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Do you think it way off for Bexar County to kick off its disparity study that is examining an overly Latino population with a project team of 6 African Americans, 3 Indian Americans, 2 Anglos and only 1 Hispanic? The purpose of the Study is to determine whether a Government Agency has discriminated against certain groups due to their race or gender. I can’t imagine Atlanta would be okay with a project team of 6 Latinos, 3 Indian Americans, 2 Anglos and only 1 African American being hired to perform a disparity study on the mostly Black community? What do you think? Let’s talk about it..#letstalkaboutit.

Gregory Johnson: “You have a valid point, however this has been going on at the Local, State and Federal level for years now. Decisions are being made by individuals who don’t have a clue. Sad.”

Mike Miller: “Aren’t we supposed to be adulting when it comes to things like this? The people picked to conduct the study should be upstanding and non-bias. The race should not matter. However, that being said, I don’t see that happening and too often, race takes little thought to throwing their own race out with the bath water.”

Mary Svietlik Watkins: “Hispanic is not a race - it is Caucasian; I think the commission should mirror the population.”

Javier Antonio Guzman: “How much is this study going to cost? That should be the first question.”

Rick Carter: “I probably know half those people in the study, they don’t have anything better to do.”

Monica B Rite Brite: “If it is an overly Latino population, then the members of the team clearly represent the minority population. On the other hand, it almost sounds like the study is to see if the Latino population is committing the discrimination. Might need to dig deeper…”

JoAnn Rodriguez: “I don’t think Atlanta would even attempt it.”

Alex Garcia: “Who chose the team? How were they qualified? If they are vetted properly, race shouldn’t matter.”

Denise Johnson: “Wasn’t it you, Yvette Tello, who wrote about the crabs in the bucket effect? Latinos think they get ahead by pulling each other down so maybe this study might be non bias with less Latinos on this team.”

Julissa G: “Not all Latinos are trying to pull their people down. There are some of us who believe in building our people up!”
Dr. Ricardo Romo

On a bright sunny Sunday afternoon last week two large white buses pulled up to Botello’s Grocery store on El Paso Street. The buses transported Pastor Jaqueline Becerra to her old neighborhood where a mural of her portrait and words of inspiration was unveiled.

The stunning 45 foot mural honors nurse, pastor, and philanthropist Jaqueline Becerra, and is part of Western Governors University’s [WGU] national “Role Model Murals” project.

Two of San Antonio’s outstanding muralists, Los Otros Murals, had just completed the large mural the day before. The Los Otros Murals team, “Shek” Vega and Nik Soupe, have undertaken mural projects across the city of San Antonio, and this mural at the Botello Store turned out to be one of their best.

WGU Texas Chancellor, Dr. Steven Johnson, commented that Jacqueline represents the ideals that WGU Texas values most: determination, community and a willingness to give back.” Becerra earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree from WGU in 2018. In her work as a religious pastor, she encourages others to achieve their goals. The mural shows Becerra’s face with owl’s wings behind her.

Shek and Soupe are both self taught artists and their stories as street taggers and graffiti artists have similar trajectories. As one might expect, these artists each have a different story in finding a passion to paint.

“Shek” Vega was born and raised in South San Antonio and began his creative career as a graffiti artist at age 15. Shek’s vibrant and explosive imagination attracted the attention of the Pepsi-Cola marketing team which featured him in a TV commercial engaged in mural painting and drinking cool Pepsi soda during the breaks.

Nik Soupe was born and raised in South Texas. A product of McAllen, he lived in numerous border communities while growing up. His parents labored as migrant workers. As a teenager he painted automobiles during the summer months, a job which kept his hobby of graffiti art in check.

Soupe loved art, but also loved literature and came to San Antonio in the early 1990s to study English at UTSA. After completing his studies, he turned to art and for a time managed a warehouse he developed as an artistic cooperative. In 2014 he joined Shek and began to paint murals on a full time basis. Since his partnership with Shek, Soupe and Shek have painted more than 50 murals throughout San Antonio.

When Shek and Los Otros Murals are not painting murals they are doing creative work for the San Antonio Spurs and several other corporations. In a recent effort to expand their branding campaign, for example, the Spurs merchandising team contracted Shek to design caps and T-Shirts incorporating images that reflect graffiti and mural art.

