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Increase in Crime Concern Owners and Residents

Aumento en el Crimen Preocupa a Propietarios y Residentes



The owners of these restaurants and bars along Southwest Boulevard at KC's Westside were on the hot seat at a recent meeting. The meeting was called by residents and community leaders concerned about what they feel is an increase in shootings and assaults in the area.

Los propietarios de estos restaurantes y cantinas a lo largo del Southwest Boulevard en el Westside de KC, se encontraron en el banquillo de los acusados durante una reciente reunión. Esta reunión fue convocada por residentes y líderes comunitarios preocupados respecto a lo que ellos ven como un aumento en las balaceras y asaltos en el área.

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN HISPANIC NEWS

Residents living along Southwest Boulevard are upset with the owners of Oasis, El Patron, Barcelona and Elena's Sports Bar and the clientele their businesses are attracting. A recent community meeting at Tony Aguirre Community Center was held to discuss with the owners the issues of homicides, drive by shootings, robberies and trash. Residents want the bar owners to clean up their establishment and change the clientele they attract.

The owners of the four bars that were the target of the recent community meeting told Hispanic News that they have not had any problems inside their establishments. They feel that the shootings, fights and robberies that happen outside their place of business is not their responsibility, but neighbors say otherwise.

Los residentes que viven a lo largo del Southwest Boulevard están molestos con los propietarios del Oasis, El Patrón, Barcelona y Elena's Sports Bar y la clientela que atraen sus negocios. Recientemente se realizó una reunión en el Centro Comunitario Tony Aguirre para discutir con los propietarios los problemas de los homicidios, balaceras hechas desde automóviles, robos y basura. Los residentes quieren que los dueños de las cantinas limpien sus establecimientos y cambien la clientela que están atrayendo.

Los propietarios de cuatro cantinas que fueron blancos de la reciente reunión comunitaria le dijeron a Hispanic News que ellos no han tenido ningún problema dentro de sus establecimientos. Ellos creen que las balaceras, peleas y robos ocurren fuera de sus negocios y no

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Linda Callon (left), one of the meeting organizers, and Bernardo Ramirez, executive director of the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation, addressed those in attendance. Ramirez indicated his organization is prepared to assist the groups to come up with a solution.

Linda Callon (A la izquierda), una de los organizadores de la reunión y Bernardo Ramirez, director ejecutivo de la Corporación Hispana de Desarrollo Económico, se dirigieron a los asistentes. Ramirez indicó que su organización está preparada para asistir a los grupos que se acerquen con una solución.

Ayala Wants Latino Voices Heard in November Election

Ayala Quiere que las Voces Latinas Sean Escuchadas en la Elección de Noviembre



"It is important. Our voice is important. Our voices need to be heard and our voices need to be invited to the table of democracy."

"Es importante. Nuestra voz es importante. Nuestras voces necesitan ser escuchadas y nuestras voces tienen que ser invitadas a la mesa de la democracia".



Jessica Ayala is a Kansas City grassroots community organizer. Now she is working with the Barack Obama campaign to get him elected as the next president of the United States. Ayala is looking for more volunteers to help spread the word.

Jessica Ayala de Kansas City es una organizadora de base. Ahora ella está trabajando con la campaña de Barack Obama para elegirlo como el próximo presidente de los Estados Unidos. Ayala busca a más voluntarios para que ayuden a pregonar el mensaje.

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worked an information booth at Fiesta Hispana seeking to get the word out on the candidate and promote voter registration. Ayala noted that the deadline for registration is October 8 and it is important to get the word out.

Kansas Citian Jessica Ayala is the bi-lingual field organizer at the local campaign headquarters for Senator Barack Obama, but she is better known to many in the community for her youth outreach work at Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the City's Westside neighborhood.

Hispanic News caught up with Ayala as she and a corps of volunteers

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN HISPANIC NEWS

Jessica Ayala, de Kansas City, es la organizadora bilingüe de campo en las oficinas locales de la campaña del Senador Barack Obama, pero ella es mejor conocida en la comunidad por su trabajo de extensión juvenil en el templo Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, ubicado en el vecindario del Westside de la ciudad.

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Nixon Calls for Unity Nixon Hace un Pedido por la Unidad

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La Fonda el Taquito, at the corner of Southwest Boulevard and Summit on the city's Westside, was the place for a special meet and greet fundraiser for Attorney General Jay Nixon this past Monday evening. Nixon is the Democratic favorite to take the governor's office following the surprising announcement that Governor Matt Blunt would not seek re-election.

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN HISPANIC NEWS

La tarde del lunes pasado, la Fonda el Taquito, de la esquina de Southwest Boulevard y Summit en el Westside de la ciudad, fue el lugar de una sesión especial para conocerse y saludarse y recaudar fondos para el Procurador General Jay Nixon. Nixon es el demócrata favorito para asumir la oficina del gobernador desde que se diera a conocer el sorpresivo anuncio que el Gobernador Matt Blunt no buscaría la reelección.

Enrique Chaurand, un partidario de Nixon, platicó con

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Jay Nixon, candidate for Missouri Governor, addressed a crowd of about 50 people at a recent fundraiser at La Fonda El Taquito restaurant on the city's Westside. Nixon told Hispanic News that coming to the Latino community and sharing his vision for the state, was a high priority of his campaign.

Jay Nixon, candidato a Gobernador de Missouri, se dirigió a una concurrencia cercana a las 50 personas durante un reciente esfuerzo para recaudar fondos realizado en el Restaurante La Fonda El Taquito en el Westside de la ciudad. Nixon le dijo a Hispanic News que venir a la comunidad latina y compartir su visión para el estado es una alta prioridad en su campaña.

