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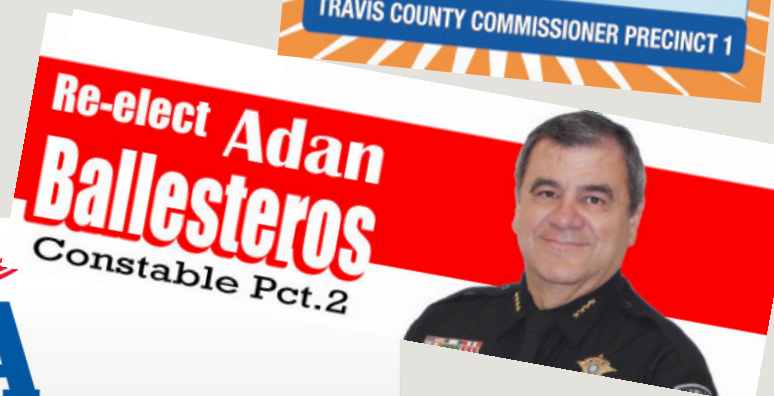
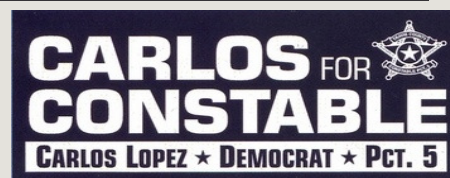
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Dolores Huerta To Receive Presidential Medal

President Barack Obama named **Dolores Huerta** as one of the thirteen new recipients of the **Presidential Medal of Freedom**. The Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

Dolores Huerta is a civil rights, workers', and women's advocate. With **Cesar Chavez**, she co-founded the **National Farmworkers Association** in 1962, which later became the **United Farm Workers of America**. Huerta has served as a community activist and a political organizer, and was influential in securing the passage of **California's Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975**, and disability insurance for farmworkers in **California**.

In 2002, she founded the **Dolores Huerta Foundation**, an organization dedicated to developing community organizers and national leaders. In 1998, **President Clinton** awarded her the **Eleanor Roosevelt Award** for Human Rights.

People in the News



Edna Ramon Butts Named to Top Position in AISD

The **Austin Independent School District** has named **Edna Ramon Butts** as the new **Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Policy Oversight**.

Butts has served as **General Counsel** and **Senior Policy Advisor** for **Sen. Kirk Watson** for more than five years, monitoring and developing policy in the areas of public and higher education, as well as immigration, housing and jurisprudence.

"Edna Butts brings rich and varied experience in state government to her new role," Superintendent Meria Carstarphen said. "She will be an asset to the district in her efforts to expand relationships and activities with local, state and federal entities in support of public education." **Butts** will officially start on Monday, May 21.

"I look forward to working with the district's General Counsel and others at AISD to help fulfill the district's mission as a public education institution," Butts said. She earned both her bachelors and law degree from **The University of Texas at Austin**.



Dr. Enrique Solis Tapped to be ACC Interim Provost

The **Austin Community College** has announced the appointment of **Dr. Enrique Solis** as the college's interim provost, effective mid-May. This fall, **ACC** will begin the process of filling this academic leadership role on a permanent basis.

Dr. Solis is currently a visiting professor and interim chair of occupational education at **Texas State University in San Marcos**. Previously he was a visiting professor at **Texas A&M University Corpus Christi** from 2002 to 2009.

Dr. Solis holds bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry and a Ph.D. in education management and development with an emphasis in research methods from **New Mexico State University**. He has been a member and officer of numerous local, state, and national organizations, including the **College Board** and the **National Community College Hispanic Council**. He is a senior fellow of the **Mexico-America Solidarity Foundation**.



Acosta Wins Two Awards at Los Angeles Festival

Austin based writer **Belinda Acosta** won two awards at the **Los Angeles Festival of Books** on April 21st, 2012. Her books, *Damas, Dramas, and Ana Ruiz* and *Sisters, Strangers, and Starting Over* were first place winners at this year's **Latino Books into Movies** Competition.

The awards were handed out April 21, at the **LA Festival of Books**. **Acosta** use to write for the **Austin Chronicle** and is a 1997 graduate of **The University of Texas at Austin**.



Villafaña Expands Her Media Moves Operation

If you like to keep who with who is entering and who is leaving the media job market across the United States, **Veronica Villafaña** is the one to keep your eye on.

An award winning journalist who has worked as an on the air reporter in Spanish and English language television, she knows the industry. Her website, **Mediamoves.com**, provides a daily update of what is going on in the print, radio and television industry.

Recently she added a free weekly newsletter. **Media Moves Wrap** will provide readers with a summary of the week's top stories about Latinos working in the media, as well as issues that affect our industry. The newsletter will be sent out on Friday morning, starting April 27.

Villafaña served as the President of the **National Hispanic Journalist Association** from 2004 to 2006. She founded **Media Moves** in June of 2007. She earned her bachelors degree in Journalism from the **Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina**.

For those wishing to appear in this People in the News section, contact the editor via email. Don't be shy about letting people know what you are doing. If you won't tell your own story, who will?



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Pensamientos

Este mes de mayo esta lleno de actividades. Pues como ya saben todos, volvemos a celebrar el cinco de mayo. This celebration which seems to be more popular in the **United States** than in **Mexico**, has been going on since the 1800s. Some of the earliest known celebrations include a reference in the minutes of the **Tucson** school district where mention is made that the schools will be closed on May 5th and 6th for the Mexican celebration of **Cinco de Mayo**. This was in 1910.

Our Cinco de Mayo story this year comes in the form of a guest piece submitted by the **California** based writer **Raul Lowery-Contreras**. **Mr. Lowery-Contreras** offers a fast paced account of the dynamics between the U.S and Mexico and President Linclons's point man during the unfolding of the events surrounding the French invasion of **Mexico**.

Cambiando de tema

Also on tap this month is a recognition event to honor former **Austin Mayor Gus Garcia** for his pioneering efforts to help bring Mexicanos into the

mainstream of la politica. **Mr. Garcia** has been and continues to be an influential member of the community whose wise counsel of sought out by many.