Western Governors University engaged Los Otros Murals’ talents to feature a student who overcame numerous hardships and went on to achieve her goals. The wording on the mural says “Ambition Never Rests.” The marketing folks at WGU recognized the powerful messages that community murals can tell and plan to commission more murals throughout the nation. The mural by Los Otros Murals is the first and sends a positive message to the Westside. (All photos courtesy of Dr. Ricardo Romo)

(More photos of the Event on Page 7)

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El Gran Donante Griffin de Alamo Colleges fue Honrado con la Prestigiosa Medalla Mirabeau B. Lamar

Por Kay Hendricks
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Sr. F. O’Neil Griffin de Kerrville, Texas, recibió recientemente la prestigiosa Medalla Mirabeau B. Lamar, que se otorga a individuos, fundaciones y organizaciones que han hecho contribuciones extraordinarias a la educación superior en Texas. Un banquero semi-retirado, Griffin fue co-nominado por el Dr. Mike Flores, canciller del Alamo Colleges District, y el Dr. Charlie McCormick, presidente de la Universidad de Schreiner.

Un importante colaborador filantrópico del Centro Greater Kerrville de Alamo Colleges, las contribuciones de Griffin al Centro Greater Kerrville comenzaron después de leer sobre el bajo porcentaje de estudiantes de Kerrville que asistían a la universidad. Griffin decidió ver si se podía hacer algo para cambiar eso, lo que resultó en la transformación de un edificio abandonado de secundaria en el Centro Alamo Colleges District Greater Kerrville, que se estableció en 2008 como una sucursal del distrito con sede en San Antonio. Su donación de $2.445 millones en 2017 proporcionó becas y otros programas para el centro y es el regalo más grande en la historia de Alamo Colleges.

“El Alamo Colleges District está agradecido por la visión y el apoyo filantrópico del Sr. Griffin que ha llevado a un cambio positivo en la cultura universitaria de su comunidad”, dijo Flores. “Su generoso apoyo ha ayudado a 130 estudiantes de Kerrville a seguir una educación superior y aumentar su movilidad económica y social”, agregó.

McCormick expresó su agradecimiento a Griffin por “su excelente impacto en la educación en general, pero su profundo impacto en Schreiner en particular. En cada momento cuando una necesidad se hace evidente, Neil ha dado un paso adelante con apoyo. En una escuela como Schreiner, que es una institución de servicio hispano con una gran cantidad de estudiantes elegibles para Pell y de primera generación, el impacto de este apoyo en estudiantes individuales, sus familias enteras y el estado de Texas es realmente profundo”.

Griffin ha apoyado generosamente a la comunidad de educación superior desde 1954, con su primer regalo de beca para la Universidad de Texas en Austin tres años después de obtener su MBA. A lo largo de los años, Griffin ha brindado generosas donaciones a la Universidad Estatal de Arkansas, el Centro de Cáncer MD Anderson de la Universidad de Texas en Houston, la Escuela de Medicina de la Universidad de Texas en Galveston y la Universidad de Schreiner en Kerrville, donde es un administrador emérito.

“Nada es más importante que la educación, que es mi pasión”, dijo Griffin al aceptar el premio. “Durante mucho tiempo, rechacé la publicidad y el reconocimiento. Pero luego tuve un amigo que insistió en que debía dejar que se usara mi nombre. Él dijo: ‘No sabes qué tipo de influencia podría tener en tus compañeros’. Entonces, si mis regalos ayudan a otros a dar, eso está bien para mí. Me enseñaron que aquellos de nosotros que somos bendecidos tenemos la obligación de retribuir, y me gustaría ser recordado como alguien que hace eso’.

La Medalla Lamar, creada en 1977, es presentada cada año por los presidentes y cencilleres de Texas que son miembros del Consejo de Presidentes y Cancilleres de las Universidades Públicas, los Colegios y Universidades Independientes de Texas y la Asociación de Colegios Comunitarios de Texas.

En Alamo Colleges District, la educación de alta calidad y los costos asequibles brindan un valor excepcional a los estudiantes y ex alumnos que son los principales contribuyentes a la economía y la cultura de nuestra comunidad. Para obtener más información, vaya a https://www.alamo.edu

Bexar County Tax Assessor–Collector Albert Uresti Receives Endorsement of the Northeast Bexar County Democrats

Albert Uresti, Bexar County Tax Assessor–Collector, has received the endorsement of the Northeast Bexar County Democrats in his re-election campaign.

