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## **Adiós Ann Richards**

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# People in the News



## University of Texas Math Professor Nominated for National Award

(San Antonio) UTSA professor of Mathematics **Dr. Manuel Berriozabal** has been selected as a semi-finalist for the fifth annual **Volvo for Life Awards**. This award is a national search and celebration of everyday heroes in the categories of environment, safety and quality of life.

More than 20 years ago, "Dr. B" observed that there was a significant under-representation of people of color in the fields of engineering and science. He was certain that this drain of talent occurred somewhere between the elementary and college years - and he set out to do something about it.

He set up **PREP**, a rigorous, mathematics-based enrichment program offered on college campuses in the summer for promising middle school and high school students. **PREP** gives participants the opportunities to

hone their abstract-reasoning and problem-solving skills through courses and laboratories that are normally not offered to students at that level.

**Dr. B's** brainchild has captured the imagination and support of an extraordinary coalition of public and private donors, attracting nearly \$30 million in resources.



## NALIP Welcomes Ara Celi to Austin

**Ara Celi** was the guest speaker at the monthly **NALIP** (National Association of Latino Independent Producers) meeting at Nuevo Leon Mexican Restaurant in Austin, Texas. In front of a crowd of 30 plus people **Ara Celi**, whose last name is **Valdez**, share her experiences from having worked in Hollywood for the last 14 years.

She fielded questions from the audience and proved she was very knowledgeable about not only acting but the economics of the film industry. Visit the **NALIP** website at [www.nalip-austin.org/](http://www.nalip-austin.org/) for more information about the Austin, Texas chapter.



## Jordana Barton Pushes Latino Economic Empowerment

**Jordana Barton**, a native of **Benavides, Texas** and recent graduate of the **John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University**, is promoting wealth and asset building as the new Executive Director of the **Latino Financial Issues Program**.

Based in **San Antonio, Texas** and working out of the offices of **ACCION Texas**, **Barton** and several colleagues are working to push to the top of the public policy agenda the need for greater financial literacy in the Latino community. Studies show that close to one half of Latinos do not have a relationship with a bank. Other studies show that Latinos pay higher interest rates for autos and homes, in part because they failed to ask the right questions before signing on the dotted line.

Through a network of professors at various universities, the **Latino**

**Financial Literacy Program** seeks to empower people by teaching them the "ins and outs" of finance and economics.

**Barton** and her staff believe that economic power is just as important as political power when it comes to bring about change in the community. For more information visit their website at: [www.national-lfip.org/contactus.html](http://www.national-lfip.org/contactus.html)



## Luis Valdez Travels to Texas State for talk on Dissent

**Luis Valdez**, renowned playwright, director and co-founder of **El Teatro Campesino** was the featured speaker at **Texas State University - San Marcos** on September 20, 2006.

**Valdez's** talk is part of a year-long initiative at the university designed to cultivate a campus discussion of "Protest and Dissent: Listening to the Voice(s) of America. It is the expectation of the university that the host of guest speakers throughout the year will enhance student participation in the intellectual life of the community.

Next month **Edward James Olmos** will be on campus. Visit the university website for more details about upcoming speakers.



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# Remembering Ann Richards

We were watching television when the news flashed across the screen that former Texas Governor Ann Richards had passed away. A moment of silence set in as we watched the ribbon at the bottom of the screen scroll by again.

We did not know Ann Richards personally, but we were both saddened that she had passed away. As my wife stared at the screen she began to tell me the following story:

A friend of mine invited me to a luncheon at The Golden Wok on Wurbach in San Antonio in the late 1980's. She told me that she wanted me to meet some of her friends and to make an effort to go.

It would be an effort as I had an infant at the time and rarely left her on my days off. I decided to attend, and I am so glad I did. Thank God I went. Not because I met some really great women, but because the guest speaker was the most inspiring and uplifting person I has ever heard speak, and she was there to raise money for her campaign. That speaker was Ann Richards.

It wasn't the first time I had heard her speak, but it was the first time I had the opportunity to hear her speak in person. The restaurant was packed with women, all there to hear Ms. Richard's speak.

I remember her great sense of humor and her ability to reach everyone in the room. She inspired me to think about what I wanted for my state, my family, and myself.

One of the things I remember about her speech was how she made us realize how important we were as a political force. WE WOMEN. She said something to the effect that if we agreed with what she was saying and were willing to support her we should take a moment to look at the outfit we had on that day. "Don't factor in your shoes and leave out your jewelry", she said. "Now calculate how much your outfit cost. If you want to support me then the take our check book out and write me a check for that amount of your outfit".

Of course she said it in a way that was very funny but it made us all realize that we had to do our part. For the first time in my life I took our my check book, and even though I was a struggling mom, and even though I knew I would have cut back somewhere else that month, I wrote Ann Richards a check.

Before leaving the function I took campaign literature and other paraphoniae with me to share with as many people as I could. I believe that was the first time I campaigned for a political candidate.

Later when Ann Richard's was to be sworn into office, I drove with several of my friends to Austin to participate in one to the grandest marches in support of our new Governor. It was a great experience.

