

**ముందు మాట**

**మాధవరావు గోవిందరాజు**

నమస్తే. ప్రിയమైన సానన్ అంటోనియో తెలుగు వారందరికి, తాసా సభ్యులకు,

విజయాలని అందించే దసరా పండగని అంగరంగవైభవంగా జరుపుకుని మన సంస్కృతి సంప్రదాయాల్ని ప్రపంచం నలుమూలలా దాటిడెప్పే తెలుగు వారందరికీ ఇవే మా విజయదశమి శుభాకాంక్షలు

అక్టోబర్ 9వ తేదీన జరుగబోయే దసరా సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమానికి మీరంతా విచ్చేసి ఆనందించవలసిందిగా కోరుతున్నాము. ఈ కార్యక్రమములో మీకు వీనుల విందైన, కమనీయమైన పాటలు, నృత్యాలు మీరు చూడ బోతున్నారు. ముఖ్యముగా మనకు చిరపరిచితులు శ్రీ గరికపాటి వెంకట ప్రభాకర్ గారు ఈ కార్యక్రమములో తెలుగు వారు

మరిచిపోలేని అన్నమయ్య కీర్తనలు, రామదాసు కీర్తనలు, ఘంటసాలగారి చిరస్మరణీయమైన మధుర గీతాలు మనకు వినిపిస్తారు. ఈ పాటలతో పాటుగా శ్రీ ప్రభాకర్ గారు లలిత సంగీత గీతాలు, భజనలు కూడా పాడుతారు. దసరా కార్యక్రమములో పాటుగా ఆరోజు తాసా సభ్యుల సమావేశం కూడా నిర్వహించబడుతుంది. మేము నిర్వహిస్తున్న కార్యక్రమాల నిర్వహణలో ఏవైనా మార్పులు, సలహాలు ఇవ్వదలచుకుంటే ఇదే మీకు అవకాశం. అందరిని అల్లకల్లోలపెడుతున్న పూ గురించి, మనము తీసుకోవలసిన జాగ్రత్తలు ఈ సంచికలో శ్రీ రవి బోట్ల గారు రాసారు. తాసా నిర్వహించిన పిక్నిక్, కేవల వధ (కూచిపూడి నృత్య నాటిక) వివరాలు కూడా మీరు ఈ సంచికలో చదవచ్చు. తాసా నిర్వహిస్తున్న ఈ కార్యక్రమాలు విజయవంతం కావటానికి కారణం మీ అందరి ప్రోత్సాహ, సహకారాలు, అందుకు మా కృతజ్ఞతలు మరియు ధన్యవాదాలు. సర్వ జనా సుఖినోభవంతు.



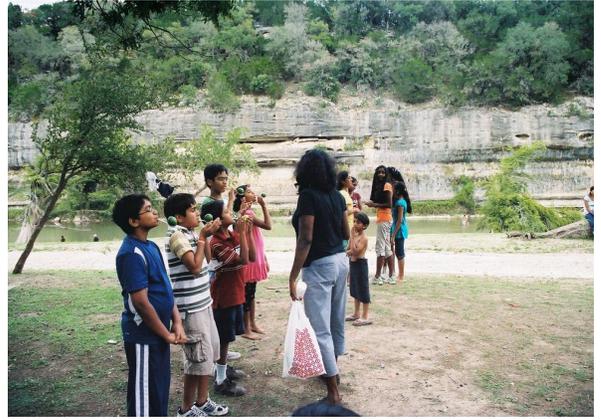
**Next Event:**  
సంక్రాంతి సంబరాలు  
January 16, 2010

**"మమ" - కవిత**

**సత్యం మందపాటి, ఆస్టిన**

ఈ జీవన పోరాటాన్ని చూసి నాలో యువక రక్తం ఉడుకుతున్నప్పుడు ఈ దరిద్రపుగోట్టు ప్రపంచాన్ని పూర్తిగా మార్చేయాలనుకున్నాను తర్వాత పదేళ్ళకి తెలిసింది ఈ ప్రపంచాన్ని మార్చటం నా తరం కాదని అందుకే కనీసం నా దేశాన్నియినా మార్చాలనుకున్నాను మరో దశాబ్దానికి కాని అర్థమవలదే నా దేశాన్ని మార్చటం అంత సులభం కాదని అప్పుడే అనుకున్నాను అప్పవస్త్రంగా నా చుట్టూ వున్నా సమాజాన్నియినా మార్చాలని అదీ సాధ్యం కాదని తెలుసుకునేటప్పటికి అంపకయ్య మీద పవ్యళించాలిని వచ్చింది అప్పుడే అనిపించింది మార్చవలసింది ఈ ప్రపంచాన్ని, నా దేశాన్ని, నా చుట్టూ వున్న సమాజాన్ని కాదు - నన్నూ. నా ఆలోచనలని అని అలా వినాడో నేను మారివుంటే, నన్ను చూసి నా సమాజం మారి వుండేది ఆ మారిన సమాజాన్ని చూసి, నా దేశం మారివుండేది ఇలా దేశాలన్నీ మారితే, ప్రపంచమే మారిపోతుంది కదా మరి !!  
("We must be the change we wish to see" అన్న మహాత్మా గాంధీ గారి మాటలకి

