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People in the News



Norma E. Cantú
Very Active at
UTSA

Norma E. Cantú serves as Professor of English at the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she directs the doctoral program in English. She is the editor of a book series, Rio Grande/Rio Bravo: Borderlands Culture and Tradition, for Texas A&M University Press. She is a member of the board of trustees of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, and is Chair-Elect of the National Association of Chicana/o Studies. Author of the award-winning Canícula Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera, and co-editor of Chicana Traditions: Continuity and Change, she is currently

she is currently working on a novel tentatively titled Champú, or Hair Matters, and an ethnography of the Matachines de la Santa Cruz, a religious dance drama from Laredo, Texas.



Valenzuela
Promoted at
U.T. Austin

On December 16, 2005, Angela Valenzuela was promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Texas at Austin in both the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Center for Mexican American Studies.

This appointment makes her one of a literal handful of Mexican American female faculty to ever achieve this status at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Valenzuela also received special recognition with

with a Haskew Centennial Professor Fellowship from the College of Education. Valenzuela, who is the author of Subtractive Education: The Politics of Caring, She received her doctorate from Stanford University and taught at Rice University and the University of Houston before making the move to UT Austin in 1999.



Sarita E. Brown
President of
Excelencia

Sarita E. Brown, President, Excelencia in Education, has spent more than two decades at prominent national academic and educational institutions and at the highest levels of government working to develop more effective strategies to raise academic achievement and opportunity

for low-income and minority students.

From the start of her career at the University of Texas at Austin, where she created a national model promoting minority success in graduate education, to her service as Executive Director for the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, to her current post as founding President of Excelencia in Education in Washington, DC, Ms. Brown has focused her work on expanding this country's human capital through improving the quality of higher education.

She holds a bachelor's of arts in ethnic studies and a bachelor's of science and master's of arts in communication from The University of Texas at Austin.

Send in your suggestions of who we should feature in this section of *La Voz de Brazoria County* by sending an email to d.santos@sbcglobal.net



Sandra Lopez
Helping to Train
Social Workers
at the University
of Houston

Sandra Lopez has a curriculum vitae that runs 26 pages. As a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Houston, Lopez is also, LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), ACSW (Academy Certified Social Worker), Licensed Master Social Worker and Advanced Clinical Practitioner, and DCSW Diplomate in Clinical Social Work.

In addition to research on the Latino community, she serves on a number of committees at the university. Lopez received her bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Houston in 1977 and 1980 respectively.

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Editorial

In this issue of *La Voz de Brazoria County* we bring you a variety of articles and feature stories. Like the rest of the nation, we are saddened at the passing of civil rights pioneer **Coretta Scott King**. After the assassination of her husband in 1968, she continued to keep the dream alive by staying involved in a host of issues. Read her story from the Academy of Achievement Archives in pages 6 and 7.

On pages 8 and 9 we bring you an interview with **Mary Alice Gonzalez**. She is the President of **Stewart Title Fort Bend/Brazoria Division**. In this interview, **Ms. Gonzalez** shares parts of her life that have brought her this point in time.

On pages 12 and 13, we were able to catch up to **LULAC Youth Council # 1031 in Clute** as they were busy with a fundraiser. Most of the students from this council are from **Brazosport High School**. According to the youth director for this council, **Stella Cabrera**, the **LULAC** councils in this part of the state are among the most active anywhere.

Another article we wish to call your attention to is the first of a two and possibly three part series on equal opportunities laws in the area of employment. There is a lot to be said about this topic and so we are having to break it up into sections in order to share all the information necessary.

Last but not least, you will notice in this issue all the political ads by candidates. Read them, think about them and help them. They all need people to work on their campaigns.

En este ejemplar de *La Voz del Condado de Brazoria*, tenemos una variedad de artículos y historias de interes. Pero primero queremos decir que el fallecimiento de **Coretta Scott King** nos da mucha tristeza. Ella fue la esposa de **Martin Luther King**, un activista que luchó para los derechos



Alfredo R. Santos c/s
Editor

civiles de todos aquí en los los Estados Unidos. Después del asasinato de su esposo en 1968, **Señora King** siguió los pasos para mantener vivo el sueño. En las paginas 6 y 7 tenemos una breve historia de la vida de ella. Por cuestion de espacio, solo podiamos publicarlo en inglés.