But today I am deeply saddened for our state and our country. As watch the television coverage there is a piece where she is saying that she ran for office

## Editorial



Alfredo R. Santos c/s Editor and Publisher

for all the wrong reasons - she ran because the guy that had the office was either so awful or the guy that was running for the office was so awful she had to run.

It made me laugh and it made me sad. Not only because she is no longer with us, but because there hasn't been another candidate running that has moved me to want to participate in a campaign since. Oh yeah, I go to functions and of course I vote, but my hope is that some day someone will step up that will truly inspire me and perhaps my daughter, who is now a voter, to become more involved because, God knows, we need it.

Diana Santos

On pages 8 and 9, you will find the comments of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton on the passing of Ann Richards. And as you learn from Senator Clinton's comments, each of us do indeed have our own Ann Richards' stories. Que en paz descansa Ann Richards de parte de todo los que trabajan en La Politiquera.

## By the Numbers

**35%** of the Latino Population in the U.S. is under 18 years of age

**80%** Percent by which the Latino Middle Class grew by between 1980 and 2000

**184%** Percentage by which the Latino population grew by between 1980 and 2000

**Over 30%** Percent of Latino families have 5 or more people in their households

**\$1 Trillion** Projected Latino purchasing power in 2009

**\$29.4 billion** Amount of money generated by Latinas who are the fastest growing small and micro-business owners in the U.S. generating in 2002

**50%** Percentage of Latino community that remains unbanked.

**\$11,149** Latinos' median net worth in 2001 compared to White median net worth of \$117,722 (in 2000 real dollars) (Caution, remember that recent immigrants should be factored into this figure.)

**\$9,909** Latino Mean Retirement Pensions in 2001 compared to White Mean Retirement Pensions of \$63,506 (in 2000 real dollars) (Again, remember that the work experience of the Latino community is indeed different from that of white males.)

**47%** Percentage of Latinos in 2000, who were homeowners compared to a 73% homeownership rate for Whites

Source: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

# Lo Que Estan Diciendo

*"We are failing by not having Republicans elected as legislators and congressmen. We're not really giving those Hispanics that really are Republicans representation. After 2030, the state will be run by Latinos. If we don't get Hispanic leaders in the future ... we're gone as far as governing."*

Republican Party consultant  
Royal Masset

*"Democrats accused Republicans of playing upon voters' fears to score political points. Republicans were trying to confuse Americans into thinking " Osama bin Laden is heading north in a sombrero."*

Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas,

*"They are trying to crash our party and we need to beat the shit out of them in front of all the other would-be party crashers who are standing on the front lawn waiting to see how we welcome these dirtbags."*

Chris Doherty,  
director of the U.S. Department of  
Education's Reading First program  
describing an inquiring by Democrats

*"When something undermines the credibility of this department, or the standing of any program, I'm going to spring into action,"*

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings  
pledging to adopt swiftly the  
recommendations of an independent  
audit that has found wide spread  
problems with the Reading First initiative  
of President Bush

*"Times have changed. It's not like the Old Days, when we can do anything we want. A refusal is not the act of a friend. If Don Corleone had all the judges, and the politicians in New York, then he must share them, or let us others use them. He must let us draw the water from the well. Certainly he can present a bill for such services; after all... we are not Communists"*



Emilio Barzini:  
[during a meeting with the Five Families  
in the movie The Godfather]

*"Pues yo ya no se que hacer con el maestra. Le digo y le digo pero no me quiere ser caso."*

Mother telling an Austin Independent  
School District administrator her feelings  
about why her son wants to dropout of  
high school.



## New Political Action Committee Seeking to Help Candidates

The **Latino Leadership Political Action Committee** has been organized in **San Antonio, Texas**. The group hopes to raise and spend money to help elect Hispanic candidates who are seeking office for the first time. The chairwoman of the new organization, **Brie Franco**, says, *"The Latino Leadership PAC is much more than a fundraising PAC - it's a movement to ensure the full participation of the growing Latino community in the policy decisions that affect all American families. The people who make up LLPAC's growing political network have one thing in common - we are all products of the American Dream, a dream in which the sacrifices and work ethic of our parents and grandparents have allowed us and future generations to enjoy increased opportunities in education, careers, and life."*

Originally conceived by Latino law students and young lawyers the group helped the successful campaigns of **Lupe Valdez**, who ran for sheriff in Dallas, and **Yvonne Gonzalez-Tourelles**, who ran for the

Texas House District 35 seat, and **Veronica Rivera**, who ran for the **Austin Community College** board of directors.

Its board of directors include **Franco**, **James Aldrete**, owner of Message, Audience and Presentation, **Jorge Herrera**, a UT law school graduate from **San Antonio** and son of trial lawyer **Frank Herrera**, **Rene Lara**, a lobbyist for the **Texas Federation of Teachers**, and **Josh Garcia**, who also works for Message, Audience and Presentation.

**Franco**, who works as a legislative aide to **Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso**, said although some of the LLPAC's board members were Democrats and the first three candidates endorsed were Democrats, the group was non-partisan. **Franco** said LLPAC would get behind qualified Latino candidates who were committed to keeping the American Dream alive.



