Los tiempos que estamos viviendo son de muchos retos y requieren de unidad y que mejor oportunidad de mostrar unión mediante una iniciativa que nos identifique como Hispanos, y en particular como medios de comunicación para nuestra comunidad. En España y Argentina la prensa se ha unido para mandar un mensaje de fraternidad a sus lectores. La Prensa Texas te acompaña.

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According to President Trump and Politicians, Elders should take one for the team, businesses should be able to bring employees back in a week or two. What do you think? Let’s talk about...

Nina A. Sanchez : “Screw him...I hope he loses this election this time. There are no words to explain our President. He’s really something else. He says all this will be all over by Easter...he wants to open everything by then. “Oh yes Mr. Present, just because YOU said.” It’s like he’s telling people that if you take “this” it will help you from getting it...or him telling people he’s not a medical professional but FDA...they don’t know anything. I can’t believe people are listening to him. The first mistake people made besides electing him as President , was listening to him say that what was going on in China back in January, was a hoax. Now look where we are.”

Darwin Walker : “Sad”

Hope Robinson: “The only way to slow spread is by keeping people separated. Health professionals say too early to predict when. Areas that start isolating early have fewer cases. Besides I don’t have any trust in anything that man says.”

Thomas Me: “I’m shut in until May. The last person I’m listening to is the idiot in charge. Everyone else feel free to do what you want. Boomer Trump supporters go for it, go out, go back to work, go back to crowds.... I’m done trying to educate ignorance. 50k infected in NY and they haven’t even peaked yet.... You think that’s gone in two weeks? Cool story .”

Barbara Mendoza Mead :”Taking words out of context?”

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Bexar County Precinct 4 Commissioner Tommy Calvert Fights Corona Virus with 3D Printers

By Amy Putney

As the COVID-19 outbreak erupts nationwide, and San Antonio begins the first series of shut downs, the office of Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert is being asked to respond to requests for personal protective equipment for first responders. Because shortages can lead to a breaking point in the provision of local healthcare, meeting the needs of hospital staff, and the whole array of local, state, and federal first responders is more important now than ever. Precinct 4 Bexar County Commissioner, Tommy Calvert, has answered the call by reaching out to local 3D Printers to meet the desperate demands of a community in crisis, and now he wants to call for the community to donate plastic and 3D printing materials. A group of 3D printer owners are working free of charge to produce over 500 protective face shields per day for healthcare workers. Commissioner Calvert and the group of 3D printers need plastic and supplies to be dropped off at CanOpener Labs at 1235 Safari Street, San Antonio 78216, or at the Bexar County Fire Marshall’s office at 9810 Southton Road in San Antonio 78223.

Plastic Products brought to either of these locations can be disinfected with ultraviolet lights and taken to the 3D printers.

List of specific donations needed are: 3D Print Filament PLA Filament PETG Filament NYLON Filament ABS Filament 12 Bins Clear 12x12 Clear thin plastic bigger than a foot long

Commissioner Calvert explained, “With schools being closed, we are going to scour the districts to ask for what they could donate from their 3D printers for the personal protective gear of healthcare workers. When it comes to making sure our first responders and medical communities are supplied with the equipment needs, we are now needing the support of the community to literally protect our healthcare first responders.”

Commissioner Tommy Calvert has years of experience working in the world’s worst humanitarian disasters as the former chief of external operations for the American Anti-Slavery Group in Boston, Massachusetts, where he worked to provide food, medicine, and freedom to victims of genocide and slavery in Sudan, Burma, and other world hotspots. He is chairman of the board of the Los Angeles and Tijuana, Mexico based Abolish Slavery Coalition, where under his direction international investigations and relief are conducted to help families that fall victim to poverty, organized crime, and human trafficking.
NON-PROFIT HIGHLIGHT

Servants in Today’s Generation

By Ramon Chapa Jr.

MINISTRY: To minister means to attend to the needs of someone! We are not a church, not religious, we are a 501C3 Non Profit serving humanity!

To minister means to attend to the needs of someone. So a ministry is helping someone. Christian ministry is helping someone in the name of Jesus. Christian ministries are generally orchestrated by a church, but some Christian individuals take it upon themselves to serve their community in the name of Jesus.

GENESIS 1:27
So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR’S OFFICE TO CONTINUE SERVING CITIZENS

By Lisa Anderson

During his nearly eight years in office, Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector Albert Uresti has always taken precautions to protect our citizens and employees at our Tax Office locations. We continue to take measures to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, and this week, we are implementing additional changes to slow down the spread.

