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Letter From The Editor

Now that Trump is in the hospital with the coronavirus you get a glimpse at his true character. He played with fire believing he could not or would not get burnt. He did. Now the country is in limbo waiting to see what happens. Question almost everybody has is "will he make it?" Time will tell. Of course, the election will continue with or without Trump. Nobody knows how many people were infected by his carelessness. The virus does not wave a red flag with a warning "here I come."

Trump was running around the country stoking fears of a rigged election. There was going to be massive voter from mail-in ballots. In Texas, Abbott is trying to help Trump win this election. Gov Abbot ordered that counties could have only one mail-in ballot collection box. What Abbott is doing is so transparent. Abbott's hope is that voters will be unable to cast their ballot. The name for this is voter suppression. By limiting the number of mail-in drop boxes Abbott is denying voters the opportunity to cast their ballot in a secure site. Of course, this is normal for a Trump puppet. It is not we Americans that are trying to rig the election, it is the Russians!!! It is okay for the Russians to interfere, again, because they want Trump to win.

We are caught between a rock and a hard spot. When you see businesses shut down you kind of know that the economy is not recuperating very fast. Businesses are still failing. It is hard to predict which businesses will not survive the coronavirus. Several large retailers have filed for bankruptcy. Others are struggling. The country is struggling. Americans are struggling. To get out of this mess is going to require leadership. The Texas legislature and the US Congress must figure out how to get the economy going. Question is, "Will we survive?"

I have compared Trump to Hugo Chavez. They are an identical pair. Trump is a passing fancy a fad, just like Chavez was. When Chavez died the so did the fad. Much like Chavez, Trump had the support of the riffraff. Just like no one could replace Chavez, no one can replace Trump. No Republican is going to stand up and pursue the crowd that followed Trump. Just like Chavez left Venezuela in a mess, so will Trump leave America in a mess. We can prevent America from becoming another Venezuela. VOTE!!!! This is a wakeup call for Cornyn, Cruz and Abbott. The Trump era is over. You no longer represent Trump. Welcome back to the real world, earn your pay. Or be voted out of office.

Felix Alvarado Editor

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Willie Velasquez Voting Rights Icon

If you are a minority elected to office in the last 40 years, chances are you owe it in part to Willie. Not because he was the founder of MAYO (Mexican American Youth Organization). Not because he was once the Boycott coordinator for UFW in the Rio Grande Valley. Probably not for his work as a field director for the Southwest Council of La Raza, or La Raza Unida party founder with Jose Angel Gutierrez.

Pero all those roles were ones he had on the way to a Presidential Medal of Honor presented to him posthumously by President Bill Clinton in 1995. In addition, despite Republican opposition on May 9th, 2014, on what would have been his 70th birthday, Texas Legislature authorized a Willie Velasquez Day. Unfortunately, Mr. Velasquez died in 1988 from complications from kidney cancer at the of 44. According to those that were close to him, he suddenly started feeling ill, was diagnosed with cancer, and sadly a month later, he passed. His work and that of the SWVP changed Texas politics forever, and this is how and why he did it.

After seeing the success and the demise of the Raza Unida Party, he created something more lasting and narrative changing. So, he then spent years starting in 1970-71, creating the Southwest Voter Project. And after much planning and raising seed money in 1974, he finally opened his office with a folding chair, a borrowed rotary phone, and a small desk. The overall goal was to increase minority voter participation in the political single-member districts in the name of

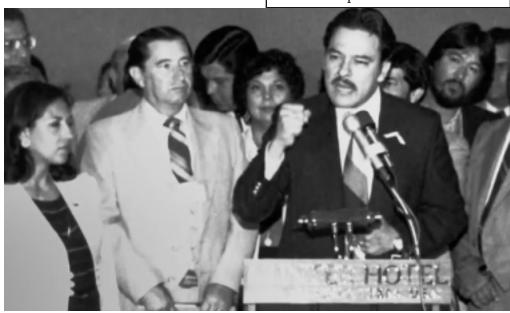
process, especially Latinos in the Southwest. Mr. Velasquez determined this was the only way for Latino empowerment.

Initially, the process involved getting more people in marginalized communities registered to vote through community-based voter drives. However, rather than just sending paid staff from their office to run the drives, they recruited directly from the target city or community. The premise here was to recruit someone already connected and trusted in the community to head their own community project. Once that person was chosen and vetted, they would then travel to the Texas Headquarters for SWVP for training, which is how I was lucky enough to meet Mr. Velazquez and go through organizational leadership training that he and others at the project developed. Willie was a charismatic leader, and you could not help but listen to his every word. And you believed what he told you because the passion in his voice meant that he believed in what he was saying. Once trained, you became an official project organizer ready to go home and go to work.

In some communities, the increase in minority voters had an immediate impact on city and county elections. The face of city and county government was more reflective of all its citizens. However, not everywhere, many Latinos would say, "Why vote, we never elect the people we vote for." And most times, they were right. Initially, the response from the SWVP was to register even more people, but again in most cases, the same results. A closer study revealed that in cities where all political candidates were elected at large, anyone with a Latino surname stood no chance at majority White cities. So, to be clear, you could live and run out of a district that was 70% Latino, but if the city were majority White and your name was Gonzalez, "No way, Jose. "This practice of At-Large voting was along with gerrymandering; voter intimidation was a lasting part of the Jim Crow era. Unfortunately, this year's president's election has brought back some old obstacles and some new twists.

This led to first asking those cities with at-large elections to change to

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TRUMP STAYS IN CHARACTER WITH LACK OF CHARACTER

By Jim Stodola

Trump told twenty false or misleading statements in his acceptance speech, according to CNN. In other words, he lied twenty times. Then add in maybe 100 such statements from others during the GOP convention.

