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Are We Doing All We Can Do?

By Yvette Tello
I just spoke to a Director at Haven for Hope. I asked how many confirmed cases they have had of the coronavirus. There are 1700 people on this campus. Not one! I was in disbelief and so happy to hear this. They credit this to following COVID protocol that has been put in place by the CDC, the Mayor and the County Judge and they require every person entering the campus to have their temperature checked. Any person with a fever will be denied entry and sent to Centromed to be tested and cleared for re-entry. They also give everyone entering a mask to wear while on campus. They have had to relocate 300 people to a local hotel in order to practice social distancing throughout the campus. Knowing this, do you think social distancing works? Do you think masks make a difference? Or do you think it’s just time for us to get back to normal, open the city up, and learn to live with this virus? Let’s talk about it.

Lila A’Giza: “Mask and just clean hands properly and don’t be out unless necessary. At least for another month but heck that has not been followed since it was ordered. Now, I see people hanging out together, parties, kids playing with other kids that don’t live in the home; like “I’m just gonna go ahead and pretend there’s not a full blown virus actively spreading? You would be surprised if how many people asked me over to a get together. I’m like “huh?” No, I can’t do all that just yet. One of them even got mad at me”

Yvette Elizabeth: “I was thinking of going home in July to visit but...my girlfriend that works for a hospital in SA texted me to say they have admitted 11 positive covid19 patients. With that said, I’m rethinking traveling this summer. Ugh! Right decision or not, I think this craziness will affect us all for a while. And now we have to worry about hornets”

Jeff Hull: “In all honesty, from the perspective of someone who lived there for 4 months. I wouldn’t trust their word.”

Sally Keen: “According to recent data collected in NY, Cuomo said 66% of new cases reported they stayed at home, 18% were in nursing homes, and most were black & Hispanic”

Jesus Tello: “I talked to several people that feel it’s time to open up. They are white. The hispanics that I talked to say hell no it’s not time.”

Judith Scheidt Tello: “It’s damned if you do or damned if you don’t dilemma. We are all tired, worried, scared to death to venture out of our homes...At least Jim and I are afraid to go out because of our underlying medical issues, and a disabled family member to worry about. We keep seeing the cases and deaths go up, and it’s going to continue because there is no vaccine, and there are still people out there that don’t care about the costs they’ll make. I’m praying for everyone and grateful for the heros (nurses, doctors, food bank, grocery store workers etc) that’re laying their lives on for the rest of us. We pray everyday for a cure!”
By Dr. Ricardo Romo

This year Latinos are celebrating Mothers’ Day in highly troubling times. The Covid-19 Pandemic is one of the greatest American health and economic crises of the last 100 years. The nation’s death toll exceeds 70,000 and unemployment levels are nearly equal to those of the Great Depression era.

For mothers who work, being on the job, in addition to homeschooling responsibilities and constant child care demands, has placed unprecedented physical and mental burdens on them.

While many Americans are suffering from job losses, many Latina mothers continue to supply our nation’s homes with food, and to supply the labor in the essential employment sectors. Nonetheless, Latinas working in the service, warehousing, food, and other essential industries have a daily fear of going to work. They have every reason to be worried. Latinos and Black Americans are now the most vulnerable of all ethnic groups to become a victim of Covid-19, and their death toll supersedes that of white Americans.

My mother, Alicia Saenz Romo, experienced several crises in her lifetime. She lived through two of the worst eras in American modern history. She was a young child during the Great Depression, a time when more than half of America lost their jobs. Poverty rates reached unbearable levels. She came of age when Nazis invaded Europe, and war with Japan sent her husband to the Pacific war front.

Mom had an incredible work ethic. Alicia Romo raised five children and worked outside the home nearly every day of her life. My mom guided us during difficult times and gave us all great counsel as we moved from childhood to adulthood. She never missed an opportunity to help her family and always found time to praise her children. She lived a life dedicated to her children, her work, her friends, and her faith.

My mom, Alicia Romo, was born in 1921 in the Westside of San Antonio. Her parents came to Texas in 1901 to work in the ranches of South Texas. Her dad worked with horses and her mom cleaned houses and cooked. In the 1920s they gave up rural life and moved to San Antonio.

