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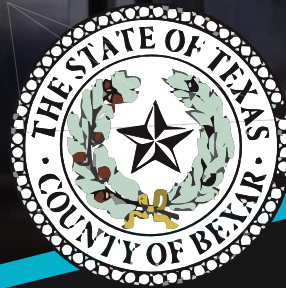


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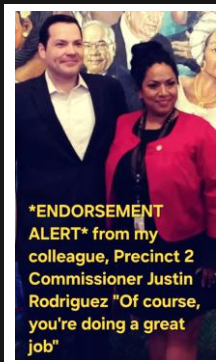


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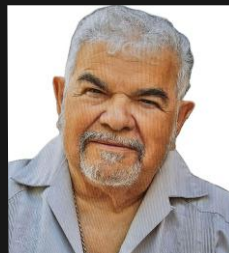
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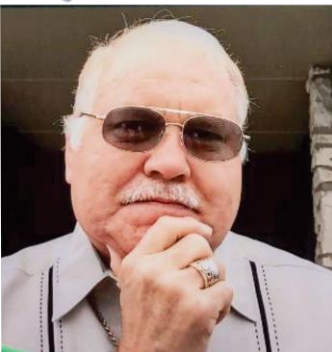
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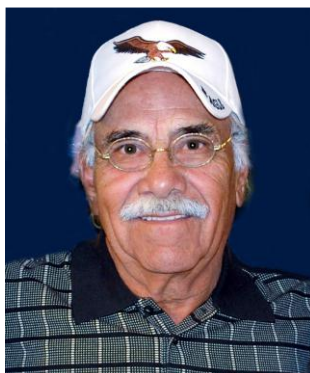


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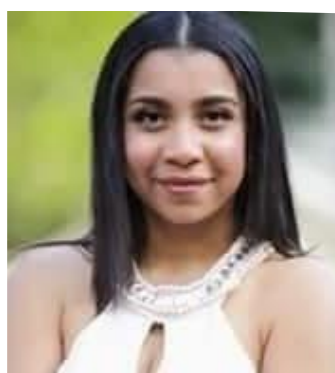


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# New Year, New Routine: A Day-by-Day Plan for Real Fitness Results!

BY JACQI OF JACQI'S NuFITNESS L.L.C.



*Happy New Year beautiful readers! The New Year brings fresh motivation, but real results come from simple, consistent actions. As hard as it is to push away from the table or get off the couch, it isn't as hard as dealing with a decrepit body from years of neglect. The good news is that you don't need perfection — you need a routine you can actually keep. Use this 7-day rhythm to jump-start your energy, strength, and confidence, and then repeat weekly. Don't forget to monitor your sugar intake and make sure to check in with a doctor before starting this or any other exercise program. Make sure you have your doctor take your height and weight measurements so you can track your progress at home and in the office.*

*So without further ado, here is a day-by-day plan to start today.*

### **Day 1 – Reset and move gently**

Start by waking your body up, not beating it up. Take a 20–30 minute walk, stretch your hips and back, and drink extra water today. Write down your goals in “I am” language: I am getting stronger. I am taking care of my body. This creates mindset momentum before muscle momentum.

### **Day 2 – Strength for the upper body**

Do a simple routine: pushups (wall or knee are fine), light dumbbell or water-bottle presses, rows, and bicep curls. Two to three sets of 10–12 reps is enough. Focus on form and posture, not rushing. Strong arms support healthy shoulders and daily activities.

### **Day 3 – Cardio & core**

Choose something fun: brisk walk, Zumba, cycling, dancing in your living room. Add core work such as planks, bird dogs, or gentle crunch variations. Your heart is a muscle — it responds beautifully to consistency.

### **Day 4 – Lower body strength**

Think functional: squats to a chair, lunges or step-backs, bridges, and calf raises. Your legs are your “forever transportation.” Strengthening them protects knees and back while boosting metabolism.

### **Day 5 – Active recovery**

Stretch, foam-roll if available, and breathe deeply. Recovery is not laziness — it is when your body repairs and gets stronger. Take 10 minutes to notice wins so far: better sleep, more energy, or simply keeping your promise to yourself. Get a massage or try a bodywrap with a massage for extra pampering.

### **Day 6 – Total-body circuit**

Combine moves: squat + press, lunge + curl, step-ups, and core work. Keep rest short and movement steady. Circuits improve endurance, burn calories, and keep workouts interesting.

### **Day 7 – Reflection and reset**

Take a walk and use this day for gratitude. Review your week. What worked? What needs adjusting? Progress isn't about punishment — it's about partnership with your body.

### **Success tips for the whole month**

Keep workouts between 20–45 minutes. Use your fat burning corset or compression belt for more bodyshaping effects with each workout. Hydrate. Add protein to every meal. Schedule movement like an appointment. Most importantly, show up even when you don't feel like it — your future self is watching.

Repeat this week again and again. As weeks build, so does confidence. Results don't come from one big workout; they come from daily choices layered over time. This is your year to feel stronger, move better, and glow from the inside out.

Until next month, ((healthy hugs)),

Jacqi of Jacqi's NuFitness Llc



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# San Anto Culture

## “HUMBLED & UNIFIED TO FEED A COMMUNITY”

As 2025, has passed and many are eager to lean towards the new year goals, there is still much changes needed to help aid our very own community. There stands a group of unified organizations that are in full force ready to make a change in the community and even the atmosphere. It was a sunny Saturday in January as people headed to Juan’s truck to grab a brown bag of a nice lunch as many grew a small smile of hope as one meal would be accomplished from a team that made it out on that parking lot motivated with the same purpose.

Every early Saturday for a while now the Carnalismo Brown Berets San Antonio chapter, American Indian Movement Central Texas, Society Of Native Nations, and Lulac Council # 4841 have united to prepare food meals aimed for the needy and those unsheltered with no secured home. While many usual target areas that are aided are around downtown, this group aims at areas around the San Antonio area that are not aided with little or no help. The groups all have different missions at times, but all have the same similar tasks in instilling community outreach and support as their purpose.

“Our organization of preserving Native and other cultures of families with their ceremonial started many years back, but during the pandemic, our ways were triggered as we were motivated to help those in need in our community as poverty reached sky high. We aim to also help our community from toxic pollution that hurts our very air we breathe. So all our materials we use to feed the needy is made from biodegradable materials and eco-friendly from the utensils to the bags. We knew we wanted to make a difference and the time is now,” says Delia Enriquez, Community Engagement Order of “Society of Native Nations.”

While Juan Aguirre of the Carnalismo S.A. Brown Berets spearheads early every Saturday to cook or prepare the food, all organizations meet at his residence to come out to strategize the plan of the day for the area in need. “I love giving back as this is what I feel is my way of giving back to lead by example as I feel many have been in these suffering shoes out there that are unsheltered, but as us coming together as a community we can help make a difference one person at a time,” says Juan.

Many needy families are undisclosed in San Antonio as they are afraid to ask for help, this groups have made positive communication a big key in the mission on top of just handing out lunches. The group soughts for friendly comfort through conversation as some are aided with resources and others with just a listening ear to their problems that sometimes just need to be heard. “I am very grateful for being a part of this project every week as I

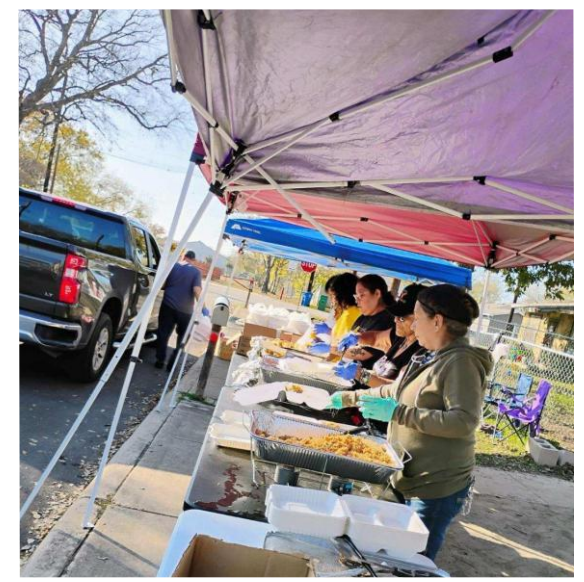


myself can relate to the feeling of their struggles out there and know that we can make a difference if we can just unite to make a difference in making a positive change,” says local hip-hop artist, Lulac Council 4841, Locita. Even local Lowrider car clubs have started to show presence in this weekly project. “I think it’s a blessing for me and my wife Locita to be a part of this mission of giving back as I think it’s a good inspiration to the younger generation,” says Twin of Rollerz Only Nueces City chapter.

Many have different purposes every Saturday of giving back as they hit target areas from bus stops, store fronts, corners, under bridges, trails, and much more. Desi-ree Ortiz of “The American Indian Movement CTX” has her own personal strength that drives her. “My father Dave Ortiz was part of the A.I.M. CTX for many years since I was a child. He had a very bad permanent leg injury that never healed and had a job and was also part of the organization. I saw him as he never gave up for our community rallies as he struggled with his leg and sometimes I told him to get rest and he always replied to me mija it’s not about me, it’s about my people. I was always inspired by his strong will of never giving up. When he passed a part of me left with him, but through this project this drives me to finish my father’s legacy of helping people. So I know I will always be a part of this history as I sleep better knowing we made a difference.”


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As this Saturday wrapped up, I witnessed teamwork that brought smiles and a nice humble hospitality that was expressed towards the team and community, I knew hope is really out there, but there is much more work left to accomplish. "I am proud to be a part of this feeding projects and the other accomplishments that have been done like previous free community flea markets for the needy, Thanksgiving meal giveaways, and the Christmas at La Estrella Center where we aided several adults with special needs to give a joyful Christmas by giving gifts and spending time to listen. The most important parts of the missions are the part of no matter how the world has changed. We are still able to stand for something and not against. The other important task is to be able to reach to the younger generation in this world of social media entrapment. We encourage volunteers and are hoping to reach out to schools out there that are in need to encourage students to get more community involved in person versus what is just shown on social media. We hope to also one day get this program rolling with a learning experience in values and incorporating an alternative for community service hours that are sometimes needed and required from teens. I am proud to be surrounded by an excellent team of humble people that have become servants of the community and that give it all heart, every week. I know this is just the beginning for something positive coming that is built from giving hope to many," says Gabriel San Miguel of the Carnalismo San Antonio Brown Berets. For any donations, volunteering, or for any info on this community project please contact Gabriel San Miguel at 210-418-0040 or Juan Aguirre at 210-473-4556.



**Left to Right: DESI-REE ORTIZ AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT CTX, LOCITA LULAC COUNCIL 4841, TWIN ROLLERZ ONLY NUECES CITY, JUAN AGUIRRE CARNALISMO S.A. BROWN BERETS, GABRIEL SAN MIGUEL S.A. BROWN BERETS, DELIA ENRIQUEZ SOCIETY OF NATIVE NATIONS**

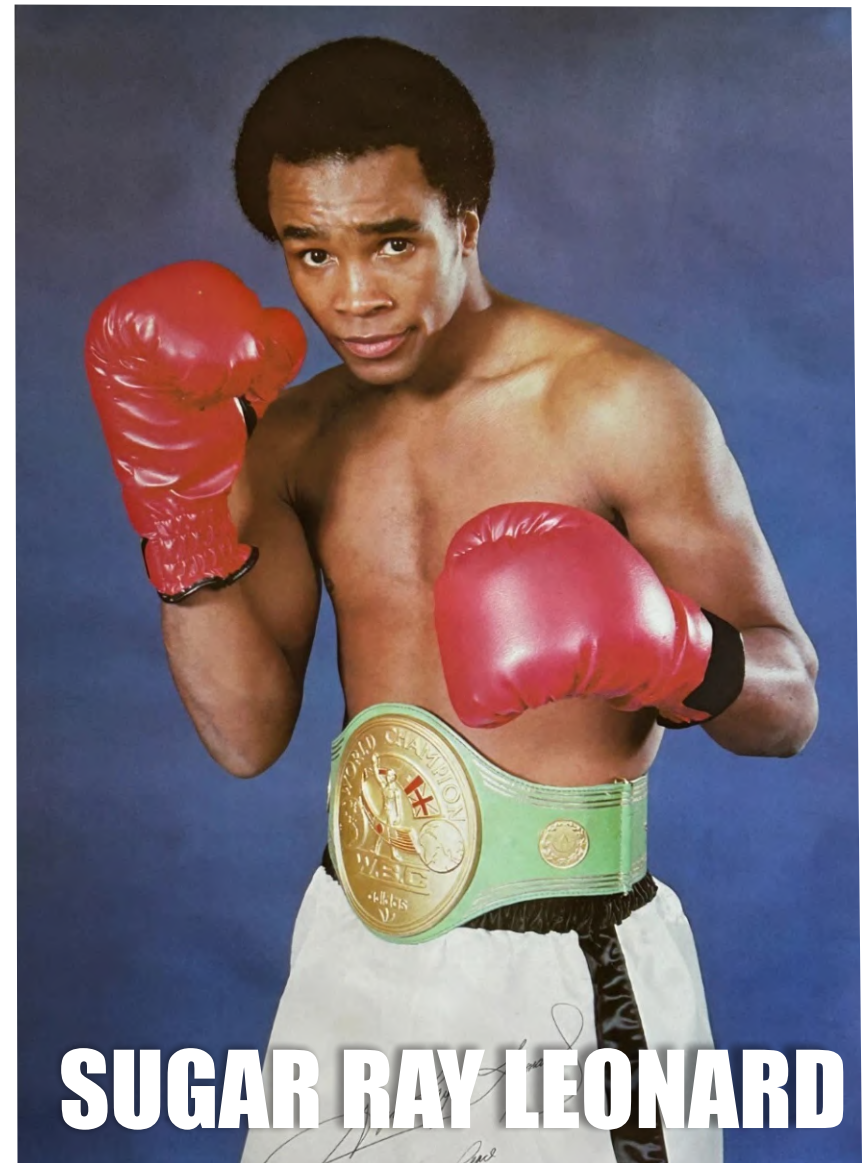
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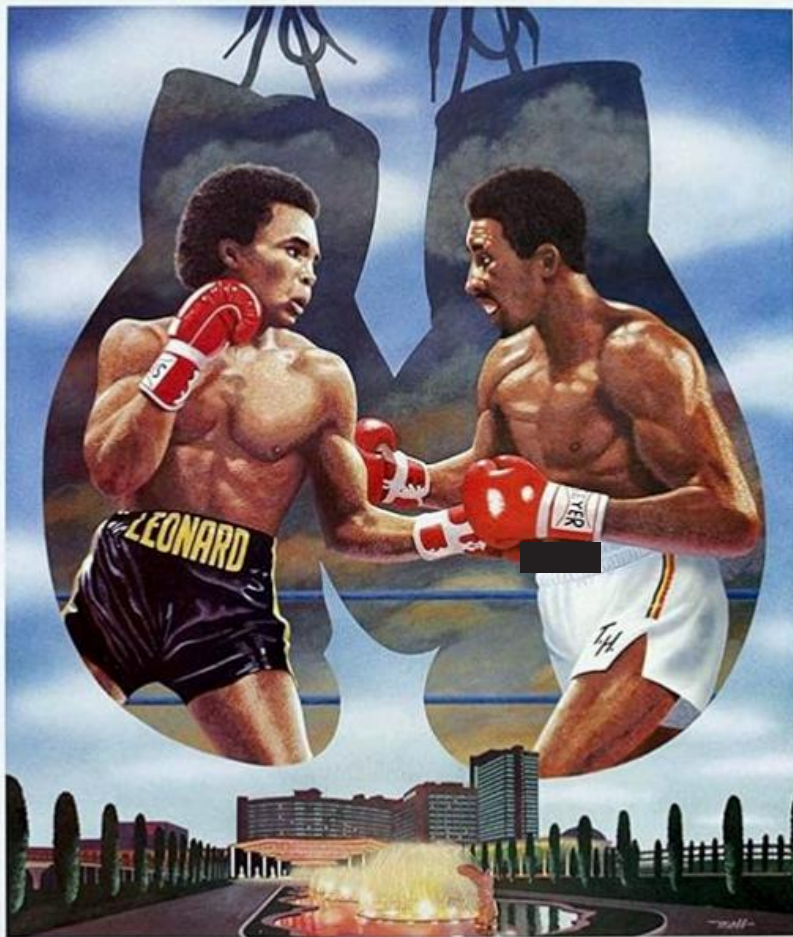
In 1981 Leonard would unify the Welterweight title in a classic battle with Thomas 'The Hitman' Hearns. Hearns was known as a murderous puncher, and was favored to knock Leonard out. Thomas' record going into the fight was 32 wins and no losses. How many of Hearns' 32 wins were by knockout?