Violence? Here is a quote from David Hogg, a Parkland shooting survivor, "The shooter in Kenosha was photographed at a Trump rally. The shooter at my high school wore a MAGA hat. The Walmart shooter in El Paso had a similar manifesto to how Trump talks about a "Hispanic Invasion" at the border. Donald Trump is inspiring domestic terrorists across the United States." So say David Hogg, and I agree with him. But this is just the tip of the iceberg; there are many more examples of what Trump's hatred has done.

Trump urged his Trumpist's in North Carolina to illegally vote twice to wreak more chaos. Trump's Jackass Bill Barr was questioned about this. He hemmed and hawed and said that he did not know the voting regs of the states. Bullcrap! It is illegal to vote twice everywhere, and this jackass knows that. These guys get sicker every day. I understand that 35% of Hispanics strongly support Trump, mostly because of the abortion issue. Wake up, guys, that is only one issue, and there are twenty reasons to vote against Trump! Read my back columns. And my friend Alfred Sanchez re-iterated that Freedom of Choice is not pro-abortion. It just means keep the government out of my body.

Just discovered that in 2018, Trump called our American Marines who died in France in WW1 "losers" and "suckers." This was confirmed by a senior Defense Dept. official and a senior U.S. Marine officer. Trump even denied he called John McCain a loser, but we have that in one of his printed tweets and a TV interview. Hey guys, have the guts to call Trump a loser because he is! Sicker every day! Recently, Trump did not want wounded military veterans to attend a

parade because "Nobody wants to see that." Trump's own EPA chief says that if he gets re-elected, Trump will roll back more regs (thereby poisoning your air and water even more.)

Alberto Govea printed a list of 27 Republican senators and members of Congress who are supporting former Vice President Joe Biden. And more may join. And that is besides a hundred other noted Republicans voting for Biden.

There was a Trump parade of boats on Lake Travis near Austin, TX the weekend of September 5th, and several of those boats sunk. Maybe that is an omen that Trump's boat is going to sink November third. It was reported to me that an earlier Trump boat parade was held in New Jersey and that Trump actually paid folks to be in that parade.

Voting is not just your privilege; it is your right. Anybody who prevents you from voting is guilty of TREASON. And anybody who keeps your vote from counting is guilty of TREASON. Well, hello, Donald Trump. This just in Rachel Maddow's interview with Michael Cohen on September 8, 2020: Donald Trump is not pro-life; he is pro-choice. Trump P5

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fairness. And as you can guess, most said no, so then came the lawsuits Southwest Voter Project filed lawsuits along with LULAC, NAACP, MALDF, and others. At first, most cities fought to keep things as they were. But then after seeing the losses by cities all around, many just waved the White Flag (No pun intended) and said okay, Dammit, let us do it. When I became the project director and had an interaction with the County Asser, she told me, "Oh, you're one of those people." So, we were not well welcomed by the city government. Pero, although I do not remember the numbers we registered, I know

we reached our goal. And in the process, elected the first Black and Latino to the city council and school board respectfully, which was a first in Midland, Texas. The initial goal that Willie and the SWVP had was to get minorities more involved in the political process through empowerment was showing some genuine progress. The second goal to create a well-informed electorate can still be debated. This year's presidential election may answer that question based on the clear divide on the issues that affect our community. One thing is clear to me: Willie lives on in every campaign for empowerment in our community. A former staffer once said, "...Willie was always in a

hurry, maybe he knew his life would be short, but imagine what he could have done had he lived another ten years?" On a personal note, life has kind of come full circle for me as my Granddaughter also went through the same training I did and became a Project Director as I once was. Last, I ask that you honor his memory by participating in the political process and if you are called to run for office, please do so.

By A. Govea Vote/Vote 2020 Tu Vota Es Tu Voz

Reference; PBS, Wikipedia, S.A. Express and personal knowledge.

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Trump discussed this with Cohen several times. He only said he was pro-life to get the support of the evangelicals!

So now all of you Hispanics who thought you had to vote for Trump because of the abortion issue, you do not have to anymore.

If you think Trump is joking when he says that he wants to be president for the next twelve years, he is not. Cohen says Trump has no sense of humor; he really wants to be president for life, just like his dictator buddies around the world. Scary and treasonous.

In his interview with the well-respected reporter Bob Woodward Trump openly admitted that he deliberately downplayed the Coronavirus that he knew was "deadly" and "this is a plague." Instead of calling it the China virus, we should probably call it the Trump virus! Maybe Trump can be charged with negligent homicide after he leaves office? Former Defense Secretary General Mattis called Trump "dangerous" and "unfit" with "no moral compass." Senator Tammy Duckworth, who lost her legs fighting our war, said, "Trump doesn't deserve to be commander-in-chief for four more minutes, let alone four more years." A senior Dept. of Homeland Security official, Brian Murphy, was told to stop providing intelligence analysis on the threat of Russian interference in the 2020 election because it made Trump look bad. He was also told to stop giving analysis on the White Supremacist threat and their violence, instead to portray the left with violence. When he refused, the acting Secretary of DHS, Chad Wolfe, removed him and demoted him. Murphy is now filing as a whistleblower.

And make no mistake, Trump will end social security if he is re-elected, and he could do it without Congress. he hates social security. He wants to cut payroll funding for it permanently. Additionally, Trump insisted in July; he would not sign another COVID relief bill unless it cut back on that funding. Those of

you who have always screamed that social security will run out of money, drop that talk. There are remedies planned. But not if Trump remains in office.

Apparently, the 35% of Hispanics who support Trump have forgotten about the immigrants who had their children taken from them by Trump as they were all kept in cages. But now something more egregious has been discovered. In an ICE detention center in Georgia, at least thirty-five women, at the very least 35, had a doctor perform hysterectomies on them either against their will or unbeknownst to them. Some were told lies that they had cancer. This is equivalent to Hitler's sterilization programs. If, by chance, Trump did not know of these, I would question whether Trump would not have approved this!

