust, it’s not a do-it-yourself endeavor. In fact, creating this trust can be complex. For one thing, there are a few different types of special needs trust, so you’ll need to determine which is right for your needs. Also, it’s important to be familiar with the requirements of various federal, state and local benefit programs for people with disabilities. For these and other reasons, it’s essential to work with a local estate-planning professional who knows the regulations in your area. You may also need to bring in your financial professional, who can help with the funding elements of a special needs trust, and who can possibly recommend a trust company, if you choose to use one.

You’ll do anything you can to make life better for a disabled child or family member – and one tool you have at your disposal is a special needs trust. Consider looking into one soon.

For more information contact Ernest J. Martinez, 210-354-4915 or ernest.martinez@edwardjones.com
THIS DAY IN LA PRENSA HISTORY

NAPOLEON EN FONTAINEBLEAU, EL 15 DE MARZO DE 1814. (Musée du Louvre)

Con la mirada perdida en el recuerdo de la serie de fracasos que culminaron en la invasión de Francia por los ejércitos austriacos, el Agüila Herida contempla la inevitable abdicación y el desencanto de su reino de poderio universal.
Wise Giving
After Tragedy

Respect for Victims and Families: Organizations raising funds should get permission from the families to use victims’ names or any photographs of them. Some charities raising funds for the victims of previous shootings did not do this and were the subject of criticism from victims’ families.

Government Registration: About 40 of the 50 states in the U.S. require charities to register with a state government agency (usually a division of the State Attorney General’s office) before they solicit for charitable gifts. If the charity is not registered, that may be a significant red flag.

How Will Donations Be Used: Watch out for vague appeals that don’t identify the intended use of funds. For example, how will the donations help victims’ families? Also, unless told otherwise, donors will assume that funds collected quickly in the wake of a tragedy will be spent just as quickly. See if the appeal identifies when the collected funds will be used.

Online Caution: Never click on links to charities on unfamiliar websites or in text messages or email. These may take you to a look-alike website where you will be asked to provide personal financial information or may download harmful malware onto your computer. Don’t assume that charity recommendations on social media have already been vetted.

Newly-Created v. Established Organizations: This is a personal giving choice, but an established charity will more likely have the experience to quickly address the circumstances and have a track record that can be evaluated. A newly-formed organization may be well-meaning but will be difficult to check out and may not be well managed.

Please visit BBB.org/GivingAfterTragedy to learn the best ways you can help.
La Prensa Texas SAN ANTONIO

Devon Torres
Lanzando y Bateando Guió a Piratas a la Final de la Zona Norte

Por Sendero Deportivo

El lanzador izquierdo Devon Torres, con pizarra adversa de 6 a 5 carreras en el tercer partido de la serie ante el duro rival Águilas (de Veracruz), teniendo las bases llenas, pegó doblete por encima de la tercera almohadilla, para sobreponerse en el marcador 8-6.

Torres, en el octavo capítulo recibió apoyo de sus compañeros que aprovecharon su ofensiva para marcar dos carreras más y estar solventes en la pizarra con 10-6, carreras más y estar solventes en la pizarra. Listos para comenzar serie ante Highsox y seguir defendiendo el título”, enfatizó el timonel ballin de béisbol, Roberto Rodríguez, manager de Águilas.

En resultados de la temporada, logró eliminar en su tercer partido de las series a ganar 2 de 3 cotejos, al potente cuadro de Calaveras, que cayeron con la cara al sol por abultado marcador de 13 a 4. En la zona Sur la final se disputaran el trubuco de Bobcats contra Indios. 2:30 p.m. Piratas vs. Indios. 2:30 p.m. Bobcats vs. Indios. 2:30 p.m. Piratas vs. Highsox.

A las 11 a.m. Bobcats vs. Indios. 2:30 p.m. Piratas vs. Highsox.

