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Letter from Editor

Previously I asked if you were prepared for the aftermath of the coronavirus. I also mentioned that we were going to go through unchartered waters. Along the way we lost our compass, so we do not know in which direction we are going. In the words of Doris Day's song, "Que Sera, Sera, whatever will be will be, the future not ours to see, Que Sera, Sera, what will be will be." There will be educated guesses, and some not so educated.

There are three monumental issues in America today: one, the coronavirus Pandemic; 2, is the economy; 3, and is the civil unrest. All three have the potential to bring America to its knees, if they haven't already. All three are equally important.

The coronavirus must be almost at the top because it affects everybody. All of us are at risk of catching the virus without any warning. It is deadly and kills at random regardless of race or nationality. Of course, the coronavirus is not the only enemy. A bigger enemy are the thousands of people that go out in public without wearing a face mask. It is like playing Russian Roulette. The sad reality is that these people are not endangering just themselves, they are endangering those around them totally innocent people. Their action is like those protestors that go out and steal and destroy property. No longer is the accurate number of deaths due to the coronavirus readily available. It is as if it is no longer a relevant issue.

The economy likewise affects all of us. It is our livelihood. The vast majority of us depend on the economy for employment. Of course, as mentioned in my article regarding the aftermath the coronavirus is having it is having a devastating effect on the economy. Large retailers have declared bankruptcy. Too many stores shut down. Too many small businesses have shut their door permanently. Jobs are disappearing with all these closures. No economy, no jobs, no food.

The stock market is not a good predictor of the health of the economy. Too many major retailers have filed for bankruptcy or are on the verge of going broke. This is a non-starter for job creation. For risk takers this is the moment to buy stocks.

We have riots across the United States. Trump's game plan is to use vicious dogs to quell the riot at the White House. Attack the thugs that would bring him down. Asking his MAGA supporters to show up at the White House during the riots. Fortunately, his MAGA supporters had enough common sense to stay home, otherwise we probably would have a civil war in our hands.

All three of these issues dominate America today. Trump disguises his leadership ineptness and incompetence by creating crises elsewhere. Of course, all these crises are intended to show his base that he is an action player, he is the star of the show. This show of force also includes the use of bullets. He wants governors to buckle down and be more forceful.

Trump's way of evading issues is to use pivot maneuvers. These pivoting tactics include withdrawing from the World Health Organization (WHO), removing trade benefits with Hong Kong, and the favorite tactic blaming someone else for whatever problem he has. He wants to designate ANTIFA a terrorist organization, blaming Biden for the protests. The finger pointing goes on and on with negative words about the mayors and governors. He claims all these leaders are weak.

Our government is divided into three sections. We have one that is splits in half, the congress. Republicans rule the Senate, the Democrats the House. The Senate is no longer a viable institution. It is there to serve Trump. The Supreme Court has five conservative judges. As conservatives they do not render decisions based on common sense interpretations of and let us know if you want on the constitution, but in some sort of rigid interpretation of the constitution based on ideology. **email or by text!** Ideology is the constitution of conservatives.

Trump has worked his way into a position of dictator. By stifling the media, he has succeeded in doing what Maduro did in Venezuela. Maduro also changed the courts to support him. Shutting down the media is what dictators do. No one can question the truthfulness of a dictator. Trump has done all this with the consent of the Senate Republicans. In the old Soviet Union there two state newspapers, Izvestiya and Pravda. They were there to spread government propaganda. Do we want to be like puppets, having to do whatever the government tells us because we are afraid of the rifle pointed to our head?

The greatest hoax that has ever been perpetrated in America is the claim that Trump was a great negotiator. Power is not a negotiating tool, persuasion is. In France during their riots President Macron was at the forefront trying to quell the rioters. Hopefully, bullets will not be used to guell the riots.

America needs a leader; it has a buffoon.

God Bless America

Felix Alvarado

Editor

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We Didn't Start the Fire

That is the title of the 1989 hit song by Billy Joel, but it is how I feel about all that has happened recently that has brought us here. The current face of all the protests across our country is George Floyd but could have easily should have been Breonna Taylor or countless others. This should not be a surprise to anyone.

When will enough be enough, when can we police the police? This country has always, well at least it used to be the moral conscience of the world. We were always among the first to speak up against any Human Rights Violations, Pero sadly that has all changed. Or maybe we were always just fooling ourselves as one of the many that spoke up this week said, "Racism has always been baked into this country.

When I heard that statement it really caught my attention, I have never been blind to racism having experienced myself. Pero, I had never heard it described that way, institutional racism yes. In fact, I have used the term frequently when addressing community issues in my role as a LULAC president. It should not be a surprise to anyone that an enormous part of the minority population has always been at a disadvantage in all life domain areas. I believe that institutional racism was just a by-product of the way it was. After all the saying "If you're' White your right" was based on fact. All this wrong, Pero if you bake into it to the fabric of this country that is taking to the next level. So, it is no wonder that many people are still going around "With White Privilege Thinking" And that thinking comes with a "Get out jail free card", if you go at all.