Nixon Reaches out to Area Voters

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Enrique Chaurand, a Nixon supporter, spoke with *Hispanic News* about the event. "What we are trying to accomplish is to give Jay an opportunity to talk to our community to meet not just leaders but other people in the community to talk about the issues in the state of Missouri. This gives us an opportunity to support him and show why we think he is the best candidate for governor."

Nixon met with over 50 people from across the city and brought a message of unity. In an exclusive interview, Nixon told *Hispanic News*, "People all across the state understand that we are losing jobs and that we need to invest in human capital and that working together - various races, creeds and color, is the only way that the great tapestry of the state of Missouri is going to succeed in this new economy."

Paul Rojas, a former Missouri state representative, is supporting Jay Nixon and said he has supported him since he ran for attorney general. "He embodies the things that we look for in political officials to help us make the corrections that we need to make as a people for healthy growth."

Rojas was referring to changes that took place under Governor Matt Blunt. "Matt Blunt represented what has tragically been going on across the country - where people are using demagoguery to the point of malice in the form of the legislation that was passed under his administration. You saw that when he said that he was not going to run for re-election he plainly said 'I have accomplished what I wanted to accomplish,' and the only thing that he has accomplished ... is legislation that was detrimental to us as Hispanics across this state."

According to Nixon, his appearance in the Westside signals an acknowledgement of the Latino community and the desire to strengthen relationships that will carry over into his administration. "This is

Nixon le Llega a los Votantes del Área

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Hispanic News sobre el evento. "Lo que estamos tratando de lograr es darle a Jay una oportunidad de platicar con nuestra comunidad para conocer no solamente a los líderes, sino que otras personas en la comunidad para platicar respecto a los problemas en el estado de Missouri. Esto nos da una oportunidad de apoyarlo y demostrar porqué pensamos que él es el mejor candidato para gobernador".

Nixon se reunió con más de 50 personas de toda la ciudad y trajo un mensaje de unidad. En una entrevista exclusiva, Nixon le dijo a *Hispanic News*, "La gente de todo el estado entiende que estamos perdiendo trabajos y necesitamos invertir en capital humano y que trabajando juntos - varias razas, credos y colores, es la única manera que el gran mosaico de este estado de Missouri llegue a triunfar en esta nueva economía".

Paul Rojas, un ex representante del estado de Missouri, está respaldando a Jay Nixon y dijo que le ha venido dando su apoyo desde que presentara su candidatura a procurador general. "Él representa las cosas que buscamos en los funcionarios políticos para ayudarnos a hacer las correcciones que necesitamos hacer como personas para tener un crecimiento saludable".

Rojas se estaba refiriendo a cambios que se realizaron bajo el Gobernador Matt Blunt. "Matt Blunt representó lo que trágicamente ha estado ocurriendo en todo el país - en donde la gente está utilizando



Jay Nixon campaign staffer Cris Moreno (left to right) Jay Nixon, candidate or governor, Missouri State Representative Mike Talboy and former state legislator Paul Rojas, held an impromptu caucus outside of La Fonda El Taquito regarding issues important to the Latino community.

El funcionario de la campaña de Jay Nixon, Cris Moreno (De izquierda a derecha) Jay Nixon, candidato a gobernador, Mike Talboy Representante del Estado de Missouri y el ex legislador estatal Paul Rojas, celebraron en frente de La Fonda El Taquito una improvisada pero importante camarilla política relacionada con asuntos de importancia para la comunidad latina.

to send a clear signal that these folks that have been counseling me on these important issues are also going to help me get this election done. And hopefully will be involved after the election so that we can have a government that once again reflects in its positions and appointments the great diversity of the state of Missouri."

According to some in the Latino community, one of the things that would help to strengthen those bonds would be the reinstatement of the Hispanic Affairs Commission originally established by Governor Bob Holden and then dissolved by Governor Blunt. The office's charge was changed to a foreign trade orientation and away from an advocacy mission.

Chaurand said that Nixon is aware of the importance of the commission. "That is one of the things we talked about. I think it is very positive. When I worked for Governor Holden, it was one of the things that we did and we thought it was something that really helped, not only Latinos in the state but other people, to understand the diversity in our state and

la demagogia hasta llegar al punto de la malicia en la forma de legislación que fue aprobada bajo su administración. Ustedes vieron que cuando él dijo que no iba a buscar la reelección, él dijo lisa y llanamente, 'He logrado lo que quería lograr' y la única cosa que él ha logrado ... es legislación que ha sido perjudicial para nosotros como hispanos en todo el estado".

Según Nixon, su presencia en el Westside señala un reconocimiento a la comunidad latina y el deseo de fortalecer relaciones que él llevará a su administración. "Esto es para enviar una clara señal que estas personas que me han estado aconsejando sobre estos importantes temas también van a ayudarme a realizar esta elección. Y esperamos participar después de la elección para que podamos contar con un gobierno que una vez más refleje en sus posturas y nombramientos las gran diversidad del estado de Missouri".

Según algunas personas en la comunidad latina, una de las cosas que ayudarán a fortalecer esos lazos, será la restitución de la Comisión de Asuntos Hispanos originalmente establecida por el Gobernador Bob Holden y posteriormente disuelta por el Gobernador Blunt. Las funciones de la oficina fueron cambiadas y orientadas hacia el comercio exterior y alejadas de una misión de abogacía.

Chaurand dijo que Nixon está conciente de la importancia de la comisión. "Esa es una de las cosas que platicamos. Creo que es muy positivo. Cuando trabajé para el Gobernador Holden, fue una de las cosas

what we as Latinos bring to the table. From every indication I have gotten from [Nixon] he is very supportive of reinstating that commission."

Chaurand added that the issues in the Hispanic community are very much in line with the desires of many voters. "We are like everyone else. We want good schools for our kids to attend. We want to have jobs. We want to be able to have the American Dream and own a home. Some people, especially the Republicans, have made immigration an issue. ... This is something we want to work with Jay on but at the same time recognize that there are other issues that we as a community face and we need to deal with those."

