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Judge Rosie Gonzalez is looking for ways to address this domestic violence problem that is so prevalent in our community. She asks, if you had the opportunity to create change, to rid ourselves of this epidemic, How would you do it? Let’s talk about it.

Vanessa Martinez Campos:
“We need better educational and income opportunities for the families in SA. Education and stable incomes help reduce DV/IPV. That means starting in PreK and going all the way through high school, not giving up on our children educated and prepared for jobs that will help them thrive. We also need to make sure everyone in SA has living wages. Iowa State also created an educational program for offenders that reduced recidivism. Hand in hand these two ideas would be excellent prevention techniques.”

Nikki Jon Beltran: “We need to do better about just arresting people and releasing back to hurt the same people again. It doesn’t always work, but I’ve seen success helping perpetrators control their rage by going to mandatory domestic violence classes to help them understand their violent reactions to stress. I speak from experience sadly. My life almost taken twice by the same person. He went to those classes at my request not a court ordered decision because I could not get proper help through the law.”

David Yanez: “I worked with Domestic Violence Victims and family for 2 1/2 years at the Battered Women Shelter and Bexar Family Justice Center and the one thing that needs more resource support is to have the children in an abusive household receive counseling also, they are overlooked. Remember they see and hear everything. We should try to help the next generation also.”

Raul Maya: “Maybe starting in the school system, and advocating to our youth and educating them about what domestic violence does and how it can impact someone’s life.”

Dacari Lambert: “Make services easier to access for folks, it’s so difficult to get help! We make people jump through hoops.”

Rosie War: “Harsher punishment and thorough investigations. I feel bad saying this but I feel like our system has failed us time and time again. Why report things when nothing is done. Theres more leniency when it’s a female abuser. I gave up a long time ago. This is just my personal experience.”

Ana Alicia Amorocity Perez: “More mental health services as well. I speak from personal experience here on this (and work experience). I survived a domestically violent relationship in my early 20s with a guy who was schizophrenic. More mental health services access is important. And to coincide that—more substance abuse treatment programs. Because in my work as a licensed social worker and a licensed chemical dependency counselor, we know a large chunk self medicate. Add all this with domestic violence...it’s a large issue”

Geo Rodri: “There’s got to be a way to learn some early signs before anyone gets in to deep or involved in a relationship that leads to violence. It needs to be nipped in the butt from the very beginning. People need to learn to walk away from this type of situation and read the early signs which are usually jealousy and possessiveness. Unfortunately, it is not an easy thing.”

Letty Padilla: “I’m a domestic violence survivor and I can honestly say we need more places like the family violence prevention center and shelter. They helped with me and kids so much. We ended up at the women’s battered shelter and help me get out of that marriage. Not everyone knows about it. Sadly the abuser won’t see there’s a problem even after going to counseling, or even after being arrested. Which was in my case and in many case I know.I am very thankful for the battered women’s shelter, there they helped me with getting a restraining order, lawyer for my divorce and custody, and counseling for my kids. They also helped me start a new life. They helped with getting me and kids a place to live. Which they needed. We need more resources!”

Jose Rosario Gonzalez: “Follow up on domestic disturbance calls, letting the involved know that they will be monitored, especially if there are signs of abuse and the abused party “chooses” not to press charges. On the same path, allow victims to testify away from the victimizer, in a safe environment. It may cost some money, but dedicated, honest, and caring case workers could be assigned to follow up. Overall, take the claims seriously and strictly enforce laws requiring abusers to stay away from victims. Many times abuse victims are not seen as a priority by the law enforcement until it’s too late.”

Krissy Jones: “I know someone mentioned education within the school system but to add to that...Teaching our youth and giving them the tools to build; self-confidence, what is and is not “love”, and what a healthy relationship looks like. All too often DV victims are lacking confidence and their Abuser feeds into that. Which then starts dependency b/c the Abuser is filling a void in the victim to their liking.”