So just like a percentage of people that



walk around with guns legal or not, eventually you will use it. Add a badge to your arsenal and you practically have carte blanche to do what you

want to when you want. Well, as long as they are non-Whites. Just ask the person occupying our house on Pennsylvania Avenue he has rightly said "I can shoot someone in Manhattan and people will still support/vote for me"(Paraphrasing) He (POTUS) has contributed to what happened to Mr. Floyd and what is happening now in the aftermath. Especially when says things like as soon as the looting starts the shooting starts and my MAGA supporters will come out and they Love Blacks. That is not only a Jim Crow Dog Whistle, it is a nod to the KLAN (SICK). While Trump is part of the problem, the hope is that in November, we will send him and his MAGA group back to where they belong (You fill in the blank)

Now, as for the officer that committed this murder and the other officers that let it happen, they are a disgrace to the badge. And must be found guilty of murder, but all of us share fault. Why, because we have made all officers heroes, some almost God-Like, they are neither. Now do some of them take heroic actions, yes, but not all of them are heroes. They are just people doing their jobs, now is there more risk in their jobs than in others again, yes. Pero just like when you take a job that requires any kind of risk of injury or life, you knew what you were signing up for. I am sorry if that sounds callus but I do not care, because I am tired of witnessing people that we are supposed to trust violate that trust by committing murder on the people we hire them to protect. Yes, Black Lives Matter! And just because I say that does not mean all lives do not matter but now is the time that we all should unite under one banner and that is Black Lives Matter.

When you try to argue about this by bringing up Blue lives matter or others, you are falling into the trap of divisive politics that stops progress. And if you are part of the people that think to question law enforcement is unpatriotic as Malcolm X said "You have been bam-



boozled, You've' been had" Maybe you learned this from your parents or maybe because of the police officer that visited your elementary school. When you developed that thinking is not important now, what is important is that you will open your mind to the possibility that not all police officers are right. This is a time in our history when we can finally adopt laws that at the very least will minimize illegal actions by criminals dressed as police officers.

Here is where some may say "How about the people looting and setting fires in protest? My answer is the same as the people that live in the communities that have were vandalized or worse. If you commit a crime and proven guilty, then you will be prosecuted. Pero to be clear the people protesting in the name of justice for all are not the same people committing those crimes. That said, let us not waste an opportunity to save our humanity by allowing racists and political opportunities to rob us of this moment. And yes, as my title reads, we didn't start the fire but all of us have contributed either directly or through our indifference. This is an American problem and if you care about the future of our country and your ultimate judgment day, then the time to act is NOW.

By A. Govea

CORONATRUMPVIRUS THREE

By Jim Stodola

Donald Trump recently advised people to inject bleach into their bodies to prevent Coronavirus. Oh, he was not being sarcastic as he and Fox News tried to explain away days later. Trump was serious as all get-out. I do not care if you Trump goons do it, just don't try to... oh forget it, who else pays attention to him anyway.

Also, Donald Trump says his is regularly taking Hydroxychloroquine. We doubt that he is, as we believe he is only trying to save face from when he earlier recommended it. But just in case he is taking it, why do not you all get together and send him a case of the stuff.

Trump never stops lying, says we are testing excessively more than we are. He and his poodle Mike Pence say there were five million test kits available in latter April. Trump on April 28th claimed that we did more testing than all other nations combined, another lie. Just three countries, Russia, Germany, and Italy had tested more

Let us not leave Mike Pence out of this. He shows up at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. There are ten people in the room. Everyone except Pence is wearing a mask. His excuse: he wanted to look at people eye-to-eye. I guess silly Mike was going to cover his eyes with the mask like nobody else ever does!

Several doctors and scientists said this was "dangerous and disrespectful."

The United States has now lost more people to the Coronavirus than we lost in Vietnam. A late-night host reminded us that Trump didn't help with the virus or with Vietnam (that crazy old fake bone spur). On April 30th, Trump said he will not be extending the social distancing guidelines. That is OK., we didn't want to get close to him anyway.

I hope Trump will forgive me for not talking about him for a minute. Tara Reade just accused former Vice President Joe Biden of sexual assault. She today says that in 1993 he



put his hand under her skirt and penetrated her. Could it be that she is lying, because just last year, 2019, she only said that he inappropriately touched her on the shoulders and neck back then.

This is extremely interesting: The Washington Post reported that "In January and February, even as the Trump administration was receiving dire warnings of a potential pandemic, the Commerce Department encouraged U.S. manufacturers to export tons of face masks, ventilators, and protective medical garments to China. In fact, U.S. exports of face masks soared 1000 percent over the same two months last year!

It was reported on May 7th that Trump's personal valet tested positive for the virus. Just the day prior Trump and his entire entourage visited a mask factory in Phoenix and none of them wore masks. Mr. t then tested negative. Who cares, not a lot of Project Lincoln Republicans who want him out. What about the risk to all the others who follow his suite? And now, a Mike Pence staffer tested positive. How will we ever begin to thank Trump and his poodle Pence for being so careless.

As cases of the virus at meat packing plants in Nebraska soared, officials just stopped reporting them. In how many other locations is this true? Even Dr. Fauci states that the number of deaths from the Coronavirus may be far greater than reported in the U.S. Just came in: The United States has 30% of the Corona-

virus globally, but we only have Five Percent of the global population. Thank you, Donald Trump, for your delayed action, inaction, and all the misinformation, and loss of so many jobs and lives because of all the above mentioned.

Some semi-related facts.: Donald Trump is attempting to withdraw funds from states like Michigan because they are issuing absentee ballots and desiring to do mail-in ballots. This is because he is likely to lose in that state. Mr. Trump does not object to mail-in ballots in states which he expects to win!

Mr. Trump furthermore has stated that he previously was named "Man of the Year" in Michigan. He has stated that in about a dozen of his campaign rallies. This adds a dozen more lies to what I respectfully and civilly report to be approximately 19,000 lies Donald Trump has told.

