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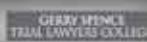
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808± Acres Kerr County - 2 running creeks w/ springs, grotto area, three dams, waterfalls, fishing lake, 3 tanks, well, big neighbors, good roads.



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229± Acres Gillespie County - Both sides of spring-fed Banta Creek, 2 wells, 3BR/2BA rock ranch home, 1BR/1BA guest cabin, barn, smokehouse, garage/utility house w/bath and workshop, greenhouse, pumphouse, Ag taxes.



Texas Best Live Water, Fredericksburg Area

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503± Acres Guadalupe County - Both sides Mill Creek, 2 fishing lakes, 3 ponds, 8,000± s.f. 5BR/7BA mansion, 2BR/1BA guest house, manager's house, 4-door barn/RV storage, equipment barn w/office & bath, pecan orchard, more!



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This year's annual luncheon featured Channel Williams, local stage IV cancer warrior, author, and inspirational speaker. Other speakers included board president Bob Windham and board member/luncheon committee member Stacy Buck.

The luncheon also featured Constanza Roeder & Hearts Need Art Choir, healthy living recipes, and an overview of the impact funding has provided to the agency's programs.



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Inspiration: katie meyers

What is in her closet? When it comes to Katie Meyers’ closet, and that question is asked the answer would be everything FABULOUS you could imagine! You can’t help but fall in love with her iconic fashion sense and her timeless yet on-trend style. We spoke about what and who inspires her, her lifestyle and some of her favorite fashion tips!

Describe your style: I have a very 1970’s vibe. I love bell-bottoms, floral prints, midi skirts, high-waisted jeans, natural leather, and turquoise. My closet is a crazy mix of colors and patterns, and I like to change it up every day. I’ve been asking my close friends and family about this, to make sure I get it right. After getting the same answer from several people, I agree. The ‘70’s thing just happened naturally. I wear what I feel most confident and comfortable in.

Describe your lifestyle and how it influences your fashion sense: I work for KSAT 12’s “SA Live” - it’s an enjoyable and creative environment both on-air and off. I try to live as colorful a life outside work as well, filled with food, friends, family, and travel. I’ve always thought that my style should reflect that.

This life keeps me on the go. I’ll be at my desk and in meetings all day Monday, and then Tuesday I’ll be running around on set or at an outdoor shoot with the team. I also spend a lot of time in my hometown of Cleveland, Ohio - which is very different from San Antonio, just in climate alone! I have to have a versatile style that allows me to be comfortable in multiple environments.

What inspires you to try new things/trends? I follow a lot of people on social media that inspire my style. I’ve been following Blair Eadie of Atlantic-Pacific for as long as I’ve had Instagram, and Anine Bing is a new social media style-muse I recently started following. Even if I can’t afford some of the items they feature, I can always try and re-create a budget-friendly version on my own.

But it’s not just about the fashionistas. I get style inspiration from a lot of different people on social media. I follow a lot of hairstylists, makeup artists, nail technicians, videographers, photographers, interior designers - sometimes it’s a pop of color or a pattern, or just seeing someone live their best life, that can inspire me to try something new with my own, personal style.

Aside from social media, the people I work with are a big inspiration for me. SA Live producers Rossi and Jen and I are often swapping fashion tips or giving each other the scoop on a sale. We all own several of the same pieces - jewelry, shirts, dresses, and shoes. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by a group of women who want to collaborate and compliment and support each other, even when it



What’s in her closet?

by Jules Aldaz Guerra Photos by @hey.katierae



comes to personal style.

Favorite fashion trend: High-waisted everything! I am so grateful this is in! It’s flattering, and it’s comfortable...high-waisted everything, please!

Name one person who has influenced you with your style: Growing up, I always remember my mom standing out. While other classroom moms came to help out in jeans and a t-shirt, my mom went in a floor-length, brown wool, turtleneck sweater dress, complete with her turquoise squash blossom necklace and knee-high heeled leather boots. She was always in trench coats and jumpsuits and Aztec-printed ponchos. She had these wide-rimmed, bright red glasses she’d wear on casual occasions and glamorous, sparkly ball gowns she’d wear to galas and dinner parties. She was always dressed to impress, and from where I was standing, she was still the best-dressed person in the room. I can give 100% credit to my mom for influencing my style... and indeed my entire life. But I don’t think we have enough room in this column to get into that. =)



Favorite fashion Tip: Three things:

Dress for the job you want, not the job you have. My parents both ran their own businesses and said this a lot to me growing up. Whether it’s a job interview you’re going on, or you’re interested in getting promoted within your current company, you want the people in charge to be able to envision you in that role.

Be authentic. You can still take my advice above and be true to who you are. There are occasions at work when it’s appropriate for me to wear a suit. But I’ll pair that suit with a floral shirt, a tie, a block heel or hoop earrings and suddenly I’ve made it my own.

“Fit” beats everything else. It can be the best deal or the hottest designer or the most expensive piece of clothing you’ve ever seen, but if it doesn’t fit right, you’re not going to look or feel your best. I’ve received the most compliments on the cheapest clothing and accessories, and the weirdest looks towards some of my more expensive items, all because of the way they fit me.

Favorite place for fashion finds: Right now - my very favorite place to shop is Madewell. But I love, love, love finding a good deal at Nordstrom Rack, local consignment shops or Target. .

For more information on style and beauty trends, please follow me at www.stylecravingsbyjules.blogspot.com and www.jules.style. 🏠

SAIL INTO SPRING

Editor and Photographer: Leslie Foley
Julian Gold featured

San Antonio Gardenia Club co-chairs, Sharron Batchelor and Carroll Dorsey Walker once again hosted a dazzling Spring Style Show and Luncheon featuring fashions from Julian Gold. Guests were greeted with a big welcome by hula girls courtesy of Jewel Art Dance Studio and a mermaid and Poseidon further down the entry way. Cocktails at the Tiki Bar and passed hor d'oeuvres – Mangospacho Shooters were tasty and a hint as to what would be served as they made their way to their table to enjoy their “Island on a Plate” entrée. Club president Siobhain Anders and the co-chairs handed out attendance prizes, followed by the fashion show featuring club members sashaying down the runway. Beautiful tropical centerpieces by RTC Floristry and luscious desserts– Key West Key Lime Pie and Bird of Paradise Guava Bavarian Mousse tempted us in believing it was time to “Sail into Spring.” And the weather was perfect for a spring time luncheon! Can’t wait to see what they envision for next year!!!



Co-chair Carroll Dorsey Walker, Julie Poppoon, Felipe Gomez and Courtney Schultz



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Two styling mermaids



Co-chair Sharron Batchelor, president Siobhain Anders, Ursula Pari who won the raffle cruise! and co-chair Carroll Dorsey Walker



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RUNWAY

Where fashion meets compassion

Editor and Photographer: Leslie Foley

Runway is a signature San Antonio Food Bank event held at the facility. This Japanese affair featured a fashion show, a Japanese street market with multiple pop-up boutiques, hors d'oeuvres inspired by Japanese cuisine, best-dressed contest, sake and a signature cocktail inspired by the San Antonio Cocktail Conference. The food was prepared by chefs from the Food Bank. Attendees, close to 400, couldn't get enough of the Japanese inspired fare.

A bit about the internationally renowned designer: Born in Tokyo, Japan, Yumi Katsura graduated from Kyoritsu Women's University with a degree from the Department of Apparel Science Studies. After moving to Paris, Katsura studied the techniques of haute couture in Paris at Les Ecoles de la Chambre Syndicale de La Couture Parisienne. She has also had the honor of participating in some of the most prestigious opportunities in the fashion world. Such opportunities include, the first bridal show in China, designed a vestment for Pope John Paul II, organized the first Asia Bridal Summit in Tokyo, and presented her designs at “Donna Sotto le Stelle,” one of the most prestigious shows in Italy, with Chanel, Armani, Missoni, and Etro.

The fashion show was presented in partnership with Sloan/Hall. Proceeds from Runway support the San Antonio Food Bank and every \$1 generated will provide 7 meals to individuals in need. Fighting Hunger with Fashion!!!



Marcus Sloan and Shannon Hall, co-sponsors for the evening event



Bacon Brothers are back

I like my Bacon hot and I like my Bacon sizzling and with the Bacon Brothers I get a double order! Admittedly that is a bit cliché but there is no denying that all that star power is attractive. Kevin Bacon appears to be ageless.

His first film was the frat comedy “National Lampoon’s Animal House” in 1978 but it was his lead performance in the box-office smash “Footloose” in 1984 that catapulted the young actor to stardom. This was followed by decades of movie hits (an approximated 80 films!) such as “A Few Good Men”, “Apollo 13”, “Mystic River” and “Stir of Echoes” and stage and television roles including starring in the gripping Fox television series “The Following.”

He is the recipient of awards from the Golden Globes, Screen Actors Guild and the Saturn Awards, to mention a few, and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. His older brother Michael is a star in his own right, although best known within his industry. He has composed hundreds of songs for television shows and motion pictures. Michael is also an Emmy Award winner and many of the films he composed music for are Academy Award and Golden Globe winners. He has written songs that have been recorded by artists Jerry Lee Lewis, Carlene Carter and Peter Yarrow among others.

Philadelphia born and bred, the brothers have been playing together for over 20 years. Their first gig was at a small club in Pawling, NY called the Towne Crier Café to a sold out crowd. Granted, most first gigs don’t have the likes of Meryl Streep and Ron Howard in the audience but that can be expected when the duo is already famous.

To their credit, however, they are truly all about the music. The perks that come with fame do not give you the ability to sing, make you a good songwriter or a talented musician. Both men have talent in abundance and a band to equal it.

Kevin and Michael both are singer/songwriters and play guitar, with Michael also playing the cello and Kevin harmonica and percussion. They have kept the same band members since they began playing together. The diversity in instruments can give you a sense of why you cannot pigeonhole their music in to a particular style. It consists of Joe Menonna on keyboards and accordion, Ira Siegel on guitar and mandolin, Paul Guzzone on bass and Frank Vilardi on drums.

