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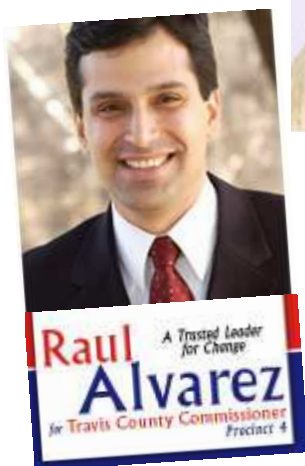
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Bishop Vasquez to Head Diocese of Austin, Texas

Pope Benedict XVI has named Auxiliary Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as Bishop of the Diocese of Austin. Bishop Vásquez will be the fifth bishop of Austin and the first Mexican-American to lead the diocese.

Bishop Vásquez, 52, was ordained as a bishop in January 2002 and has served as Galveston-Houston's auxiliary bishop since then. Since 2006, Bishop Vasquez has been the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's Vicar General/Chancellor, overseeing the administrative operations of the largest diocese in Texas and the 11th largest diocese in the U.S.

Bishop Vásquez was born July 9, 1957 in Stamford, Texas to Juan and Elvira Vásquez (deceased). He attended public schools in Stamford and Abilene and then studied theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston from 1976 to 1980. He attended the Gregorian University, North American College, in Rome from 1980 to 1985. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Angelo on June 30, 1984 by Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza. Bishop Vásquez succeeds Bishop Gregory Aymond.

People in the News



AISD Names Director for New Dual Language Program

Celia Glick, principal of Austin's Wooldridge Elementary School, has been named Director of AISD's new Dual Language Program. Ms. Glick's appointment was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 25. Four Austin elementary schools — Becker, Perez, Ridgetop, and Wooten — have been selected to participate in the District's new Two-Way Dual Language pilot program in 2010-2011.

Ms. Glick has been an Austin principal since 2005. Prior to joining AISD, she was a teacher and administrator in Lubbock ISD for 30 years, where she implemented a Two-Way Dual Language Enrichment program. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Tech University in 1974, and a master's degree in 1984, also from Texas Tech, in education with an emphasis in bilingual education. She is an active member of numerous educational associations, including the Austin, Texas, and National Associations for Bilingual Education.



Juan Patlan Passes Away in San Antonio, Texas

Juan Patlan passed away earlier this month at the age of 70 in San Antonio, Texas. He was one of the original members of Los Cinco. This was the group that form MAYO, the Mexican American Youth Organization in 1967.

Originally from Carrizo Springs, Texas, Patlan, together with Jose Angel Gutierrez, Ignacio Perez, Mario Compean and Willie Velasquez, stirred the Chicano Movement and help to wake up La Raza in Texas to the many injustices that were taking place in the schools.

He was a founding member of the Mexican American Unity Council in San Antonio, Texas where he served as its president and CEO from 1969 until 1983. This organization spearheaded economic development projects and fostered Hispanic owned businesses. Patlan served as the chairman of the San Antonio Water System from 1995 until 2001. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed him to the board of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.



Dr. Emilio Zamora Gets Book Award from TSTA

Dr. Emilio Zamora, Professor of History at the University of Texas at Austin has been awarded the Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize for 2009 from the Texas State Historical Association. The award is for a book published last titled: Claiming Rights and Righting Wrongs in Texas.

Dr. Zamora did his undergraduate work at Texas A&I University and earned his Ph.D. at UT in 1983. In addition to his teaching and research he is an active in the community and serves on the boards of the Hispanic History of Texas Project, headquartered at the University of Houston, and the City of Austin's Mexican American Cultural Center, and directs the East Austin Oral History Project in association with the Texas Center for Educational Policy at the University of Texas.



The Play: Zoot Suit in Mexico City

Luis Valdez, co-founder of El Teatro Campesino and acclaimed director of *La Bamba*, will be directing the National Theatre Company of Mexico (CNT) in what will be the first Chicano play ever produced by the national company.

Alma Martinez, who appeared in the original stage and film, brought the project to the CNT and serves as US-Mexico Project Coordinator. The play is set to open in Mexico City on April 29, 2010.



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Operational Citizenship

by Alfredo R. Santos c/s

As the March 2nd 2010, Primaries approach it is instructive that we stop and consider the different types of "operational citizenship" that Americans seem to practice.