To further distract from his mishandling of just about everything, Mr. Trump creates something called Obamagate, in Trump's words the worst scandal ever. But just like Trump's false assertion earlier that President Obama had him wiretapped; this claim is entirely false. Excuse me, 19,001 lies. This claim is also to drum up Trump's white supremacist support for his re-election. It is said that Nero played the fiddle while Rome burned. Donald Trump plays golf while 100,000 Americans died from Coronavirus.

Columbus: History Repeats Itself.

When Columbus took off on that historic journey searching for a route to India, he had no idea where he was going to land. The only thing he knew firmly was that he was sailing east in search of a direct route to India. At risk were the lives of his crew and ships. America too has started on a journey; it is a journey to the end. Like Columbus we do not know where we are going or the outcome.

Similarly, opening the economy, nobody knows which way the coronavirus will go. The only good projection is the one that the coronavirus will die swiftly. That is only a Republican political fantasy. Eventually, the lockdown had to end. Governors made the decision to reopen the economy and release Americans from the lockdown. It was a get back to work mandate. This action was driven by a conservative PAC and the man in the White House who is more focused on his reelection than the well-being of the Americans.

By opening the economy, the lives of many Americans are put at stake. Americans are pitted against the will of a coronavirus that resists annihilation. We are sacrificial lambs to a person and a party more concerned with the election of November 2020 than the people they are sworn to protect. Conserva-

tive agitators believe that their freedom is being taken away by the lockdown. They rebel, even arm themselves when protesting the lockdown. Willing to use their guns to protect their constitutional rights. America is now an armed camp. This is tribal politics at its best. The advice of the experts is no longer credible. Their professional advice is ignored.

A ridiculously small group is being manipulated minority conservatives that oppose any government involvement in finding a solution to the pandemic crisis. This small group is pressuring governors to act to remove lockdowns. Never has a small group of hoodlums had so much control over the government.

Those that are out there protesting forcing governors to make premature decisions, are endangering the lives of many Americans. These protestors are being organized by some large conservative PAC that is anti-lockdown. These people stand for a miniscule part of the population, but they get a lot of TV time from Fox. These people are not heroes, they are not patriots, they are hoodlums that are violating the rules that most of us follow. In the case of the barbershop owner in Dallas, not only did she get a lot of free publicity she also got several hundred dollars through GoFundMe. We used to say, "Crime does not pay." Well in at least one case it paid handsomely.

A complaint heard a lot is the demand that the governors opened the economy too soon. Seems like people are not flocking to those places that have opened. Many are taking precautions against the spread of the coronavirus.

These are times that define who we are as a family. We have been abandoned. At risk are our senior family members who are considered expendable. Learn to read the charts that show the progression of the coronavirus. The government is not your friend. Neither is Fox News or those protesting for the governor to open the businesses.

As the nation traverse's this period we must know how to find credible information about the progress of the coronavirus. We must be aware of the progress of the coronavirus and the actions of the politicians. Lies are flying in every direction.

This is a time built for heroes, the one that can stand up at the end and proudly boast, "I fixed the economy." This would almost guarantee a reelection. You must also remember that you cannot trust Trump or the

Republican Party. They are one and the same. Both committed to lying to salvage their party and reelection. In other words, they want to be your heroes.

From now until the end you are on your own. The journey is going to end when the coronavirus mysteriously goes away, or a vaccine is produced. Until then we will go through some very rough seas. You do not have friends in high places. Only you can protect your family against those tyrants that would put your family in danger to so they can be reelected. You must distrust politicians and the media. Starting at the top be wary of any politician that tells you all is okay; that the numbers are going down, in other words all positives.

Remember, my generation is considered expendable. We are old, have too many medical conditions and we have not taken care of our body. To politicians we are an acceptable loss.

Do you consider friend's expendable? Your family? Only you can answer that question. Best advice that I can give is- be wary of who you trust

One last thought. Remember, this is an employer's market.

Felix Alvarado

The Name of the Game.

A beauty salon owner decided to open the shop in violation of county directive to remain closed until safe to open. The reason she opened early was she had a family to feed. In San Antonio something like 50,000 people went to the food bank in one day to get food to feed their family. She was not the only one with a hungry family. Looks like she got a federal small business loan. On a GoFundMe account she got hundreds of thousands. Ted Cruz, our beloved senator, went to get a haircut at the barbershop owned by a known lawbreaker. A symbol of someone standing up for their constitutional rights. Sometimes breaking the law is lucrative.

Abbot our famed governor changed the guidelines for opening the Texas economy so no one would go to jail for not following the guidelines. Lady walked out free. The old saying, "Rules are made to be broken" became real. So many people are citing the constitution as the reason for their civil disobedience. Most, if not all, are only plain dumb, ignorant, and stupid. Their constitutional rights have been trampled on only when the case is taken to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court agrees. Otherwise it is just stupid chatter.

As I was driving, I reminisced about all the high school graduations I had attended. Trimble Tech HS, Sunset HS, and my own grandchildren in Abilene. There was the noise, the cacophony of students, friends and family that attended graduation followed by



festivities elsewhere. There was joy and happiness. Some of these students were the first to graduate from high school. They were role models for the rest of the family. Similarly, Quinceanera's brought the same euphoria to a blessed family. These events are much more than celebrations. They bring family together for a period of laughter and enjoyment. These celebrations are of enormous importance to the Latino community.

The most negative consequence of staying home is employment. Layoffs and firings were a necessary business evil. The lockdown has lifted but it appears as though people are not responding as expected, they are not rushing to the stores. Unemployed people do not have too much disposable income. As we cope with all this tragedy, we would hope that the man in Washington would be sympathetic and emphatic towards our feelings and our needs. At this moment, a little of empathy would do a lot to brighten the spirits of many Americans.