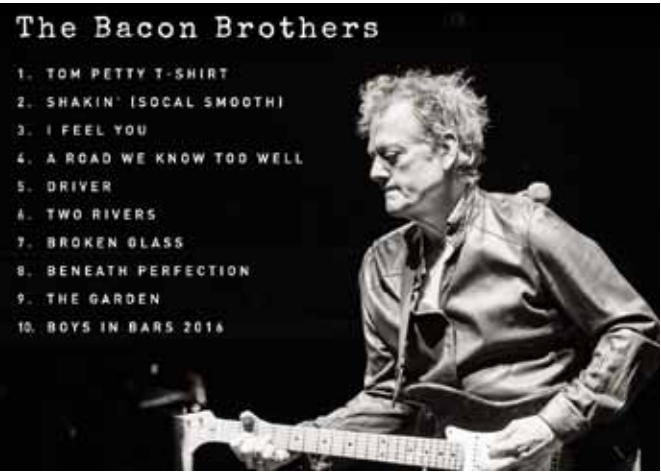
This versatile instrumentation allows them to play virtually any style of music and they all have some input in to the creative process. Somehow in their busy schedules they manage to collaborate and record in an actual studio instead of “phoning it in” with click tracks.

They have recorded eight albums through the years with the latest coming out officially on June 1st. It features the poignant tune “Tom Petty’s T-Shirt” which recently debuted on the Jimmy Fallon Show. When asked by Fallon if it was an homage to Petty himself Kevin said although they are certainly Petty fans the song is really about the sadness of this girl. Listen to it. The heartfelt lyrics has me going back to it again and again.

While you can hear their music on YouTube, if you would like to get a sense of their energy and versatility watch their performances with Daryl Hall on “Daryl’s House.” I consider this the ultimate jam session as you really have to know your “stuff” to keep up with professionals on that level and the brothers do not disappoint. They bring to their shows the ease and professionalism gleaned from years of experience and working together.



Story by Laura Youngs
Photos by Jeff Fasano and Josh Weichman



I got a chance to ask Kevin and Michael some questions before they begin their countrywide tour that kicks off June 1st in Rocky Mount, VA:

Q: Your band has been labeled American, country rock, rock. How would you label yourselves?

Kevin: I think if someone just heard one song they might say “this is rock” or “this is folk” etc. We aren’t going for a sound. We’re just letting the songs take us where they lead. Which is why we came up with FoRoSoCo (folk rock soul country). I guess that could be considered Americana.

Michael: Right now we’re trying to figure that out. Check in at the end of the tour!

Q: You have played for years in front of many famous and talented people. Has their been any one who you were nervous to play your music in front of?

Kevin: We did a Springsteen song in front of Bruce. That will give you pause.

Michael: Last Time with Keith Richards.

Q: Do you have a favorite Texas artist/band that has influenced you or that you just enjoy?

Kevin: Lyle Lovett, Janis Joplin, George Jones, Sly Stone! But wow it’s a long list.

Michael: Guy Clark, Kris Kristofferson.

Q: It is rare for an entire band to stick together for so many years. What do you attribute this to?

Kevin: The songs keep coming so we want to play them out. And then we want to record them and it just keeps going.

Michael: It’s kinda like a marriage. It takes work but goes on because it should.

Q: What is the venue you have not played yet but would like to?

Kevin: Um...the Garden?

Michael: Anthem in DC

The band will be playing at historic Gruene Hall in New Braunfels, TX on Sunday, June 17th. You can find their tour schedule and buy an autographed CD of their latest album featuring “Tom Petty T-Shirt” on their website www.baconbros.com.
Yes, you can certainly expect to see some “eye candy” but the real treat will be the “ear candy”! A sensory experience for sure! 🍷

SYMPHONY BELLES

Group prepares for El Camino Real

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The Symphony Belles along with their escorts and both families gathered at the Quarry Country Club to mingle, meet and review final preparations for the Ball.

San Antonio Symphony League president Maureen Hollman spoke to the group as Ball chair Toni Riester-Wood and Belle Chairs Allison Zeller and Lisa Miller answered final questions and encouraged everyone to meet and greet on this sunny afternoon before Spring Break.



Belle chair Allison Zeller, Ball chair Toni Riester-Wood and Symphony League president Maureen Hillman, seated



Susan Glover, Kelly Johnson and Amy Carcanagues



Albert Gutierrez with Roxana and Hamlet Newsom



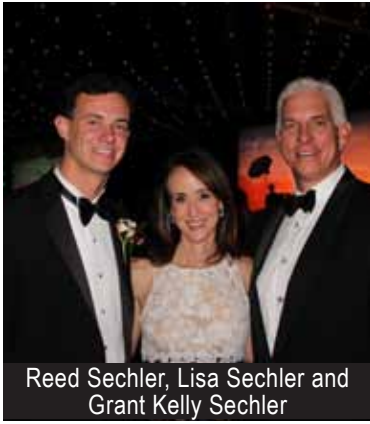
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Andrea Olson and Claudia Olson



Gates Register and Tyler Glover



Reed Sechler, Lisa Sechler and Grant Kelly Sechler



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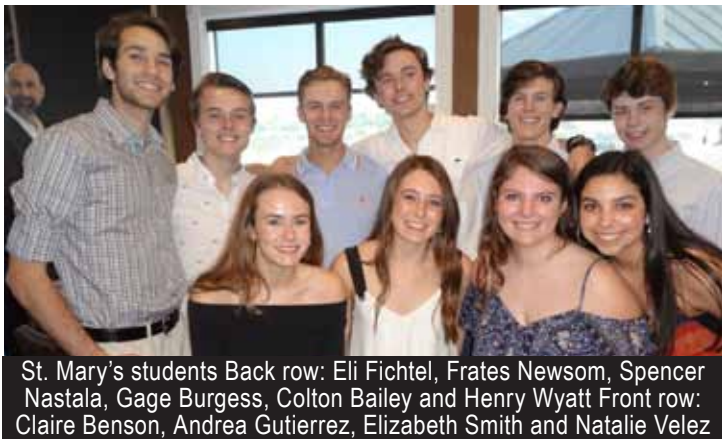
Symphony Belles 2018

BELLE BALL

This year's 48th Symphony Ball gave a nod to San Antonio's Tricentennial with the theme "El Camino Real de Tejas"

The Belles and escorts:

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Claire Benson & Frates Newsom
Kyndall Brown & Hunter Farrimond
Ali Brusenhan & Grant Gibson
Kendall Chapman-Ryan & Miles Erwin
Maddie Davis & Jonah Katzman
Faith Flume & Reed Sechler
Scarlett Gransee & William Brown
Erin Greehey & William Dawson
Andrea Gutierrez & Gage Burgess
Peyton Hardy & Will Hoffman
Hayden Hayes & Spencer Nastala
Mally Holdsworth & Brandon Johnson
Elizabeth Kampmann & Carlos Godinez
Grace Liljenwall & Colin Spalten
Auburn LucasBennett Comeaux
Annie Lynd & Alvaro Flores
Hannah May & Chris Marco
M. Brooke Mueller & Ben Burrow
Shelton Northington & Jack Ray
Martha Lilly O'Neill & Patrick Rubsamen
Gates Register & Tyler Glover
Elise Rubiola & Henderson Humphries
Natalie Scheifele & JT Garcia
Elizabeth Smith & Henry Wyatt
Bailey Spear & Michael Casey
Lauren Stafford & Eli Fichtel
Margaret Stell & Charlie Hawk
Saaren Thorn & David White
Natalie Velez & Colton Bailey
Analiese Wagner & Evan Carcanagues
Emmerie Welmaker & Thomas Clyde Gibbs, Jr.
Campbell Woods & Kyle Musgrove



St. Mary's students Back row: Eli Fichtel, Frates Newsom, Spencer Nastala, Gage Burgess, Colton Bailey and Henry Wyatt Front row: Claire Benson, Andrea Gutierrez, Elizabeth Smith and Natalie Velez



Marian Holdsworth, Susie Vaughn and Gina Bellinger



Geraldine Jeanes, Lillie Greehey, William Greehey, Sophie Greehey, Leslie Greehey, David Jeanes



Raymond Flume, Faith Flume, Debbi Flume and Ray Flume



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Lilly O'Neill and Sean O'Neill



Michael and Christine Lynd with Karina and Alvaro Cobos



Nancy and Bernhard Scheifele with Andrew & Kathy Stell



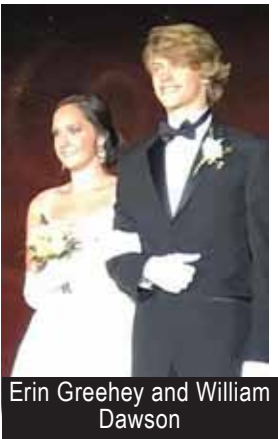
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French Flavors Texas Style

MAVERICK TEXAS BRASSERIE
BRING UNIQUE FLAVORS
TO SOUTH ST. MARY'S



Maverick : nonconformist, free spirit, independent thinker, original, eccentric. This is one of my favorite words. It embodies everything that I have tried to be, and now a restaurant after my own heart has debuted here in San Antonio bearing the name. Maverick Texas Brasserie is the latest addition to the culinary boom going on in Southtown. Just south of Cesar Chavez on South St. Mary's Street, Maverick bursts on the scene with it's own playful take on French inspired brasserie fare, and although you may not feel like you are sitting in a cozy French café, you will definitely feel the "amour" embodied in each and every dish.

The idea for Maverick comes to us from Peter Selig, who was instrumental in bringing Biga on the Banks, and Acenar!, to the top of the San Antonio dining scene. Along with his chef, and partner, Chris Carlson, the duo brings and incredible kitchen team, an innovative bar program, as well as a well-honed service staff to fill the void of French flavors here in San Antonio. However, when I first took a look at the menu at Maverick, it was the very first appetizer listed that got my full attention.

**Story and
images by
Meredith Kay**

Several years ago, I travelled to the Burgundy region of France, and stayed in the city of Beaune. It is a quaint, walled city with wonderful cafes, charming churches, babbling brooks, and amazing wine. The Burgundy region is known for its wines, its high quality Charollais beef, and the quintessential French dish, escargot. However, there was one delicacy that I could not get enough of, and they were served in every café we encountered in the region. Gougères are light and fluffy cheese puffs, and it is impossible to only eat one. In fact, I usually managed to eat the entire basket, and sometimes a second order. I have never seen them on a menu in America, so I was very excited to try them at Maverick. They did not disappoint. Upon entering Maverick, you'll see the beautiful, long wooden bar, well appointed and softly lit, giving you the impression of sophistication immediately. Once you round the corner to enter the main dining room, Maverick's integrity is solidified by the elegant décor of blond wood, cane back chairs and deep teal velvet banquettes. It is a beautiful dining room, and you will think that this is the extent of the restaurant, until you climb the steps into the modern, open-kitchen dining area, with its long communal table and metal accents. Just outside the doors marked, "Palms", you'll also find an inviting patio with Parisian bistro chairs and unique conversation tables made from large iron lids. Each of the distinctly different



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dining areas at Maverick segue perfectly into the next, and regardless of where you are seated, you will feel very comfortable, and as if you are about to experience something special.