First Class Citizenship

This type of citizenship is practiced when individuals who are eligible to vote do in fact go out and vote. While this may sound simple, it appears to be an increasing problem for the world's premier democracy.

In Texas, in the last presidential election (2008), only 59.5% of registered voters bothered to turn out (78,077,795 out of 13,575,062). When people who are citizens, go out and register to vote and then on election day do in fact turn out to vote, they are what we call "first class citizens."

Second Class Citizenship

Individuals who practice second class citizenship are registered to vote but do not bother to turn out and vote. The voting rolls are filled with individuals who practice operational citizenship in this fashion.

Third Class Citizenship

This type of citizenship is characteristic of individuals who are citizens but not registered to vote. When you are not registered to vote, you cannot vote. This type of person has no voice and when they complain, the politicians have nothing to worry about.

Cambiando de Temas

This year marks the 23rd time the United States has conducted a census of the country. (The first Census was conducted in 1790.) This time around the biggest change in the 2010 Census is that the form people are being asked to fill out and send back contains only 10 questions. (The long form has been done away with!)

In the middle of March the 2010 Census will begin arriving in the mail and in some cases will be hand delivered. Do your part, fill out the 2010 Census and send it back. It is easy, confidential and important.

Cambiando de Temas

On a personal note I want to share with the readers of *La Voz de Austin* about the passing of a very good friend of mine named **Richard J. Garcia**. (AKA as **La Rata**) He took his last breath on February 20, 2010 in **Uvalde, Texas**, a few months shy of his 59 birthday.

Rata and I had been friends for 45 years. We played football together in high school, we dropped out of high school together, and we went to the **Job Corps** in **Arizona**. We were migrant farm workers in our teens and worked the sugar beets in **Minnesota** and **North Dakota**.

When we reached our twenties, we went in separate directions. I got into college in **California** and he went into the **Navy**. He got out of the **Navy** and started a family and I went to graduate school. When we did get together to visit we were only able to talk about the past. We never spoke of the present, or the future. We had grown apart. Time and distance had done their job.

Editorial



Yleana Santos
Associate Editor

When his sons were in high school, **Richard** wanted for them to go to college. He wanted a better future for them than he had. So when we got together, our conversations were about college and how I might be able to help them. Now we had something to talk about. The present and the future.

I moved back to **Uvalde** in 1990s and **Richard** and I spent a lot of time together. We took trips together. We went to **Oaxaca, Mexico**, we went to **Washington, D.C.** and every year we made the **Tejano Conjunto Festival** in **San Antonio, Texas**. I interacted with his sons and we talked about college. I am happy to report that they both went on to college and one of them became an accountant and now works for a university here in **Texas**.

But then the bad news came. He called me last year and told me to start shining my **Stacy Adams**. I asked him why? He said the doctor gave him 2 to 6 months. (Liver cancer)

Richard died on a Saturday. We were not shocked. We were not surprised. In fact, the Saturday after Thanksgiving we had organized a big "Good-bye" party for him at a ranchito just outside of **Uvalde**. A lot of people came and **Rata** was able to say his good-byes. But none the less, when a friend of 45 years passes away it is sad. I note his passing and must remark that being a friend of **La Rata** was indeed an honor. I will never forget him.

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Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies to research immigrant retirement savings

The Center for Migration and Border Studies in the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies has received a \$125,000 grant from the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) to investigate how social and cultural factors impact Mexican immigrants' savings for retirement.

Titled "Understanding and Increasing Mexican Immigrants' Financial and Retirement Security," the study will examine how Mexican immigrants prepare, or do not prepare, for retirement. The research applies a novel, interdisciplinary approach to the study of retirement, combining anthropological and economic theories and methods.

Mexican immigrant workers are more likely than other groups to be living in poverty in retirement. Mexican immigrant workers, who comprise one-third of the immigrant workforce, are less likely to be participating in formal retirement savings programs. Even those in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 income bracket hold an average of \$61,293 in retirement accounts compared with \$160,626 for all households. Therefore, understanding the dynamic nature of Mexican immigrants' family structure is crucial to figuring out how to devise communication programs and policies that will help increase the immigrants' financial literacy and retirement security.