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar had interfered with the

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar had interfered with the FDA policies regarding the virus. He also rigged reports from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) regarding the virus to make Trump look better. Democrats are demanding his resignation. This administration is more corrupt than any other four administrations.

But there is a character at HHS who is just as sick as Donald Trump, assistant Michael Caputo. Caputo has also interfered but has sickeningly said that there are scientists at CDC who are guilty of sedition, trying to keep people sick so that Trump will not get re-elected. He also told GOPs to start loading up on ammo because there are Democrat hit squads. This sicko has just taken a sixty-day leave of absence. Maybe Trump should take a three-month leave of absence with him. At least the nation would not have to endure any more of Trump's somewhat 21,000 lies.

The CDC Director says that masks are your best protection; they may protect

you better than a vaccine. Trump, on the other hand, wants to go for herd immunity. Everybody catches the virus, and we will all get immune. The CDC says that is not true, and by the way, if everybody caught it, we would probably have 600,000 deaths here.

Jackass Bill Barr compared the Covid-19 restrictions to slavery. What a tool, and he is "supposed" to be our Attorney General but is Trump's sycophant. For all you Trumpists who refuse to wear masks because it is restraining your freedom, quit wearing your seatbelts. They also restrain your freedom!

An important aid to Mike Pence quit because Trump does not care about human life, just getting re-elected. She quoted him as saying that the virus might be a good thing, at least he would not have to shake hands with those disgusting people.

Trump goons have already been illegally intimidating voters at polling places in Virginia. Let us see what is done about it! There will surely be more of it by these Trump goons.

As we mourn the death of Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg, we are reminded of what Republicans have said in the past. In 2016 Moscow, Mitch McConnell would not let President Obama's nominee even get a hearing because it was an election year, even though the election was ten months away. In 2018, Lindsey Graham, Marco Rubio, and Ted Cruz all said they would not vote for a new justice in an election year. Now we are only 40 days away from a presidential election, and these hypocritical cockroaches are going to crawl out and support and vote for Trump's nominee.

I am expecting the Democratic Party will fight back like they never have before.

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP OF POLICE

By Luis C. Castillo

"In a civilized and rule-by-law society, law and order starts with those charged

with maintaining law and order to conduct themselves in an unequivocal lawful

and orderly manner. When they don't the system breaks down."

Across the United States there has been numerous protests and demonstrations prompted by recent national images and videos of ethnic minorities killed in the custody of police has once again have awakened our social consciousness. People from all social and economic backgrounds are demanding police reform and, in some instances, people are calling to defund the police. Regardless on which side of the spectrum you are in police reform one thing is certain – police reform is absolutely necessary. The only question remaining unanswered is how and to what extent?

Closer to home, Arlington is no exception to questionable police shootings of ethnic minorities in recent years and there are certainly some areas in need for improvement. But before I state my case for police reform it is necessary to fully disclose my background in police work so I may be somewhat qualified to speak to this subject matter.

First and foremost, I do not claim to be a police expert. I did work as a "street cop" police officer for nine years some years ago in a rough bor-

der town in Texas. During my tenure I came across unimaginable gruesome crime scenes; a "partner" of mine was killed in the line of duty and two others committed suicide. To say I witnessed a lot of "s___" is an understatement. I also served as the local police association president. In this capacity I assisted with the representation of police officers charged with misconduct. This role was an eye opener as to the other "human side" of the police profession. In addition, I was actively involved with a police advocacy group who pushed for "meet and confer" and "civil service" legislation at the state capitol.

Secondly, I am not anti-police, but I do support police reform. And while this editorial is primarily aimed at the City of Arlington, the recommendation herein may easily be applied to other city police departments. And last, I hope this narrative is informative and adds to the discussion, debate, and decision in support for a better police department in Arlington. Let us start the brief examination with a "What If Scenario". What if you have 640 police officers and 630 are "good cops" and 10 are "bad cops", and the 630 "good cops" don't turn in the 10 "bad cops"? What you have now are 640 "bad cops ". This "what if" sheds light to a long suspected "police code" - cops do not telltale on cops. Given my experience I am inclined to say this may be true in some cases but to what extent is the million-dollar question.

Why Police Reform? - Because the current system in place for many years is undoubtedly broken. The Mayor-City Council form of government which ultimately oversees police officer's conduct has proven to be ineffective, unaccountable, intransparent, detrimental to community interests, and socially unacceptable. This very same system of police oversight - the Mayor and City Council - allows police employee associations to funnel thousands of dollars into the Mayor's and Council member's election coffers. In short, the current police oversight system is politicized. Be mindful that the Mayor and City Council provide two significant concessions to the police association: "meet and confer" agreements and "arbitration hearings" for disciplinary actions against police officers. Both of these measures have proven to be restraints against police accountability and transparency; two of the most important community concerns driving police reform.

So how can this broken system of police oversight be fix? One sure way is to remove police oversight from the Mayor-City Council and render it to the community. The most reasonable recommendation would be the following:

Establish and fund a Community Police Oversight Board charged with the oversight of police operations inclusive of the policies and procedures for the recruitment, selection, placement, promotion, recognition, discipline,

and termination of police officers.

The police oversight system is broken, and Arlington's community activists are pushing for police reform to provide for a better police department that "serves and protects" the community and is "accountable" to the community. After all, the community pays the police officers' salaries and benefits. The drum beat for proponents of police reform should be unmistakably loud and clear – community ownership of police.