S. Martinez: “Victims need options; finances to start over again. Sometimes, staying is the only option when there is nowhere to go. If they leave, most of the time, they have to go back. Family members want to help but after a while, an extra family to support becomes a burden. No one wants to admit that but it happens. The victim becomes a victim again. This problem needs to be addressed on many levels but the priority needs to be keeping the victims safe and away from the abuser. Money to start over for more than a month is necessary.”
About the Cover Artist
Raul Servin Statement for ‘Stitches’ Exhibition

By Raul Servin

The realization of this show was easy. I only had to invite several important people to a party: like Father Time, Life and Death, Truth and Lies, Politics and Culture, Reality and Craziness, and several others. More bad guys showed up than good guys, but everyone brought a bottle of their favorite liquor, which they poured in a magic cauldron full of tequila punch. They started drinking it around midnight. Demons and pleasure, history and fantasy, tradition and craziness conversed (laughing and crying at times) about personal adventures and matters. As the night advanced and everyone was confused and drunk, I saw them clearly and in the early morning they were hung-over and sleeping peacefully, almost on top of each other. I got my canvas and my brushes and that is when the paintings for Stitches were born. 45% reality, 45% craziness, and the rest is bullshit that happened here or in another dimension.

In Stitches there is a convergence of words and images that translate the reality, magic, time and space, politics, religion, and visual and physical experiences; but in a psychological state. Because, when there is a convergence of word and image, the mind is a sacred disease and the vision is a lie given tribute to the memory of everyday aesthetic. Stitches is a biographical testimony and a resource to invade the political and social surroundings of the Mexican American since they were robbed of their land, culture, language, and identity when the border crossed them. Yes, the frontier, which is an open wound, and in the illegals, blood is still flowing from it. In Stitches, I wanted to see my dream realized by constructing them in a 3-dimensional space. And my worry is to understand them or not. Because talking about beauty or the illusion, it is precisely there where the language dies like a tool, thus the necessity of using visual art which is not conceived as an experience for writing. The visual art is necessary to show a unique realization of space, like it or not. My task is a consequence of reflections from the past, present, and future, and political matters that I have been thinking of at any moment. I thought all transcendent moments leave open cracks where we can scrutinize a wound and pull out the truth about what really happened.

Stitches is a way to create distances between the imagination and reality in a visual media. I use it to create a space of unique realizations of ideas, like them or not.
Jesus Moroles
A Renowned American Sculptor

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

During his life as an artist, Jesus Moroles received many important commissions for his granite sculptures. Over a thirty-four year career, he completed more than 2,000 art pieces throughout the world.

Unlike many artists who realize their dream of artistic creativity after many years of experimentation and growth, Moroles became one of America’s most famous granite sculptors simply by walking away from the traditional style and method favored by the Renaissance artists who had inspired the art world for over four centuries.

When young Jesus was ten years old, his dad, Jose Moroles, enrolled him in art classes at the YMCA and drove him to his classes. Moreover, with the intent of having his son learn the building and concrete trades, Jose Moroles also encouraged his son to work during his summer vacation months with his uncle Julian Tapia who had been hired by the city to work in the construction of the Corpus Christi seawalk.

In 2010 my wife and I had an opportunity to visit Moroles and his family at his Rockport, Texas studio. We talked to his father who had emigrated from Mexico in the 1940s and had become a U.S. citizen in 1953. As we walked around the large three acre studio his father commented that Moroles’ teachers had always encouraged his son to be an artist and had often praised his artistic talents.

Growing up, Jesus loved to draw and paint and as a teen engaged in silk screen printing. Like many young men living in the border region during the Vietnam era, he was drafted. He served four years in the Air Force. His military service enabled him to use his G.I. Bill benefits to attend college at North Texas State University in the mid 1970s.

Moroles credits an internship with famed artist Luis Jimenez in 1978-1979 as one of the defining moments in his career. At the time, there were only a few Latino artists working in stone, and although Jimenez was creating works of fiberglass, Moroles learned that sculpture had many dimensions.

Over the period 1979-1980, Moroles spent time in Tuscany, Italy with the intent of visiting the famous Pietrasanta quarry that his hero Michaelangelo discovered as well as studying Renaissance sculptures. Moroles was inspired by the genius of Michaelangelo and others who in the 16th century contributed to the Vatican marble statues and tombs. At Pietrasanta quarry in Tuscany, he experienced only disappointment. Michaelangelo may have well preferred the white marble stone of Tuscany, but Moroles considered the stone far too soft for his likings.

He arrived back in Texas in 1980 and quickly acquired pink granite for his first stone sculpture. He was pleased with his completion of “Fountain,” a sculpture that incorporated water and stone. His early sculptures won him a commission for an enormous art piece for the CBS Plaza in New York City. His new power tools and diamond saws proved their worth as he completed “Lapstrake,” a 64 ton, 22 foot tall sculpture that resides now in the CBS Plaza.