Center director Karen Richman will lead the study along with Teresa Ghilarducci, an economist at the New School for Social Research.

Notre Dame's Center for Migration and Border Studies furthers understanding of the increasingly significant phenomenon of transnational migration between Latin America and the United States by investigating the political, social, economic and cultural forces that are shaping lives in both sending and receiving communities throughout the continent.

Founded in 1999, the Institute for Latino Studies fosters understanding of the U.S. Latino experience by advancing research, expanding knowledge and strengthening community. It supports interdisciplinary initiatives in Latino studies as a key component of Notre Dame's academic mission.

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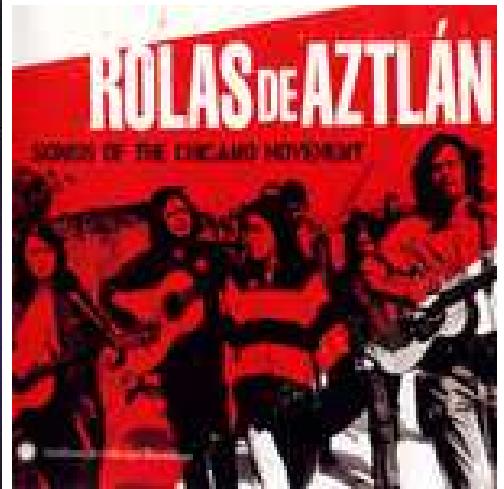
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Candidate	Age	Office Seeking	Party Affiliation	Incumbent	Education	Year of Graduation	Occupation
Fidel Acevedo	69	Justice of the Peace - Pct. 2	Democrat	No	Military, 5 years active duty as a combat medic 15 Years Texas Army National Guard		Retired from IBM
Alma Aguado	47	Governor	Democrat	No	M.D. Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon	1986	Physician
Felix Alvarado	67	Governor	Democrat	No	B.S. University of Maryland M.P.A. Troy State University	1986 1987	Educator
Raul Alvarez	43	Travis County Commissioner	Democrat	No	B.A. Stanford University M.S. University of Texas at Austin	1991 1996	Grassroots Community Coordinator for AISD
Victor Carillo	45	Texas Railroad Commission	Republican	Yes	B.A. B.S. Hardin-Simmons University M.S. Baylor University J.D. University of Houston School of Law	1986 1988 1994	Texas Railroad Commission Chairman
Karin Carmona Crump	37	Justice of the Peace Pct. 2	Democrat	No	B.A. University of Texas at Austin J.D. St. Mary's Univ. Law School	1994 1997	Attorney at Law
Margaret Gómez	65	Travis County Commissioner	Democrat	Yes	B.A. St. Edwards University M.A. St. Edwards University	1991 1994	Travis County Commissioner Pct. 4
Raul Arturo González	44	Justice of the Peace Pct. 4	Democrat	Yes	B.A. University of Texas at Austin J.D. University of Texas at Austin	1988 1995	Travis County Justice of the Peace - Pct. 4
Eva Guzman	49	Justice Texas Supreme Court	Republican	Yes	B.B.A. University of Houston J.D. South Texas College of Law	1984 1989	Texas Supreme Court Justice - Place 9
Leonard Martinez	62	Judge 299th District Court	Democrat	No	B.A. Our Lady of the Lake University J.D. University of Texas at Austin	1974 1981	Attorney at Law
Dolores Ortega Carter	59	County Treasurer	Democrat	Yes	B.A. Texas A&M University M.A. Texas A&M University	1976 1980	Travis County Treasurer
Orlinda Naranjo	58	Judge, 419th District Court	Democrat	Yes	B.S. New Mexico Highlands University J.D. University of New Mexico	1977 1985	Judge, 419th District Court
Amalia Rodriguez Mendoza	63	District Clerk Travis County	Democrat	Yes	B.A. University of Texas at Austin	1972	Travis County District Clerk
Eddie Rodriguez	39	Texas State Representative	Democrat	Yes	B.A. University of Texas at Austin J.D. University of Texas at Austin	1995 2009	State Representative
Olga Seelig	49	Judge, County Court at Law # 3	Democrat	No	B.A. University of Texas at El Paso J.D. University of Texas at Austin	1994 1997	Municipal Court Judge
Linda Chavez-Thompson	65	Lt. Governor	Democrat	No	High School Dropout		Retired from AFL-CIO as Executive Vice-Pres.
Hector Uribe	64	Land Commissioner	Democrat	No	B.A. University of Florida J.D. University of Florida School of Law	1967 1970	Attorney at Law
Rose Vela	45	Justice Texas Supreme Court	Republican	No	B.A. Southwest Texas State University J.D. St. Mary's University School of Law	1985 1988	13th Court of Appeals Judge



¡Salgan a Votar!