En las paginas 10 y 11, le presentamos un entrevista con **Mary Alice Gonzalez**, presidente de **Stewart Title**, División de los condados de **Brazoria y Fort Bend**. Ella comparte con nosotros parte de su larga carera con su compania.

En la pagina 20 tenemos la primer parte de un artículo sobre las leyes de Igualdad de Oportunidades de Empleo de los Estados Unidos. Lea lentamente lo que dice este artículo. En los proximos meses vamos a incluir la segunda parte y si es necesario, la tercera.

Finalmente, uste notará el número de anuncios de los estan corriendo para diferentes puestos en el condado. Trata de mantenerse informado y cuando llega el dia de la votación, ya sabes lo que tienes que hace.

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In the month of February of the following years, these events took place.

- 1819 Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
- 1821 Mexico declared its independence from Spain
- 1836 Mexican general Santa Anna began the siege of the Alamo.
- 1859 Oregon became the 33rd state in the United States.
- 1870 Hiram Revels became the first black United States senator, taking over the term of Jefferson Davis.
- 1878 The first telephone book was issued (New Haven, Conn.).
- 1879 President Rutherford Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.
- 1912 Arizona became the 48th state in the United States.
- 1917 Congress passed the Immigration Act, which restricted Asian immigration, over President Wilson's veto.
- 1917 Mexico adopted its present constitution.
- 1920 The League of Women Voters was founded.
- 1924 Calvin Coolidge made the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.
- 1929 Members of Al Capone's gang killed rival gang members in the St. Valentine's Day massacre.
- 1935 Airplanes were no longer permitted to fly over the White House.
- 1937 FDR proposed increasing the number of Supreme Court justices—"packing" the court.
- 1940 Hattie McDaniel became the first black woman to win an Oscar. She won the Best Supporting Actress award for her role as Mammy in *Gone with the Wind*.
- 1959 Rock singers, Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and Big Bopper died in a plane crash
- 1960 Four black college students began a series of sit-ins at a white-only lunch counter in Woolworth's, Greensboro, N.C.

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Coretta Scott King

Coretta Scott was born in Heiberger, Alabama and raised on the farm of her parents **Bernice McMurry Scott**, and **Obadiah Scott**, in **Perry County, Alabama**. She was exposed at an early age to the injustices of life in a segregated society. She walked five miles a day to attend the one-room **Crossroad School** in **Marion, Alabama**, while the white students rode buses to an all-white school closer by.

Young **Coretta** excelled at her studies, particularly music, and was valedictorian of her graduating class at **Lincoln High School**. She graduated in 1945 and received a scholarship to **Antioch College** in **Yellow Springs, Ohio**. As an undergraduate, she took an active interest in the nascent civil rights movement; she joined the Antioch chapter of the **NAACP**, and the college's Race Relations and Civil Liberties Committees. She graduated from **Antioch** with a B.A. in music and education and won a scholarship to study concert singing at **New England Conservatory of Music** in **Boston, Massachusetts**.

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In **Boston** she met a young theology student, **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, and her life was changed forever. They were married on June 18, 1953, in a ceremony conducted by the groom's father, the **Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.** **Coretta Scott King** completed her degree in voice and violin at the **New England Conservatory** and the young couple moved in September 1954 to **Montgomery, Alabama**, where **Martin Luther King Jr.** had accepted an appointment as Pastor of the **Dexter Avenue Baptist Church**.