On my first visit to Maverick, we were led through the elegant teal dining room and into the modern, open kitchen space. Here we sampled the gougères, along with the Calamari & Octopus, served with Calabrese peppers and roasted fingerling potatoes. The octopus was grilled perfectly, and the calamari was fried, which offered a great contrast of texture. We also tried the Butternut Squash soup, which was wonderful. It had just the right amount of cream without being too heavy.

Although there are several items on the dinner menu that I am eager to try, we couldn't resist Maverick's offering of a whole Crispy Duck, and we ordered it with a side of Red Onion & Port Sauce. The duck was lightly seasoned and true to its description, very crispy and tender. With a side order of the Sautéed Forest-Harvested Mushrooms, Double-Cooked Crispy Potato Fries, we had ourselves quite a feast. Maverick has recently opened for lunch and brunch as well, and before the temperatures rose into the sweaty and sticky range, I was able to have lunch on the patio, on a particularly beautiful spring day. The lunch menu is not very extensive, which is a good thing, as it was hard enough to decide among the delicious salads and gourmet sandwiches. Primed with a couple of their outstanding cocktails, we elected to try their Plat du Jour, a not-so-traditional Chicken Paillard, served with sriracha glazed carrots, and a simple salad, served separately. In France, this dish is usually served over a bed of salad, so Maverick's version plated alone with only a few carrots looked a bit naked. It could have used a bit more flavor, but the chicken was tender and satisfying. My boyfriend, Michael, opted for the Wood-Roasted Pork Sandwich served on a crusty baguette, with tangy German mustard, lettuce and tomato. The pork was very flavorful, and the French bread made me long for afternoons, like



this one, in Paris, sitting in a café watching the people walk by.

The wine list at Maverick is carefully curated, and specializes in wines from France and California. You will also find a large selection of Texas beer on tap, as well as a team of talented bartenders ready to craft a perfectly unique cocktail to match the seasons. Some of the standout cocktails include White Fang, a refreshing blend of white wine, ginger liqueur, Lillet Blanc, fresh berries and citrus. Another outstanding wine-based cocktail was Fade to Cab, which mixed bourbon with lemon, honey and Cabernet Sauvignon. Not to be missed is their signature cocktail, The Maverick, with Oloroso Sherry, scotch, Cynar, and garnished with orange peel. The cocktails are original, living up to the restaurant's name, and the menu rivals any of the trendiest bars in town. Maverick is definitely one of the best new restaurants to open in San Antonio this year, and that is quite a compliment as our culinary scene continues to grow. Our fair city is exploding with flavor, and we are rapidly becoming a foodie destination in our own right. It's an exciting time to be hungry in San Antonio, and with trailblazing restaurants like Maverick Texas Brasserie, we will become a culinary force to be reckoned with for many years to come. 🏠



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Friday 11:30 a.m.
- 2:00 p.m.
Dinner Sunday
- Thursday 5:00 -
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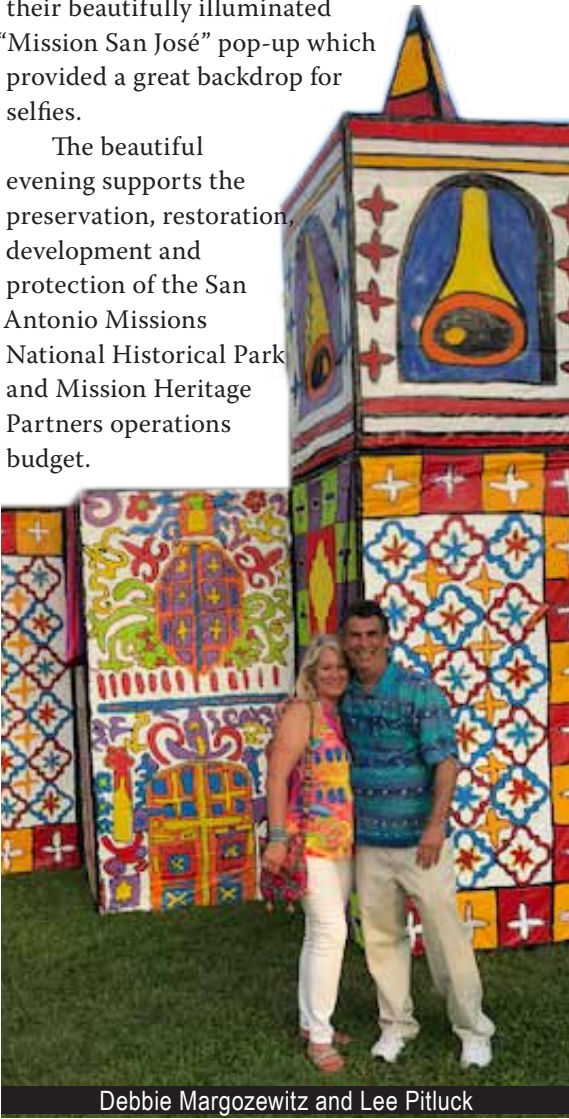
Mission Heritage Partners 27th annual celebration

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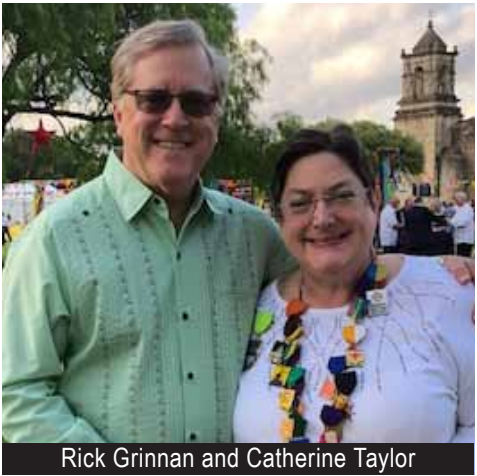
Mission San José, also known as “Queen of the Missions” was the beautiful backdrop for the annual outside gala featuring auctions, National Park Service Ranger led tours of the grounds, cocktails, antojitos, seated Spanish Colonial dinner, educational exhibits, and music by Mariachi Campanas De America.

During the reception, USAA’s all volunteer jazz ensemble provided music. Maureen “Momo” Brown and Charles Harrison “Pompa” displayed their beautifully illuminated “Mission San José” pop-up which provided a great backdrop for selfies.

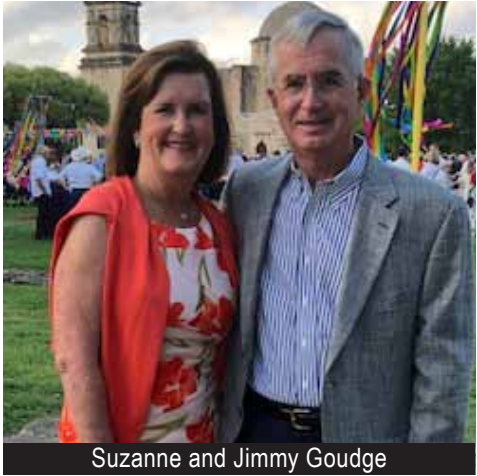
The beautiful evening supports the preservation, restoration, development and protection of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park and Mission Heritage Partners operations budget.



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LE BRUNCH DE CHAPEAUX

10th annual event benefits Autism Community

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You know it’s spring when the trees are blooming, the grass is green, colorful floral clothes appear and everyone is shopping for a hat-and not just a hat, but a special chapeaux for a special event!

Le Brunch des Chapeaux co-chairs Camille Mandigo and Katherine Gainey were smiling ear to ear at the 10th annual event benefitting Autism Community Network. The dynamic duo raised \$216,000 for the San Antonio based organization which maximizes the potential of children with Autism by providing early diagnosis services and connecting families to available resources. Autism Community Network most often serves families with limited access and works tirelessly to educate and empower-not only the families that they serve but the community at large.

Fabulous over-the-top hats were the accessory for all those in attendance at the 15th annual luncheon benefiting the Autism Community Network. Guests gathered on the lawn at the Argyle for an afternoon fashion show courtesy of Julian Gold and to listen to guest speaker Elaine Turner. Raffle items were provided by Julian Gold, Kelly Wade Jewelers, Lee Michaels Jewelers, and Shetler Fine Jewelers.

One of the not-to-miss luncheons in the spring!



Co-chairs Camille Mandigo, Katherine Gainey

Here & Now: California's New Cool Hello Oakland!

Story by Barbara Barton Sloane
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Home to one of the busiest seaports in the world, Oakland, California is a major urban center. Just about 12 miles from San Francisco, it's also one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse cities in the country and - very much in its favor and unlike it's fog-shrouded sister across the bay - it enjoys days of blue skies and bright sunshine all year round. Over the last several years Oakland has experienced a vivacious downtown revival with multitudes of world-class restaurants, historic and contemporary architecture, a robust art scene, and an abundance of recreational activities.

Museum Majesty

One of the most awe-inspiring buildings here is the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA). Set on four city blocks, it was designed by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates and is a true icon of mid-century modernism that opened in 1969. United under one roof are the city's collections of art, history, and natural sciences. On my visit, I was much taken by these interrelated spaces tucked under landscaped terraces and lush gardens, all smoothly flowing one into the other. A favorite area is the terrace garden overlooking Lake Merritt and the city. There, a striking work: Big Peace IV by Tony Labat is a huge, sunny yellow peace sign which dominates the surrounding space. Leaving this area, we found a magical spot to sit and daydream: on the lower level and surrounded by deodar trees - a large pool filled with koi and water lilies on one side and native California plants and Bay Area freshwater fish on the other. More than a mere museum, this edifice is one of the most significant examples of post-World War II modernism and, importantly, one of the first sustainability-conscious landmarks in the country.

After hours spent at OMCA, we felt the Call of the Vino and decided to answer it post haste. Oakland is home to more than a dozen urban wineries and Cerruti Cellars is one of the best, opened in 2011 by John Tudal, whose family has long been in the wine business. Housed in a 1920s cold storage warehouse is the Cerruti tasting room. We sipped and savored an interesting mix of wines- vibrant blends and spicy varietals from Napa and Sonoma - a heady way to end the day.

Preserving the Past

The next day we set off for Preservation Park. We stepped back in time as we walked this charming neighborhood, now an office park, preserved in all its Victorian glory. Verdant gardens, period park benches, ornate wrought

iron fences and old-fashioned street lamps topped off with a Parisian fountain at its very center. At tour's end, leaving this fairy-tale park and re-entering 21st century's bustle and buzz was a bit harsh!