Texas Convention draws more than 700!

By Louie Gilot

MORE THAN 700 TEXANS GATHER TO ASK FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

More than 700 community members, advocates, business leaders, people of faith, and elected officials gathered on February 20, 2010, at the **Texas Convention for Immigrant Integration** at the **Travis County Expo Center** in **Austin** to support comprehensive immigration reform in 2010. Participants sought to send a clear message to **President Obama** and to **Texas** Senators and Representatives that families, businesses, and communities across **Texas** cannot wait any longer for the federal government to fix the broken immigration system. Delaying action is bad for the nation and it's bad for **Texas**.

Participants agreed to continue their efforts past the convention with a campaign to gather 50,000 signatures on a letter to **President Obama** urging him to take up immigration reform this year. Today, in a convention center decorated with photographs of loved ones that audience members had pinned on walls, speakers from all backgrounds shared their views that immigration reform is good for the economy, for security, and for families.

Eliseo Medina, Executive Vice-President of the **Service Employees International Union (SEIU)**, said, "We need an immigration system that works for America's workers. For too long, our nation's immigration system has fueled discrimination and exploitation of workers. It has driven down wages and working conditions. And it has failed to live up to our nation's values. We now have an opportunity to change course. That is why Change to Win and the AFL-CIO have come together to create a unified labor framework for immigration reform that addresses the needs of our nation's workers, families and communities. This framework is about moving America forward. We are a nation that respects hard work, family and the pursuit of the American Dream. Our immigration system must hold true to these principles."

El Paso County Sheriff Richard Wiles said he is one of many law enforcement officials who are opposed to the practice of deputizing local police officers to serve as immigration agents and hope immigration reform puts an end to it. "Having local law enforcement enforcing immigration law tears down the trust and respect we need to keep the community safe. As for immigration reform, I'd like to see it come to a resolution," he said.

Pastor Lynn Godsey, President of the **Hispanic Evangelical Alliance of Dallas-Fort Worth**, said, "Not only does the Constitution of the United States uphold the protection of an individual's civil liberties and human rights, but God has much to say about the treatment of the sojourner in the Bible. As people of faith, we are called to ground our conduct and treatment of others in what God has revealed through scripture, in and through his Son, Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, we are instructed to 'not mistreat the foreigner, for at one time we too were such.' In the New Testament, Jesus took it to another level in stating that we love our neighbor and provide for his or her needs, for He said: 'I was a stranger (foreigner) and you invited me in'. As such, our views on immigration are to be grounded and reared in Biblical Revelation. It is a call from Christ to all of us that are His followers to treat the alien, the stranger the immigrant with fairness, justice and hospitality."

Attendees also heard the personal stories of regular people who were personally affected by bad immigration policies. **Amelia Hernandez** said she was taking care of her three nephews because their parents were deported. "They don't know the damage they cause to children, separating them from their parents. My nephews can't fall asleep; they cry all the time; they don't want to eat. They want to be with their parents and they feel abandoned. Because of this, I think legalization should be a priority for the president and his administration."

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Ms. Montford has lived in Austin, Texas since she was 6 years old. She graduated The University of Texas. Montford is the only candidate who has served for over a decade as a prosecutor and defense attorney in Travis County. Montford has taught at The University of Texas School of Law and co-hosted a weekly television news series titled "Court Files." She is currently a legal analyst for KXAN News.

- ♦ Montford served as the General Counsel to State Senator Eddie Lucio where she helped write the "Life Without Parole" law giving juries an alternative to the death penalty. She also served as a prosecutor for the Travis County District Attorney's Office in the Trial Court Division, Family Justice Division, and the Public Integrity Unit.
- ♦ Montford has prosecuted more than 100 jury trials for crimes of murder, aggravated assault, burglary, robbery, aggravated sexual assault, child abuse, and assault family violence.
- ♦ Montford has served as a board member for the Girl Scouts of Central Texas and the Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, among other organizations.

