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The Starry Night, 1889, Vincent van Gogh. Image credits (2): Wikipedia



[Douglas Yazell, 4/25/2023]

A letter to the editor in the new issue of Aerospace America discusses diversity. I will probably write more about that letter here next month.

[Douglas Yazell, 5/18/2023]

That letter writer complains about diversity, which he opposes, and he claims he is unwanted and unwelcome due to being a straight white male with about fifteen years of experience working as an aerospace engineer.

Opposing whiteness is not the same as opposing white people, since we sometimes define whiteness starting with its first appearance in law in 1681 in Maryland as a response to Bacon's Rebellion, starting to formalize a divide-and-dominate public policy, a pyramid scheme, and a racial bribe which is almost impossible to refuse.

Most people are good people, but today we focus active anti-racism on systemic racism, not individual racism. Government in Mexico and France is not allowed to collect data on race matters, but race dominates life in the U.S.A. Our anti-racism experts are not preaching to the choir. There is no choir.

The 1978 Bakke SCOTUS decision allows public school admissions policy to consider race among other demographic categories, as it replaced affirmative action with diversity, but not for course corrections to our anti-Black public policies.

We are in a marathon, not a sprint, but I am pleased to note that AIAA is making the ultimate pivot with respect to diversity since June 2, 2020.



Above: My photos from September 4, 2021, in Bay Area Park near NASA/JSC. We see anti-Black sentiment in the Blue Lives Matter flag, to paraphrase a sentence from Robin DiAngelo in her 2018 book, from a Chapter titled, "Anti-Black."

Diversity

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity Plan

Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE AIAA COMMUNITY AS ESSENTIAL TO THE MISSION AND VISION OF THE INSTITUTE.

OBJECTIVE 1:
Increase awareness within the AIAA community of the importance of diversity and inclusion.



Looking South East from School House, Breckenridge, Tex.

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Taken circa 1921



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Description	An oil rig on Main Street in Breckenridge, Texas.
Date	1920
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Two paragraphs in the 2022 book by Victor discuss diversity and the 1978 Bakke decision of the Supreme Court of the U. S. (SCOTUS). The book is On Critical Race Theory. He hurried to publish this short book because it is the first book on this subject targeted at a lay audience instead of academia. The first sentence implies that diversity programs subvert policies aimed at intervening in racial inequality. The second sentence states, “Diversity replaced affirmative action as a rationale for promoting integrated organizations following [the Bakke decision].” This first paragraph later continues, “Powell’s opinion also established that the state had a compelling interest in promoting a diverse student body. This compelling interest meant schools could therefore continue to consider race as one factor in a holistic admissions process. Importantly, Powell’s opinion in Bakke rejected the traditional rationales of slavery, Jim Corw, or ongoing racial discrimination as reasons to diversify. In line with [Derrick] Bell’s interest convergence thesis [...], Powell focused on the shared educational benefits of diversity for both whites and people of color. Diversity is a nebulous concept that equates highly politicized identities (race) with relatively benign ones (region of origin). Powell’s opinin domesticated diversity, helping to make it palatable by detaching the concept from a commitment to righting historical injustice.”