Writing in 2007, photographer Wally Gobetz wrote: “Moroles’s sculpture is made of perfectly rectangular slats that bisect two formless columns—geometry meeting amorphousness. The term lapstrake actually means clinkerbuilt—a method used by the Vikings, the Tang Chinese, and the Song Chinese in the nineteen century for constructing hulls of boats and ships by fixing wooden planks and iron plates to each other so that the planks overlap along their edges.

In 1982 Moroles returned to the Gulf Coast and built his sizeable studio in Rockport, a short distance from his birthplace. “Granite Weaving,” a sculpture which Moroles completed in 1988, is a spectacular work of cut stone measuring over six...
feet in height and nine feet in width. In 1996, the Smithsonian American Art Museum acquired it.

Upon seeing the “Granite Weaving” sculpture at the East Wing of the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. several years ago, I was amazed at this extraordinary creation in which Moroles succeeded in making Georgia gray granite look like Mexican or Native American cloth weaving. The Smithsonian Gallery description reads that “Although he [Moroles] spoke in terms of fabric, Granite Weaving also reads as the wall of a stepped pyramid in which horizontal stone slabs support, and in turn, are buttressed by small blocks of granite.”

In the mid 1980s the City of Houston began a fundraising campaign to honor police officers who had lost their lives in the line of duty. The City of Houston chose Moroles’ concept for the police memorial and he began this work in the late 1980s. He managed to complete the “Houston Police Officers Memorial” in 1990. For this structure, he designed “a granite square pyramid whose vertex rises from the meadow, surrounded by four inverted pyramids excavated from the ground.” The top of the pyramid contains a pink granite reflecting pool engraved with the names of over 100 officers killed in the line of duty. The memorial is 120 feet by 120 feet, one of the largest art structures created by a Latino artist.

Today, this memorial has become a popular gathering place for residents from the nearby Houston Buffalo Bayou neighborhoods. By 2002, when the Fine Arts Museum in Houston had a major showing of Moroles’ sculptures, his works were already collected by museums in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

When we visited Moroles’ studio in Rockport in 2011 we were amazed at the collection of large uncut granite, large cranes, and industrial saws in his outdoor space. At the time, he held commissioned contracts for sculptures in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. In numerous works from around the country, Moroles managed to combine North American abstract architectural style with ancient Mexican construction: a confluence of two cultures.

Peter C. Marzio of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts wrote that “Ritual also echoes from the works of art themselves. More often than not, Moroles’ sculptures seem as though they are descended from the works of ancient mound builders, sawed and carved and blasted from the earth.” Moroles’ prodigious and creative labors earned him a National Medal of Arts in 2008 awarded by President George W. Bush. At the time of his tragic and premature death in 2014, Moroles had succeeded in establishing himself as one of the premier American sculptors as well as a leading interpreter of Latino culture and society.
Por Lorraine Pulido, Ph.D

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Sociedad Cultural Hispanoamericana Preps for Festival

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Sociedad Cultural Hispanoamericana Committee led by Andress Urbano putting final touches on big Festival on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at Wonderland of the Americas.

Spirit of Renewal Expo and Community Clean Up

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La Prensa Texas was proud to be a sponsor in the Spirit of Renewal Expo and Community Clean Up with Commissioner Tommy Clavert. DJ was the Legendary Joe Pepe Sanchez.
**ESPECIALES**

**Los Spurs en la ruta por su sexto campeonato**

**Existe confianza, con Tim Duncan en el equipo de asistentes de entrenadores**

Por José I. Franco

En lo que puede ser todo un evento especial a lo largo de la temporada NBA 2019-2020, para la noble afición del pentacampeón (cinco veces campeones de la NBA), los Spurs de San Antonio, propiedad de la empresa Spurs Sports & Entertainment (SS&E), bajo la acertada dirección del entrenador en jefe Gregg Popovich, todo es posible de que nuestra deportiva y prospera región de El Álamo, celebre en el Paseo del Río San Antonio (San Antonio Riverwalk), el paseo de campeones.

Ello cabe anotarlo con anticipación, ya que Popovich, es catalogado como el timonel de mayor rango en el baloncesto de paga a nivel mundial, por ser él quien sacara adelante la franquicia Silver & Black, que de la nada en los 90’s bajo su dirección y tenacidad logró proyectarla con promedio en cada tiempo pedido por el estratega Popovich.