The **US Hispanic Contractors Association**, **Brisa Communications** and **Hermanos De East Austin** are proud to host this luncheon on Wed., May 9th, 11:30am-1pm at the **Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center**. This month marks the 40th anniversary that **Gus Garcia** became the first Latino elected to the **Austin Independent School District (AISD) Board of Trustees**.

On pages 6 and 7, you will find commentary from **Gus Garcia**, **Gilbert Martinez** and **Buddy Ruiz**, who were activists during that time. Their comments help to provide a flavor of what the thinking was more than forty years ago and they all worked to bring the Mexican forward.

Cambiando de tema

Other celebrations taking place this year include the 50th anniversary of the founding of the **United Farm Workers**

Union out in **California**. **Cesar Chavez** visited **Austin, Texas** many times and the union enjoyed strong support during the days of the grape and **Gallo Wine** boycotts. For more information on this event visit the **UFW** website on the internet.

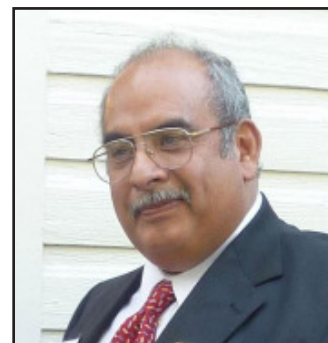
Cambiando de tema

And last but not least with regard to celebrations is the coming together for the last time of the activists and candidates who ran under the banner of **La Raza Unida Party**. Many of the candidates who are still alive are now in their 70s and 80s. This event will take place at **Mexitas Restaurant** located at 12th and IH-35 in **Austin, Texas** on July 6th and 7th, 2012. More information about the program and events is forthcoming.

Cambiando de tema

On page 15 of this issue of **La Voz**, you will find a candidate overview of those Hispanics who are running in the May 29th, 2012 primary. According to our count, there are 19 who will appear on the ballot. The big question is whether

Editorial



Alfredo R. Santos c/s
Editor & Publisher

Congressman Lloyd Doggett can beat back challenges from two Latinas. With the majority of the voting precincts located in Bexar County, (100 out of 177), some are saying that **Doggett** has his work cut out for himself. But the fact that two Spanish surname women are competing against each other and **Doggett** in the same race could be the factor that gives him an edge.

On the Cover

As is our practice during the election season, we have put together a collage of candidate's artwork on the cover in the hopes of getting people to realize that it's time to take the opportunity and go vote.

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On this Doce de Mayo (Election Day), with this same spirit and determination, we can reshape Austin City Hall and end the grip of powerful special interests at the ballot box. Join me as we lead the charge! ¡Su voto es su voz!



Dominic "Dom" Chavez for Austin City Council

Early Voting ends on Tuesday, May 8. Election Day is May 12.

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Net Migration from Mexico Falls to Zero—and Perhaps Less



The largest wave of immigration in history from a single country to the **United States** has come to a standstill. After four decades that brought 12 million current immigrants—

—more than half of whom came illegally—the net migration flow from **Mexico** to the **United States** has stopped—and may have reversed, according to a [new analysis](#) by the **Pew Hispanic Center** of multiple government data sets from both countries.

The standstill appears to be the result of many factors, including the weakened U.S. job and housing construction markets, heightened border enforcement, a rise in deportations, the growing dangers associated with illegal border crossings, the long-term decline in **Mexico's** birth rates and changing economic conditions in **Mexico**.

"We don't know whether the wave will resume, but we do know that the current standstill is more than just a temporary pause," said **Paul Taylor**,

director of the **Pew Hispanic Center**, a project of the **Pew Research Center**. *"Net migration from Mexico has been at zero—and perhaps less—since 2007."* "Heightened enforcement of immigration laws has made it more difficult, expensive and dangerous for Mexicans to try to enter the U.S. illegally," said **Jeffrey Passel**, senior demographer at the **Pew Hispanic Center**. *"In addition, the sluggish U.S. economy has weakened the jobs magnet, and changing demographics in Mexico have reduced the pool of potential migrants."*

The report is based on the Center's analysis of data from five different Mexican government sources and four U.S. government sources. The Mexican data come from the Mexican Decennial Censuses (Censos de Población y Vivienda), the Mexican Population Counts (Conteos de Población y Vivienda), the National Survey of Demographic Dynamics (Encuesta Nacional de la Dinámica Demográfica or ENADID), the National Survey of Occupation and Employment (Encuesta Nacional de Ocupación y Empleo or ENOE), and the **Survey on Migration at the Northern Border of Mexico** (Encuesta sobre Migración en la Frontera Norte de México or EMIF-Norte).

Albert Gonzales for Travis County Commissioner Pct. 3

Hi Friends and Supporters.

I need your support and help to unseat the current so called Democrat Precinct 3 Commissioner.

Since she took office our traffic problems have tripled due to her indecisiveness to making the tough decisions. She is also unwilling to compromise – sound familiar, it's what Republicans are doing in Washington. **We need to keep in mind Karen Huber was a Lifelong Republican who changed clothing to a Democrat in 2008 knowing it was going to be an Obama Democrat year, even Republican Gerald Daugherty agrees, whom she supported before.**

Traffic is still upsetting drivers at the “Y” and now also at a neighborhood street which has become a thoroughfare upsetting my neighbors and me who live on or off Brodie Lane. The county has spent millions of dollars for the right of way for SW 45 and she just abandoned, backing off on her commitment to the Brodie Lane area neighborhoods to relieve the congestion. She's been labeled a “**TOLLER**” because of her anti-citizen stances on the CAMPO Board. She's also isn't opposing the upcoming tolling of the future managed lanes of MoPac, leading to millions of dollars in profits to private companies leading to a double taxation to the residents of Travis County. MoPac has been “**PAID FOR**” by the taxpayers and they do not approve of being taxed again with toll fees. **Has she fought against it? No she hasn't!**

She has ignore our priority issue the “**TRAFFIC CONGESTION**” which she promised to solve and hasn't. Now she's jump to “**WATER ISSUES**” as her priority issue of the day. Water issues need addressing **but we have major leaks which need plugging in traffic right now!** We'll get to the water issues in the near future when we plug the current leaks – **TRAFFIC CONGESTION!**

Also not to mention all the taxpayers dollars abatements giveaways she's approved to multi-billion dollar companies recently to Apple and The Formula Race Track with no job creations guarantees for Travis County residents.. She has also approved spending **\$21,000,000** for a new county building lot which will cost an additional **\$400,000,000** to build. **We have traffic congestion priorities which need to be resolved first, let take care of our current high priorities needs FIRST!**

I am asking for your help and support to getting elected and truly represent the residents of Travis County. Helping me raise \$10,000 -\$15,000 will be enough to inform the residents to vote for me as their true “Pro-Citizen Commissioner and the undeniable True Blue Democrat.” If we can meet the goal we can win this election.