“I want to inform our citizens that our Tax Office will continue to operate; however, our lobby will be closed to the general public effective Tuesday, March 24th. We encourage our citizens to use our online and telephone options available to them whenever possible. Taxpayers can also drop off motor vehicle or property tax paperwork needing to be processed in our 24 hour drop-boxes at all four of our locations. Work dropped off by citizens will be mailed back within seven business days. Additionally, we want to remind citizens that our new, three-lane, Southside Drive-Thru, located at 3505 Pleasanton Rd, will be open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. till 6:00 PM and on Wednesdays until 6:30 PM. Our commercial windows downtown will continue to be open as normal to serve our dealers, Full-Service Title Companies, and businesses needing beer and wine permits,” said Albert Uresti, Tax Assessor-Collector.

Property owners are encouraged to pay their taxes by electronic check (free) or credit card (2.10% fee) via the internet at www.bexar.org/tax or by telephone at 1-888-852-3572. Property tax payment arrangements may be made by contacting our office at 210-335-2251 or by emailing your request to taxoffice@bexar.org.

The State has extended the due dates for motor vehicle registrations and title transfers; however, if you desire, you may still mail them with payment to our office or leave them in our drop-boxes for processing. They may also be processed at all Full-Service Title Companies, which are listed on our website. Some registrations may be completed at HEB or online at www.TxDMV.gov.

As always, our mission continues to be “To Help Keep Families In Their Homes with an emphasis on helping our Senior Citizens, our Disabled, our Veterans, and ultimately our Children.”

In closing, “Our thoughts and prayers go out to those persons and families affected by the Coronavirus. May God bless them and your families,” said Albert Uresti.
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Por José I. Franco

Con anticipación la joven mamá Berenice Favela, hizo participó la invitación a familiares y amistades, para que concurrieran a la colorida fiesta del primer cumpleaños de su hijo Jayden Crispín (lo cumplió el 19 de marzo, pero la fiesta le fue ofrecida el sábado 21). Berenice, agradeció el apoyo de sus padres Anel Guerrero y Milton Guerrero, felices abuelitos y de sus bisabuelos, María y Ventura Díaz, Angelia y Guadalupe Guerrero.

Jayden, recibió felicitaciones de sus tíos Melanie, Valerie, Silvia y su orgulloso tío Jorge Maciel, así como de familiares e invitados que le llevaron bonitos regalos de acuerdo a su edad. El tema de la fiesta “Mickey Mouse and Friends”. Por lo que en cada mesa, los invitados pudieron observar y llevase a casa alcancías de yeso con la figura del popular carácter en mención. Los invitados y familiares disfrutaron deliciosa cena y del pastel de cumpleaños, decorado con la imagen de Mickey Mouse. A la vez, le dedicaron el tema “Happy birthday to You”. Debido al cambio de clima (lluvia), se tuvo que cancelar la quiebra de la colorida piñata con la icónica figura del popular ratoncito.

Al final de los festejos Berenice, y su mamá Anel, repartieron coloridas bolsitas conteniendo un excelente surtido de golosinas. Dando punto final, a la apertura de los regalos que invitados y familiares le ofrecieron a Jayden. “Agradecemos las bonitas atenciones que tuvieron para Jayden, los bonitos regalos y su grata compañía”, dijo Berenice. Cabe anotar que los bisabuelos, Ventura Díaz, y don Guadalupe Guerrero, van a apoyar a Jayden, para que practique el deporte del béisbol. Díaz, continúa respaldando partidos internacionales de reconocimiento a beisbolista que escribieron su propia historia en el rey de los deportes, a nivel amateur y profesional. Por su lado el señor Guerrero, también sigue dándole su respaldo al béisbol independiente, especialmente a su equipo favorito Piratas de Sabinas, que bajo el apoyo de sus hijos, y su nieto Brayan Guerrero, y del manager Sergio De Luna, con seis campeonatos ganados ha logrado establecerse como uno de los mejores equipos independientes en el sur de Texas donde continúan imponiendo su dinastía. Felicidades y todo lo mejor para el futuro beisbolista (Jayden Crispín).