They were soon caught up in the dramatic events that triggered the modern civil rights movement. When **Rosa Parks** refused to yield her seat on a **Montgomery** city bus to a white passenger, she was arrested for violating the city's ordinances giving white passengers preferential treatment in public conveyances. The black citizens of **Montgomery** organized immedi-



ately in defense of **Mrs. Parks**, and under **Martin Luther King's** leadership organized a boycott of the city's buses. The **Montgomery** bus boycott drew the attention of the world to the continued injustice of segregation in the United States, and led to court decisions striking down all local ordinances separating the races in public transit. **Dr. King's** eloquent advocacy of non-violent civil disobedience soon made him the most recognizable face of the civil rights movement, and he was called on to lead marches in city after city, with **Mrs. King** at his side, inspiring the citizens, black and white, to defy the segregation laws.

The visibility of **Dr. King's** lead-

ership attracted fierce opposition from the supporters of institutionalized racism. In 1956, white supremacists bombed the **King** family home in **Montgomery**. **Mrs.**

King and the couple's first child narrowly escaped injury. The **Kings** had four children in all: **Yolanda Denise**; **Martin Luther, III**; **Dexter Scott**; and **Bernice Albertine**.

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Although the demands of raising a family had caused **Mrs. King** to retire from singing, she found another way to put her musical background to the service of the cause. She conceived and performed a series of critically acclaimed **Freedom Concerts**, combining poetry, narration and music to tell the story



of the **Civil Rights** movement. Over the next few years, **Mrs. King** staged **Freedom Concerts** in some of America's most distinguished concert venues, as fundraisers for the organization her husband had founded, the **Southern Christian Leadership Conference**.

Dr. King's fame spread beyond the **United States**, and he was increasingly seen not only as a leader of the American civil rights movement, but as the symbol of an international struggle for human liberation from racism, colonialism and all forms of oppression and discrimination.

In 1957, **Dr. King** and **Mrs. King**



Keeper of the Dream

journeyed to Africa to celebrate the independence of **Ghana**. In 1959, they made a pilgrimage to India to honor the memory of **Mahatma Gandhi**, whose philosophy of non-violence had inspired them. **Dr. King's** leadership of the movement for human rights was recognized on the international stage when he was awarded the **Nobel Prize for Peace**.

In 1964, **Mrs. King** accompanied her husband when he traveled to **Oslo, Norway** to accept the Prize.

In the 1960s, **Dr. King** broadened his message and his activism to embrace causes of international peace and economic justice. **Mrs. King** found herself in increasing demand as a public speaker. She became the first woman to deliver the Class Day address at **Harvard**, and the first woman to preach at a statutory service at **St. Paul's Cathedral** in London.

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She served as a Women's Strike for Peace delegate to the 17-nation Disarmament Conference in **Geneva, Switzerland** in 1962. **Mrs. King** became a liaison to international peace and justice organiza-

tions even before **Dr. King** took a public stand in 1967 against United States intervention in the **Vietnam War**.

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Channeling her grief, **Mrs. King** concentrated her energies on fulfilling her husband's work by building **The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change** as a living memorial to her husband's life and dream. Years of planning, fundraising and lobbying, lay ahead, but **Mrs. King** would not be deterred, nor did she neglect direct involvement

in the causes her husband had championed.

In 1969, **Coretta Scott King** published the first volume of her autobiography, *My Life with Martin Luther King Jr.* In the 1970s, **Mrs. King** maintained her husband's commitment to the cause of economic justice. In 1974 she formed the **Full Employment Action Council**, a broad coalition of over 100 religious, labor, business, civil and women's rights organizations dedicated to a national policy of full employment and equal economic opportunity; **Mrs. King** served as Co-Chair of the Council.

In 1981, **The King Center**, the first institution built in memory of an

African American leader, opened to the public. The Center is housed in the Freedom Hall complex encircling **Dr. King's** tomb in **Atlanta, Georgia**. It is part of a 23-acre national historic site that also includes **Dr. King's** birthplace and the **Ebenezer Baptist Church**, where he and his father both preached.

The King Center Library and Archives houses the largest collection of documents from the Civil Rights era. The Center receives over one million visitors a year, and has trained tens of thousands of students, teachers, community leaders and administrators in **Dr. King's** philosophy and strategy of nonviolence through seminars, workshops and training programs.

