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Amparo Garcia Crow Release Party at Jovita's

Amparo Garcia-Crow is having a cd release party at Jovita's on Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 pm. She is re-releasing music she recorded between 1989-1994. She stopped performing music publicly when she started writing narrative and dramatic work. But for her 50th birthday, which she is also celebrating at the cd release—she's reconnecting with the muse that likes to make a song of her!

Garcia-Crow is a multidisciplinary artist who has received critical acclaim for acting, directing for the theater and writing plays. She has appeared in a number of films and theatrical productions and most recently was the first program manager of the Mexican American Cultural Center in Austin, Texas. She is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and a Principal with the company Prism Works. The event at Jovita's is free to the public! For more information: 441-6085.



Balli Accepts Position at UT in Anthropology

Cecilia Balli has accepted an appointment in the Department of Anthropology at The University of Texas at Austin for the fall of 2008. She will also be affiliated with the Center for Mexican American Studies as a CMAS faculty associate.

Ms. Balli is currently a doctoral student at Rice University in cultural anthropology and has been a contributing writer for Texas Monthly. A native of Brownsville, Texas, she has written many stories about the U.S.-Mexico border. Her personal essays have appeared in various anthologies, including Puro Border (Cinco Puntos Press), Colonize This! (Seal Press), Border-line Personalities (Rayol/Harpercollins), and Rio Grande (UT Press). Balli earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1998 and has written for the Brownsville Herald and San Antonio Express News.



Olga Rivera Lasher Publishes Book: La Historieta

Community activist Olga Rivera Lasher has just released her new book, La Historieta: A Children's Story About Texas. For generations, Tejano families have passed down stories from Abuelita to mama (grandmother to mother). The families would gather to hear stories of humor or about familia (family) from a local storyteller, known to the children as La Historieta. In this story, La Historieta, narrates her story as she takes you on a journey from the very beginning of Texas to the present, focusing on the valuable contributions made by a very special group of people, known as Tejanos.

Olga was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley and works in the field of nursing. Her book is available at all major bookstores. For more information or to contact the author, visit www.outskirtspress.com/lahistorieta.



Ramon Moncivias Releases Second Book about Austin

Following the success of his first book, Beneath the Shadow of the Capitol, based on the discrimination of Hispanics in the 30's, 40's and 50's, Ramon Moncivias has a new book out titled: Voices from the Classroom. This book will take you into the lives of students and the many problems and questions they struggle with on a daily basis.

Lost in a sea of peer pressure, immaturity, confusion, worries, and doubt, these children are left to seek answers and advice from each other. Here you will find some very troubling questions as well as answers that parents should have provided.

For more information about Ramon's book (\$14.95, +\$2.55) postage, please contact him at Ramon Moncivias 5110 Meadow Creek Drive Austin, Texas 78745. Mr. Moncivias telephone number is (512) 441.4900



Rodriguez named Emergency Medical Services Director

City Manager Marc Ott announced the appointment of Ernesto "Ernie" Rodriguez as Director of the Emergency Medical Services Department.

Rodriguez, who has served as Acting Director since July 8, 2007, has more than two decades of experience in emergency medical services. Prior to his interim Director role, Rodriguez held the position of Deputy Director. He has been with the Austin-Travis County EMS Department since 2006. "Our Emergency Medical Services operation is the best in the country," Ott said. "I am confident Ernie Rodriguez will make significant contributions to our organization."

Through his career, Rodriguez has held positions in Austin, Fort Worth and Corpus Christi including Assistant EMS Director for the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

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Remembering Cesar Chavez and his legacy

by Carlos Muñoz, Jr.

March 31 was **Cesar Chavez's** birthday, and we should commemorate it by renewing our commitment to the workers who continue to labor in the "factories of the fields." **Chavez**, who became one of the world's best-known labor organizers and spokesman for the poor, came from humble beginnings.

He was born **Cesar Estrada Chavez** in 1927 in an adobe house in **Arizona** to poor Mexican American parents. At age 10, **Chavez** and his family moved to **California** to look for migrant work after the family lost the farm. By the 8th grade, **Chavez** had to stop his schooling to work in the fields full time.

Prior to the emergence of **Chavez** and the farmworkers union in the 1960s, not a single Mexican American leader had achieved national recognition. In fact, Mexicans and other Latinos seemed not to exist in the nation's mind. We were the "invisible minority."

I remember feeling proud when his portrait appeared on the front page of **Time** magazine's



1969 Fourth of July issue. The caption read "The Grapes of Wrath, 1969 — Mexican Americans on the march." Our struggles for social justice and civil rights were finally being discovered by the nation — and, remarkably, on the Fourth of July.

Now, decades later, **Cesar Chavez Holiday** is celebrated in **California**. (It is an optional holiday in **Texas** and a day of recognition in **Arizona**.) My first contact with **Cesar** occurred when I was president of the **United Mexican American Students** at **California State University in Los Angeles** in 1968. We had organized a nonviolent protest against segregation and racism

in the barrio high schools of **East Los Angeles**.

Cesar was busy dealing with his union's historic **Delano Grape Strike**, but he took time out to publicly defend us and send us a telegram expressing solidarity for our cause. **Chavez**, like the **Rev. Martin Luther King**, was a deeply religious man who also advocated nonviolence. He incorporated the tactics and strategies of the civil rights movement led by **King**.