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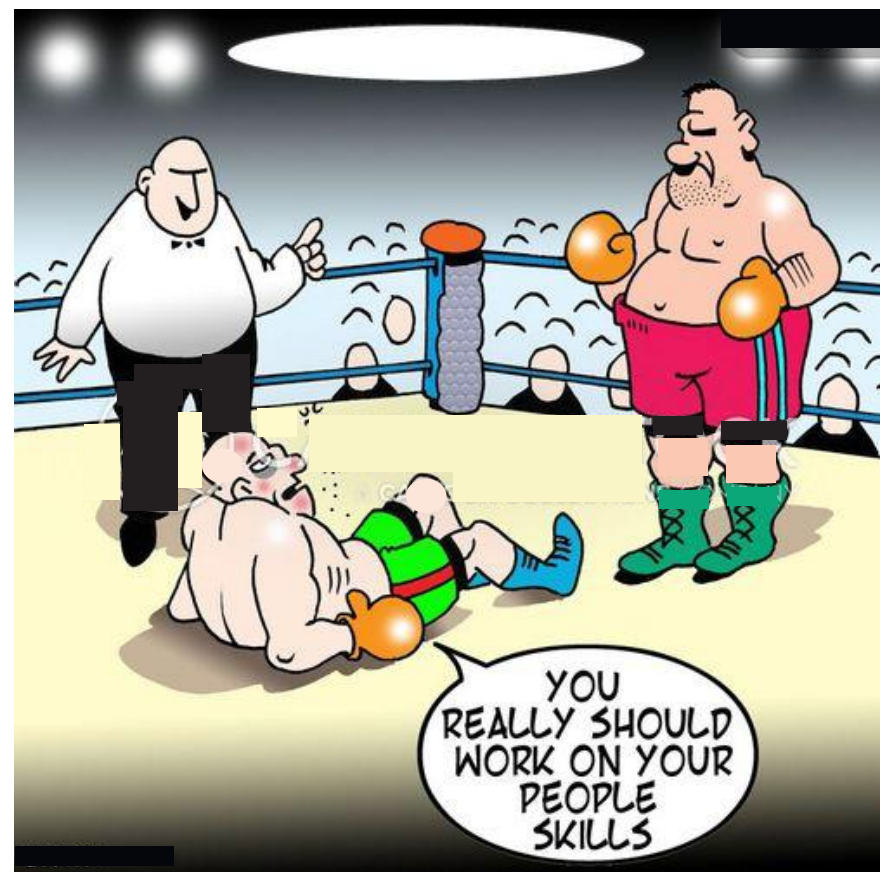


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Answer: D. 30

# THE *Ultimate* LIST of NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS

1. Drink MORE water.
2. Move more, sit less!
3. Explore & travel more.
4. Volunteer more.
5. Send more handwritten letters.
6. Call mom/siblings/grandparents more.
7. Pick a time to wake up & stick to it!
8. Live simply, only buy what is needed.
9. Prioritize breakfast.
10. Turn on music instead of the TV.
11. Remember your goals and the big picture.
12. Try something new!
13. Floss your teeth daily.
14. Quit one bad habit.
15. Go to bed on time.
16. Take time for self care.
17. Go skydiving!
18. Clean out your email inbox.
19. Take a full day off from social media once a month.
20. Slow down while eating and savor each bite.
21. Make your coffee at home & save money.
22. Clean out your closet.
23. Try Meatless Mondays.
24. Go to local, live music concerts.
25. Swap soda or other sugary drinks for tea.
26. Try a fitness class.
27. Learn a new language.
28. Do a little act of kindness daily.
29. Keep a notepad next to your bed for ideas that come to you at night.
30. Start your morning with a stretching routine.
31. Find a workout buddy.
32. Keep a jar of things you are grateful for during the year.
33. Check out your local farmers and flea markets.
34. Double the time you spend outside.
35. Always use sunscreen, even when it's cloudy!

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By Jina Ink

Bigger and Better things is what we all wish for every year . A NEW YEAR'S resolution is what we hear about once January rolls around.that's when I met the love of my life, the person chosen for me at least for the past over twenty years

You don't always have to give things up, you can add positive energy in our time of in our resolution moment., and can always be adding generosity, or giving to the needy one time, dropping off one blanket to someone you see cold. all those socks you want to throw away, *By The Way* I started collecting them so if you want to help just email me okay? Just send me an email to [Queenjinaink@gmail.com](mailto:Queenjinaink@gmail.com) and we can talk after I get your info information, I can appreciate everyone's help. I want to thank the public for always being by my side reading my stories and biographies on individuals in the music business.

Going back to my husband, Anthony Hernandez. I want to publicly announce that we are at Hospice Stage, and we're emotionally okay to share with the public, we just ask you respect our privacy. Anthony has been sick with congestive heart failure, stage five kidney failure, and now in hospice, to keep him comfortable. Well, Hospice found a private company who built Anthony a Wheelchair Ramp for his Wheelchair and Scooter. I decided to a ask a few of his musician friends to join the company and jump in and build a ramp and they said yes and they were done by noon starting at 9am. These guys are not just talented in building a ramp for their friend, they are top notch musicians who travel across love doing what do best, playing music.

- Ray A Figueroa Rivera, Lorain Ohio**
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- Al Gomez (Grammy Winner Trumpet) San Antonio Texas**
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*Today there is a national level crisis under the current Presidential Administration. The loss of affordable health care, Education, Constitutional Rights, Criminal Justice Reform, and the inhuman treatment of the individuals seeking the American dream, the immigration process. I'm ready to fight for you on the house floor, I am the tough representative you need to debate and demand solutions for our "American Dream!" Let's build a future together where justice belongs to everyone, not just the powerful Let's get our American Dream Back!*

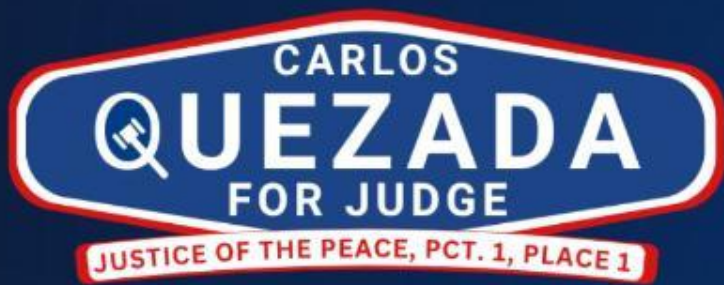


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# Menudo - A NEW YEARS EVE TRADITION!



## Street Talk

It's not a new year unless it started with a good bowl of menudo. Menudo tends to cause immediate reactions: great affection or disgust. The stew's main ingredient of beef tripe (cow stomach) tends to cause contention. Although menudo hails from Mexico, southwestern United States residents have adopted the dish, and it's widely served at Mexican restaurants across the region – though often to mixed reviews.

Those who love the dish often grew up eating the stew, which is also known as pancita or mole de panza. Diners will recall fond memories of a

Menudo is often served only on the weekends because it takes a long time to prepare – and perhaps because that's when it's most needed as a hangover cure. Menudo is often called "*the breakfast of champions*" for its curative powers, which may be another reason diners love this dish so much.

It's almost like a ritual. The norm is to eat a bowl of steaming menudo with fresh onions, fresh chopped cilantro, the dried oregano, and lime wedges to the side to add as you please to taste, and, of course, lots of just handmade corn tortillas from the comal."

Menudo rojo (with red chile) is common in northern Mexico, while menudo blanco (white menudo, without chile) is more popular in Sinaloa and central Mexico.

Hangovers can be difficult to combat "People believe that because it's made from the stomach lining, the menudo absorbs all the [alcohol] in your stomach. Who knows if that's true, but usually if you believe something works, it does,"

So is it Taboo, or just a myth. Whatever it is, you can't stop the millions of people that rush to their favorite Mexican Restaurant this weekend! So all we can say at this point: "*Menudo para los Crudos*" (menudo for hangovers). One last note, it goes down good with a Big Red soda!



Rosca Day 2026 is celebrated on January 6, 2026, coinciding with Three Kings' Day (Día de los Reyes), a Christian feast marking the arrival of the Magi to Jesus, with families sharing the oval-shaped Rosca de Reyes (King's Bread) adorned with candied fruits and a hidden baby figurine symbolizing baby Jesus, with the finder responsible for hosting a party on February 2nd (Candlemas).

A Rosca de Reyes, or Three Kings Cake, is an ornate sweet bread that's soft, buttery, and has a hint of orange flavor. It's often round or oval in shape and decorated with red and green candied cherries, strips of guava or quince paste, and a sweet streusel-like topping.

It's traditionally made to celebrate the Christian feast day of Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day, on January 6th, when the three wise men arrived in Bethlehem to visit the Baby Jesus and present him with gifts.

In Mexican tradition, 1 to 3 baby figurines representing Baby Jesus are hidden inside of the bread. Families gather together on the day of Epiphany and share this delicious bread, where everyone cuts a slice. If your slice of Rosca de Reyes has a Baby Jesus inside, you have to cook tamales for the whole family on February 2nd for Día de la Candelaria, or Candlemas.





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By Gilbert G. - Dallas, Texas

## THE RUNNER'S HIGH!

*Happy New Year !!!*

Sports fans engage in betting and gambling for various reasons, often a combination of financial motivations, psychological factors, and social influences. While financial gain is typically the primary driver, for many, including myself, it enhances the excitement of the game. It provides an opportunity to showcase perceived knowledge or abilities, striving for an advantage or achieving a goal. Essentially, it allows fans to capitalize on their perceived strengths and create positive outcomes. Personally, entertainment and excitement are my main reasons. It significantly increased my interest and thrill in watching NFL games this season. Additionally, some believe they possess unique knowledge or handicapping skills that enable them to predict outcomes.

After years of being a football fan and watching games live or on TV, this was my first time competing with friends. There are numerous user-friendly online sports betting apps and competitor platforms, such as FanDuel and DraftKings, that are vying for users. These platforms make it exceptionally easy and quick for individuals to start placing bets with just a few taps on their smartphones. For some, betting serves as a coping mechanism. It can distract them from worries, stress, or anxiety, providing a temporary escape or a way to alleviate boredom.

While most people engage in betting for fun and within limits, a significant portion of the population can develop problem gambling and addiction. This is driven by the brain's reward system and the pursuit of dopamine release, often referred to as the Runner's High. Dopamine is the feel-good neurotransmitter that is released during the excitement and anticipation of placing a bet, regardless of the outcome. For some, the rush from the risk and uncertainty is the primary motivator, not necessarily the money itself. Others are chasing losses. A powerful urge to win back lost money is a significant factor in continuing to bet after a loss. Gamblers may feel panic and become convinced they are "just one bet away" from turning their luck around, leading to further financial debt. For many casual gamblers, losses are seen as the cost of an evening's entertainment, similar to paying for a movie or concert (Benson, R., n.d.).

### Seeking Help

If you or someone you know is struggling with problem gambling, there are resources available:

The National Council on Problem Gambling offers a helpline and resources for help and treatment.