Part of this article came from Steve Taylor of the Rio Grande Guardian

# Texas State University Makes Bold Move in the Name of Social Justice

**"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." — Abraham Lincoln**

**"I disapprove of what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire**

**"Dissent is the highest form of patriotism." — Howard Zinn**

## The 2006-2007 Common Experience: "Protest & Dissent"

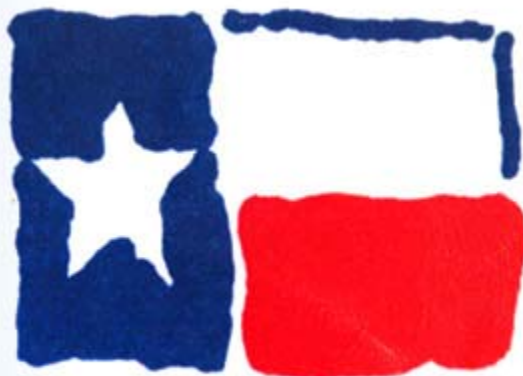
During the 2006-2007 academic year Texas State University in San Marcos will engage in a campus-wide discussion of "Protest and Dissent: Listening to the Voice(s) of America."

The theme of "Protest and Dissent" is intended to stimulate Seminar discussions on all aspects of critical evaluation and decision making from one's personal life to the larger arenas of university life and beyond. Challenging basic assumptions and accepted norms is at the root of every pursuit of knowledge and clearly at the core of the very fabric of our democratic ideals.

Learning to listen, learning to think, making just evaluations, and acting to fulfill our roles as United States — and world — citizens, we must understand the roles that protest and dissent have played throughout history. We must also prepare ourselves for those situations which may ask us to place our own personal values on the line.

A full range of Common Experience events are planned for both Fall and Spring semesters and can be seen by the university's website at: [www.txstate.edu/commonexperience/](http://www.txstate.edu/commonexperience/)





**Frank Enriquez**  
Democrat for U.S. Congress—District 28

**M**y name is Frank J. Enriquez. I was born at Edwards Air Force Base, while my father served in the air force during the Korean conflict. In 1972 during the Vietnam War I volunteered to serve our country as a member of the United States Air Force when I was 18 years of age. I served as an enlisted man and was stationed in Southeast Asia near Cambodia during the Christmas Bombing of North Vietnam. I am proud I served my nation as a soldier and am proud to say that I currently have a brother, Oscar, serving in Iraq.

**T**he 28th Congressional District consists of ten full Texas Counties and portions of two other Texas Counties. It stretches from Hidalgo County, northwest along the Texas/Mexico Border to Webb County, then North to Guadalupe County and the southeast corner of Bexar County near San Antonio. It is, geographically, an extensive area. The district was created this August by a three judge federal panel after the Supreme Court of the United States declared the Tom Delay/Henry Cuellar redistricting plan unconstitutional. The District encompasses generally what is known as the Rio Grande Valley, Laredo, East and South East San Antonio and Seguin.

**I** have lived in the Rio Grande Valley for almost 30 years. I am well known here, and I have served on several boards including the McAllen Economic Development Corporation and the Trade Zone Committee. I have been involved in local, state and federal elections, primarily supporting candidates. My home is here and my two sons, Carlos and Frankie were born here. Carlos (20) graduated from The Science Academy of South Texas is currently at Rice University in Houston. Frankie (14) currently attends The Science Academy of South Texas, which is recognized nationally for its high academic standards. I also have my primary law practice in McAllen.

**M**y parents are from Laredo. My grandparents are from Laredo. I have literally over a hundred aunts, uncles, cousins, second cousins, and friends in Laredo. I spent my early years in Laredo growing up in the Colonia Guadalupe. My paternal grandfather, Jesus Enriquez Sr., was a local businessman who owned the famous "Tumble Inn Restaurant". My maternal grandfather, Jose Angel Ramirez, was a master carpenter who owned a carpentry shop on Corpus Christi Street, which was affectionately referred to as "El Taller". I am

also a descendant of Don Tomas Sanchez de la Barrera, founder of Laredo. My roots in Laredo are long and deep.

**W**hen I was 5 years of age my father was stationed in San Antonio. I spent my formative years in San Antonio, attending St. Joseph Catholic School, Holy Cross High School and, ultimately, St. Mary's University School of Law. In addition to my Rio Grande Valley Practice, I also have an active Law Office in San Antonio, at the corner of Santa Rosa and Dolorosa across from Market Square. I commute from the Valley to San Antonio weekly, which has taken me through the heart of Congressional District 28, which includes Wilson, Atascosa, Frio, La Salle and McMullen counties.

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# Su Voto Es Su Voz

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) agreed as part of its call to action to register 100,000 sons and daughters of immigrants, following the impressive marches this spring on the immigration debate. In addition, SVREP served as one of the leaders and conveners of the first in 30 years National Latino Congreso.

With this note, I want to bring you up to date on our current progress. And, more importantly to ask you to send us Volunteers who can help us meet our ambitious goal to register 100,000 sons and daughters of immigrants and young Latino voters ages 18 to 24 years old.