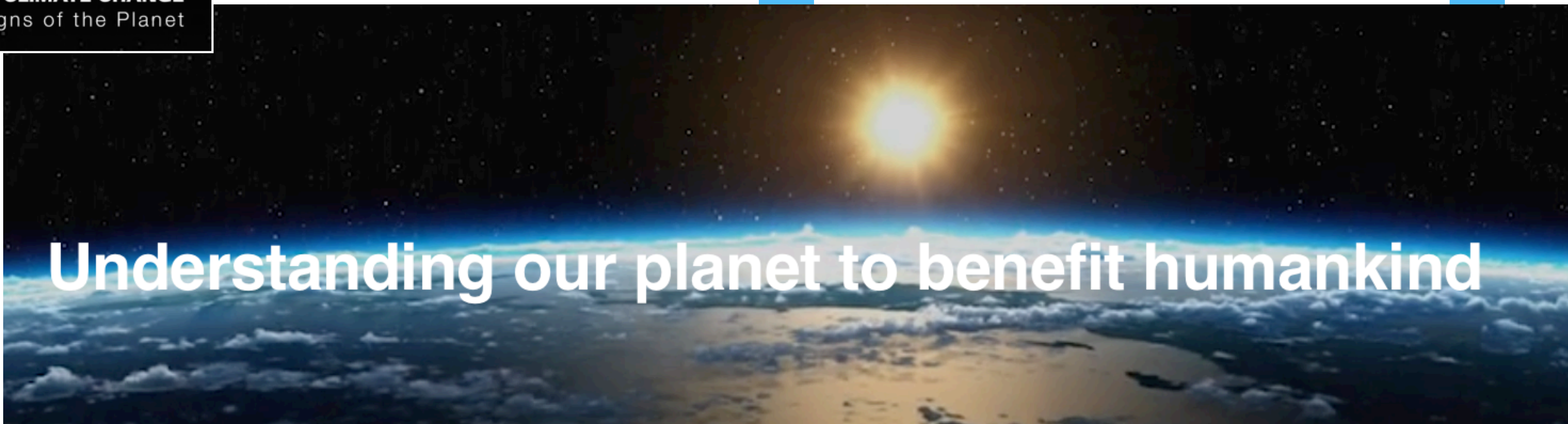
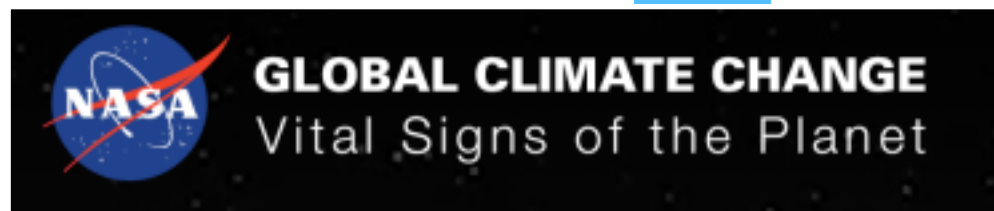
The second paragraphs ends with, “Organizations have even reshaped legal responses to civil rights law, capturing and subverting the very laws designed to stop discrimination. For some organizations, having a diversity program *is the whole program*, as courts have blunted the impact of antidiscrimination law by ruling that the presence of antidiscrimination prgramming—regardless of that prgramming’s effecitveness at stopping discrimination—is a good-faith effort and can protect companies from legal liability.”

AIAA Statement on Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion from AIAA Executive Director Dan Dumbacher, Written Monday, June 2, 2020.

Climate

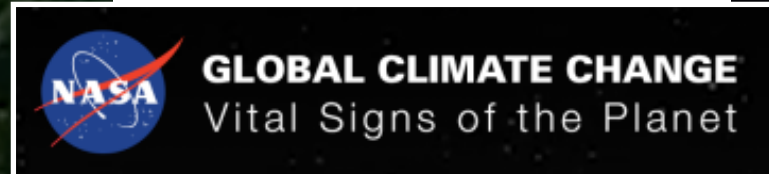
“...the ultimate sense of urgency...”

<https://climate.nasa.gov/>



Carbon Dioxide

↑ 421 parts per million (current)



Global Temperature

↑ 1.1 °C since preindustrial

Arctic Sea Ice Minimum Extent

↓ 12.6 percent per decade since 1979

Ice Sheets

↓ 424 billion metric tons per year

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Sea Level

↑ 4 inches since January 1993

Ocean Warming

↑ 345 zettajoules since 1955

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Houston: Thomas Haregot

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Houston: Jackelyne Silva-Martinez

Peru: Julio Valdivia, Saul Perez



AIAA Houston Section International Activities Committee (IAC)
Chair: Douglas Yazell, douglas.yazell@me.com

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France

Fire and concrete: will France's model of radical climate protest catch on?