There was nothing easy about growing up in this era, but the Great Depression years in San Antonio were especially hard. Alicia Romo, her parents, and her nine siblings, all lived their entire lives in San Antonio’s Westside. Once her siblings married, they moved to a half dozen neighborhoods, which meant we saw some of her family frequently, but not all the time.

Mom wanted to make sure we saw as much of her cousins and aunts from the Saenz family as we saw of the Romo family. She had her work cut out for her. There were thirty-eight Romos within two blocks of my home on Monterey Street. My dad’s parents and four brothers and sisters lived very close—so close it was almost a compound, and we grew up with those cousins.

As a child my mom experienced lots of love, but her family had very little money. She left school at age eleven to help boost the family income. She shelled pecans, and in the spring and summer months, went with her dad and other sisters to pick cotton. As a young teenager, she entered the workforce as a seamstress. In her spare time she helped her mother run a small mom and pop grocery store.

My mom married at age twenty, four years after meeting my dad in the cotton fields of South Texas. When my dad went into the service, she helped her parents in their small grocery store while raising two children. She helped my dad start a small grocery business when he returned from the Army Air Corp.

She stayed active in the grocery business while raising five children. In the late 1960s my parents closed their store after twenty years of operation and began construction of a restaurant on Highway 281 South. Mom had a sixth grade education, but helped to design the building, insisting, for example, on the addition of arches along the restaurant entrance similar to ones she had seen in Mexico. Her restaurant, La Cabana, was sold this year after 49 years of ownership by the family.

My mother strongly believed in self improvement and constantly strived to enhance her restaurant. She had an amazing memory and could remember and reconstruct dishes her mom prepared 40 years earlier, as well as dishes she had sampled in restaurants over her lifetime. She never used a recipe but could measure her ingredients by instinct.

Her talent for running a successful restaurant came down to three simple rules: prepare fresh and tasty food for your customers; treat all the customers with respect; and never spend more money than you make. For 25 years we did not celebrate Mother’s Day because she cooked for her customers, and Mother’s Day was a popular day at her restaurant. She spent the day in the restaurant kitchen preparing special dishes for her customers, many who came on a weekly basis.

Mom especially valued education, perhaps because she had to abandon her studies to help contribute to her family finances. She made sure her children all finished high school and attended college. She set aside her fear of flying to attend our son’s graduation ceremony from Stanford; and jumped for joy when our daughter earned a PhD from Harvard.

Mom passed away in 2010 at the age of 89. She was a role model for me, her children, grandchildren, and her friends. She cared for us and taught us much about work and life. I think about her every day, but especially on Mother’s Day.

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Romo’s Grocery Store on Guadalupe Street—co-founded by Henry and Alicia Romo
Alicia Saenz Romo in her early 20s. Alicia and Henry Romo, Sr. with their children in front of their restaurant.
La Cabana Mexican Restaurant on Hw. 281 South designed by Alicia Romo
Happy Mother’s Day
Amelia J. Duran
Feliz Dia de Todas las Madres

La Prensa Texas would like to share a special message of love and gratitude to the mother of our publication, Amelia “Millie” Duran. Thank you for your support and inspiration. You always remind us of our mission to preserve the legacy of your family.

We would like to extend a message of love and gratitude to all the mothers of our city: To all the mamás, abuelas, tías and sisters who support our lives and provide us with so much love, guidance and warmth. Thank you for being there and taking care.

This holiday comes at a time of crossroads where we can always depend on the guidance of the maternal figures in our lives. Let us celebrate our madres, the ultimate artists, creating life.

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Kathy Sosa reinvented herself when she stepped off the fast track of the advertising world and moved, with her husband Lionel Sosa, to a small town south of San Antonio, Texas. The couple re-created a classic Texas farmhouse and turned an existing workshop on the property into a painting studio for Lionel, where artistic friends and family regularly joined in for artistic practice and study.

Tired of merely watching the group paint, Kathy picked up a paintbrush for the first time at age 45. Soon after, she began studying with renowned portrait artist Nelson Shanks at Studio Incamminati in Philadelphia. In 2006 she began experimenting with a form of mixed media portraiture, which combined her oil portraits with textiles and wallpapers from her extensive collection.

In 2006, she was commissioned by the Texas Conference for Women to do a portrait of keynote speaker Martha Stewart, to whom the artist personally presented the work.

