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People in the News



Hernandez Named Director of Latino Initiatives at Univ. of Houston - Victoria

Macarena Hernandez has joined the faculty of the University of Houston-Victoria as a communications instructor and was also recently named Director of Latino Initiatives.

As an award-winning journalist who previously worked for the Dallas Morning News and the San Antonio Express News, Ms. Hernandez covered immigration and education issues in the Latino community.

Most recently she was an International Reporting Project Fellow at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. While there in the fall, she produced a documentary about Mexican immigration laws scheduled to air this spring on PBS/Frontline World.

"Victoria is an ideal location," 34-year-old Hernández said. "It combines the new migration with the old settlement. Working here will inform my work about immigration and will allow me to work with the kind of students I grew up with along the border."

A child of immigrants, Hernández was born in Roma and raised in La Joya. She became interested in journalism as a student at Baylor University, where she received her bachelor's degree in 1996 as a double major in English professional writing and journalism. She went on to receive her master's degree in journalism with an emphasis in documentary filmmaking in 1998 from the University of California at Berkeley.



Chahin Named Advisor to Wal Mart Minority Student Success Project

Jaime Chahin, Dean of the College of Applied Arts at Texas State University-San Marcos, has been named an advisor to the Wal Mart Minority Student Success Project by the Institute of Higher Education Policy in Washington. The project will fund Hispanic Serving Institutions that have submitted proposals to address student success issues for first-generation students. Institutions selected are funded for three years by the Wal Mart Foundation. Institutional collaboration on issues related to first-generation students and the role of faculty and students is the focus of the project.

Dr. Chahin is originally from Eagle Pass, Texas and earned his Ph.D from the University of Michigan in 1977. He has been a Dean at Texas State University for the past 16 years. Next month Sage Publications will release his new book: Handbook of U.S. Latino Psychology.



Gilberto Reyes New Marketing Director for Hohner Accordions

Gilberto Reyes of Reyes Accordions has been named the North American Representative for Hohner Accordions.

The company, which is based in Trossingen, Germany is a major producer of accordions and always present at the Guadalupe Cultural Art Center's annual Tejano Conjunto Festival.

Reyes, who is originally from Texas but is now based in Sacramento, California has been a long time promoter of Conjunto Music and hopes to spread the interest in the accordion in his new position with Hohner.



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Pensamientos para junio

Editorial

Muy buenos dias if you are reading this newspaper in the morning y muy *buenas tardes* if you are reading this paper in the afternoon.

De cualquier manera, I believe that once again you will find in *La Voz de Brazoria County* a publication that is filled with interesting and useful information about La Raza in **Central Texas**.

Para empezar, I want to call to your attention **Sonia Sotomayor** who appears on our cover this month. Her nomination by **President Barack Obama** represents a major milestone for Hispanics across the country. As you will learn from reading her story in **TIME Magazine** or on pages 6 and 7 of this newspaper, her journey is indeed a remarkable one.

This year marks the 20 anniversary of *La Voz de Brazoria County*. We first started *La Voz* in June of 1990 in **Angleton**. **Molly Santos** (my mother) was teaching school in **Freeport** and asked why there was not a bilingual newspaper in **Brazoria County**.

At the time, I was publishing a newspaper in **Houston** and my response was that as far as I could tell, there was no good reason why there couldn't be another newspaper in **Brazoria County**.

So with the help of friends and not knowing a whole lot about journalism, we began this enterprise not realizing that we would still be at it for the next 20 years.

It is important to point out that while we started *La Voz de Brazoria County* in 1990, the tradition of publishing newspapers targeting the Hispanic community began in 1808. That first paper was called *El Misisipi* and was produced in **Louisiana**. So in addition to are celebrating 20 years in this business, we are also celebrating the fact that this year marks the 200th anniversary of Hispanic newspapers in the United States.



Alfredo R. Santos c/s
Editor & Publisher

Some people continue to ask why is it important to publish a newspaper that targets the Hispanic community. My response is a simple one: For too long the major media outlets have portrayed Hispanics in a negative light. For too long I have been picking up newspapers and when I see a Hispanic in the pages he or she is either, a criminal, an alleged criminal or the victim of a criminal.

Rarely do I see Hispanics in the pages of the major newspapers being recognized for an accomplishment, a heroic act, an act of compassion or sacrifice. There was a time when I would complain about this. Then, in 1990, I decided to stop complaining. Personal computers were becoming more and more popular and I figured that I could teach myself how to produce a newspaper. And this is why we started *La Voz de Brazoria County*.

I should share with you that not only did we start *La Voz de Brazoria County*, but we also started another newspaper in **Uvalde, Texas** called *La Voz de Uvalde County*. This was in 1994. Since this time we have been fortunate to have also started bilingual publications in **Hays County** (San Marcos) *La Voz de Hays County* and in **Austin, Texas**, *La Voz de Austin*.