Before LULAC, UFW& Chicano Movement There Was Jovita

By Nisie G. Jimenez

Jovita Idár was a bright, artistic young girl who greatly admired her father, Nicasio Idár. Nicasio was a dedicated activist and often brought to light the gruesome realities of being Mexican American in the early 1900s. He was the publisher and editor of La Crónica. This publication often exposed the horrors of lynching like in the case of Antonio Rodríguez, who was accused of murdering an Anglo woman then hunted and lynched. La Crónica also acknowledged the need for equal rights and education for Mexican Americans, as their mission statement read, "We work for the progress and the industrial, moral and intellectual development of the Mexican inhabitants of Texas." Nicasio was truly ahead of his time and paved the way for the Chicano movement. His young daughter watched on as her valiant father broke boundaries, and she would grow up to do the same.

Jovita was incredibly studious but had an artistic side to her and often won prizes for her poetry. In 1903 she earned her teaching certificate. She got her first teaching job at a school just 40 miles out from Loredo. She soon realized the difficulties of being a Mexican American student in a segregated school and became frustrated with the lack of proper supplies and reading material. Taxes paid by those living in these neighborhoods were meant to provide quality education, but they were not even supplied with chairs for all students. She knew action had to be taken.

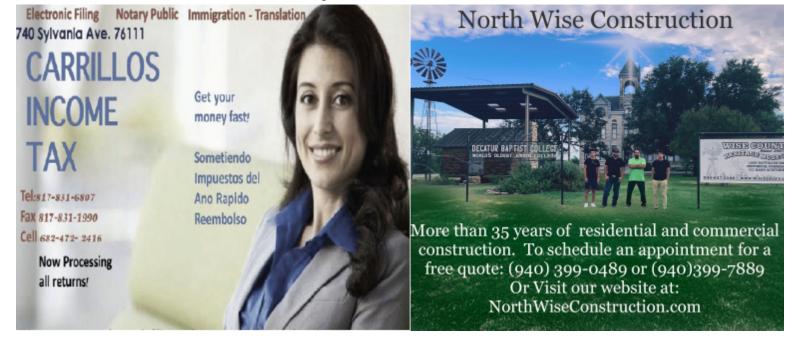
With the same spirit as her father, Jovita turned to one of her earliest passions-writing. She returned home to work with her two brothers at La Crónica and became a Journalist. Alongside her family, she empowered Latinos to speak up for the rights to an equal education. In 1911, La Cronica held the First Mexican Congress (the Primer Congreso Mexicano). The new organization united Mexicans on issues that impacted them, including lack of access to adequate education and economic resources. At the same time, Jovita served as the first president of

the League of Mexican Women. These two organizations worked together to enhance the Latino community, and members benefited from additional teachings to further their studies. While The first Mexican Congress focused on civil liberties, the League of Mexican Women urged for more social programs and gathered donations for families in need. Jovita and her activist friend's ability to multi-task was astounding as just on the other side of the border, the Mexican Revolution was seething and could not be ignored.

On March 1913, Nuevo Laredo—on the Mexican side of the border—was attacked; Jovita joined the La Cruz Blanca (the White Cross) to help those injured. Her experience of the involvement of US troops at the Mexican border would not be forgotten.

She returned home the following year and began to write for El Progreso, another progressive publication. She was quick to unmask the real character of President Woodrow Wilson and his decision to unleash the Texas Rangers and US army at the Mexican border. Texas Rangers were enraged by her writings and attempted to shut down the newspaper. Jovita refused to go down without a fight and blocked the entrance to El Progreso. Unfortunately, they gained access and destroyed the building. That same year her father passed away, and she became Publisher and Editor of La Crónica. Jovita Idár would eventually found her own weekly publication Evolución in 1916. But her passion for education never wavered and in 1921 founded a free kindergarten in San, Antonio Texas.

Before LULAC, National Farm Workers Association, Southwest Voter-there was the Idár family. The real OGs of the Chicano movement.



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Trump's Message of Fear is Irrational: by Alfredo Sanchez

There are two schools of thought driving the American psyche, those who believe that we can make things better, the Progressives, and those who say that things are getting worse, the Conservatives. Historically, the human condition has been improved because of the Progressives' psyche, not the Conservative psyche. While Progressives believe the human condition can be improved, Conservatives

believe in the status quo because change breeds uncertainty, fear. This uncertainty breeds fear among Conservatives. This fear can easily be manipulated by those who understand fear. The roads of human history are paved with master manipulators of fear. Most recently, in history, we see how Hitler was able to manipulate the German Christian citizenry, who had lived peacefully with the Jews for generations, to fear their neighboring Jews, which lead to the genocide of millions of Jews. This fear is usually manipulated by a handful to get the masses to do their bidding.

The genocide of Native Americans had its roots in the fear that they were savages and could not be trusted or educated. The Civil War was fought because the South feared that they would lose their slaves and, therefore, their money. The Southern Plantation owners created a fear among its citizenry that Blacks could not be freed because Black people were equivalent to savages and would rape their women and destroy their homes and were incapable of being educated. Mexicans were lazy and were not as smart as white kids and that allowing Mexican kids to attend white schools would affect the learning of their kids. Mexican kids were denied education with white kids. Fear is closely tied with the survival, instinct, and that is why it becomes so powerful in a person's psyche if he is prone to fear. Today, we look back on the lies told about Blacks, Native Americans, Spaniards, Mexicans, Irish, Italians, and LGBTQ, to name a few, and we see that our prejudice was based on lies that led to fear. This illustrates that rational people can easily become irrational if fear overtakes their rational thinking.

Today, American citizens are being divided by fear once again. I listened to the Republican and Democratic conventions; I saw two psyches at work. The Republican convention appealed to fear: they will take your guns, democrats are destroying this country, the country is getting worse because we do not pray in school, they will take your religious freedom, they do not support police officers, they will defund police officers, they will change the basic fabric of America, they are Socialist, they will destroy this country, take your liberty, they will control what you see and think, they will disrespect the flag, etc. Trump disrespected the flag when he refused to serve this country in the military, and none of his children have served. Yet now they lie that only Trump can save this country. This fear-mongering is coming from the age-old cookbook on how to manipulate people using fear. As parents, we also use the fear factor to manipulate our kids to do the right thing. When we give in to fear, what was once irrational becomes rational, and we fail to see reality as it really is.