Gamblers Anonymous provides support group meetings Benson, R., n.d., How Problem Gamblers Feel After Losing, Algumus Recovery Services, <http://www.algumus.org>

### 2025-26 NFL Playoffs Schedule

#### Wild-Card Round

All times Eastern

#### Saturday, Jan. 10

Los Angeles Rams at Carolina Panthers, 4:30 p.m. ET, FOX  
Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears, 8 p.m. ET, Prime Video

#### Sunday, Jan. 11

Buffalo Bills at Jacksonville Jaguars, 1 p.m. ET, CBS  
San Francisco 49ers at Philadelphia Eagles, 4:30 p.m. ET, FOX  
Los Angeles Chargers at New England Patriots, 8 p.m. ET, NBC

#### Monday, Jan. 12

Houston Texans at Pittsburgh Steelers, 8 p.m. ET, ESPN/ABC  
Divisional Round

#### Saturday, Jan. 17

AFC/NFC Divisional Game: 4:30 p.m.  
AFC/NFC Divisional Game: 8:15 p.m.

#### Sunday, Jan. 18

AFC/NFC Divisional Game: 3 p.m.  
AFC/NFC Divisional Game: 6:30 p.m.  
NFL Conference Championship Round

#### Sunday, Jan. 25

AFC Championship Game: 3 p.m.  
NFC Championship Game: 6:30 p.m.

#### Super Bowl 60

TV: NBC

Date: Feb. 8, 2026

Location: Levi's Stadium (Santa Clara, California)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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#### 2025-26 College Football Playoff Scheduled Games Semifinals (Jan. 8-9)

#### Thursday, Jan. 8

No. 6 Ole Miss vs. No. 10 Miami (Florida) | Fiesta Bowl (Glendale, AZ) | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN, WatchESPN

#### Friday, Jan. 9

No. 1 Indiana vs. No. 5 Oregon | Peach Bowl (Atlanta) | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN, WatchESPN

College Football Playoff National Championship Game

#### Monday, Jan. 19

Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla. | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN, WatchESPN

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By Grace Hernandez

**Are you ready? Are You prepared for changes?**

I know of someone who will be going to New York to watch the New Year ball come down to bring in 2026. What she doesn't know is her Boyfriend is taking her to New York to propose ! That's costing a pretty penny. Then I know of people who are ending their marriage. I know of people who are battling serious illness's. I know of people who have welcomed new born babies. I know of people who are stressing with changes in their life. So, how do you prepare for changes. You have Faith in yourself Plan a schedule and leave me time to relax change your eating habits eat healthy to avoid illnesses. Add different things to do Join an organization. Volunteer , meet new people. Find time for hobbies. Find a home church Happy 2026! ,



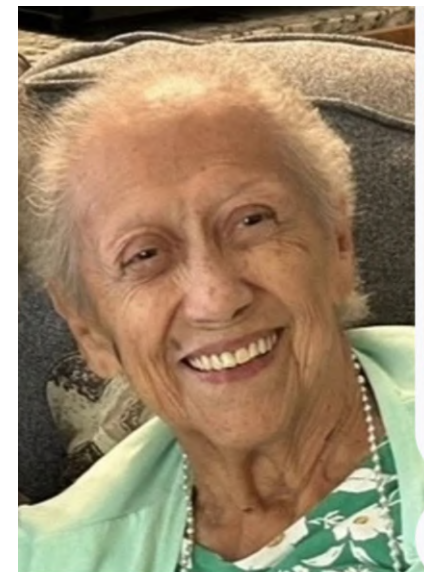
The home of Mr Maurice Edmonson and Family and friends. Everyone received pajamas upon arrival. The life of the party were his English Bull dogs Giggi and Ziggy. It was a Spectacular Christmas Party with lots of food



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# Sandra "Write On" Cerda

By Sandra Cerda

## He Loves Me, He Loves Me Knot How Do I Know?

In search of love, some people have gone to extreme ends to find love, even advertising in classified listings or joining dating apps. The overwhelming need for love in our lives can be daunting, misleading and cruel, even. If we're not careful, we can easily decide we are love-less, not worthy of love, not qualified to be loved, not sure how to love, never able to acquire a loving, fulfilling relationship. What to do about love?

I remember as a child playing a game with flower petals and picking each one off at a time while singing, "he loves me, he loves me not, he loves me, he loves me not," as if picking through all the "he's" I would run into in my lifetime were that easy to find the one that loved me.

What a torment to have to go through any amount of time comparing your unmet needs to the perceived met needs of others. What I mean to say is, how often have we observed and compared other seemingly happy, whole, loving couples to ours and what we were possibly missing out on? At the park, in the grocery store, at the mall, movies or on a road trip it seems like happy couples are everywhere!

It's good to observe love in others, but not at the cost of disqualifying ourselves or imagining that our own love-life is less than qualified. Love is love, and love is God. A binding force made to endure, that's what love is, in part. It is a complex mix of two people, literally intertwined and blended together until only one mass is formed. Imagine that!

By looping around itself continuously, a knot has no beginning nor ending. Twisting spirals have come to signify the infinite fluidity of love and its binding reinforcement. We think we know love.

We think we can detect its mushy-like feelings enough to determine if we love someone. After all, if there are no mushy feelings, it must not be love, right? Do we even give ourselves a chance to see whether lust is at play or not? I venture to say, hardly.

What determines love? Is there a measuring rod we can use to detect true love, a meter of some kind? How can we know if the person we are tingling all over about, is truly the one? People use words like my *soulmate*, my person... I guess I get it. In reality none of those words are biblical, and most weddings ask God to bless the marriage. It may be good to stay with words used in His Word (Bible) to describe our loved one.

I'm not sure why using *soulmate* or my person gets under my skin, per se, but I know it gives me the impression of more fantasy than reality and a sense of being less foundational. When the reality and weighty-ness of life's issues and marital strains and stresses load down the couple suddenly that *soulmate*, those my person mushy-love feelings, melt away. Our perception is ultimately warped now, more than at the start.

The word *soulmate* denotes *soulish*; relates to mind/will/emotion. The mind, the will and emotions are easily changeable, moldable and more prone to outer influential stimulation in order to keep its peaceful all-is-well state. The words husband and wife are more binding and keeping than other words used to describe our relationship. These words send a clear signal and make a clear statement and declaration: This is my irreplaceable God-assigned life partner.

We are one in spirit, soul and body, mind, heart, vision and hope. We are one in love. My husband. My wife. We are connected by God and therefore, my spouse or the love I have now, is my irreplaceable God-assigned life partner as it should be. How many people do we have to go through in our search for that one person? Perhaps, willing to be patient and selective is the key to a more long-lasting relationship. Instead of getting silly and overemotional, over-stimulated on the one person who gave you "goo-goo" eyes to the point you are willing to lower your standards and give in to the physical part (lust), waiting on God's true person is really where the love is. If a person is attracted to you for the right reasons and searching for the same things you are, the pressure to give in to the physical is kept in its place.

After losing my husband of nearly 40 years, I am more certain now than ever before that the way we approached our relationship initially made all the difference in the world. We were far from God in our lives, and we had gone through many failed relationships and were not willing to play games with each other. Our marriage lasted so long and produced so many great and incredible memories and not heartache or shame. The difference was we were ready to learn about each other's faults and quirks as well as give each other the grace-space needed to make mistakes and annoy each other. Love tolerates a lot!

Excerpt from the book series, Love Me Knots by Sandra Cerda on Amazon. Sandra is an author, publisher and screenplay writer. For more on her work, see Fig Films at [www.MaryMagdalene.Film](http://www.MaryMagdalene.Film) or visit her books on Amazon including her husband's story, "Through The Valley To The Son."

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# I AM WOMAN



By Ana Banda



## ***A Fresh Start in the Lone Star State!***

If buying a home is one of your New Year goals, this is the perfect time to plan with intention. Si buscas comprar casa o terreno este año, ahora es el tiempo ideal para prepararse. This year marks 25 years since I became a homeowner, and I've learned a lot along the journey. Whether you're buying your first home or your next one, these are some valuable tips I love to share with you to help make the process smoother, smarter, and more enjoyable.

Set Your "Why". Just like setting new years resolutions, home ownership begins with a why! Why are you needing or wanting to move? Are you a first-time home buyer or an empty nester? Will this be your forever home or are you planning to invest? Is your life needing a lifestyle change where you need more space or less space? Your "Why" is a great place to start because you will gain clarity. Being clear in your goals will

The first step is reaching out to your realtor. As your realtor, we will guide you to speak to a lender or a bank. Being pre-approved will help you be prepared to make an offer on a home that fits your budget and keeps you ahead of the game. Why is a pre-approval so important you ask? If you are not pre-approved, you may miss a great opportunity on a home that you love. The pre-approval places you in a stronger position by showing the sellers that you are a serious buyer. Without a pre-approval, you are basically just window shopping! A great lender will see your finances as a whole. This is a great time to review your credit score and work on boosting your score if this is needed. If you haven't already starting saving for a down payment, this is a great time to start. Buying a home can include a down payment, inspections, repairs, option fees, earnest money, moving costs, insurances and appraisal fees. If you are a veteran, you may opt for the VA loan option and skip a down payment. This is why it is important to speak to a lender immediately to understand which loan is best for you and get a customized plan started. A lender will guide you with the programs that you may qualify for. Together we can understand which monthly payment range is best for you. Remember, in the state of Texas, due to community property laws, both spouses need to sign all real estate documents (mortgages), even if only one spouse is on the loan.

Your vision of home ownership may not immediately align with your budget realistically, but this doesn't mean that you can't ultimately achieve the must haves versus the nice to haves. Are you looking into a resale home or a new construction home? Is commute time important? Who will be living with you? How many bedrooms do you need or prefer? Are schools important? Do you prefer a garage or are you happy with a carport? Are parks and amenities on your top must haves? Does a certain neighborhood interest you?

My advice is to drive in the neighborhoods that you would like. Driving in the areas that interest you can give you some perspective of traffic and commute times. I have even suggested buyers to shop for properties in the rain or right after a rain storm. This offers an opportunity to observe how the neighborhood or the home handles water flow. This is a great time to notice stagnant water or clogged gutters. If homeownership involves buying the land first, do your research and always read the restrictions and deeds. Some times a neighborhood may not have an HOA, but the deed may have certain restrictions or zoning specifics. I have witnessed some unfortunate purchases by buyers who later realized that the property could not be utilized as they envisioned. It is important that you plan your timeline of your move. If you are currently in a rental property, you should factor in the lease dates to avoid extra fees. School

schedules or work commitments are also important to consider when planning your move. When choosing a real estate agent, remember to consider one who will educate you and will negotiate for you. A good agent is happy to communicate the process with you.

Remember, if you have any questions about your home ownership journey, do not hesitate to message me today. Ana Banda, Traveling Realtor, Texas Real Estate 210.316.8432 FB: Ana Banda, Realtor





By Muñeca Michelle



## DIRECTOR: *Eric Gonzales*

*Welcome back to “Film Bytes” in the beautiful new year of 2026! New opportunities, new dreams, and new realities! Today we are speaking with the brilliant Director Eric Gonzales about his journey and experiences in the film industry.*

***What inspired you to become a filmmaker, and how did you get started in the industry?***

Since I was a kid, I have been inundated with cinema. Growing up, my mom would show my sister and me movie after movie. My aunt used to pick me up and take me to the theater every Friday. I was raised on film and TV. So, I wanted to become a director and master filmmakers like Spielberg, Nolan, Kubrick, Cameron, and Peter Jackson didn't go to film school, so that inspired me to skip it and “learn by doing,” so I went straight into the industry as a PA. I've learned other positions that have helped me understand filmmaking, communicate with the cast/crew, and have empathy for them.

***Can you describe your creative process when developing a new film project?***

I need a lot of alone time to develop a new project. When I'm mining ideas for the script, I usually let my subconscious figure things out. I get my most creative ideas when I have alone time without distractions. Usually, in the shower or in bed, my best ideas come to mind. That's how I know my subconscious has worked things out on its own. Work smarter, not harder.

***What's the title of your upcoming film, and can you give us a brief overview of the story?***

Last year, I made an action-comedy film called Frank & Beans with Fear the Walking Dead actor Raul Casso as the lead. You can follow my socials for more information about it, including where to see it online. Now I'm in preproduction on a comedy film called Louie Luis. The tagline is, “After losing the girl of his dreams, he finds the girl of his nightmares”. It's a story about a Mexican-American man struggling with his identity and the absurd world of dating.

***What inspired you to create this particular film, and what themes are you hoping to explore?***

I was inspired by my own experiences, the political climate in the U.S., and the discrimination and identity issues Mexicans Americans face. Hopefully, I explored racial identity and the duality the character struggles with in his society.

***What challenges have you faced during production, and how have you tackled them?***

What challenges haven't I faced? From actors coming in late, producers changing the schedule at the last minute, losing locations, corrupted footage, weather disruptions, and losing sunlight. A lot can go wrong. It's a miracle films get made at all. When we shot an action scene, there was a squib that was being used to spray blood from a bullet wound. We did the scene, and the blood came out full force, Tarantino style, and sprayed all over the ceiling. We lost an hour trying to clean it up. Another challenge I faced is when the drives from my film, Frank & Beans, didn't work, I had to drive to Dripping Springs to meet the DP at his house. He saved the film and all the work we had done by creating a second backup copy on his own drive. Luckily, I had a great team of collaborators to help me overcome any adversity we faced in production. The trick is to assemble a team of exceptional people to figure it out.

***What advice would you give to aspiring filmmakers who are just starting out?***

Don't get into the industry for money because there probably won't be any, at least not when you start. There are easier ways to make money and impress people. Also, you don't need all the latest equipment. It's best to start small and experiment. It's good to start in a low-pressure environment. Just have fun with your friends and collaborators.

***What awards or achievements have you received?***

For the script (upcoming film) Louie Luis by Eric Gonzales Script selected by the 2023 Lake Travis Film Fest (Semi-Finalist) and the Houston Comedy Fest (Finalist). “Live Performances of Top Screenplays” table read at Lake Travis Film Fest, cast by Ashley Guaragna. Punched up by Eric Friedman, a seasoned comedy writer (South Park, Crank Yankers, Cheap Seats, Lil Bush).