So as long as I continue to see the major newspapers portray Hispanic in a negative light, I will continue to publish community based newspapers. It's not complicated. It's not difficult to understand. It's just what we do.

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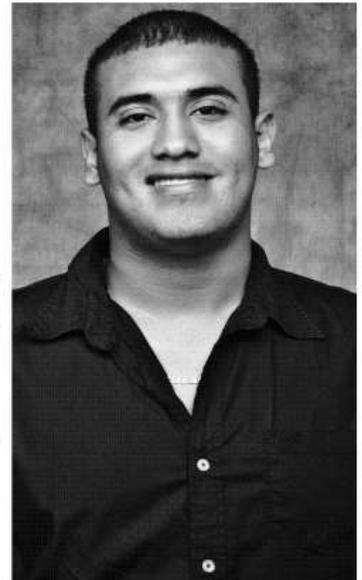
David Muñiz has only been a full-time college student for one year, but he's been focusing on his future much longer than that. In fact, thanks to its dual credit program, Muñiz has been attending Brazosport College for four years now.

"It was really nice starting college at age 16," he said. "The teachers were helpful and it was a good experience. It also helped me know what to expect with college, as well as how to manage my time. And it saved me a lot of money."

Muñiz has already finished up his freshman year at BC and is readying to transfer to the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall as he works toward a degree in physical therapy.

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Judge Sonia Sotomayor

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Sonia Sotomayor has served as a judge on the **United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit** since October 1998. She has been hailed as "one of the ablest federal judges currently sitting" for her thoughtful opinions,ⁱ and as "a role model of aspiration, discipline, commitment, intellectual prowess and integrity"ⁱⁱ for her ascent to the federal bench from an upbringing in a South Bronx housing project.

Her American story and three decade career in nearly every aspect of the law provide Judge Sotomayor with unique qualifications to be the next Supreme Court Justice. She is a distinguished graduate of two of America's leading universities. She has been a big-city prosecutor and a corporate litigator. Before she was promoted to the Second Circuit by **President Clinton**, she was appointed to the District Court for the Southern District of New York by **President George H.W. Bush**. She replaces Justice Souter as the only Justice with experience as a trial judge.

Judge Sotomayor served 11 years on the **Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit**, one of the most demanding circuits in the country, and has handed down decisions on a range of complex legal and constitutional issues. If confirmed, **Sotomayor** would bring more federal judicial experience to the **Supreme Court** than any justice in 100 years, and more overall judicial experience than anyone confirmed for the Court in the past 70 years. **Judge Richard C. Wesley**, a **George W. Bush** appointee to the Second Circuit, said "*Sonia is an outstanding colleague with a keen legal mind. She brings a wealth of knowledge and hard work to all her endeavors on our court. It is both a pleasure and an honor to serve with her.*" In addition to her distinguished judicial service, **Judge Sotomayor** is a Lecturer at **Columbia University Law School** and was also an adjunct professor at **New York University Law School** until 2007.

An American Story

Judge Sonia Sotomayor has lived the American dream. Born to a Puerto Rican family, she grew up in a public housing project in the **South Bronx**. Her parents moved to **New York** during World War II – her mother served in the **Women's Auxiliary Corps** during the war. Her father, a factory worker with a third-grade education, died when **Sotomayor** was nine years old. Her mother, a nurse, then raised **Sotomayor** and her younger brother, **Juan**, now a physician in **Syracuse**. After her father's death, **Sotomayor** turned to books for solace, and it was her new found love of **Nancy Drew** that inspired a love of reading and learning, a path that ultimately led her to the law.

Most importantly, at an early age, her mother instilled in **Sotomayor** and her brother a belief in the power of education. Driven by an indefatigable work ethic, and rising to the challenge of managing a diagnosis of juvenile



diabetes, **Sotomayor** excelled in school. **Sotomayor** graduated as valedictorian of her class at **Blessed Sacrament** and at **Cardinal Spellman High School** in **New York**. She first heard about the Ivy League from her high school debate coach, **Ken Moy**, who attended **Princeton University**, and she soon followed in his footsteps after winning a scholarship.