SVREP, along with the seven partners and convening national groups, served as host of the first and historic National Latino Congreso. On September 6 to September 10, the National Latino Congreso convened in Los Angeles, California. Over 2,500 community, labor and business leaders, donors, elected officials and members of the convening groups from across the United States met to discuss issues that matter to our community. The delegates passed resolutions on electoral reform, education, and access to health care, far reaching environmental proposals, foreign policy, the war and immigration reform. Please review the resolutions and outcome on the WCVI web site, [www.wcvi.org](http://www.wcvi.org)



The National Latino Congreso was convened by the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC), the National Hispanic Environmental Council (NHEC), Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP), the William C. Velasquez Institute (WCVI) and Earth Day Network (EDN).

SVREP on September 11, 2006, kicked off its Youth Campaign and hired youth Coordinators in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and California.

In Texas, we have hired youth coordinators in San Antonio, El Paso, Houston, Dallas, Corpus, Austin and the Texas Valley. Registration deadline so that these new voters can vote on the November 7, 2006, elections ends on October 10, 2006.

**Please call or send an e-mail note to the following field organizers, if you can volunteer to help us meet our ambitious registration goal and/or recommend volunteers to:**

**Ofelia Delgado, SVREP field organizer: San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Denver, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Las Cruces at [odelgado@svrep.org](mailto:odelgado@svrep.org) Alberto Ruiz, SVREP field organizer: Houston, Dallas, Corpus and the Texas Valley at [aruiz@svrep.org](mailto:aruiz@svrep.org)**

Take special note of our San Antonio Community based project. Samantha Martinez is the project coordinator for the SVREP community base project with a goal to register 2,500 new Latino voters in San Antonio. This goal is separate and apart from our Youth goal of another 2,500 new young voters through our youth campaign for San Antonio. Samantha can be reached at [smartinez@svrep.org](mailto:smartinez@svrep.org)

**You can call them at the SVREP office at 210-922-0225.**

Please give us four (4) hours or more per week of your time to help us register new Latino voters in preparation for the 2006 general and primary elections this November 7, 2006.

Thank you again for your support.

Lydia Camarillo  
Vice-President - SVREP

# Hillary Rodham Clinton

The following tribute was delivered on September 18, 2006 in **Austin, Texas** by **Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton** at the **Frank Erwin Center** at **The University of Texas at Austin**.

Boy, it's good to be here with all of you for this celebration. I was looking at these pictures and I was thinking some people are so afraid of dying that they never live. And some people are so afraid of failing, they never try. And one of the reasons we loved **Ann Richards** is that she tried. She gave it her all! (Applause) Every single minute of every single day!

## You hear from people who were down on their luck, and along came Ann Richards

There are so many people in this center here today that have their own stories about **Ann**. I wish we had time for all of them. You hear from people who were down on their luck, and along came **Ann Richards** and lifted them up. You hear from women who thought that they really couldn't break a barrier or reach that glass ceiling and she would tell them they could, in fact they would. There was no if's, ands or buts about it. (Applause) You have to get out there and just believe in yourself!

There are so many stories. When I first got to know **Ann**, I thought to myself, I've just met another force of nature. (Laughter) I already lived with one! (more laughter) And indeed that is how I thought of her.

When she got into politics here in **Travis County**, she was first woman elected to commissioner's court. And she showed that she could do the job and she was better than a lot of folks ever expected. When she decided to run for treasurer, again, people didn't give her much of a chance when she started. But she believed she could

do it and she never wavered. And that campaign resulted in a great campaign here in **Texas**. And it sent ripples across the country because of a sudden this smart tough woman had won a statewide position in **Texas**. And everybody thought . . . well if it can happen there, it can happen anywhere! (Prolonged laughter and applause) So it did! I am here and so are two of my good friends and colleagues from the Senate: **Senator Mary Landrieu** from **Louisiana** and **Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison**. (Sustained applause)

She did a great job as a treasurer. It gave her the credibility and platform to run for governor. She would tell people that she got into politics in part because she didn't want her tombstone to read that she kept a clean house. (Laughter) Instead, she went into government and cleaned house! (Sustained applause)

And she was a loyal friend. But as you have already heard from **Liz** (Smith) she was a friend who could not resist giving you advice whether you wanted it or not. (Laughter) I was down in South Texas with her in 1994 at a political rally and we were out on the tarmac at an airport, I can't remember whether it was **Brownsville** or **McAllen**.

## I am going to send you one of these. I cannot bear to see how pathetic you look.

I was mostly looking forward to some good Mexican food, but I had to give my speech too and so the wind was blowing, and I got up and my papers were blowing all over the place and **Ann** takes me aside and she goes **Hillary**, you need one of these (holds up a note book) (Laughter) They call this a "speech box." It keeps your papers from fluttering all around. I am going to send you one of these. I cannot bear to see how pathetic you look. (Laughter)

So in the mail came my very own

speech box. Every time I use it I think of where my first one came from.

During **Ann's** governorship I watched with great admiration because she had such a grasp of what we heard called and what she made a reality: - The New Texas.