Chavez once said that the "truest act of courage is to sacrifice ourselves for others in a totally nonviolent struggle for justice."

The work for farmworkers' rights continues today. The health, safety and well-being of many farmworkers and immigrant workers are once again under attack by the corporate interests that **Chavez** fought during his lifetime.

While many of the workers may have won the same rights other American workers were granted by the **National Labor Relations Act** of 1935 — such as the freedom to form a union and the power of collective

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bargaining — many continue to be exposed to pesticides and other unhealthy working conditions as they toil to bring food to our table.

It is important for us to reflect and remember what **Cesar Chavez** stood for as he himself stated it. "We do not belittle or underestimate our adversaries, for they are the rich and powerful and possess the land. We know that our cause is just, that history is a story of social revolution and that the poor shall inherit the land." **Chavez** was a labor leader who shunned the spotlight and remained dedicated to the rank and file of his union until his death in 1993. He continues to be a hero to all Americans.

Dr. Carlos Muñoz, Jr. is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California Berkeley. He is one of the pioneers and leaders of the Chicano Movement.



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Call for Photos: Latinitas 3rd Annual Fotos de mi Alma Silent Auction

Latinitas, the first digital magazine for young Latinas, is calling all photographers to donate a photo piece reflecting "Latino Life" to be displayed and sold at their annual **Fotos de Mi Alma silent auction** on April 23rd at Copa Bar and Restaurant (217 Congress). Latinitas' signature fundraising event, **Fotos de mi Alma** features the work of amateur and professional photographers and also the work of girls in Latinitas 18 after school programs, teen reporter intern program and numerous workshops.

"What's great about the Fotos event is that we are not only providing a creative forum for the Austin community to support young Latinas, but we are featuring the girls' work to in a public way," said Esmeralda Gonzales, Latinitas board member and event chair.

Latinitas (www.latinitasmagazine.org) is in its fifth year of production and has expanded its program reach to El Paso, Texas this year. Teen Latinitas in print is scheduled for launch at the end of 2008.

Padres de Familia Sacan al Director de Austin High School

With very little publicity, the Principal of **Austin High School** has been shown the door. Over the last several months parents have complained about the way **John Hudson** has run **Austin High School**. **Carmen Degollado**, a parent of one student at **Austin High School**, had to take **Mr. Hudson** to task for removing her daughter from the cheer leading squad. It took several meetings with **AISD** administrators above **Mr. Hudson** to get **Degollado's** daughter reinstated. (See April 2007 edition of *La Voz de Austin*)

More recently, another group of parents took **Mr. Hudson** to task for changing policies that had to do with some long standing senior traditions. These parent, along with a group of teachers threatened to take drastic action of **Mr. Hudson** was not shown the door out of the school.

Hudson has now resigned and will leave in June of this year. His next stop? He will go to work for the **Region 13 Educational Service Center**, an agency that provides support and training for schools. **Hudson** has stated that he will be working with the **Texas High School Project**.

Los hispanos de Tennessee quieren mejores opciones educativas

Una nueva encuesta muestra el punto de vista de los residentes de este estado con respecto a las escuelas públicas

WASHINGTON, DC - Una nueva encuesta revela que los hispanos de **Tennessee** están descontentos con las escuelas públicas del estado y desean tener más opciones educativas para familias de bajos ingresos y estudiantes con discapacidades. **El Concilio Hispano para la Reforma y las Opciones Educativas** (Hispanic CREO), en asociación con otras siete organizaciones, publico los resultados de la encuesta que evalúa las opiniones de los votantes de **Tennessee** con respecto al sistema educativo de este estado.

"Existe una clara evidencia de que los votantes hispanos de Tennessee desean que haya un cambio con el status quo del sistema publico educativo," dijo **Maite Arce**, vicepresidente de **Hispanic CREO**. "Cuando hablamos de educación, los padres quieren tener el poder de elegir la escuela de sus niños, una escuela que sirva sus necesidades. Esto es evidente cuando solamente el 20 por ciento de los padres hispanos dijeron que preferían mandar sus hijos a una escuela pública - y no a otro tipo de escuela."



Tennessee Hispanics demand school improvement, more options

New survey provides insight into how citizens view the state's public schools

WASHINGTON, DC - A new survey finds **Tennessee** Hispanics are dissatisfied with many aspects of the state's public schools and would favor the availability of more educational options for low-income families and those with special needs. The statewide survey was released by the **Hispanic Council for Reform and Educational Options** and seven other organizations in an effort to gauge voter's attitudes about the state's K-12 education system.

"It's clear the state's Hispanic voters want more than just the status quo in education," said **Maite Arce**, vice president of **Hispanic CREO**. "When it comes to education, there is a growing desire for parents to have more freedom - the ability to select a school that is suited to their individual child's needs. This is evident when only 20 percent of Hispanics polled would keep their child in public school."

Key findings in **Tennessee**, which has the fourth highest growth rate for Hispanics in the nation, include:

55 percent of the Hispanic voters polled rated the Tennessee public school as "poor" or "fair."

Hispanic voters felt that overcrowding of classrooms and schools (45 percent), as well as lack of parental involvement (18 percent), are the biggest challenges facing public schools.

Only 20 percent would send their child to a public school, if they had an opportunity to choose any type of school. 62 percent would choose to send their child to either a private school or charter school.

65 percent of the Hispanic voters polled believe school vouchers should be made available to low-income families, to families with special education children, or to families with children in failing public schools.