Thank You Very Much and feel free to call me anytime.....Albert

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Remembering When the Chicano Movement Started in Austin, Texas

Buddy Ruiz Recalls:

Andy Ramirez and I hung out together. We were **East Austin** boys and we became good friends. He is the one who actually prompted me to run for city council. At the time I was chairman of the **Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations (PASSO)**. So **Andy** calls me and asks, *"When are we going to start doing something about defining our own destiny? When are we going to start getting Chicanos to run for office."* I said, *"Let's do it today. Let's see how many people we can get together at **Matt Martinez's** restaurant on East Avenue."*



So what **Andy** and I did was call the business people that we knew. That included, **Mr. Martinez, Roy Velasquez**, and **Mr. Mendez** from the pharmacy.

So we had a meeting there at **Mr. Martinez's** place on a Thursday night. The pitch we made to these businessmen was, *"When are we going to start identifying leaders that can run and represent East Austin, where we were from?"* Their response was pretty much that they didn't want to run for fear of a backlash from the Gringo banks and the Gringo politicians. Then they said, *"Instead of getting us to run, why don't you run?"* They were looking at me. I said, *"because I am just a 25 year old college student at the UT with no real world credentials other than I am a homie from the neighborhood."*

I briefly spoke to **Andy** and said *"O.K., look, for now, because the deadline is approaching I will file for city council. But what I want everyone here to think about is not just one Chicano filing but another one. I will be more than happy to give up my position to somebody who has more experience, is more well known and has a great reputation as a businessman."* Nobody wanted to move forward. They were all scared. And the rest of it is history. But they did help me financially when I ran in 1968.

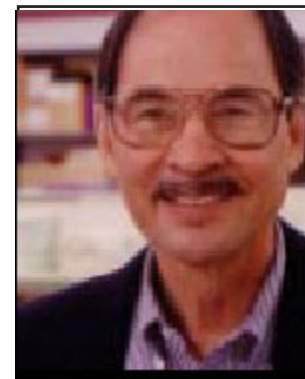
Interview on November 28, 2008 in Austin, Texas

Gilbert Martinez Recalls:

In 1960, before the **John F. Kennedy** campaign, I along with **Gus Garcia, Roy Velasquez** and several other folks organized voter registration drives. We did it because there were very few Mexican Americans who were registered to vote, and during the election, very few of them even showed up to vote. In our most successful year we registered about 5,000 people. We would register people on Saturdays, Sundays after mass at the Catholic Churches and even at the dances that were held around town.

Now you have to remember, that back then people had to pay to register to vote. It was called the poll tax and it was \$1.50. So many times we had to help people out financially because they just didn't have the money to register to vote. They wanted to vote, but they just didn't have the dollar and a half to spare. I remember at that time **Frito**, not **Frito-Lay**, just the **Frito Company**, had about 400 Mexican American workers right there on **Nueces** and **West 3rd**. We would go and catch them during the coffee breaks and register them to vote.

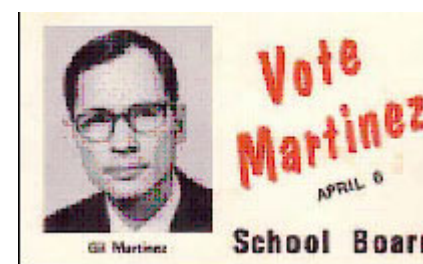
In 1968 there was still a group of us who were active in the community and there was a school board election coming up. One of those in our group was **Paul Tovar**. Somehow we had decided he was going to run for school board. We used to have the meetings over at the **Matamoros Restaurant**. About two nights before the filing deadline, **Paul** calls me. He says, *"I don't think I live in the district. I live on Riverside Farms Drive. I saw a Del Valle school bus pass by my house."* I



said, *"Oh my God, we better check this!"* So the next day we checked and sure enough he lives on the wrong side of the road. He lives in the **Del Valle School District**. He's not qualified to run. What in the hell are we going to do? So we held a meeting that night. We looked for somebody else to run and nobody wanted to step forward. So the group put pressure on me. And I said let me call me boss.

Now at that time, I was 28 years old and I worked nights at the post office. So I called my boss and told him I was thinking of running for the school board and would there be any problem with my job? He said no, to go ahead and run but just understand that if the job at the school board comes in conflict with your job here at the post office, your job comes first. I said, *"I understand."* And that is how I ran for the school board here in **Austin, Texas**.

When I was running for the school board back in 1968, **Dr. George Sanchez**, a Professor from **The University of Texas** invited me to his house and gave me some good ideas about education. He was the first one who told me that all of the streets in **Austin** that run North and South are named after the rivers of the state. He also gave me some insight into how things worked here in **Austin**. I ran for school board and I came in second place. That was my first run for public office.



Interview on November 28, 2008 in Austin, Texas

Both of these interviews appear in the Austin Hispanic Almanac: www.austinhispanicalmanac.com

Recordando Cuando Empezo El Movimiento en Austin

Gus Garcia Recalls

The **Economy Furniture** was kind of like a watershed, a water mark item in **Austin**. It galvanized the **Austin** community. **Richard Moya** came out of that experience, you know. **Richard**, is one of the best politicians, if not the best politician in this city. You can disagree with him. You can do whatever you want, but you can't deny the fact that he's a very good politician.

Out of that experience also came the **Human Opportunities Corporation** which was the War on Poverty agency. **Gonzalo Barrientos**, **John Trevino**, **Buddy Ruiz**, **Richard Moya**, **Paul Tovar**, **Jesse Torres**, **Mike Guerrero**, and **James Ramirez** were all part

of that movement. And, nobody was looking at the school district except **Gilbert Martinez**. And so **Gilbert** came... he was the first Hispanic to make a serious race in this county ever. He ran for the school board in '68, at a time when in order to win a seat for the school board, you only had to win a plurality.