At **Princeton**, she continued to excel, graduating **summa cum laude**, and **Phi Beta Kappa**. She was a co-recipient of the **M. Taylor Pyne Prize**, the highest honor **Princeton** awards to an undergraduate. At **Yale Law School**, **Judge Sotomayor** served as an editor of the **Yale Law Journal** and as managing editor of the **Yale Studies in World Public Order**. One of **Sotomayor's** former **Yale Law School** classmates, **Robert Klonoff** (now Dean of Lewis & Clark Law School), remembers her intellectual toughness from law school: "She would stand up for herself and not be intimidated by anyone." [**Washington Post**, 5/7/09]

A Champion of the Law

Over a distinguished career that spans three decades, **Judge Sotomayor** has worked at almost every level of our judicial system – yielding a depth of experience and a breadth of perspectives that will be invaluable – and is currently not represented — on our highest court. **New York City District Attorney Morgenthau** recently praised **Sotomayor** as an "able champion of the law" who would be "highly qualified for any position in which wisdom, intelligence, collegiality and good character could be assets." [**Wall Street Journal**, 5/9/09]

A Fearless and Effective Prosecutor

Fresh out of **Yale Law School**, **Judge Sotomayor** became an **Assistant District Attorney** in **Manhattan** in 1979, where she tried dozens of criminal cases over five years. Spending nearly every day in the court room, her prosecutorial work typically involved "street crimes," such as murders and robberies, as well as child abuse, police misconduct, and fraud cases. She was co-counsel in the "Tarzan Murderer" case, which convicted a murderer to 67 and ½ years to life in prison, and was sole counsel in a multiple-defendant case involving a **Manhattan** housing project shooting between rival family groups.

A Corporate Litigator

She entered private practice in 1984, becoming a partner in 1988 at the firm **Pavia and Harcourt**. She was a general civil litigator involved in all facets of commercial work including, real estate, employment, banking, contracts, and agency law. In addition, her practice had a significant concentration in intellectual property law, including trademark, copyright and unfair competition issues. Her typical clients were significant corporations doing international business. The managing partner who hired her, **George Pavia**, remembers being instantly impressed with the young **Sonia Sotomayor** when he hired her in 1984, noting that "she was just ideal for us in terms of her background and training." [**Washington Post**, May 7, 2009]

A Sharp and Fearless Trial Judge

Her judicial service began in October 1992 with her appointment to the **United States District Court** for the **Southern District of New York** by **President George H.W. Bush**. Still in her 30s, she was the youngest member of the court. From 1992 to 1998, she presided over roughly 450 cases. As a trial judge, she earned a reputation as a sharp and fearless jurist who does not let powerful interests bully her into departing from the rule of law.

In 1995, for example, she issued an injunction against Major League Baseball owners, effectively ending a baseball strike that had become the longest work stoppage in professional sports history and had caused the cancellation of the World Series the previous fall. She was widely lauded for saving baseball. **Claude Lewis** of the **Philadelphia Inquirer** wrote that by saving the season, **Judge Sotomayor** joined "*the ranks of Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays, Jackie Robinson and Ted Williams.*"

A Tough, Fair and Thoughtful Jurist

President Clinton appointed **Judge Sotomayor** to the **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit** in 1998. She is the first Latina to serve on that court, and has participated

Juez Sonia Sotomayor

in over 3000 panel decisions, authoring roughly 400 published opinions. Sitting on the Second Circuit, **Judge Sotomayor** has tackled a range of questions: from difficult issues of constitutional law, to complex procedural matters, to lawsuits involving complicated business organizations.

In this context, **Sotomayor** is widely admired as a judge with a sophisticated grasp of legal doctrine. "She appreciates the complexity of issues," said **Stephen L. Carter**, a Yale professor who teaches some of her opinions in his classes. Confronted with a tough case, Carter said, "she doesn't leap at its throat but reasons to get to the bottom of issues." For example, in **United States v. Quattrone**, Judge Sotomayor concluded that the trial judge had erred by forbidding the release of jurors' names to the press, concluding after carefully weighing the competing concerns that the trial judge's concerns for a speedy and orderly trial must give way to the constitutional freedoms of speech and the press.

Sotomayor also has keen awareness of the law's impact on everyday life. Active in oral arguments, she works tirelessly to probe both the factual details and the legal doctrines in the cases before her and to arrive at decisions that are faithful to both. She understands that upholding the rule of law means going beyond legal theory to ensure consistent, fair, common-sense application of the law to real-world facts.

For example, In **United States v. Reimer**, **Judge Sotomayor** wrote an opinion revoking the US citizenship for a man charged with working for the **Nazis** in **World War II Poland**, guarding concentration camps and helping empty the Jewish ghettos. And in **Lin v. Gonzales** and a series of similar cases, she ordered renewed consideration of the asylum claims of Chinese women who experienced or were threatened with forced birth control, evincing in her opinions a keen awareness of those women's plights.