En las fotos aparecen: Jayden y su mamá Berenice Favela. Berenice, abriendo los bonitos regalos. Jayden, con sus abuelos Anel y Milton Guerrero, y sus bisabuelos Ventura Díaz y María Díaz. Jayden, en la mesa durante la cena con familiares que lo felicitaron. (Fotos por Franco).
About 20% of Households Have Responded to the 2020 Census Last Week

By Kristina Barrett

The U.S. Census Bureau released the initial response rates for every state, county and city across the nation – 16.7% of households have responded to the 2020 Census since invitations began arriving in mailboxes on March 12.

The 2020 Census response rate map shows how cities and towns across the country are now responding. The map will be updated daily for everyone to see the response rate in their area and compare it to other areas across the nation. The map also shows the comparable response rate from the 2010 Census for each geography.

Earlier this year, the Census Bureau released a downloadable toolkit to help local elected officials and community leaders plan 2020 Census response rate challenges to build awareness of the census and encourage people to respond. Users can compare their community’s 2020 Census response rates to their 2010 Census rates to identify areas where they may need to remind people why it is so important to participate in the census.

In late February, the map launched with 2010 Census response rates as a reference point for states and cities, including down to the census tract level (areas with about 4,000 households). People can now view both 2010 and 2020 Census response rates on the map.

The map only includes data from households that respond to the census online, by phone or by mail, and not those who are counted by a census taker in person. For example, the map does not reflect the people who are being counted through special operations, such as people living in group housing, transitory locations, or remote areas.

Other Map Highlights

Daily updates to response rates for households that have responded to the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail.

The ability to search for response rates for states, cities, counties and census tracts from the 2010 Census and the 2020 Census and compare them in real time.

A heat map color scheme to indicate locations that have higher rates of response.

Background information and instructions for how to use the map and the data presented, including examples of response rate challenges.

An embeddable widget that will allow Response Rate Challenge participants to include the map on their own websites if desired.

Response rate data available in the public API.

Later, census takers will visit households that have not yet responded to collect their responses in person. The response rate map gives a preview of areas where census takers may need to follow up with more households if they do not respond online, by phone or by mail.

2020 Census Response Rate Challenge

To increase response to the 2020 Census across the country, the Census Bureau is challenging communities nationwide to complete the census online, by phone or by mail. The online toolkit includes ideas for community leaders to encourage people to beat their 2010 Census self-response rate.

It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

What is the 2020 Census Response Rate Challenge?

The 2020 Response Rate Challenge is about getting as many people as possible to respond to the census on their own as soon as possible.

Most households in the country will receive invitations to complete the 2020 Census beginning in mid-March. For the first time, you can choose to respond to the census online—in addition to responding by phone or by mail. In May 2020, census takers will begin following up with households that haven’t responded on their own to make sure everyone is counted. Our goal is to get as many people as possible to respond quickly, and on their own, reducing the need for more costly in-person interviews.

Counting everyone in the U.S. requires everyone’s help—and it starts with you and the people in your community responding to the 2020 Census.

Important Dates

- January 2020: The Census Bureau begins counting the population in remote Alaska.
- Mid-March 2020: The Response Rates Map will go live and begin reporting 2020 Census responses. Most households will receive their initial invitations to respond, which will be followed by three additional mailings. People can choose to respond to the census in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.
- April 1, 2020: Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, most households will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Respond based on where you live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020.
- May 2020: Census takers begin visiting homes that haven’t responded to the 2020 Census to make sure everyone is counted. This operation, called “Nonresponse Followup,” will last through July. We will still accept self-responses to the census during this time.
- December 2020: The Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.
- March 31, 2021: By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

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.

Edward R. Roybal

A descendant of one of the original founding families of Santa Fe, N.M., Edward R. Roybal moved to Los Angeles at age 4. After serving in World War II, Roybal became involved with Hispanic discrimination issues. In 1949, Roybal became the first Mexican-American since 1881 elected to the Los Angeles City Council. In 1963, he was elected to the U.S Congress. Roybal worked endlessly on behalf of Latinos. He won approval of the First Federal Bilingual Education Act and led the opposition against the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. After 30 years, Roybal announced that his legacy would continue through his daughter, Lucille Roybal-Allard, who became the first woman of Mexican-American ancestry elected to the U.S Congress.
Invitación para torneo Alamo Soccer Cup 2020