As campaigning heats up around the world once again, eyes have been turning to the country that is taking things further



Environmental activism

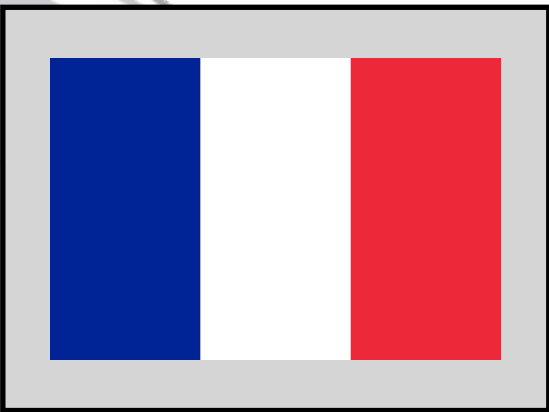
Damien Gayle

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Thu 4 May 2023 09:00 EDT




246th Independence Day
Remarks by Ambassador Denise Bauer



Globe image: Wikipedia.



The Consul General



VALÉRIE BARABAN
Consul General of France in Houston

Denise Bauer : U.S Ambassador to France and Monaco [VIDEO]

From journalist to U.S. ambassador to France: Denise Bauer, President Biden's ambassador to France, talks about her career and her priorities... and also introduces you to her foster dog Daisy, who sometimes comes to work with her at the embassy.

Ethiopia

Human-driven climate crisis fuelling Horn of Africa drought - study

Region is suffering its worst drought in 40 years after five consecutive years of below-average rainfall

Drought

Fiona Harvey Environment editor

Thu 27 Apr 2023 01:00 EDT



ETHIOPIAN SPACE SCIENCE SOCIETY



<https://www.ethiosss.org>

Current events:
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/ethiopia>



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U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia

Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson



Deputy Chief of Mission Fiona Evans



Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, arrived in Addis Ababa on February 25, 2022 to begin her assignment as Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia. She previously served as Ambassador to Kosovo, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Ambassador Jacobson's earlier overseas assignments include Seoul, Moscow, Nassau, and Riga. Her domestic assignments include serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, Deputy Director of the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, and Deputy Executive Secretary of the National Security Council at the White House. Ambassador Jacobson is joined in Ethiopia by her husband, David Baugh, a retired member of the British Diplomatic Service.