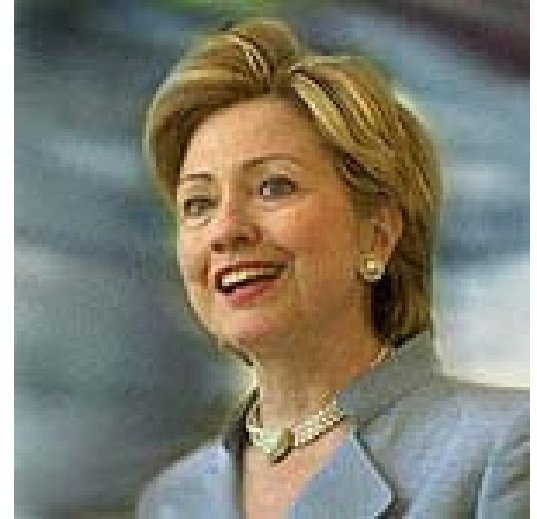
She was determined that every little girl and every little boy, no matter who you were or where you were from or what your parents did for a living or the color of your skin or your accent, would be a part of the New Texas. It was going to be inclusive. It sent a message far and wide and people believed it. And because they believed in her, they believed more in themselves.

## I didn't hear the usual kind of "Monday morning quarterbacking", of what coulda, woulda, or shoulda happen

Now we all know that she didn't win that re-election campaign. But in all the time that I have spent with her or saw her, I didn't hear the usual kind of "Monday morning quarterbacking", of what coulda, woulda, or shoulda happen. It was all about the future. It was about what should we do next? What was next adventure in her life?

Not that she quit caring. She cared deeply and passionately. She cared about **Texas**, the people of **Texas**, she cared about our country. And she was filled with all kinds of advice about what to do.

It is pretty good advice even today. There is a lot that **Ann Richards** stood for, a lot of what she pushed us to do, that we should be paying attention to it even now.



But she also had fun doing it. You know politics is hard enough especially in these days with the partisan bickering, gridlock, the mean spirited attacks, you know they can take a toll on a person. But **Ann** was often there when you most needed her. Not only when times were good but when times were hard.

I got a lot of advice from **Ann** about my hair. (Laughter) Some of you may recall that one of the crowning achievements of my time as first lady was that I probably generated more press about my hair than **Bosnia** or **Kosovo**.

## You've just got to do something that people forget about and pay no attention to or you've got to make a statement."

One time I was with **Ann** and she sort of looked at me in that way she has and she says, "You know, really, you gotta make up your mind." (Laughter) You've just got to do something that people forget about and pay no attention to or you've got to make a statement." (Laughter and applause)

She even liked the activity of everyday life. A lot of you who been friends of mine ever since I rolled into **Texas** in 1972 on the ill fated



# Remembers Ann Richards

and doomed effort to represent **George McGovern** in **Texas**. (Applause) Yes, I know there are some mighty souls out there. (More applause) There were some good times spent at **Scholtz**, the **Amardillo** and other places we won't talk about. What happens in **Austin**, stays in **Austin**. (Laughter and applause)

I have been flooded with all these stories from so many of you about your own personal **Ann Richards** event. But the one that comes to mind is the one that a friend told me about how **Ann** would come to see the **Lady Longhorns** play here. She would sometimes come with another great Texas icon **Barbara Jordan**. (Applause) And **Jody Conrad**, the coach would hear these two women yelling at her players. (Laughter) And there was a real difference in what they were yelling. **Barbara Jordan** would yell things like, girl, where did you get that bad habit of dribbling behind your back? (Laughter) **Ann Richards** would yell, girl, where did you get those shoes? (More laughter)

## Ann had an appraiser's eye for good jewelry and good clothes.

**Ann** had an appraiser's eye for good jewelry and good clothes. And it got to be a little be threatening with women because she would come and campaign for me or other Democrats, she's walk into a room and size all the women up. (Laughter)

She'd go to a well dressed woman with beautiful jewelry on and say, "You know, with what that ring cost you, you can give the maximum contribution." (Laughter and applause)

When I was contemplating running for the Senate from **New York** I talked with **Ann** of course to get her advice. "Well," she said, "You're going move to a state you've never lived in . . . and run for the Senate . . . sounds like a great idea!" (Laughter)

Now on a more serious note, I was having a hard time deciding. My friends in **New York** were pushing me to run. And **Ann** said to me one day, "Well, do you know yet whether you want to run?" And I said, "Well, that's what I'm trying to decide." And she said, "Well, that's what the decision has to be. It has to be from deep inside of you. It's not what anybody else says. Do you want to do it? Do you want the job? Do you want the responsibility? But don't make the decision because you think it will be hard. It's got to be hard. That goes with the territory. Make it because you want it.

## Ann Richards sent out a message to young women that reverberates even today.

**Ann Richards** sent out a message to young women that reverberates even today. Set your own course. Dream your own dreams. Go places where you want to go even if nobody has gone there before. Stand your ground. But never forget that you are no better than anybody else.

I came to **Texas** during my Senate campaign and **Ann** of course was by my side. We had an event here in **Austin** at one of the local hotels and the room was packed with my friends and **Ann's** friends. And so **Ann** gives this great barn burner of a speech and I was embarrassed and proud at the same time about everything she was saying. So then I got up to speak and you know, following **Ann Richards** is . . . not a good idea. (Laughter)

So you always do you best with what you got . . . hair in all. (Laughter) So I started in on my speech about why I was running for the Senate and what I was gonna try and do for the people of **New York** if they were so good as to give me a chance to serve.