Judge Sotomayor's appreciation of the real-world implications of judicial rulings is paralleled by her sensible practicality in evaluating the actions of law enforcement officers. For example, in **United States v. Falso**, the defendant was convicted of possessing child pornography after FBI agents searched his home with a warrant. The warrant should not have been issued, but the agents did not know that, and Judge Sotomayor wrote for the court that the officers' good faith justified using the evidence they found. Similarly in **United States v. Santa**, **Judge Sotomayor** ruled that when police search a suspect based on a mistaken belief that there is valid arrest warrant out on him, evidence found during the search should not be suppressed. Ten years later, in **Herring v. United States**, the **Supreme Court** reached the same conclusion. In her 1997 confirmation hearing, Sotomayor spoke of her judicial philosophy, saying "I don't believe we should bend the Constitution under any circumstance. It says



what it says. We should do honor to it." Her record on the Second Circuit holds true to that statement. For example, in **Hankins v. Lyght**, she argued in dissent that the federal government risks "an unconstitutional trespass" if it attempts to dictate to religious organizations who they can or cannot hire or dismiss as spiritual leaders. Since joining the Second Circuit, **Sotomayor** has honored the Constitution, the rule of law, and justice, often forging consensus and winning conservative colleagues to her point of view.

A Commitment to Community

Judge Sotomayor is deeply committed to her family, to her co-workers, and to her community. **Judge Sotomayor** is

a doting aunt to her brother **Juan's** three children and an attentive godmother to five more. She still speaks to her mother, who now lives in **Florida**, every day.

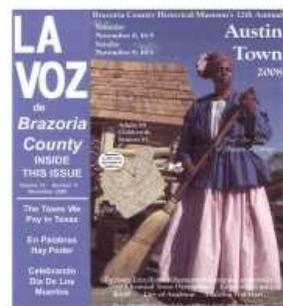
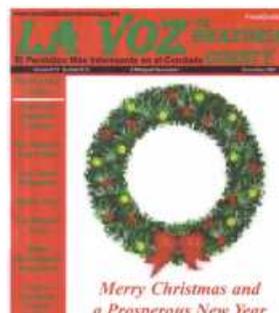
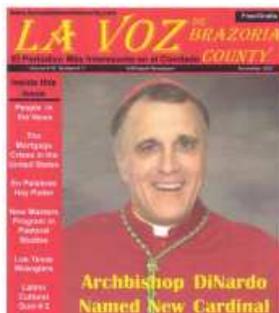
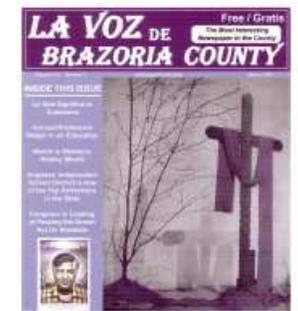
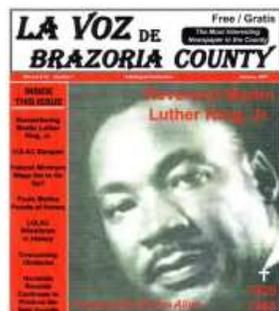
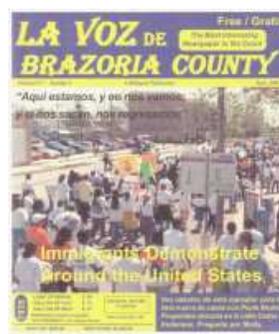
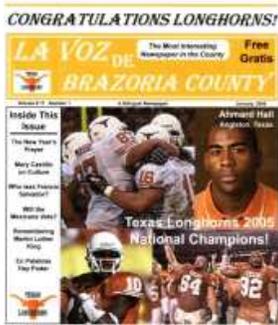
At the courthouse, **Judge Sotomayor** helped found the collegiality committee to foster stronger personal relationships among members of the court. Seizing an opportunity to lead others on the path to success, she recruited judges to join her in inviting young women to the courthouse on Take Your Daughter to Work Day, and mentors young students from troubled neighborhoods

Her favorite project, however, is the **Development School for Youth program**, which sponsors workshops for inner city high school students. Every semester, approximately 70 students attend 16 weekly workshops that are designed to teach them how to function in a work setting. The workshop leaders include investment bankers, corporate executives and Judge Sotomayor, who conducts a workshop on the law for 25 to 35 students. She uses as her vehicle the trial of Goldilocks and recruits six lawyers to help her. The students play various roles, including the parts of the prosecutor, the defense attorney, Goldilocks and the jurors, and in the process they get to experience openings, closings, direct and cross-examinations. In addition to the workshop experience, each student is offered a summer job by one of the corporate sponsors. The experience is rewarding for the lawyers and exciting for the students, commented **Judge Sotomayor**, as "it opens up possibilities that the students never dreamed of before." [Federal Bar Council News, Sept./Oct./Nov. 2005, p.20]

