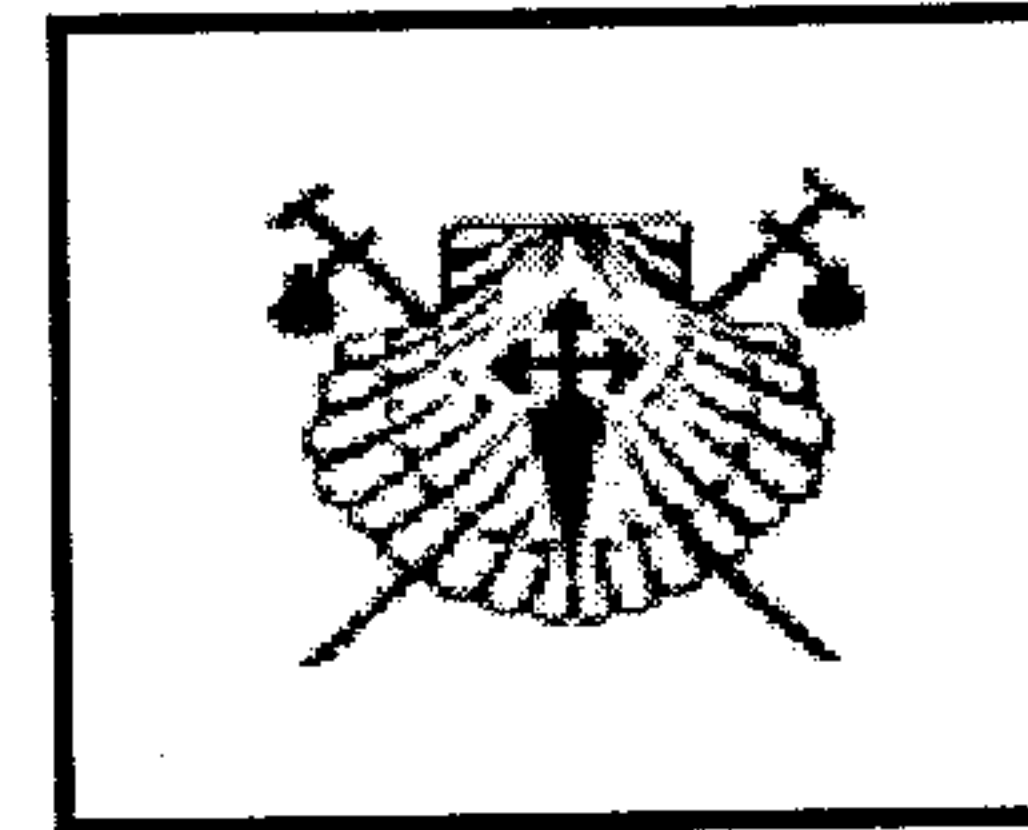




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Did the Anglos steal Thanksgiving?

By Charles Garcia, Special to CNN

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Below is an excerpt, the full article is in the above link.

What we are witnessing is a clash of cultures in America that is as excessive as it is pointless.

The late Samuel P. Huntington, a renowned Harvard political scientist, illustrated it in a 2004 essay for Foreign Policy magazine titled the "The Hispanic Challenge," in which he wrote: "Profound cultural differences clearly separate Mexicans and Americans, and the high level of immigration from Mexico sustains and reinforces the prevalence of Mexican values among Mexican-Americans. Continuation of this large immigration (without improved assimilation) could divide the United States into a country of two languages and two cultures."

Huntington concluded his essay by discounting Latino author Lionel Sosa, author of "The Americano Dream," who wrote that the Americano dream "exists, it is realistic, and it is there for all of us to share."

Huntington declares, "There is no Americano dream. There is only the American dream created by an Anglo-Protestant society. Mexican Americans will share in that dream and in that society only if they dream in English."

Who are the Americanos? We are the 50 million U.S. citizens of all skin colors, nationalities and religions who descend from a rich Spanish culture -- a culture that Anglophile academics like Huntington have erased from our history books.