During President Obama's administration, people were told that the government was going to take their guns, so they had to be ready to stand against the government. It never happened. Under President Obama, we never had federal troops engaging U.S. Citizens on the street, yet the hoarders believed it would happen. Under President Trump, we have people who once hoarded guns, ammunition, and food to stand against the government, become docile. They have been convinced to fear, not the government, but other citizens. This is irrational, and this is how fear works—it is irrational. They are fearful that other citizens will take their rights. It will not occur. Yet, around them, federal troops are being unleashed against U.S. Citizens, and these very same citizens who once hoarded guns, ammunition, and food to stand up against the government, are placating to the government. Trump has successfully implanted the fear of your neighbors—a behavior that is common in communist countries. I cannot trust my neighbor. This is how fear changes our rational behavior into irrational behavior. This is how people are manipulated by those who understand the instinct of fear in people and using it to their advantage.

The Democrats, on the other hand, have a much more positive message—we see a better America in the future. We have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. Democrats appealed to returning to decency and a respectable America. An America where all citizens are respected no matter their gender, the color of their skin, or their socio-economic status. The way we become great is by working together and helping one another; understanding what makes us different is also our strength. Black Lives Matter is not a cry of exclusion but of inclusion. Treat us like you treat white people. Black lives (people of color) also matter is the real message.

Today's Conservatives and Trump voters argue that the country is getting worse, which plays to fear. That America is no longer a Christian nation because we no longer pray in schools or because some citizens do not salute the flag in schools, playing to fear. Prayer, love of country, and discipline, I believe, should be taught at home like it once was. School is for reading, writing, and arithmetic. Teachers have too many students and too much on their plates to also teach prayer, love of country, plus discipline students.

The reality is that America is Great. That is the reason so many immigrants risk their lives every day to come to this country. Trump saying that he will make America Great Again is nothing more than playing to people's fears so that he can manipulate them. Americans need to abandon fear and clothe themselves with the optimism that once put a man on the moon and truly embrace the idea that united we stand and divided we fall, and that fear is destructive to the human soul and the soul of these United States of America. God Bless America.



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Tu selección.

Hemos escrito mucho sobre Trump. No es que odiemos a Trump, la emoción no tiene nada que ver con lo que escribimos. Es sólo que Trump da a todos tanto sobre lo que escribir.

Siendo objetivo, ¿qué puedes escribir sobre Biden? Si hubiera algo negativo, Trump ya lo habría encontrado. A Trump le encantaría. Un problema que tiene Trump es que tantos nombres como él ha llamado Biden, nada se pega. Es difícil escribir sobre una persona que tiene pocos defectos. Podemos sentir simpatía hacia Biden por la trágica pérdida de su familia. Podemos decir que es un buen hombre. Es muy digno. Es un buen cristiano. Tiene mucha más experiencia en el gobierno que Trump. Podemos decir muchas cosas buenas sobre Biden.

Entonces, este no es un artículo negativo sobre Trump. Se trata de América. Soy uno de los que se ha mantenido al día con los asuntos globales. También conozco la constitución. Esta elección es sobre la constitución. Trump logra crear dudas sobre la legitimidad de las declaraciones electorales, el caso va a la Corte Suprema. Seis jueces conservadores anularían las elecciones. La elección luego va a la casa de representantes para decidir el triunfador. Es posible que hayas oído a Trump y a otros decir los números 26, 24. Suman 50. Si este es el número de estados. Cada estado tiene un voto. El número se decide por el número de gobernadores demócratas y republicanos. Hay 26 gobernadores republicanos y 24 demócratas. Trump gana.

Nuestros dos senadores de Texas son parte de la caravana republicana que

está llevando a Estados Unidos a una dictadura. Todos los representantes de la cámara republicana están a bordo. Se preocupan más por su lealtad a Trump que por el juramento del cargo que tomaron. Sólo hay una manera de controlar esta locura. Vota. En grandes números.

Si usted vio el debate se puede ver claramente que el debate fue una debacle. El tema más ominoso que salió del debate y los mítines de Trump es su llamado a los observadores de encuestas. El suyo no es realmente un llamado para los observadores de encuestas porque los observadores de encuestas necesitan ser examinados por los funcionarios electorales. Los observadores de encuestas de los que se habla son matones que vienen a intimidar y acosar a los votantes. Esto ya ha pasado. El miedo a Trump hace que los oficiales electorales reaccionen con miedo y permitan que los matones protesten fuera del área de votación prohibida. Incluso en el área local hay miedo de Trump.

El debate se llevó a cabo alrededor del mundo. No puedo decir que lo que Biden llamó Trump tenía razón o todos los ataques incesantes de Trump contra Biden. No puedo tolerar este tipo de comportamiento de Niños. Pero Trump se ha burlado de Biden el tiempo suficiente. Eventualmente el escenario tuvo que ser fijado para un ataque frontal contra Trump. Eso fue anoche. Trump consiguió lo que se merecía. Dichos viejos, "Lo que es bueno para el ganso es bueno para el gander." "Los reembolsos son H...;" todo es justo en el amor y la guerra (política). Estados Unidos es el hazmerreír del mundo.

Fue la negativa de Trump a condenar a los supremacistas blancos lo que más asusta a muchos estadounidenses, o al menos a mí. El escenario se establece si Trump pierde las elecciones el 3 de noviembre. Sin señal, sus atrasos salir a la calle en protesta por unas elecciones amañadas. Esperamos que esto no suceda, pero debemos estar preparados.

Los republicanos locales piensan que sus acciones son preservar a los Estados Unidos. Este artículo no trata sobre Trump. Tampoco se trata de Biden. Este artículo trata sobre usted y su voto. Tienes el futuro de América en tus manos. Puede participar o puede ser un observador. Es tu selección.