Head of mission Mr Gezahegn Kebede, Honorary Consul

Consular services *No information available*

Supervising authority **Embassy of Ethiopia in Washington, D.C.**

Ethiopian Honorary Consulate in Houston, United States

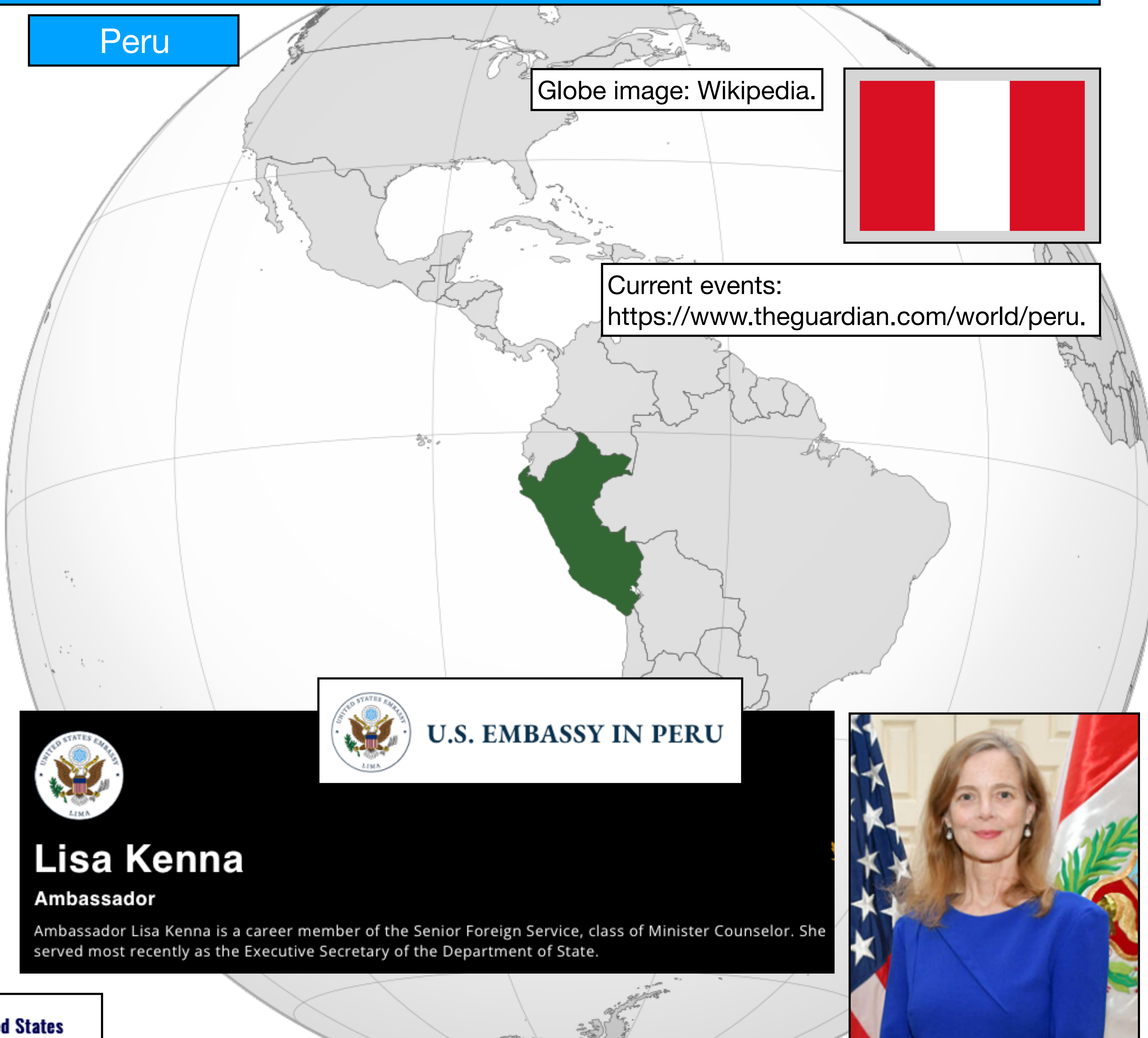
Peru

The Guardian picture essay

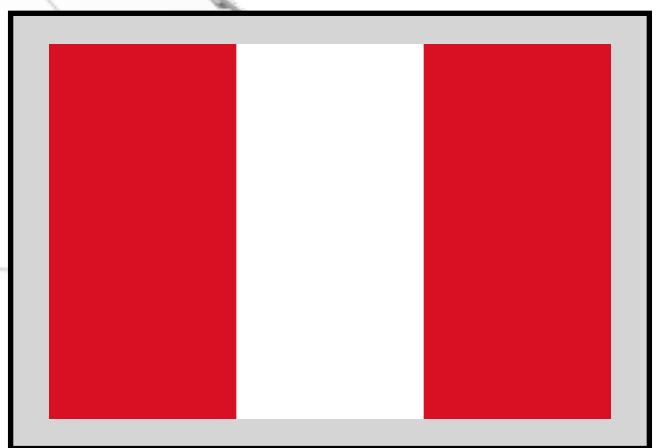
'Without the ice cap, we cannot live': the Andes community devastated by climate crisis

The Quelccaya glacier, high in the mountains of Peru, is shrinking at an alarming rate and the people who live in its shadow are struggling to maintain their livelihoods
by Ángela Ponce, [Sarah Johnson](#) and Illa Liendo. Photographs by Ángela Ponce

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Current events:
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/peru>.



Lisa Kenna
Ambassador

Ambassador Lisa Kenna is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister Counselor. She served most recently as the Executive Secretary of the Department of State.