So, four people ran. **Gilbert** came in second. The guy who came in first, didn't get a majority, but he won. The other two said, *"If we had known that, we would have, we would've gotten out so that Gilbert would have gotten in."* Because they wanted to have a Hispanic on there. They were



Gus Garcia, 1974

embarrassed about the fact that no Hispanic was on anything.

Along came 1970, and, **Edna Canino**, who is a lawyer in **Dallas** now, was married to a Puerto Rican guy by the name of **Robert Canino**, active in **LULAC** and

other things, she ran, and she lost. **Richard Moya** also ran in 1970. He along with **Paul Tovar**, and the guy who was the incumbent, ran for County Commissioner. **Moya** won that race. (There) is a long history about that particular race. But, anyway, the long and the short is that **Richard** won. And, he was the first Hispanic ever elected to anything in **Austin** or **Travis County**.

In 1971 there had been some discussion about, you know, representation of Blacks, African-Americans and Hispanics on the city council. And, they had asked for single member districts. Well, they didn't get single member districts. What they got was this thing called the Gentleman's Agreement.

They expanded the council from five to seven. Place 5 became the Hispanic seat. Place 6 became the African-American seat. And, they decided to elect the mayor by direct vote because before that the mayor was, was selected by the council. That's when **Roy Butler** got elected mayor. He jumped from the school board to the city council.

John Treviño then ran for office again in '73, but he lost. The African-Americans, the business community got together and selected this IBM executive by the name of **Roy Hancock**. They put him to run in Place 6. So, they had


a person on the city council before we did. And, what happened to us was we did not want anybody anointing anybody. We didn't want anybody, especially the Anglo community, the powerful community, to tell us, *"This is the guy that is going to serve."* So in '73 we tried and lost. But in '75. **Johnny Treviño** finally won.

In the interim between '71 and '75, in '72, **Gonzalo** and I ran. **Gonzalo** ran for the legislature. At that time it was a countywide district with four reps and **Gonzalo** ran at large in **Travis County** and lost. I won my race for the school board because I had put together a coalition of students and liberals and Hispanics and African-Americans.

I ran and won. I beat an incumbent. I'll never forget. I called my brother to tell him that I was going to run and he said, *"Who are you running against?"* I said, *"I am running against Desmond Kidd."* *"Desmond Kidd?"* he asked **Desmond Kidd** was the star sprinter for the **University of Texas**. I said, *"Paco, we are not running a hundred yard dash."* I said, *"We are running for the school board."* And, I beat him. Very popular incumbent. Very nice guy.

Source: Interview by Jose Angel Gutierrez for the Tejano Voices Project at the University of Texas at Arlington on June 20, 1998 in Austin, Texas.

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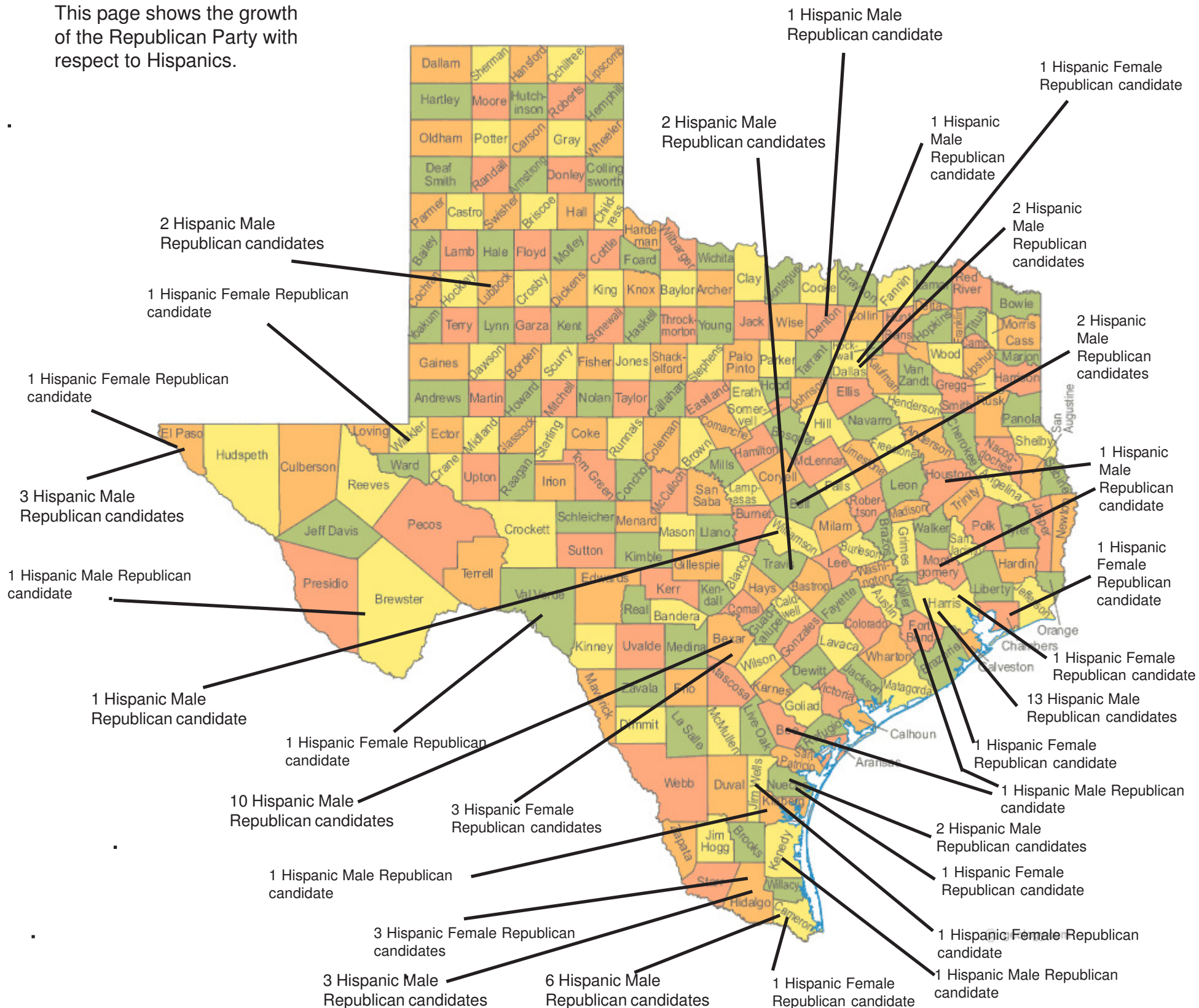
AUSTIN SCHOOL BOARD PLACE 7 APRIL 1, 1972