**తాసా పిక్నిక్**



TASA organized a picnic to all Telugu community members on September 19. This picnic was held at Guadalupe State Park, Spring Branch. The free picnic, which was open for members and nonmembers, was enjoyed by about 100 people, including kids and adults. The weather was ideal for a picnic in the park and everyone had a fun time. Almost all the kids played in the Guadalupe river and got wet. Recent rains brought the river water levels little up making it a fun to walk through the river. Usha Avula organized many games for the kids and ladies. Kids enjoyed playing games such as lemon-spoon race, sack race, and shuttle badminton. Ladies had a fun time with tug-of-war game. Everyone had a blast playing cricket in the park. There was plenty of food, fruits, snacks, and water. All the winners were given prizes. Many were visiting the park for the first time, and they all enjoyed the scenic beauty of the location. Please visit [www.tasatexas.org](http://www.tasatexas.org) for more picnic pictures. This event was coordinated by KV Prasad, Panduranga Reddy, and Usha Avula, Phani Atluri with support from other EC members and volunteers.

**TANTEX Telugu Sahitya Vedika** cordially invites you to participate in **23rd Texas Telugu Sahitya Sadassu on October 18 (Sunday)** which will be held along with 27th Nela Nela Telugu Vennela. The Venue is Omni in Fort Worth Downtown. Omni Hotel, 1300 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas - 76102. The sadassu will be on October 18th from 10.30 AM to 4.30 PM with 1 hour lunch break. On the occasion of Centennial celebrations of following great writers, we will be having discussion sessions on the writings and writing philosophies of these writers.  
**శ్రీరంగం శ్రీనివాసరావు** ( జనవరి 2, 1910 - జూన్ 15, 1983 )  
**కొడవటిగంటి కుటుంబరావు** (అక్టోబర్ 28, 1909 - ఆగస్టు 17, 1980)  
**శ్రీపురనని గోపీచంద్** (సెప్టెంబర్ 8, 1910 - నవంబర్ 2, 1962)

**HINI Flu (Swine Flu) - Dr. Ravi Botla, FAGG**  
The predominant cause of the current Flu pandemic is the 2009 HINI virus. It is a new virus with genes from different flu viruses that normally infect pigs, birds and humans. It is currently wide spread in all the Southern states of US including Texas. According to the CDC, almost all of the influenza viruses identified in these states so far are 2009 HINI influenza A viruses. In the coming days, as the weather cools and children spend more time at school, many more people may become sick with the flu. Most will never know for sure if they had HINI, but if they had a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue, that would be a safe assumption. The best defense against this form of flu is knowing all the facts.  
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**RECENT TASA PROGRAMS UPDATE**

- Organized “Keechaka Vadha” a kuchipudi nrutya natika.
- Picnic for TASA members at Gudalupe state park
- Sponsored and served breakfast at IASA free health fair held on Sept 26.

కీచక వధ కూచిపూడి నృత్య నాటకము  
జూలై 26 వ తేదీన కార్వర్ కమ్యూనిటీ కల్చరల్ సెంటర్ లో జరిగింది



“Keechaka vadha” kuchipudi nrityam arranged by TASA was enjoyed by more than 300 of our telugu community and fellow San Antonio citizens. The body language of the dancers crossed boundaries of the spoken word and touched the hearts of all spectators. The story of pandavas and events with Keechaka, Bhima and Draupadi were portrayed elegantly. Keechaka was played by Sri Vedantam Venkata Naga Chalapathi Rao (Venkat) from Kuchipudi village in AP. His excellent technique and style dwarfed the pettiness of who Keechaka was in the story. Our own San Antonian, Dr. Sreedhara Akkihebbalu transformed himself into the mighty Bhima as Valala. Draupadi was played by Ms. Mangala Maddali from Jackson, Mississippi. She exhibited emotions of pain, acceptance and anger with endearing dexterity captivating and pulling everyone’s attention deep into the story. Supporting roles were played king Virata (Sri Vidhya Bhattar.), queen Sudeshna (Smt. Gomati Boorada), Kankubhattu (Dr. Malathi Koli) and Uttara (Sandhya Tulasi Muchimilli) completed the powerful portrayal of this moving episode. As MC, Ms. Kavitha Surya kept the audience engaged in the story with her conversation. The sound track and direction of Mrs. Boorada were flawless and brought out the strengths of artists. On behalf of our telugu community, TASA acknowledges Mrs. Boorada's drama dance group for their wonderful performance and all the sponsors who made this event possible with their generous donations and support.