I observed this firsthand while serving on Florida's State Board of Education, overseeing the approval of statewide textbooks. American history books typically ignore the epic northward advance by Spanish pioneers into the southern tier of the United States and fail to discuss the far-reaching contributions of Americanos from our country's inception to its present day.

For example:

- Forty-two years before the English colony at Jamestown, explorer Pedro Menendez founded St. Augustine as our first North American city in 1565, granting Florida the longest recorded history of any state. The Spanish flag flew over St. Augustine for nearly 200 years.
- When the Continental Army was nearly bankrupt, they sent a representative to seek funds in Cuba, and the money they needed was collected from the public treasury and from private Americano citizens to finance the Battle of Yorktown, the decisive battle of the Revolutionary War.
- The patriotism of Americanos cannot be questioned. Americano soldiers have served in the U.S. Armed Forces dating back from the American Revolution to the war in Afghanistan with 44 Medal of Honor recipients. About half a million Americanos fought the Axis powers during World War II. Lance Cpl. Jose Gutierrez was the first person to die in the Iraq War, and more than 25% of the 58,195 names on the Vietnam War Memorial are Americanos.
- Spanish, not English, was the first European language spoken in North America. There are more than 1,000 U.S. cities with Spanish names, as well as the states of California, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Montana and Florida. The U.S. is the second-largest Spanish-speaking country in the world. Most Americanos are bilingual, which is a plus since our exports to Latin America are nearly three times larger than our exports to China. Americano language skills and cultural affinity give our country a competitive advantage in doing business with a rapidly growing \$6.4 trillion market of 579 million people in 21 countries plus Puerto Rico.

Greetings "Y Prospero Año Nuevo 2012" Happy New Year-To each member of the NMHCP League! It was a blessed season for reflecting on our own personal lives as well as what we accomplished in our public / professional endeavors. Did we / you share or contribute your talents or time to help others? It's easy to pontificate but much more rewarding to "get in the trenches" and work. When we see the excitement and smiles on the faces of people, both young and old, when we help in programs educating and actively participating, it reminds us what Christmas is truly about, "loving thy neighbor"! Yes those all around us we share in life.



At our last meeting the NMHCPL reviewed the possible new year's projects: supporting the newly introduced legislation, for the Congressional Gold Medal for the Bataan Veterans, by Congressman Heinrich and Senator Udall in the U. S. House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate; planning our Thanksgiving Banquet in April , 2012; nominating and selecting individuals for our El Adelantado, Dona Eufemia and Millie Santillanes Education Awards. We will need help on several committees to make this years Banquet a memorial one. if we are able to get individuals to help. Please attend our NMHCPL meetings held every 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 pm, to work with a committee of your choice.

There are many other events taking place involving the NMHCPL, please join us at our meetings to keep informed of our projects. The NMHCPL has achieved a respected level of national influence. Now is the time to use this influence to advance our mission. We as a culture are becoming relevant due to our numbers, but the country needs to know who we really are and what our ancestors contributed in the colonization of the Western Hemisphere. We must unite to accomplish and succeed. Divided, we will fail.