“I am honored to have received the endorsement of the Northeast Bexar County Democrats. The Northeast Democrats play an integral and important role in the election of Democrats in San Antonio and Bexar County,” said Albert Uresti, Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector.

The Northeast Democrats required an affirmative vote of a 2/3rds majority of its membership present at its endorsement meeting to endorse any candidate.

“Whether it’s having the most property tax payment plans in Texas or advocating for all Citizens in all parts of Bexar County, Albert Uresti fights for our citizens.

“The mission of the Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office is “Working to Help Keep Families in their Homes, with an emphasis on helping our Senior Citizens, our Disabled, our Veterans, and ultimately our Children,” said Albert Uresti.
**1951-1962**

Researched, compiled & edited by Mario Longoria, Ph.D.

- **1951.** In July, the U.S. Congress enacts Public Law 78, formally titled the “Bracero Program,” which becomes a major element in the agriculture of Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Arkansas, and a minor element in 20 other states. Interestingly, the states of Texas and California account for almost three-fourths of the total braceros brought into the U.S.

- **1954.** In the landmark case of “Hernandez vs. Texas”, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized Mexican Americans as a separate class of people suffering profound discrimination in Texas. The court ruled that Pete Hernandez, who was convicted of murder, was denied equal protection under the law because the jury selection process in Jackson County, Texas excluded Mexican Americans from jury service for the previous 25 years. Mexican American attorney Gus Garcia’s eloquent argument before the Supreme Court of the U.S was allowed an additional 16 minutes that resulted in the case’s reversal. Interestingly, the case was heard by the Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who a few days later argued another equally important Civil Rights case of “Brown versus Board of Education.”

- “Operation Wetback” begins in 1954 and continues into the 1960’s. In the first year of operation over 1.2 million Mexican illegals and some U.S. citizens are deported back to Mexico.

- **1957.** The first Civil Rights Act is passed by the U.S. Congress.

- Texas State Senators Henry B. Gonzalez from San Antonio and Abraham “Chic” Kazan from Laredo, Texas filibustered the passage of 5 segregation Bills in the State Senate for 37 hours. When all was said and done, only one Bill passed.

- Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson and ex-governor Coke Stevenson are involved in a controversial run-off election. Johnson wins by only 85 votes and both parties make charges of voter fraud. Interestingly, in Duval County it is later discovered that 40-50 votes cast in the election were by people no longer living.

- In Hernandez vs. Driscoll Consolidated Independent School District, the Texas court held that abusing the language deficiency of Mexican American children and grouping them in separate schools is “unreasonable race discrimination.”

- **1962.** Brackenridge High School football team of San Antonio, Texas captured the State Class AAAA High School Football Championship. The team comprised of purely Mexican and Black players beat predominately rich and powerful Anglo schools. It is the first and only time in Texas School Boy Football History a diverse Mexican and Black team captured the Texas Schoolboy 16-AAAA Football State Championship.
In 1977, Ann Whitehead, a local social worker, realized the pervasiveness of family violence in San Antonio. She envisioned an environment where victims of abuse could find respite from fear. She enlisted the help of Reverend Don Baugh, Director of the San Antonio Community of Churches, and together with faith, determination and $400.00 opened the Battered Women and Children’s Shelter (BWCS) of Bexar County on March 9, 1977.

In May 2002, the Battered Women & Children’s Shelter (BWCS) moved into La Paloma De La Paz, a shelter complex that accommodates 220 people. La Paloma De La Paz is located in a complex with a variety of residential and supportive services. These together provide a cost-efficient synergy of services, and expand options and choices for clients. BWCS has grown extensively over the last 42 years, what was once a three bedroom facility offering only emergency shelter today has a 60,000 sq. ft. emergency residential facility, a 15,000 sq. ft. non-residential facility, Court & Military Liaison Program at the Bexar County Civil District Courts, Community Based Counseling Program at Haven for Hope and the first accredited Batterer Intervention Program in San Antonio.

With a professional team of licensed counselors, case managers and attorneys, BWCS provides supportive and life-saving programs that together give options and choices for families.

Today, FVPS is able to offer residential and non-residential clients supportive and life-saving programs that together give options and choices for families shelter, transitional housing, counseling for adults, children, families, and legal services. These services help individuals and families recover from the pain and long-term effects of domestic violence.

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La Vida
Un Poema Por Joe Aleman

Como Dicen:
La Vida da muchas vueltas.
Un día estas de pie.
Y el otra día en muletas.