Los Spurs tras obtener buena respuesta en su campo de entrenamiento se vieron bien durante su primer partido de pretemporada ante el visitante rival Magic de Orlando, que a pesar de que tuvieron la mira en el gallardete de la Conferencia Oeste y la gran final. Duncan, ante Orlando, exhibió nueva fisonomía, en su estilo corte de pelo y de saco casual, sin dejar de motivar al equipo en cada tiempo pedido por el estratega Popovich.

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De antemano el timonel Popovich, siempre ha dejado claro, que en el circuito de la NBA (donde se juega el mejor baloncesto del planeta), todos los equipos son difíciles de vencer, además de pronunciarse en contra de las decisiones ejecutadas por los señores árbitros, a pesar de que él mismo se ha visto en problemas discutiendo duramente los fallos en contra de su equipo.

"En la NBA no existe equipo fácil de vencer, todos los clubes traen contundentes alineaciones y no queda más que seguir con nuestro plan en la ofensiva y defensiva, que nos ayude salir adelante en el marcador", así se ha expresado Popovich, en campañas anteriores.

Ante el Magic Todos nuestros jugadores aportaron su respectivo talento en nuestro plan de juego", añadió Popovich.

El doctor Dámaso A. Oliva Jr., seguidor de Spurs por cuarenta años con boletos de admisión a escasos metros de la banca de Spurs, dijo que por lo menos no se espera que San Antonio celebre el sexto campeonato, pero no descarto la posibilidad de que ello se pueda lograr. «Si los Spurs se clasifican para la posttemporada, en el quinto lugar de la conferencia del oeste, y logran pasar a la segunda ronda, entonces ya podremos tener confianza de que sigan adelante", apuntó Oliva Jr., quien en su juventud acompañó a su padre MD Dámaso A. Oliva Sr., en los partidos celebrados en la Hemisfair Arena, y en 1991 convirtiéndose en cliente de temporada regular ha venido apoyando a Spurs disfrutando junto a su familia los festejos de los cinco campeones. Spurs después de visitar al Heat de Miami, retornan al estadio AT&T Center este domingo 13 para enfrentarse al visitante Pelicans de New Orleans en el horario de las 3pm.

(Fotos por Franco).
Foreword By R. Eguia

This month, the staff of La Prensa Texas have looked back on the accomplishments of the Latinx people in this state that have paved the way for us to grow. As a long time reporter who studied journalism in college, I was so surprised to just now be learning of the accomplishments of the Laredo born, Tejana Icon, Jovita Idar.

The book, “Redeeming La Raza: Transborder Modernity, Race, Respectability and Rights,” by Dr. Gabriela González provides so much context for the historical significance of bilingual community newspapers in this region and the role that Tejana women played in sustaining them. Idar operated many critical bilingual publications in the early 1900s before women were even allowed to vote.

La Prensa was established in San Antonio in 1913 as a newspaper and later included many art editorials that can be viewed in the “This Day in La Prensa History” column of this publication. It makes me wonder if she ever contributed to La Prensa when she lived in San Antonio.

Learning about her story has not only informed the work that I do for this paper and our community, but has also inspired me to work harder than ever to strengthen the foundations of this historical publication so that its legacy lasts for as long as San Antonio does.

Dr. Gabriela González has extracted the following excerpt about Jovita Idar from her award-winning book, “Redeeming La Raza: Transborder Modernity, Race, Respectability and Rights”:

“The three eldest Idar children, Clemente, Jovita, and Eduardo, became prominent in public life through journalism. They wrote articles for ‘Texas Women: Their Histories, Their Lives’ and I couldn’t agree more.

While she lived in San Antonio she organized El Club Demócrata within the local Democratic Party, founded a free nursery school, was an interpreter at the Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital, was a leader at La Trinidad United Methodist Church and co-edited and wrote for El Heraldo Cristiano, a publication of the Rio Grande Conference of the Methodist Church.

Brother and sister teamed up to report on the Mexican Revolution and World War I.

During the Mexican Revolution, Federico and his older sisters Jovita and Elvira joined Leonor Villegas de Magnón’s Cruz Blanca (White Cross), a medical organization that traveled with the forces of revolutionary leader Venustiano Carranza.