"I will uphold the laws before me and treat every individual who stands before the bench with respect and dignity."



Karen Sage

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After earning her law degree from the University of Minnesota, Karen Sage has handled important and high-profile felony cases, with crimes ranging from

- ♦ Sage is currently an Assistant District Attorney for Travis County, prosecuting in the Mental Health Court Docket. She is for the mentally ill. She is committed to decriminalizing the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force.
- ♦ Sage worked as a prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office for the Director's Award for Superior Performance.
- ♦ Sage served as Counsel to the Mayor of Los Angeles after the Rodney King riots and Johnson could begin his successful movie theater career.

"I will provide the sense of justice, the knowledge of the law, and the 299th District Court demands."



Eve Schatelowitz

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Ms. Schatelowitz was raised in the Austin area, is married, and has three children. She received a law degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She clerked with the Travis County Court of Criminal Appeals where she assisted with Death Penalty cases, and Petitions for Discretionary Review. She was an Assistant District Attorney, prosecuting misdemeanor cases.

- ♦ In private practice, she has defended indigent clients in complex Federal felonies ranging from white-collar crime to assault, kidnapping, sexual molestation of children, and more.
- ♦ Schatelowitz is concerned that victims are not heard in court.

"Victims and their rights are most often heard only by law enforcement. By and large, victims do not come to courtroom judge who will impose a sentence upon a defendant. As a prosecutor, I always take victims' rights into consideration."

331st Judicial District



Judge David Crain

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Judge Crain pioneered and presides over Travis County's misdemeanor Mental Health Docket where many mentally-ill offenders get treatment that helps them lead productive, law-abiding lives. As the Local Administrative Judge of our county courts, he helped establish Travis County's DWI Court. He has been elected 7 times—twice as Justice of the Peace and 5 times as Judge of Travis County Court-at-Law #3.

- ♦ Judge Crain has been a judge for 24 years and has presided over hundreds of jury trials.
- ♦ Judge Crain Implemented misdemeanor mental-health diversion docket through which hundreds of minor offenders get treatment and services instead of incarceration.

"I am honored to have received the 2010 Torch Award from the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference in recognition of my work helping mentally ill misdemeanor offenders get appropriate treatment instead of jail time when possible."



Keith Lauerman

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In over 12 years of private practice, Mr. Lauerman has represented hundreds accused of the most serious felony offenses, including capital murder, murder, manslaughter, aggravated robbery, aggravated assault and many more. He has had many serious felony jury trials in just the last few years, including: capital murder, murder, manslaughter, aggravated robbery, burglaries, drugs, and many more.

- ♦ Keith has been a Middle School Teacher and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Austin Community College. He holds a Master's Degree in education.
- ♦ Through his varied experiences, he has developed understanding and exercises compassion for both the accused and the victims of crime.
- ♦ Keith is also a former member of the United Steelworkers Union.
- ♦ Keith is a member of the State Bar College and is licensed by the United States Supreme Court.
- ♦ Keith currently is approved by the District Judges to represent mentally ill defendants and the indigent at ALL levels of Felonies

"I have the RIGHT experience to be Judge of the 331st."

JUDICIAL RACES

Early Voting - February 16-26, 2010

Election Day is March 2nd



201st Judicial District



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Ms. Meachum grew up in a small, rural Central Texas town and is the first person on either side of her family to become a lawyer, graduating with honors from The University of Texas School of Law. During the past decade, she has been a partner for an Austin-based law firm. She has been considered as a Rising Star in Texas Law and Politics Magazine for the past 3 years.

- Meachum has represented numerous individuals throughout the country against drug companies for failing to warn about the dangers of their products.
- Meachum handles a complex civil litigation docket including such varied subjects as products liability, professional malpractice, alternative energy and health care law, representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases, defendants in business litigation matters, as well as counsels other lawyers on matters of legal ethics.
- Meachum has been endorsed by the Austin Women's Political Caucus, the Hispanic Bar Association of Austin, the Austin Black Lawyers Association and many Democratic clubs.