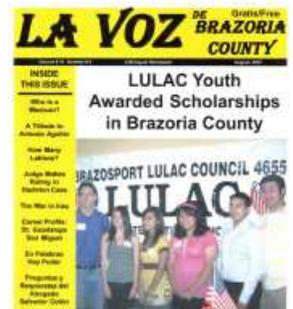
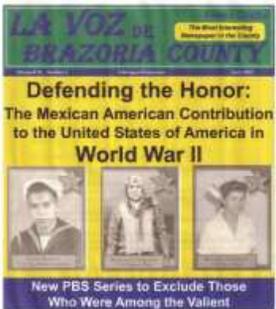
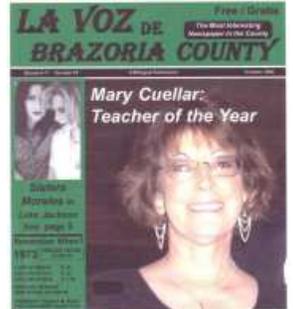
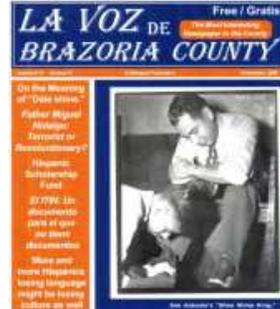
This is one of many ways that **Judge Sotomayor** gives back to her community and inspires young people to achieve their dreams. She has served as a member of the **Second Circuit Task Force on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness** in the Courts and was formerly on the Boards of Directors of the **New York Mortgage Agency**, the **New York City Campaign Finance Board**, and the **Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund**.



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Prior to 2006 *La Voz de Brazoria County* was laid out on what were called boards. This was a hands on job where copy was acutally glued to the boards in columns. It was a very time consuming process but it also the technology of the times for us. When the newspaper graduated from **Apple McIntosh** computers to PC, we became even more connected to the Internet and the first trip to the printer was no longer necessary as we were now able to "send" the layout in electronically. This was big deal to us because it saved a lot of time and gas.



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CAMBIOS ADMINISTRATIVOS RECIENTES PREPARAN EL CAMPO PARA UNA REFORMA MIGRATORIA

Recientes cambios administrativos de la Administración Obama respecto a políticas migratorias prometen un campo más abierto para una reforma migratoria este año, según líderes de la campaña "Reforma Migratoria PRO América".

"Parece ser que actualmente se están reconsiderando las regulaciones más dañinas que dejó atrás, a la última hora, la previa Administración," dijo **Laura Vazquez**, analista legislativa de inmigración con el **Consejo Nacional de la Raza (NCLR)**, uno de los grupos aliados en la campaña a favor de una reforma migratoria este año.

Los cambios incluyen una provisión que suspendería temporalmente las deportaciones para las viudas y viudos y sus hijos en instancias donde el conyugue estadounidense falleció, anunciado el martes por la **Secretaria de Seguridad Interna, Janet Napolitano**; la posibilidad de que ahora personas inmigrantes puedan reabrir sus casos cuando sus abogados hayan cometido un error, anunciado la semana pasada por el **Secretario de Justicia Eric Holder**; y el rechazo de cambios al programa de visas para trabajadores extranjeros H-2A que permitió temporalmente sueldos más bajos para trabajadores agrícolas y en muchos casos condiciones laborales empeoradas, hecho oficial por la **Secretaria de Trabajo Hilda Solís** a fines del mes pasado.

"Estos cambios van a ayudar a preparar el campo hacia una mejor reforma, pero no debemos confundirlo con una solución," dijo **Janet Murguía**, presidenta del NCLR. "Es necesario seguir adelante con un sistema de reforma migratoria integral del que podemos estar orgullosos." Con ese fin, cientos de líderes cívicos, religiosos, laborales, comunitarios y otros se reunieron de todo el país para organizar 140 visitas a sus Congresistas y otros políticos la semana pasada en Washington, D.C., durante el lanzamiento nacional de la campaña "Reforma Migratoria PRO America". Además de las reuniones personales, las redes de los grupos representados mandaron más de 137,000 faxes a sus Congresistas. El movimiento hacia una reforma parece tener auge.

Por ejemplo, el líder de la mayoría demócrata del **Senado, Harry Reid**, afirmó esta semana a la Agencia EFE que ya existe en el Senado el número de votos necesarios para una reforma que "saque de la sombra" a los inmigrantes indocumentados. También la Presidenta de la Cámara de Representantes Nancy Pelosi ha anunciado optimismo por una reforma, diciendo que el tema de inmigración le sigue solo al tema de cuidado de salud y energía entre las prioridades de la Cámara baja. Y el presidente Obama y miembros del Congreso de Estados Unidos iniciarán el próximo 17 de junio negociaciones formales para construir una reforma migratoria. Mientras, un 75% de la opinión pública estadounidense quiere que el Congreso apruebe una reforma migratoria este año, según una encuesta realizada a 1,000 posibles votantes entre el 9 y el 12 de mayo, y comisionada por la organización America's Voice. El sondeo, realizado por el Benenson Strategy Group, señala que un 57% dijo que el tema era crucial debido a la situación económica, en comparación con el 39% que cree que no es el momento oportuno.