My Name is Gus Garcia. I am a Hispanic man. I am a father. I am a teacher. I am a community leader. I am a person who is committed to the betterment of our community. I am a person who is committed to the betterment of our school system. I am a person who is committed to the betterment of our city. I am a person who is committed to the betterment of our state. I am a person who is committed to the betterment of our country.

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This page shows the growth of the Republican Party with respect to Hispanics.



Statewide Candidate Profile

Table # 1
2012 Primary Candidates
by Party and Spanish Surname

	Democrat	Republican	
Spanish Surname	729	87	816
Non-Spanish Surname	1,038	1,113	2,151
TOTAL	1,767	1,200	2,967

Note: Some of the smaller, rural counties did not submit their lists electronically and may not be in this count.

Table # 3
Democratic 2012 Primary Candidates
by Spanish Surname and Gender

	Spanish Surname	Non - Spanish Surname	
Female	138	184	322
Male	591	854	1,445
TOTAL	729	1,038	1,767

Note: Some of the smaller, rural counties did not submit their lists electronically and may not be in this count.

Table # 5
Democratic Hispanic Candidates
Running in 2012 by Incumbency and Gender

	Incumbent	Non Incumbent	
Male	235	356	591
Female	70	68	138
TOTAL	305	424	729

Note: Some of the smaller, rural counties did not submit their lists electronically and may not be in this count.

Table # 1 shows that a total of 2,967 candidates are on the ballot for the Texas primaries on May 29th, 2012. 1,767 are running as Democrats and 1,200 are running as Republicans. With regard to Spanish surname, the Democrats have 729 candidates with Spanish surnames while the Republicans count 87.

Table # 2 shows the distribution of candidates by party and gender. Out of the 510 females running in the primaries, 322 are running under the Democratic Party.

Table # 3 shows the breakdown by Spanish surname and gender. What is particularly noteworthy is the number of Spanish surnamed females to non-Spanish surname females.

In Table # 4, the distribution by Spanish surname and gender provides another perspective of the candidates running for public office in 2012.

Table # 5, provides a partial look at the Democratic candidates with respect to incumbency. More challengers are running against sitting incumbents.

Table # 6, was limited in that the data on incumbency from the Republican Party was not readily available. But as can be seen, challengers outnumber incumbents in 2012.

Table # 2
2012 Primary Candidates
by Party and Gender

	Democrat	Republican	
Female	322	188	510
Male	1,445	1,012	2,457
TOTAL	1,767	1,200	2,967

Note: Some of the smaller, rural counties did not submit their lists electronically and may not be in this count.

Table # 4
Republican 2012 Primary Candidates
by Spanish Surname and Gender

	Spanish Surname	Non - Spanish Surname	
Female	20	168	188
Male	67	945	1,012
TOTAL	87	1,113	1,200

Note: Some of the smaller, rural counties did not submit their lists electronically and may not be in this count.

Table # 6
2012 Primary Candidates
by Incumbency and Party

	Incumbent	Non - Incumbent
Democrat	813	954
Republican	N/A	N/A
TOTAL		

Note: Some of the smaller, rural counties did not submit their lists electronically and may not be in this count.

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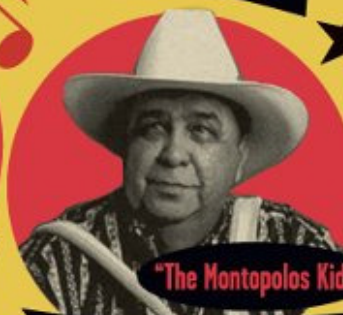


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The Austin Hispanic Almanac

A Statistical Portrait of the Community



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RIGHT: U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moya. Mr. Moya was the first Hispanic in Austin to ever be elected to public office.







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by
Raul Lowery-Contreras

The 5th of May sounds boring as just any other date a few weeks before official summer begins. However, Mexicans have given it – Cinco de Mayo – a flashy reason to make it a holiday celebrated by Mexicans and Americans alike.

No, it is not **Mexican Independence Day**. That is September 15-16. It is, rooted in war, however. The 5th of May was the day 4,000 poorly armed Mexicans defeated Europe’s best army in the mountains a hundred miles east of **Mexico City**. A year later the French returned to **Puebla** and won the second battle of **Puebla**. From there they went on to occupy much of **Mexico** until they were chased out of **Mexico** in 1867.

Cinco de Mayo deserves to be celebrated in the **USA** for reasons outlined in this piece. **Mexico** and the **United States of America** experienced a drastic new paradigm in 1860 that cost both countries a million dead.

Republican **Abraham Lincoln** was elected President of the United States in November. Earlier that year **Mexican Supreme Court Justice Benito Juarez**, a full-blooded **Zapotec** Indian, had assumed the **Mexican** Presidency and led his Liberals to victory in a two-year civil war – the **War of Reform**. The enemy, Conservatives led by **General Miguel Miramon**, rich land owners



and the Catholic Church which owned much of **Mexico**.

70,000 Mexicans died in the two-year civil war. **Mexico** was in ruins and broke. **Lincoln** was elected in the **USA**, ending a decade of Mexican apprehension of American motives. Many Americans desired more Mexican lands a dozen years after taking half of Mexican territory as spoils of winning the Mexican War in 1848.

That takeaway included what is now **California, Arizona, New Mexico**, parts of **Oklahoma** and **Kansas, Colorado, Utah** and **Nevada**. Southern slave states hungrily eyed all of **Northern Mexico** in which to expand their slave holdings. **Juarez** and the Liberals breathed relief in gulps when **Lincoln** was elected for the new Republicans certainly didn’t want to expand slave territory into **Mexico**.