"I believe a good judge knows the law, has an even temperament, an open mind, and respect amongst her peers, but most importantly understands that the courts are not solely for judges and lawyers — but ultimately for the families and citizens... our duty as lawyers and judges is to make that experience a fair, efficient and understandable one for all citizens."



Justice Jan Patterson
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Judge Patterson has served on the court of appeals for over eleven years. She was born and raised in Austin, Texas. After graduating from the University of Texas Law School, she served as a federal prosecutor in New York, Texas and Washington, D.C., successfully prosecuting organized crime cases and violent offense cases. Judge Patterson has represented a wide variety of individuals in civil and criminal cases for over 25 years.

- Judge Patterson has been rated excellent and the highest rated judge on the court of appeals on the 2007 and 2009 Austin Bar Association evaluation polls and won the State Bar of Texas bar polls by overwhelming margins.
- Judge Patterson has taught at the University of Texas School of Law and is teaching a course in judicial ethics in fall 2010.
- Judge Patterson has written hundreds of opinions and handled dozens of cases dealing with the important cases that will come before the 201st District Court.
- Judge Patterson was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and was elected vice chair of the commission by her fellow commissioners.

"I promised you when I was first elected that I would work hard, that I would be a steward of my office, and that I understood the importance of serving the people and deciding cases correctly and fairly."

County Court at Law 3, Judge



Olga Seelig
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Ms. Seelig grew up in El Paso, Texas and graduated from The University of Texas School of Law. Many of Ms. Seelig's experiences have set the tone for her desire to see that everyone is treated fairly. Ms. Seelig is motivated by her work on both sides of the bar, and inspired by the work she had done for the District and County Court at Law judges.

- Seelig clerked for all of the Travis County Court at Law Judges during law school and was a prosecutor in the County Attorney's Office after graduation.
- Seelig later became a defense lawyer for court-appointed and paying clients in Travis and Williamson Counties. Her hard work earned an appointment to the Austin Municipal Court.
- As a judge, Seelig presided over criminal cases as well as magistrate cases at the Travis County jail.

"I've done a lot of things, but there's something more than life experience that makes me seek the bench. It's about people—and a judge's responsibility to provide a fair, just court to serve them and our community. As the judge for County Court at Law 3, I'll continue my devotion to ensuring a fair and just court for all."



John Lipscombe
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Mr. Lipscombe is a native Texan, born in Snyder. He is a graduate of The University of Texas and St. Mary's University School of Law. He was a law clerk with Judge Mike McCormick of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and a Staff Attorney for Senior Judge of the Court, W.C. (Bill) Davis. He has tried hundreds of cases as first chair, and co-chaired/trained new prosecutors on hundreds of additional trials. He has also worked on the development of criminal law of this State and has been a legal trainer and teacher for over 15 years.

- For 19 years, Lipscombe has served as a prosecutor in the Travis County misdemeanor courts he is running for in Travis County, working with juvenile defendants and their parents on school attendance and substance abuse; with victims of violent crime, property crimes, and domestic violence; with persons suffering from mental illness, and with defense attorneys, law enforcement officers, and judges to ensure just and fair resolution of criminal cases.
- Lipscombe enjoys mentoring young lawyers, guiding them in evaluating cases and preparing for trial, and coaching them through trials.
- Lipscombe has been endorsed by the Austin Chronicle, District Attorney Rosemary Leberg, State Senator Kirk Watson, Mayor Lee Leffingwell, State Representatives Mark Strama and Eddie Rodriguez, Commissioner Karen Huber, every law enforcement group and over 1,000 individuals within Travis County.

"A prosecutor's job is not merely to seek a conviction, but to see that justice is done."

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1



Daniel Bradford
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Mr. Bradford has lived in Precinct 1 for 10 years and is active in the community. Daniel attended high school in Brazil, college at Ohio State University, and law school at The University of Texas School of Law. Bradford speaks fluent Spanish and Portuguese. Mr. Bradford wants to bring innovation, all the best practices of this new century, along with an insider's understanding to our community.

- Mr. Bradford is a dedicated public-interest lawyer who has worked for the Texas Civil Rights Project (where he helped represent the Sophia King family); for the University of Texas Legal Services for Students; and as a public defender of children in The University of Texas Juvenile Justice Clinic.
- Bradford works for Travis County Attorney David Escamilla as a legal advisor and specializes in open-government laws.