And of sudden in the back of the room, as this happens to me a lot, somebody started protesting and



**Ann Richards at the 1988 Democratic National Convention**

yelling. And we couldn't quite figure out what he was protesting and yelling about. But it went on and it didn't stop. And usually when you are in that situation you just keep talking and hope that the person loses interest and everybody rallies around you.

But this gentleman was determined and he just kept yelling. So **Ann** could see that I was perplexed as to what to do. So she comes running to the podium and she leans into the microphone and says, "Will somebody please call for emergency help. This man is having an attack! Call for an ambulance right now!" (Laughter and applause) The poor fellow was dumbfounded and shut right up. (Laughter)

I am so grateful that **Ann's** family would allow all of us to be here today to remember her. (Applause) **Cecile, Dan and Clark and Ellen**, we are so grateful you shared your mother with us (Applause) All of the grandchildren who view this extraordinary woman as someone special in your life we want you to know that we will remember her with you. We wish you all the happiness and joy in life that she wanted desperately for you to have.

**Ann** burst into the national consciousness with that extraordinary keynote address she delivered at the **Democratic Convention** in 1988. (Applause) I particularly remember because I was on the floor of that convention and it was one of those moments where you just felt transported to another place in another time. She had the entire convention in the palm of her beautiful manicured hand. (Laughter)

## And she spoke with such tenderness about this nearly perfect granddaughter that she had

She played them like the great conductor of human emotions that she could be. And then she got to the end and she talked really about becoming a grandmother. And she spoke with such tenderness about this nearly perfect granddaughter that she had. She talked as some of you may recall about spreading that Baptist pallet out on the floor and rolling the ball back and forth with **Lily**, and at that moment it didn't matter who you were or where you were from you were part of **Ann Richards'** family.

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# Fotos y Recuerdos



**ABOVE:** United States Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee (Blue blouse) and Texas Senator Rodney Ellis stand in line to express their condolences to Cecile Richards, daughter of Ann Richards, whose body was laying in state at the capitol.

**RIGHT:** Judy Canales drove from Eagle Pass, Texas with family members on Sunday to pay their respects to Ann Richards. Here she is seen visiting with Cecile Richards as they both stood outside the capitol.



**LEFT:** Thousands of people came to the Texas State Capitol to pay their respects to **Ann Richards**. Sometimes the line to get in was short and at other times it took a while. On Sunday it was observed that all kinds of people were standing in line and many had brought their children.

**RIGHT:** Once inside the Texas State capitol visitors walked single file past the casket. On both side of the caskets were photo essays of **Ann Richards** and favorite family photos.



Barbara Ann Radnofsky  
Democrat for U.S. Senate 2006

# Fotos y Recuerdos



**ABOVE:** Ara Celi, Lupe Valdez and Yesenia Ramirez pose for the camera at the NALIP (National Association for Latino Independent Producers meeting/reception which was held at **Nuevo Leon Mexican Restaurant** in **Austin, Texas** on September 27th, 2006. **Ara Celi** is an actress who has appeared in a number of films over the last 14 years. She was in town to share her insights about the film industry with **NALIP** and its members. For more information about NALIP visit the website at: [www.nalip.org](http://www.nalip.org).



**ABOVE:** Teo y Ramon, (first names only porque ya sabes) are local *musicos* who work the restaurants and cantinas on **Cesar Chavez Street** in **Austin, Texas**. Here they pose for the camera before entering **Las Cazuelas Restaurant**. They call themselves **Los Alacranes del Norte** and on their business card they say they play musica regional y para todo evento social. To book them at your next event please call: (512) 552-5920 or (512) 769-8670.

## Austin Voices for Education and Youth Sponsor a Stand Up Rally at Saltillo Plaza in Austin, Texas on September 9th, 2006



**ABOVE:** Luis Orozco from Lanier High School discusses something with journalist **Michael May** from the **Austin Chronicle** during the Stand Up Rally. **Orozco** was one of the leaders of the **Lanier** walkout earlier this year and led over 100 students on an 8 mile march from his high school to the Texas State capitol in March of this year.



**ABOVE:** Sarah Stone from Austin Voices listens as **Judge John Vasquez** explains one of his ideas to Austin Independent School District Trustee **Johna Edwards** at the Stand Up Rally. Standing behind them is **State Representative Donna Howard** and **Paul Ballard**, chairman of the board of Austin Voices.

