

Community affairs



Adelfa Botello Callejo (1923-2014)

On January 25 counsel and advocate for civil rights and latino causes, Adelfa Botello Callejo, died at age 90 as a result of a brain tumor.



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Doña Adelfa distinguished throughout the years for its commitment to social causes and the best in this context, for the welfare and improvement of the Hispanic community in North Texas.

Botello Callejo was the first latina to be received as attorney for the Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas and based on that a glittering career development which in turn was opening doors for Hispanic professionals in various fields and offices.

In recognition of his social work and in this context in favor of the Mexican community, in 1998 the Mexican Government awarded Mrs. Callejo with the Ohtli award.

The Consulate General of Mexico, mourns the passing of Adelfa Botello Callejo and adds the public recognition of his brilliant career professionally and socially supportive.



Latino activists and community members celebrate the legacy of a lawyer and civil rights.

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**2013 Blue Ribbon award.-** On January 30 the company MYTH FINANCIAL, headed by the Mexican businessman Juan Miguel Lopez was honored by the Greater Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce as a leader in the field. The company was also commended for its support and promotion of Mexican culture in North Texas, by conducting an annual artistic activity called "Sounds of Mexico". The award ceremony was attended by Mayor Beth Van Duyne, the Consul General Jose Octavio Tripp and business leaders in the region.



**Juan Miguel López during receiving the 2013 Blue Ribbon Award.**

**Meeting with Council Members of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (CCIME).-** On January 30, the Consulate General of Mexico in Dallas held a meeting with directors of the Council Members of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (CCIME), with the purpose of sharing the work agenda of the 2014 and envision partnerships.



**Council Members of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (CCIME).**

**Educational and health show in Grand Prairie.** On January 25 the Consulate General of Mexico in Dallas participated in the Education Health Fair and Grand Prairie. The Fair offered pulmonary exams, diabetes and blood pressure as well as relevant information about educational options. The Consulate participated table allusive guidance programs windows operated health and education through this representation.



**Members of the Consulate General in delivering educational materials in the Education and Health Fair in Grand Prairie.**

## *Actividades del Cónsul General*

**Salute to Senator Wendy Davis.-** On January 30 the Consul General Tripp greeted state Sen. Wendy Davis, pre Democratic gubernatorial candidate Texas. The salute was held as part of the funeral of lawyer and promoter of civil rights, Adelfa Botello Callejo.



Senator Davis next to Consul General Octavio Tripp and Adriana Macias..

**Meet the candidate for Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.-** On January 29 the Consul General Octavio Tripp participated in a meeting with George P. Bush, candidate for Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, where they reviewed issues of common interest.



George P. Bush and Consul General Octavio Tripp.

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## *Working visit by Congressman Javier Treviño Cantú to Dallas*

On January 24 Representative Javier Treviño Cantú, secretary of the Energy Committee of the House of Representatives, made a working trip to Dallas, Texas, venting a program that included many activities in order to disseminate the recently passed energy reform in Mexico.

In a meeting with businesspeople from the Association of Mexican Entrepreneurs argued that the reform opens a number of opportunities for companies in Mexico and abroad, and what's more important, a number of new jobs.

He also gave a lecture at the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies from the Southern Methodist University (SMU). In this framework summarized in three points of the reform objectives: 1) Convert to Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) and the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) in really competitive enterprises, 2) open the energy sector to private initiative with clear rules benefit of Mexico, and 3) strengthen the regulatory capacity of the Mexican government in the sector..



The Congressman concluded its participation saying by Mexico in the years recorded a similar phenomenon that Texas has experienced as a result of the innovative exploitation of vast oil reserves and existing underground gas from Texan territory.

The conference was well attended by students and faculty of Southern Methodist University (SMU).



Congressman Treviño Cantú during his lecture at the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies from SMU.



Bernard Weinstein Associate Director of the Maguire Energy Institute with Dra. Kathleen Cooper and Javier Treviño in the question and answer sesión.

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## *Visit of the Governor of Zacatecas to Dallas and Fort Worth*

On January 18 and 19 the Governor of Zacatecas, Miguel Alonso Reyes made a working trip to Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, venting a program that included numerous activities aimed at the strengthening of relations with the community of Zacatecas in North Texas.

He stressed in this context its assistance to the fourteenth anniversary of the Zacatecan Federation of Fort Worth. That the Governor reiterated his support to program 3 × 1 and reported that thanks to the cooperation of migrant clubs from different states from the United States, just over 200 works were performed last year.

Within the event the Consul General Jose Octavio Tripp emphasized the willingness to cooperate with the Government and Zacatecan Federations to serve them better.

Governor Alonso was also part of Zacatecas traditional parade contingent in Fort Worth Stock Show. The event was attended by 120 zacatecanos riders and the symphonic band. The Governor concluded its activities with working sessions convened representatives of various clubs in the state settled in North Texas, completing a productive and successful journey.



Gov. Miguel Alonso and Consul General Octavio Tripp during the anniversary of Zacatecan Federation



The Governor delivered an acknowledgment by the Consulate General of Mexico in Dallas, accompanied by Anael Luebanos President of the Zacatecan Federation.