"The justice court needs to better reflect the state of our lives. We live in a demanding world that makes it difficult to physically visit our court. This is especially true to hourly wage-earners, who may have to choose between defending themselves on a traffic citation or missing three hours of work."



Yvonne M. Williams
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Ms. Williams received her law degree from the University of Houston Law School and started her legal career as a civil rights trial attorney in federal courts. Williams relocated to Austin in 1990 and served as Assistant General Counsel at the Texas Department of Agriculture.

- Williams was an Austin Municipal Court Judge for the past 3 years, serving as the city's first overnight magistrate in the Travis County central Booking facility.
- Williams represented plaintiffs in discrimination lawsuits and South African anti-apartheid civil disobedience actions and practiced civil rights law in the Houston-Galveston area throughout the 1980's.
- Williams clerked for then Court of Criminal Appeals Justice, Morris Overstreet for 3 years. This is the court of last resort for criminal cases.
- Williams worked for the Texas Workers Compensation Commission (TWCC) for 13 years in various capacities writing over 500 opinions as a Hearing Officer & later managed a team of lawyers processing >2,500 cases before the State Office of Administrative Hearings on behalf of the agency. Mediation & alternative dispute resolution was engaged to resolve these cases.
- Williams is a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Karate and teaches Karate at Dottie Jordan recreation center. She also teaches legal writing at ACC Rio Grande Campus.

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Mexicano: Dile que me duele en medio de las paletas y el dolor me sube hasta la sien.

Amigo: He says that his popsicles hurt in the middle and it goes up to the one hundred!

Doctor: What else?

Amigo: Que mas tienes?

Mexicano: Las muñecas me duelen mucho en las mañanas.

Amigo: He say his dolls hurt very much in the mornings.

Doctor: Tell your friend he is mentally retarded.

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La Casa de Mi Abuelita

By Marisa Cano

"Oh, Mija, I am impressed," exclaimed my mother as I pulled my pants over my oversized pampers for the first time, all by myself. It was Easter of 1988, I was just a month shy of turning two and we were having Easter supper at my Grandmother's house.

And yes, I was the baby of the hour. How do I remember this? Well, I don't actually. It is on an old family videotape.

But I don't need any videotapes to remember life at my grandma's house. Even though I didn't grow up there, I did grow up there. You see, I was born and raised in **Austin, Texas**, thousands of miles away from my grandmother's house two-story house on 12th street in **Saginaw, Michigan**.

For months at a time, I was separated from the house, but for a few times of the year the house on 12th was my home. It was the place of good food, laughter and family. For those few weeks out of the year I truly knew what it was to have and be surrounded by family.

And I don't need any videotapes to remember her, my grandmother, either.

I have so many memories at that house, too many. But like I said, I don't need any videotapes to remember. And I don't need any videotapes to remember her, my grandmother, either. How can I forget her?

How many other grandmothers will tell you about your aunt's conception! She was silly sometimes, but she was the family's rock and center. She cooked good, she smelled good, she was good. She took care of everyone and somehow had a way of making everyone feel special. Sometimes this was by cooking for them, by talking with them or by giving them a precious gift. As for me, I was one of the ones who got to hear her

stories. She told me about a lot of things — her life, her pains, her disappointments and her dreams — and through these stories I felt I had a better idea of where she came from, where I came from. I loved her for that. I love her for that. I always said that one day I was going to go to **Michigan** by myself and that I was going to stay and visit her for two weeks. Then



she could tell me more stories and teach me how to cook. But I never did get to take that trip.

On Aug. 20, 2004, my world came crashing down when the morning before I was to move into my dorm my freshman year, my mother called and informed me that my grandma wasn't doing so well. By the time I got home that afternoon, she was already gone. Two days later, when I should have been meeting my floormates and celebrating my new college life, I was on a plane to **Michigan** and saying good-bye to one of the people I most adored.

That weekend was a blur. I don't think I'd ever cried as much as I did that weekend.

That weekend was a blur. I don't think I'd ever cried as much as I did that weekend. But once the funeral was over, I returned to **Austin** and tried to continue with my life. I knew that's what she would have wanted. As time went on, I hurt less and the wound of emptiness I felt, though never to be whole again, began to heal. Until last month.