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Mrs. King continued to serve the cause of justice and human rights; her travels took her throughout the world on goodwill missions to Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia. In 1983, she marked the 20th Anniversary of the historic March on Washington, by leading a gathering of more than 800 human rights organizations, the Coalition of Conscience, in the largest demonstration the capital city had seen up to that time.

Mrs. King led the successful

campaign to establish **Dr. King's** birthday, January 15, as a national holiday in the **United States**. By an Act of Congress, the first national observance of the holiday took place in 1986. **Dr. King's** birthday is now marked by annual celebrations in over 100 countries. **Mrs. King** was invited by **President Clinton** to witness the historic handshake between **Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin** and **Chairman Yassir Arafat** at the signing of the Middle East Peace Accords in 1993.

In 1985 **Mrs. King** and three of her children were arrested at the South African embassy in **Washington, D.C.**, for protesting against that country's apartheid system of racial segregation and disenfranchisement. Ten years later, she stood with **Nelson Mandela** in **Johannesburg** when he was sworn in as President of South Africa.

After 27 years at the helm of **The King Center**, **Mrs. King** turned over leadership of the Center to her son, **Dexter Scott King**, in 1995. She remained active in the causes of racial and economic justice, and in her remaining years devoted much of her energy to AIDS education and curbing gun violence. Although she died in 2006 at the age of 78, she re-



mains an inspirational figure to men and women around the world.



EXAMPLES OF *Excelencia* is a new national initiative designed to identify, celebrate, and promote models, programs, and institutional departments that significantly contribute to improving educational achievement for Latino students in higher education.

This new initiative is offered by *Excelencia* in Education, with support from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Excelencia in Education was founded in 2004 with the aim of accelerating Latino student achievement in higher education. Meeting the increasing challenges of a global economy requires that all US citizens are well educated, especially the growing Latino population. Now, more than ever, it is necessary to build energy and momentum to capture the talents of Latino students and enhance their transition into a highly skilled workforce and into leadership roles US society. Examples of *Excelencia* is designed to help the country reach this goal.

By the year 2025, nearly one-quarter (22 percent) of the U.S. college-age population will be Latino. In the nation's largest states — California, Texas, Florida, and New York— Latinos already have reached that level. Yet even with the growth of the population there remain significant achievement gaps between Latino students and other racial/ethnic groups resulting in fewer college graduates. Failure to address this situation and improve the means for Latino students to reach their highest potential will likely result in a decline in the quality of life for all Americans.

Examples of *Excelencia* responds to this challenge by identifying, honoring and helping others to emulate the practices of programs and departments that are at the forefront in increasing academic opportunities and improving achievement for Latino students.

Awards - Awards will be announced in September 2006. Honorees will receive a \$5,000 award, recognition at the *Excelencia* Symposium, and will be showcased in materials disseminated nationwide.

Nominations - Stakeholders in higher education-including Latino community- based organizations, educators, elected officials, and institutional leaders-are asked to nominate programs and departments they consider to be effective in accelerating Latino student success in higher education. Nominations should be made in one of the following divisions:

- Community colleges
- Baccalaureate granting institutions
- Graduate institutions

Nominations MUST be submitted between January 15 – April 15, 2006.

Choosing Your Nominees - In considering potential nominations in your community and throughout the country, think about the following characteristics of programs and departments that “work” for Latino students:


- Have a record of achievement in graduating Latino students.
- Have program or departmental leadership that follow Latino student achievement and take steps to measure their progress, confront obstacles, and implement policies to achieve the goal.
- Emphasize equity and excellence in academic achievement and demonstrate their simultaneous commitments in program priorities and practices.
- Have a significant Latino presence among a dedicated and professional staff that recognizes and addresses the particular needs of Latino students.
- Integrate Latino culture and cultural awareness into services and activities to enhance Latino students' navigation between their homes, community, and schools and their professions.

Reviewing the 2005 Example of *Excelencia* (Department of Mathematics at The University of Texas at Austin) is recommended as a model for nominations.