Easing the culture shock from then to now, we returned to our lodging high on a wooded knoll - the enchanting Claremont Hotel Club and Spa, of which none other than master architect Frank Lloyd Wright said, "One of the few hotels in the world with warmth, character and charm." True in its early days, it continues to embody that singular allure today. In 1906, after the San Francisco earthquake delayed further building, the Claremont finally opened for business in 1915; it is today a designated Oakland City Historical Landmark. One fine morning, we had coffee on the hotel's terrace surrounded by Big Leaf Maples, California Sagebrush and Red Willows. Below lay the impressive Claremont gardens and because the air was crystal clear, we could see forever -to the city over yonder and all the way to the Bay - a glorious way to greet the day!

The USS Potomac

From the lofty heights of the Claremont Hotel to a spot closer to earth - on water, in fact. In his day, President Roosevelt enjoyed cruising and fishing and did so whenever the opportunity arose, aboard his yacht Potomac. Decommissioned after the president's death in 1945, the yacht's history became a story of decline under a succession of owners. Finally, in 1980 she was towed to Treasure Island; ultimately her hull was pierced by broken pilings and she sank in 35 feet of water. Restored in a 14-year effort, the Potomac now rests in the Port of Oakland. Trooping through the vessel, we were transported back in time as we viewed the Commanding Officer's Cabin, her exceedingly cramped crew's quarters, and the Pilot House with old and antiquated navigational equipment. From her glamorous days hosting such luminaries as royalty from Denmark and Norway to a visit by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, bringing them to George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon, the Potomac now enjoys a well-deserved rest in Oakland waters where, royalty or not, she welcomes your visit.

An Illuminating Experience

Before leaving the city, we set off for a site one might call truly heavenly: a compelling and very new Oakland landmark, the Cathedral of Christ the Light. It was a must-see and it did not disappoint. A stunningly modern structure built for the ages, it is the mother-church of the Diocese of Oakland. Its design utilizes glass, steel, wood and beautiful light to create a contemporary look that still remains evocative of the Catholic Church's millennia-old tradition.



Standing beneath its towering ceiling, the alters, statuary and paintings all seemed bathed in a luminous glow. This cathedral created a powerfully spiritual sensation the moment we entered its doors and that feeling seemed to linger well through the remains of the day.

From the Oakland Bridge, one can look across to the bright lights of that big city across the Bay, but, news flash: look no further. Oakland is where it's really goin'-on! 🏠

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VIVA LA SYMPHONY

As we all know, our symphony is facing some difficult times. Our musicians are first class and we have beautiful facilities where we can enjoy performances. It is up to us as a community to support and recognize this treasure.

Symphony supporters met at La Hacienda Scenic Loop for an afternoon of “Comida



Jim Wells, Symphony musician Amy Pikler and music teacher Alexis von Biedenfeld



Ken Slavin and Jeff Spence performing



Patrick Padalecki, Peggy Cervera and Gina M. Padalecki

Supporters help first-class musicians

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Y Canciones Con Amigos” with musical performances by Ken Slavin and the musicians of the San Antonio Symphony. April Ancira, Ramiro Cavazos, Henry and Mary Alice Cisneros and Louis Barrios hosted the fundraiser that included a chicken fajita buffet, entertainment and prizes.

A beautiful afternoon allowed families to enjoy the musicians, mingle and make merry and support the symphony.



Bob Kimtis, Sue Bynum, Dr. Fernando Guerra and Beverly Purcell Guerra



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Taddy McAllister and Dr. Fernando Guerra



John Costello, Marty Gonzalez and Freddie Cervera



Conductor and music director of SA Symphony, Sebastian Lang-Lessing and symphony board chair Kathleen Weir Vale



The unmistakable form needed for players to master a jump, translates into an art form that is rare for a power forward to embody. The Fadeaway jump shot is one that is strictly unguardable. Dirk Nowitzki has been known as one of the best big man shooters and post up scorers since he came into the league at the age of nineteen.

Now there is another player who has drawn attention from every team in the league. There are three words to describe his undeniably special skill. Pure. Smooth. Unguardable. LaMarcus Aldridge is a 6’11” giant who can post up any player in the league, and score with ease. He entered the NBA in 2006 raring to be one of the best big men in the history of the game; keep in mind, he entered the league at a time where players like Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan, and Nowitzki were ruling the big man category.

Aldridge was drafted by the Bulls on draft night and was immediately traded to the Portland Trail Blazers. While scoring for the Blazers, he was easily playing some of the most powerful and dominating basketball the city of Portland had ever seen. During his stint with the team, he had the honor of playing with players like Dame Dolla Lillard, Nicolas Batum, and Wesley Matthews. At the end of the 2014 season, LA decided he was ready for a change, and decided that the Alamo City was going to be the next city he would hopefully make a run for the champion.

He joined the Spurs in 2015 signing a lucrative contract that would give the Spurs another Superstar to pair with their own Finals MVP, Kawhi

LaMarcus “Fadeaway” Aldridge

Leonard. This move would lead to the removal of championship caliber players such as: former starting center Tiago Splitter, Marco Belinelli, Cory Joseph, and Aron Baynes.

During the first season of LA’s career with the Spurs, he worked alongside the Big Fundamental, whose career was coming to an end. After the 2015 season, it was time for Aldridge to hold down the fort as the new face of their front court. He and the Spurs had a great 2016 season without Timmy D, but one player had a tough time during the last stages of the regular season, into the crucial playoffs. Aldridge lost his momentum and could not find his patented turnaround fadeaway. Kawhi ended up exiting the NBA playoffs with a devastating ankle injury that would start a lot of controversy around current Warriors center Zaza Pachulia’s intent. LaMarcus was immediately the next player up on the roster, and needed to put up Klaw like numbers if they were going to make any type of championship run. They ended up being swept in the 2017 western conference finals by the

Golden State Warriors, and the story was LaMarcus Aldridge, and his rough shooting series. This provided a huge relationship flaw that would have Spurs fans worried all over the country about a potential trade. Hmmmm...that sure does sound familiar if you have been watching the Spurs season thus far.

Back to Aldridge, he and Gregg Popovich had a very calm and positive conversation over the summer that would have Aldridge leaning toward staying in San

Antonio. This meeting was used for Gregg Popovich to show Aldridge that he wanted him to play his style of basketball. Well, that is exactly what Aldridge has done this season. He averaged 23 points per game, and shot a staggering 51% from the field. He has been nailing his fadeaways, probing his way inside to the hole, and leading his team as the highest scorer. With Kawhi Leonard only playing nine games this season, LaMarcus had to step up his game, and he did with an exclamation point!

Popovich was seen speaking on Aldridge’s behalf by saying that “LaMarcus has been a monster all year long. He’s led our team at both ends of the floor. He doesn’t complain about a darn thing out on the court. He just plays through everything.” The Spurs have gone through plenty of adversity this season, and Aldridge never lost his offensive mojo. Brilliant. Skillful. Consistent. Through thick and thin, he never ceases to disappoint. 🏀

Story by Sam Stern
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HOW CIGARS ARE MADE: A NICARAGUA EXPERIENCE

I figured if I wanted to learn more about how the making of a cigar can make a difference in the one I'm smoking, then I should take a tour of a factory, see some tobacco fields and meet people in the industry. So, my wife, Brenda, and I did. We spent eight days in Nicaragua, the "safest Latin American country," touring three factories, experiencing the culture and the people, learning about tobacco and blending and smoking cigars with the help of David Blanco of Blanco Cigars.

We landed in the Managua airport and headed to the airport pool for drinks and cigars. Once the rest of our 10-person tour party arrived, we jumped into the van and headed out for Granada. We got there rather quickly, it being a fairly short drive and David being a fairly fast driver. We checked into our hotel, the Guardabarranca. After settling in our rooms, we walked to dinner. We sat downtown in Calle de Calzada, outside of the Nectar restaurant, smoked cigars and drank rum while waiting for our food. We were drinking Nicaragua's own Flor de Caña 7-year-old rum, which gets you relaxed, so you can sit and smoke cigars and drink more rum while you smoke more cigars.

The next morning David parked the van in front of a great yellow mansion that had been restored and converted to a cigar factory; Mombacho's Casa Favilli, one of the destinations on my personal hit list.

Master blender Claudio Sgroi conducted our tour of the factory-- an entertaining and informational tour led by a most interesting man. We followed him from room to room, watching the process of creating boutique premium cigars unfold: from fermentation to sorting, then on to rolling the bunch and pressing it, then on to the wrapper being applied.

To make their perfect parejo cigars uses multiple steps and many hands. To ensure the end product is a smooth draw with an excellent taste is a noble goal but the Nicaraguans strive for perfection in presentation as well. Sgroi showed us the way Mombacho perfects their cigar presentation with skilled rollers using the accordion folding technique on the filler then wrapping it in the binder leaf and pressing the unfinished cigar. They then test the cigars for optimal draw before the tabaqueros (rollers) apply the wrapper; sorting by color, followed by aging the product an additional three months.

Watching a cigar being rolled is pure joy. The skill with the chaveta (a flat, rounded blade used to trim the leaves) and the perfect amount of gomme

Photos top to bottom: •Shadegrown fields at Plasencia. •The AJ Fernandez Factory on a beautiful day. •Mombacho's Claudio Sgroi in the "kitchen" where the magic happens. •An expert roller in the Plasencia blending room. •Plasencia cigars on their final steps before packaging and shipping.

(pectin) to hold the wrapper in place. The quick but perfect cutting of the leaf, the perfectly smooth wrapper with the right amount of pressure to ensure a great smoke. This factory even adds a stamp with the creation date on the back of each cigar band for aging fans.

After dinner we got back in the van for the drive to Esteli. We opened the windows, smoked cigars and drank rum and some beer. Nicaragua has two kinds of beer; Victoria and Toña--surprisingly tasty brands. Finally, we came to Esteli, the home of some of the finest cigar makers in the world and checked in to Hotel los Altos. And of course, some of the die-hards sat on the patio and smoked cigars and drank rum late into the night.

David wanted to give us a more complete Nicaraguan experience, so besides the tobacco tours,



he took us to not only the best restaurants, but also to the historical cathedrals and the open-air market section of town, where fresh fruits and vegetables were for sale. While we were there we sampled freshly made tortillas with black beans and local cheese. Another night, we went to the Hard Bar, a restaurant and nightclub upstairs with a casino downstairs. He showed us a well-rounded picture of how the people of Esteli live. But we can't learn about cigars and he did not disappoint. From David's tour of the Plasencia Cigar Factory and fields as well as our own blending session, we got the whole picture.