ABOUT

In 2001, the Hispanic Council for Reform and Educational Options (CREO) was founded to address the crisis in Latino education by empowering Latino families with parental choice in education. By creating coalitions with parents, schools, faith-based organizations, advocates and like-minded groups, Hispanic CREO has been able to educate, inform and mobilize Latino parents on the issues surrounding school choice.

Austin ISD Approves Three New Administrators

Trustees approved the creation of positions for three Executive Principals for support of at-risk schools. The Executive Principals, one each for elementary, middle, and high schools, will serve as coaches for principals at schools that are in need of additional support. The positions will be created effective June 1, 2008. The position of Executive Principal will require a Master's degree, principal certification, and a minimum of five years of successful experience as a principal.

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Should Texas Bureaucrats Police Roses and Tacos?

By Marc A. Levin, Esq.

Thorny Texas regulations apply to everyday items like roses and tacos that most Texans would think are the province of the private sector. Moreover, these regulations include criminal penalties, as with 1,700 other state laws and countless city ordinances.



Thankfully, a few such state rules may be on the verge of being pruned. Earlier this month, the Sunset Advisory Commission, which regularly reviews Texas state agencies to identify ways in which they have outlived their usefulness, unearthed numerous excessive regulations with criminal penalties imposed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The Commission recommended that rose graders no longer be required to obtain a government-issued certificate. Unfortunately, the Commission stopped short of recommending that the underlying law mandating the grading of roses be plucked from the books. No other plant is subject to such bureaucratic burdens. The Commission also took aim at a sweeping Department of Agriculture requirement that "a person, packer, handler, dealer, processor or warehouseman may not receive or handle Texas grown fruits or vegetables without a license." The Commission suggests that this licensing scheme, which is enforceable with criminal penalties, be eliminated insofar as it applies to cash dealers who sell produce at flea markets and roadsides.

However, the Commission only nibbled at the cornucopia of excessive agriculture regulations. It is a Class A misdemeanor (up to a year in jail) to "use, handle, store, or dispose of a pesticide in a manner that injures vegetation, crops, wildlife, or pollinating insects." Violating grain warehouse rules can be a second-degree felony; the offender could be warehoused in state prison for up to 20 years.

When the food finally makes its way to the plate, the tentacles of government are still stirring the pot. Dozens of taco truck owners are preparing another lawsuit against the City of Houston over the new mobile food vendor ordinance the City approved late last year. Among the new requirements, mobile food vendors must provide a restroom within 500 feet, presumably by reaching an agreement with a nearby business. Rather than changing their water through a private service, they must now do so at the city-run commissary every 24 hours. Taco truck owners say this costs them three hours out of every day. The City will use radio frequency tags to enforce the requirement – the tags haven't been issued but vendors are already paying for them.

Mobile food vendors that operate on private property like a construction site must display notarized permission from the property owner and register the site with Houston bureaucrats every time they relocate. Finally, vendors must file a detailed description of their menu with the City that lists every ingredient in every item. Other major cities also have excruciatingly detailed regulations governing food service. For example, in San Antonio, it's a misdemeanor if ice is not the proper shape – it must be in "chipped, crushed or cubed form."

This smorgasbord of rules requires entrepreneurs to take time and money away from serving customers. How many peaches and tacos must be sold to pay a lawyer to fill out paperwork or the cost of a citation? Last year, Jefferson Parish in Louisiana banned taco trucks altogether in most areas after they had sprung up to serve Hispanic construction workers helping rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. Former Houston City Council Member Carol Alvarado worried that Houston's ordinance "is going after Latino-owned mobile food vendors." Indeed, minorities and those without economic and political power are the most vulnerable when regulators target certain businesses.

Ultimately, Texas farmers and food vendors don't profit from making their customers sick. In such very rare instances, they can face incredibly costly lawsuits. Instead of producing another crop of rules that stifle entrepreneurship and criminalize ordinary business activities, government should leave the field and let the market for food and flowers bloom.

Marc A. Levin, Esq., is Director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin.

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5 Scholarship Tips!

By: Linda Medina



I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know that I will be submitting a column to **La Voz de Austin** on a monthly basis. My name is **Linda Medina** and I am originally from **El Paso, Texas**. I am a graduate of the **University of Texas at El Paso** and also hold a masters degree from **Concordia University**.

My primary focus will be on education but from time to time I will venture into other subjects. If you have any specific questions or issues please contact me at: queridalinda512@yahoo.com. También hablo Español, así es que pueden comunicarse conmigo en dos idiomas.

High School Seniors and Juniors, it's that time to submit your scholarship applications. In order to ensure you get that grand prize consider the following:

Tip #1: Apply only if you are eligible and to more than one!

Make sure you're eligible before you send in your application. Successful students do not apply to one or two scholarships and wait for the best. They apply for all scholarships they are eligible to get.

Tip #2: Follow directions and meet your deadlines!

Supply all material, such as transcripts, letters of recommendation and essays. Watch your deadline, give yourself at least two weeks prior to the official deadline.

Tip #4: Neatness and spelling do count!

Type your application, or if you must print, do so neatly and legibly. Be sure you get it proof read by several individuals, your parent, a teacher, the counselor!

Tip #5: Essay-Stay on topic and be specific

Be sure to answer the question that is being asked and be specific.