“Errores nos hundieron, ya estábamos con el juego arrastrado, sin embargo Piratas, con su oportuno bateo le dio la vuelta a la pizarra. Águilas, tuvo buena temporada, no esperábamos disputarle el playoff al campeón (Piratas). Estoy orgulloso de mi equipo”, dijo Luis Cerros, manager de Águilas.

“Un gran partido. Batallamos desde el principio, hasta que Devon Torres, hizo por su juego en el bateo y pitcheo, su doblete con casa llena hizo la diferencia en la pizarra. Listos para comenzar serie ante Highsox y seguir defendiendo el título”, enfatizó el timonel Sergio De Luna, quien lleva cinco banderines ganados dirigiendo a los bucaneros de Reynosa SA, con el que aceptó cuatro imparables, y de Clay Gentle (campeón de la liga Veteranos Verano 2019. Cardenales doblegaron 11-5 a Potosinos. San Luis de José Mendoza y Jesús (Chuy) Ramírez, doblegaron 6-3 a los Cachorros de Nava del popular timonel José Mendoza y Jesús (Chuy) Ramírez, doblegaron 6-3 a los Cachorros de Nava del popular timonel

Por su lado Indios de Nava del popular timonel Antonio (Pimpollo) García. por su lado Indios de Nava del popular timonel Antonio (Pimpollo) García.

En las fotos aparece el lanzador izquierdo Devon Torres, con pizarra adversa de 6 a 5 carreras en el tercer partido de la serie ante el duro rival Águilas (de Veracruz), teniendo las bases llenas, pegó doblete por encima de la tercera almohadilla, para sobreponerse en el marcador 8-6. Por su lado Indios de Nava del popular timonel Antonio (Pimpollo) García.
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Before the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) was envisioned, five Hispanic Members of Congress—Herman Badillo (NY), Baltasar Corrada (PR), E. “Kika” de la Garza (TX), Henry B. Gonzalez (TX), and Edward Roybal (CA)—organized the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) in 1976. The Caucus was originally formed to serve as a legislative organization through which legislative action, as well as executive and judicial actions, could be monitored to ensure the needs of Hispanics were being met.

The CHCI Board of Directors is comprised of Hispanic members of Congress, nonprofit, union and corporate leaders.

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By Paola Tejade Lalinde

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), the nation’s premiere Latino youth leadership development organization, hosted three high school students from the San Antonio area for its 9th annual R2L NextGen program from July 14-19, 2019. CHCI welcomed fifty-three high school students from 13 metro areas across the country to the nation’s capital to learn about the federal government, meet important leaders, visit historic sites, and develop a deeper understanding of how they can affect positive change in their communities.

They follow an earlier cohort of 50 students who traveled to D.C. June 23-28.

The R2L NextGen program was created in partnership with founding sponsor State Farm™ in 2011. Over the past nine years, State Farm has helped CHCI bring 533 students to Washington, D.C. For the fifth year, Ford Motor Company Fund — the philanthropic arm of Ford — partnered with CHCI to support select students from its Ford Driving Dreams program to participate in R2L NextGen.

The San Antonio R2L NextGen-Ford Driving Dreams participants were:

Geraldyn Campos, Frank L. Madla Early College High School
Samantha Salazar, Frank L. Madla Early College High School
Elian Villanueva, Business Careers High School