A pesar de todos los pasos que indican que viene una reforma, "no podemos dar nada por hecho", dijo **Vazquez** del NCLR. "Debemos seguir adelante y luchar por cada voto en el Congreso para lograr una reforma que refleje el sentimiento del público de que necesitamos un sistema que funciona, que legalice a los trabajadores inmigrantes, que ponga al mismo nivel de competencia a todos los trabajadores de Estados Unidos, que incremente el nivel de impuestos que se pagan al país y que restaure las leyes del país".

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No one can ever argue in the name of education that it is better to know less than it is to know more. Being bilingual, trilingual or multilingual is about being educated in the 21st century. We look forward to bringing our readers various word lists in each issue of **La Voz de Brazoria County**.

Nadie puede averiguar en el nombre de la educación que es mejor saber menos que saber más. Siendo bilingüe o trilingüe es parte de ser educado en el siglo 21. Esperamos traer a nuestros lectores de **La Voz de Brazoria County** una lista de palabras en español con sus equivalentes en inglés.

Judge	Juez
Court	Corte
Nomination	Nominación
Worried	Preocupado
Word	Palabra
Help	Ayuda
Discrimination	Discriminación
Justice	Justicia
Forgotten	Olvidado
Memory	Memoria
Hope	Esperanza
First Time	Primera Vez

NUEVO INFORME SEÑALA QUE UNO DE CADA CUATRO JÓVENES LATINOS ENCARCELADOS SE ENCUENTRA EN PRISION DE ADULTOS

Washington, D.C. – Los jóvenes latinos son tratados con mayor dureza en todos los niveles del sistema de justicia que los jóvenes blancos por delitos similares, según el nuevo informe dado a conocer hoy por el Consejo Nacional de La Raza (NCLR por sus siglas en inglés) y la Campaña por la Justicia Juvenil (CFYJ por sus siglas en inglés).

Los Niños Invisibles de Estados Unidos: La Juventud Latina y el Fracaso de la Justicia examina la información más reciente disponible acerca de la juventud latina en el sistema de justicia, concentrándose principalmente en jóvenes juzgados como adultos.

“El sistema de justicia de este país está en crisis. Y en el centro de la crisis está nuestro fallo en reconocer que este sistema es para cuidar y tratar niños, no simplemente para castigar y corregir criminales”, dijo **Janet Murguía**, presidenta del NCLR. *“Necesitamos un nuevo enfoque que permita a los niños latinos soñar y soñar en grande, mientras les dotamos de la herramientas necesarias para convertir esos sueños en realidad”.*

Cada año, se estima que 200,000 jóvenes menores de 18 años son juzgados como adultos en las cortes de todo el país. Como consecuencia, miles de jóvenes latinos son juzgados por el sistema de justicia de adultos, privándolos de oportunidades de rehabilitación, incluyendo servicios de educación, salud mental y otros programas adecuados para su edad que ayudarían a que estos jóvenes se convirtieran en ciudadanos productivos y respetuosos de la ley. Además, los jóvenes latinos juzgados por el sistema de justicia de adultos son enviados a cárceles de adultos, donde enfrentan un mayor riesgo de suicidio o de violación.

“El sistema de justicia ha fallado a los jóvenes latinos y a sus comunidades cuando estos son tratados por la justicia con mayor dureza que los jóvenes blancos por delitos similares”, dijo **Liz Ryan**, presidenta de CFYJ. *“El gobierno, el Congreso, y las autoridades estatales y locales deben tomar medidas inmediatas para corregir estas enormes injusticias”.*

De acuerdo con el reciente informe del Centro de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades de EE.UU. y el Departamento de Justicia de EE.UU., los jóvenes que son enjuiciados como adultos son más proclives a reincidir que los jóvenes retenidos en el sistema de justicia juvenil.

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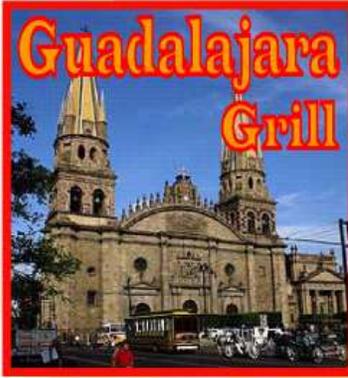
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NCLR ELOGIA LAS RECIENTES NOMINACIONES DE LA ADMINISTRACIÓN

Washington, DC—**Janet Murguía**, Presidenta del **Consejo Nacional de La Raza**, la organización nacional más grande de apoyo y defensa de los derechos civiles de los hispanos en los Estados Unidos, elogió las nominaciones del **Presidente Obama**, quien nombró al **Dr. Arturo Valenzuela** como Subsecretario del Estado para los Asuntos del Hemisferio Occidental y a **Rosie Ríos** como Tesorera de Estados Unidos.