This column was brought to you by the Young Hispanic Professional Austin Association



Young Hispanic Professional Austin Association (YHPAA) is an official non-profit and a 501c3 Tax Exempt Status organization registered in the State of Texas. It was founded in January 2006 to serve as the principal professional resource for young Hispanics in the Austin and Central Texas area for members to build a foundation for their professional, community, and personal development. This organization supports and encourages Hispanic higher education through scholarships and mentorships. www.yhpaa.org

Alicia Rascon Nominated for Young Visionary Sor Juana Festival Award

As a senior in college, **Alicia Rascon** launched *Latinitas* without funding, but with determination and passion to inspire and encourage Latina girls to succeed. Since then, she has made it her life and career to empower *Latinitas* to realize their potential.

She is the Co-founder and CEO of *Latinitas*, a nonprofit focused on cultivating the next generation of Latina media makers through empowering media enrichment programs for girls. As the editor of *LatinitasMagazine.org*, the first digital magazine for U.S.

Hispanic girls, she focuses on giving a voice to Latina youth throughout the nation.

Alicia Rascon was born in **Jalisco, Mexico** and grew up in **El Paso, Texas**. She is currently pursuing a masters degree in public administration at the **University of Texas at El Paso**. **Alicia** has worked in non-profit communications and fundraising for ten years as a consultant for the **Austin Children's Museum** and as the Communication Director for the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Travis County. She has worked in Hispanic media as a production assistant at **National Public Radio's Latinos USA**, in magazine publishing at **Texas Monthly Magazine** and in marketing as a marketing associate for **Mortgage Acceptance**. Prior to



joining *Latinitas*, **Alicia** worked as a reading specialist for bilingual students through **Americorp** and served as a reading teacher for elementary students in the **Austin Independent School District**. She graduated with a journalism degree from the **University of Texas at Austin** with a minor in Mexican-American studies.

The *Latinitas* co-founder is dedicated to providing new opportunities to help Hispanic girls realize their potential. **Alicia** has

volunteered throughout her life for numerous cultural groups including **LULAC**, the **Hispanic Mother Daughter Program**, and **La Luz de Amistad**. She has served a guest speaker, workshop presenter and panelist for thousands of girls with youth empowerment programs such as **La Luz de Amistad**, **Girlstart**, **GENAustin** and **Expanding Your Horizons**.

She serves on the board of the **Women's Fund of El Paso** and **Elevated Arts**. She is currently a member of the **Hispanic Women's Network of Texas** and **Las Comadres**. She has also been featured on numerous television, radio, print and online media outlets, including the *Dallas Morning News*, *Washington Times*, *AP Wire Services*, *Univisión*, *Hispanic Business*, *Ladies Room with Lolis* and *American Latino TV*.

Juanes to Perform at Frank Erwin Center on April 16th

Colombian singer/songwriter/guitarist **Juanes** announced that he will be bringing his "La Vida World Tour" to The Theatre at the Frank Erwin Center on April 16 at 8 p.m.

Recently named by the LA Times as "the single most important figure of the past decade in Latin music" and TIME magazine as "one of the world's 100 most influential people."

Juanes' latest album, *La Vida Es Un Ratico* (Life Is Short) was released last autumn in 77 countries, unprecedented for a Spanish-language artist, and has sold more than a million copies. His song "Me Enamora" was the longest-running No. 1 Latin song of 2007 and has spent more than 6 months on the Billboard Hot Latin Songs Chart.

For more information, visit the Frank Erwin Center website: www.uterwincenter.com

35 Years of CAMP at St. Edwards University

By Hans Christianson

Humble Beginnings

In 1972, **St. Edward's** was one of four schools chosen to host the federally funded **College Assistance Migrant Program**. Created to provide the children of migrant and seasonal farmworkers with access to higher education, **CAMP** proved a perfect fit for **St. Edward's** and its **Holy Cross** mission of educating students of diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. As **CAMP** prepares to enter its 36th year in Fall 2008, it holds the honor of the longest continuously running program of its kind in the nation. Thirty-five years and more than 2,400 students later, **CAMP** is still going strong. Here's a look at the program.

The Freshman Year

For most **CAMP** students, going to college represents the first time away from their families and culture. **St. Edward's** quickly realized that it would need to provide extensive support services in order for **CAMP** to be successful. The university hired tutors and set up study sessions to help students learn new skills and future career options. After the first year, a mentoring program was established in which older students could help teach incoming **CAMP** freshmen.

Creating a family-like environment is crucial to helping **CAMP** students adjust to college life, says **CAMP Director Esther Yacono**. *"We want to show students and parents alike that we not only value their culture, but we provide the same type of support they have at home," she says.*

A Former CAMPer's Story: René Pérez Rosenbaum, '76

Rene Rosenbaum was one of the first **CAMP** students — but he nearly didn't make it to the hilltop. The summer after he graduated from high school in 1973, he went up to **Michigan** to work in the fields. While there, his acceptance letter arrived at his parents' house in **Brownsville**. The problem was he didn't actually get the letter until the fall, after he had come back from working up North. So he enrolled in **Brownsville's** local community college.



ABOVE: Dr. Rene Perez Rosenbaum addresses the guests at the last event at the St. Edward's University Celebration of the College Assistance Migrant Program in 2008.