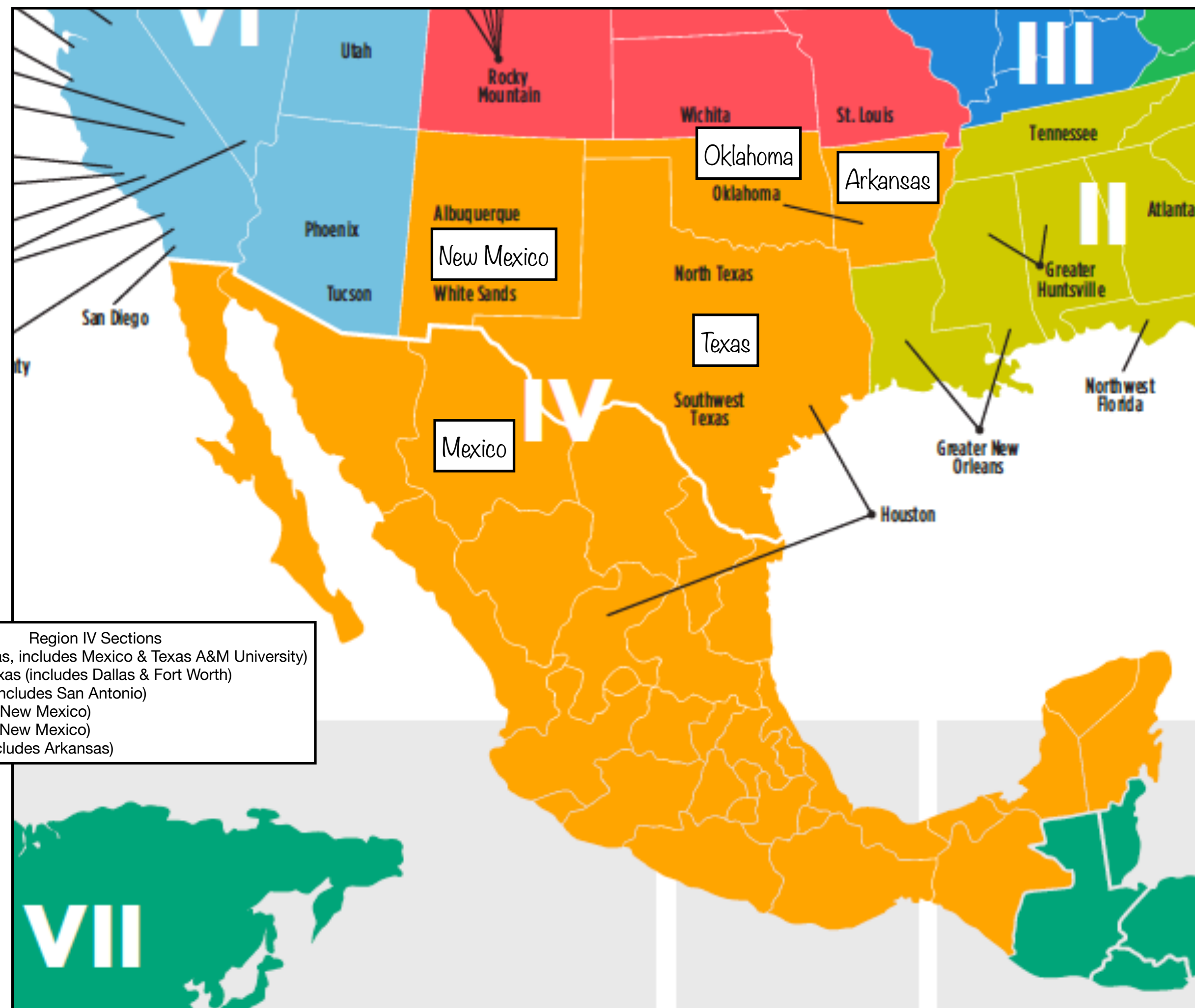
Head of mission Mr Rodolfo Enrique Coronado Molina, Consul General
Consular services No information available
Supervising authority Embassy of Peru in Washington, D.C.

Peruvian Consulate General in Houston, United States

Mexico



AIAA Houston Section: Mexico and the Section's territory in Texas
AIAA Region VII (International) and Region IV (Mexico and four states of the USA)



Mexico

Mexico News Daily

Paywall after a few free articles

<https://mexiconewsdaily.com>



Ken Salazar was sworn in as United States Ambassador to Mexico on September 2, 2021.