The Governor with members from the Zacatecan Federation in Fort Worth.



Gov. Miguel Alonso leading the parade contingent zacatecano in Fort Worth



## Educational and cultural affairs

**Mexican Professor in Arlington receives the Mesoamerican Poetry award “Luis Cardoza y Aragón 2013”**- On January 30 Dr. Ignacio Ruiz Pérez, UT Arlington professor, received the Mesoamerican Poetry Award “Luis Cardoza y Aragón 2013”, for his book full of handwritten notes unknowns. The recognition given annually jointly by the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Guatemala, the Embassy of Mexico in that country and the Fondo de Cultura Economica in Central America and the Caribbean.

Dr. Ruiz originally from Chiapas, is a graduate of the Bachelor of Language and Spanish Literature from the Universidad Veracruzana and PhD in the same subject from the University of California. He is the author of several books that have earned him several awards. Among them, the "José Gorostiza" National Poetry Prize "José Gorostiza" Youth Poetry and obtained in 2004 and 2006 respective mode.



**Dr. Ignacio Ruiz Pérez, professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.**

**William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies receives Diploma “Antonio García Cubas”**.- On January 27 Consul General Octavio Tripp gave to the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies of Southern Methodist University (SMU) the recognition "Antonio García Cubas" by the National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico (INAH). The diploma was awarded for his collaboration with the Diplomatic Historical Heritage of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs for publishing the book “Diary of Angel Calderon de la Barca, Prime Minister of Spain in Mexico”. As part of the investigations the Clements Center provided access to the original document of Calderón de la Barca, so that the Mexican researcher Miguel Soto could decipher the sections written in code.



LA EMBAJADA DE MÉXICO  
EN GUATEMALA

Le invita a la ceremonia de entrega del  
IX Premio Mesoamericano de

POESÍA

*“Luis Cardoza y Aragón”*  
al Dr. Ignacio Ruiz Pérez

Jueves 30 de enero de 2014  
19:30 horas  
Auditorio “Luis Cardoza y Aragón”  
Centro Cultural Mexicano  
2ª avenida 7-57, zona 10

Entrada Libre








**El Dr. Andrew Graybill, Director of the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies receiving recognition from the Consul General Octavio Tripp.**

## 25th Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls

The 25th Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls brought together the heads of the representations of the country abroad as well as various federal departments and agencies, representatives of state governments and prominent national and international personalities from the private sector and academia.

The meeting was held from 6 to 10 January at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a structured light of the five guiding principles that established the President Enrique Peña Nieto in his government program: Mexico that is at peace, an inclusive Mexico, a Mexico with quality education, a prosperous Mexico, and as an actor with global responsibility.

The program incorporated conferences on development, migration and the role of contemporary diplomacy to global challenges, plus workshops and panels devoted to discuss priority issues on the international agenda in Mexico. In this context, the President Peña Nieto and Foreign Secretary Meade's instructed diplomats to disclose structural reforms, to denote the opportunities posed to the international community and emphasize the change process and the dynamics of progress experienced by the country.



Secretary of Foreign Affairs, José Antonio Meade at the inauguration of the 25th meeting of ambassadors and consuls of Mexico.



Prominent national and international speakers during the 25th meeting of ambassadors and consuls of Mexico.



Members of the federal cabinet, governors, legislators at the 25th meeting of ambassadors and consuls of Mexico.



Mexico Ambassador in China, Julián Ventura, with the Consul of Albuquerque, Mauricio Ibarra Ponce de León; from Raleigh Javier Díaz de León; from Dallas José Octavio Tripp.



**The first Mexico-United States meeting of Consuls.-** On January 8, was held the first meeting of the Mexico- United States consuls. The heads of the 50 Mexican consulates in the United States and the nine U.S. consulates in Mexico, in addition to staff from both embassies, the Foreign Ministry and the State Department.

The delegations were led by the Undersecretary for North America, Sergio Alcocer, and Mexico's Ambassador to the U.S., Eduardo Medina Mora; and by the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Anthony Wayne.

The purpose of the meeting was to identify areas that would benefit from closer cooperation between both countries' consular networks. Priorities for trade, investment and innovation in both countries were discussed, in addition to education and culture. A closer coordination was agreed upon in order to spread awareness among societies of the importance of the bilateral relationship, and especially of the border.

The consuls also shared best practices in customer service, priority for both governments and had the opportunity to make personal contact with each other in order to facilitate dialogue and bilateral cooperation.

The meeting took place during the 25th meeting of ambassadors and consuls of Mexico, and as part of the periodic meetings for U.S. consular coordination in Mexico.



**U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Anthony Wayne with Undersecretary for North America, Sergio Alcocer, and Mexico's Ambassador to the U.S., Eduardo Medina Mora.**



**Mexico-United States Consuls during the 25th meeting of ambassadors and consuls of Mexico.**





## *Ads for the community*

### **2014 BINATIONAL YOUNG AWARD BORDER OF WORDS.**

The National Council for Culture and the Arts (CONACULTA), through its cultural program "Tierra Adentro", the Tijuana Cultural Center (CECUT) and the Mexican Ministry Foreign Affairs summoned the "2014 Binational Young Award Novel Border of Words".