Sincerely,
Mel Montano,
 President, of NMHCPL

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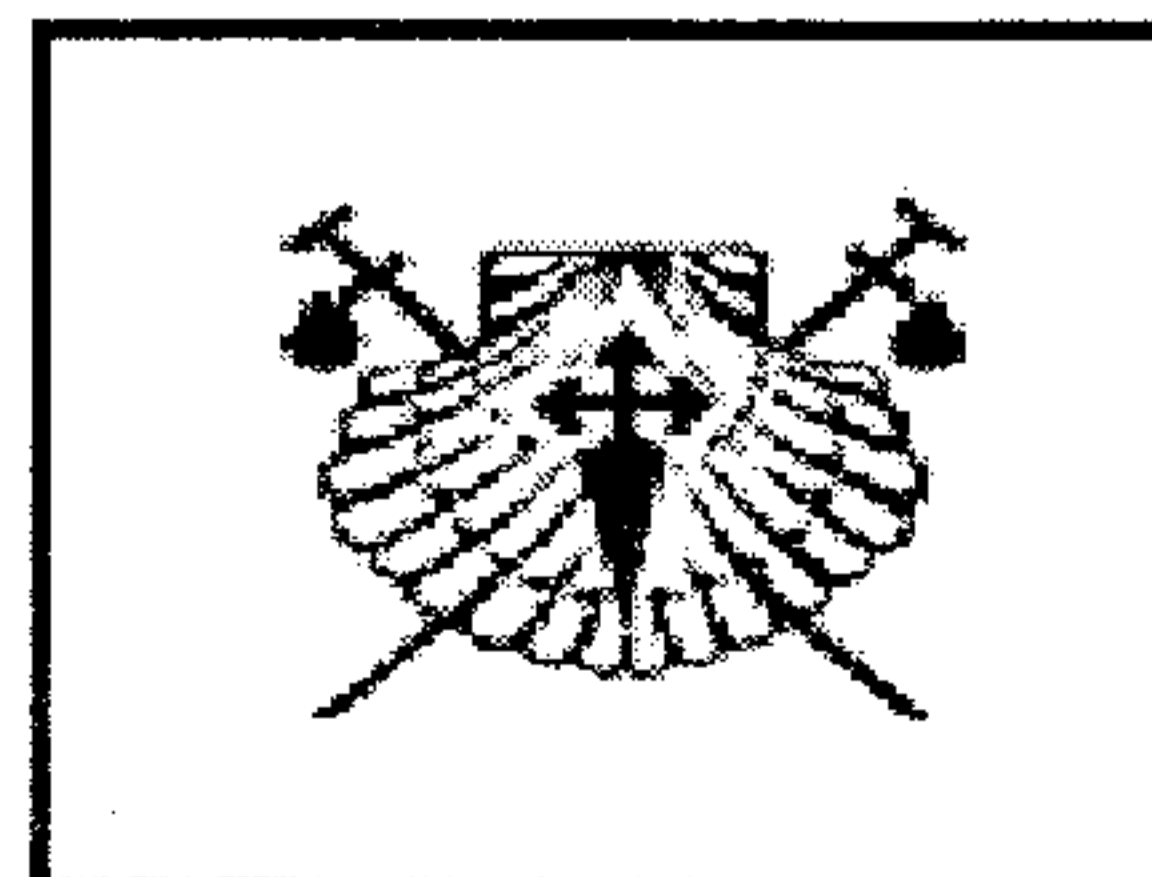
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Prayer Requests

Special Blessings in 2012 for all NMHCPL Members. Pray for our youth and military, veterans and all most in need of healing

JOIN US in our mission

Meeting held 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm.



Oh, and about that first Thanksgiving? Here are a couple of other things our children's history books fail to (Contd. Page 1) mention:

-- In St. Augustine on September 8, 1565, the Spanish and the native Timucua celebrated what could arguably be called the first feast of Thanksgiving. That was 56 years before Plymouth.

-- Near El Paso on April 20, 1598, some 500 colonists led by Juan de Oñate celebrated the end of a grueling expedition across Mexico's Chihuahua Desert. That was 23 years before Plymouth. Their Thanksgiving celebration with Native Americans is recognized in resolutions by the Texas legislature.

Perhaps if the four million children in U.S. kindergartens this year -- 25% of whom are Americanos -- were taught the truth, not only about the rich history of Americanos in helping make this country so great, but also about Thanksgiving, this most American of holidays, then maybe we would have a healthier attitude on immigration reform and Americanos in general.

The truth. Surely that's something for which we can all be thankful.

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NM History Museum, Santa Fe. January 6, 2012.



Centennial Stamp 2012 Stars exhibition

and the U.S. Postal
first-day-of-issue sale

of the Centennial stamp, designed by artist Doug West. Doors open at 10 am, with sales in the History Museum lobby until noon. The event begins at 10:30 am in the auditorium. Also that day, the museum kicks off a yearlong celebration of statehood with *47 Stars*, an expansion of its existing permanent exhibition that includes the officially unofficial 47-star flag, that will be on display.