When the Spring semester started in 1974, **Rene Rosenbaum** was allowed to enroll in **CAMP**. He liked school and graduated two-and-a-half years later with a degree in Economics. Still wanting to pursue his education, he applied and was accepted to the **Department of Economics** at the **University of Notre Dame**. After many cold winters in **South Bend, Indiana** and years away from his family back home in **Texas**, **Rene Perez Rosenbaum** became one of a handful of Chicanos in the United States to earn a Ph.D. in Economics. His dissertation examined the Ohio farm worker's union (FLOC) boycott of the **Campbell Soup Company** and its refusal to recognize the workers desire for union representation. Now he researches migrant issues as a senior scholar in the **Department of Community Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies** with the **Julian Samora Research Institute** at **Michigan State University**.

"CAMP showed me that our community is the world," says Rosenbaum. "It's important to remember that just as we've found the help we needed to succeed, we must remember to look for ways to help others."

CAMP Across Campus

Over the past three-and-a-half decades, **St. Edward's** has continued to monitor and adapt services for **CAMP** students. Students now receive culturally specific tutoring, personal and career counseling, health care, and other programs. They also participate in the Migrant Experience Group, where students meet weekly to discuss transitional issues and explore ways to resolve the guilt many feel for enjoying a privileged lifestyle while their families work in the fields. **CAMP** also sponsors events that celebrate Hispanic culture with the greater student body: *Diez y Seis* de Septiembre, *Día De Los Muertos*, *Las Posadas*, and a Ballet Folklórico dance troupe.

Financing CAMP

While paying for tuition is always a struggle for most college students, it's an even bigger challenge for **CAMP** students. That's why **St. Edward's** pledges no **CAMP** student will have to leave **St. Edward's** for financial reasons. Freshmen **CAMP** students receive a scholarship that covers their first year of tuition and expenses. If they choose to stay and maintain a 2.0 GPA or better,

they receive tuition for up to four additional years.

A Recent CAMPer's Story: Eloise Montemayor, '10

Montemayor originally planned to attend college outside of **Texas**. Today, she can't imagine being anywhere else. As a teenager, **Eloise** and her siblings spent three summers with their grandparents in southwestern Minnesota cleaning bean and corn fields. It was because of this experience — and a helpful high school counselor — that she learned about **St. Edward's University** and **CAMP**. During her first year as a **CAMP** student, **Montemayor** stayed busy as editor of the **CAMP** newsletter, *New Horizon*, and as an editorial intern in the university's Marketing Office. As a sophomore, she's mentoring this year's *New Horizon* editors and doing a second internship in Marketing — this time taking photos. With a future wide open, **Montemayor** encourages other students from migrant families to consider applying to **CAMP**. "This is an opportunity to succeed that you shouldn't pass up," she says. "I would have missed out on a lot of great experiences if I hadn't chosen **St. Edward's**."



U.S. Population Projections: 2005-2050

If current trends continue, the population of the United States will rise to 438 million in 2050, from 296 million in 2005, and 82% of the increase will be due to immigrants arriving from 2005 to 2050 and their U.S.-born descendants, according to new projections developed by the **Pew Research Center**. Of the 117 million people added to the population during this period due to the effect of new immigration, 67 million will be the immigrants themselves and 50 million will be their U.S.-born children or grandchildren. Among the other key population projections:

- Nearly one in five Americans (19%) will be an immigrant in 2050, compared with one in eight (12%) in 2005. By 2025, the immigrant, or foreign born, share of the population will surpass the peak during the last great wave of immigration a century ago.

- The major role of immigration in national growth builds on the pattern of recent decades, during which immigrants and their U.S.-born children and grandchildren accounted for most population increase. Immigration's importance increased as the average number of births to U.S.-born women dropped sharply before leveling off.

- The Latino population, already the nation's largest minority group, will triple in size and will account for most of the nation's population growth from 2005 through 2050. Hispanics will make up 29% of the U.S. population in 2050, compared with 14% in 2005.

- Births in the United States will play a growing role in Hispanic and Asian population growth; as a result, a smaller proportion of both groups will be foreign-born in 2050 than is the case now.

- The non Hispanic white population will increase more slowly than other racial and ethnic groups; whites will become a minority (47%) by 2050.

- The nation's elderly population will more than double in size from 2005 through 2050, as the baby boom generation enters the traditional retirement years. The number of working age Americans and children will grow more slowly than the elderly population, and will shrink as a share of the total population.

The Center's projections are based on detailed assumptions about births, deaths and immigration levels—the three key components of population change. All these assumptions are built on recent trends. But it is important to note that these trends can change. All population projections have inherent uncertainties, especially for years further in the future, because they can be affected by changes in behavior, by new immigration policies, or by other events. Nonetheless, projections offer a starting point for understanding and analyzing the parameters of future demographic change.

The Center's report includes an analysis of the nation's future "dependency ratio"—the number of children and elderly compared with the number of working age Americans. There were 59 children and elderly people per 100 adults of working age in 2005. That will rise to 72 dependents per 100 adults of working age in 2050.

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Community Celebrates Grand Opening of the Southwest Key East Austin Community Center on April 19, 2008

East Austin is celebrating the grand opening of a new public facility located in the heart of **Govalle/Johnston Terrace** community next to **Johnston High School**. The **Southwest Key East Austin Community Center**, will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and daylong fiesta on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The free public event will feature performances by **Ruben Ramos**, **Cienfuegos**, and more than one dozen performers.