Like her brothers, Jovita learned to harness and focus her energies and talents at an early age. According to her niece, Nicasio took great pride in his daughter’s intelligence and delighted in her. Nicasio, along with her brothers, sent her to Holding Institute, a school known for its excellence in English language instruction, Nicasio had educated her in the ways of her community.

Jovita Idar depicted by Missouri artist Rori De Rien in her 100 Women series where she drew one influential woman from history every day for 100 days, starting the hashtag #100Women100Days. To purchase prints please visit https://www.giantkittenhead.com/100-days-100-gallery and follow the artist on twitter @RoriComics
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Jovita Idar trained as a teacher and was gifted with excellent teaching skills and instincts. She also became the publisher of a weekly bilingual educational magazine, El Estudiante (The Student), and devoted much of her energy to political journalism and civil rights activism. She played an active role in the Mexicanist Congress as an organizer and president of The League of Mexican Women.

After her marriage to Bartolomé Juárez in 1917, the couple moved to San Antonio where both joined the Democratic Party. Jovita Idar Juárez served as a precinct judge for many years. Few Mexicans served as election officials during the 1920s and 1930s, so for a Mexican American woman to serve as precinct judge was extremely rare. Her commitment to activism superseded her husband’s, who seemed content to stand back and offer moral support. As she had done in Laredo, Nicasio Idar taught his children the dual message of mutualism (helping other Mexicans) and free thought reflected in the Woodrow Wilson administration’s military intervention in Veracruz.

In retaliation, the Texas Rangers set out to destroy the office and printing presses of El Progreso. Jovita was on the newspaper’s staff at the time, and the intrepid writer stood before the Rangers in defiance, daring them to knock her down. The Rangers backed down, but they returned early the next morning to destroy the building and equipment and arrest the workers. According to Aquilino Idar, the Texas Rangers found Manuel García Vigil, beat him severely, put him in jail, and later tried to lynch him. Nicasio Idar, the justice of the peace at the time, contacted a friend, District Judge John F. Mullally, who ordered the release and hospitalization of García Vigil.

Jovita Idar opened a school in San Antonio. She also worked as an interpreter for Spanish-speaking patients in a county hospital and brushed up on her Italian by writing articles for La Voce de la Patria, a San Antonio Italian language newspaper.

Always a devout Methodist, she became active in La Trinidad Methodist Church. She served as conference president of the United Methodist Women and co-edited El Herald Cristiano (The Christian Herald), an organ of the Rio Grande Conference of the Methodist Church. Her views on women and gender reflected a nineteenth century concept of maternal Christian authority. In an article for El Herald Cristiano, Jovita reminded her female readers about their special responsibility as women and as Christian mothers. The home, the church, and the state all formed an important part of universal education, but she argued that the education a child received at home from the mother represented the most important factor.

In addition to providing them with economic resources and superb bilingual education, NicasioIdar further solidified his children’s destinies by actively mentoring them. He devoted much time to the education and edification of each of his nine children.
Millennials May Need to Boost Life Insurance

By Edward Jones

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If you’re a Millennial – born between 1981 and 1996 – you’re either in the very early or relatively early stages of your career, and as the old song goes, you’ve got a lot of living to do. Still, it’s not too soon to think about a financial issue you may have overlooked: the need for life insurance.

Regarding this topic, Millennials need to ask three key questions:

When should I purchase insurance? The answer to this question depends somewhat on your stage of Millennialism. If you’re a young Millennial, perhaps just out of college, single, and living in an apartment, your need for life insurance may not be that great. After all, you may well have other, more pressing financial needs, such as paying off your student loans. But if you’re an older Millennial, and you’ve got a mortgage, a spouse and – especially – children, then you unquestionably need insurance, because you’ve got a lot to protect.

How much do I need? Millennials who own life insurance have, on average, $100,000 in coverage, according to New York Life’s 2018 Life Insurance Gap Survey. But that same survey found that Millennials themselves reported they need coverage worth about $450,000, leaving an insurance deficit of approximately $350,000. That’s a pretty big gap, but of course, these figures are averages and may not apply to your situation. Still, you should know how much insurance you require. You might have heard that you need life insurance worth about seven or eight times your annual salary. And while this isn’t a terrible estimate, it doesn’t apply to everyone, because everyone’s situation is different. A financial professional can look at various factors – your age, your marital status, number of children, size of mortgage, etc. – to help you arrive at an appropriate level of coverage.

Keep in mind, also, that your employer may offer life insurance as an employee benefit. However, it might be insufficient for your needs, especially if you have a family, and it will probably end if you leave your job.