Just outside the city he showed us acres and acres of sungrown and shadegrown vegas with a sophisticated watering and fertilizing system and large barns for air drying the leaves and small ones for growing seedlings. If the farmers want to produce seed, they allow the flowers on the top of the plant to grow, if the plant is for the harvesting of leaves, they remove the flowers early. The most interesting thing I learned about the tobacco plant is it only has so many leaves. Once those are picked, no more will grow.

Leaves on the plant serve a different purpose,
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Photos clockwise from top left:

- Our view of the beach from Aáki hotel.
- One of Nicaragua's many volcanoes in the Granada skyline.
- Colorful locals at the Esteli market.
- Beautiful drive down a main street in Granada.
- David Blanco checks in on Facebook live during the boat trip to Pirate Island, one of around 350 volcano-made islands off the coast.
- Relaxing with a Flor de Caña rum and a Mombacho Liga Maestra cigar.
- Sunset on the Pacific Ocean at Las Pinitas.
- Steak was on the menu at Nectar Restaurant in Granada.





depending on what part of the plant grows. Seco, which comes from the bottom of the plant, receives the least amount of sunlight and has the least amount of color and oil in it, making it a milder leaf. The middle of the plant is known as the Viso and the top the Ligero, with the strongest flavor. The 80-90-degree highs and 60-65-degree lows in Nicaragua are the ideal temperatures for growing tasty, tasty leaves.

When I took my first step into the Plasencia cigar factory, the aroma hit me, and it was breathtaking. The smell of fresh rolled cigars and aging tobacco coupled with the cleanliness and provincial look of the buildings made me realize these are professionals. While the factory was large and the amount of tobacco that runs through there was amazingly large, the efficiency and implementation of the process were more than what I experienced in the states.

Our tour guide, David, took us first to the Pilon room first, where the tobaccos is aged after it arrives in the factory. The tobacco is put into hands (a group of 20 similar leaves tied together for easy handling) then stacked in pilons and rotated for even fermentation. They humidify the room to draw out the ammonia which gets rid of the nicotine. Standing in a football field sized-room full of fermenting tobacco is not a pleasant experience. The smell of ammonia was so strong some people had to leave the room. Nevertheless, David stood and explained the aging process to the die-hards.

Quality control is paramount in cigar factories. None more apparent than in the next step, their efforts to ensure no tobacco beetles. Each factory we toured dealt with this a little differently, but the main process involved freezing the tobacco then slowly thawing it to kill the beetles and the eggs.

The tobacco is still not ready to roll, after bundling, freezing and aging, it gets sorted

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Clockwise from top left:
•Bunchers gathering tobacco for aging. •Plasencia's tobacco barn. •Turning the leaves in the aging room. •Adding the cigar labels in the packing room. •Jeff Slatton inhales the fresh tobacco varieties.

Story by Jeff Slatton
Photos by Brenda Slatton



PROTESTS INTERRUPT PEACEFUL COUNTRY

Near the end of our trip, violent protests broke out in the large Nicaraguan cities making our trip to the airport very exciting. We drove in the middle of the night and took back roads to avoid the protests but still ran into roadblocks. Protesters threw some bricks at our van, cracking the windshield but no one was injured and we made it to the Managua airport.



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MARTINI BALL

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55th Annual Event

The directors of The San Antonio Martini Foundation & Trust hosted its 55th annual Martini Ball. Guests returned to La Villita Assembly Building for an evening of martinis and dancing to Passing Strangers. Four new members joined the group bringing the total to 30 directors who host the annual event that requires an invite to attend. Chairman Jarod Cain chaired this year's Ball where directors are dressed in white coats and a yellow rose boutonniere, are easily spotted. And as usual-this dressy party is serious about the dress code-coat and tie required.

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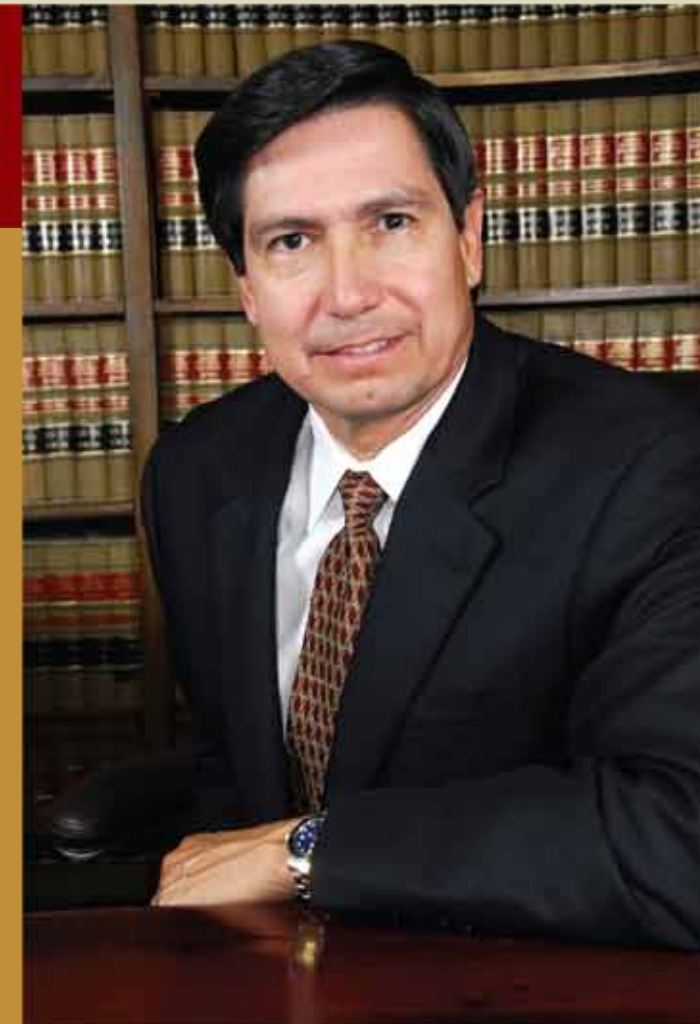
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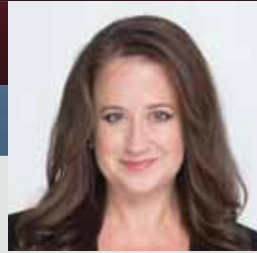
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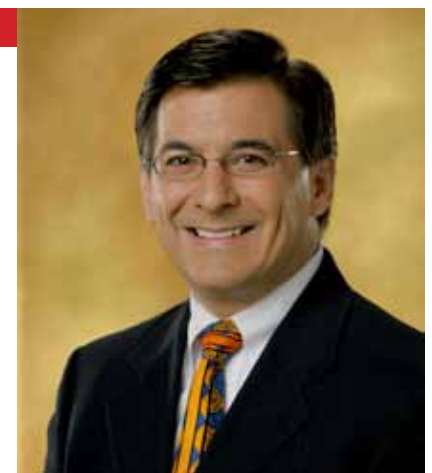
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Tina Torres is a trial lawyer and former Judge with over 20 years of litigation experience. Her passion for helping families is the driving force behind her work. Tina has been recognized by her peers in the legal community for excellent representation in complex family law, divorce, and custody matters and has also done legal work for a number of businesses, providing her with unique insight on business valuation, division, and negotiations during the litigation process.



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Overview: Katherine Noll focuses her practice on federal and state tax issues, with an emphasis on business transactions, tax planning, executive compensation, employee benefits, and representing clients before the IRS and state taxing authorities. She is experienced in resolving tax, ERISA, and regulatory matters for corporations, partnerships, LLCs, individuals, tax-exempt organizations and financial institutions. Katherine works with business owners, legal counsel, executives, management, tax departments, and accounting firms to achieve tax and corporate objectives.



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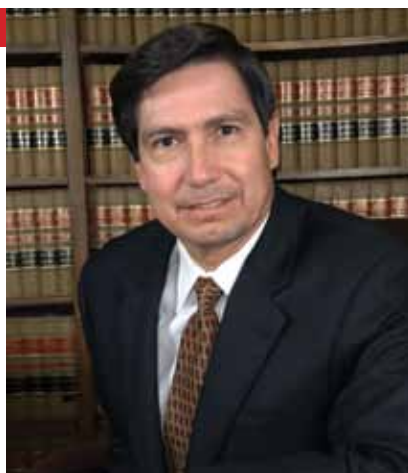


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Gerry Goldstein

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Alexander Begum has devoted his career to helping those injured by negligent drivers, 18 wheelers and bad corporate actors. Alexander Begum has been named Best Injury lawyers by SA Scene Magazine for years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.



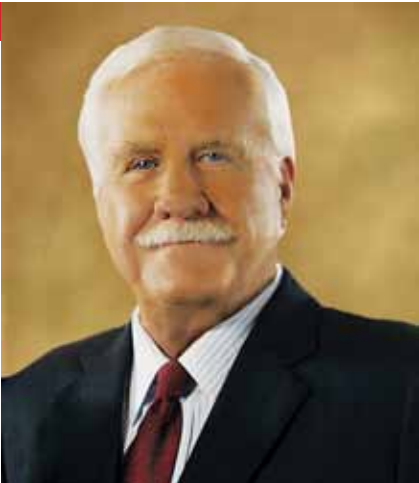
Richard R. Orsinger

2018 Top Family Lawyer
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 Tobin Center, H-E-B Performance Hall, 8:00pm, tobincenter.org
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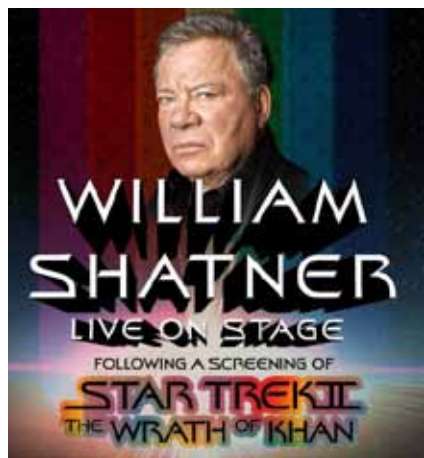
FRIDAY, JULY 20
American Idol Live! 2018
 Tobin Center, H-E-B Performance Hall, 7:00pm, tobincenter.org
 American Idol is back on tour! American Idol: Live! 2018 is coming to The Tobin Center featuring your Top 7 LIVE, on stage, including your 2018 American Idol Winner! The Top 7 - Cade, Caleb, Catie, Gabby, Jurnee, Maddie and Michael - plus special guests, Season 8 American Idol Winner, Kris Allen and IN REAL LIFE bring your favorite television competition directly to you in a performance you cannot miss!