Félix Alvarado



Fort Worth City Council Redistricting Update

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At a time when we are seeing universities such as Texas Christian, the University of Texas, Texas A&M and others and major corporations throughout the U.S. recognizing the importance of inclusion and diversity and are desperately doing everything possible to make that a reality, why can't our local government do the same thing? It makes sense that student bodies and a corporation's workforce reflect the population served and for local government to reflect the population it serves or purports to represent. Doing that would indicate that all segments of the population have a voice in their government. In Fort Worth that starts at the city council, where policy that affects everything in the city originates; if we had that it would be an example of what is democracy—what one of our greatest U.S. presidents once so eloquently articulated in a famous speech: 'government of the people, by the people and for the people.'

If people look at who presently sits on the Fort Worth City Council, it is obvious that it is not even close to reflecting the city's diverse population.

It is reasonable to expect that a goal such as this one cannot be achieved overnight. But at the very least, there must be a policy in place detailing specific steps that must be taken by specific times to get us closer to achieving that goal, and someone must be held accountable or nothing will happen.

In our ever-evolving democracy, where we still have too much political polarization, distrust, anger, frustration and resentment between races and ethnic groups, which has been festering for multi-generations that can be easily stoked by

demagogues for political gain, it is time for reconciliation. We are all human beings and must find common ground to heal what divides us or we will all pay the price.

As a city we need to have a policy in place that truly respects our differences and reflects our diversity. To not have one is to invite more unrest in the future. Not only does our city council need to better reflect all segments of the population, but also all departments of the city's workforce, including the police department. (In regard to the latter, I say this after having worked with police officers as a member of Citizens of Patrol since 1992 and I am still patrolling on foot today—to rid our neighborhood of a variety of problems. I have observed that most of our police officers are definitely not racists and perform their duties in a professional and outstanding manner. I have nothing but good things to say about the effectiveness of community policing. What I hear on the street all the time is that we have made a lot of progress and now have more Hispanic officers on the beats. Many Hispanic speaking residents appreciate that because it helps them communicate better with the police department. I know that there has been much improvement in this area in the last few years. Despite that, at this time I am trying to have an "Open Records Request" processed to look at the latest city workforce numbers, broken down by race/ ethnicity.)

As a veteran of redistricting battles, when I first heard about "Citizen Independent Redistricting" and then did some research, I, as others have, saw it as a tool to increase inclusion and diversity on the Fort Worth City Council. Many people believe that the changes in the city's population demographics in the last decade—which indicates that our city is now majority minority—calls for a new approach to redistricting that can have a better chance of resulting in a more diverse city council.

The obstacle we face is that the mayor and a majority of the city council members do not want to change. No matter how they spin it, they want to continue drawing city council maps. This is being done even though "Citizen Independent Redistricting" was one of the

recommendations made to the city council by the Race and Culture Task Force.

The city manager has stated that he is implementing this recommendation. So, to repeat what I have said, the bottom line is that nothing has changed from what has been done after previous census cycles. Again, the city council will still do redistricting. But this time, it has appointed an 11-member "Redistricting Task Force" to advise them on the "redistricting criteria and procedures" they need to follow. Keep in mind that this time the number of city council districts will increase from 8 to 10.

The following people have been recently appointed to the Redistricting Task Force: Place 1 Mayor Betsy Price: Lorraine Miller, Chair; Place 2: Salvador Espino; Place 3: Graham Norris; Place 4: Craig Allen; Place 5: Bert Williams; Place 6: Linda Kennedy; Place 7: Tony DeVito; Place 8: Tracy Scott; Place 9: Kent Bradshaw; Place 10: Bill Schur; Place 11: Teresa Ayala

Below is the timeline for the Redistricting Task Force:

December 8, 2020—Present an interim report on their findings to the city council. Prior to this date there will be several public hearings that will allow the task force to receive input. January 2021—Multiple Public Hearings will be scheduled, either physically or virtually, at locations throughout the city to solicit community feedback on redistricting criteria and procedures.

March 2, 2020—Redistricting Task Force makes its final recommendations to the city council.

Task force meetings are open to the public.

Does what the city is planning look like 'citizen independent redistricting' to anyone? Hint: Citizen Independent Redistricting would keep incumbent city council members from drawing their own council districts, which in Fort Worth has always been about Redistricting Update P 15

A Religious Alt-Right Government

I have been reading in the Bible the section called "Acts of the Apostles" and how the Religious Right of their time persecuted them. The testaments tell us how, when the Christian Universal Church was first forming, the Apostles



were able to convert thousands. It also tells us that because of this success, they were being persecuted by the Jews, the main organized religious group of that time. They had a lot of influence within the Government back then. I guess it did not help that Jesus had exposed the religious leaders of that group as hypocrites that were no longer serving God but themselves. They were using the laws of their religion to maintain authority over their followers. They enjoyed the position of importance and upper status amongst the people. They made a good living. Yep, it is all about the money, the same as it is now. Jesus had exposed them as self-serving because they used religion to gain power and wealth. The Jewish leaders countered by claiming that Jesus had committed blasphemy by saying he was the son of God. With their influence in the Government, they were able to have Jesus condemned and put to death. Organized religion can be immensely powerful.

In the movie, the Book of Eli tells how the whole world got into a religious war. Many people died, and the entire world was in shambles. The Bible from which all mankind had been using to live their lives was blamed. The Religious Right had become the Government of the whole world. Of course, as it is now, everyone interpreted the Bible differently; thus, conflict of beliefs arose, which led to war! After that war was over, the leaders of that time all blamed the Bible as the cause. They then destroyed all the Bibles, so division would not happen again. All except one did not get destroyed and Eli had it. He was delivering it to a holy group of people who

God had saved. Eli was being led and protected by the Holy Ghost as he walks across the country to deliver it. Another group, the bad guys, knew about that Bible and wanted it. Their leader knew the power and wealth he could have if he had that Bible. He knew all he had to do was wave that Bible, and the people would follow him as their religious leader. He could control the country with it. I will not tell you the ending, but it is a good movie. It shows how extreme religion can become if used politically.