***For Frank & Beans:***

***Best Comedy Short-Audience Award (at Poppy Jasper International Film Fest 2025), Best Director 2025 (Sacred Underground Film Fest),***

***Best filmmaker/best film (Production Club SA short showcase), Runner-up for Best comedy short script (Houston Comedy Film Fest), Audience choice for best film (48-hr Film Fest), Viva Texas Film Fest Winner, Audience choice for best film made in Texas- 2025 Cine Las Americas Film fest.***

***Get in touch with Eric: [linktr.ee/egonzo](https://linktr.ee/egonzo) and IG (@egonzofilm)***

***Thank you Eric for sharing with us! I interview filmmakers and share their stories, their voice, their dreams, their experiences for you. I want everyone single one of you to be able to connect with each artist in hopes that it may inspire you to set out and reach your goals. I hope this new year will bring you all the prosperity and the accomplishments you so desire and very well deserve. There is nothing that you cannot do. I believe in you.***

***Sending love and light,***

***Muñeca Michelle for “Film Bytes”***

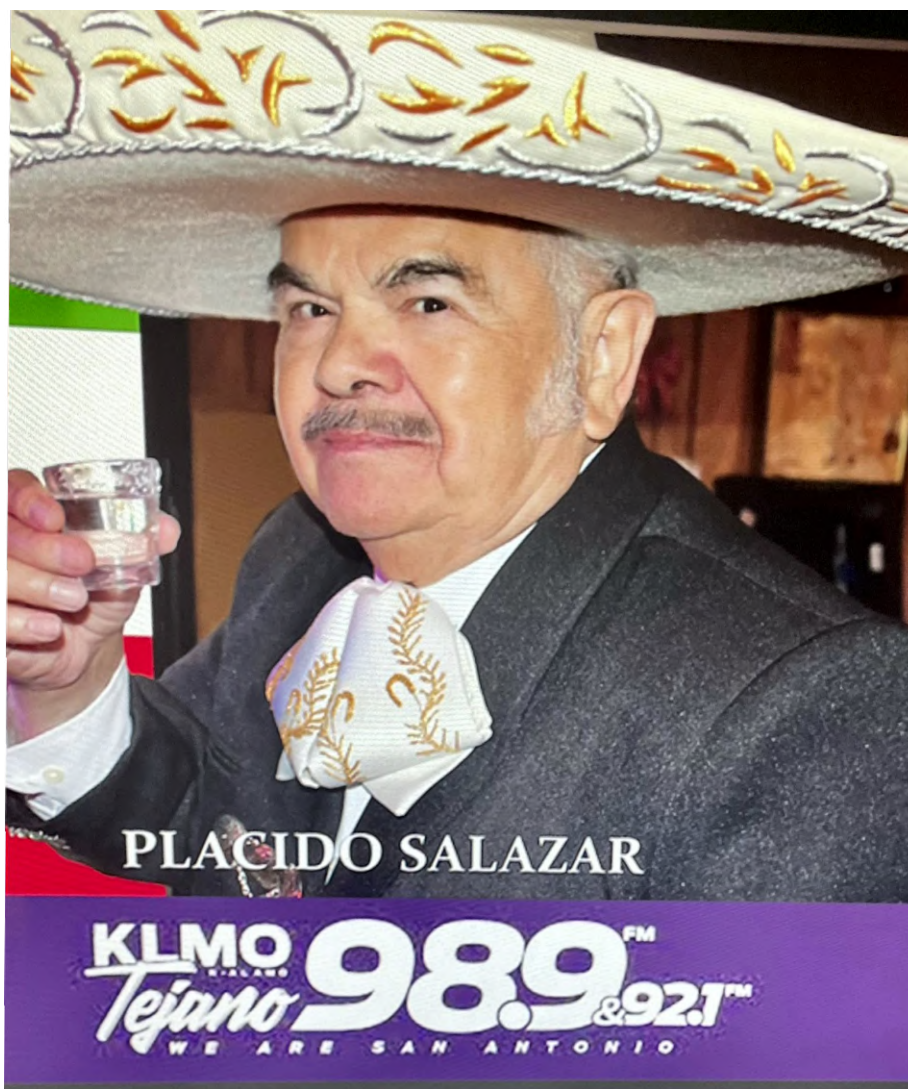




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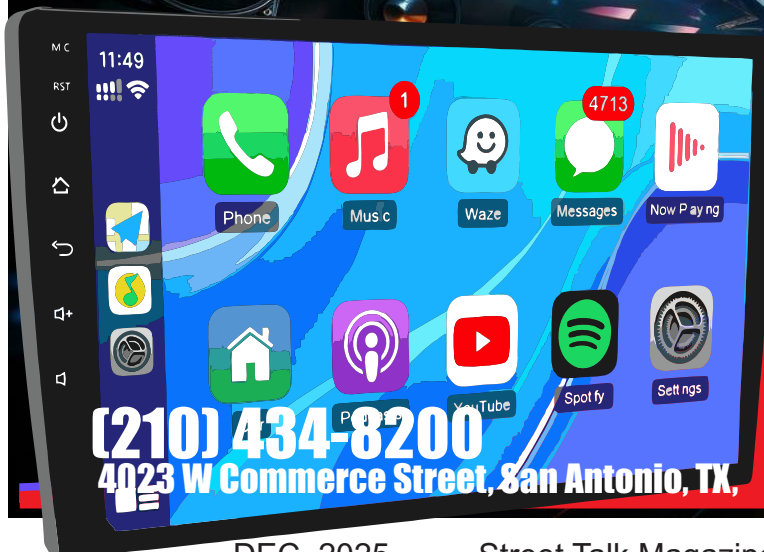
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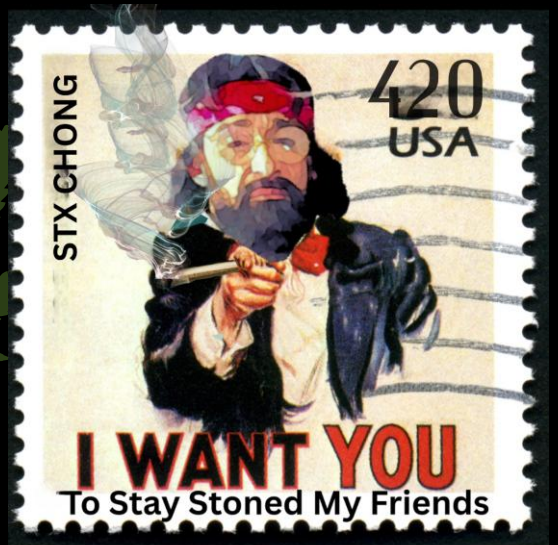


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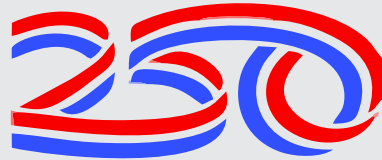
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The 2026 Winter Olympics (Italian: Olimpiadi invernali del 2026), officially the XXV Winter Olympic Games and commonly known as Milano Cortina 2026, is an upcoming international multi-sport event scheduled to take place from 6 to 22 February 2026 at sites across Lombardy and Northeast Italy

## AMERICA



The United States is celebrating its 250th anniversary (America 250 or Semiquincentennial) in 2026, marking the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, with nationwide events, exhibitions, and community programs throughout 2026 to reflect on history and future ideals, led by the official America250 Commission. Festivities officially kicked off in 2025 and will culminate in 2026, involving federal, state, local, and private sectors in events focused on American values, history, and future goals.



Elections are scheduled to be held in the United States, in large part, on November 3, 2026. In this U.S. midterm election, scheduled to occur during Republican president Donald Trump's second term, all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate will be contested to determine the 120th United States Congress. Thirty-nine state and territorial U.S. gubernatorial elections, as well as numerous state and local elections, will also be contested



## AI PREDICTIONS IN 2026

*Predictions 2026: AI Moves From Hype To Hard Hat Work* AI in 2026 will shift from experimental hype to practical, domain-specific, and autonomous agent-driven applications. Key trends include AI handling 8+ hour work tasks, widespread adoption of "AI studios" for enterprise, and advanced "ambient AI" via smart glasses. Key areas include increased reliance on, and scrutiny of, AI's economic impact, with expert focus on evaluating tangible ROI and workforce displacement.



The countdown to the FIFA World Cup 2026 has begun, and excitement is already building. FIFA has announced that ticket sales will officially start next week, with entry-level tickets priced at \$60. This is the start of a wave of global interest in the first World Cup hosted by three countries: the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Beyond football, the 2026 World Cup is being framed as the largest sporting event in history, set to break records in scale, audience, and financial impact. However, as the tournament grows, questions about sustainability and climate accountability are surfacing more strongly than ever.



Four astronauts will venture around the Moon on Artemis II, the first crewed mission on NASA's path to establishing a long-term presence at the Moon for science and exploration through Artemis. The 10-day flight will help confirm systems and hardware needed for early human lunar



You know it's a New Year, if you celebrated with your family, had all the party favorites, and spirits, and of course the food! And the star of the party was the "TAMALES"! Why is it that every year we have to have tamales for a Christmas and New Years Eve Party? So, how did this tradition originate, and what is a tamale?

Tamales have been eaten for centuries — the *Mayans*, *Aztecs*, *Incas*, *Toltecs*, and *Olmecs* ate them — and corn had a special place in *Mesoamerica*. These bundles of corn were offered as sacrifices to the gods as many believed corn was used by the gods to make humans.

The time-honored tradition of making — and eating — Christmas tamales begins before Christmas. It extends through the 12th day of Christmas. The fun begins on December 12, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Mexican holiday that commemorates when the Virgin Mary appeared before a peasant, Juan Diego, in the 16th century. The feasting ends on January 6, which is Epiphany, the last day of Christmas and the day the three kings visited Jesus after his birth.

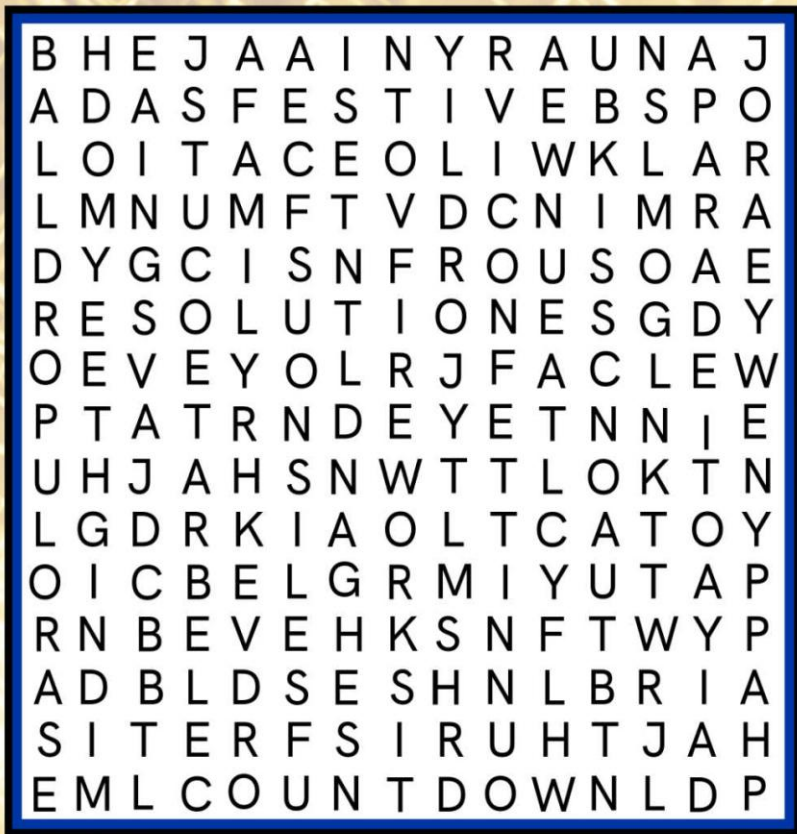
During this nearly month-long period, *tamaladas* (tamale making parties) are held, and families and friends come together to make Christmas tamales with a variety of fillings like chicken and frijoles and cheese, and even newer creations like Tamale making isn't just reserved for Christmas. *Talamadas* are also held before important celebrations like wedding anniversaries and baptisms, and don't forget they somehow end up at the New Years Party.

Whatever it is, we'll see you next year for Christmas, and probably New Year's!