My mother returned home from one of another trips back to **Michigan**. She'd been going back every few months to work with her brothers and sisters on all the legal matters, so this was not out of the ordinary and like always, she brought more things home with her from the old 12th Street house. But this time was different. This time, she informed me that the house would be put up for sale this coming spring.

My heart dropped. All of the memories came flooding back. That house is everything to me. It is family reunions, weddings, graduations, birthdays, holidays. It is late night talks on the front porch, family picnics in the back yard, mariachi serenades. It is **Selena** look-alike contests; hide and go seek; all-night conversation with my cousins; goofing off with my aunts in the kitchen; yelling at someone to get out of the bathroom; seeing my mother smile. It is laughter, my childhood, life, death and everything in between.

The house is my grandmother.

How can I say good-bye to everything it stands for? How can I not be upset that the house my mother grew up in, that I grew up in, will no longer be ours? How can I not mourn the fact that my unborn children will never know what it means to be at the center of our family? How can I not be upset that this is one other part of me, of my family that my children will never know and never understand—that once the house is gone, they will never know *her*.

The chances of my going back to Michigan are **Michigan** before the house is sold are slim to none. Upon the news, I realized I will never step foot inside that house again. I will never see the Virgin statue in the living room, the *recuerdos* and knick-knacks in the kitchen, the pictures on the wall, hot food on the table. None of it. I felt angry.

Maybe it's better to remember the house just the way it was, before she passed away,

But then I got to thinking that, maybe, it's better this way. Maybe it's better to remember the house just the way it was, before she passed away, before it was cleaned out, when it was full of life and everything hers. When it was her.

I've been looking a lot in the mirror lately and slowly I am beginning to see her, and not just in the hips. I see her in my bluntness, my goofiness, my over-shares, my tears, my compassion, my pain, my patience, my honesty, my love for family, my sincerity and in my tireless ambition. And as much as it upsets me that my children will never know her or the house, I came to realize something: *I am her*. And for my children, I will be that house.

For my cousin Sarah

Marisa Cano is a student at
The University of Texas at Austin.



Marisa and her grandmother in one of the last photographs.

Texas State cited for efforts to better serve Latino students

Texas State University-San Marcos was among four universities cited in a recent report that examines how U.S. colleges and universities are adapting their educational practices and policies to better serve the needs of Latino students. The report "Emerging HSIs: Serving Latino Students" issued last month by *Excelencia in Education* with support from the TG Public Benefits Program, reveals that *emerging* Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) — institutions that enroll 15-24 percent undergraduate full-time equivalent Hispanic students — are not waiting for official HSI status to enact policies to better serve Latino students. A university receives the federal HSI designation when its enrollment is 25 percent Hispanic. **Texas State** was highlighted in the report along with **Loyola Marymount University**, **Palm Beach Community College** and **Metropolitan State College of Denver**.

"We can learn from these emerging colleges that are producing successful results," said Deborah Santiago, report author and Vice President for Policy and Research at Excelencia in Education. "As the number of college-going Hispanics and HSIs continue to grow, it's important to understand what it means to serve Latino students well, and we can look to these colleges as models."

Regarding **Texas State**, the report stated that:

- It is very close to attaining HSI status with Hispanic enrollment steadily approaching the 25 percent level.
- The university's explicit 10-year goal of achieving HSI status by 2012 was critical to achieving the milestone.
- Texas State's recruiting efforts in heavily Latino South Texas have played a large role in meeting its goals.
- Texas State's goal of diversifying its faculty and staff also has played a key role in meeting the HSI goal.

Michael Heintze, associate vice president for enrollment management and marketing at **Texas State**, said, "Achieving HSI status will enable our faculty and staff to compete for research and student support grants that will further enhance the academic experience of all Texas State students."

The report cited all four universities for presidential leadership, efforts to improve enrollment, retention and completion, and creating or adopting promising practices. *Excelencia in Education* is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization whose mission is to accelerate Latino student success in higher education.

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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, 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.

University	Universidad
Education	Educación
College	Colégio
Classes	Clases
Students	Estudiantes
Professors	Profesores
Counselor	Consejero
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Amy with community leaders
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