What I am witnessing now is how some Evangelical leaders are working their way into getting control in our Government. This New Religious Right has taken a stronghold of the Republican Party. It appears they are working on making the Republican Party look like a religious organization. That is scary to a Catholic like me and people of different religions and lifestyles. Even scarier is that they are standing alongside bigots and racist, the Alt-Right, to get this political power.

I hear what they preach. They always quote from the Old Testament, which contains the same laws followed by the Religious Right of Christ's time. Those laws did not forbid owning slaves, and discrimination was acceptable. Often, I scroll through the channels on TV, and a lot of times, I like to stop and listen to some of the evangelical stations. I take interest and listen to what is being said by those protestant preachers. Most of the time, it is about verses from the old testament and what the Israeli's experienced as God was forming the closed group of people from which the Messiah was to come. It appears to me that their sermons always stress Old Testament readings and how their congregation should live by them. All that is OK until some of them throw in an incorrect comparison of the Catholic Church teachings and Old Testament verses. They tell their followers that Catholics are not true Christians. They say we worship idols, pray to Saints, and make other untrue statements about our faith.

Those Evangelicals, along with the President who also has a holier than thou mentality, stand alongside the racist and bigoted and are separating this country. Looks like an Alt-Right union to me. If they can get control of the Government, what would keep them to also discriminate against us Catholics and other people that do not believe like them? That was the way it was back in the 1800s. It was the main motivator of why the Knights of Columbus, protectors of the faith, was formed.

The combination of Religion with Government is dangerous. It causes division. In America, we have people from all over the world, and they are not all Christian. Many people have been drawn into supporting this New Religious Right mentality because of the abortion issue. You must understand suppression and discrimination against people is a bigger sin. To discriminate and suppress a person's potential because they are different can kill the good character of a person. God puts that goodness into each person's being at conception. If that goodness is corrupted or turned off, that person begins to live a life of crime and sin. Who knows how ugly those sins could be? Worse, you can be held accountable for the cause of those sins and the loss of those souls to the devil.

We as a country should instead be working to combine our efforts on how we can instill into the children a way of thinking that will create law-abiding adults. That type of effort would unite everyone.

The Government's job is to make laws that treat all the people as evenly and fairly as possible regardless of sex, skin color, and religious beliefs. It should instill the virtue of respect and appreciation of diversity.

Then, whether you know it or not, we would all be living under one of Jesus's most important command, and that is to "Love one another as you Love yourself."

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

Government Has No Say in Abortion Decisions: by Alfredo Sanchez

"American Jesuit priest and Vatican consultant, Father James J. Martin, urged fellow Catholics and clergy against claiming that a vote for Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden is a "mortal sin".

Martin, whom Pope Francis appointed as a Vatican communications consultant in 2017, warned other Catholic priests against intertwining secular politics and their faith in God. Posting to social media, Martin said he has overheard an increasing number of priests and U.S. Catholic leaders claiming that a vote for Biden—who is Catholic—amounts to one of the gravest offenses against God. Father Martin told Newsweek Thursday that he and fellow Catholics feel compelled to help on "any issues where life is endangered," which he said should include caring for the poor, the homeless, and the LGBTQ community - not just abortion..."

Like any organization, the Catholic church has its share of nuts in leadership positions. It is not a mortal sin for a Catholic to be a Democrat. That it is a sin to be a democrat, a lie told by ignorant people who put political party above truth, morality, and ethics. It is NOT a mortal sin TO VOTE FOR Biden. Republicans and their think tanks have worked on the abortion issue for years. Their main objective is to divide people and make abortion a litmus test for Christianity while gutting programs that assist expectant mothers, children, and families. Republicans have contorted Roe vs. Wade. Roe vs. Wade is not about abortion. It is about the Government not interfering in your personal life. Abortion is a very personal issue that should be between God, family, preacher, and the person seeking an abortion. The primary government role is in National defense, administration, and providing certain public goods and services. The Government has been involved in our personal lives in the past to the detriment of society. There was a time when the Government did not allow interracial marriage, which schools you could attend, what restaurants you could eat at, what schools minority kids could attend, that Blacks could not drink from water fountains designated for whites only etc., etc. The Government has

no place in making the decision for any family when it comes to abortion or any health issuethat is why we have doctors. Again, that decision should be between God, the woman, the woman's partner, family, doctor, and preacher. God gave us a brain he intended for us to use it not to depend on the Government to make our choices.

Republicans like to say that if you are Pro-choice, you are pro-abortion. Pro-choice means getting the Government out of our personal lives. Prochoice individuals understand that abortions are reduced when alternatives for mothers and families are clearly defined and available. Pro-Choice does not mean that a person is pro-abortion. It means lave the government out of this decision. In Roe vs. Wade, the court decided the Government would have no say in abortions. Yet, Republicans have worked at making it a government issue, when it is not. If people are really concerned about abortions, people should get involved in legislating programs for all women and their children and stop punishing women when it takes two to tango. The Government is not the best manager of abortions.

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If we believe in a smaller and less intrusive government, as supposedly Republicans claim, the Government should have no say in abortions. An abortion is an extremely complicated issue. It is not black and white.

When we vote, we must consider the big picture and how candidates stand on many issues, not just one. The big picture, when it comes to abortion, we must be concerned with the health of the mother, pre-and post-natal. We must be concerned with the infant pre- and post-natal. We must be concerned with clothing, feeding, and educating the child, not just concerned that the child be born. We must be concerned with an economy that provides livable wages for parents and children as they mature. We must provide programs like SS and Medicare for these children when they become seniors.