*Bad Bunny will headline the Super Bowl LX halftime show on February 8, 2026, at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California, making history as the first male Latin artist to do so. The performance, sponsored by Apple Music and produced by Roc Nation, will air on NBC and Telemundo, with pre-show performers like Charlie Puth and Brandi Carlile also slated to perform, as reported by People.com and Billboard.*

# NEW YEAR WORD SEARCH

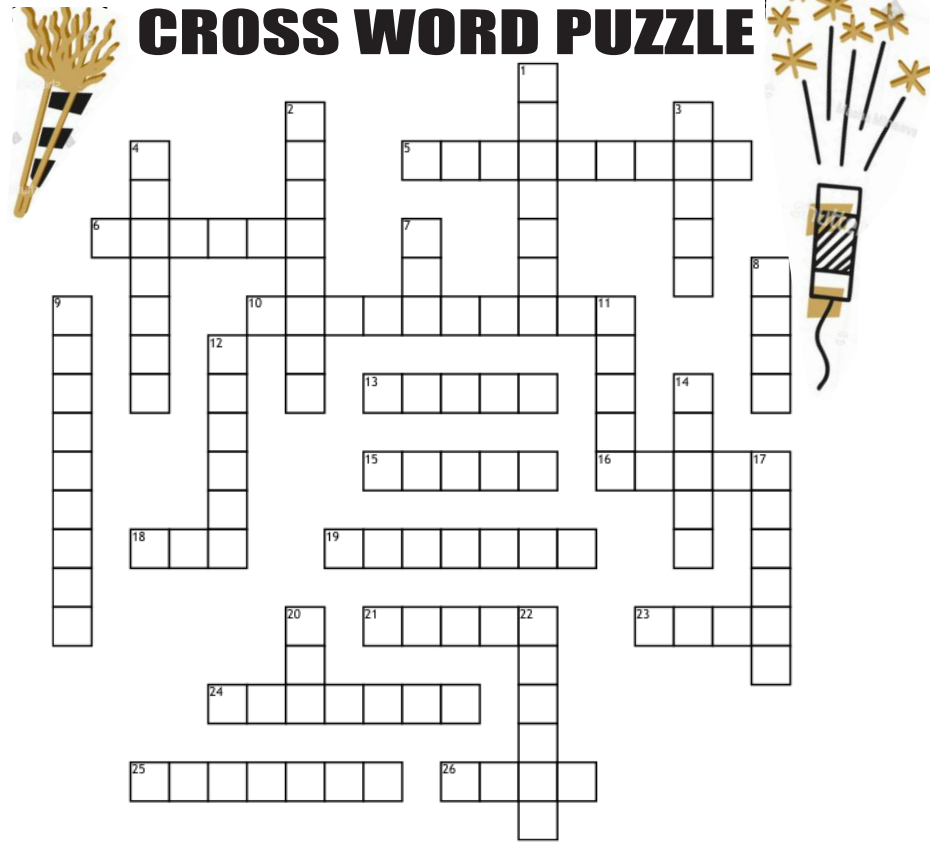


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# NEW YEAR CROSS WORD PUZZLE



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- 10. Who was Mommy kissing?
- 13. Ball husband
- 15. How would Julius Caesar write 2019
- 16. What goes out like a lamb
- 18. How many horses draw the sleigh in Jingle Bells
- 19. What is a favorite Hannukah toy?
- 21. What street are we on?

- 23. What God is Thursday named after?

- 24. Who cut off his own ear?
- 25. In which hospital was John born?
- 26. Eye droplet

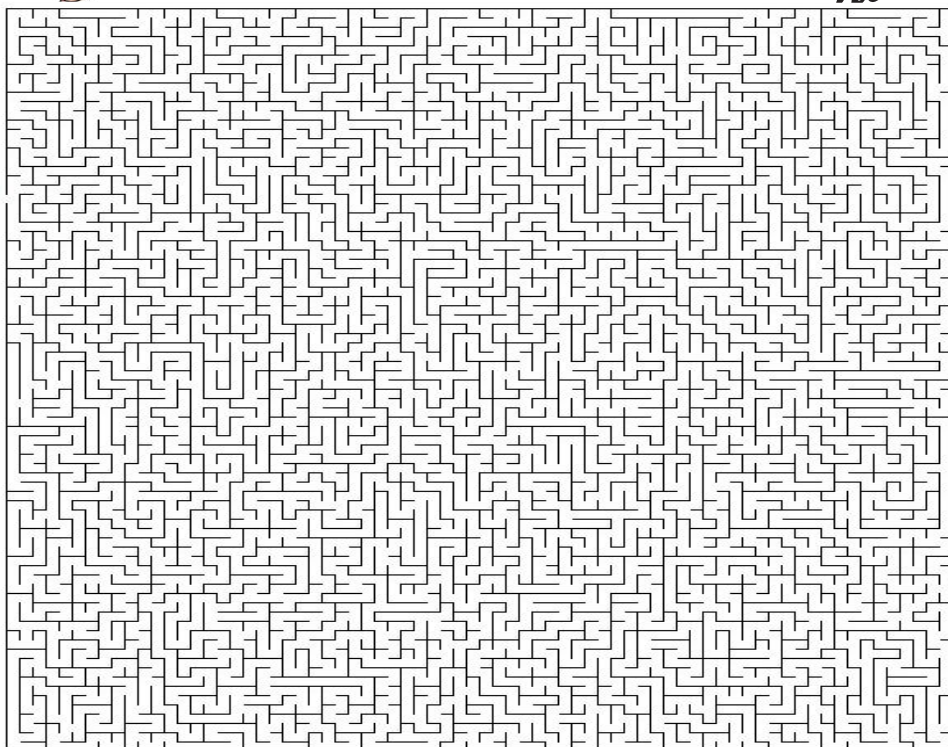
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- 1. Where was Helga born?
- 2. Which state is Cheryl's home?
- 3. 23rd President to his pals
- 4. Who liked to splatter
- 7. Large snake
- 8. Name a woodwind instrument

- 9. What is the longest day of the week?

- 11. Go away!!
- 12. How many days of Christmas are there?
- 14. Medical term for nostrils
- 17. Duff or Clinton
- 20. What is Marilyn's Parakeet's name?
- 22. Who gets a cup of wine and never shows up

## HARD TO SOLVE MAZE *Nerds!*



# Archie *Happy New Year!*





By Porfirio Reñeria

Wow it's 2026!! I hope you find yourself well in the start of this new year. I'm so grateful for this start and looking forward to build on the this new chapter of our my life. Let me tell you something I'm excited for this year because we need to come together as a community for so many reasons.

Together, we can achieve more than by yourself. I have been back to comedy and let me tell you the scoop. In San Antonio we have comedy like never before, I have seen the evolution of comedy in Texas. I have 27yrs in San Antonio as a comedian. We have four different clubs you can choose from to make you laugh. Comedy in San Antonio is here. We need the support of San Antonio . There are plenty of talented comics and I'm adding a Spanish show at the Woodlawn Theater. January 23rd at 10:30pm. This opportunity to tap into the Mexican community. We had our first show in December and it was amazing. I had family and friends from Mexico that came to the show and it was so much fun. If you didn't come you missed out. Guys, come to the next show in January. Bring a friend and if you didn't come then come by to this show. We are building a channel for Spanish. I like to incorporate the crowd when I perform in both languages. It takes time but I'm promoting all the shows and upcoming shows.

Furthermore, let me tell the benefits of comedy in your life. I can tell you a few reasons that comedy can do in your personal/professional life. I have seen this in relationships, jobs, comedy. If you deal with people, humor has the ability to connect with strangers. Folks, let me explain, laughing is the medicine to your soul. Your attitude, mood, stress, relationships, I teach this skill. I'm a living testimony of what comedy has done in my life. I founded Learn from Comedy to help anyone to understand comedic techniques that will help you connect with anyone. If you're a professional or just want to understand how to make people laugh. I will give a step by step guide of how comedians work their craft. You too can learn I will show you the process.

If you want a free consultation dm me. 210.449.0278 Get a free consultation. Guys remember that the 23rd of January I will be at Woodlawn Theatre. I want to thank you guys and folks at KEDA and Street Talk Magazine.

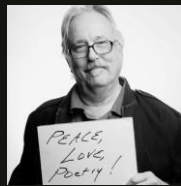


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By Don Mathis

# Interview with Mark Twain

**Richard Thomas (aka, John-Boy in The Waltons) will bring Mark Twain Tonight to the Majestic Theatre on January 17 (visit [MajesticEmpire.com](http://MajesticEmpire.com) for tickets). During a visit to Missouri, 20 years ago, I struck up a conversation with the ghost of Mark Twain. Every quote is from the mind of America's greatest humorist; some may be just a little out of context.**

## **Are fathers always portrayed as dupes in the movies and media?**

"When I was a boy of 14 my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man learned in seven years."

## **Many divorced dads are distressed that they are removed from their children by court order.**

"One cannot have everything the way he would like it. A man has no business to be depressed by a disappointment anyway; he ought to make up his mind to get even."

Some people trivialize the feelings of men who are removed from contact with their kids. These same people give no regard to the child's loss of a parent.

"Nothing that grieves us can be called little: by the eternal laws of proportion a child's loss of a doll and a king's loss of a crown are events of the same size."

## **Some experts say to be strong; when your child is 18, they will see the transgression by the parent who alienated their affection to the other parent.**

"This curious and pathetic fact of life: that when parents are old and their children grown up, the grown-up children are not the persons they formerly were; that their former selves have wandered away, never to return again, save in dream-glimpses of their young forms that tarry a moment and gladden the eye, then vanish and break the heart."

## **Tell us about love and marriage.**

"Love is a madness; if thwarted, it develops fast. Marriage – yes, it is the supreme felicity of life. I concede it. And it is also the supreme tragedy of life. The deeper the love the surer the tragedy."

## **Many believe divorce courts are biased against men.**

"No civilization can be perfect until exact equality between man and woman is included."

## **Do you think our country's lawmakers are up to the task?**

"Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself."

## **Can we expect good results from our government?**

"Those people... can always be depended on to take any reasonably good law and interpret the common sense all out of it."

## **Why is that?**

"It's so hard to find men of a so high type of morals that they'll stay bought."

## **Why can't people agree on a few basic truths?**

"It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse races."

## **But there is such adversity to be suffered with such injustice.**

"By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity... Another man's I mean."

## **Do you think our jury system is fair?**

"Its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read."

## **Is the system just?**

"The rain ... falls upon the just and the unjust alike; a thing which would not happen if I were superintending the rain's affairs. No, I would rain softly and sweetly on the just, but if I caught a sample of the unjust outdoors I would drown him."

## **Sometimes a woman will boast she is the best parent.**

"Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she had laid an asteroid."

## **Why does a judge often listen to such cackling?**

"The thug is aware that loudness convinces sixty persons where reasoning convinces but one."

## **Doesn't morality enter into divorce courts, if not the marriage?**

"What marriage is to morality, a properly conducted licensed liquor traffic is to sobriety."

## **What about the morality of the rest of society?**

"The low level which commercial morality has reached in America is deplorable. We have humble God-fearing Christian men among us who will stoop to do things for a million dollars that they ought not to be willing to do for less than two million."

## **Will truth always win out?**

"Truth is mighty and will prevail. There is nothing the matter with this, except that it ain't so."

## **Does the government care about a child's opportunity to see both parents?**

"That's the difference between governments and individuals.

Governments don't care, individuals do."

## **In the end, what can we do?**

"Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry."

**Thank you, Mark Twain!**

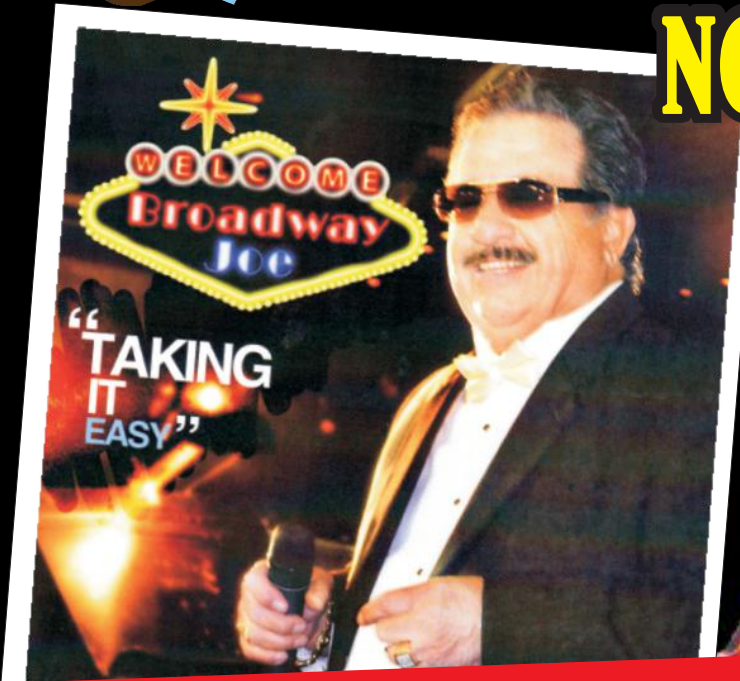
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# TEXAS LATINO MUSICIANS THAT PASSED IN 2025!



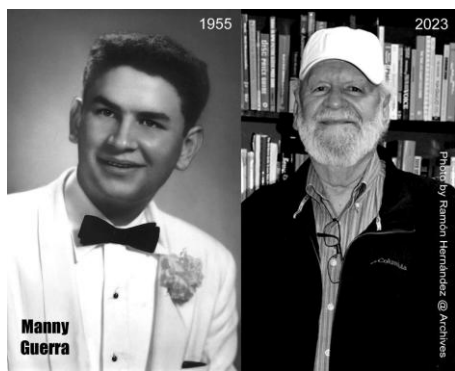
La Mafia  
Xelencia  
X  
**Jesse Peralez**



**Raúl Malo**



**Johnny Rodríguez**



**Manny Guerra**

By Ramón Hernández

Each one in this article has a legacy, but due to lack of space. I was directed to just inform you of the date these Texas Latino artists went to be with our Lord and Savior because the list of international Latino celebrities that died in 2025 was over a hundred.

On January 31, our hearts cried when Jesse Peralez of La Mafia, Xelencia and X passed. Carlos Sandoval, a beloved beautiful soul who was considered a friend by many, passed on February 7. On February 13, he was followed by Johnny Rodríguez. Today, I am comforted by seeing his sister Eloisa, her daughter Cindi and her husband, who live nearby.

He was followed by Paco Rodríguez three days later. He started out with his namesake band in the early 1970s. Then he formed Alma Tejana as soon as his kids learned to sing and play an instrument. Keeping up with times, they changed their name to the AT Boyz. Three days later, another Austinite passed, it was Alex Hernández, who played saxophone with the Royal Jesters, Latin Breed and other bands.

The day after Alex passed, I learned that Ricky G of the Dreamglows had gone to Tejano Heaven. Ricky was a regular at each year's Tejano R.O.O.T.S Hall of Fame induction ceremony. However, I never made the time to sit down with him for an in-depth interview. On May 22, Rocky "OBG" Hernández became the fifth Tejano musician to die in May within a 13-day period. Four years ago, as a token of appreciation, he gave me one of his drumheads autographed by the Alamo City's best-known drummers.