Southwest Key Programs is 20-year-old national nonprofit organization which has been headquartered in **Austin** for almost 15 years. Founder and **CEO Dr. Juan Sánchez**, who was recently voted one of the "Top 25 Most Influential Latinos in Austin" by *La Voz* readers, was among the first Chicanos to receive his doctorate from the School of Education at **Harvard University**.

His organization offers alternatives to incarceration for youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system, provides safe shelters for immigrant children, and operates schools for students who have been expelled. With this new multi-use public facility, **Southwest Key** is turning its focus toward improving the quality of life for the **Govalle/Johnston Terrace** neighborhood, which has a per capita income of less than \$11,000, by offering educational opportunities for youth and adults, creating jobs for low income residents, and providing a gathering place for the arts, dining, and community organizing.

The Center is located on seven acres of land donated to **Southwest Key** years ago. The organization sent teams of staff and volunteers into the surrounding community to knock on doors and determine what kinds of resources the community wished to see at the

new facility. Neighbors asked for a safe and fun place for their kids to go after school, job opportunities, and adult education and job training. They challenged **Southwest Key** to demonstrate its commitment to **East Austin** by moving its national headquarters to the site, and in October 2007 **Southwest Key** honored that request, bringing over 70 professional jobs to the neighborhood.

Today, the **East Austin Community Center** is home to an on-site **Boys & Girls Club**, GED and ESL classes provided by **Austin Community College**, a fully equipped **AMD Community Technology Center**, a hike and bike trail constructed by **American YouthWorks**, and arts programming for youth.

The public is invited to eat at the on-site **Café del Sol**, one of three social enterprises run by **Southwest Key** to support its nonprofit programs. The café serves affordable Mexican and American cuisine and has indoor and outdoor seating, free wireless internet, and a flat screen television for the community.

The organization recently received \$700,000 from the federal government to create 71 jobs for low income residents over the next 3 years through its janitorial and landscaping company. **Southwest Key** hopes the **East Austin Community Center** will be a resource for neighboring **Johnston High School** students, ultimately improving test scores and increasing the school's ability to meet state and federal academic goals. The **Southwest Key College Connections Program** is already serving **Johnston** and other area high school juniors with comprehensive college preparation services and mentoring.

Central to **Southwest Key's** approach to community

development is its **East Austin VOTA! Campaign**, which seeks to reverse the area's historically low voter turnout through registration, education, and mobilization efforts. The **East Austin Community Center** will host an **Austin City Council Candidate Forum** on April 29, 2008 at 6:30 pm where over 100 registered voters will convene to speak with candidates about quality of life issues affecting the community. "This campaign is part of **Southwest Key's** larger **Community Empowerment Initiative**, which includes leadership and advocacy training for residents, community organizing around policy issues, and a **Community Advisory Council** to guide our work in **East Austin**," says **Dr. Juan Sánchez**, **Southwest Key's** founder and CEO. "Our message to **Govalle/Johnston Terrace** is 'su voto es su voz'—your vote is your voice—and we hope **Austin leaders** are listening."

Grand Opening Festivities **Southwest Key's Grand Opening** festivities on April 19 will include begin with a community blessing of the building at 10:00 am followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:00 hosted by former **Austin Mayor** and **Southwest Key board chair, Gustavo L. Garcia**. Starting at noon, a variety of bands will perform at the facility's outdoor amphitheater, including **Cienfuegos** at 12:30, **Nick's Groove Band** featuring **Denice Brooks** at 1:30, **Ruben Ramos** at 2:30, a 40-member gospel choir at 4:00, and **GMZ New Vision Praise Dances** at 5:30. Throughout the day, the festive celebration will feature guided tours, giveaways, prizes, food, the City of **Austin's** **Health Connections Mobile Van**, and a children's mini carnival. For more information, call: 512-462-2181 or visit www.swkey.org.



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New BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mexican American Center for Community and Economic Development is pleased to announce the fourth edition of The Directory of 100 - A Guide to Latino Organizations in Austin, Texas. This directory continues the tradition set by long time Austin community activist Martha Cotera who produced the first directory in 1976.

Each organization has been contacted personally to confirm their existence and the accuracy of their organization's public profile. The directory is updated regularly and contains the name of the organization contact, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, email address, website address, number of members, and the year the organization was founded

Included in this directory are 159 Latino organizations in the following categories:

For more information about the directory please visit: www.mexicanamericancenter.com or call (512) 944-4123.

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| 7. Immigrant | 15. Theater. |
| 8. Media | 16. Otras |

Election Results for Travis County

Candidate	Early Voting	Election Day	Total Votes	Percent
PRESIDENT				
Brack Obama	63,262	53,052	116,314	62.59%
Hillary Clinton	33,423	34,880	68,303	36.75%
US SENATE				
Rick Noriega	44,983	41,252	86,235	61.73%
Gene Kelly	14,741	12,853	27,594	19.75%
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 51				
Eddie Rodriguez	7,247	6,648	13,895	100%
TRAVIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Mindy Montford	21,998	21,673	43,671	31.05%
Rosemary Lehmberg	28,576	21,243	49,819	35.47%
TRAVIS COUNTY CONSTABLE - PRECINCT 1				
Janie Serna	2,792	2,752	5,544	29.92%
Danny Thomas	4,375	3,355	7,730	41.71%

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Harvard Graduate School of Education Alum Recognized for Outstanding Dissertation

By Amanda Dagg

While working for the Mexican secretariat of public education in 1995, **Ernesto Treviño**, Ed.M.'01, Ed.D.'07, witnessed firsthand the devastating state of education for indigenous children in the **Chiapas** region of **Mexico**. "Teachers were consistently absent and bilingual education simply did not take place," he says.