The election of **Lincoln** distracted Southern slavers from **Northern Mexico**. They started a war against the Union not **Mexico**. Brilliant politician that he was **Juarez** saw the **Mexican**

opportunity with a new President who had made his political reputation in Congress roasting a Democrat President that invaded

Mexico to steal territory for the **White Man’s Manifest Destiny**.

Juarez recruited a new lawyer 23-year-old **Matias Romero** as his personal representative and sent him to meet **Lincoln** in January of 1861, two months before **Lincoln** was to be sworn in as President. Here is a note President-elect **Lincoln** wrote to the young man after they met:

“Mr. Matias Romero.

My dear Sir: Jan. 21. 1861

Allow me to thank you for your polite call, as Charge d’Affaires of Mexico. While, as yet I can do no official act on behalf of the United States, as one of it’s citizens, I tender the expression of my sincere wishes for the happiness, prosperity, and liberty of ourself, your government, and its people.

Your Obt. Servt

A. LINCOLN”
Springfield, Ills.

The destinies of these three men and their countries were completely intertwined from the moment **Romero** shook **Lincoln’s** hand onward through wars in both countries that would almost merge in 1865.

Lincoln would be the first to die by assassination in 1865, **Juarez** would die of natural causes in 1872 and **Matias Romero** would

live to 1898 serving his country as Ambassador to the U.S., as an army Colonel, as a builder of railroads, as an author and politician.

Lincoln would face his gigantic crisis – civil war – within days of his inauguration as Southern slave states would rebel and secede from the Union. **Juarez** faced a foreign invasion of Spanish, British

and French troops sent to collect millions in foreign debt canceled by **Juarez**. They landed in December, 1861 and in January, 1862.

Almost 600,000 Americans died in the next four years or war; 300,000 Mexicans

would die in the next five years of war with **France**. 1862 was unkind to both men and their armies. **Lincoln’s** soldiers were defeated over and over in 1862. The Mexicans split the year into triumph and defeat, both at **Puebla** about 100 miles east of **Mexico City**.

After the British and Spanish left, the French landed thousands more troops at the port of **Vera Cruz** and publicly declared their

intention to bring “order” to the chaos of **Mexico**. French “Emperor” **Napoleon III** thought he was his uncle the real **Napoleon**. He wasn’t despite having probably the best army in **Europe**.

Cocky French officers marched their 8,000 mostly French with some African and Arab troops along the same route taken by **Cortez’** Spanish conquerers in 1519 and the **U.S. Army** in 1846. They came upon the city of **Puebla** on hills above a valley with two old Spanish forts on each side, **Forts Loreto** and **Guadalupe**, where **Mexican General Texas-born Ignacio Zaragoza** had ensconced his army. Mexican soldiers, Indian volunteers armed with rifles last used in the **Battle of Waterloo** almost 50 years before shivered in cold wet fighting holes all night waiting to die.

Zeroed-in Mexican cannon made from church bells slaughtered the French infantry mired in mud from a storm the night before. Indian volunteers ran herds of cattle through the French then attacked helpless French soldiers with machetes. Future **President Porfirio Diaz** led his cavalry, the finest light cavalry in the 1862-world, repeatedly in bloody attacks on the French flanks wiping out French cavalry.

At the end of the day, almost half of the French army was either dead or wounded; cavalry men were dead or horseless The Mexicans had won a gigantic

An American Holiday

victory against the most powerful army in Europe.

Mexico was saved for another year. Mexicans would lose the second **Battle of Puebla** a year later, nonetheless, the French would fail to accomplish **Napoleon's** desire to conquer **Mexico** and turn it into a supply line for the **Confederate States of America**. **Napoleon** desperately wanted to derail the **United States of America**, a democracy he hated.

Mexican morale spiked when news of the Mexican victory at **Puebla** spread. The French were demoralized and **Paris** was shocked. It sent thousands more troops to **Mexico**. It even sent the vaunted **French Foreign Legion** to **Mexico** to serve in the "tierra caliente" (hot land) of the malarial Mexican jungles between the port of **Vera Cruz** and the mountains of **Mexico** and **Mexico City**.

Here, again, the French met disaster at the hands of Mexican horse soldiers and guerilla irregulars that controlled every inch of **Mexico** where French soldiers weren't standing. Near a town named "Cameron" a **French Foreign Legion** company of 62 Legionnaires accompanying a mule train carrying \$3,000,000 dollars worth of gold to pay French troops was ambushed by Mexicans. The Legionnaires retired to a local hacienda with only one way in, one way out.

The Mexicans ferociously attacked the Legionnaires who

fought back as hard as humanly possible. Their commander, **Capt Danjou** lost his hand in the firefight and the wooden prosthetic developed for him is memorialized at Legion headquarters even today in honor of his and his men's heroism. Only five were standing when the fight was over. April 30, the day the Legionnaires were annihilated at **Cameron** is celebrated as a national holiday in **France**. Leave it to the French to honor a defeat.

The French slowly conquered and occupied much of **Mexico** up to the border with **Texas**. Unfortunately for the Southern Confederate states that wanted French munitions, cannon and other war material, the **Battle of Puebla** on the 5th of May – **Cinco de Mayo** – had delayed the **French-Confederate** plan to flood the South with everything it would need to win the war with the Union. Coincidentally, whenever the French approached the border, French soldiers and Legionnaires would desert and dash to the land **Napoleon III** hated so much.

By the time the French secured the border with **Texas** and could start supplying the Confederacy two events occurred that buried **Napoleon's** dream to incapacitate the democratic **United States of America**. The battle for **Vicksburg** on the **Mississippi River**, through which supplies moved between **Texas** east to the rest of the Confederacy, ended after many weeks of siege by **General U.S. Grant's** troops, cutting the

Confederacy in two on July 4, 1863.

The other event was the **Battle of Gettysburg** that commenced on July 1, 1863 and lasted three days; the first two – advantage **Confederates**. The third day was won when the **Union** troops stopped the famous **Picket's Charge**, a frontal assault the **Confederates** lost. It cost them the war. The reason for the loss: Many posit the **Confederates** did

surrendered and the American **Civil War** ended. The final surrender of **Confederate** troops occurred in **Texas** in June, 1865.