All was tranquil until July 31 when Flaco Jiménez's spirit was reunited with his father Santiago Jiménez Sr. His passing was celebrated with countless newspaper and magazine articles, Airplay and tributes at different venues. Now it is up to his brother Santiago Jr. and his son Gill Jiménez to carry the torch forward.

On September 19, the untimely deaths resumed with the passing of singer-accordionist Chano Cadena and his brother Ernesto Cadena on November 22.

On December 8, I had spent two hours listening to Raúl Malo recordings as I reminisced of the days when he would show up at Little Joe's Austin's gigs in 1992 - three years after he formed The Mavericks.

In 1985, Manuel "Manny" Guerra had given me office space at his South Flores Street studio, and it was there that I met most of the A-list of Chicano/Tejano artists who recorded there. That's when I found out that regardless of how good the band was, when it came to mixing the recording Manny would bring in studio musicians to add the magical hits he was creating. That's why he is often referred to as the architect and/or creator of the Westside Sound.

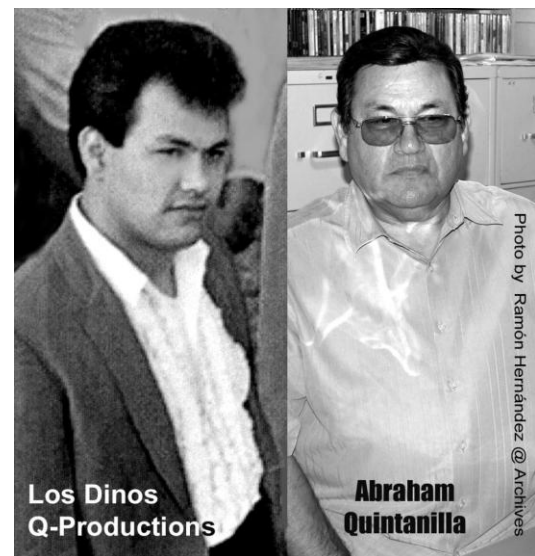
Thanks to him, I became the photographer for virtually every one of his artists. This included Laura Canales, Selena, Sunny, David Marex, Joe Posada. Mazz, La Mafia, Rudy Guerra and his son Joshua. During his final days when his loving wife, Rosalinda, cared for him, I was able to speak to him and even got to see him one last time. Manny died peacefully in his sleep on December 12.

That same afternoon, I spoke to Joseph Valdez, former singer/songwriter for Bad News Band, former host of the "Domingo Show" and now at Q Productions and spinning the hits on radio. Since Abraham Quintanilla was not in, I called him on his cell, and he thanked me for the honorarium the Texas Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Houston had bestowed upon him. Little did I know that a few hours later, he would sigh his last breath, and it would be the last time I would hear his voice.

All the above souls are now in God's Heavenly Choir and their legacies will live on via their recordings and/or films.



**Ricky G**  
The Dreamglows

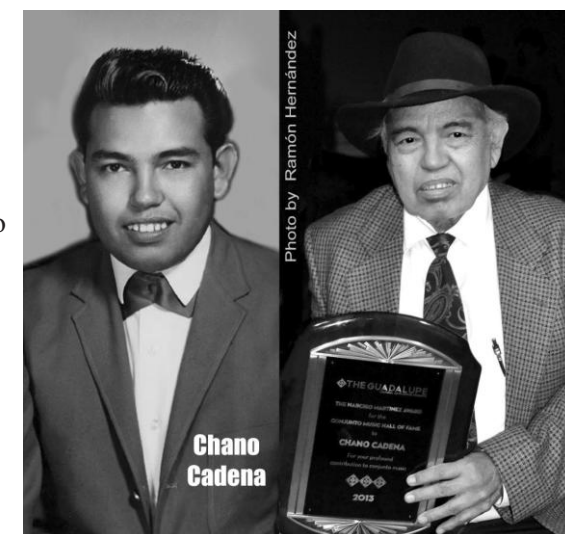


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**Chano Cadena**

# 80'S TRIVIA!

*Movies!* Can you Solve this?

In the 1988 hit movie "DIE HARD", John McClane (Bruce Willis) fights terrorist in what city?



- A. CHICAGO
- B. NEW YORK

- C. LOS ANGELES
- D. HOUSTON



## Capricorn

*Sumero-Babylonian name: The Goat fish*



CONSTELLATION



SYMBOL



ENGLISH TRANSLATION:  
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December 22 - January 20



**DENZEL WASHINGTON**

Capricorns aren't as flashy as Leos or flirtatious as Libras, but these ambitious sea-goats (yeah, that's their symbol) GET. STUFF. DONE. PERIOD. Ambitious and strong-willed, Capricorns pursue their goals until they achieve them...and more. They're sometimes called the bosses or CEOs of the zodiac because they thrive when they're in charge. In fact, ask your boss their b-day, and you may find out they're a Capricorn.

Born from approximately December 21 to January 21 (it can vary a bit depending on the year, so check your birth chart if you're at the beginning or end of that range), these winter bbs are earth signs, meaning they're logical, practical, and sensible. They're not afraid to get down and dirty, even in bed. Caps are a cardinal sign, aka they're leaders and go-getters—no surprise there. Ruled by Saturn, they're all about structure and discipline.

But don't believe Caps are boring just because they're go-getters. Even the most rigid person knows how to let go. And considering how tense Caps can be, they're all for letting loose just as long as they're with their trusted friends. They don't open up to just anyone; Caps tend to present as cool, calm, and collected in public, but in private, they've got a hilariously dark sense of humor.

Knowing how ambitious and determined Capricorns are, it's no surprise to find out that there are plenty of celebs with this Sun sign. From former FLOTUS Michelle Obama to actors like Timothée Chalamet and Denzel Washington and singers like John Legend and Dolly Parton, Caps always find their way to the top of their field. It's where they belong, okay???



## TRIVIA

ARE YOU  
ROCK SMART?



**WHAT IS CARLOS SANTA'S REAL NAME?**

- A.** CARLOS GEORGE JET SANTANA
- B.** CARLOS GARCIA HUBERT SANTANA
- C.** CARLOS JUAN SANTA JET
- D.** CARLOS HUMBERTO SANTANA BARRAGAN



SANTANA



# COMEDY CORNER

## The Femme Fatale of Funny!

By Rose Daniel



our bumps didn't last long. We started our Wednesday weekly check-ins about 20 years ago. One would call the other to see who had the best new joke!

Our frequent car rides across the city and state were always a ball, even when the shows were not. Once we performed at the end of a catwalk at a Lubbock hotel that frequently hosted fashion shows. In Sonora, we performed across a railroad track and had to stop every 15 minutes for the train. So many fun moments! Time went by too quickly. Louie will always be remembered as an integral part of my comedy experience.

### *Here are some brief thoughts from Cleto Rodriguez;*

Louie was short, Chubby and smoked a lot, Oh and he was hilarious! I think this is what Louie would want me to say that he was very intelligent, good looking and extremely sexy! These things are all true and I really must add, Louie was very kind. Rest in Peace Louie.

### *Here is just a bit of my experience with Louie Montalvo;*

I met Louie in 2014 at a comedy workshop that he came to observe. We became fast friends! I was eager to hear about the comedy scene he was a part of in the 1980's. What an amazing career he had! He performed at the hottest comedy spot in the US and really made a name for himself. He dropped the names of the top comedians and I was impressed! Funny thing is Louie was so humble about where he performed and who he performed with. I especially loved his quick wit and dry sense of humor. He was a mentor for me, and I would not be successful without his guidance and support. We definitely did not share the same political beliefs, but we shared the same faith in God that cemented our friendship. I was blessed to be the last friend to be able to see him as he was on his way out. As I walked in the hospital room, he said, "Rose, I'm going home, it's been a great ride!" I know He is at the biggest stage of all alongside the comedy greats who are surely telling him they watched him perform from the box seats in heaven and were just a bit jealous of his talent and of course his faith.

If you want to come and honor him, check out the invitation to his memorial

Hola Street Talk Familia!

Happy New Year! I certainly hope this year is better than last year! I have had more pain than pleasure in 2025. Last year I had some weight loss goals, Well, dagnabit! I lost over 200 pounds! Yes, I got rid of someone I affectionately call "Sonso" I'm single, not ready to mingle, unless you've got JINGLE!

I hope everyone has set some goals for 2026. Eat less, maybe 6 tamales instead of 12. Fling Crocks at your kiddos instead of Chanclas, hey they are light weight, they have holes to make them reach your target faster, and they are oh so stylish!

Last year our comedy community lost a real gem. Louie Montalvo was a fabulous performer and a real mentor to me. I would like to take the time to honor him with the help of a couple of other comedians who not only performed with him but built friendships that were rock solid and stood the test of time.

### *Here are a few words from Dave May:*

I met Louie at an open mic comedy night in 1990 when I first moved to San Antonio. We talked and laughed, and a bond was formed. Louie excelled at setting up performance stages and talking to owners into having shows. What a business mind this dude had! We taught comedy workshops together for many years. This endeavor led to many discussions and disagreements. He was quick to address problems, so our bumps didn't last long. We started our Wednesday weekly check-ins

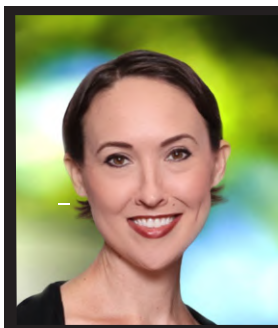
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# Something to Talk About!

*with Heather Joy*

By Heather J. Pitamber

## **WHEN YOUR PRESENCE IS THE PRESENT!**

Happy New Year! We have just finished a season of the year that is dedicated, among other things, to giving presents to those we care about. Whether it is for your child's teachers at school, your extended family, your children, or even the gift exchange at work, most of us have offered a present or two (or dozens!) in recent weeks. For those whose "love language" is gift-giving, and certainly for many young children, this can be a truly wonderful time of year! For those on a restrictive budget, however, or those who scratch their heads, unsure of what to select, it can be a true challenge to come up with the perfect gifts. My thoughtful spouse and children ask me each year what I want for the holidays. As somewhat of a minimalist, I inspire dramatic eye rolls in the kids when they hear me repeat, yet again, what sort of present I want most. Year after year, I tell them, "I want a clean house and a happy family!" In truth, as you can imagine, it's actually a far trickier present to pull off than it sounds! I happily wear the same clothes year after year and am perfectly content to drive my twenty year old car every day. I honestly feel grateful and blessed to have what I need in life, and much to retailers' dismay, I do not get caught up with wanting more of anything at all. I have tried to raise my children with the same attitude toward materialism: what we want most in life can not be bought or sold, it must be cultivated from the heart, in a life of purpose and meaning.

Since I am not one who is attracted to tangible possessions, I was never exactly thrilled for the amount of "stuff" my children would amass on holidays or their birthdays. Of course, I was not a spoil-sport. I bought and wrapped clothes, books, and toys for them as tokens of my love, and I felt a sincere appreciation for the family and friends who did the same for them! It is a marvelous experience to feel known and cherished with presents intentionally selected with you, the recipient, in mind. That said, I knew that much of what they would receive would show up in next year's donation bin. Unwrapped and used once, most of those gifts lost most of their initial sparkle. With that knowledge, I was often the parent to include on my kids' birthday party invitations: "No gifts, please, your presence is the best present!" And I truly meant it! But in our consumerist culture, every holiday is marked with mass consumption of "stuff" that seems endlessly wasteful. For example, where are last year's St. Patrick's Day tchotchkes and Easter basket goodies? Likely in a landfill. So while I have tried not to be an Ebenezer Scrooge on every celebration, I certainly assured our well-meaning gift-givers that the very best present they could offer was indeed their presence, time together, and their friendship.

This got me thinking: isn't this true every day of the year? That physical objects can be nice to receive, but what the human heart craves most of all is to be seen, loved, and accepted? Yes, new clothes can help us feel fashionable, trendy trinkets can help us "fit in," and some precious objects can become heirlooms we pass down through generations. But far more than these "things" ever can, the tender support of a faithful friend, a loved one's listening ear, or someone who bears witness to your life's story without judgment can bring us what no Amazon box ever can. Authentic connections with others offer our lives meaning and the best kind of satisfaction. We know this deep in our bones when we are celebrating a highlight or success in life, and we look around to see the smiles and laughs of those rejoicing along with us. Even more poignantly, we experience the depth of this truth when we suffer and grieve life's losses, but have the true treasure of an arm around our shoulders or a hand on ours for support. During our "highs" and even more so during our "lows," can anyone dispute that the profound presence of others truly is the finest present we could ever receive?

The annual holiday season can be a beautiful one, but it can also bring deep pain to many who do not experience the kind of connection they want most at this time of celebration. While some gather with large families to laugh and bond over abundant meals, countless others are facing the sting of rejection, loneliness, betrayal, loss, and estrangement from those who mean the most to them. Many families are also living in poverty, with barely enough resources to survive. In light of the wide range of diverse experiences that people can have at this sensitive time, the holidays can be a meaningful time to volunteer. Thankfully, many charities and non-profit organizations offer easy and enjoyable ways we can serve our local and global communities. For some, this may come in the form of a financial contribution, behind-the-scenes volunteering, or face-to-face service of families and individuals in need. This helps people recall the true meaning of the holidays, and I can promise that you will not have to look far to find a deserving organization near you that could benefit mightily from your time, your funds, or your effort.

Serving strangers through incredible charities, however, is not the only way to make a profound difference. You may need only look down the hall in your home to find worthy recipients of your greatest present of all. Your children, your partner, your parents, your siblings, your roommates, or anyone who belongs to your "inner circle" would likely agree. If you enjoy a certain level of closeness with someone, they are likely hoping for a genuine connection with you above anything you could put under a tree for them. If your presence is your present, what sort of gift will you be offering them in this new year? Thanks to our busy schedules and highly addictive personal handheld devices, much of the attention that we offer others is often distracted at best. Anymore, what a treat and true gift it is to have someone's undivided, attuned awareness for any amount of time! As we begin a new year, let us consider how we will give the present of our presence to those around us. For starters, let's make sure that our presence is actually worth giving at all. With some intentionality, we can strive to replace negativity, criticism and judgment with optimism, encouragement, and generosity of spirit. Instead of offering those around us impatience and frustration, we can mindfully extend to them our highest selves, marked by wisdom and altruism. Let us wrap our gift in understanding, compassion, and loads of empathy. Of everything we could provide, these intangibles are some of the most valuable offerings we can ever possibly make.