Now all this must come to a hopefully, temporary pause because we are under attack by a virus. What we know about the coronavirus is that it is very contagious, and it kills people. To prevent the spread of the coronavirus we were all asked to stay at home

among other things. You cannot cure the coronavirus; you can only prevent its spread.

I heard Dr. Fauci's testimony. Very enlightening. Except for those that cannot see the light. Like Fox News. What a bunch of imbecilic idiots. They call themselves patriotic, uniters, defenders of the constitution, whatever. To show their patriotism they wrap themselves with the American flag. One of the Fox people even called Fauci a buffoon. Actually, Fox has earned the right to be called the Buffoon Channel. But let us not blame Fox for everything. Fox has a lot of advertisers. They pay premium dollars to have the buffoons on daily. The advertisers are the real culprits.

Trump and his followers are playing a game where there are winners and losers.

This is the game plan:

Delegitimize the FBI and all intelligence agencies.

Destroy any legitimate opposition to Trump. Deny that Trump has done anything wrong. Deny the danger of the coronavirus. The number of people dead is a hoax.

The Mueller report was a hoax.

All rulings by districts courts that do not favor Trump are appealed to the Supreme Court. With the Supreme Court being stacked with conservative judges you can expect most rulings to favor Trump.

Most Republicans are complicit in this mis-governance. The name of the game is – Protect Trump at all costs. Even if it means dismantling of America. Let us hope that we do not enter a period which we would call the slaughter of America.

Felix Alvarado Editor

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Prince Mendez Trimble Tech High School 2020

Not able to see my friends. Heavier workload and no assistance from teachers. Attend and worked school for twelve years and not able to get the proper graduation and at this point we have little to no information on graduation plans.

Yes, but it may be a while. There's so much chaos and the media is not helping. Life can and will return to normal, but I think it is going to be a good while.

Attend Texas Wesleyan and major in biology. Later may transfer to a different college and get my nursing degree.

I want to thank my parents for helping me get through school. They have continued to push me and support me.

My advice to the future graduating classes is do you work and enjoy every minute of it. You never know when it is all going to be taken away from you.

Alma Contreras

This pandemic has really shaken up the world and of course, gave an unfortunate end to our senior year. Instead of a traditional ceremony, we are now stuck with virtual graduation and a celebration on a football field. My wish is that this will slowly get under control, however, things seem

far from getting ever back to normal. This fall I plan to further my education at TCC and pursue nursing. Even if my senior year did not go as planned, those 4 years came with lots of growth and great memories. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents for the unconditional support of my dreams and goals.



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Diamond Hughes Sanchez

Denton High School Graduated on May 22, 2020



Many of the school events that were planned for Seniors were canceled. It seemed that everything we worked for was for not to be. Personally, my mental health was affected: 1) classes from home were stressful because if was hard to juggle all the time needed to finish requirements for each class. The assignments were very confusing because directions were not always clear. My mother works at the Denton State Supported-Living Center and my concern for my mother's health was a big concern for me. I was always also concerned that she may bring COVID-19 home. I have family in New York and knowing what was going on in New York also caused me great concern and stress. My boyfriend works as an EMT and my concern for his health also contributed to my high level of stress.

Our graduation ceremony was hosted at the Texas Motor Speedway. Graduation was not very personal. We had no rehearsals, no time to share with classmates the joy of graduating. Graduation itself was rushed. We had to wear masks, gloves and sit six feet apart. Our messages had to be pre-recorded. Our families were parked in the parking lot to see us graduate. Right after the graduation ceremony, we went home. There was no place for pictures with family, receiving flowers, talking with friends and family. Graduation was not very personal.

I plan on attending North Central Texas College for a couple of years and get my basics plus work toward obtaining a certificate so that I can get a job and further my studies. My long-term plans are to attend a University and study animation.

It will go back to what it used to be but there is room for improvement. With all the protests, people need to learn to talk and listen to one another otherwise things can get worse.

As a server in a fast food restaurant, my advice is to be considerate of others, stay home and wear your mask. We work because we need to work to earn money. Take care of your daily hygiene to include your mental health. Take time for yourself. Take walks, text your friends, gather with friends in small groups and most important, stay engaged.

Francisco Alfredo Sanchez



Graduate from North Central Texas College Esthetician Program Class instruction over the internet was difficult because it was totally new to the instructors. Some of the instructors were not accustomed to providing instructions through the internet. Instructors have been challenged to teach in a different framework and will be more prepared in the event they have to do more internet instruction in the future.

North Central Texas College provided a web cam graduation where pictures of graduate pictures were displayed. This was not the most important part of my graduation. The overall graduation ceremony was cut and downplayed. To me it was not that big of a deal. High school students had a bigger loss since it was their first graduation. They should appreciate all their families have done for them. I will continue to educate myself in my field by attending seminars to offer a better service to my clients.

We will not return completely. As a result of COVID-19 many businesses have adopted new ways of doing business with which they would not have experimented without the challenge of COVID-19. People will now look for new avenues for interactions.

Look for new hobbies and do not focus on what you cannot accomplish but focus on what you can accomplish. Be concerned about others and not just about our own needs.