What type of life insurance should I get? Many people initially find life insurance to be confusing, but there are basically two types: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance covers a given time period, such as 10 or 15 years, and provides only a death benefit. It’s generally quite affordable, especially when you’re young and healthy. Permanent insurance, on the other hand, offers a death benefit and a savings component that allows you to build cash value. Consequently, the premiums are higher than those of term insurance. Again, a financial professional can help you determine which type of insurance is most appropriate for your needs.

Thus far, we’ve only been talking about life insurance. But you may also need other types of protection, such as disability insurance, which can replace part of your income should you become ill or incapacitated. And you may eventually want to explore long-term care insurance, which can help cover you for the enormous costs of an extended nursing home stay.

You should at least consider all forms of insurance as part of your overall financial strategy. The future is unknowable – and as a Millennial, you’ve got plenty of future ahead of you.

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12 noon–6PM
Altares in Businesses along Fredericksburg Rd. and North Flores on the Old Spanish Trail

5 PM
Día de los Muertos procession from Deco HEB to the Deco Building

12–10PM - CENTRO CULTURAL AZTLAN
42nd Annual Día de los Muertos “Altares y Ofrendas” Exhibit. “Avenida de los Muertos” Artisan market, food trucks, face painting, pan de muerto, y mas!

6–10PM Live music performances including:
Volcan, I Ching Baños, Juan y Armando Tejeda,
Tallercito de Son, Conjunto Heritage Taller, and NYA!

This event is made possible by the support of the City of San Antonio: Department of Arts and Culture, Texas Commission on the Arts, The National Endowment for the Arts, AKR Foundation, San Antonio Area Foundation, The Jefferson Woodlawn Lake Community Development Corporation, and the many friends of Centro Cultural Aztlán. Special thanks to Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 4, Tommy Calvert and Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 2, Justin Rodriguez.
Por Sendero Deportivo
La onceava fecha de la temporada Veteranos Verano Liga Potranco 2019, registró interesantes resultados, con espectaculares jugadas y beisbolistas destacándose en el terreno de juego. Así como las estrategias de los managers de equipos que estuvieron buscando llevarse la victoria.

En el partido Cachorros de Nava vs. Potosinos, el lanzador Alberto González, lanzando nueve entradas (toda la ruta), se agenció la importante victoria con pizarra de 14 a 4 carreras. Potosinos, tuvo en la lomita de los disparos al abridor Calixto Moreno, seguido por los relevistas Alfredo Obregón y Daniel Amaro. El timonel de Cachorros, Alejandro (Rábano) Becerra y sus coaches Rubén (Alacrán Galindo), y Benito Martínez, realizaron buen plan de juego en la ofensiva y defensiva, lo cual los mantiene firmes en la ofensiva y defensiva, así como a Alberto González, dio crédito a los manteles de Cachorros, también a los relevistas Alfredo Obregón y Daniel Amaro.

Cardenales que dirigían Efrain Cruz Franco y Nacho García, con empate de 3 a 3 carreras, ante el sublíder Red Sox de Pedro Espinoza y René Juárez, por corto tiempo en el cierre del noveno episodio, tuvieron que suspender acciones y quedarse con medio juego a favor respectivamente. Cardenales puso su marca en 5 victorias, 3 derrotas y medio juego a favor. Red Sox, tiene récord de 6-2-1-2. Por Red Sox lanzó Willie Martínez, quien desde la primera entrada fue ayudado por sus compañeros que pusieron en la pizarra las tres carreras. Por Cardenales, el lanzador abridor Heriberto (La Gallina) Bocanegra, tras admitir las tres anotaciones, logró recuperar su trabajo en la lomita de los disparos, cerrando contundentemente el partido que fue ovacionado por seguidores de ambas novenas.

Por Cardenales, el jardineiro (utility), José Concepción (Chón) Rodríguez, en el noveno episodio en su turno al bate con imparable respondió empujando a su compañero Lalo García, quien en sus ganchos logró empatarle el gran partido a los Red Sox. Chón Rodríguez, en su bateo sumó de 4-3, ejecutando perfecto toque de bolar para llegar a la inicial.

“El picheo de Willie Martínez, estuvo a la altura del partido. Red Sox está bien en nuestro plan de juego, así llegaremos a la postemporada mejor descansados y con la vista puesta en ganar nuestro primer campeonato en el playoff final, ya que en las dos últimas temporada nos hemos quedado cortos en la serie (tercer partido), y los rivales nos han superado”, dijo Espinoza.