Treviño's experience led him to the **Harvard Graduate School of Education's International Education Program** in 2000 where he concentrated on how schools shaped educational opportunities for indigenous children. His research culminated in his dissertation, *Are indigenous schools promoting learning among indigenous children in Mexico?* A comparison of indigenous student achievement in indigenous and rural schools, which recently earned the prestigious **Gail P. Kelly Award** for Outstanding Dissertation in 2007 by the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES).

The award annually honors a doctoral dissertation that "manifests academic excellence, originality, and methodological, theoretical, and empirical rigor, and that addresses issues of social justice and equity in an international context." Candidates are nominated by their advisors and the dissertations are reviewed by a CIES award committee.

Professor Fernando Reimers nominated **Treviño** for the award in the fall. "He has always been a role model for me and a fervent supporter of my research," **Treviño** says of **Reimers**. "After

being designated the winner of the award, a whole constellation of episodes of my academic journey at HGSE came to my mind and my heart. Family, friends, and mentors that accompanied me were present at that moment."

Treviño's dissertation closely examines the educational opportunities for indigenous children. The Mexican public school system includes segregated "indigenous schools," which offer a bilingual education in both the children's native languages and Spanish. Through his research, **Treviño** sought to challenge "a long-held belief that [these schools] are the best way to educate indigenous children," he says.

Treviño's research led to two significant findings. "First, [the dissertation] demonstrates that indigenous schools deliver a very poor quality and incoherent curriculum for bilingual education," he says. He cited the use of indigenous languages for directional purposes only and the consistently low achievement levels of indigenous students as evidence for this claim.

The second major contribution is the way in which his dissertation compares students in indigenous schools to indigenous students attending regular public schools. "When comparing indigenous children with the same social background in both types of schools, those



attending regular schools do consistently better," he says.

By addressing the assumption

that indigenous schools are the best education for the students who attend them, **Treviño** has provided new research-based evidence for the state of education for indigenous students in **Mexico**. "It is my expectation that serious research can inform policymaking in Mexico for improving the quality of the education that indigenous children receive," he says. "I am also convinced that it is only

through high-quality education that marginalized populations

can find opportunities for social mobility."

As this year's **Gail P. Kelly Award** winner, **Treviño** will receive a certificate and a grant to attend the annual **Comparative and International Education Society Conference**, which will take place at **Columbia University** in March. The award will allow **Treviño** to disseminate the results of his research more widely. As a result, he hopes to draw attention to the need for equity in the educational opportunities of indigenous children and increase the amount of research in this area. "This award strengthens my motivation to continue working in a field of research that can contribute to social justice," he adds.



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En La Comunidad



ABOVE: David Rodriguez (in the middle) was recently named Austin's Hispanic Businessman of the year by the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Standing on his right is the President of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber, Robert Franco and on the left is the immediate past president, Paul Saldaña.



ABOVE: Students from the Liberal Arts and Science Academy stand with Austin Independent School Board Trustee Cheryl Bradley after the Austin Voices School Board Candidate Forum on March 25 at Garza Independence High School. From left to right are: Alberto Alvarez, Sofia Bruni, Cheryl Bradley, Jessica Rodriguez and Brandy Vega.

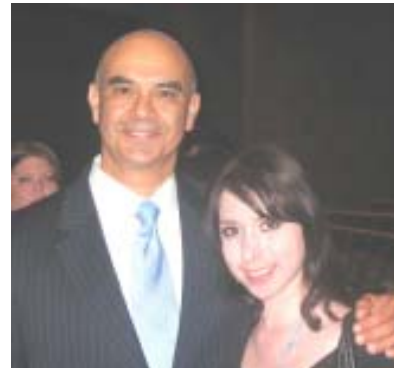
Los Texas Wranglers



ABOVE and to the **LEFT:** The Texas Wranglers, led by Julian L. Fernandez were recently voted the Best Latin Traditional Band by the readers of the *Austin Chronicle*. Translated into La Onda Chicana, what the readers who voted for the Texas Wranglers were really saying was that Julian and friends are a hell of a conjunto in Central Texas. Congratulations to Los Texas Wranglers de parte de *La Voz de Austin*.



RIGHT: Patricia Lopez, a doctoral student at The University of Texas at Austin, Eleanor Thompson and Gus Garcia pose for a quick shot during the Danny Thomas campaign.



LEFT: United States Senatorial Candidate in the Texas Democratic Party Rick Noriega stands with Yleana Santos, one of the Associate Editors of *La Voz de Austin* after his debate at The University of Texas at Austin in February.



In the Community



LEFT: Rocio and Frank address the guests and attendees to the Annual Gala the local **Republican National Hispanic Assembly** sponsored on March 7, 2008.

ABOVE: Some of the gala organizers stand with former **Congressman Henry Bonilla** who was one of the honored guests.



ABOVE: The **Texas Associations of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE)** joined with **La Voz de Austin** in recognizing the 25 Most Influential Latinos in the city. Space limitations do not permit for the naming of each individual, but there they stand before the camera. This photo was taken at H and H Ballroom at the TACHE Baile Alegria.

