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Art by: Yolanda López

“Who’s the Illegal Alien, Pilgrim?” is a question we must continue to ask, as issues of critical race theory, voting rights, immigration, climate change and women’s reproductive justice continue to plague this country. At the root of that question is the fear that the original invaders of this country have of people of color and the indigenous. The recent exodus of immigrants from Haiti due to Hurricane Ida is reminding us of the original atrocities committed here as Texas border agents on horseback reap abuse on Haitian migrants. In a country that can surely afford to be generous and compassionate, we forget, **“Who’s the Illegal Alien, Pilgrim?”** Texas Lt. Gov., Dan Patrick stated that the Democrats were using the Haitians as pawns in a scheme to “take over this country” echoing the Great Replacement theory embraced by white supremacists who believe minority ethnic groups are engaged in a plot to take power from whites and, ultimately, exterminate them. Really? Republicans are working overtime to disenfranchise people of color and maintain the active exclusionist history of this country. We must remain vigilant, engaged and demand recognition of our place in this country and the world. We must exercise our right to vote in a democratic and inclusive process. Yes, the Latino population is on the rise as Rogelio Saenz writes in this issue of La Voz, but that doesn’t guarantee inclusion in this “democracy.” Send your articles to: lavoz@esperanzacenter.org

Letter to the editor:

I hope readers make the dialectic connection between the central point of the essay I sent [on Afghanistan] and the continuing human tragedy of the long-term deadly pandemic and the human suffering along the Gulf and Eastern Coast plus the costly material disaster caused by Hurricane Ida that was triggered by the still-ignored climate warming. People in general, and voters in particular, must decide if they want a government that keeps wasting trillions of dollars in unpopular, unwinnable wars or do they want a government that begins addressing the many needs of all people. I hope that people, particularly the young, will react and collectively figure out how to change the course of the country. —Antonio C. Cabral, September 7, 2021



Roy M. Saenz July 1, 1953-August 26, 2021



Roy Sáenz enjoyed life with his beloved wife, Liz Zamarripa Sáenz, at his side for 47 ½ years. The perfect host at any of the *puro parties* held at Casa Sáenz, Roy loved being with family and friends. After a 27-month battle with cancer, Roy passed into spirit leaving a void—but leaving many wonderful memories: dancing at high school reunions (Burbank High School class of 71), going to college at SAC and Trinity, working 45 years at USAA, raising a family and enjoying San Antonio life, particularly at Fiesta time where he would display his fiesta medals in sashes that flowed down to his knees. His kindness, generosity and love of life will continue in his children and grandchildren with whom he spent time in his last weeks on earth. Roy was a kind soul, and a very cool, fedora-wearing guy. He will live in the hearts of all who knew him. Donations in his memory may be made to: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (Pancan.org), St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church (stgregorysa.org) or Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine (olgsanantonio.com). The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center extends our heartfelt condolences to his wife, family and friends—and especially to Esperanza staff member, René Saenz. ¡Roy M. Saenz, presente!

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