Un día tienes padre
Y madre.
Y luego de repente:
Por destino o
Mala suerte:
Caen en la muerte.

La vida es insegura.
A veces te va bien.
A veces es dura.

Un día eres casado.
A veces por X’s razon
Te encuentras:
Viudo o divorciado.

Pero la vida sigue
Y tienes que olvidar
El pasado.
La vida trae muchas Surpresa.
Hay épocas de abundancia
Y épocas de escasez.
Y épocas que todo se vuelve
Alrevez. Y no sabemos
Que hacer

La vida puede
Traer alegría
O puede ser
Muí fría.
Te puede traer gozo.
O hacerte sentir
Que estas en un pozo.

De modo:
Que podemos hacer.
Solo tomarla:
Día con día.
Disfrutar la durante
La juventude.
Mientras estas
En buena salud.
Porque tarde
O temprano
Te haras anciano.
Y vendrán complicaciones
De a monton.

La Vida:
No es para siempre.
Solo es un puente:
Que nos conduce:
Hacia la muerte.

Joe Aleman has written over 300 poems in both english and spanish.
Born on December 11, 1943, Joe is the second of four siblings. He grew up on the west side of San Antonio and attended Loma Park elementary, Stafford junior high school, and graduated from Edgewood high school on May 31, 1962.
Two weeks later he was on his way to basic training for the U.S Army in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He spent two years of his tour in Rose Barracks, Bad Kreutznach, Germany.
At age 21, in 1965, he was married for two years and had a 6 month old son, so he moved back to San Antonio. Until he moved to Los Angeles Calif. In 1969, he spoke very little spanish. It was in California where he started learning Spanish by listening and little by little, he learned to read spanish. By 1982, he could read and write spanish and he returned to San Antonio where he had two more sons.
Today, Joe is 76 and his children are 54, 49 and 48 years-old.

Pastor Dr. Jaqueline Becerra Honored at Mural Unveiling Last Sunday

Photos by Dr. Ricardo Romo
(Read the complete story on page 3)
Enthusiasm and a strong democratic spirit ran through the largest endorsement event yet in San Antonio for the 2020 primary at Luby’s Cafeteria on Saturday, January 18, 2020. The Bexar County SD 19 Tejano Democrats were hosts to 52 candidates for congressional to local party chair speakers with over 300 people in attendance throughout the day. State Tejano Democrats chair and co-host Manuel Medina and local chair Richard Gonzalez complemented the members for a well organized and ambitious agenda which ran smoothly and with unity. National GI Forum Commander Larry Romo served as Moderator.

The following candidates were endorsed by individual vote of the SD 19 group: Joaquin Castro for US Representative; Wendy Davis for US Representative; Jessica Cisneros for US Representative; Lloyd Doggett for US Representative; Xochil Rodriguez for Texas Senator; Celina Montoya for Texas Representative; Gabe Quintanilla for District Judge 399th; Elizabeth Campos Texas Representative District 119; Rebecca Bell-Meterreau for State Board of Education; Jackie Valdes for District Court 386; Juan Contreras for Constable Pct 1; Albert Uresti for Tax Assessor Collector; Sergio Chico Rodriguez for Bexar County Commissioner Pct 1; Queta Rodriguez for Bexar County Commissioner Pct 2; Ismael Reyes for Bexar County Commissioner Pct 3; Juan Contreras for Bexar County Constable Pct 1; David A Canales for 73rd Judicial Court; Norma Gonzalez for 131st Judicial Court; Laura Salinas for 166th District Judge; Catherine Torres-Stahl for 175th Judicial Court; Ron Rangel for 379th Judicial Court; Rosie Alvarado for 438th Judicial Court; Robert Vasquez for Justice of the Peace Pct 2; Jerry Zimmermer for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Angelica Jimenez for 408 Judicial Court.
Spurs de gira por el Rodeo de San Antonio

Por José I. Franco

Los Spurs con su entrenador en jefe Gregg Popovich, partieron a su tradicional gira anual para darle paso al colorido Rodeo de San Antonio, en lo que será su 17ª edición. Spurs que en su vitrina (AT&T Center) exhibe orgullosamente sus cinco trofeos capturados en las temporadas de 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007 y 2014, ahora con varios prospectos y novatos, capitaneados por los aleros LaMarcus Aldridge, DeMar DeRozan y el guardia estelar Dejounte Murray, tratarán de superar la marca de la pasada gira en la que solo ganaron uno de ocho partidos.