The 103 R2L NextGen student participants represent 17 geographic areas, including Atlanta; Central Florida; Chicago; Dallas; Detroit; Northern New Jersey; New York; Phoenix; Puerto Rico; San Antonio, TX; South Florida; metro Washington, D.C.; and several regions in California including the Central Valley, Coachella Valley, Los Angeles and Orange Counties, San Diego, and San Jose. The program combines the Close Up Foundation’s civic education program and CHCI’s proven leadership curriculum for Latino youth to expand CHCI’s outreach to Latino high school students and increase its impact in the college readiness and leadership development arenas.
Por COSA
El presupuesto operativo y de capital equilibrado propuesto para el año fiscal 2020 se presentó al Ayuntamiento el 8 de agosto de 2019. El documento presupuestario sirve como documento de política, plan financiero, guía de operaciones y dispositivo de comunicación para la ciudad. Es la base para la asignación de recursos de la Ciudad a los planes de prestación de servicios que brindan servicios de calidad, inversiones específicas y mejoras continuas.
También encapsula cambios incrementales que abordan los requisitos de servicio y se basa en iniciativas financiadas en años anteriores al tiempo que establece una nueva dirección para los programas. El Documento de Presupuesto también se utiliza para evaluar la efectividad de los programas y servicios de la Ciudad al tiempo que proporciona información extensa sobre las operaciones municipales.
Este es un buen y saludable punto de partida mientras continuamos discutiendo el presupuesto propuesto con los residentes del Distrito 3 y la ciudad. Me enorgullece que estamos brindando una desgravación fiscal a los propietarios de viviendas y continuamos centrándonos en un presupuesto basado en las necesidades.
Para ver el presupuesto operativo anual propuesto y el presupuesto de capital operativo de la ciudad de San Antonio para el año fiscal 2020, visite: https://www.sanantonio.gov/Budget/Current-Budget

THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET
The City’s largest operating fund is the General Fund with a $1.27 Billion Proposed Budget in FY 2020.

Where does the money come from?

FY 2020 General Fund Proposed Budget
$1.27 Billion

($ in Millions)

- CPS Energy
- Current Property Tax
- City Sales Tax
- Other

Where does the City spend the money?

FY 2020 General Fund Proposed Budget
$1.27 Billion

($ in Millions)

- Public Safety*
- Streets & Infrastructure
- Parks & Recreation
- Other

*Public Safety includes fire, police and parks police
By Steve Walker

Did you know that the overall crime rate in San Antonio is 102% more than the national average? How about for every 100,000 people, there are 15.21 daily crimes occur in San Antonio? Would you believe the Alamo City is safer than 6% of the cities in the United States or in San Antonio you have a 1 in 19 chance of becoming a victim of any crime? Lastly, did you know the number of total year crimes in SA has decreased by 1%?

The above illustration depicts the number of crimes committed daily in San Antonio, per 100,000 residents. Additionally, daily crime statistics are also listed for Texas as well as national figures. In San Antonio, the total number of daily crimes is 1.85 times more than the Texas average and 2.02 times more than the national average.

Violent crime statistics in the Alamo City are 1.61 times more than the Texas average and 1.85 times more than the national average. Regarding crimes committed against personal property, San Antonio, TX has a daily crime rate that is 1.89 times more than the Texas average and 2.05 times more than the daily national average.

Does the question now become what are the odds that you’ll be safer in San Antonio, rather than other areas of Texas, as well as the rest of America?

San Antonio is safer than 3% when compared to other Texas cities, and 6% compared to all other cities across America.

The chance of being a victim of violent crime in San Antonio is 1 in 142. The chance of being a victim of property crime in San Antonio is 1 in 21 and the chance of being a victim of a crime in San Antonio is 1 in 19.

In San Antonio we have 22,823 law enforcement employees, the state 46,020, and the nation 558,732. There are a total of 2,883 San Antonio police officers. This results in 2.1 police officers per 1,000 residents which is 30.5% less than the Texas average and 35.8% less than the national average.

When it comes to the Guadalupe West Side Crime, the question asked to residents recently, “how safe do you feel?” The response was “very safe,” by 44 percent. Second question asked, “How reliable are the police in this area?” Answer: 38% with the caveat, “the police are visible, but respond slowly.”

San Antonio like any other city has its share of crime more than some and less than others. Having taught in the Hispanic community at La Tekla and La Memorial, it is no worse than any other part of the city. Personally, I feel safer in those areas than others located in more affluent areas.

But then again as I always write “Just a Thought.”

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**Join us for the Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee Meeting on August 20, 2019**

**DATE:**
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**TIME:**
6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**
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