General U.S. Grant immediately dispatched 50,000 battle-hardened **Union** troops, including **George Custer**, to **Texas** to form the Army of Observation commanded by brilliant cavalryman **General Philip Sheridan**. Its job, watch the French and spank them if they



not have enough cannon and cannon balls to overwhelm the **Union** troops with a monstrous heavy cannon assault.

While the French-favored **Confederates** started their string of losses that would lead to surrender, the French continued chasing the Mexican government of **Benito Juarez** who stayed a step ahead of them in the deserts of **Chihuahua**. He outran them for another year. Then **Robert E. Lee**

tried to cross the border in hot pursuit of Mexicans of the **Juarez** persuasion.

Sheridan promptly "condemned" captured **Confederate** rifles, cannon and supplies and left them unguarded on the **Texas** side of the **Rio Grande**. Mexican "bandits" crossed the river every night and "stole" the materiel.

Juarez troops "stole" 40,000 American Army rifles. As a bonus, special discharges were prepared

for American soldiers who were charged \$6.00 for their rifles and "kits" if they crossed the **Rio Grande** and joined the Mexican Army for \$10 a month, the same as the American Army paid. Estimates are that 3,000 Americans joined the Mexican Army; and were formed into the **American Legion of Honor**.

They rode in the victory parade in **Mexico City** in 1867 when the Mexicans chased **Napoleon's** French back to Europe where he lost his "throne" and the French went on to lose to the **Prussian/Germans** in Franco-Prussian War of 1870.

Let's consider, then, what the **Battle of Puebla** of May 5, 1862, **Cinco de Mayo**, means not only to Mexicans but to the United States. The French could not supply the Confederacy with sufficient cannon to win because the Mexicans kept them out of most of **Mexico** by defeating them at **Puebla** long enough for the **Union** to win at **Vicksburg** and **Gettysburg**.

Abraham Lincoln and **Benito Juarez** led their nations to victory with a 23-year-old lawyer working between them to forge a new world from the new paradigm. The **United States of America** and the **Republic of Mexico** and the more than 400-million free men, women and children of both countries are living monuments to those wet, cold 4,000 Mexican soldiers and irregulars that defeated Europe's best army in a valley of French death outside **Puebla, Mexico**, the 5th of May, 1862...**Cinco de Mayo**.

Romo Making Inroads In Battle For New 35th Congressional District

AUSTIN—With the May 29th Democratic Primary around the corner, many residents of Texas' new 35th Congressional District are now beginning to pay serious attention to the race to determine who will be their next member of Congress after months of delays and election date changes thanks to Redistricting.

Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector Sylvia Romo is facing longtime Congressman Lloyd Doggett for the open seat in a district that stretches to Bexar County (where most of the district's voters are) and is predominantly Latino.

Sitting down for an interview with Romo, one is reminded of the types of activists that were a dominant force in the Hispanic community in Central Texas for decades back in the 1960s and 1970s. She's a hard working, knowledgeable, aggressive campaigner who understands that changes do not come without hard work.

Romo has spent a life-

time defending those who could not fight for themselves. From her efforts to protect her disabled cousin from neighborhood bullies as a child, to the present day where she helps homeowners in danger of foreclosure as Tax Assessor-Collector, Romo has spent most of her professional life ensuring that the less fortunate are protected. She says that is the core of her desire to serve the people of Texas in the US Congress.

"We have so much promise in this country that it's genuinely exciting to think about the possibilities," Romo says.

"But first, we have to stop the efforts of those who would destroy all we've gained. Social Security, Medicare and women are all under attack in ways we've never seen before," Romo continued.

Romo says Republicans are ready for the fight and it's time citizens realized that new leadership is needed.

"We can really engage



Democratic Congressional Candidate Sylvia Romo of San Antonio is running in the Democratic Primary for the new Congressional District 35, a minority opportunity seat designed for Latinos to be able to elect a Latino to Congress

in this battle, not continue fighting petty personal wars against state officials in Texas. The people of District 35 need someone in Washington who'll put their ego aside and fight the battles that must be won," she continued.

A mother of four and proud grandmother of five, Romo knows the importance of family and of education. She worked hard to put herself through the University of Texas at San Antonio, earning a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. She went on to become

the first Latina in Bexar County to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. Shortly thereafter, she became a small business owner when she opened her own accounting firm.

She used her business savvy to become the first Latina chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party. She served as Chair in the early 1990s and, in 1992 she became a State Representative in the Texas House of Representatives where she worked on more than 100 pieces of legislation. "I proved that you could

help your constituents and pass important legislation without seniority being an obstacle," Romo said.

Among Romo's legislative achievements are passing a Constitutional Amendment to help minority- and women-owned businesses, passing very strong ATM safety measures, and helping pass stronger child labor laws for Texas.

Bexar County recognized Romo's hard work and elected her to be the first Latina—and the first woman—to serve as Bexar County Tax Assessor Collector, a position she's now held longer than anyone else in county history.

Romo feels her mix of business, legislative and executive experience is missing in Congress and will give voice to those who struggle and yearn for a better life and a better economy. She has lived 'Si, se puede' and is ready to work hard for the people of Texas.