Telugu Badi Class schedule: October 11, 25; November 8, 22; December 6, 20. Please send an email to: [telugubadi@tasatexas.org](mailto:telugubadi@tasatexas.org) for more updated class schedule and enrolment information. Classes are held at Alamo Analytical Laboratories, 10526 Gulfdale Street, San Antonio, TX 78216



## Homage to AP Chief Minister Sri YSR



Sri Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy garu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh passed away in an aircraft crash. Telugu Association of San Antonio (TASA) deeply mourns the untimely demise of the most popular leader of Andhra Pradesh. His passing away leaves a great void in the hearts of Telugu people. TASA extends our deepest condolences to the family of Sri YSR. We also express our condolences to the families of 4 officials who were travelling with Sri YSR. Sri YSR will remain in thoughts and prayers of all Telugu people for a long time.

Dr. Yeduguri Sandinti Rajasekhara Reddy, popularly known as YSR, was a leader who had carved for himself a niche in State politics by his exemplary devotion and dedication to the uplift of the down-trodden and neglected segments of society. Born on July 8, 1949, in Pulivendula in the backward Rayalaseema region, YSR's early schooling was at the Municipal School in nearby Bellary town which is in Karnataka. While studying in M R Medical College, Gulbarga, Karnataka, he served as President of the Students Union. He was elected leader of the House Surgeon's Association in S V Medical College, Tirupati. After completing MBBS, he served as Medical Officer at the Jammalamadugu Mission Hospital for a brief period. In 1973, he established a 70-bed charitable hospital, named after his father late Y. S. Raja Reddy at Pulivendula. His family established one polytechnic and one degree college in Pulivendula, which were later handed over to the well-known Loyola group of institutions. He entered active politics in 1978 and contested elections, four times to enter the State Legislative Assembly and an equal number of times to enter the Lok Sabha, the Lower House of Parliament and he won all the elections he contested.

During his three decades of political career, YSR had served the people in multiple capacities, both in Government as well as in Party. He was President of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) twice – 1983-1985 and 1998-2000. During 1980-1983, he was a minister holding important portfolios related to Rural Development, Medical & Health and Education etc. From 1999 to 2004 he was the Leader of Opposition in the eleventh state assembly. His emphasis on irrigation projects, particularly in the backward Rayalaseema region, has earned for him a special place in the hearts of millions of farmers. His unremitting struggle against certain anti-people economic measures that were sought to be introduced in the name of "reforms", including the frequent increases in power tariff and indiscriminate privatization of public sector units, exalted him into prominence. He undertook his unprecedented 1500-KM-long Padayatra (march on foot) in scorching sun during summer in 2003, covering backward areas of the state in particularly to know first-hand the real problems of the people in their own language and at

their doorstep propelled him into power soon. Sworn in as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on May 14, 2004, he remained a leader focusing on agriculture and rural welfare as ever, which won him a second term in the assembly elections held in May 2009. His advice was always simple: "Don't count the years you want to live. Ask yourself how much you have done for society at large with whatever opportunities the Almighty has provided you."

## H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) - Dr. Ravi Botla, FACC

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### How does it spread?

It is contagious from human to human as any other flu virus (Coughing, sneezing and touching a contaminated surface or object)

### What are the signs and symptoms?

Fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue, vomiting and diarrhea

### Who is at risk?

The people at greatest risk to get flu complications are children younger than 5, and people 65 and older, pregnant women, people with chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, chronic lung disease and those with a weakened immune system.

### What are the warning signs?

**Children:** Trouble breathing, fast breathing, bluish skin color, not drinking enough water, fever with cough, fever with rash and significant irritability  
**Adults:** Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion, severe and persistent vomiting.

### Prevention and Treatment: Common Sense Measures:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and dispose the tissue properly
- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol based hand rubs
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness try to stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone

### Medicines:

Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and Zanamivir are effective in treatment of 2009 H1N1 flu infection. This is advised for patients who are in the high risk group.

**Vaccine:** is expected to be available in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October

### Who should get the vaccine?

Everyone over 6 months of age, but **first preference will be given to:** (i) pregnant women; (ii) Household and caregiver who are in contact with children younger than 6 months of age; (iii) Healthcare and emergency medical service personnel, (iv) Persons from 6 months to 24 years of age, Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have chronic medical conditions.

### Outlook:

Most people are recovering without any medical treatment. The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and H1N1 influenza are within the bounds of what is expected at this time of the year (except higher pediatric deaths). The virus is sensitive to available medications and the vaccine appears to be very effective.

### Recommendations:

- Get vaccinated to prevent the disease
- Take commonsense measures to prevent the spread, if you already have the infection
- Seek medical attention promptly for warning signs and symptoms.

# Dasara Celebrations

on **Saturday, October 3, 2009**

at Maha Lakshmi Hall, Hindu Temple of San Antonio

Time: 5.30 – 9.30 PM

Delicious Dinner will be served between 6.00 – 7.00 PM followed by Cultural Program

TASA General Body Meeting will conducted between 7.45 – 8.15PM

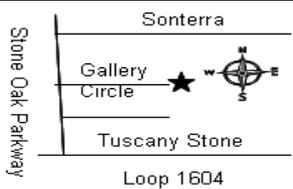
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