On long term display is the "Telling the New Mexico Story." Still a negative portrayal of the Spanish!

PROSPERO Año Nuevo 2012!!

January 1st. Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother of God. This was the first feast dedicated to Mary to be inserted in the liturgical calendar of the Western Church. World Day of Peace

January 3rd. Most Holy Name of Jesus. This liturgical feast was instituted as a result of the great diffusion of the cult of the Holy Name of Jesus, promoted by St. Bernardino of Siena, as well as by Albert Berdini of Sarteano and Bernardino of Feltre.

YOU ARE INVITED TO Join Us

Hispanic Culture Preservation League,
Wednesday, January 11, 6:30pm
monthly meetings, for info and directions call:
239-4335, Pauline. **JOIN US IN 2012!!**

**Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of
New Mexico (HGRC of NM)** President Ronaldo Miera
Monthly meeting on the first Saturday of the month.

January 7, 10:30 am,

LOCATION: Return to BOTT'S HALL, Special
Collections Library off Central and Edith. **SPEAKER is
Henrietta M. Christmas: "The 1940 Census...are you
ready."**

NOTE: The New Mexico Historical Society is planning
its Annual 2012 Conference for May 3-5 in Santa Fe.
Check out their website of conference session
information. www.hsnm.org.

NM History Museum, Santa Fe, January 11, 2012

Noon—12:45 Lecture and Talk event, FREE.

Join Dr. Richard Melzer, in the John Gaw Meem Room
for "Political Cartoons and New Mexico's Struggle
for Statehood 1850-1912," the kickoff of the 2012
Brainpower & Brownbags Lecture Series. Melzer is
a history professor at the University of New Mexico's
Valencia Campus and author of several books, including
New Mexico: Celebrating the Land of Enchantment
(Gibbs Smith 2011). A free event

**January 22, NMHM: "On the Weight of Words, The
Saint John's Bible and Contemplative Landscape,"**
2:00 pm—4:00 pm Lecture and Talk event Free.

Donald Chavez y Gilbert's website, Tierra Partre Farms now includes New Mexican Traditional Recipes! A labor of love for our culture is well presented in this new web page, dedicated to his mother Helen Gilbert de Chavez, of Belen, NM. Whose extensive listing of recipes is a wonderful contribution to those interested in New Mexican Spanish Culture. You will be delighted to see listings of many of the old recipes (many I did not write down before my mother and aunts passed), and am so pleased to see them "saved" and shared by Don, in one place. Thanks Don! Website:

<http://www.terrapatrefarms.com/traditionalmexicanfood.html>

Register at UNM Continuing Education,
Presentation: Story of New Mexico, 2012

1) *Spanish Discovery, Exploration and Conquest, and Settlement of El Norte* 1529-1848. fee \$20.00
Feb. 8, Wed., 9:30am-11:30am. C. Truxillo, PhD

2) *History in Santa Fe*. Historian and guide, Jose Garcia will take the tour through Santa Fe, and lunch at La Fonda. Fee: \$89.00 includes transportation from Albuquerque and return and the guided tour. Sat. April 7, 10:00am—6:00pm.

3) *El Morro Natl Monument and the Wolf Sanctuary*
The Monument protects over 2,000 inscriptions and petroglyphs, with signatures dating from the arrival of the Spanish. \$92.00 fee includes entrance fees, guided tour, a box lunch and transportation from Albuquerque. Sat. April 28, 8:00am-6:00pm

JUAN BAUTISTA deANZA Society World Conference to be held in Green Valley/ Tubac , Arizona, the second week-end in March, 8-11 2012. Varied presentations, about the Spanish Colonial times through the deAnza period are presented on numerous topics annually. Please check out the website at, www.anzasociety.org. Conference is at the **Wyndham Green Valley Canoa Ranch and Resort, 5775 Camino del Sol in Green Valley, Az. 85622. Phone 520-382-0450. Green Valley**

is located south of Tucson and north of Tubac.