Latinos on the Primary Ballot in Travis County

	Candidate	Age	Office Seeking	Incumbent	Political Party	Education	Year of Graduation	Occupation
1.	Fidel Acevedo	73	Chair, Democratic Party	No	Democrat	Military, 5 years active duty as a combat medic		Retired from IBM
2.	Maria Luisa Alvarado	56	U.S. Congress District 35	No	Democrat	B.A. University of Texas at San Antonio	1998	Researcher
3.	Adan Ballesteros	55	County Constable Precinct # 2	Yes	Democrat	B.A. University of Texas	1978	Constable
4.	Carlos H. Barrera	54	Judge County Court at Law # 8	Yes	Democrat	B.S Georgetown University J.D. University of Texas	1979 1983	Judge
5.	Maria Canchola	66	County Constable Precinct # 4	Yes	Democrat	Attended University of Texas		Constable Precinct # 4
6.	Jim Santiago Coronado	54	District Judge 427 Judicial District	Yes	Democrat	B.A. University of Texas J.D. University of Texas	1975 1978	Judge
7.	Ted Cruz	42	U.S. Senate	No	Republican	B.A. Princeton University J.D. Harvard University	1992 1995	Attorney at Law
8.	Efrain de la Fuente	44	District Judge 167th Judicial District	No	Democrat	B.A. St. Mary's University J.D. Drake University Law	1990 1993	Assistant District Attorney Travis County
9.	David Escamilla	54	County Attorney Travis County	Yes	Democrat	B.A. University of Texas J.D. University of Texas	1979 1982	County Attorney Travis County
10.	Albert Gonzales	64	Travis County Commissioner Pct 3	No	Democrat	San Jacinto High School	1968	Retired Commissioner Human Resources
11.	Victor Gonzales	63	Travis County Commissioner Pct 1	No	Democrat	B.A. University of Texas	1972	Sales
12.	Al Herrera	55	Travis County Constable Precinct # 2	No	Republican	Advanced Peace Officer Certification		Williamson County Constable's Office
13.	Carlos Lopez	52	Travis County Constable Precinct # 5	No	Democrat	Master Peace Officer License,		Chief Deputy Constable Precinct # 5
14.	David Medina	54	Supreme Court Justice Place # 4	Yes	Republican	B.A. Texas State University J.D. South Texas College	1980 1989	Supreme Court Justice
15.	Ernest Pedraza	58	Constable, Precinct 4	No	Democrat	A. A. Criminal Justice		Austin Police Officer
16.	Eddie Rodriguez	41	State Representative District # 51	Yes	Democrat	B.A. University of Texas	1995	State Representative
17.	Sylvia Romo	69	U. S Congress District 35	No	Democrat	B.B.A. Univ. of Texas San	1111	Bexar County Tax Assessor
18.	Gisela D. Triana	45	District Judge 200 Judicial District	Yes	Democrat	B.A. Univ. of Texas San An J.D. University of Texas	1985 1988	Judge
19.	Mike Varela	41	County Constable Precinct # 3	No	Republican	Various Peace Officer Certifications		Lieutenant Precinct # 2

Conjunto Festival en San Antonio

The **Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center** presents the **31st Annual Tejano Conjunto Festival en San Antonio** May 15 - 17, 2012 at the historic Guadalupe Theater (1301 Guadalupe St. @ S. Brazos) and May 18 - 20, 2012 at the nearby Rosedale Park (303 Dartmouth). Highlights of the festival include star-studded performances by Conjunto Music Hall of Fame legends as well as special presentations by national and international conjunto musicians.

Ticket prices for the three-day musical showcase at Rosedale Park are \$15 on Friday and \$18 per day on Saturday and Sunday. Three-day Festival passes are \$35 for GCAC members, \$40 for non-GCAC members.

Other highlights of the 31st Tejano Conjunto Festival include a free Seniors Conjunto Dance, "New Directions" concert, and the Conjunto Music Hall of Fame Dinner & Baile. The festival features over 35 of the very best bands in conjunto music at Rosedale Park that includes conjunto jam sessions; plus food and beverage booths, accordion raffle, student recital and more.

For more information on the **Tejano Conjunto Festival**, call (210) 271-3151, or visit www.guadalupeculturalarts.org for the full schedule of performers.



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As we wind down this campaign season, many of you have come to know who is on the ballot, what their record of service entails and when the 2012 Primary Election will take place.

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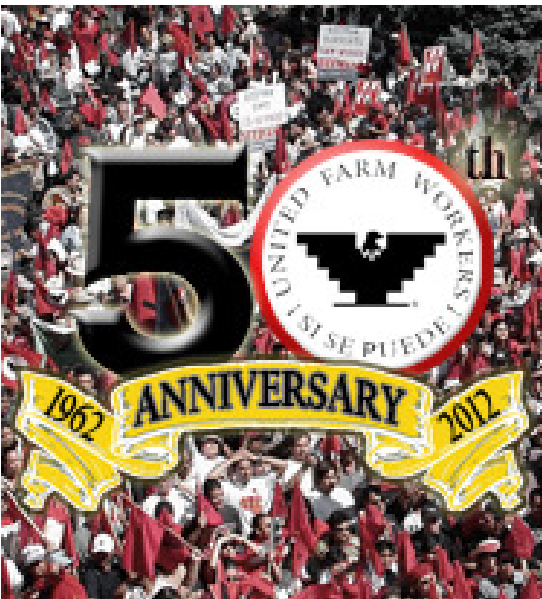
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United Farm Workers Union to Celebrate 50th Anniversary 2012

In 1962, **Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, Gilbert Padilla** and a few others launched what would become the first successful labor union for farm workers. Many had tried before, only to see it end failure after being attacked and crushed by those who did not want farm workers to ask questions much less make demands for wage increases.

Cesar is now gone having passed away in 1993 at the age of 66, the others are in their 80s, but the dream of union lives on. In celebrations of its 50th as a progressive organization, the **UFW** will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary throughout 2012.



On May 17-20, the **UFW**, will have its biennial convention in **Bakersfield, California**. On June 18th, **Kris Kristofferson** and friends will begin a concert series in a number of cities across **California**. Joining **Kristofferson** in donating their respective performances are: **Los Lobos, Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, Mariachi Divas, Nydia Rojas with Trio Ellas**, and **Los Tex-Maniacs** featuring **Mingo Saldivar**. *"We are honored to have such a distinguished group of individuals step up to support the organization, many of which have historically supported the UFW throughout the past 50 years,"* said **UFW President Arturo Rodriguez**. For more information visit: www.ufw.org

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La Raza Unida Party Reunion set for July 6 and 7

Some 40 years ago, Chicano activists in **Texas** made history when they ran slates of candidates under the banner of **La Raza Unida Party**. This third party effort produced a number of interesting results and scared the hell out of a lot of people. On July 6th and 7th, former candidates and supporters of **La Raza Unida Party** will meet in **Austin, Texas** for the last time. For more information contact **Alfredo R. Santos c/s** at (512) 944-4123.



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