WEDNESDAY, JULY 25
Steve Miller Band
 Majestic Theatre, 8:00pm, majesticempire.com
 The Steve Miller Band has played more to more than 20 million people in the last 20 years. In addition to touring with his band, Miller is also contributing his time to serving on the visiting committee of the Department of Musical Instruments of New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art and as a board member of Jazz at Lincoln Center, where he curates and hosts shows at both institutions celebrating blues, jazz, and early American music



FRIDAY, JUNE 22
Kelly Willis
 Gruene Hall, 8:00 p.m., gruenehall.com
 She is the alluring voice and songwriting talent who pioneered both Americana and the Texas young country scene with her debut album in 1990, and has since over the course of five more gems proven how she can do it all from contemporary to traditional and beyond with finesse, smarts and irresistible charm.



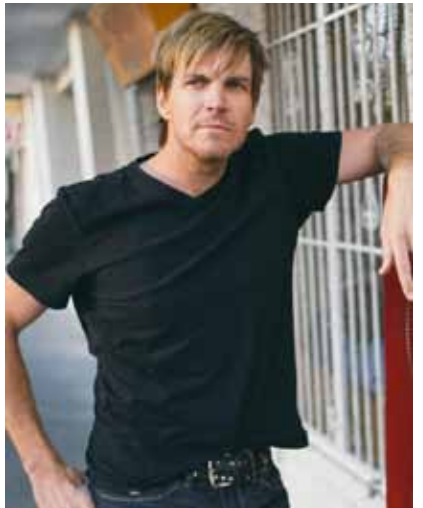
FRIDAY, JUNE 22
William Shatner
 Tobin Center, H-E-B Performance Hall, 7:30pm, tobincenter.org
 Set your phasers to stun (and fun)! Mr. Shatner is coming to the Tobin

Center June 22nd where he will be sharing stories and answering audience questions after a screening of Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan



SATURDAY, JUNE 23
Old 97’s
 Gruene Hall, 9:00 p.m., gruenehall.com
 To say that rock and roll has been good to the Old 97’s would be an understatement. The band emerged from Dallas twenty years ago at the forefront of a musical

movement blending rootsy, country-influenced songwriting with punk rock energy and delivery.



FRIDAY, JULY 7
Jack Ingram
 Gruene Hall, 8:00 p.m., gruenehall.com
 When Ingram won the 2008 Academy of Country Music award for “Best New Male Vocalist,” thousands of people in the audience had to be smiling to themselves about that whole “new” thing. They knew the thirty-something, steel-eyed veteran accepting that trophy on that stage in Vegas had been rocking roadhouses, theaters and stadiums relentlessly since 1997, that he’d been celebrated by critics and fans of hard-core country music for more than a decade, and that as a Texas-born songwriter and performer, he’d been on the short list of next generation artists who could fill the boots of Lone Star legends like Willie and Waylon and the boys

Event Calendar

JUNE-AUGUST

By Chandra Handley

July 4th FEST

Six Flags Fiesta Texas, various hours, sixflags.com/fiestatexas
 Coca-Cola Fourth Fest is back and better than ever for FIVE amazing days! There is no better place to celebrate America’s independence than the Thrill Capital of South Texas. During the day, join us at our Fourth Fest party zone in the ALL NEW location of Rockville for fun games, activities, dance parties and a chance to win great prizes including free Six Flags Fiesta Texas tickets and Season Passes and cool prizes! Finally, finish the evening off with the biggest and best 4th of July Fireworks display in ALL of South Texas.

Wednesday July 4th 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati, 8am - 9:30pm, saparksfoundation.org/events/4th-of-july-celebration
 Bring the entire and join us for the biggest and best party in town celebrating our nation’s birth and our freedom. Families are invited, and encouraged, to participate in a fun-filled day of games, food and musical entertainment!



TUESDAY, JULY 10

Alison Krauss

Majestic Theatre, 8:00pm, majesticempire.com
Windy City, her latest solo album, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Top Country Albums and Top Bluegrass Albums charts and received two Grammy nominations. The accomplished bluegrass musician became a member of the Grand Ole Opry at age 21. Her honors include 27 Grammy's, nine Country Music Association awards, 14 International Bluegrass Music Association Awards, two Academy of Country.



SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 21 & 22 Old Gruene Market Days

Gruene Historic District in front of Adobe Verde, 10am – 5pm, www.GrueneMarketDays.com
Gruene Market Days has been held every month except January for over 30 years and features more than 100 artisans offering handmade items made by the vendors themselves, including uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. There is free parking and admission and free live entertainment.



SATURDAY, JULY 28 Country Legends,



Featuring Stars from the Grand Ole Opry

Majestic Theatre, 7:30pm, majesticempire.com
Starring Bill Anderson, Jeannie Seely, Johnny Lee, Marty Haggard, Tommy Cash, and Michael Twitty live in person!continue to be true ambassadors for their beloved hometown, carrying the city's name with pride and dignity around the world.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Jackie Venson

Gruene Hall, 8:00 p.m., gruenehall.com
It is legend that a blistering Jackie Venson guitar solo knocked Pluto straight out of planetary existence.



ROGER CREAGER

Wednesday –Saturday

July 18-21



shows. Roger creates an interesting collection with songs that are very different from each other and will keep the listener's attention start to finish.

Thursday July 12th

Tobin Center, H-E-B Performance Hall, 7:30pm, tobincenter.org
Milwaukee folk-punks the Violent Femmes and British post-punk stalwarts Echo and the Bunnymen will embark on a co-headlining North American tour this summer and The Tobin Center is on the list!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 Erasure



Tobin Center, H-E-B Performance Hall, 7:30pm, tobincenter.org
Erasure returns to The Tobin Center, with special guest Reed & Caroline, hot on the heels of their latest album release World Be Gone, their 17th studio album. Since releasing their first single in 1985, Erasure have sold more than 25 million albums worldwide and this latest offering sees the duo enter their fourth decade with renewed creative charge.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 – 12, 15 – 19

Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus

Carlos Alvarez Studio Theater, various times, tobincenter.org
The Off-Broadway hit comedy is a one-



Gruene Hall, 8:00 p.m., Wed, Thu & Fri, 9:00pm on Sat., gruenehall.com
For his birthday, Creager is celebrating with a four-night stand at the Hall. The first two nights will be acoustic with special guests and the second two nights will be rockin' full band

San Antonio's hottest events JULY-AUGUST, 2018



man fusion of theatre and stand-up, and is a light-hearted theatrical comedy based on the New York Times #1 best-selling book of the last decade by John Gray. When Mars and Venus collide, the adventures are earth-shatteringly hysterical. It's a great recipe for a date night out: a little storytelling blended with some comedy and a dash of sage wisdom from the book. A delicious evening of entertainment!

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Lyle Lovett



Majestic Theatre, 8:00pm, majesticempire.com
A singer, composer, and actor, he has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums. Coupled with his gift for storytelling, the Texas-based musician fuses elements of country, swing, jazz, folk, gospel, and blues in a convention-defying manner that breaks down barriers. His works, rich and eclectic, are some of the most beloved of any artist working today.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Tony Bennett



Majestic Theatre, 8:00pm, majesticempire.com
Mr. Bennett is a musician who touches the hearts and souls of audiences with his legendary vocals and charming stage presence. His long list of achievements, spanning over 60 years, includes nineteen Grammy Awards, including the prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, making this artist a true international treasure.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Luis Miguel

AT&T Center, 7:00pm, attcenter.com
Mexican singer, icon, and one of the most successful artists in Latin American history, is stopping buy San Antonio for his ¡México Por Siempre! Tour.

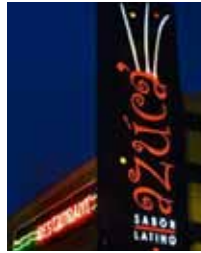


Friday August 10th RADNEY FOSTER

Gruene Hall, 8:00 p.m., gruenehall.com
Singer/songwriter/producer Radney Foster has always been revered in the music community as a lyricist and a dry West Texas poet. One look at the folks who have covered his songs (everyone from Hootie and the Blowfish and the Pistoleros to the Dixie Chicks and Guy Clark) and you realize this guy is not easily categorized.



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Every Friday and Saturday night, our entertainment program strives to reflect breadth of the Latin countries and cultures we represent. New Sunday Brunch from 11am-2pm with live jazz. Voted one of the 40 Best Latin Clubs in America! Visit their website for weekly music lineup and the latest events.



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23651 Interstate Highway 10, (210) 698 6616
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La Tuna Ice House –

100 Probandt, (210) 224-8862
A Southtown favorite watering hole with beer caps on the ground and pecan trees overhead. The front bar is a good place to sit, but there are lots of picnic tables scattered around. They offer lots of cerveza "bien fria" at a good price and the La Tuna Grill has amazing food at great prices as well. Live music happens almost every Saturday. Join in on the celebration June 10th, as the Icehouse celebrates its 25th anniversary. Festivities start at 2pm with live music starting a 7:30pm. Check out their Facebook page for events & live music info. facebook.com/latunaicehouse



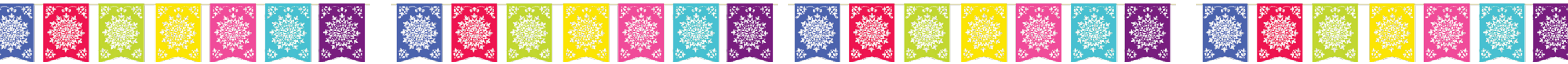
Sam's Burger Joint
330 E Grayson St., (210) 223-2830, samsburgerjoint.com for music lineup, ticket info & show times.

Sam's is centrally located just north of downtown San Antonio right next to the Pearl Brewery at Broadway and Grayson. Sam's has been doing live music in San Antonio for about 13 years but in the last three and a half years they have committed to bringing in top flight bands. Committed to having a truly diverse music room bringing in everything from Blues to Indie Rock to Rockabilly to Swing to Country to Americana to Soul/Funk.

Viva Tacoland

103 Grayson St., (210) 368 2443, vivatacoland.com
The legendary Tacoland has begun a new chapter. The open-air seating provides the feel of a classic San Antonio icehouse. Currently, guests can grab a burger or tacos from a food truck on site. A full kitchen is coming soon. Come hear live music, enjoy a cocktail or craft beer on the patio overlooking the river. Check out their website for music lineup!





THE BEWITCHING
**HARVEY
MCLAUGHLIN**

Story and images by
Faith Duarte



KING WILLIAM FIESTA ROUND UP

In February of this year, San Antonio became the fourth city in the state to be designated as a “music friendly community” by the Texas Music Office, joining Austin, Fort Worth and Denton.