“A mi manera de ver, el Dr. Valenzuela es el mejor experto de la nación en los asuntos entre Estados Unidos y Latinoamérica. Todos los expertos estadounidenses en política exterior y los líderes de países en Latinoamérica que lo han conocido, admiran a Arturo. Siendo un catedrático y un destacado diplomático muy respetado, no es sorprendente que el nombramiento de Arturo Valenzuela a esta posición sea altamente popular, en los Estados Unidos y en el exterior”, dijo **Murguía**.

El Dr. Valenzuela es Profesor de Gobierno y Director del Centro para Estudios Latinoamericanos en la Escuela de Servicio Exterior de **Edmund A. Walsh** en la **Universidad de Georgetown**. Previo a formar parte de la facultad de **Georgetown**, fue profesor de Ciencias Políticas y Director del Consejo de Estudios Latinoamericanos en la **Universidad de Duke**. **Valenzuela** anteriormente ejerció como Asistente Especial al Presidente y Director General para los Asuntos Interamericanos del Consejo de Seguridad Nacional, y como Asistente Subsecretario para los Asuntos Interamericanos del Departamento de Estado de los Estados Unidos. **Valenzuela** es también miembro de la Junta Directiva del **NCLR**.

“El impresionante antecedente de la Sra. Ríos la coloca como una adición invaluable a nuestro gobierno,” continuó **Murguía**. *“Además de su gran experiencia en el campo financiero, ella traerá consigo a la posición de Tesorera una experiencia orientada hacia la comunidad. Tenemos la expectativa que su experiencia incluirá la supervisión de programas de educación financiera, el desarrollo de la comunidad, y además las funciones tradicionales de la oficina”,* señaló **Murguía**.

La Sra. Ríos ejerció como Directora de Reurbanización y Desarrollo Económico para la ciudad de **Oakland, California**, donde dirigió el exitoso esfuerzo de revitalizar el centro de la ciudad y los corredores del vecindario. Además se desempeñó como Directora de Desarrollo Económico para la Ciudad de **Fremont** (Calif.), también como Especialista de Desarrollo para la Ciudad de **San Leandro** (Calif.) y como Administradora de la Agencia de Reurbanización de **Union City** (Calif.)

“El Dr. Valenzuela y la Sra. Ríos son extensamente respetados en sus funciones por sus logros profesionales y ambas nominaciones son sobresalientes”, concluyó **Murguía**.

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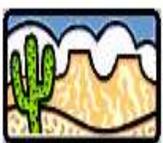
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On the Topic of Language

Lo Que Significa El Idioma

El idioma es más que la palabra hablada. El idioma también tiene que haber con las indicaciones sin palabras, las referencias simbólicas, y de los aspectos fonológicos que forma lo que le llamamos comunicación. El idioma tiene que ver con cómo personas ven y comprenden el mundo en el que ellos viven. La lingüística es el estudio científico del idioma.

Según la **Oficina de Censo**, en 2000, casi uno de cada cinco personas hablaba un idioma extranjero en su casa. Esto traduce a 47 millones de personas que fueron de la edad cinco años o más que hablaba un idioma que no fuera inglés en la casa. Esto fue 15 millones de aumento del 1990 Censo cuando la **Oficina de Censo** contó a 31,8 millones de EEUU residentes con esta capacidad.

Para hispanos el asunto del idioma ha sido parte integral de su crecimiento y el desarrollo por casi 500 años. Fue los españoles que introdujeron español en las Américas durante su 300 años de ocupación de **México** de 1521 a 1821. Y fue los españoles, con la ayuda de la Iglesia Católica que hizo español el idioma dominante de **México** junto con sus niveles de formalidad, expresiones idiomáticas, y el uso de palabras de otros idiomas de Mesoamerican.

Aunque los Mexico Americanos han tratado de asimilar y aculturarse en la sociedad dominante de norte americana, los vestigios del idioma y la cultura españoles han aguantado. En parte a causa de la proximidad de **México** a los Estados Unidos, y en parte porque la tecnología ha permitido una "recarga cultural constante" que ha realizado notablemente los procesos de llegar a ser a un "norteamericano" para hispanos en general y norteamericanos mexicanos en particular.

En estas páginas presentamos varias mesas y gráficos para destacar el uso y el papel del idioma entre lo que son ahora la población minoritaria más grande en Estados Unidos. Una discusión del idioma y la historia de cómo hispanos han integrado el idioma en la construcción de identidades regionales requiere más espacio que podemos permitir en esta publicación. ¿Pero asegúrese que en cuanto la población hispana continúa crecer, también va crecer el uso del Español la cultura para algunos y para otros, pues quien?

