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TF-BDE AO CENTER



14 SEPTEMBER 2023



Mexico, once known as New Spain, was a colony harshly ruled by the kingdom of Spain for over 300 years. The native population was oppressed, farmland and personal wealth were confiscated and only

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY TIMELINE

- 1492** 300k Years of Spanish Rule: Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortés and the Catholic monarch of the time took control of the continent and distribution of the Spanish colony began.
- 1521** Father Hidalgo is executed for Spanish Forces: He was the leader of the first Mexican revolution against the Spanish crown.
- 1808** Mexico is declared an independent country: Father Hidalgo leads his revolution against the Spanish crown, starting the Mexican War of Independence.

Spaniards were allowed to hold political posts. The oppression became too much and a Catholic priest in the town of Dolores named Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla had enough.

On September 16, 1810, he rang his church's bell and delivered a speech now known as the Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores), demanding the end of Spanish rule. This started the brutal Mexican War of Independence, which lasted over a decade. On August 24, 1821, Spain withdrew and officially recognized Mexico as an independent country. Today, Father Hidalgo is known as the Father

of Mexican Independence.

Mexican Independence Day has been celebrated every year since that momentous day on September 16, 1810. To promote education among Hispanic students many organizations and companies have established [scholarships for Hispanic students](#), as another way of supporting Mexican independence.

Mexican Independence Day has developed into a huge nationwide celebration over the past 200-plus years.

The country's leaders were inspired by our own July 4 Independence Day festivities, so fireworks fill the skies at night and the day is filled with patriotic speeches, flag-waving, parades, live music, and home-cooked feasts. Red, white and green — the colors of the Mexican flag — are seen everywhere across Mexico and even cities in the U.S. with large Mexican populations.

One of the most popular events connected to Mexican Independence Day is when the President of Mexico rings the 200-year-old bell Father Hidalgo used in 1810 and recites the Grito de Dolores speech in front of 500,000 people. This event is broadcast live to millions via Mexican TV and radio on the evening of September 15.

Many people outside of Mexico think that Mexican Independence Day and Cinco de Mayo are the same things. Cinco de Mayo celebrates another victory when the outnumbered Mexican army defeated the powerful French militia in 1862 during the Battle of Puebla.

Michelada Festival (Laredo Texas)



Date: Sat, Sep 16, 2:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: El Metro Park & Ride 1800 Hillside Rd, Laredo, TX

Mexican Independence Day. [Click for details](#)

Bowl-A-Thon Fiesta!



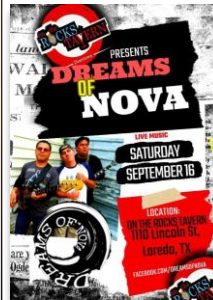
Date: Sat, Sep 16, 1 PM

Location: Jett Bowl North 5823 McPherson Rd, Laredo, TX

Texas in collaboration with The Laredo Rotary Club and Rotary Satellite Club of Laredo Evening. \$125 per team (5 players).

Trophies will be given to the top three teams. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. [Click here](#)

Dreams Of Nova at On The Rocks Tavern



Date: Sat, Sep 16, 10 PM

Location: On the Rocks Tavern 1110 Lincoln St, Laredo, TX
Live music by Dreams of Nova, original, rock classics and more!

Check out follow-on tour dates.

[Click here for additional details on this event.](#)

MISSION NEWS & UPDATES



Thu 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Sun 17	Mon 18	Tue 19
103° 80°	101° 78°	93° 73°	91° 75°	95° 75°	97° 76°

7 day forecast in your area

PAY DATES FY23

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TF BDE	01 Aug – 31 Aug	31	6-7 Sep	01 Sep – 29 Sep	29	5-6 Oct
TF ENGINEER	30 Jul – 31 Aug	33		01 Sep – 28 Sep	28	
TXSG	01 Aug – 31 Aug	31		01 Sep – 30 Sep	30	

OLS Rally Point



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Batman Day at the Comic Cave this Saturday, Sep 16 at 11am. The Comic Cave in the Sunrise Mall, 2370 N Expressway, Brownsville, TX. Exclusive comics to be given away, Batman appearances, free mystery bag and more!
[Click here for more info](#)



Date: Fri - Sun, Sep 15 - 17
Location: Payne Arena, 2600 N. 10th St, Hidalgo, TX
Cost: Start at \$25