Rojas is confident that Nixon will address the broader issues that are affecting the community. "This is not the first time that I have made a contribution to his campaign and it won't be the last. ... If I believe in a person that believes in us and is willing to work with us ... we owe it to ourselves to invest and secure the election of people like him with our dollars and especially our votes."

que hicimos y pensamos que era algo verdaderamente ayudaba, no tan sólo a los latinos en el estado, sino que ayudaba a otras personas a entender la diversidad en nuestro estado y que nosotros como latinos traemos a la mesa. De cada indicación que he obtenido, él [Nixon] es muy partidario de restituir esa comisión".

Chaurand agregó que los problemas en la comunidad hispana están muy en línea con los deseos de muchos votantes. "Nosotros somos como cualquiera otro. Queremos buenas escuelas para que nuestros niños puedan asistir. Queremos tener trabajos. Queremos ser capaces de vivir el Sueño Americano y ser propietarios de una casa. Algunas personas, especialmente los republicanos, han hecho de la inmigración un problema. ... Esto es algo que queremos trabajar con Jay, pero al mismo tiempo reconocer que allí hay otros problemas que nosotros como comunidad enfrentamos y tenemos que tratar con ellos".

Rojas está confiado de que Nixon tratará de abordar los problemas más extensos que afectan a la comunidad. "Esta no es la primera vez que yo haya hecho una contribución a su campaña y no será la última. ... Si yo creo en una persona que cree en nosotros y está dispuesta a trabajar con nosotros ... nos lo debemos a nosotros mismos el invertir y asegurar la elección de personas como él con nuestros dólares y especialmente con nuestros votos".

Olympian Muna Lee honored by alma mater

ANDRE RILEY

An excited yet respectful crowd at Central High School welcomed home one of the school's most successful alums, 2008 U.S. Olympian Muna Lee.

Lee, a 2000 graduate of Central, spent the morning of Sept. 16 speaking and posing with pictures with a cheerful group of students, school staff and dignitaries. The Olympian was visiting Central as the first of several stops during a homecoming trip following her performance as a member of the U.S. Track and Field team, where she placed in both the 100 meters and 200 meters. She was also scheduled to visit her childhood school, Wendell Philips Elementary, and Troost Elementary.

The highlight of the morning was a gathering in the Central High School field house, where Lee was honored with roses, a T-shirt and a plaque from the Board of Administration of the Kansas City, Missouri School district (KCMSD). Lee spoke about how Central High laid the foundations for the success she experienced. Afterwards, she signed autographs and posed for pictures with students.

Lee was joined at the

celebration by former Central coach Richard Samuels, a Missouri State Track Hall of Fame member. Samuels recounted Lee's many accomplishments at the high school and college level, where she ran track for Louisiana State University (LSU). Lee was a seven-time national champion and 20-time All-American during her outstanding career at LSU.

Also attending was Kansas City Councilwoman Melba Curls, who presented Lee



Fresh off her appearance in the Olympics and the world championships, Muna Lee of Kansas City visited with students from Central high school.

It is time for the change we need

CONGRESSMAN
EMANUEL CLEAVER, II

Last week was a crystal-clear example of what's at stake in this election. Over the weekend, Lehman Brothers, a company that survived the Civil War, went belly-up. Tuesday, AIG was taken over by the Fed. Sadly, it was just the latest wave hitting the shores of what has become a storm surge unlike any since the Great Depression. Let me be clear. This is not a hiccup and not a momentary dip. Rather, the credit crisis that has been staring us in the face for the last year is a major concern to our economy and its ability to create good-paying jobs, help you pay your bills, and make your mortgage payments.

Back when I was trying to convince the Clinton Administration for funding to build the Bruce R. Watkins Parkway, my strongest point was that America was a transportation-based economy. If we cannot move, we lose. I am afraid I have to amend that point of view. America is now a confidence-based economy and our confidence is shaken to the core.

It has been nearly a year since hundreds of you gathered in the gym at Center High School at my invitation to try to save your homes. Even at that point, the housing market was crumbling. Now, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two companies who secure more than half of our mortgages, have had to be effectively taken over by the government. At the beginning of the summer, America had five large investment banks. Three have now failed or have been taken over. And on Monday, Wall Street suffered its worst losses since the days after 9/11.

Those are all facts that merely repeat what you already know. You have been feeling the crunch in your wallet long before this week or even this year. For the first time in decades your take-home pay is not keeping up with the rising costs of groceries and gas.

It is not an understatement to say that we are in the most serious financial crisis in generations. And despite all the evidence to the contrary, despite report after report on earnings and jobless claims,

despite nearly every American working harder just to bring home less, Senator McCain has the audacity to stand up and say that the fundamentals of the economy are strong. It begs the question, "The fundamentals are strong for who exactly?" They sure don't seem to be working for the people I talk to - not in Raytown or Independence. Certainly not for those I see at church on Sunday, and I am going to guess not for those who are reading this right now.

For over a year now, many who sit in oak-paneled board rooms and executive suites have complained about my efforts to limit foreclosures. When we have reached out a hand to help people stay in their homes, Wall Street screams that we should not bail out homeowners. While they themselves were packing their golden parachutes, they decried our efforts and protested that homeowners need to learn a lesson about the dangers of taking more risk than they can handle. In other words, those in the corner office have said it serves you right for buying the corner lot when you knew it was a stretch. You should have read the fine print, you should have gauged the market better and you should never have listened to those who sold you the American Dream.

But in a sad irony, those very same corporations who are now declaring bankruptcy were the ones doing the selling. They are the ones who wrote the fine print and they were the ones who believed that the booming housing market would continue to climb. They gambled and lost, and now come looking to the government to bail them out of their disaster. Those who complained about our efforts to provide assistance to homeowners falling just short of making their mortgages are now looking for billions to save their skins.