Mayor Ron Nirenberg said at a news conference announcing the certification, “As a city celebrating its tricentennial year, San Antonio has a long history of being the home to incredible world-class talent, especially in music of all genres.”

A sampling of that world-class talent was on full display throughout the King William neighborhood during the penultimate day of Fiesta, when the neighborhood and surrounding venues were abuzz with music of all types. Festival goers had the opportunity to see the city’s finest performers in jazz, Latin, folk and rock-n-roll. At one point, I overheard someone compare the fair to that of a bustling New Orleans.

Over at King William Park, Volcán gave me the energy jolt I needed that morning. The 12-member outfit squeezed onto the stage, dancing in unison, exuding an infectious energy that even got walking passerby to dance.

It was their second of three Fiesta performances that day, and it was apparent the band held themselves to a high standard. Their exuberant mix of alternative, jazz and cumbia set the overall mood for the day. They received drunken praises and some raised stacks of Fiesta cups from the audience as they hyped up the crowd with smiles and gritos.

Volcán is active on all social media outlets, and has a website at www.volcanmusic.com.

Outside of the fair, Beethoven Maennerchor served as an oasis for those

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SURF
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KING PELICAN

ARTISAN

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GLENN**



12 MEMBER

VOLCAN



MEXICAN FOLK
SINGER

**AZUL
BARRIENTOS**



FOLK-ROCK
SIDE PROJECT

DEMITASSE

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seeking refuge from the heat and to recharge from the fair crowds. At around noon, Harvey McLaughlin, a dark, Nick Cave-type, and his backup band were first up at the German bier garden.

The bewitching singer-songwriter, keyboardist and guitarist incorporates a delightfully peculiar mix of blues and early rock-n-roll, one that perfectly complements a dark beer. His debut album “Tabloid Blues” was released in February and is on Spotify. More music is available on his Soundcloud page.

The venue had a go-with-the-flow attitude, so much so that neither the bartender nor the sound technician knew for sure when the next band was scheduled to play during this six-hour event, but eventually the second band made its way to the stage.

King Pelican is the surf rock vehicle of guitarist Ernest Hernandez, drummer Darren Kuper and bassist Lloyd Walsh. Early in their set they played “El Gallo” from their “Matador Surfer” album, followed by “Morocco.” They also debuted “Sky Ride,” which Hernandez described as “a song about the old Hemisfair.” The song is part of a 4-track vinyl EP that revisits the park’s role in the 1968 World’s Fair and is set for release later this year. More information on the band is available on their Facebook page and their music is on Spotify.

Back at the fair’s Artisan’s Alley tent, Josh Glenn was warming up onstage, improvising some acoustic riffs and chanting “Viva Fiesta.” Glenn is a mainstay of the neighborhood fair, with this being his fifth year participating. Once ready, he dives into the spacey “John Glenn Experience” and continues with “This Year,” a song that he calls “an ode to good things happening.” It’s reminiscent of Jason Mraz and is slated for release as part of a full EP late this year. His project, Josh Glenn Experiment, has music on Spotify, Reverbnation, Bandcamp and Soundcloud. He’s also active on Facebook.

Next up was Demitasse, the folk-rock side project of Buttercup’s Erik Sanden and Joe Reyes. The duo appeared as cool as cucumbers, performing with sense of ease and familiarity that can only be achieved after being in projects together for more than 15 years. They shared equal roles in vocalization and instrumentals, and were playful onstage with each other and with the audience. At one point, Sanden’s absurdist humor started poking through their 45-minute set, as he spouted life pro-tips throughout, like, “The cure for unrequited love is listening to Morrissey,” and “Fiesta is great practice for a paramedic, because you see a lot of people fall.” They’re on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Spotify, and their website at www.wearedemitasse.com.

As Demitasse wrapped up, three blocks over at the Jules Veranda stage, Azul Barrientos graced

the audience with her style of Mexican folk. During her closeout set, she alternated playing her acoustic guitar and jarana, a stringed instrument similar to a ukulele. Hailing from Mexico City, Barrientos is the artist-in-residence at the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center. For more information, visit her website at www.azulbarrientos.com.

By this time of the afternoon, the fair crowd gradually began filtering out, but Fiesta continued two blocks over at Lowcountry, where Houston-based punk outfit The Cops was due to headline.

But before that was Garrett T. Capps, the man who organized the show, joined onstage with The Three Timers. Previously, Capps’ “I Was Born in San Antone” was featured in the Season Three premiere of Showtime’s Billions in March. As of this writing, the song was approaching 50,000 plays as on Spotify.

In May he released his space country odyssey “In the Shadows (Again)” at a joint album release party with D.T. Buffkin, where they were joined by Augie Meyers, Flaco Jimenez and Santiago Jimenez Jr. The album is available on most streaming devices.

As my day in the neighborhood wound down, I realized that if seeing live music extends your life span, then the seven hours I just invested at Fiesta should help add up to what could later be a hefty return. 🏠

& THE THREE TIMERS

GARRETT T. CAPPS



REBECCA'S WISH

Artist Rolando Diaz painted “Rebecca’s Journey” during the program which was auctioned live and sold for \$41,000



Editor Leslie Foley, Photographer Vivian Crook
An AMAZING GALA and I was honored to be a guest and to witness the strength, bravery and beauty of Rebecca Taylor. An unbelievable night of raising funds to celebrate Rebecca’s Wish and vision to helpChildren like herself battling pancreatitis, and to establish the first Pediatric Pancreas Center.

Fifteen-year-old Rebecca Taylor is launching a first-of-its-kind pediatric pancreatitis program to help other sick children. Rebecca has been battling the auto-immune disease that attacked her organs in 2010. Dr. Sandeep Patel, a pancreatic specialist at UT Health Science Center, has performed nearly 2 dozen endoscopic procedures to helpControl Rebecca’s inflammation of her pancreas. Unfortunately, she was forced to travel to the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis for surgery to remove her bile duct, duodenum, gall bladder, pancreas and spleen. Rebecca continues to struggle with pain and her auto-immune disease is attacking other organs. In her young life, Rebecca has spent over 1,000 days hospitalized and yet, she is here to offer hope to others.

Rebecca has made it her mission to help others with this disease and with the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, she is launching a charity to fund research and treatment for pediatric pancreatitis, a first for San Antonio. A quote from Rebecca inside the program: “I want to meet with a medical philanthropist who can help me start a charity to help kids like me so they don’t have to suffer like I did.” This inaugural fundraising event to benefit this charity helped bring recognition to this disease. The goal is to train physicians who will in turn train other medical professionals to deal and cope with this increasing disease.

Cherry blossoms décor set the theme, and an invocation provided by Max Lucado, kicked off the evening festivities. Cuban-American artist Rolando Diaz, created a beautiful painting, “Rebecca’s Journey” live during the gala which was auctioned for \$41,000, along with a painting of a tree loaded with cherry blossoms by Rebecca. These items along with a few other wonderful donations raised \$185,000 for the live auction!!

Thank you Rebecca for your bravery, grace, selflessness and for your wish to offer hope for pediatric pancreatitis.



Sharon and Kenny Wilson



Ryan and Jessica Berg



Dr. Sandeep P. Patel and his wife Sunita Patel



Jennifer Morrow and CEO Tim Morrow



Zaina Walker, Katie Aebi, Norah Mackinnon, Nina Camarillo, Kayla Foster and Brina Walker



David and Alyne Jones with Alisha and Travis Eades



Roosevelt and Patricia Adams with Jennifer and Darin Anderson



Kerry Mims, daughter Jessica and Joe Mims



Andi Feik with parents J.J. and Tracee Feik, gala chair



The Taylor family - Alexander, Brian, Rebecca, Christyn, and Nicholas



Lonnie and Jenny Gonzalez with Eda and Dr. Luis Torres



Dr. Johnny and Joni Reyna



Rowland and Belinda Reyna with Marci and Javier Aguilar



Maggie Dominguez and Camryn Siller



Jeremiah and Melody Nasiatka, Fernanda Cardenas, Raul Olveda, and Nata and Chris Abbott



Joseph Mandigo, Jon Jimenez, Sonya and Dr. Raul Santoscoy and Robert Sanchez



Michelle Torres, Michael Kattany, Julie Butler and Trisha Walker



Dr. Manny Quinones, Jr., and Charlie Good



John Moake and Dr. Richard S. Reyna



Health Texas Medical Group President and Chairman Dr. Richard S. Reyna, and co-chair Faye Reyna



Joseph and Cynthia Garcia



Co-chairs Faye Reyna and Denise Flores with Bexar County District Attorney Nico LaHood

HAND TO HEART

Editor and Photographer: Leslie Foley

For the past 14 years, Harper’s Embrace Lifesaver Program (H.E.L.P) has been teaching no cost Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation to the citizens of San Antonio and surrounding communities as a 501(c) 3 charity organization. Its mission is to assure that everyone in our communities the means and the access to learn life-saving CPR and to eliminate the unnecessary loss of lives when this critical skill is not at hand. English and Spanish classes are taught by Certified CPR Instructors. H.E.L.P has already reached thousands of people and countless adult and children’s lives have been saved by the programs’ graduates. The goal is to expand in 2018 by growing CPR classes, adding more instructors and to graduate more students than ever before.

This program came about upon hearing of the tragic death in San Antonio of a young 4 year old girl named Harper; a local primary care physician and colleagues founded Harper’s Embrace Lifesaver Program.

H.E.L.P’s “Hand to Heart” Gala event is the single annual fundraiser that supports this important initiative which was held at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium. The “Hand to Heart” Gala offered an enjoyable evening where guests sang and danced along with the Band, The Spazmatics, The Ultimate New Wave 80’s Show!

And an amazing silent auction raised big money and provided wonderful opportunities to place bids on unique items.



COO at Health Texas Medical Group Keith Swinney and Lyle Williams

YOUNG, & WILD THREE

DoSeum celebrates young at heart

Editor and Photographer: Leslie Foley

The DoSeum celebrated a Young-At-Heart-Grown-Ups Party with champagne, party favors, music and cuisine. The event was sold out! Guests were greeted with the drums from Zenshin Daiko, Maui. More than 350 guests began celebrating with cocktails on the patio with Rose frozen with nitrogen, Mirror Magic Photobooth, followed by dinner and a message from the new CEO, and ending with a Nitro ice cream bar and Maybelle's donut wall on the patio. Oh how fun it is to be 3!