Abigail Estrada - 2020



Hi, my name is Abigail Estrada from Irving high school, my senior year didn't go as planned a lot of things got canceled for me because of this pandemic, my graduation isn't

the same but at least I could walk and that's all I was really worried about. I'm sure our country can bounce back from this, it's a minor setback for a major comeback! We're strong as a nation all we have to do is work together. I plan on going to community college in the fall at Mountain View then transfer to a university either SMU or Texas Wesleyan to study law; I plan to be a prosecutor and a defense lawyer in criminal justice and immigration lawyer. This year definitely tested my faith, but if it wasn't for my family, I wouldn't have stayed positive through this whole situation. They made this rough path better. We couldn't stop this from happening, but we can get stronger from this. We the class of 2020 will forever be the best year because we will come out on top! To everyone going into high school or who is in high school have fun and enjoy it, these are memories you can't get back!

Clarissa Montemayor



Fernando Aguirre



Murder in the High Desert

Unless you lived in far west Texas during 2017 this hashtag doesn't mean much, but if you resided in the sleepy town of Alpine, Texas (pop. 6,020) than Justice for Zuzu meant you wanted to see the murderers of a young woman behind bars forever. Alpine, Texas is a picturesque town burrowed into the base of the Davis Mountains. Crime is nearly non-existent here partly due to the population being made up of mostly young families, retirees, college students and die-hard nature lovers and mostly due to the fact that Border Patrol agents, State Police, local police and even Federal agents call Alpine, Texas home. Naturally, when the tragic details of Zuzu Verk's death began to unravel, locals rallied together to find the cold-blooded killers.

`Zuzu Verk, 21-year-old native of Keller, Tx, moved to Alpine to attend Sul Ross State University. She began dating Robert Fabian. According to friends and family, the relationship had a good start but things began to get rocky. Zuzu Verk's brother told the Dallas Morning News, "Robert always treats her (his sister) good but I think that he cares more for Zuzu than she cares for him." Zuzu made it apparent that she wanted out of the on and off again relationship, still she remained close with Robert Fabian and this friendship would ultimately cost Zuzu her life. Zuzu began dating another Alpine man yet remained close friends with Robert Fabian and he became increasingly jealous and aggressive towards her. Two weeks before her disappearance, Zuzu mentioned to a classmate that she no longer felt safe and would be transferring to Texas A&M, particularly because her tires had been mysteriously slashed. She said, "I don't think that Robert had slashed my tires but he might have done it."

According to affidavits the timeline of Zuzu's untimely death and disappearance begins on October 11, 2016. Earlier that day Zuzu had finished up a mid-term at school (which she aced, according to her mother Lori Verk). Zuzu went to the Rangra Theatre in Alpine, Tx with a group of friends including Robert Fabian. She mentioned to him that her back had been hurting so he invited her over for dinner and a massage later that night. Robert Fabian's downstairs neighbor reports smelling food being cooked from Fabian's apartment between 9-10pm, and Zuzu showed up at Fabian's apartment around 10:12pm. The walls of the apartment building are thin and the neighbor, John Franco, and his girlfriend Abigail, can hear conversation between Fabian and Verk. All seemed normal but the neighbors then reported hearing arguing around 11pm and Fabian yell "Shut the f** up".

No one saw or heard from Zuzu Verk ever again after that night. Zuzu's parents in Fort Worth began worrying when their daughter had not received any of their calls in three days. They immediately departed to Alpine to begin the nightmare task of finding their beloved daughter. Local police were notified and Zuzu Verk was officially declared as a missing person on October16, 2016. Local authorities searched Fabian's apartment and they did not find much more than a painter's drop cloth that they had previously discovered Fabian had bought at Dollar General the night of Zuzu's disappearance. This indicated foul play and Fabian was officially named as a suspect in Zuzu's disappearance. End Part 1, Check on Weekender for Part 2 @ www.nuestravozdetc.com

Marfa Lights, Native Spirts, UFOS Car Lights or Gas?

If you are a fan or even a foe of any kind of unexplained phoneme you have likely heard of the Marfa Lights. Pero, just to make sure that I do not leave any reader out I will give you a short historical overview before I get to my eyewitness account. First the official viewing site is about nine miles east of Marfa or in my case about seventeen miles west of Alpine. This of course is in the Big Bend area about two hours west of El Paso.

When you google Marfa Lights a lot of stuff will come up including documentaries on YouTube and maybe even Netflix. Pero, if you are time challenged or even (lazy) I will give you enough to share with your friends (With Social Distancing Of Course) over a drink or two.

According to published reports from Universities, Science Journals E Mas, the first recorded report was in 1883. Robert Ellison, a West Texas cowhand saw a flickering light one night in Paisano Pass. Initially it was dismissed as campfires started by Apache Indians. However, when they investigated further there were no signs of a campsite. Next Joe and Anne Humphreys reported seeing the lights in 1885, same explanation offered and dismissed.

Since then the sightings have continued and the explanations have varied from car lights in

the distance, to a mirage caused by sharp temperature changes, small fires and you name it. The lights have been studied with all kinds of equipment and chased on foot and in the air. Some believe the unexplained lights are the spirts of Indian Chiefs or Spanish Conquistadors. They are often labeled as Ghost lights or even some form of Alien life attempting to communicate with is. Ala the 80s movie with Richard Dreyfuss Close Encounters of the Third Kind. And in fact, if you saw the movie there is a scene where a group of people are gathered on a remote road in hopes of catching a view of UFOS. The Marfa lights viewing area reminded me of that, it is on a remote road with no lights. Pero, there are restroom facilities available for the Light chasers.