I believe our focus should be on keeping people in their homes rather than bailing out billionaires. Do not get me wrong. I can easily say "no" to Bill Ford Jr., but I know too many people at the Ford plant who would lose a badly needed job. I could not say "no" to them and sleep well. I have spent a career trying to create jobs by bringing companies to our community like Harley Davidson, TransAmerica and Citibank. There is no pleasure in watching people join the unemployment line.

with a proclamation. Other participants included KCMSD Interim Superintendent John Martin, top KCMSD administrators, Missouri state representative Shalonn "KiKi" Curls and a representative of Kansas City Mayor Mark Funkhouser.

During her time at Central, Lee won four letters in track and three in basketball. She was also named the AAU Most Outstanding Athlete in 1999, and the Gatorade MVP runner-up in 1998 and 1999. A good student, Lee was named to the National Honor Society.

Lee qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games as the United States track team's top qualifier in the 100 meters.

Unfortunately, there are no good answers. People are going to lose their jobs and more banks may fail. But when you are in a hole, it is wise to stop digging.

For eight years we have lived with policies that have failed. Those policies have been sold as reforms of the free market. Each has stretched credibility to the breaking point. Giving more and more to those with the most has been sold as "job creation." Common-sense regulations have been fought as "restrictions on commerce". These same "reformers" allowed lobbyists to write prescription drug plans and consumer protections.

It is time we retired these tired old policies. It is time for the change we need.

When I was Mayor, I came to believe deeply in the value of providing affordable housing options. Perhaps that comes from growing up in public housing. From 1991-1999 we invested several hundred million dollars in housing in Kansas City. The result was close to 7,000 new, renovated or refurbished affordable homes in some of our poorest neighborhoods. In the last ten years, our community has lost its focus on quality affordable housing. It is time we redouble our efforts to invest again in our neighborhoods.

Next week, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and the Secretary of the Treasury will appear in front of the committee I serve on. I will have the opportunity to ask these two men, charged with our nation's economic wellbeing, a few questions. And so, I am asking for your input. If you could ask Chairman Bernanke and Secretary Paulson a question, what would it be? Email your suggestions to me at emanuel.cleaver@mail.house.gov.

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Owners insist problems not inside their establishments

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Linda Callon, director of Westside Can Center, called for a meeting after numerous telephone calls and e-mails from concerned neighbors. "After that last shooting where the body was found at the car wash, we had a high number of e-mails and phone calls asking how we can get those businesses closed. The reality of it is, it isn't that they want the business closed, they want the behavior changed, they want the clients to come in and respect our neighborhood and not trashing it or putting us in physical harm," she said.

Art Cabral, owner of the Patron, hired a police officer in April to watch over his customers as they leave his establishment. His business closes at 11 p.m. but an establishment next to him stays open later and their customers use his parking lot. When trouble happens in the parking lot, people assume it is Patron's customers.



Art Cabral.

"It is not fair to me because I have the same problem. Our parking lot is packed because next door to us another business doesn't have a parking lot so if something happens there they think it happened at Patron," he said.

The bar owners feel that they are the target of unfair accusations, but Callon told *Hispanic News* that they were not random targets; these were the businesses that were named in the e-mails and phone calls.

"It isn't just the killings that we are upset about, although that is a huge part of it, but it is also the random shooting of guns into the air. Those bullets come down somewhere. Some of us have bullet holes in our

roofs, which means our roofs leak, and we have the expense or our landlords have the expense of repairing those roofs. They (the bullets) are landing somewhere. If they are not being stopped by a body, they are being stopped somewhere or by a building that causes an expense and damage to another business," she explained.

Though the increasing crime rate is not confined solely to Southwest Boulevard, drive by shootings and murders are occurring in all sections of Kansas City neighborhoods, Callon is not buying that crime around bars ebbs and flows; she wants changes made by the owners to help cut the crime that is invading their neighborhood.

"Do we want to match them (the other crime areas) before we take it seriously? How high do we want the body count to be before it is relevant?" she asks.

Callon and residents charge that the issue goes beyond crime. "Barcelona has had multiple code violations because of the poor maintenance of their property. Most of the bars owners have code violations because of property maintenance violations. The surrounding businesses complain about having to pick up condoms, having to dilute vomit, wash away urine and pick up human waste, garbage, bottles, etc. That doesn't make you a good neighbor," she said.

Mia Lee Devine, owner of Barcelona's, is upset her business was singled out. "It is because of one incident where two ladies were running from three bad guys. I don't know why



Mia Lee Devine.

they didn't go to Quik-Trip. It is a very bright place. Maybe that is why they wanted to hide. However, they hid between the mechanical shop and restaurant. We had been closed for 30 to 45 minutes, when a promoter and band members were going home from our place and they saw two guys beating this one lady. They stopped that and one of them was shot. Instead of being a hero who saved these two ladies from getting shot, the media was unfair calling it an incident at my business."

Arturo Romo, owner of Oasis talked about the difficulties the owners face. "It is difficult for us to control everything outside of our businesses. I agree that it is bad for our business because it happens outside our businesses. There are people that come from other areas and bring problems here and that can happen anywhere in the city. ... We are doing everything that we can to make sure that we are complying with the regulations that liquor control and the police insist on. We have had no problems inside."



Arturo Romo.

Eddie Espinoza, co-owner of Elena's Sport Bar, agrees. "There are various cases up and down the street where there are shootings on the Boulevard from neighborhood gangs and so forth, but that doesn't strictly mean it is coming from our businesses. There are other things that create these problems; we have kids just



Eddie Espinoza.