It requires that we be concerned for the whole person and not just a segment of a person's life. Being a GOOD Catholic means looking at the big picture. On this issue, Democrats are concerned with the whole person, not just a segment of a person's life. It is ludicrous to say that it is sinful to be a Democrat or to vote for Biden. I will vote for Joe Biden and be a proud Democrat.

Pro-life activists claim that Federal taxes are used for abortions. The Hyde Amendment precludes federal funding being spent on abortions. They also say that aborted tissue is used for medical research. I cannot say if aborted tissue is used for medical research for such things as a vaccine, COVID-19. The basic truth is that none of us question the research when we are sick and in need of some medication. I can assume that human tissue has been used in many of the prescribed drugs and over the table drugs people take every day, so let's get off the holier than thou train if you take any medications.

Personally, voting for Trump appears to me much more like a mortal sin. Trump has no morals and integrity, much less Christian values. I am not a one-issue-voter; therefore, I must not burden my soul with the guilt others are trying to impose on me. Neither party wants to see abortions increase. It is a lie that Republicans have fabricated, that Democrats are the party of abortions. The difference is in the strategy each one is implementing to reduce abortions. The Republican approach is to have the Government impose its will with no concern for anyone, no matter what. This takes away the individual right of decision making from the individual and gives it to the Government. The Democratic approach is to look at the person and try to understand their needs, both physical and mental, and provide the necessary social programs so this person has the opportunity to make the best choice for them, knowing that there are resources available to them and their child.

Your Choice

tion has nothing to do with what we write. It is just that Trump gives everyone so much to write about.

Being objective, what can you write about Biden? If there were anything, negative Trump would have found it already. Trump would love that. A problem that Trump has is that as many names as he has called Biden, nothing sticks. Hard to write about a person that has few flaws. We can feel sympathy towards Biden for the tragic loss of his family. We can say he is a good man. He is very dignified. He is a good Christian. He has a lot more experience in government than Trump. We can say many good things about Biden.

So, this not a negative article about Trump. This is about America. I am one of those that has kept current with global affairs. I also know the constitution. This election is about the constitution. Trump succeeds in creating doubt on the legitimacy of the election returns; the case goes to the Supreme Court. Six conservative judges would overturn the election. The election then goes to the house to decide the winner. You may have heard Trump and others say the numbers 26, 24. They add up to 50. If This is the number of states. Each state has one vote. The number is decided by the number of Democrat and Republican governors. There are 26 Republican and 24 Democrat governors. Trump wins.

Our two Texas senators are part of the Republican caravan that is taking America to a dictatorship. All Republican House representatives are on board. They care more about their allegiance to Trump than the oath of office they took. There is only one way to control this insanity. Vote. In BIG numbers.

If you watched the debate, you can clearly see that the debate was a debade. The most ominous issue that came out of the debate and Trump rallies is his call for poll watchers. His is not really a call for poll watchers because poll watchers need to be vetted by election officials. The poll watchers that is talking about are hoodlums that come to intimidate and harass voters. This has already happened. Fear of Trump causes elections officials to react with fear and allow the hoodlums to protest out of the forbidden voting area. Even at the local area, there is a fear of Trump.

The debate was carried around the world. I cannot say that what Biden called Trump was right or all the incessant attacks by Trump on Biden. I cannot condone this type of behavior from Children. But Trump has taunted Biden long enough. Eventually, the stage had to be set for a frontal attack on Trump. That was last night. Trump got what he deserved. Old Sayings, "What's good for the goose is good for the gander;" "Paybacks are H...;" all is fair in love and war (politics). America is the laughingstock of the world.

It was Trump's refusal to condemn White Supremacists that frightens many Americans, or at least me, the most. The stage is set if Trump loses the election on Nov 3. Without a cue, his backers will hit the streets in protest of a rigged the election. We hope this does not happen, but we should be prepared.

Local Republicans think that their actions are to preserve the US. This article is not about Trump. Nor is it about Biden. This article is about you and your vote. You hold the future of America in Your hands. You can participate, or you can be an observer. It is your choice. Felix Alvarado

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protecting their interests first rather than what is in the best public interest. Another hint: Look at what was done in Austin before their 2014 election.

There is no doubt that change of any type is difficult and when it involves giving up political power it is even more difficult.

To say that we are disappointed with the city's plan is an understatement. But things are what they are, and we can still have an impact like we have in previous census cycles. Unlike in previous census cycles, this time the city's final plan will not require pre-clearance under Sec. 5 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) by the U.S. Dept. of Justice before going into effect. (Since it was adopted in 1965, much has been added to the VRA, including the impact of court rulings (case law). My opinion is that few people know that the Voting Rights was intended to give minorities such as Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and others voting rights and this needs to be the first consideration in any redistricting plan. I have been dismayed that in previous census cycles some city council members did not seem to be aware of this. Some were not even aware of, for example, that race and ethnic groups "Communities of Interest" are at the top of the hierarchy and must be considered first when drawing maps.

Although pre-clearance under Sec.5 is no longer required, the city's plan must still adhere to the provisions of Section 2 of the VRA. We will be drawing our own maps and watching the city's map and if not done right we will go to court.

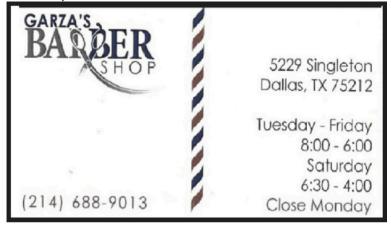
Redistricting may seem daunting at first. I probably know more about it than most because I have been involved in it for a long time. There will be other articles in the future to keep you informed.

What I know for sure now is that we will need the support of many people and I will also get into that later. Right now, please forward this article to your contacts. To those not on our list now, please shoot me your email address and I will put you on our list for future updates.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this. Many, many thanks.

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