With some very rare exceptions, the chances are that our loved ones will forget the "stuff" we gave them by this time next year. What people never forget, however, is how you made them feel. Let's make this next year a regular practice of bringing our very best selves to our lives and those around us. In offering a presence that is patient and generous, no one will ever need to stand in line to return that kind of present!

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# New Year - New Choices - New Performances



-By Don Mathis

Stephen Sondheim went **Into the Woods** 40 years ago and returned with a musical mashing the plots of a few fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm. **The Zion Lutheran Church** (9944 Leslie Road) presents this playful musical on weekends from **January 2-18**. Red Riding Hood meets Jack on the Beanstalk and Cinderella meets Rapunzel as the baker and his wife battle giants, witches, and big bad wolves in their quest to begin a family. Find tickets **Into the Woods** at [ztg.booktix.com](http://ztg.booktix.com)

Sixty years ago, I was in junior high school, listening to a recording of an old man portraying Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens). Students of the sixties learned philosophy, language, politics, and history from **Mark Twain Tonight!** The old man on the record cover, Hal Holbrook, died in 2021. Now, Richard Thomas (aka, John-Boy from *The Waltons*) will bring life to the nation's first comic genius with **Mark Twain Tonight, January 17** at the **Majestic Theatre**. Make plans to meet Mark Twain at [MajesticEmpire.com](http://MajesticEmpire.com)

Puerto Rican musician **María Zardoya** will perform "Not for Radio" at the **H-E-B Performance Hall January 18 & 19**. Fans will recall her work with the Mariás, an indie pop group fusing jazz percussion and guitar riffs with horns. On Zardoya's **Winter in the Garden** tour, look for her to play songs from her new solo album, *Melt*, a mix of the hypnotic and surreal with a touch of psychedelia. Learn more and make reservations at [TobinCenter.org](http://TobinCenter.org)

Chris Thile is a renaissance man of the music industry. He composes music for his lyrics and backs it up with vocals and a variety of instruments. Known for his progressive acoustic trio Nickel Creek and the progressive bluegrass quintet Punch Brothers, Thile also hosts "Live from Here," a variety show on National Public Radio. On **January 23**, the **H-E-B Performance Hall** will bring a **Solo Evening of Music with Chris Thile**. Find tickets and more information at [TobinCenter.org](http://TobinCenter.org)

**The Realistic Joneses** is an award-winning Will Eno play about two suburban couples with the same last name. The friction between Bob & Jennifer Joneses and John & Pony Joneses mixes mortality and loneliness with existential humor. But don't expect any tidy resolutions; think of it as a Monday series of Saturday Night Live sketches. Visit [TobinCenter.org](http://TobinCenter.org) to reserve a space for the **January 26** reading at the **Carlos Alvarez Studio Theater**.

**Acts of Murder**, opening **January 30** at the **Overtime Theater**, offers two murder mysteries for the price of one. Both plays are set in 1940s California and feature a mystery writer and her secretary. Playwright Whitney Ryan Garrity said the protagonists in his two-act drama study the cast of colorful characters to solve the murders. "The play is a comedy-thriller – or what millennials would call a cozy mystery," he said. Find showtimes at [OvertimeTheater.org](http://OvertimeTheater.org)

**The Choir of Man** is a rock-pop-folk and show-tunes musical set in a traditional British bar. International songs from today's superstars flow like the pints of beer from the on-stage pub. A barroom of engaging gents opens up about their lives with stories about love, loss, and the search for home. The dialogue is a dance of camaraderie and community, a celebration of music, mates, and good times. Join **The Choir of Man** at the **H-E-B Performance Hall January 31**. Make reservations at [TobinCenter.org](http://TobinCenter.org)

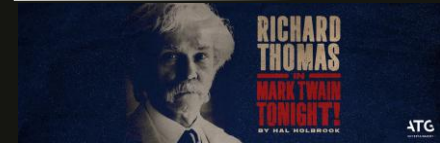
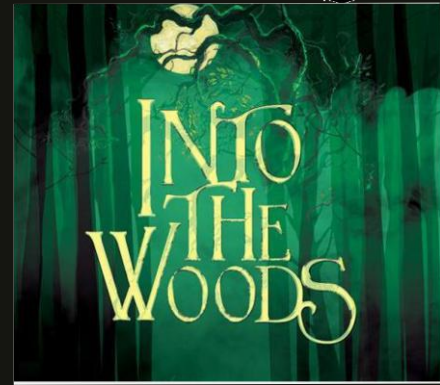
**Shannon Sionna** is a Neo Soul/Funk singer-songwriter from San Antonio. Raised on songs by Whitney Houston, Alicia Keys and Luther Vandross, Sionna admits to "being stuck in the 20th century." But in her 20-year career, she has picked up talents in musical theatre, performance, and production and always with a passion. Find tickets at [TheCarver.org](http://TheCarver.org) to her **January 31** cabaret performance at the **Little Carver**.

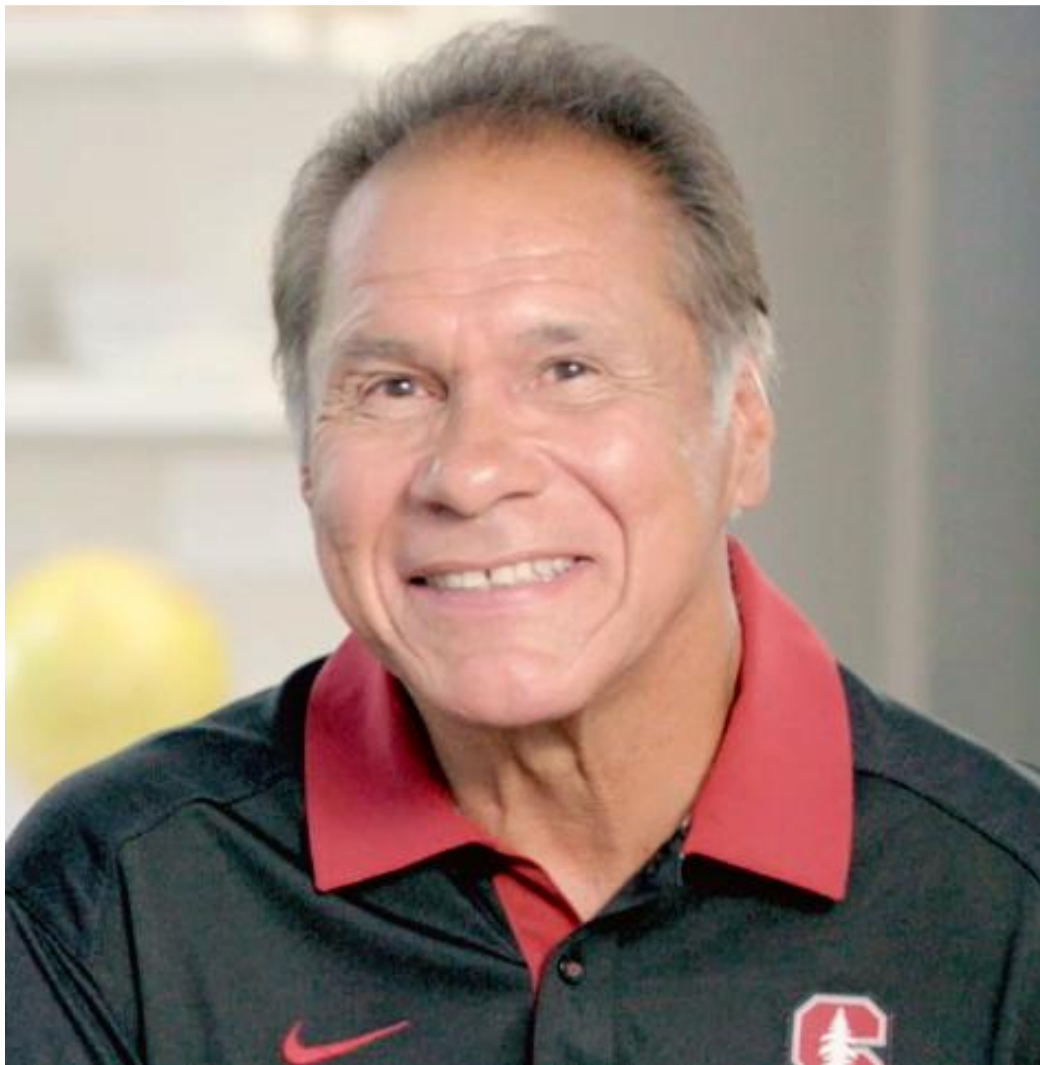
"Wouldn't it Be Lovely" if you could catch **My Fair Lady** "On the Street Where You Live?" "With a Little Bit of Luck" and if "The Rain in Spain" doesn't start falling, you can get tickets at [WonderTheatre.org](http://WonderTheatre.org) for this classic Broadway musical. "Show Me" the way to the **Wonder Theatre**, start the "Embassy Waltz," and "I Could Have Danced All Night." I know "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," but "Just You Wait" until **February 6 to March 1** and "Get Me to the Church on Time."

The San Pedro Playhouse continues its 2026 theme of HERstory, a season spotlighting powerful, women-centered stories that captivate, inspire, and entertain. **Dreamgirls**, a musical inspired by the rise of Black superstars (such as the Supremes), follows the aspirations, affection, and acclaim of three friends over the course of their career. Make reservations at [SanPedroPlayhouse.org](http://SanPedroPlayhouse.org) for **Dreamgirls, February 6 to March 8**, as the **San Pedro Playhouse** becomes the **Apollo Theater**.

Kenny G, the jazz saxophonist, composer, and producer, is one of the best-selling artists of all time. This Grammy Award winner began his career as a teenaged sideman for Barry White's Love Unlimited Orchestra, and started making hit albums on his own in the 1980s. Kenny G has worked with everybody from Frank Sinatra to Aretha Franklin. His circular breathing technique is just one reason he is a master on the saxophone. Get tickets at [TobinCenter.org](http://TobinCenter.org) for **Kenny G** on **February 12** at the **H-E-B Performance Hall**.

Although Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel may be "Old Friends," you're not likely to see them perform together again. But that will change **February 13** at the **Majestic Theatre** when a tribute will cross the "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and perform a montage of music from the folk-rock duo. The pair "Got a Groovy Thing Goin'" when they revitalize the top hits of Simon and Garfunkel. Don't stay "Homeward Bound" listening to the "Sounds of Silence." Get tickets for **The Simon & Garfunkel Story**, the greatest tribute since "Scarborough Fair." Details at [MajesticEmpire.com](http://MajesticEmpire.com)





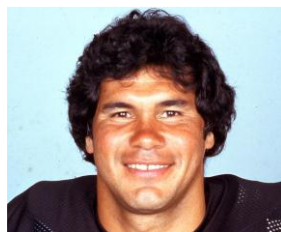
## JIM PLUNKETT... A FORGOTTEN NFL SUPERSTAR!

When you mention NFL Football quarterback greats... who do you think of? Troy Aikman, Tom Brady, Joe Montana, John Elway? Why is it that when commentators talk about football greats, Jim Plunkett is never mentioned? Even though he is a Heisman winner, and a Two time *Superbowl* winning Quarterback!

It is said that after he retired and walked away from football, Jim Plunkett was never heard of again. But why? Lets dig in and see who Jim Plunkett was? James William Plunkett (born December 5, 1947) is an American former professional football quarterback who played in the National Football League (NFL) for 16 seasons. He achieved his greatest success during his final eight seasons with the Raiders franchise, whom he led to two Super Bowl wins.

As a *Mexican American* descent, he played college football for the Stanford Indians, where he won the Heisman Trophy in 1970. He was selected first overall by the New England Patriots in the 1971 NFL draft. His tenure with the Patriots was productive, but after an injury-shortened 1975 season he was traded to the San Francisco 49ers, where he played in 1976 and 1977. Released from the 49ers after suffering further injuries, Plunkett signed with the Oakland Raiders in 1978.

Initially serving as a backup for the Raiders, Plunkett became the starting quarterback during the 1980 season and led them to win Super Bowl XV, where he was named MVP. In 1983, Plunkett again ascended from backup to starter to quarterback the relocated Los Angeles Raiders to victory in Super Bowl XVIII. He and Eli Manning are the only eligible quarterbacks with two Super Bowl wins as a starter not to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1990.



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## GRUPO SOLIDO: FROM THE VALLEY TO THE GRAMMYS - A TEXAS NORTENO LOVE STORY!



In the heart of the Rio Grande Valley, where Texas pride meets deep Mexican musical roots, Grupo Sólido was born—and with it, a sound that would redefine modern Tejano and Norteño music. Formed around the turn of the millennium in Rio Grande City, Texas, the band emerged at a time when regional Mexican music was evolving, and audiences were hungry for something familiar yet fresh. Grupo Sólido delivered exactly that.

Led by the unmistakable voice of Ben De León, Grupo Sólido carved out a signature style rooted in romance, emotion, and authenticity. Their music blends the traditional backbone of Norteño—accordion and bajo quinto—with modern production, drums, and a smooth Texan polish. The result is a sound often described as Texas Norteño: heartfelt, melodic, and instantly recognizable.

### *The Song That Changed Everything*

Every legendary band has a breakthrough moment. For Grupo Sólido, that moment arrived with “Hasta la Cima del Cielo.” The song didn’t just climb charts—it embedded itself into the lives of listeners. Weddings, quinceañeras, road trips, and late-night dedications on Spanish-language radio all echoed with its romantic lyrics and emotional delivery.

Almost overnight, Grupo Sólido went from a promising regional act to a household name across Texas and beyond. The song established their reputation as masters of romantic storytelling—music that spoke directly to the heart.