Calendar of Events

- April 3, 2008** A presentation by Luis Avalos entitled **A Viva Voz** at the Nettie Lee Benson Library from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Parking is available in Lot 38 at the University of Texas at Austin
- April 4, 2008** **22nd Annual Américo Paredes Distinguished Lecture:** Racial Memory and the Ghost of Modernity by Dr. Rafael Pérez-Torres, Professor & Chair, Department of English, University of California at Los Angeles. this event is sponsored by The Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin and will take place in the Main Building 212 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow the presentation. For more information please call: (512) 471-4557
- April 9, 2008** **Latino Success Stories:** "Local Entrepreneurs Share Their Insights" Sponsored by the Young Hispanic Professional Austin Association from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mercury Mambo, 1107 South 8th Street, 2nd floor Austin, Texas 78704 Free for Members, \$10 Future Members RSVP@yhpa.org
- April 9, 2008** **Monthly Meeting of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly Travis County Chapter** at Casa Chapala (Anderson Lane & Shoal Creek) 6:00 pm For more information please visit the website: www.travis-rnha.com
- April 12, 2008** **Teen Success Summit** - The Austin Independent School District together with **Austin Voices for Education and Youth** will be hosting a Teen Success Summit at Travis High School on April 12 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information about this event please contact Tim Eubanks at (512) 450-1880
- April 16, 2008** **Juanes Concert** - Colombian singer/songwriter/guitarist Juanes begins his "La Vida World Tour" to The Theatre at the Frank Erwin Center on April 16 a 8 p.m. For more information please visit the Frank Erwin Center website: www.uterwincenter.com
- April 16, 2008** **The 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival** The Cine Las Americas International Film Festival is a nine-day annual event that screens new work made by or about Latino and indigenous people of the Americas. The festival screens narrative and documentary features, short films, experimental work, animation, and youth films in both competitive and non-competitive sections. This event is complemented with repertoire and special screenings. This year approximately 80 different films will screen on April 16 - April 24 at venues throughout Austin, Texas. The 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival will celebrate its opening night on Wednesday, April 16th at the Paramount Theatre, located in downtown Austin, Texas. Opening night festivities include a Friends of the Festival Reception at the Paramount Theatre, the Opening Night film screening of **SEPTIEMBRE** directed by Carles Bosch, at the Paramount Theatre and an Opening Night After party with appetizers, drinks and music at Mexic-Arte Museum (419 Congress Ave.). How to access the festival: FRIEND OF THE FESTIVAL PASS: \$100 To purchase your Friend of the Festival pass, email friends@cinelasamericas.org or go to
- April 19, 2008** **Grand Opening Southwest Key** (See page 8 and 9 for more information.
- April 23, 2008** **Fotos de Mi Alma Silent Auction** 3rd Annual Fundraiser for Latinitas at Copa Bar and Restaurant (217 Congress in Austin, Texas) Photographers interested in donating photos please email latintafotos@yahoo.com

To get your events listed in *La Voz de Austin* please call: (512) 944-4123

Word Power

En Palabras Hay Poder

No one can ever argue in the name of education, that it is better to know less than it is to know more. Being bilingual or trilingual or multilingual is about being educated in the 21st century. We look forward to bringing our readers various word lists in each issue of *La Voz de Austin*.

Nadie puede averiguar en el nombre de la educación que es mejor saber menos que saber más. Siendo bilingüe o trilingüe es parte de ser educado en el siglo 21. Esperamos traer a nuestros lectores de *La Voz de Austin* una lista de palabras en español con sus equivalentes en inglés.

La Primavera	The Spring
Llegó	Arrived
Lluvias	Rains
Flores	Flowers
Cantos	Songs
Reconocer	Recognize
También	Also
Lo mejor	The Best
Candidato	Candidate
Delegado	Delegate
Importante	Important

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Who do teenagers listen to most? Other teenagers. The **Austin Independent School District** understands this, and is enlisting older teens from *Austin Voices for Education and Youth*, to encourage students to express themselves, while developing ways to help them graduate from high school. This will happen in the district's first "You Are Worth More Than A Million" Teen Success Summit.

Hosted by the **AISD Office of Dropout Prevention/Reduction** and several community partners, the Teen Success Summit will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at **William B. Travis High School**, located at 1211 E. Oltorf. The event brings together students, parents, local business leaders, and the community, and is made possible by a grant from *America's Promise Alliance*, the nation's largest partnership alliance.

"We are so grateful to America's Promise Alliance for this opportunity to learn directly from our teens about what they think will have the most impact in helping students graduate from high school," said Dr. Linelle Clark-Brown, AISD's Dropout Prevention/Reduction Coordinator. "We want to show our students the value of completing their education and engage them, their families, and our community in developing solutions to the dropout problem."

The Summit will offer students the opportunity to express themselves through Hip Hop, song writing, poetry, theater skits, and video making. The Summit will also include some small group sessions for parents, local businesses and community members. In addition, **Austin Community College** and the **AISD Office of College Readiness** will hold Certification and College Readiness workshops for students and parents.

Students who have to perform community service for the court system, or who have to make up their attendance hours, will be given credit for the hours they attend the Summit, with approval from their school principal or administrator.

Summit attendees will enjoy free food, door prizes, and entertainment. Childcare and Spanish-Language interpretation services will also be provided.

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