Su recorrido por siete plazas les llevara 20 días y un recorrido de 6,721 millas, visitando a los duros rivales, Lakers, Clippers, Trail Blazers, Kings, Nuggets, Thunder al que enfrentaran en dos fechas, y el Jazz.

Su retorno a su sede el estadio AT&T Center, está programado para el miércoles 26 de febrero, para recibir a su rival de la autopista 35, los Mavericks de Dallas, y seguidamente el sábado 29 al Magic de Orlando.

La NBA se encuentra jugando la segunda mitad de su rol regular en la temporada 2019-2020, que en total son 82 partidos (para cada club), con 41 partidos de local y 41 de visitantes. San Antonio, se encuentra en el noveno escaño de la tabla general en la Conferencia del Oeste, que ha venido siendo liderada por el trabuco de “King James” (LeBron James).

Spurs en su pasada contienda contra el visitante Suns de Phoenix, vistieron uniforme con los colores de camuflaje, honrando a la ciudad y sus bases militares por ser denominada USA Military City.

De acuerdo a vocero del departamento de medios informativos, los Spurs y el resto de equipos que componen la NBA, por acuerdo oficial de su directiva, cada uno tiene en su vestidor cuatro estilos y colores de uniformes. Spurs, tiene el blanco y listas obscuras que es el que utiliza más seguidor en casa. El de gira “Silver and Black”, obscuro y listas blancas. Gris y listas blancas, y el color militar.

A pesar de que el club bajo el timón de Popovich, quien por 22 temporadas consecutivas los ha guiado a la postemporada, no ha tenido el éxito acostumbrado, en su partido contra Suns, que perdieron con cerrada pizarra 99-013, sus elementos tanto estelares como suplentes, se mostraron contentos porque en cada cotejo han ido superando el plan defensivo y ofensivo. “Suns es un equipo que no se rinde. Nosotros, hemos venido ejecutando buenos disparos al aro, tanto dentro como fuera del perímetro”, dijo el guardia australiano Patty Mills.

En las fotos aparecen: Fanáticos posando frente al logo de Spurs en el AT&T Center. First Baptist Boerne Choir, Spurs en su estilo defensivo vs. Suns. La promoción Frost “Tic Tac Toe”, en la que participaron dos seguidores. Y la prestigiada Jefferson Orchestra & Choir, que durante el medio tiempo, participó con su espectacular coreografía y popular tema de su gustado repertorio musical. (Fotos por Franco).
PorSenderoDeportivo

El súper reforzado equipo Potosinos, que dirije el manager y jugador Catarino Obregón, el coach y jugador Pedro Espinoza, ante Bravos del timonel José Mendoza, con pizarra de 14-7 carreras, consumó su segunda victoria consecutiva en la temporada Veteranos 2020 que se encuentra presentando cada sábado Liga de Béisbol Veteranos y sus organizadores Eloy Rocha y Simón Sánchez. Potosinos contó con el valioso servicio de su lanzador estelar derecho Ubaldo Montelongo, quien tiro las nueve entradas superando a los lanzadores rivales, el abridor Miguel Leija y Rick Felán, quien logró imponerse en la lomita, poniendo la artillería potosina. “Tenemos equipo para salir adelante en lo que resta de la temporada (deseamos ser campeón). Hoy tuvimos elementos que lograron sacar ventaja, tanto en la ofensiva como en la defensiva”, dijo el dirigente y patrocinador Catarino Obregón.

