

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Today in Texas History

On this day in 1971, Tejana superstar Selena Quintanilla Perez was born in Lake Jackson. She won the first of eight Tejano Music Awards as female entertainer of the year in 1987.

Her 1992 album *Entre a Mi Mundo* made her the first Tejana to sell more than 300,000 albums, and her bilingual 1995 album *Dreaming of You* hit number one on the national *Billboard* Top 100 the week it was released.

On March 31 of that year in Corpus Christi, Selena was fatally shot by the founder of her first fan club. More than 30,000 people viewed her casket at the Bayfront Plaza Convention Center in Corpus Christi.

A biographical film of her life was released in 1997.