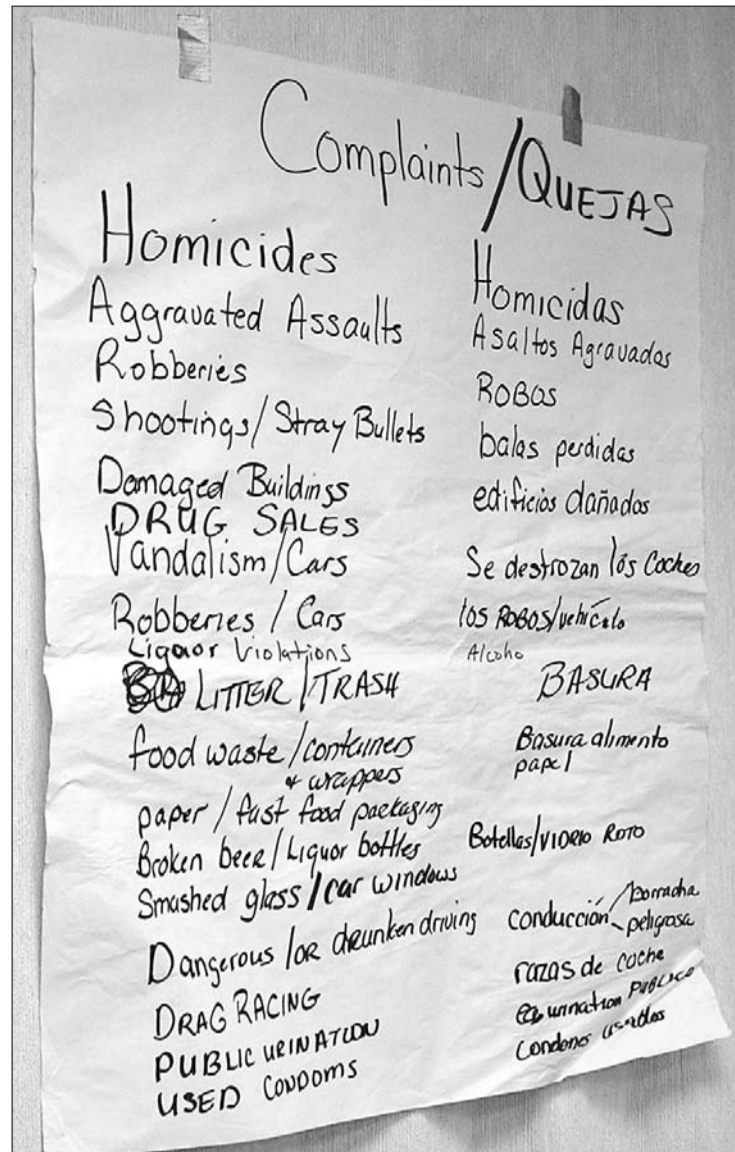
running rampant on this street."

Gary Majors, KCMO manager of Regulated Industries, attended the meeting at Callon's request. He explained the steps his office takes in responding to complaints. His first visit is to check out the establishment and talk with the owner. If there are violations, they discuss them and ask the owner to fix the problems.

"We try the easy approach at first having conversations, providing training and giving them options. When that doesn't work, what we have found to be effective is we do close them down and that hurts ... them in the pocketbook. They lose revenue, they have to pay for staff, they have to pay for the alcohol that is sitting on their shelf and they have to pay rent. For most, not all, we found after doing that once and sometimes twice, people get the idea that they are going to follow the ordinance that governs liquid laws here in the city."

Majors believes the owners have to be held responsible. "There are times they are truly innocent ... but ... there are things they can do. They can watch over people so that they don't get so intoxicated. They can train their security staff on how to break up a fight and make sure that one party is totally in their car and gone before they allow the other party to go out and leave. They can have better reporting to the police. We offer training for bar owners and their staff on how to handle these types of situations. Some of this is their responsibility and what goes on outside of their establishment is their responsibility and we do hold them accountable for that," he said.

Matt Tomasic, KCMO police officer at the Community Action Center, agreed that the owners bear responsibility. "I think it is



When it came to the complaints of residents against the owners of four businesses on Southwest Boulevard the list was long and descriptive. Owners said they want to address the increased crime along the boulevard, and are considering forming a business association to pool their resources.

Quando se trató de las quejas de los residentes en contra de los propietarios de cuatro negocios en el Southwest Boulevard, la lista fue larga y descriptiva. Los propietarios dicen que quieren buscar una solución al aumento del crimen a lo largo del boulevard y están considerando formar una asociación de negocios para aunar sus recursos.

all about being a good neighbor. I think it is all about being a member of the community, and if people are congregating at your establishment or outside of your establishment and people leaving your establishment are outside in the parking lot committing crimes, you have a responsibility in that."

According to Tomasic, there was one positive that came out of the meeting. The four businesses are looking at forming a business owners association and considering pooling their resources to retain several police officers to provide security.

"I think that would be a win-win situation," said Tomasic. "I think the area, the bar and the area outside the bars would be safer with police present. I think that is a lot of the issues and concerns that the citizens have and that would decrease that concern."

"I want to clean up the streets. I want a positive neighborhood. I want a safe environment," said Espinoza.

Proprietarios insisten que los problemas no ocurren al interior de sus establecimientos

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es su responsabilidad, pero los vecinos dicen otra cosa.

Linda Callon, directora del Centro Can del Westside, llamó a una reunión luego de recibir numerosas llamadas telefónicas y correos electrónicos de parte de vecinos preocupados. "Después de la última balacera en donde el cadáver fue hallado en el lavado de automóviles, recibimos una gran cantidad de correos electrónicos y llamadas telefónicas preguntando cómo hacer que esos negocios cerraran. La realidad de eso es que ellos no quieren que los negocios sean cerrados, ellos quieren que el comportamiento cambie, ellos quieren que los clientes vengan y respeten nuestro vecindario y no lo ensucien o nos pongan en peligro", dijo ella.

