

Fox News launches website for Latinos

Just in time for the upcoming midterm elections, Fox News has launched a website targeting U.S. Latinos. FoxNewsLatino.com features news, entertainment and lifestyle stories related to "Latino culture and interest," according to Fox News executives. The bilingual site launched Oct. 12. "We're aiming at Latinos whose first language is English . . . who are deeply American, but share some of the cultural sensibilities of their parents or grandparents," the website's managing editor, Alberto Vourvoulias-Bush, told the Miami Herald.

CUBAN PRIDE

Group shares culture, reaches out to the community

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The ways in which Cuban Americans have contributed to U.S. are evident in food, music and traditions. And while sharing culture is important for Centro Cultural Cubano de San Antonio, so is helping the community.

"We want to give back to (San Antonio) and thank the community for embracing us," said Orquidea Blain of the CCCSA board of directors.

The CCCSA is a non-profit organization that seeks to preserve Cuban traditions and unite individuals of Cuban descent living in San Antonio, which number around 2,000, according to 2005 data on usbeacon.com.

As a means to keep Cuban tradition alive and share it, the CCCSA hosts an annual Cuban Festival, which this year takes place from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 at Raymond Russell Park, 20644 I-10 W.

The festival features Caribbean food, music, activ-

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Cuban Festival

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 24; 1-6 p.m.

WHERE: Raymond Russell Park (Pavilion 2), 20644 IH-10 West

INFO: The Centro Cultural Cubano de San Antonio hosts its annual Cuban Festival that features Latin food and live music, raffle, activities for kids, door prizes, a domino competition and more. Proceeds benefit CCCSA scholarships.

COST: \$5 at the park entrance; free for children under 10 years of age

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ities for children, door prizes and a domino competition. It also serves as a fundraiser for scholarships and other programs.

"It's important that we continue our culture but also help our community," said Blain.

The festival started as a small picnic shortly after the organization was founded in 1976. Since then, CCCSA, an all-volunteer organization, has im-



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CCCSA members enjoy the festival last year.

plemented programs that assist members of the community — from new mothers and their babies to students and recent arrivals from other countries — by providing clothing, food and help in identifying resources within the community.

"Seeing the faces of the kids when you show up with clothes or toys for them is something that really moves you," said Maria Luisa Torres, a founding member of CCCSA.

Many CCCSA events are centered around Cuban holidays. One is celebrated Jan. 28 — the birthday of José Martí, the father of Cuban independence. CCCSA members give gifts to babies born that day at a local hospital.