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An Interview with President of the Fort Bend/Brazoria

This month's interview is with **Mary Alice Gonzalez** who is with a company called **Stewart Title**. With the continued growth of the real estate market in **Brazoria County**, it is timely that we hear from someone who has worked in the industry for a number of years.

La Voz: Let's start by asking you to state your name and official title.

Gonzalez: My name is **Mary Alice Gonzalez** and I am the **President of Stewart Title Fort Bend/Brazoria Division**.

La Voz: And how long have you held this position?

Gonzalez: I have been the president of the **Fort Bend County** division since 1996. **Brazoria County** became part of my portfolio in 2001 when then manager retired at mid-year.

La Voz: So you oversee both counties for Stewart Title?

Gonzalez: Yes. We have 6 offices. Four offices are in **Brazoria County** and two are in **Fort Bend County**.

La Voz: I want to ask you how you got into the title business and about your family, but first let's take a moment to tell our readers what a title company is.

Gonzalez: A title company is an insurance company. We issue an insurance policy to insure your property. But it is not like homeowner's insurance. We insure what has happened in the past, not what is going to happen in the future. In other words, we are protecting the interests of everyone involved in the transaction with respect to the property.

La Voz: So a title company makes sure that everything is clear and clean with the property?

Gonzalez: Yes, that is another way to describe what a title company does.

La Voz: OK, with that let's go back to your story. How long have you been with **Stewart Title**?

Gonzalez: I have been with **Stewart Title** now going on 30 years. I came to work for **Stewart Title** in 1976 as a policy typist when I was living in **Corpus Christi, Texas**. When my husband moved to **Houston** in 1980, I was able to transfer with **Stewart Title** since it is a national company.

La Voz: Did you move up in the company once you made the move to **Houston**?

Gonzalez: Yes. From typist, I became an escrow assistant. Then from there I moved to closing. I closed for **Stewart** at several different offices in and around **Houston**. And then from closing I went to branch managing. At one point I was overseeing the human resources department for the **Houston** area. Then in 1996, the position to take over the **Fort Bend** office came open and I was promoted. And this was great because I lived in **Sugar Land!**

La Voz: You were very young when you started working for **Stewart Title**. Did you start right out of college?

Gonzalez: The college I went to was the "college of hard knocks." (Laughter) I was born and raised in **Corpus Christi** and there were seven children. When I graduated from high school in 1973, my dad had a position in **Washington, D.C.** with the Department of Commerce and so we all moved to Washington. I got a job with the **Internal Revenue Service** and worked there for two years as a secretary because I did not go to college. My dad's position was that "if you were not going to go to college then you were going to go to work."

La Voz: Is this where you met your husband?

Gonzalez: No. I had met my husband while we were still living in **Corpus**. So I moved back to **Corpus** and got married. And then shortly afterwards I found the job with **Stewart Title**. When I reflect on that period of my life I must have thought that I was too smart and didn't need any more school.

La Voz: So your formal education stopped with high school?

Gonzalez: Well no, I did take some business courses. I remember that I had thought for a while that I could work and still get a degree by correspondence. So I did take a couple of business and HR (human resources) related courses which have always been real helpful.

La Voz: What is one of the most rewarding aspects of your job.

Gonzalez: What I liked about being an escrow officer is that I am able to accomplish something. Even if it was a difficult closing, it felt real good to make sure that everything came in on time. But it is the people part of the business that I enjoy the most.

La Voz: With respect to the Hispanic community, what are some of the problems that you see?

Gonzalez: With the new and emerging markets we need Spanish speaking closers and secretaries so that they can help with Spanish speaking home buyers. It is surprising that we do not have enough language capable staff to handle the increasing demand in this area.

La Voz: Share with us if you will some of the activities you are involved in outside of work.

Gonzalez: Let's see, I am an active member of the **Oaks of Rio Bend** where I serve as a board member. This organization works to insure that permanent homes are found for abused and neglected children. We are currently developing a 50 acre community along the **Brazos River** in **Richmond, Texas** that will serve as a home for these children. I am also involved in a group called the **National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals**.