Art Cabral, dueño de El Patrón, contrató a un agente de la policía para cuidar a sus clientes cuando éstos salen de su establecimiento. Su negocio cierra a la 11 p.m., pero un establecimiento contiguo se mantiene abierto hasta tarde y los clientes de éste usan su estacionamiento. Cuando ocurren problemas en el estacionamiento, la gente supone que son los clientes de El Patrón.

"Nos es justo para mí, ya que tengo el mismo problema. Nuestro estacionamiento está lleno porque al lado de nosotros, otro negocio no tiene un estacionamiento y si algo sucede ellos creen que sucedió en El Patrón," dijo él.

Los propietarios de las cantinas sienten que son el blanco de acusaciones injustas, pero Callon le dijo a *Hispanic News* que ellos no son blancos fortuitos; estos

fueron lo negocios citados en los correos electrónicos y las llamadas telefónicas.

"No son solamente los asesinatos por lo que estamos molestos, aunque esa es una gran parte de ello, pero son también los disparos al aire que son hechos al azar. Esas balas tienen que caer en alguna parte. Algunos de nosotros tenemos orificios de balas en nuestros techos, lo que significa que nuestros techos se gotean y nosotros incurrimos en gastos o nuestros caseros tienen que gastar para reparar esos techos. Ellas (Las balas) aterrizan en algún lugar. Si no están siendo detenidas por algún cuerpo, están siendo detenidas en algún lugar o por algún edificio lo que causa gastos y daños a otros negocios", explicó ella.

Aunque el aumento en el promedio de los crímenes no está solamente confinado al Southwest Boulevard, balaceras desde carros y asesinatos están ocurriendo en todas las secciones de los vecindarios de Kansas City, Callon no cree que el crimen alrededor de las cantinas fluye y refluye; ella quiere que los propietarios efectúen cambios para ayudar a reducir el crimen que está invadiendo su vecindario.

"¿Queremos equipararlas (Las otras áreas de alto crimen) antes de que lo tomemos en forma seria? ¿Cuán grande queremos que sea el conteo de cadáveres antes de que sea relevante?" pregunta ella.

Callon y los residentes acusan que el asunto va más allá del crimen. "Barcelona ha tenido violaciones múltiples a los códigos debido al pobre mantenimiento de su propiedad. La mayoría de los propietarios de cantinas han incurrido en

violaciones a los códigos a causa de violaciones al mantenimiento. Los negocios aledaños se quejan de tener que recoger condones, de tener que diluir vómitos, lavar la orina y recoger desperdicios humanos, basura, botellas, etc. Eso no lo convierte a uno en un buen vecino", dijo ella.

Mia Lee Devine, propietaria del Barcelona, está molesta de que su negocio haya sido individualizado. "Es a consecuencias de un incidente en donde dos damas huían de tres malhechores. Yo no sé por qué ellas no corrieron hasta el Quik-Trip. Es un sitio muy iluminado. A lo mejor por eso es que ellas querían esconderse. Sin embargo, ellas se escondieron entre el taller mecánico y el restaurante. Nosotros habíamos estado cerrados por 30 ó 45 minutos cuando un promotor y miembros de una banda salían de nuestro establecimiento y se disponían a ir a casa cuando vieron a dos sujetos golpeando a esta dama. Ellos detuvieron eso y uno de ellos recibió un disparo. En lugar de ser un héroe quien salvó a estas dos damas de ser acibilladas, la prensa no fue justa cuando hicieron referencia a un incidente en mi negocio".

Arturo Romo, propietario de Oasis, se refirió a las dificultades que los propietarios enfrentan. "Es difícil para nosotros controlar todo lo que sucede fuera de nuestros negocios. Estoy de acuerdo que es malo para los negocios, ya que sucede fuera de nuestros negocios. Estas son personas que vienen de otras áreas y traen problemas acá y eso puede suceder en cualquier lugar en la ciudad. ... Estamos haciendo todo lo posible para asegurarnos de estar cumpliendo con las regulaciones que el control de licores y la

policía insisten en hacer cumplir. Nosotros no hemos tenido problemas adentro".

Eddie Espinoza, co-propietario de Elena's Sport Bar, está de acuerdo. "Existen varios casos a lo largo de la calle en donde ocurren balaceras en el Boulevard hechas por pandillas del vecindario y cosas por el estilo, pero estrictamente eso no significa que provienen desde nuestros negocios. Existen otras cosas que crean estos problemas; simplemente tenemos a muchachos corriendo desenfrenados por esta calle".

Gary Majors, Administrador de Regulación de Industrias de KCMO, asistió a la reunión a pedido de Callon. Él explicó las medidas que su oficina toma en respuesta a las quejas. Su primera visita es para examinar el establecimiento y conversar con el propietario. Si allí existen violaciones, ellos las discuten y le piden al dueño que se haga cargo de los problemas.

"Al principio tratamos el enfoque fácil sosteniendo conversaciones, ofreciendo entrenamiento y les ofrecemos opciones. Cuando eso no resulta, lo que hemos encontrado efectivo es que los cerramos y eso les duele ... en los bolsillos. Ellos pierden ingresos, ellos tienen que pagarle al personal, ellos tienen que pagar por el alcohol que permanece estático en las estanterías y ellos tienen que pagar arriendo. Para la mayoría, no todos, hemos encontrado que después de hacer eso una vez y algunas veces una segunda, la gente se hace la idea de que van a observar la ordenanza que gobierna las leyes líquidas aquí en la ciudad".

Majors cree que los propietarios tienen que ser responsabilizados. "Hay veces

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Matt Tomasic, agente de la policía de KCMO en el Centro de Acción Comunitaria, está de acuerdo que los propietarios tienen una responsabilidad. "Creo que todo se trata de ser un buen vecino. Creo que todo se trata de ser un miembro de la comunidad y si la gente

se está congregando en su establecimiento o fuera de éste y la gente que sale de sus establecimientos y están en el estacionamiento cometiendo crímenes, uno tiene una responsabilidad en ello".