Mexicans living writers in the border states of Mexico (Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon) and United States (California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico), up to 34 years old at closing may participate of the call .

Each participant must submit an unpublished novel in Spanish, from 80 to 150 pages, with topic and free form. Entries must be submitted in quadruplicate. Each game must be signed with a pseudonym.

Papers should be submitted to the Management Literature CECUT before 28 February this year. The jury will be composed of renowned specialists and their names will be disclosed upon issuance of the ruling. Once announce, precede notarized opening of escrow identification of whoever wins, and you will be notified immediately and disseminated through local and national press in May 2014.

Complete contest rules are available at the [www.tierraadentro.conaculta.gob.mx](http://www.tierraadentro.conaculta.gob.mx) page, or upon request to [literatura@cecut.gob.mx](mailto:literatura@cecut.gob.mx) mail, or telephone (664) 687-9649. They also appear in the announcements section of this portal.



El Conaculta, a través de su Programa Cultural  
Tierra Adentro, el Centro Cultural Tijuana y la  
Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores convocan al

### **Premio Binacional de Novela Joven 2014 Frontera de Palabras / Border of words**

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### Political Reform

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Congress and state legislatures approved the political reform, which is part of the Pact for Mexico agreements. **Political pluralism in the country is an undeniable reality, derived from a process of democratic transition.** The Political Reform seeks that **all political forces take co-responsibility of running the country** and its problems and make the political system more functional to give the country governance, expand and improve its democratic system.



#### KEY POINTS OF REFORM

- ✓ **Legislative Reelection.** Re-election of deputies and senators up to 12 years, from 2015 and 2018 respectively. Candidates for re-election must be nominated by their parties. There will only be re-election by the same party, unless public servants renounce before serving half of the term.
- ✓ **Re-election for mayors and local deputies:** Local centers introduced this figure in their state laws.
- ✓ **Creation of a General Court:** From 2018, there will be two special prosecutors instead of the PGR, one for electoral crimes and another managing corruption. The holder shall be appointed by 2/3 of the Senate and may be removed by the President, with the approval of 2/3 of the Senate.
- ✓ **The National Electoral Institute will replace the IFE.** The number of directors will rise from nine to eleven. The Chamber of Deputies will continue to choose them by 2/3 of the comity. The INE is responsible for federal elections and may provide at request local elections. It may also invalidate them if there may be doubt of inequity.
- ✓ **Control of Congress on state electoral institutes is withdrawn.** The INE appoints actual local councilors.
- ✓ **Annulment of elections is effective.** Given an exceeded campaign budget and when this factor could have generated the difference between the first and second place for less than 5% of the votes.
- ✓ **More votes are needed to hold a political party.** An increase of 2% to 3% of the percentage of votes in order for a party to retain its registration.
- ✓ **Less time between the election and the seizure of power.** The Presidential seizure is held back from December 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Settlement of Congress is also held back on the year of the government transition, from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ **Equity among men and women in Congress.** Nominations for the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate shall be 50 % for men and women alike.
- ✓ **Coalition governments.** The possibility that the President shall form a coalition government is actually effective. Where appropriate, the Senate must ratify the cabinet, except for the secretaries of Defense and Navy.
- ✓ **Ratification of the cabinet.** If there shall be no coalition government, the Chamber of Deputies shall endorse the Secretary of Finance and the Senate the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.
- ✓ **Accountability in security.** The Senate shall ratify the national security strategy of the President and he will have to report annually on the results.
- ✓ **Autonomy to CONEVAL.** The National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy will no longer depend of the executive branch starting on 2018.

#### Highlights

It was discussed, although not approved, the presidential runoff and removal of presidential immunity.

#### ¿Why a political reform?

Our country has established, over its history, a significant change in the composition of government structures. **Mexico now lives a more active and participating democracy**, one that demands new forms of interaction between the different political forces. This reality forces us to reconsider a constitutional plan that fosters **responsibility within various authorities and levels of government** in the execution of public responsibilities, **regardless of their political extraction.**

#### ¿Why were changes made to the electoral law?

Political parties need a legal framework that generates **greater certainty, transparency and stability to the political system as a whole.** Also, elections have to be **cheaper and more transparent.**

#### ¿Why the need to encourage coalition governments?

In Mexico, **since 1997 no political force has attained majority** to exercise governmental actions independently from the others. This situation, far from undermining democracy, is its most important feature, since democracy fits in all forms of thought and ideology.

The close cooperation between the executive and the legislature, with its various political forces, is necessary to fully achieve the objectives of any public policy. For these reasons, **one of the axes of the political reform is to build majorities in favor of democratic governance**, to facilitate cooperation and wide reaching policies.

#### For more information...

Pacto por México ([Gobernabilidad democrática](#)).  
Boletín de prensa ([Senado de la República](#))