In 2009, President Obama nominated Mr. Salazar to serve as Secretary of Interior where he had a lead role on the Obama-Biden agenda on energy and climate, the nation's conservation agenda including America's Great Outdoors, and Indian Country. Ambassador Salazar has been a lifelong fighter for civil rights and the inclusion of Latinos in the American dream.

In 1998, Mr. Salazar was elected as Colorado Attorney General and became the first Latino ever elected to statewide office in Colorado. He was reelected as Attorney General in 2002. In 2004, Attorney General Salazar was elected to the United States Senate for Colorado becoming the first Latino democrat to be elected to the United States Senate since 1972.

Ambassador Salazar has been admitted to practice law in state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Ambassador Salazar and his family have farmed along the banks of the Rio Grande River in New Mexico and Colorado for more than four centuries.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO – KEN SALAZAR



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Flag of the USA



Flag of Texas



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Mexico will try to 'deceive the world' at Cop27, experts warn

President not expected to attend summit but critics cast doubt on veracity of pledges the country could make

Climate crisis

Nina Lakhani in Sharm el-Sheikh

@ninalakhani

Tue 8 Nov 2022 11.22 EST

The Guardian



U.S. EMBASSY & CONSULATES IN MEXICO

Head of mission

Alicia G. Kerber Palma, Consul General

Consular services

- ✓ Visa applications accepted
- ✓ Passport services available
- ✓ Legalization services available

Mexican Consulate General in Houston, United States

Supervising authority

Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C.

	United Nations	FCCC/CP/2022/L.1
	Framework Convention on Climate Change	Distr.: Limited 16 November 2022 Original: English

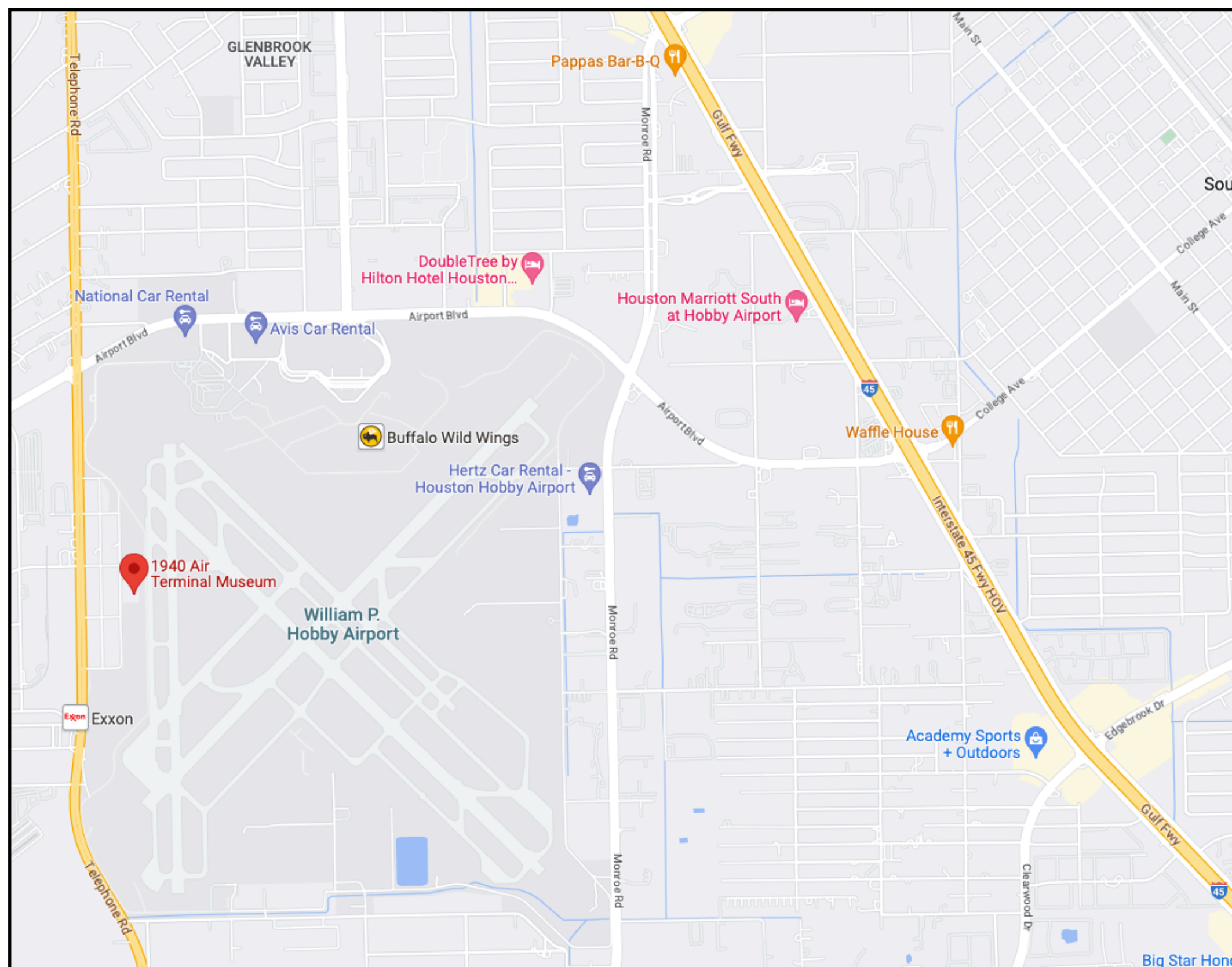
Conference of the Parties
Twenty-seventh session
 Sharm el-Sheikh, 6-18 November 2022
 Agenda item 20(a)
 Conclusion of the session
 Adoption of the draft report on the session