I visited this sight on Memorial Day night and there was probably at least a couple of dozen fellow curiosity gazers like myself. Maybe even more but when you get to the site it is dark and some brave souls go further out then designated area. For sure no kind of lights are allowed out there and in fact some loudmouth self-appointed light control officer objected loudly to someone driving up shining lights in his direction. He even used the F-Word which in my opinion should only be reserved for extreme occasions.

Okay, ahora (now) this what I saw - way in the distance which seems to be some miles away three separate lights appeared. I saw a red light, green light

and just a light that maybe looked like a star, they maybe best described as orbs. During the time I was out there I saw them together, flicker, float and then seem to separate, each sighting was brief but was real. Now as to what I believe it was I saw that night. First let me say that I do not believe it is car lights, remember the first sighting was in 1883- no cars then. Small fires? No, easy to prove or disprove that, gas, or other natural explanation maybe. UFOS attempting to contact us, seems unlikely. Pero I wouldn't' completely rule it out. After all, if you would have told me that I, along with most of the world would be going through a life changing (Forever) Pandemic I would have said, "I don't know about that". And further if you have said that that the POTUS would advice to inject ourselves with Lysol and maybe drink some bleach, I would have said "Are you insane?" (Maybe F. Word Here?)

So, is it possible that it could be something not of our world, I would say YES As for the local folk Marfians if you will (Huh Marfians/Martians) it appears that most think the lights are real and they do not believe there is any real rational explanation and their' okay with that. Are they worth seeing for yourself? Yes, if you are the curious type and have an open, mind why not? besides lots more to see in the area and they are COVID Free. Of course, you could go chase Big Foot in nearby Oklahoma, I'm' out on that one though. By A. Govea

Looking for Something to Watch? Can't' Go Wrong with These! Unless you Hate Mexican types?

City of Angels with Nathan Lane as Detective Lewis Michener and newly minted self-labeled Chicano Detective Tiago Vega star in this gothic horror new show based in 1938 L.A. The first episode is centered around a quadruple murder of four white people, and the prime suspects are Mexicans. It has satanic undertones, and a message left in Spanish at the murder scene. Which leads the police captain to say I wish it had just been Mexicans. After arriving at the scene Nathan Lane character tells Detective Vega now, I know why they wanted the new Spec Detective. Blatant racism against Mexican Americans is out in the open, no hiding and no reason to. Pero despite that there is time to celebrate family and community which will put a smile on your face to witness La Raza in 1938 Los Angeles.

Also introduced in the mix is a group of German immigrants that seem to support Hitlers' Third Reich and want Americans to stay out of the war overseas. La Santa Muerta and the Devil also have a part to play in this story lane. And throw in an egotistic Mayor set on freeway development even if it destroys minority neighborhoods, we got drama to spare. One resident that fights back against the expansion into their neighborhoods is Detective Vega's brother, which leads to life changing consequences. I know it may it seem like too much stuff for one show, Pero it works, I really liked this show and I think you will too, look forward to the next episode. Sundays at 7.00pm on Showtime I give 3 out of 5 sombreros Ole'!

(Warning lost 1 Sombrero due to gratuitous sex scenes)

And if you have not had enough of Mexican types on T.V. check out Gentrified on Netflix

This show is labeled a dramedy that often tells like it is, based in Boyle Heights east of downtown L.A. where the Mexicans and Chicanos are increasingly being replaced with the Lentix and Hipster types. The people there are working class Raza with strong immigrant ties. The young people there live in two worlds which is "This is the way it always has been" to "Change is better" The episodes I have seen revolve around the Morales family trying to come together to save the family Taco shop. There is humor, cultural /tradition and conflict brought on by change, especially by the White hipsters that are moving in. Cesar Chavez Ave is a big player on the show and his work is recognized by several characters on the show. The show is the brainchild and love letter to their neighborhood of Marvin Lemus and Yvette Chavez. They are both first -generation children of immigrant parents that fully understand Spanglish in everyday life. This show is the first they created and sold, which with no previous experience or any genuine industry connections is a real feat. I like it, but maybe not as much as City of Angels, I give 2 ½ sombreros out 5

Uno Mas/One More

for the road if not tired of Mexican Types and interested in Hip-Hop/Rap artists origins with a Mexican intersection, check out L.A. Originals A documentary on Hip-hop influential Duo Estevan Oriol and Mister Cartoon. I guarantee you that even if Hip-Hop is not your thing, you will be impressed with these two Vatos. By A. Govea (Please send comments to goveanlberto215@yahoo.com)

Mask-O-No-Mask

Is not a civil right! And neither is going to a bar, restaurant gym or being asked to wear a mask to help prevent disease. Pero some people are up in arms over what in my opinion my be lifesaving restrictions. It reminds me how people reacted to the seat belt law when it first came out. There were people that said Hell No, I'm' not wearing it, nobody can tell me what to do in my own car I'm an American.

That is in fact what I see in some of the protests, they are calling it a violation of their American rights. And many are doing so while displaying a loaded weapon rifle or gun, 'Come on now give me a break" There has even been violence in response when some people have been asked to wear a mask to enter in some retail outlets. This is behavior I could expect from some children but grown A** men and women come on now. Either you were spoiled as a child and never grew out of it or you must take a hard look in the mirror and figure out what is going on. Or maybe you must study the civil rights movement to find out what actual violations of civil rights are. Or simply look at the protests going on now if you need a real definition of a civil rights violation!