Según Tomasic, hubo algo positivo que salió de la reunión. Los cuatro negocios están contemplando formar una asociación de dueños de negocios y consideran aunar sus recursos para retener a varios agentes de la policía para que ofrezcan seguridad.

"Creo que esa sería una situación en que todos ganarían", dijo Tomasic. "Creo que el área, la cantina y el área que la circunda serían más seguras con la presencia de la policía. Creo que esos son muchos de los problemas e inquietudes que los ciudadanos tienen y eso disminuiría esa preocupación".

"Quiero limpiar las calles. Quiero un vecindario positivo. Quiero un entorno seguro", dijo Espinoza.

Obama is Their Choice



Volunteers from the Barack Obama campaign were a visible presence with their signs and enthusiasm at this year's Fiesta Hispana.

Voluntarios de la campaña de Barack Obama tuvieron una presencia visible con sus pancartas y entusiasmo durante la Fiesta Hispana de este año.

JOE ARCE & DEBRA DECOSTER
HISPANIC NEWS

While attending Fiesta Hispana last week, *Hispanic News* talked to a group of young Latina Barack Obama supporters. They were part of a group organized by Jessica Ayala that set up a booth and promoted their candidate while encouraging people to register to vote in the upcoming presidential election. The volunteers were eager to share with us the reasons they believe Obama is the proper choice for Latinos this November.

Sophie Alvarado understands the issues that face illegal immigrants in this country. Her parents came to the United States illegally and it took them over a decade to establish their legal status. "Obama has a good immigration plan, he doesn't want to separate families, he wants to keep families together and make it easier for the Latino families to stay here."

Alvarado feels that Obama's family background - being raised by a single mother, puts him in touch with the working class in the country. "He has struggled like we have. He knows his mom struggled to put him through college. He knows what it is like to be unable to pay bills and not have a father. He has fought for issues and has taken lower paying jobs to pursue his passion to help people instead of taking a Wall Street job. He took something that he knew was better to do."

Nancy Compaer, 21-year-old Political Science major, also supports Senator Obama. "I am a student and I feel that he has a much better education plan than McCain does for helping out college students." Compaer is looking at his stance on other issues with healthcare one of her main concerns. "I am graduating from college next year and then I am taking two years off before starting law school. Once, I am no longer a student, I will not have medical coverage anymore unless I get a job that provides benefits, so it is a big issue," she said.

Eighteen-year-old Myrna Orozco is volunteering with the Obama campaign. She has been assisting with the campaign by calling individuals and helping them to become registered to vote in the upcoming election.

"I think he would be a great president for the Latino community. There are many issues he supports I agree with. He has supported the Dream Act and that is very close to the Latino community here in Kansas City," said Orozco.

She believes Senator Obama stands for family, for education for all children and he is seeking ways to improve healthcare and give healthcare benefits to the American public who need the medical coverage. "These things need to change. He wants to be able to give back to the community so much that has been taken away from them in the last four years," she said.

Ayala resalta la importancia de la próxima elección

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Hispanic News entrevistó a Ayala mientras ella y un grupo de voluntarios trabajaban en un puesto en la Fiesta Hispana y pregonaban por su candidato promoviendo la inscripción de votantes. Ayala hizo notar que el último plazo inscribirse es el 8 de octubre y es importante pasar la información.

Ayala cree que la elección presidencial de este noviembre será de proporciones históricas. Cuando llegue noviembre, los ciudadanos de Estados Unidos le darán la bienvenida al primer afro-estadounidense a la posición ejecutiva más alta en el país o la primera mujer a la segunda posición más alta de la nación.

"Este es un momento en nuestra historia en donde todos tenemos que participar sin importar cómo uno vaya a votar. Estaremos haciendo historia el 4 de noviembre, por favor, por favor, sean parte de esta historia en el 2008", dijo Ayala.

La pasión con la Ayala le implora a la gente que se registre es parte de la manera en que ella es. Aunque ella tiene un título universitario, Ayala deja pasar oportunidades que le podrían significar un lucrativo salario para poder seguir con su pasión como organizadora de la comunidad. Ayala ha estado involucrada en esfuerzos locales de base en

la comunidad por varios años. Ella ha estado luchando por justicia para los inmigrantes, mejores oportunidades para el cuidado de la salud y educación para todos.

Mediante sus esfuerzos de base, Ayala ha estado tratando de llevar la voz latina a la mesa. "Es importante. Nuestra voz es importante. Nuestras voces necesitan ser escuchadas y nuestras voces tienen que ser invitadas a la mesa de la democracia. Tenemos que ser invitados para poder expresar nuestras opiniones y para organizarnos y ser parte de un foro equitativo", explicó ella.

Ella está trabajando con ahínco para pregonar el mensaje no tan sólo a la comunidad hispana, sino que a todos le pregona que es importante que voten. "Uno tiene el derecho a votar por quienquiera uno desee y uno tienen que ejercitar ese derecho", dijo ella. "Escucho todo el tiempo que la gente está inscrita para votar, pero simplemente no lo hacen y yo les digo, platiquen conmigo y díganme por qué no votan. Quiero saber cómo podemos, como personas en esta comunidad, ayudarlas para que entiendan por qué votar es importante. Es importante para todos darse cuenta de que tienen que participar en su comunidad y hacer escuchar sus voces e inquietudes".

Aunque los recintos de votación han registrado la

Ayala stresses importance of upcoming election

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office in the country or the first woman to the second highest office in the land.

"This is a point in our history where we all need to participate regardless of how you vote. We are making history on November 4, please, please, please be a part of making history in 2008," said Ayala.