### *Crafting a Timeless Sound*

What sets Grupo Sólido apart is their ability to honor tradition while embracing progress. Their lineup—Rolando “Rolo” Benavidez (second vocals, percussion), Fernando Treviño (bass), Raymundo Jhonson (bajo quinto), Romeo Ramírez (accordion), and Armando “Chikis” Garza (drums)—creates a tight, emotionally rich sound that feels both classic and contemporary. Rather than chasing trends, Grupo Sólido focused on songwriting, musicianship, and connection. Love, heartbreak, loyalty, and longing—universal themes—remain at the center of their catalog, giving their music staying power in an ever-changing industry.

### *Awards, Accolades, and Respect*

Success didn’t stop at record sales and packed dance floors. Grupo Sólido’s artistry earned them American and Latin Grammy Awards, along with numerous nominations and chart-topping albums in the Tejano and Regional Mexican categories. These accolades confirmed what fans already knew: Grupo Sólido wasn’t just popular—they were influential.

In a genre known for fierce competition and rapid shifts in style, their consistency and quality set them apart.

### *A Bond with the Fans*

Perhaps the most remarkable part of Grupo Sólido’s story is their enduring relationship with their audience. Decades into their career, they continue to draw loyal crowds, sell out venues, and release new music that resonates with both longtime fans and younger listeners discovering them for the first time.

That connection—built on humility, accessibility, and genuine emotion—has kept Grupo Sólido relevant long after many of their contemporaries faded.

### *Legacy of the Valley*

From Rio Grande City to international stages, Grupo Sólido represents more than a band—they represent a cultural bridge between Texas and Mexico, tradition and innovation, past and present. Their music is proof that romance never goes out of style, and that authenticity still matters.

As regional Mexican music continues to evolve, Grupo Sólido’s legacy stands firm—solid, timeless, and forever climbing hasta la cima del cielo.



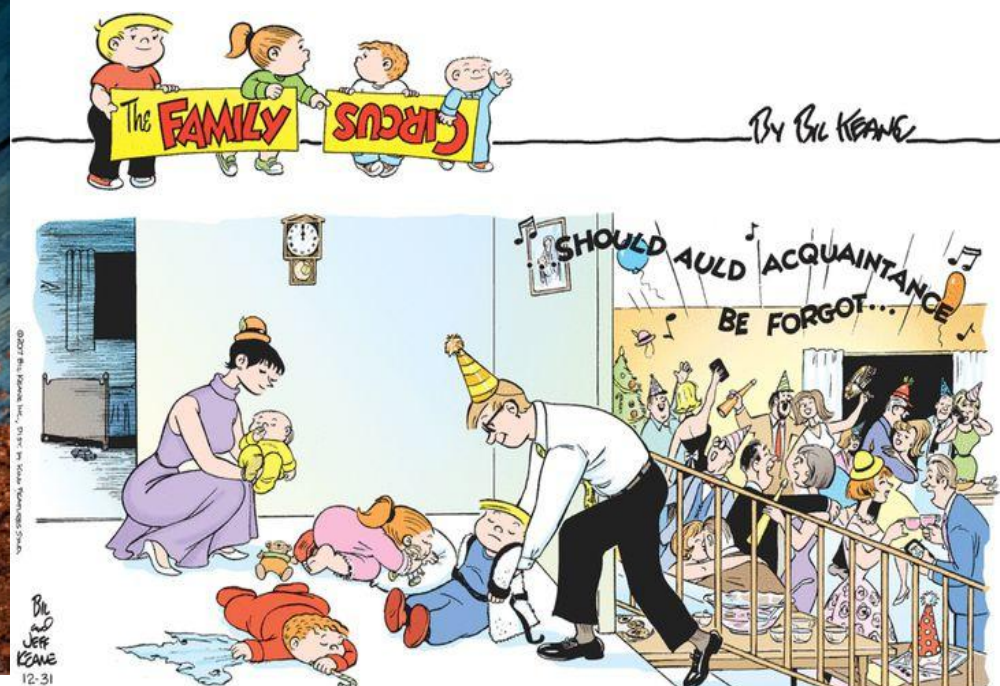


# Oprah's Deviled Eggs!

Hard boil eggs.  
 Cut each in half lengthwise.  
 Remove yolks and place in bowl with all other ingredients; mix well.  
 Spoon into egg whites and sprinkle with parsley & paprika.  
 Cover and refrigerate at least one hour or more.  
 Serve chilled.

## INGREDIENTS:

- 12 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 1 tablespoon minced sweet pickle
- 1 dash Worcestershire sauce
- salt & fresh ground pepper
- 1 dash lemon juice
- 1 dash horseradish sauce
- 1 -2 dash Tabasco sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons paprika (garnish)



# TRIVIA TV

*Sitcoms*

## Can you Solve this?

# Laverne & Shirley



On the 1976 hit sitcom “LAVERNE & SHIRELY” What kind of job were the roommates working at in Milwaukee Wisconsin? Brewery?

- A. OFFICE WORKERS
- B. BOTTLE STACKERS
- C. BREWERY BOTTLE CAPPERS
- D. BOTTLE CLEANERS



## MARTHA STEWART'S COCONUT CLOUD CAKE!

1. Preheat the oven to 350°. Sift the cake flour and a portion of the super-fine sugar.

2. Mix the egg whites and warm water in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. Mix on medium until the mixture is foamy. Add in the cream of tartar, salt, and vanilla extract. Turn the speed up to medium-high to beat until soft peaks form. Finish the meringue mixture by mixing in the remaining sugar 1 tablespoon at a time.

3. Transfer the meringue mixture to a very large bowl. Sift the flour and sugar mixture over the meringue and fold it in. It's important to fold it in gently but quickly, doing about six additions.

4. Transfer the batter to an ungreased tube pan. Smooth the top with an offset spatula and bake the cake for 35 minutes until it's golden brown. Once baked, invert the cake pan and let it cool for one hour.

5. To make the frosting, place a heatproof mixing bowl over top of a saucepan with simmering water to create a double boiler. Whisk together egg whites, sugar, water, and cream of tartar. Continue whisking the mixture over heat until it is foamy and the sugar has dissolved.

6. Transfer the mixture to a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. Beat on high for seven minutes until the frosting is glossy, and mix in the vanilla.

7. To assemble the cake, use a serrated knife to cut 1 1/2 inches off the top. Cut a well into the bottom layer, fill it with icing and flaked coconut, and place the cake layer back on top. Frost the entire cake and sprinkle with flaked coconut.



Photo Courtesy

Laughing  
with  
"Nick the  
Mailman"



# JOKERS

## COLLEGE EXAM!

A college professor was giving a big science test. Upon collecting the tests she noticed a note attached to one of them with a \$100 bill underneath it.

The note read, "One dollar per point please." The professor returned the test the following with \$40 and a note attached.

The note read, "Here's your \$40 change."



## CHEAP DRINK

A man goes into a bar and seats himself on a stool. The bartender looks at him and says, "What'll it be buddy?" The man says, "Set me up with five whiskey shots, and make 'em doubles." The bartender does this and watches the man slug one down, then the next, then the next, and so on until all five are gone almost as quickly as they were served. Staring in disbelief, the bartender asks why he's doin' all this drinking.

"You'd drink 'em this fast too if you had what I have." The bartender hastily asks, "What do you have pal?" The man quickly replies, "I have a dollar."



## HICCUPS!

A woman went to the doctor's office with chronic hiccups. She was seen by a young new doctor. After about 3 minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out of the room and ran down the hallway screaming.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was. After listening to her story, he calmed her down and sat her in another room. He then marched down the hallway to the first doctor's room.

"What the hell is wrong with you?" he demanded. "This woman is 68 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?!!"

The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

## GRANDMAS'S HOUSE!

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny, wait until we say our prayer," his mother reminded him.

"I don't have to," the little boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted, "we say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained, "but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to



Answer: D. Carlos Humberto Santana Barragán



## TAX CHEAT!

After hearing a sermon about lies and deceit, a man wrote the IRS: "I have been unable to sleep, knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. I have reviewed my taxable income and have enclosed a check for \$900. If I still can't sleep, I will send the rest."

## MARRIED MILLIONAIRE!

A 60-year-old millionaire is getting married and throws a big wedding reception. His friends are quite jealous and in a quiet moment, one of them asks him how he managed to land such a hot 23-year-old beauty.

"Simple," grins the millionaire, "I faked my age."

His friends are really amazed and ask him how much he said.



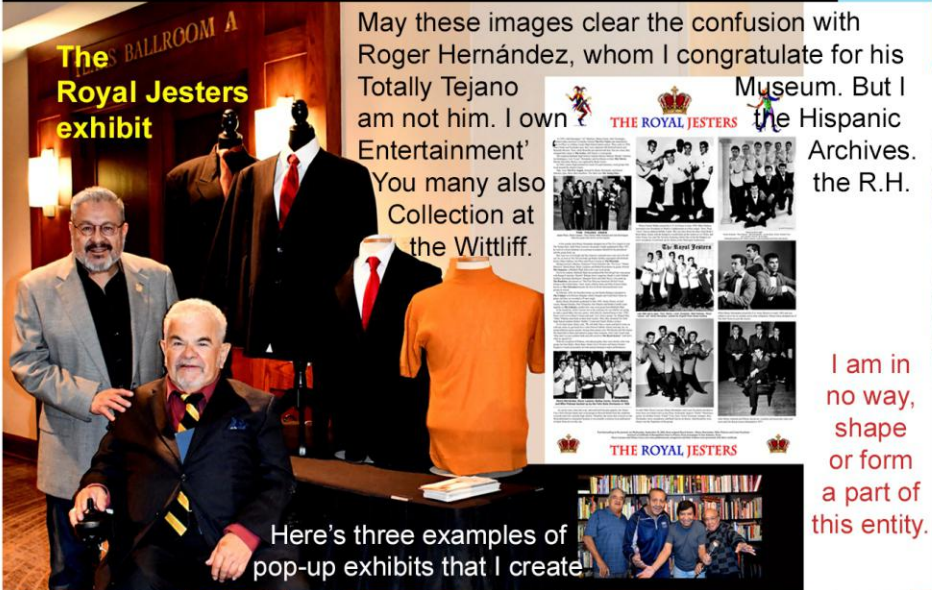
## CONSTRUCTION WORKER CARMA!

A construction worker was whistling and verbally harassing a young girl as she walked by the construction site. She completely ignored him, and just kept on walking. Annoyed the worker yelled "Well you're an ugly broad anyway!"

The girl turned around and replied "It must be terrible when even an ugly broad won't give you the time of day?"

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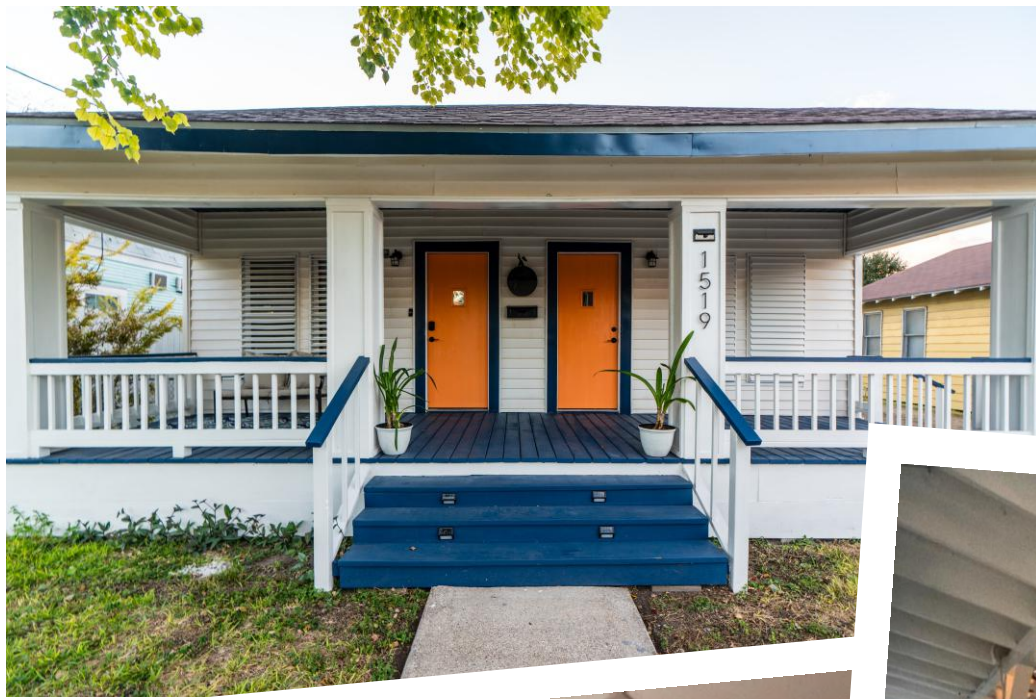
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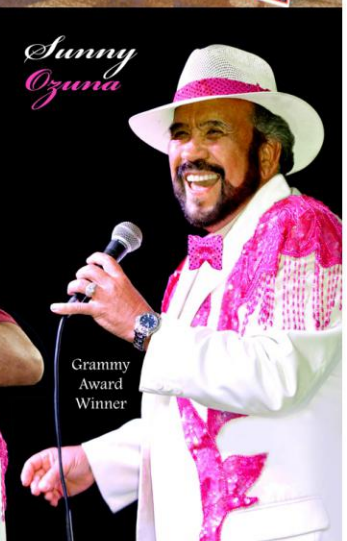


In 1987, I did my first exhibit in Corpus Christi. That developed into a traveling exhibit throughout Texas. And in 2017, after curating an exhibit at the Wittliff Collections, I became a go-to person for the Smithsonian and museums all the way to Seattle, Washington.



The first artist to donate stagewear was Freddy Fender followed by Rosita Fernández, Rene Rene, Sunny & Little Joe

As can be seen, Sunny's pink tux is a museum favorite





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