If you read this and toke offense, I am sorry, but many people are fighting for their lives due to COVID-19. And in many areas of our country our health systems are spread to breaking point, along with the health care workers. We cannot be guilty of contributing to their workload if we can prevent it. I do not believe putting on a mask for a short period or perhaps not partying with 20 of your friends for now is a big ask. Not if you knew that by abiding by current restrictions would save your life or that of a loved one. Unfortunately, this pandemic is not going away soon, and a second wave is almost guaranteed we need your help. Last, I will ask you directly if you are out in any public place, please wear a mask, do it for all of us. This is not left, right issue or brown, black or white issue, this is a matter of "Life or death" By A. Govea

"ABBEY DIED"

By Luis C. Castillo

I recently came across this heartwarming story on social media. The writer encouraged its readers to share the story. While I did not share this story on social media, I like to share it in this venue. I hope you'll enjoy the story as much as I did and be reminded of the special role that our pets play in our lives and the humanity in all of us.



"Our 14-year-old dog Abbey died last month. The day after she passed away my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her: I told her that I thought we could so, and she dictated these words:"

"Dear God.

Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick.

I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play with balls. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.

Love, Meredith"

"We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letterbox at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had. Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, "To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page were the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:"

"Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognized her right away.

Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I am sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by. Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you. I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much. By the way, I'm easy to find. I am wherever there is love.

Love, God"

Nuestra Voz En Español

El nombre del juego

El dueño de un salón de belleza decidió abrir la tienda en violación de la directiva del condado de permanecer cerrado hasta que sea seguro abrirlo. La razón por la que abrió temprano fue porque tenía una familia que alimentar. En San Antonio, alrededor de 50,000 personas fueron al banco de alimentos en un día para obtener alimentos para alimentar a su familia. Ella no era la única con una familia hambrienta. Parece que ella obtuvo un préstamo federal para pequeñas empresas. En una cuenta de GoFundMe obtuvo cientos de miles. Ted Cruz, nuestro querido senador, fue a cortarse el pelo en la barbería propiedad de un conocido infractor de la ley. Un símbolo de alguien que defiende sus derechos constitucionales. A veces violar la ley es lucrativo.

Abbot nuestro famoso gobernador cambió las pautas para abrir la economía de Texas para que nadie vaya a la cárcel por no seguir las pautas. La señora salió libre. El viejo dicho, "Las reglas están hechas para romperse" se hizo realidad. Mucha gente cita la constitución como la razón de su desobediencia civil. La mayoría, si no todos, son simplemente tontos, ignorantes y estúpidos. Sus derechos constitucionales han sido pisoteados solo cuando el caso es llevado a la Corte Suprema y la Corte Suprema está de acuerdo. De lo contrario, es solo una estúpida charla.

Mientras conducía, recordé todas las graduaciones de secundaria a las que había asistido. Trimble Tech HS, Sunset HS y mis propios nietos en Abilene. Hubo el ruido, la cacofonía de estudiantes, amigos y familiares que asistieron a la graduación seguidos de festividades en otros lugares. Había alegría y felicidad. Algunos de estos estudiantes fueron los primeros en graduarse de la escuela secundaria. Eran modelos para seguir para el resto de la familia. Del mismo modo, Quinceañera trajo la misma euforia a una familia bendecida. Estos eventos son mucho más que celebraciones. Reúnen a la familia por un período de risa y diversión. Estas celebraciones son de enorme importancia para la comunidad latina.

La consecuencia más negativa de quedarse en casa es el empleo. Los despidos y despidos eran un mal comercial necesario. El cierre se ha levantado, pero parece que las personas no responden como se esperaba, no corren a las tiendas. Las personas desempleadas no tienen demasiados ingresos disponibles. Mientras afrontamos toda esta tragedia, esperamos que el hombre en Washington sea comprensivo y enfático con nuestros sentimientos y nuestras necesidades. En este momento, un poco de empatía haría mucho para alegrar el espíritu de muchos estadounidenses.

Ahora, todo esto debe llegar a una pausa, con suerte, temporal porque estamos siendo atacados por un virus. Lo que sabemos sobre el coronavirus es que es muy contagioso y mata a las personas. Para evitar la propagación del coronavirus, se nos pidió que nos quedáramos en casa, entre otras cosas. No se puede curar el coronavirus; solo puedes evitar su propagación.

Escuché el testimonio del Dr. Fauci. Muy esclarecedor Excepto aquellos que no pueden ver la luz. Al igual que Fox News. Oué montón de idiotas imbéciles. Se hacen llamar patriotas, unidades, defensores de la constitución, lo que sea. Para mostrar su patriotismo, se envuelven con la bandera estadounidense. Una de las personas de Fox incluso llamó a Fauci un bufón. En realidad, Fox se ha ganado el derecho de ser llamado el Canal Buffoon. Pero no culpemos a Fox por todo. Fox tiene muchos anunciantes. Pagan dólares para tener los bufones a diario. Los anunciantes son los verdaderos culpables.

Trump y sus seguidores están jugando un juego donde hay ganadores y perdedores. Este es el plan de juego:

Deslegitimar al FBI y a todas las agencias de inteligencia.

Destruye cualquier oposición legítima a Trump.

Negar que Trump haya hecho algo malo.

Negar el peligro del coronavirus. El número de personas muertas es un engaño.

El informe Mueller fue un engaño.

Todas las sentencias de los tribunales de distrito que no favorecen a Trump son apeladas ante la Corte Suprema. Con la Corte Suprema repleta de jueces conservadores, puede esperar que la mayoría de los fallos favorezcan a Trump.

La mayoría de los republicanos son cómplices de este mal gobierno. El nombre del juego es: protege a Trump a toda costa. Incluso si eso significa desmantelar América. Esperemos que no entremos en un período que llamaríamos la matanza de América.