**Rick Bolanos for Congress**  
DISTRICT 23



# Offices up for Election in 2006

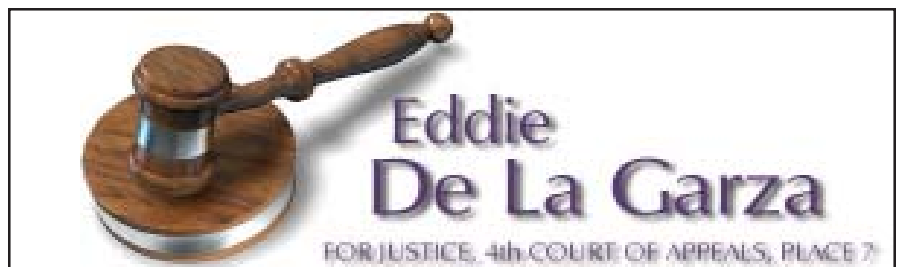
U. S. Senator	Kay Bailey Hutchison	6 yr. term
All 32 United States Representatives		2 yr. term
Governor		4 yr. term
Lieutenant Governor		4 yr. term
Attorney General		4 yr. term
Comptroller of Public Accounts		4 yr. term
Commissioner of General Land Office		4 yr. term
Commissioner of Agriculture		4 yr. term
Railroad Commissioner	Elizabeth A. Jones	6 yr. term
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	Wallace Jefferso Wallace Jefferson	2 yr. unexpired term
3 members of the Supreme Court	David Medina, Place 4 Nathan Hecht, Place 6 Open, Place 2	6 yr. term
1 member of the Supreme Court	Phil Johnson, Place 8	2 yr. unexpired term
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals	Sharon Keller	6 yr. term
2 members of the Court of Criminal Appeals	Barbara Hervey, Place 7 Charles Holcomb, Place 8	6 year term
16 State Senators	Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 29	4 yr. term
All 150 State Representatives		2 yr. term
8 Members, State Board of Education	Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 15	4 yr. term
Various Court of Appeals Justices		6 yr. term
Various District Judges, Criminal District Judges, Family District Judges		4 yr. term
All Criminal District Attorneys		4 yr. term
All County Judges		4 yr. term
*Statutory County Court Judges		4 yr. term
All District Clerks		4 yr. term
All District and County Clerks		4 yr. term
All County Clerks		4 yr. term
County Treasurers		4 yr. term
County Surveyors		4 yr. term
County Commissioners, Precincts 2 & 4		4 yr. term
*Justices of the Peace (except those with a place 1 designation)		4 yr. term
*County offices that were created by the Legislature or by Commissioners Court that were effective for the 2004 election will not be on the ballot in 2006.		

# Quantitative Look at who is Running for Elective Office

- 902 Number of candidates running for these offices
- 513 Elective positions are open in the 2006 General Primary (down to Family District Judge)
- 423 Number of incumbents seeking re-election
- 393 Number of Republican candidates who are running
- 305 Number of Democratic candidates who are running
- 253 Number of races where candidate is unopposed
- 138 Number of Libertarian candidates who are running
- 8 Number of write in candidates seeking office
- 2 Number of independent candidates who are running

Hispanic Seeking Public Office					
Republican Party		Democratic Party		Libertarian Party	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
15	8	50	24	6	1

Note: The figures above represent candidates from the top of the ballot all the way down to the family district judges. This list does not include, criminal district attorneys, county judges, commissioners, etc.



## The Ann Richards School

The Austin Independent School District's Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders will be a college preparatory school of excellence for grades 6-12, educating young women for academic, civic, and career leadership.

The planning and development of the school will be made possible by a grant from the Foundation for the Education of Young Women. Each grade level of the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders will have 115 students. Students from economically disadvantaged families will be given priority. The school will open with grades 6 and 7 in August 2007, adding a grade each year until the first graduating class in 2013.

or more information about the Ann Richards School please visit the Austin Independent School District website.

# Remembering Ann Richards

You could see her with that grandchild and you could think about all the times in your own family (when) something so ordinary occurred that she would view with such glee.

That to me is the genius of Ann Richards. She led a life that was filled with the daily occurrences that any life consists of. She faced challenges, she acknowledged what many of us particularly in public life are afraid to do, that guess what, she was a human being too.

**Because of her example she made a difference as Henry Cisneros said, in the lives of God only knows how many people**

Because of her example she made a difference as Henry Cisneros said, in the lives of God only knows how many people personally but millions of others. It was so typically of Ann that she would move to New York right after 911.

While some people were leaving, Ann was coming. (Laughter) She took New York by storm. She would walk down the street and people would yell out her name. It really was her kind of town. And I was so pleased she was someone I could see as she strolled those streets with such pride and energy.

We'll miss her, but she is not ever going to be forgotten. The best way that we can honor her memory is by picking up her challenge. See the God given potential in every child's face, open every door this wide,

remember where you came from and don't ever forget that others want to come along with you. Love and laugh so that whenever your time on this earth is done, whenever that might be, people will say that was a life well lived. God bless you Ann and thank you for that life. (Sustained applause)



**Las Manitas Restaurant**, a long time institution in Austin, Texas together with **La Escuelita del Alma** which is next door, are on the hit list of a major developer who wants to use the property where they sit for a new hotel. Cynthia and Lidia Perez, las hermanitas who started the restaurant in 1981 are fighting back and they need the public's help.

In July 2006, the business owners on the 200 block of Congress Avenue received news that their landlord and property owner has entered into a lease contract with **White Lodgings** for 100 years. **White Lodgings** plans to build a hotel on the block. The only businesses that may be spared are **Copa Grill** and **La Peña Arts Organization** because of their historical designation. These buildings housed the city's first train depot back in the 1890's when the railroad first arrived in Austin.