Monster Jam is coming to Hidalgo! Come out and see fan favorites like Grave Digger and Monster Mutt Dalmation at the Payne Aren. All fans age 2 and older are required to have a ticket. [More info here](#)

Date: Sat, Sep 16, 6 - 10PM

Location: Pasta La Madre, 1202 N 7th St., Harlingen, TX

Bring the whole family out to celebrate Mexican Independence Day with us at Pasta La Madre!
[Click here for more info](#)



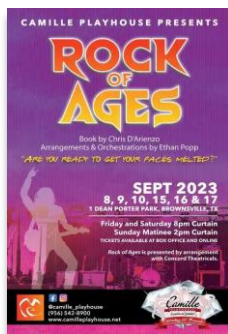
RGV FC Toros - Birmingham Legion



Date: Sun, Sep 17, 7 – 9 PM

Location: H-E-B Park
 1616 S Raul Longoria Rd #9169, Edinburg, TX
 Rio Grande Valley are playing Birmingham Legion at the USL Championship of Usa on September 18. Score Bat is covering Rio Grande Valley vs Birmingham Legion in real time, providing live video, live...[Read more on ScoreBat](#)

Rock of Ages



“Get ready to get your faces melted!” Tickets On Sale Now. Purchase them online...[Read more on Visit Brownsville Texas](#)

Date: Sep 15-17, 8:00PM
Location: Camille Lightner Playhouse, 1 Dean Porter Park Dr, Brownsville, TX

License to Carry Course (LTC/CHL)



Date: Sat, Sep 16, 2 – 7 PM

Location: 8600 Big 5, Edinburg, TX

We have gun rentals \$25 for the gun and ammo paid in cash the day of the course.
[Click here for additional information for this course](#)

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[7 day forecast in your area](#)

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TF INFO



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This week's Word comes from CH Fish of TF East.

Super Bowl XXVII, 1993; the Dallas Cowboys faced the Buffalo Bills. In the fourth quarter the Cowboys led 52-17, when defensive lineman Leon Lett picked up a fumbled ball and took off running. No one stood between him and the goal, 64 yards away, and another Dallas touchdown was all-but-guaranteed. Except that before completing the run of his life and scoring, Lett decided to show off and celebrate...and was brought down by the "enemy" – Buffalo Bills' wide receiver, Don Beebe.

Are you in the race of life...the race that the TMD has us all in right now...to win? Or are you showboating and doing little to keep your place on the team?

In spite of what society may have told you, you're not owed or entitled to anything. Life is hard. Get over yourself. Hebrews 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."

Jesus is our example. He designed the race of life and set the rules. So run...to finish the race well in every facet of your life. If you think you have it in you, prove it.

-CH (MAJ) David Fish

NEWS UPDATE

[Drones, satellites and more: Army exercise in Poland provides glimpse of the future | stripes.com](#)

[3rd Infantry Division takes command of Army task force in Poland, Baltic region | stripes.com](#)

[If it doesn't make you more lethal, ditch it, says top Army officer | armytimes.com](#)

[Army approves next phase for augmented reality device | armytimes.com](#)

[Death penalty upheld for soldier who killed 13 in base shooting | armytimes.com](#)

[Active duty troops headed to the US southern border again | armytimes.com](#)

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Upcoming Releases



Dune: Spice Wars
Platform: PC
Genre: Strategy
Release Date: September 14, 2023

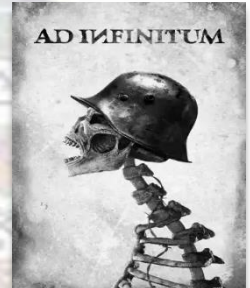


Mortal Kombat 1

Platform: Playstation 5, Xbox Series X/S, Switch & PC
Genre: Fighting
Release Date: September 19, 2023

Ad Infinitum

Platform: Playstation 5, Xbox Series X/S, PC
Genre: Action-Adventure
Release Date: September 14, 2023



AK-Xolotl

Platform: Playstation 4|5, Xbox X/S, Xbox One, Switch & PC
Genre: Shooter
Release date: September 14, 2023



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You Suck At Parking
Platform: PlayStation 4|5, Xbox Series X/S, Xbox One, Switch & PC
Genre: Racing
Release Date: September 19, 2023

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