In 2007 Sosa began to explore the artistic expression of mestisaje, the blending of peoples, races, ethnicities, languages, ideas, habits and cultures that characterizes the Texas-Mexico border region that has been her home since childhood. She received national recognition for the result of that passion, the traveling exhibition “Huipiles: a Celebration,” which debuted at the Mexican Cultural Institute in Washington, D.C. as part of the Smithsonian Latino Center’s 2007 summer season “Mexico at the Smithsonian” before traveling to the Museo Alameda in San Antonio in 2008. 2009 saw Sosa’s one woman show at San Antonio’s Blue Star Contemporary Art Space. Her work has been featured on CNN, in FiberArts Magazine, in Skirt!, San Antonio Woman, Country Lifestyle, Destinations, and is available in San Antonio through AnArte Gallery.

The title of the Cover Art is “Goddesses Contemplating La Cultura On My Mind”

AnArte Gallery has relocated to suite 202 next to Soluna.
AVISO DE RECIBO DE SOLICITUD E INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO DE AIRE

SOLICITUD Navistar San Antonio Manufacturing LLC, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Texas (TCEQ) por la
Emisión del Permiso 161083


Esta solicitud se presentó a TCEQ el 23 de abril de 2020. La aplicación estará disponible para su visualización y copia en la oficina central de TCEQ y en la oficina regional de TCEQ San Antonio, 14250 Judson Road, San Antonio, Condado de Bexar, Texas, a partir del primer día de publicación de este aviso. El archivo de cumplimiento de la instalación, si existe, está disponible para revisión pública en la oficina regional de San Antonio del TCEQ.

El director ejecutivo ha determinado que esta solicitud esta administrativamente completa y realizará una revisión técnica de esta solicitud.

COMENTARIO PÚBLICO / REUNIÓN PÚBLICA Puede enviar comentarios públicos, o solicitar una reunión pública o una audiencia de caso impugnado a la Oficina del Secretario Principal a la dirección listada a continuación. La TCEQ considerará todos los comentarios públicos al desarrollar una decisión final sobre la solicitud. Después de la fecha límite para comentarios públicos, el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos.

El propósito de una reunión pública es brindar la oportunidad de enviar comentarios o realizar preguntas sobre la solicitud. Se llevará a cabo una reunión pública sobre la solicitud si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interés público en la solicitud, si lo solicita una persona interesada o si lo solicita un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

Una vez completada la revisión técnica de la solicitud, el director ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador de permiso y emitirá una decisión preliminar sobre la solicitud. El Aviso de Solicitud y la Decisión Preliminar para un Permiso de Calidad del Aire se publicarán y enviarán por correo a quienes hicieron comentarios, presentaron solicitudes de audiencia o están en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. Ese aviso contendrá la fecha límite final para enviar comentarios públicos.

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Restaurant Owners Serve the Community at Haven for Hope

By Yvette Tello

Owners/Operators Maria Acosta and Luis Acosta of McDonald’s franchise and their team delivered 300 breakfast meals to Haven for Hope Shelter Staff last week to thank them for their dedication and for being on the front lines during this pandemic. Serving the staff was Maria Acosta, Luis Acosta, President Carlos Rodriguez of Ronald McDonald House, Supervisors and Manager from Blanco, and San Pedro Jesus Terrazas, Richard Gonzalez, Heather Arriola and Joann Casteneda.

Due to Haven for Hope COVID protocol, they required every person entering the campus to have their temperature checked. Any person with a fever, would be denied entry. They also gave everyone entering a mask to wear while on campus. In the boardroom, there was a kitchen area where staff came through the line one at a time and Acosta team passed out food to them practicing social distancing. Haven for Hope practices social distancing throughout the campus so the line was staggered.

Maria Acosta shared that at this time, each employee is given a free meal before or during their shift. Then, at the end of their shift, they are sent home with meals for the entire family. During the time they were serving, an employee of Haven for Hope came in to share a very inspirational story: She was homeless for 4 years. During this time, she lived in the desert and had no one; no one except McDonald’s that gave her a means of communication to the world.

Every morning, she would go in and they would give her a free cup of coffee and allow her to use their wifi. They never ran her off or treated her badly. She said because she was able to use the wifi, she was able to access resources to get her the help she needed. She has now been employed for 5 years by Haven for Hope. Maria and her team were so touched by her story. We were all covered up with masks but their eyes said it all.

La Prensa Texas would like to thank the Acosta family and McDonald’s for all they do for our community.

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