Our mission as **Las Manitas'** customers and **Escuelita del Alma's** families and teachers, is to ensure that the two businesses continue to operate, uninterrupted, in a downtown location.

While we recognize the need for and support the effort to build a vibrant downtown, we also believe that it can most benefit from the provision of childcare and the preservation of its cultural institutions. These institutions will only add to the vibrant atmosphere the city is striving for in the downtown area. As Austin residents, we have an obligation to find a positive, and acceptable to all, solution to the problem that **Las Manitas** and **Escuelita del Alma** are facing. It is imperative that cultural institutions like these continue in the heart of Austin's downtown. They feed the souls and nourish the minds of the young and old in Austin.



Please come show your support for Las Manitas & Escuelita del Alma. These two vital businesses that operate on Congress Ave. are threatened by the proposed development of a large hotel complex by Marriott Hotels. Your support will help ensure that these two cultural institutions are preserved. Visit <http://www.savelasmanitas.org> for more information about this campaign.

Copa Bar & Grill - 217 Congress Ave.

Friday, September 29th, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Suggested Donation: \$5

Music by local music legend JOHNNY DEGOLLADO Y SU CONJUNTO.



# Calendar of Events



**October 5, 2006 - COMMUNITY SUMMIT-ISSUES ON OFFENDER REENTRY IN COMMUNITY** KLRN-TV and Making Connections-San Antonio invite you to attend a Community Summit, addressing issues surrounding offender reentry in our community. *Where do ex-offenders go to reconnect with jobs, housing, and access needed substance abuse and health care treatment?* **Tuesday, October 5, 2006 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** at the Frank Garrett Community Center, 1226 NW 18th Street. For more information visit [klrn.org/reentrysummit](http://klrn.org/reentrysummit) or call 210-270-9000 for more information and to RSVP. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

**October 5-8, 2006 Alma de Mujer** a flamenco dance production that explores themes of love, loss, struggle, spirituality and family from a feminine perspective, featuring the **Guadalupe Dance Company** in the historic Guadalupe Theater 1301 Guadalupe Street in San Antonio, Texas. The Flamenco fused production is a culmination of choreography sprouted from a residency with international flamenco dancer and choreographer La Tania. Audiences can look forward to both traditional and non traditional flamenco dance with original choreography created by a team of dancer-choreographers led by Belinda Menchaca, Denise Guerra, Dava Hernandez and Jeannette Chavez.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, October 6 & 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 8 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Members are invited to a special "2 for 1" performance on Thursday, October 5 at 8 p.m. Discounts are available for groups, seniors and members. Please call 210-271-3151 x15 for further information.

**October 11, 2006 Noche Cultural University of Houston.** The Center for Mexican American Studies will hold its 12th Annual Noche Cultural Scholarship Banquet at the University of Houston. Please visit the website for more information.

**October 12th, 2006 - The 21st Annual Dia de la Raza Celebration** is set for Thursday, at Scoot Inn. This year, we are co-sponsoring the event with the Mexican-American Cultural Center Advisory Board and proceeds will be going towards supporting our new MACC Center slated to open next year. Hopefully, next year's Dia de la Raza will be held at the new MACC. We need sponsors to keep this event free for the community. Sponsor levels are \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$500. Call or email for more info, Lori C-Renteria, (512) 478-6770.

**October 18th, 2006 Judicial Candidates Forum "YOU BE THE JUDGE"** from 5:30PM to 7:00PM at 819 Augusta in Austin, Texas

**October 21st, 2006 St. Ignatius Church Hosts 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Affair Fall Festival** A South Austin tradition since 1981 From 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church located near downtown Austin at: 126 West Oltorf in Austin, Texas 78704 512-442-3602

**November 13-14, 2006, Community Leadership Development Training** the Building Block Series will present: *We Are The Leaders We Have Been Waiting For* on the campus of Our Lady of the Lake University. This program will be held in conjunction with Alamo Labor Properties, Building Block Series, 21st Century Leadership Center, St. Mary's University, and Making Connections—San Antonio. The program's presenter is Nanci Luna-Jimenez. For more information contact Yolanda Uranga at 210-223-3793.

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To form a Chris Bell support committee in your county please contact Rowland Garza, State Latino Outreach Director at (830) 743-0043.

This governor's race is very doable. The winner is not going to get 50% of the vote in this five person race. Just ask former Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr. or Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez. ¡Alalva!

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- ✓ *Regular nuevamente el costo de enseñanza en las universidades estatales para volver a hacer la educación universitaria accesible a nuestras familias.*
- ✓ *Financiar completamente el Programa de Seguro Médico para Niños (CHIP) para ofrecer asistencia médica a bajo costo a las familias de Texas.*
- ✓ *Financiar el estudio de células estaminales para descubrir nuevas curas y así permitirle a Texas seguir a la vanguardia en avances médicos.*
- ✓ *Poner fin a la corrupción en Austin donde se encuentra la cultura de "el que paga, juega" y reforzar las leyes estatales de ética.*
- ✓ *Honrar a nuestros miembros de la Guardia Nacional, dándoles exenciones para el costo de estudios universitarios, préstamos con intereses bajos y un seguro de vida adicional de \$100,000 a todo miembro en servicio activo.*