Por Sendero Deportivo
Con el propósito de volver abrir las puertas a torneos regionales, estatales y a nivel nacional, la potente liga Southside Soccer League (SSL-con sede en las canchas La Cantera y Tapatíos Soccer Fields), que es dirigida por Nicolás (Nico) Gaona, director ejecutivo, se logró conformar un selecto comité organizador para echar a rodar la primera edición del Torneo Alamo Soccer Cup 2020. Gaona, recientemente fue entrevistado por La Prensa Texas, encontrándose en compañía de dos excelentes miembros del comité, entre ellos César Martínez “Chicharo”, presidente de la empresa Chicharo’s Sports Fest Promotions con sede en San Antonio ubicada en el sector del centro de diversión SeaWorld. Martínez, en calidad de administrador y mercadotecnia, tendrá especial responsabilidades en la promoción del torneo y otros que están considerados para llevarse a efecto en fechas futuras. Así como de Martín Gómez, quien, desde la creación de SSL, ha venido siendo parte del gran éxito en este sector del balompié regional independiente. Gómez, estará con sus experiencias al frente de la coordinación del torneo, teniendo a Gaona, como el organizador general. La convocatoria ya se hizo pública, mediante los diversos medios sociales y en la edición semanal impresa de La Prensa de Texas, razón por la cual varios directivos y patrocinadores de equipos, se han interesado en su posible participación. Alamo Soccer Cup 2020, en el formato de 11v11, se llevará a cabo los días sábado 2 y domingo 3 de mayo en las canchas del complejo deportivo La Cantera, ubicado en el 8506 Covel Road, en el suroeste de San Antonio. La inscripción (registro por equipo), es de $1,500.00. El equipo que levante la copa en mención, se llevara la jugosa bolsa de $20,000.00. Entre los interesados en participar se encuentran los directivos del club La Piedad FC, su director técnico y jugador Armando Carranza, y el jugador y patrocinador José (Lobo) Romero, propietario de Romero Hauling Services. Ambos indicaron que seguirán buscando opciones para armar un gran equipo de alto nivel. “Este torneo te vendrá a dar oportunidades a la liga para que retornen a San Antonio los buenos torneos a los que anteriormente estábamos acostumbrados en participar y aplaudirlos desde las tribunas”, dijo Romero. Sin embargo ambos, aún no se han comprometido del todo, ya que las actividades deportivas han sido postergadas por las restricciones impuestas en la nación para el control de la epidemia Covid-19. “Antes y durante el torneo tenemos planeado reconocerle su respectiva carrera futbolística a varios individuos que se proyectaron en la práctica y apoyo al fútbol en todos sus niveles. La meta de la Alamo Soccer Cup 2020, es hacerla un evento institucional, con la primera edición será la inauguración de continuación anualmente. También estaremos ofreciendo talleres de capacitación, será un festival de fútbol que deje huella entre la comunidad en el aprendizaje del balompié”, dijo Chicharo Martínez. “El interés de crear un torneo de la categoría Alamo Soccer Cup 2020, fue con base a compartir potencial deportivo y organizativo con otras sedes que realizan torneos anuales. Lo vamos hacer bien, para así darle seguimiento y continuar trabajando a futuro. Tenemos ofrecimientos para superar infraestructura en nuestra sede. Lo cual vendrá a ser una gran ventaja y podamos presentar torneos de relevancia nacional”, apuntó Gaona. “En realidad el torneo Copa Alamo 2020, nos va a ser fácil presentarlo. Ya que tenemos experiencias en las participaciones del pasado, donde logramos remar contra la corriente y saliendo adelante en giras realizadas por Chicago, otras regiones de Texas y en los estados de Coahuila y Nuevo León, México. Volver a revivir el fútbol competitivo para que San Antonio retoque reconocimiento a nivel nacional. Tenemos nivel de juego y esperamos sé nos tomé en cuenta. Alamo Soccer Cup, llegó para quedarse”, explicó Martín Gómez. Para mayores informes, favor de llamar a Nico Gaona, al teléfono (210) 843-3750. En las fotos aparecen: Lobo Romero y Armando Carranza del club La Piedad FC que milita en la categoría Primera Especial. César (Chicharo) Martínez, Martín Gómez y Nicolás Gaona, tres directivos del comité organizador Copa Alamo 2020. Acción en el futbol dominical en el campo 1 del complejo deportivo La Cantera. Nota de última hora. Gaona, dijo que al parecer a como vayan sucediendo las cosas en el control de la epidemia Covid-19, decidirán si se lleva a efecto el torneo en las fechas propuestas o se llegara a un acuerdo de posponerlo para una fecha adecuada y sin restricciones. (Fotos por Franco)
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