Félix Alvarado Editor

Nuestra Voz En Español

Mascara o No-Mascara

¡No es un derecho civil! Y tampoco es ir a un bar, restaurante, gimnasio o pedirle que use una máscara para ayudar a prevenir enfermedades. Pero algunas personas están en desacuerdo sobre lo que en mi opinión pueden ser restricciones que salvan vidas. Me recuerda cómo la gente reaccionó a la ley del cinturón de seguridad cuando salió por primera vez. Hubo personas que dijeron Infierno No, no lo estoy usando, nadie puede decirme qué hacer en mi propio auto. Soy estadounidense.

De hecho, eso es lo que veo en algunas de las protestas, lo llaman una violación de sus derechos estadounidenses. Y muchos lo hacen mientras exhiben un arma o arma cargada, "Vamos, dame un respiro" Incluso hubo violencia en respuesta cuando a algunas personas se les pidió

que usaran una máscara para entrar en algunos puntos de venta. Este es el comportamiento que podría esperar de algunos niños, pero los hombres y mujeres adultos A ** vienen ahora. O eras malcriado cuando eras niño y nunca creciste de él o debes mirarte fijamente en el espejo y descubrir qué está sucediendo. O tal vez debe estudiar el movimiento de derechos civiles para descubrir qué son las violaciones reales de los derechos civiles. O simplemente mire las protestas que están ocurriendo ahora si necesita una definición real de una violación de los derechos civiles!

Si lees esto y te ofendes, lo siento, pero muchas personas están luchando por sus vidas debido a COVID-19. Y en muchas áreas de nuestro país, nuestros sistemas de salud se extienden hasta el punto de

ruptura, junto con los trabajadores de la salud. No podemos ser culpables de contribuir a su carga de trabajo si podemos evitarlo. No creo que ponerse una máscara por un período corto o tal vez no festejar con 20 de tus amigos por ahora sea una gran pregunta. No, si supiera que cumplir con las restricciones actuales salvaría su vida o la de un ser querido. Desafortunadamente, esta pandemia no va a desaparecer pronto, y una segunda ola está casi garantizada que necesitamos su ayuda. Por último, te preguntaré directamente si estás en algún lugar público, por favor usa una máscara, hazlo por todos nosotros. Este no es un problema izquierdo, derecho o marrón, negro o blanco, es una cuestión de "vida o muerte"

Por A. Govea



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My Corona Frame of Mind

During this current time of the pandemic most of the churches had to close in order to help stop the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. Christians everywhere were jolted into a new reality. Their house of worship was closed! We Catholics were not able to participate in the sacred ritual of the Mass. We demonstrate our love for God when we join in the sacrificial offerings and now, we could not partake! Other Christians have reacted differently to the absence of group worship. I have come to believe that God has given us a rude awakening.

Many had strayed from a relationship with him. A lot of us got too relaxed about God and what he wants from us. The jolt of losing the privilege of congregational church meetings has forced

a new mind set. Those believers relaxed in group style of worship woke up. The significance of a personal relationship with God for many had been missing. A new frame of mind has developed. I see this happening from testimonies on the internet. The importance of a one on one talk to God through prayers has increased. This private way of expressing Love and Honor to God has much value. I believe it is what God wanted. He wants us to form and increase a personal relationship with him. It took a pandemic for the multitudes to realize this.

The Bible has story after story of how God brings back those who have wandered away from his sphere of Love. Love is part of our natural relationship to God.

During this time of Pandemic, I had and interesting observation about love. The other morning, like we always do, my lovely wife and I went outside to sit on the patio. Our little dog likes to stay outside so it is always a pleasure to see him run up to us wagging his tail happy to see us. He comes up to me wanting me to pet him to show that I am happy to see him as well. I love that little guy. My petting him is my way expressing that love. You can tell it makes him happy when we exchange these love jesters. He is a good dog. His showing love for me makes me want to love him back. It increases my desire to want to take good care of him. I know he depends on me for food, water, shelter and companionship. So, it makes me happy to want to do that and more for him.

In the same way that is how God is towards us. He likes it when we show our love for him. He likes it when we stop what we are doing and give up some of our limited time here on earth to talk to him. So, do not you see, it makes God happy when we show our love for Him. He in return will show His Love for us as well. Kind of like what I do to my little doggy's show of love for me. I appreciate it and I like that he shows me love.

Talk to God every day and tell him that you Love him. Do this

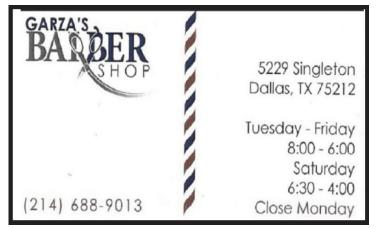


by praying to Him and give him thanks. He answers by continuing to take care of us and leads us through our everyday life. It makes Him happy to show his Love for us as well.

When you can get back to Church you should appreciate Mass more. All the prayers recited during the ritual have been established to totally pay homage to God. Participate in all those canonical prayers. Listen carefully or follow them in your missal as the Priest is saying them. Those prayers were established hundreds of years ago. They all lead to the Eucharist our communion with God through Jesus Christ.

We have been prevented from communion for a little while by this pandemic. Our personal relation with God has been increased because of it. So, if you want to know how to make God happy, just use your loving little pet as an example. After all you are his lord and master. He looks up to you for love and happiness. And that my friends are just as we should also do every day towards God.

Peace and Love to you all, Joe M. Govea, a devout Catholic whose duty is to evangelize



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