“Bravos es un buen equipo, lamentablemente los errores nos ‘mataron’. Alineamos buen cuadro, nos faltó pitcheo, pero ya vendrán mejores partidos”, apuntó Mendoza. Por su lado el campeón Broncos de Reynosa SA de Roberto Garza, con pitcheo de su estelar septuagenario Gilbert Salazar, derrotó 5-2 al popular Cachorros de Nava dirigidos por Juan “Pachín” Martínez y Rudy Barrientes, con pitcheo combinado del abridor Alan Mow y Juan Serrano, emparejaron la serie con blanqueada de 3-0 ante su duro rival Piratas de Sabinas, que nada pudo hacer para anotar carreras. La derrota fue para el lanzador izquierdo Gregorio Quintero. Ahora la serie con una victoria por bando, se va al tercer encuentro, en lo que prácticamente es la revancha entre ambas novenas que en la pasada temporada como campeones de la zona norte y zona sur se disputaron por primera vez el banderín denominado “Campeón de Campeones 2019”. Indios se coronó y ahora está defendiendo el banderín. El tercer partido de acuerdo al señor Simón Sánchez, se jugará en el horario de las 12 p.m. en el estadio Potranco campo número 2. “Qué juegazo, así es el béisbol. Hasta que cae el último out, se puede cantar victoria. Las carreras se anotaron en el tercer y cuarto episodios con doblete de Tim Palinscar quien produjo los”, indicó Juan Martínez. “Se repite la final del año pasado. Volver a jugar ante un rival de la categoría de Indios, es bueno para nosotros y nuestra base de seguidores. En el siguiente partido, vamos a jugar con mayor agresividad desde que se realice el primer lanzamiento. Piratas en su plan de juego es para arrebatarle la corona (si se puede) a Indios”, afirmó el manager De Luna. En las fotos aparecen: Bravos de José Mendoza, Sergio De Luna y Juan Martínez (Pachín), saludándose deportivamente. Leno Martínez, felicitado por Catarino Obregón, cuando se fue de paso a la registradora. Potosinos, con sus directivos Obregón y Espinoza. (Fotos por Franco).
By Kortney Kruse

K9 Bah’le retires from Hondo ISD Police Department after being granted by K9s4COPs and K9s4KIDs in 2017.

K9 Bah’le has retired after years of loyal service with the Hondo ISD Police Department due to age. The 10-year-old German Shepherd single purpose narcotics K9 has been working and protecting the students and staff at Hondo ISD.

“K9 Bah’le was more than a working dog or tool” said Chief Brian Valenzuela. “K9 Bah’le was a faithful and loyal partner to Hondo ISD. We are extremely thankful to have had K9 Bah’le serve our community for the past few years.”

The Hondo ISD Police Department commended K9 Bah’le for his service to the department and community. Throughout his years of service, Bah’le has touched the lives of many children and loved to serve the community at Hondo ISD. The students loved greeting K9 Bah’le at school everyday.

“K9 Bah’le loved his job, was eager to work everyday, and definitely earned his retirement” said K9s4COPs and K9s4KIDs Founder, Kristi Schiller. “K9s4COPs and K9s4KIDs has been truly honored to have provided this K9 grant to Hondo ISD and helped provide an extra level of comfort to the nearly 2,000 students, their parents, and the faculty and staff in creating a safe learning environment.”

K9s4COPs was founded in 2010 by Texas Philanthropist, Kristi Schiller, to fund the donations of highly trained K9s to law enforcement agencies and schools around the world. These donations offset the costs of budget cuts, which can deeply affect the K9 unit. In 2013, Schiller founded the initiative K9s4KIDs, which provides trained K9s to schools and universities. Currently, our K9s4KIDs K9s protect over 1.7 million students on a daily basis.

Typically, each K9 can cost in range of $15,000 to a specialized K9 that can value in excess of $45,000. These essential tools are often the first to fall to department budget cuts. To date K9s4COPs has granted over 200 K9s to law enforcement agencies and schools in the United States as well as internationally to Paris, France. K9s4COPs has aided in the removal of over $400 million worth of contraband off the street. K9s4COPs canines have confiscated more than 10,000 firearms, participated in 7,500 arrests and helped keep the peace in over 4,000 public demonstrations.

K9s4COPs is funded through private donations and community support. For more information on K9s4COPs and K9s4KIDs or to make a donation, please visit www.K9s4COPs.org.

By Leonard Rodriguez

This column highlights inspiring stories of Latino leaders. For more than 500 years, Latino men and women have positively influenced the face of United States society. Let us celebrate these outstanding Hispanics.

Catherine Bach

Born Catherine Bachman to German-Mexican parents, Catherine Bach is best known as the ultra-sexy Daisy Duke on “The Dukes of Hazzard.” She studied drama at UCLA and was cast in a number of minor roles including “Thunderbolt and Lightfoot” with Clint Eastwood and “Cannonball Run” with Burt Reynolds, prior to her role call Bo and Luke Duke’s hot-pants cousin. Bach starred in the movie series “African Skies,” and “The Dukes of Hazzard Reunion Movie”, and has been highly involved with domestic violence issues and wildlife conservation.

Years after the final episode of “The Dukes of Hazzards,” Bach has been unable to shake her sexy image as the nation returned to the fad of wearing “Daisy Duke” style shorts. 
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