On the Significance of Language

Language is more than just the spoken word. Language is also about the non-verbal cues, the symbolic references, and phonological aspects that makes communication unique. Language has to do with how people see and understand the world in which they live in. Linguistics is the scientific study of language.

According to the **Census Bureau**, in 2000, nearly one in five people spoke a foreign language at home. This translates into 47 million people who were five years or older who spoke a language other than English in the home. This was 15 million increase from the 1990 Census when the Census Bureau counted 31.8 million United States residents with this ability.

For Hispanics the issue of language has been part and parcel of their growth and development for almost 500 years. It was the Spaniards who first introduced Spanish into the Americas during their 300 year occupation of **Mexico** from 1521 to 1821. And it was the Spaniards, with the assistance of the **Roman Catholic Church** who made Spanish the dominant language of **Mexico** along with its levels of formality, idiomatic expressions, and borrowing of words from other Mesoamerican languages.

As Mexican Americans have tried to assimilate and acculturate over the years into American society, the vestiges of the Spanish language and culture have endured. In part because of the proximity of **Mexico** to the **United States**, and in part because technology has assisted in the "constant cultural recharge" that has markedly effected the processes of becoming an "American" for Hispanics in general and Mexican Americans in particular.

In these pages we present several tables and charts to highlight the use and role of language among what is now the largest minority population in the United States. To be sure, the discussion of language and the history of how Hispanics have incorporated the language into the construction of regional identities requires more space that we can allow in this publication. But rest assured that as the Hispanic population continues to grow, so will the use of the Spanish language and the culture for some and for others, *pues quien sabe?*

Languages of the World

It is difficult to give an exact figure of the number of languages that exist in the world, because it is not always easy to define what a language is. The difference between a language and a dialect is not always clear-cut. It has nothing to do with similarity of vocabulary, grammar, or pronunciation. Sometimes, the distinctions are based purely on geographical, political, or religious reasons. It is usually estimated that the number of languages in the world varies between 3,000 and 8,000.

There is a list of the world's languages, called "Ethnologue" (Grimes 1996). Found in this list are 6,500 living languages. Of these, 6,000 have registered population figures. 52% of the 6,000 languages are spoken by less than 10,000 people, and 28% are spoken by less than 1,000 people. 83% of them are limited to single countries.

The ten most used languages in the world are:

Table 1
Top 10 Languages by Number of Speakers

Language	Count
1. Mandarin	885 million speakers
2. Spanish	332 million speakers
3. English	322 million speakers
4. Bengali	189 million speakers
5. Hindi	182 million speakers
6. Portuguese	170 million speakers
7. Russian	170 million speakers
8. Japanese	125 million speakers
9. German	98 million speakers
10. Wu	77 million speakers

SOURCE: Gordon, Raymond G., Jr. (ed.), 2005. *Ethnologue: Languages of the World*, Fifteenth edition. Dallas, Tex.: SIL International.

The figures refer to the number of people who have the language as their first language. If those speakers who have learnt the language as a foreign language were to be included, English might be at the top of the list. **Arabic** would be among the 10 most widely spoken languages, if it were to be counted as one language. **Ethnologue** lists ten variants of spoken **Arabic** among its top 100. The biggest of these is **Egyptian Arabic** with 42.5 million speakers. If they were to be counted as one and the same language, Arabic would come out sixth with 175 million speakers, and **Wu** would drop out of the top ten. Spanish as Table 1 shows, came in at number two.

NOTE: These figures are from 1999, so some languages may have shifted positions on the list for demographical reasons.

Table 2
Spanish Speaking Countries Ranked by Number of Speakers

Area of World	Bandera Flag	Pais County	Capital Capital	Población Population
Europe		Spain	Madrid	46,661,950
Central America		Guatemala	Guatemala City	13,000,000
		Honduras	Tegucigalpa	7,483,763
		El Salvador	San Salvador	6,800,000
		Nicaragua	Managua	5,891,199
		Costa Rica	San José	4,579,000
Caribbean		Panama	Panama City	3,309,679
		Cuba	Havana	11,451,652
		Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	9,523,209
North America		Puerto Rico	San Juan	3,994,259
		Mexico	Mexico City	109,955,400
South America		Venezuela	Caracas	28,199,825
		Colombia	Bogotá	44,928,970
		Ecuador	Quito	14,573,101
		Peru	Lima	29,180,900
		Bolivia	2 Capitals La Paz (Administrative) Sucre (Constitutional)	9,119,152
		Paraguay	Asunción	6,831,306
		Chile	Santiago	16,928,873
		Argentina	Buenos Aires	40,482,000
		Uruguay	Montevideo	3,477,780
Africa		Equatorial Guinea	Malabo	504,000

Map of Spanish Speaking Parts of the World

There are a total of 21 Countries in the world where Spanish is the official language



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