“Cardenales jugó bien defensiva y ofensiva. Las tres carreras que Red Sox anotó en la primera entrada, nos motivó para ayudarle a nuestro lanzador, cayendo las anotaciones a lo largo de las nueve entradas, anotando una en la segunda entrada. En el cuarto episodio se logró poner la pizarra 3-2. Y la tercera en el noveno inning. Red Sox fue duro rival, pero al final se logró quedarnos con medio juego cada uno”, explicó Nacho García.

En partidos de preparación para la temporada inversonal de Liga Potranco Abierta, los Mineros de Jesús Ramírez Sr., superaron 7-2 a los Dodgers con victoria para el lanzador izquierdo Lee Colón. “Listos para echar la leña al fuego y obtener buenos resultados como siempre”, indicó Ramírez Sr. Águilas (de Veracruz), con el timonel y patrocinador abordo Luis Cerros, doblegaron a Rieleros de JP Reza, con marcador de 6-3. “Águilas, remontara de nuevo el vuelo, para estar presentes en nuestra segunda postemporada aquí en Potranco, donde todos los equipos de nueva cuenta presentaran alineaciones de gran calibre”, dijo Cerros. En las fotos aparecen. Toño García, receptor de Sultanes y Pepe González, ex ligamayorista y cuarto bate de Broncos. Cachorros de Nava, con su manager Rábano Becerra y el lanzador ganador Alberto González (tercero extrema derecha). Luis Cerros, dirigiendo las acciones de Águilas vs. Rieleros. Chón Rodríguez, quien produjo la carrera del empate de Cardenales vs. Red Sox. (Fotos Franco).
Spooktacular Shopping Tips

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Shopping for Halloween should be fun—not terrifying. With so many costume and decoration ideas, it’s hard to choose what to buy, and where to buy it from. According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween spending for 2019 is expected to reach $8.8 billion, with consumers planning to spend an average of $86.27 each.

When it comes to purchasing costumes and other Halloween supplies, 42 percent of shoppers will visit discount stores, 36 percent will visit a Halloween store, and 25 percent will shop online.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) recommends the following tips to avoid getting spooked this Halloween.

Look around your home: Before you head out to your nearest Halloween store, check what items you have in your home. You may find an old costume you can re-purpose, or Halloween decorations you can put out. Doing this will not only help you save money, but you won’t end up with more than you need.

Rent a costume: Some people don’t like the idea of spending a lot of money on a costume that will only be worn once, which is why they look to renting. While renting a costume leaves more room in your budget, know that the costume you may be getting may not be in great shape. Check out the condition of the costume first. Make sure you try it on and note any defects with the owner. Read over the rental agreement carefully and make sure you make note of the rental period.

Always check the return policy: Whether you are shopping in a store or online, always make sure you are clear on the store’s return policy before you buy. Find out how long you must keep your receipt, or what happens if you should lose your receipt. This will help you avoid any mishaps like unwanted items being non-refundable.

Remember: Buying a bunch of stuff with the intent of simply returning it after October 31st is considered fraud.

Shop smart online: When shopping from an online website, the first step is to make sure the URL starts with “https” and includes a lock symbol. The S in “https” stands for secure. Look up the website’s privacy policy and contact information. If it is not clearly listed, or they only have an email as the point of contact, take that as a big red flag and shop elsewhere. Be sure to use your credit card instead which not only provide additional protection, but it’s also easier to dispute a fraudulent charge.

For more safe shopping tips, visit bbb.org.

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New AVANCE Leadership Leads to New Advancements in Pre K Preparation

By M. Teresa Granillo, Ph.D., MSW

In June 2019, AVANCE, Inc. brought on a new CEO to lead the organization’s innovation and expansion efforts. Dr. Teresa Granillo came to AVANCE, Inc. with experience as a research professor and as an executive director in the nonprofit sector, but she was initially drawn to the AVANCE mission by her personal experience. Having grown up in a low-income, single-parent household, Dr. Granillo knows firsthand the impact education has on ending intergenerational poverty.