La Voz: Well let's go ahead and end the interview at this point. I want to thank you for taking the time to visit with us.

Gonzalez: Thank you.



"What I liked about being an escrow officer is that I am able to accomplish something."



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Mary Alice Gonzalez

Division of Stewart Title

Este mes entrevistamos a **Mary Alice Gonzalez** quien trabaja con la compania Stewart Title. Con el crecimiento del mercado de bienes de racies en el **Condado de Brazoria**, es apropiado que escuchamos a alguien que a trabajado en la industria por mucho tiempo.

La Voz: Vamos a empezar la entrevista con la pregunta, cual es su nombre y su titulo oficial?

Gonzalez: Mi nombre es **Mary Alice Gonzalez** y soy presidente de la Division de los condados de **Fort Bend/ Brazoria** para Stewart Title.

La Voz: Cuanto tiempo tiene ha tenido este puesto?

Gonzalez: Tengo desde 1996 como presidente de la Division de Fort Bend. En 2001, el **Condado de Brazoria** fue agregada a mi portofolio cuando el gerente se jubilo a medios del ano.

La Voz: Asi es que, usted esta encargada de dos condados?

Gonzalez: Si, Tenemos 6 oficinas, 4 en el **Condado de Brazoria** y 2 en **Fort Bend**.



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The college I went to was the "college of hard knocks."*

La Voz: Queremos preguntarte como encontro en este negocio y de su familia, pero antes de esto, tal vez seria buen idea explicar a nuestros lectores que es una "compania de titulo?"

Gonzalez: Una compania de titulo es como una compania de aseguranza. Nosotros escribimos polizas para asegurar su propiedad. Pero no es como una poliza de casa. Nosotros aseguramos lo del pasado, no lo que va pasar en el futuro. En otras palabras, estamos tratando de proteger los intereses de todos quienes forman parte del tramite que se esta llevando acabo.

La Voz: Entonces, una compania de titulo, asegura que todo relacionado con la propiedad esta limpio y claro?

Gonzalez: Si. Eso es otra manera de entender lo que hacemos.

La Voz: Bueno, vamos a regresar a su historia personal. Que tanto tiempo tiene trabajando con **Stewart Title**?

Gonzalez: Ya tengo casi 30 anos con la compania. Empeze a trabajar en 1976 cuando estaba viviendo en Corpus Christi. Cuando mi esposo se mudo a **Houston** en 1980, y yo hice el cambio con el a las oficinas de



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Stewart Title en Houston.

La Voz: Cuando hizo el cambio a **Houston** tuviste oportunidad de avanzar en la compania?

Gonzalez: Si. De mecanografa, me hicieron asistente al proceso de prestamos. De alli, me cambie a cerador. Cere en varias oficinas en la area de Houston. Despues de trabajar de cerreadora me cambiaron a la gerencia. Por un tiempo estaba encargada del departamento de recursos humanos por toda la area de **Houston**. En 1996, el puesto en la oficina del Condado de Fort Bend se abrio y a mi me ofrecieron la oportunidad de correr esta oficina. Para mi eso fue muy bien porque ya vivia cerquita en el pueblo de Sugar Land!

La Voz: Entonces usted estaba muy joven cuando empezo a trabajar con **Stewart Title**? Empezo saliendo del colegio?

Gonzalez: El colegio donde yo asiste fue "el colegio de la vida dura." (Risa) Fui nacida y criada en Corpus Christi y una de 7 hijos. Cuando me gradue de la secundaria en 1973, el gobierno le ofrecio trabajo a mi papa en Washington D.C. con el departamento de Comercio y nos mudamos todos. Yo conseguí trabajo con el Servicio de Impuestos como secretaria. Alli trabaje por dos anos porque yo no fui al colegio. Mi papa decia, "*Si no vas ir al colegio, entonces tienes que ponerte a trabajar.*"

La Voz: Asi es que su educacion formal se acabo con la secundaria?