Congressional Gold Medal Legislation

This effort need your help, by contacting all your relatives who live in other States! Have them please notify their Senators, requesting support of this important Bill! We need to recognize the Heroism of the Bataan Vets, which include great numbers of our Hispanic New Mexicans, WWII.

Senator Udall's office reports they are planning on introducing the Congressional Gold Medal legislation week of Dec. 11-17 and hope to tie in the introduction with the 70th Anniversary of the defense of the Philippines.

Also, because this needs to be a national effort, Udall's office has been working on acquiring information on the Bataan veterans with home of records in all U.S. states. They have been successful in getting information from the National Archives and just finished the work on finding information on over 5,000 vets the week of Dec. 8, and have transferred this information into easily accessible excel spreadsheets.

There are currently 50 different spreadsheets (one for each State). Udall's office will be sending them to individual offices based on States, to hopefully increase the chances of support.

*(Information provided by, Matthew Padilla
Military and Foreign Relations Legislative Ass't.
Office of Senator Tom Udall (NM))*

Consider joining those who support Life by gathering in Santa Fe, for a morning Mass and than walk to the State Capitol Building to visit our representatives. January 18

*BLESSED New Year
Feliz Año NUEVO 2012*

JANUARY - Feast Days

- 1 Solemnity of Mary (Año Nuevo)
- 3 Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 6 Solemnity of Our Lord
- 6 Dia de Los Reyes Magos
- 10 Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
- 23 San Lldelfonso, Española, Franciscan
Tewa Mission
- 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho, Newman Ctr

JANUARY - Events

- 1 New Years Day (Feliz Año Nuevo)
- 6 Dia de Los Reyes Magos
- 6 1822 NM Celebrates Mexican Independence
- 12 1912 New Mexico Statehood (Centennial Celebrations)
- 11 NMHCPL Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 14 1847 Taos insurrection begins—Gov Bent killed
- 16 1793 Padre Antonio Martinez' Birthday
- 26 Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 22** 1599 Battle of Ácoma with Spanish settlers
- 1599 Enthronement of La Conquistadora 1625

FEBRUARY

- 2 Día de la Candelaria (do not wash clothes lest your house burns)
- 3 1847 Battle of Taos with U.S. Troops

NM Legislature Begins January 17, 2012

December 15, 2011 - January 13 Legislation may be pre-filed (which are you participating with)?
January 17 Opening day (noon)
February 1 Deadline for introduction of bills
February 16 Session ends (noon)
March 7 Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed

It will be interesting to observe, what if any actions or activities will focus upon Speaker Stapleton's biases, towards the majority population of the State for which she works. A State that has so profoundly supported the Black and Native American Communities, in my opinion, to the neglect of its own.

FACTS:

Founded/settled in 1598 by Spanish Oñate Colony.
New Mexico became the 47th State on January 6, 1912, with 121,593 Sq. Miles. The major industries today are mining, oil, natural gas, tourism. There are (2) two major rivers, the Rio Grande and the Pecos Rivers. Population today approx. 1,820,000.
Highest Point: Wheeler peak 13,161 ft.
Lowest Point: Red Bluff Lake 2,817 ft.

Contributions of the Spanish

By: Ruben Salaz M.

No one has more to be proud of than Hispanic people.

If you're into history you understand that Spain, its people, and its Church made the following sterling contributions to New Mexico and the Southwest:

1. Christianity;
2. Western Civilization;
3. Written language;
4. Advanced horse culture;
5. Ranching
6. Horses, cattle, sheep, goats, (live stock etc.
7. Variety of foods;
8. Building with adobe;
9. Concept of community property;
10. Preservation of Indians;
11. Hispano alliance with Pueblo people (and later with Comanches); .
13. Robert Denhardt ranked New Mexican Hispanos ***among the greatest horsemen in the world.***
14. Charles F. Lummis described New Mexicans as "***perhaps the most wonderful pioneers the world has ever produced.***"
The trick is to know your history so you can promote it.

Note: Historian, Author, Ruben M. Salaz, continues to make efforts to promote the truth of our New Mexican Hispanic History.