This past year, across its network of chapter and regional offices and licensees, AVANCE served over 7,000 families. While this is an incredible reach, it represents only a fraction of the much greater need. Dr. Granillo and her team understand that need and are focused on growing the organization’s impact to be able to reach all the parents and young children who could benefit from their evidence-based, culturally responsive programming. To accomplish that type of growth, the AVANCE, Inc. team has been exploring strategic partnerships and innovations, like the use of technology to deliver AVANCE programs to families who live outside current service areas. The organization has also been in talks with other providers and programs in the early childhood education field to see where there is alignment with the AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program (PCEP) and evaluate the possibility of partnerships that make sense for providing holistic services to parents and children across the Nation.

Under Dr. Granillo’s leadership, AVANCE, Inc. is not just bringing innovation to the core Parent-Child Education Program, but also engaging in rigorous evaluation to demonstrate its impact. Previous studies have shown that participation in PCEP increases parent knowledge of early child development, improves parenting skills, and results in better grade school attendance and better third grade reading scores for children. A study conducted by the Intercultural Development Research Association in 2014 also found that PCEP alumni reported higher family income and rates of homeownership after graduating from the program.

Most recently, AVANCE, Inc. has teamed up with Dr. Cynthia Osborn, from the LBJ School at the University of Texas at Austin, to study the impact of PCEP on children’s kindergarten readiness. Dr. Osborn is leading the quasi-experimental study, comparing the academic records of children who participated in AVANCE with their parents to those of children who did not participate in AVANCE. The study is ongoing, but preliminary results show that AVANCE children attended PreK and passed their kindergarten readiness assessment at significantly higher rates than non-AVANCE children.

These findings are critically important, and could not be timelier as school districts across Texas are now required to provide full-day Pre-K. Not all districts are equipped for this type of programming though, and many are looking for partners to help provide high quality early learning opportunities. AVANCE is well-positioned to be that partner and welcomes the opportunity to develop long-term, strategic partnerships with school districts and other early childhood education organizations working toward the same goal: that children are well-prepared when they enter PreK and Kindergarten and that their parents are effectively engaged in their child’s educational journey starting from birth.
I Ain’t Done Yet
Retired Living in San Antonio

By Steve Walker
Steve Walker is a Vietnam Veteran, former Justice of the Peace and Journalist

For over nine years I have been writing, “Just a Thought” and “Ask the Judge.” I will be adding a new dimension, columns that focus on “Ain’t done yet.”

In talking to La Prensa Texas VP Yvette Tello, she suggested I write about living at Madison Estates where I am now a resident. That sounded good to me.

Having been a resident for over two months, I have seen a lot, heard a lot, and experienced a lot, which has been interesting. When my wife, Linda informed me we were moving to Fredericksburg Road at Madison Estates, I reacted like many who moved in long before me. “Moving to an old-folks home? Well first they say it is not an “old-folks home,” but an “Independent Senior Living” facility. Ok I will go with that. But I must point out that many people like myself, don’t see the difference.

Madison Estates is a beautiful compound with five floors and many amenities. Walk down any corridor and the walls are tastefully decorated with beautiful pictures of scenery and historical significance. Tenants are encouraged to display some of their personal artwork.

What has amazed me is how many different activities are offered at my residence. Of course there is bingo, arts and crafts, entertainers performing, and the like. Every Sunday they have an Ice Cream social. Boy does that bring out people to include younger family members.

Movies most nights are shown in the vestibule in front of the dining room where many activities are held every night to include clowns, impersonators, singers, and healthcare providers. Every Friday morning the driver on call takes those who signed up to various field trips. I went on one of those trips to the Quadrangle at Fort Sam Houston, because I had served in the Army on a short tour there. Granted it has changed a lot I still had fond memories of my service at Fort Sam in the 70s.

Recently I had a fall in my apartment and the EMS had to come and take me to the VA’s Audie Murphy emergency room. As luck would have it, Madison Estates was only a few blocks away. 12 hours later I was back in my apartment with a few bumps.

Then there is the dining facility where we are served three meals a day with good wholesome food. My wife doesn’t have to cook but she does on occasion. It is her choice. In fact she has been recruited to participate in a chili cook off. She says she plans to win the cook off!

I almost forgot we have a king size pool for residents and grandchildren and other family as well. We have church services on Sunday, Bible studies, cleaning services once a week, transportation for residents who need to go to doctor’s appointments or anywhere they need to go to include the grocery. You can’t do better than that if you ask me.

By the way, don’t forget, moving to Madison Estates is a positive decision because we “ain’t done yet!”
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