Draft report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-seventh session

Rapporteur: Olha Yurkymchuk (Ukraine)
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 (To be completed)

I. Opening of the session
 (Agenda item 1)

- The twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), convened pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention, was held at the Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Center in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, from 6 to 18 November 2022. Alok Sharma (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), President of COP 26, convened the 1st meeting of COP 27¹ on Sunday, 6 November,² and made a statement.³
- The opening included statements by Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, and Hoesung Lee, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.⁴



May Open Ramp Day

Saturday, May 20, 2023
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

1940 Air Terminal Museum
8325 Travelair Street, Houston, TX, 77061,

1940 AIR TERMINAL MUSEUM PRESENTS

OPEN RAMP DAY

MAY 20, 2023
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- ✦ UNLIMITED PLANESPOTTING AT HOBBY AIRPORT
- ✦ VR FLIGHT SIMULATOR
- ✦ 'FLY GIRLS OF WWII' - WASP EXHIBIT
- ✦ HISTORICAL PRESENTATION
 - 'HOUSTON'S 1911 AIR MEET' WITH STORY SLOAN
 - MICHAEL BLUDWORTH

www.1940airterminal.org

Get ready for **Open Ramp Day** on **May 20th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**, the ultimate planespotting event at Hobby Airport! With unobstructed views of aircraft in motion, a static aircraft display, VR flight simulator, and historical talks this is the perfect opportunity to witness and capture the magic of aviation. Fly-in or drive-in and join the fun.

Planespotting:

Get up close to the action at Hobby Airport with the best plane spotting location in Houston. Bring your camera and enjoy unobstructed views of aircraft in motion from the Museum's ramp or upper floors.

Historical Presentation:

11:00 AM - Step back in time with Story Sloane's captivating photo essay showcasing Houston's early aviation history. Story will share his rare collection of photos from the 1911 'Air Meet' and sheds light on the remarkable individuals who shaped Houston's aviation legacy. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to witness history through the lens of one of Houston's most renowned photo archivists and historians.

VR Flight Simulator:

The VR flight simulator lets you get into a cockpit, take the controls and fly a simulation out of Hobby Airport and beyond. Suitable for all ages.

Museum Exhibits:

- **'Fly Girls of WWII' - Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) Exhibit**
- Houston Aviation History exhibits from the early 1900s to the present day

Shirts, hats, toys & collectibles for sale

Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. Fly-in visitors, car club drivers, and museum members receive free admission! Mark your calendars and see you there!

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum is located west of William P. Hobby Airport.