Past board chair Suzanne Goudge and the new CEO Dan Menelly



Emily Morrison, Marci Swann and Heather Etlinger



Ana Leah Montemayor and Parnak Malek



Board president Jeff Galt and wife Jana Galt with Colette and Ty Edwards



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Frankie Johnson and son Kerwin Johnson



Jeff and Sara Brouillard with Lauren and Ryan Malitz



Amanda and WB Cavender with Caroline and Joe Aycock



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Marty McKellips, Alex Villa, Bristel Minsker and David Biggs



Joe and Dianne Maratea with Rosemary and Rod Guajardo



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Patrick Hinojosa and Joel McLellan



Sandra Drager and Sarah Bourland



Beth and Alan Hepp with Connie Knish



Kathi and David Barksdale



Judy and Pete Hardy



Brent and Cece Given, board president



Patty and Todd Anderson

RED CROSS GALA

Editor & Photographer: Leslie Foley

Although it was a bit chilly outdoors at the Witte, guests didn't seem to mind as they sipped on **red margaritas**, and networked with the 350 plus guests who were there to "Celebrate Our Everyday Heroes" during the memorable evening. The Red Cross Gala honorees included: 2018 Humanitarian Award to The Honorable Phil Hardberger, 2018 Young Philanthropist Award to The Community Service Council at Saint Mary's Hall; and the 2018 Value of Service Award to Whataburger. The evening featured an outdoor cocktail reception, live auction and entertainment.



Linda and honoree Phil Hardberger with daughter Amy Hardberger



Kristie Rodriguez, Janet Sherrill, Joaquin Rodriguez, Cathy and Clay Killinger, Margaret Cusato and Danielle Torre

FUR BALL benefits Animal Defense League

Editor: Leslie Foley Photographer: Vivian Crook

Joan Bailey chaired the 7th Annual Fur Ball to benefit the Animal Defense League of Texas. An evening of art and auctions, dogs and drinks, prizes and people, and most of all-a good time for all! Henry Brun and the Latin Players provided entertainment, Brook Rosser provided the art, Casa Verde provided plants and a host of local artists presented a succulent garden piece to represent understated, enduring, and timeless love...much like the love one receives from a family pet.

One of the big items/requests was to raise funds for the ADL's Transport Program. An opportunity to partner with other shelters to transfer pets from SA to families in the Pacific Northwest, where there is not a homeless pet problem in some cities. Through cross-country transport programs, ADL is able to rescue more pets in SA and help them complete their journey to a forever home.



Lauren Wilson with Theodore

HEART BALL

34th annual
Black-tie affair

Editor: Leslie Foley Photography: Vivian Crook

The Heart Ball celebrated 34 years of giving back to San Antonio! The Heart Ball brings together influential leaders from the corporate, philanthropic and medical communities to raise funds and promote the lifesaving work of the American Heart Association. The evening's black-tie festivities included dinner, entertainment, dancing and an exciting auction with unique items for the 700 plus guests for bidding! And for those docs and others missing the beginning, Heart After Dark tickets featuring music by Argyle were available for partying.



Heart Ball co-chairs Dianna and Mark Cobb



Kaeyel Hamilton Moore, Lakisha Hamilton Moore, Mashayia Hamilton Moore and Michael Hamilton Moore



Kenneth and Leticia Vacek, Clayton Perry, Ana Sandoval and Mario Bravo



Meghan Crabtree and board chair Geoffrey Crabtree



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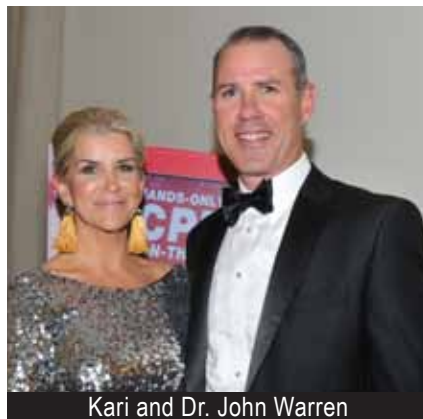
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Alison Bagley and her Dos Equis



Alison Bagley and her Dos Equis



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Megan Fowler



Patty Risheberger and Walter Biegler

ALAMO HEIGHTS NIGHT

32nd annual Rotary event
benefits multiple causes

Editor and Photographer: Leslie Foley

Party Time in '09. Alamo Heights Rotary once again put on a HUGE event at the University of Incarnate Word. The 32nd annual event featured live entertainers: Suede, Hotcakes, Finding Friday, Chris Boss Band, Biohazard Brass Band and Fireworks too! Games galore including laser tag, joust pit, bungee run and more kept kids and adults busy until they needed to fuel up. Did I mention FIESTA: crazy hats, medals, sashes, cascarones, crowns, royalty, sombreros and more! It was a great time in '09!!!

Proceeds support charitable causes including:

Alamo Heights High School Snack Pak 4 Kids, Alamo Heights Little League, Alamo Heights School Foundation, Rotary International Foundation, RYLA, Society for Animal Rescue and Adoption and the University of the Incarnate Word.



Liz Sepulveda



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INDUCTION GALA

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2018 Hall of Fame honors 16 women

The San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame recognized and welcomed the 2018 Hall of Fame inductees. The 16 trailblazing outstanding inductees included: Jessica Erin Elliott, Elizabeth Dalton, Priscilla Hill-Ardoin, JD, Laura Vaccaro, April Ancira, Marisol Deluna, Rebecca Brune, Julissa Carielo, Judge Laura Parker JD, Robin Harder, JoAnn Andera, Ruth Ruprecht, MD, PhD; Karin Barnes, PhD; Norma Gutierrez Maldonado, Pamela K. Fink, PhD; and Sister Sarah Lennon.

The San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame was established in 1984 to honor outstanding women who have contributed substantially to San Antonio and/or Bexar County. The women selected for induction into the San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame must have made significant contributions to San Antonio and/or Bexar County and have demonstrated their support of other women. Nominations for recognition may be made by individuals or groups. The nominee must be a woman living, not previously inducted in the San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame, and residing in San Antonio and/or Bexar County or in one of the six contiguous counties: Atascosa, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina or Wilson.

As an official partner of San Antonio’s 2018 Tricentennial Celebration, the Induction Gala is a part of the history as an official Tricentennial event. The Gala raised funds to support higher education attainment for deserving women pursuing a college education through funding assistance and scholarships.



Paula Gold Williams, Priscilla Hill-Ardoin and Deborah Robinson



Kathy White, Amira Andera and honoree Jo Ann Andera



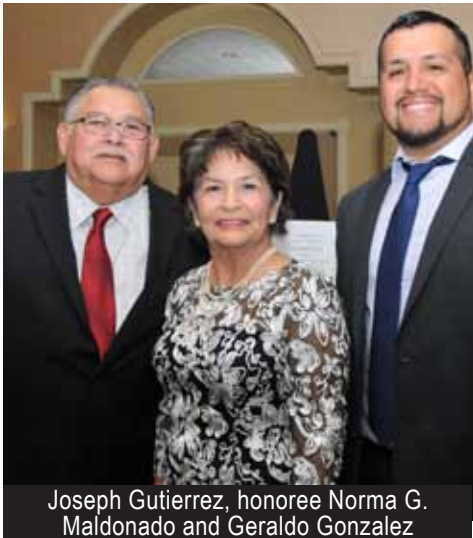
Valerie Guerrero, honoree Julissa Carielo and Xochitl Jacquez



Jordan Strait, Pete Campos, and Christiana Garcia representing Young Women's Leadership Academy



Nancy Brune, Nancy Rehak, honoree Rebecca Brune, Devlyn Lovell and Rory Lovell with a bouquet of flowers



Joseph Gutierrez, honoree Norma G. Maldonado and Geraldo Gonzalez



Gala Chair Dr. Adela Gonzalez and Mistress of Ceremonies Elizabeth Ruiz



2nd VPCharlotte Travis, PhD, and board president Virginia Van Cleave



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S.A. SCENE RISING STAR DOCTOR 2018 CORRECTION



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Correction: In our March 2018 issue, the wrong photo was used for Rising Star Doctor Megan Hogue. Here is the correction. We regret the error.

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Grades offered: K-12

Enrollment total: 4,800

Student-to-teacher Ratio: Varies by age group

Tuition: \$8,200 for the 2013-2014 School Year

Financial aid: None Available

Accreditations: Alamo Heights is accredited by: (1) Texas Education Agency; (2) Southern Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools (SACSS); (3) Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC); (4) National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC); (5) College Board. Extracurricular activities: Alamo Heights ISD provides extended learning opportunities through a variety of superior extra-curricular activities: academic clubs, art, music, theater, athletic organizations and social events. School mission: The Alamo Heights Independent School District, the heart of our community whose passion is excellence, will educate and empower every student to excel academically and as a confident, compassionate citizen with impeccable character and a global perspective through engaging, personally challenging, and relevant experiences that inspire learning for life.

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HOW CIGARS ARE MADE: A NICARAGUA EXPERIENCE CONTINUED FROM PG. 31

and stripped. Much of the stem will be stripped from the tobacco leaf, leaving a small part to be used as filler while the better part becomes wrapper or binder. The leaves are sorted and sorted again by color and type.

We also got to experience a blending session. We went into a boardroom and sat around a table where David opened a box of "puritos," small cigars rolled from one type of leaf and one from each of the four regions of Nicaragua. All the varietals were created from Habano seed plants. The leaves (the seco, viso and ligero) were from Esteli, the Condega Valley, Jalapa, and Omatepe. Each of the regions has its own kind of soil, which makes an astonishing difference in the flavor of the tobacco.

After sampling all the varietals, we went into a special blending room. We were there to help the owner of Tabakado Sigarenwinkel in Eindhoven, Netherlands with the blend of her house brand cigars. The master blender and the master roller were also in the room, creating cigars for us to sample. In the end, the ultimate choice belonged to the shopkeeper, but she agreed with the consensus of the group and a new blend for her shop was born.

Our group also went through the AJ Fernandez factory, our second surprise tour. Cigar factories are designed with one thing in mind, a perfect final product; perfection in the look as well as the taste. Despite the fact they create between 10 and 12 million cigars a year, making over 40,000 daily, they take each cigar through many quality checks to ensure a good product.

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The perfection process is completed in the last rooms where workers use measuring devices to line up all the rings perfectly, put cellophane on each cigar to protect them, and wrap each box for a finished look.

After all the touring and learning, we ended the trip with a visit to the beach. When we pulled into the Hotel Aáki at Las Peñitas it was like pulling into the parking lot of a little slice of heaven. We checked into our room and found our room had the best view. Outside the sliding glass doors of our room were the pool and lounge area, a beach bar and the Pacific Ocean. It was the perfect end to a perfect vacation in an amazing country. 🏠