Gonzalez: Actualmente, no. Si tome algunas clases de negocio. Me recuerdo que por un tiempo, pensaba que podia

trabajar y al mismo tiempo sacar mi titulo por correspondencia. Y tome unas clases.

La Voz: Cual es unos de los aspetos de su trabajo mas remunerosas?

Gonzalez: Lo que me gustaba cuando trabaje de "escow officer" fue el intercambio con la gente. Ayudando con todo el papeleria para que familias poderian su duenos de sus propios casa me dio muchisimo satesfaccion.

La Voz: Con respeto a la comunidad Hispana, que son unos de los problemas que uste vea?

Gonzalez: Con los mercados nuevos que se esta realizando, necesitamos a individuos que pueden hablar con la clientela que habla solo espanol. Es un sorpresa para mi que hoy en dia no hay suficientes personas para trabajar en este area.

La Voz: Comparte con nosotros algunos de las actividades de la cual usted esta envuelto afuera de su trabajo.

Gonzalez: Pues, soy miembra de un grupo que se llame **Oaks of Rio Bend**. Este grupo trabaja con ninos abusados que necesitan donde vivir. Tambien soy miembra de **National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals**.

La Voz: Pues con eso vamos a cerrar la entrevista. Muchisimas gracias.




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En La Comunidad

Jovita's Year Around Tamales



ABOVE: Jovita Gonzales is spreading the masa in the corn husks as part of the preparation for tamales. She learned the art of tamale making many years in the Rio Grande Valley and has brought this talent with her to **Angleton**. For tamales you can contact her at 848-8461.

Jovita Gonzales se ve hechando la masa en las ojas como parte de la preparacion de las tamales. Ella aprendio el art de hacer tamales en Valle del Rio Grande y ha traído este talento a **Angleton**. Para ordenar tamales llame al 848-8461.

LULAC Youth Council # 1031 Holds Fundraiser at Clute Park



ABOVE: Members of LULAC Youth Council # 1021 held an enchilada fundraiser at Clute Park on January 29th, 2006. The group under the guidance of **Stella Cabrera** hopes to take several members of the council to the upcoming conventions.

ARRIBA: Miembros del Concilio de LULAC # 1031 vendieron platos de enchiladas para recaudar fondos en el parque de Clute el 29 de enero, 2006. El concilio, bajo la direccion de **Stella Cabrera** espera llevar los varios miembros a las proximas convencions de LULAC.



ABOVE: Jonathan Guillen, chair person of the fundraiser stand next to Kayla Trevino, President of LULAC Youth Council # 1031 Council.

ARRIBA: Jonathan Guillen, encargado del evento para recaudar fondos del concilio de LULAC se ve en este foto con Kayla Trevino, presidenta del concilio # 1031.

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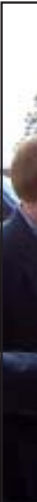
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In the Community



BELOW: Political candidates, **Vickie Durlinger** and **Al Kitchen** took time from their busy campaign schedules to attend the dedication of the new expanded emergency department at **Angleton/Danbury Medical Center**. **Durlinger** is running for County Clerk and **Kitchen** is running for Commissioner of Precinct # 2.

BELOW: Candidatos **Vickie Durlinger** y **Al Kitchen** toman tiempo de sus campañas para asistir a la dedicación de la nueva departemento de emergencia en el hospital Centro Medico de **Angleton/Danbury**. **Durlinger** es candidato para County Clerk del Condado de Brazoria.



BELOW: **Matt Sebesta** and his wife showed their support for the event by taking the time to participate in the dedication of the new additions to **Angleton/Danbury Medical Center**.



ABOVE: ADMC Board **Dave Bleakney**, uses the symbolic scissors during the dedication of the new wing at the Angleton/Danbury Medical Center.



ABOVE: **Melba Beken**, Vice-Chairman of the ADMC Board and **Dave Bleakney**, CEO of Angleton/Danbury Medical Center and **Paula Tobon-Stevens**, take a minute to pose for the camera at the dedication ceremony of the **Angleton/Danbury Medical Center**.



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