The passion with which Ayala implores people to register is part of her make-up. Though she has a college degree, Ayala eschews opportunities that would provide a handsome salary in order to pursue her passion as a community organizer. Ayala has been involved in local community grassroots efforts for a number of years. She has been fighting for justice for immigrants, better healthcare and education opportunity for everyone.

Ayala, through her grassroots efforts, has been trying to bring the Latino voice to the table. "It is important. Our voice is important. Our voices need to be heard and our voices need to be invited to the table of democracy. We need to be invited to voice our opinions and to organize and to be a part of the equal forum," she explained.

She is working hard to get the message out to not only the Hispanic community but to everyone that it is important for them to get out and vote. "You have a right to vote for whoever you want to vote for and you need to exercise that right," she said. "I hear all the time that people are registered to vote but they just don't get out and vote and I tell them, talk to me and tell me why you don't vote. I want to know how we can as a person in this community help

you so that you will understand why it is important to vote. It is important for everybody to learn that they need to be involved in their community and have their voices and concerns heard."

As polling precincts tracked voter turnout, it has been evident in past elections, that the Latino community locally and nationally, does not turn out in large numbers to vote. However, this year, Ayala is hoping to change that mindset.

Ayala would like to see the Latino population decide on what issues are important to them before this election and ask those questions. Do they have concerns about education, immigration, health care? "I strongly encourage, encourage, encourage our Latino community to get organized and to demand and to request and to challenge and to push both of our candidates to address our issues."

As part of her outreach, Ayala took her campaign to La Fonda el Taquito last September 16, in the Westside for an innovative volunteer call out. The thirty people that attended the rally were asked to call one person and recruit a volunteer. As cell phones buzzed, Ayala and the volunteers doubled their number.

As Ayala has worked on issues such as immigrant justice, education, and undocumented student rights, she believes she has found an ally in Senator Barack Obama. "Obama has been in support of everything that I have been lobbying for in Jefferson City. He has been in support of all the changes that we need to continue to do."

"Senator Barack Obama is from Chicago and when we had our immigrant justice rally



Jessica Ayala worked the booth at Fiesta Hispana encouraging people to register to vote and consider voting for Barack Obama in the upcoming November election.

Jessica Ayala trabajó en el puesto de la Fiesta Hispana motivando a la gente a registrarse para votar y considerar hacerlo por Barack Obama en la elección de este noviembre próximo.

and our marches he was there. He was marching and he was walking with us and he has been working to support the Dream Act. He has been speaking out about giving all children the right to an education. I can say he exhibits and participated in all the efforts that I have a need for in a leader of his caliber to participate in," she said.

Ayala has taken an active role in the campaign organizing and promoting Latinos for Obama. She admits that she has received an invaluable education in political campaigns and networking.

"Being able to walk into the campaign office and meet people my age, with the same passions from different communities and different areas, has been very empowering to me. I have never in my life worked with specific people who have been so passionate about making a change in Kansas City," she said.

Ayala has also found common ground in community issues and concerns. She has listened

to what others from other communities think and what issues are major concerns for them. She has realized that they are working towards the same goals. Her next step after the November elections is to continue to bring the different communities together and work towards a common goal.

"I believe that if I had not been here at the campaign office these connections would not have been made."

Ayala and her league of volunteers will be out in force, knocking on doors, talking to members of the public on why they need to get involved in the campaign and make a change toward the future by getting out and voting. Having found a match between the demands of the campaign and her desire to organize community, Ayala is like a kid in a candy shop.

"The people I am working with are my family and have also been grassroots organizers. I can't be any happier than where I am right now."

Obama es su Preferencia

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Mientras asistía a la Fiesta Hispana la semana pasada, *Hispanic News* platicó con un grupo de jovencitas latinas partidarias de Barack Obama. Ellas eran parte de un grupo organizado por Jessica Ayala quienes se habían instalado en un puesto a promover a su candidato mientras exhortaban a la gente a registrarse para votar en las elecciones presidenciales venideras. Las voluntarias se mostraron deseosas de compartir con nosotros las razones de por qué creen que Obama es la preferencia apropiada para los latinos este mes de noviembre.

Sophie Alvarado entiende los problemas que enfrentan

los inmigrantes ilegales en este país. Sus padres entraron a Estados Unidos en forma ilegal y les tomó más de una década establecer su estatus legal. "Obama tienen un buen plan para la inmigración, él no quiere separar a las familias, él quiere mantener juntas a las familias y hacerle más fácil a las familias permanecer aquí".

Alvarado siente que el historial familiar de Obama - habiendo sido criado por una madre soltera, lo pone a él a tono con la clase trabajadora del país. "Él ha luchado tal como nosotros. Él sabe que su mamá luchó para enviarlo a la universidad. Él sabe lo que es no poder pagar las cuentas y no tener papá. Él ha luchado por los problemas y ha aceptado trabajo de poca paga para seguir su pasión de ayudar a

la gente en lugar de aceptar un trabajo en Wall Street. Aceptó algo que él sabía era mejor".

Nancy Compaer de 21 años, estudiante de ciencias políticas, también apoya al Senador Obama. "Yo soy una estudiante y creo que él tiene un mejor plan para la educación que McCain para ayudar a los estudiantes universitarios". Compaer está observando sus posturas en otros problemas con el cuidado de la salud que es una de sus principales preocupaciones. "Me estaré graduando de la universidad el próximo año y luego me tomaré dos años libres antes de comenzar en la escuela de leyes. Una vez que ya no sea estudiante, ya no tendré cobertura médica a menos que obtenga un trabajo que ofrezca beneficios, por eso para mí es un gran problema", dijo ella.

Myrna Orozco de dieciocho años trabaja de voluntaria

en la campaña de Obama. Ella ha estado ayudando con la campaña llamando a personas y ayudándolas a registrarse para votar en la elección venidera.

"Creo que él sería un gran presidente para la comunidad latina. Yo estoy de acuerdo con muchos de los temas que él apoya. Él le ha dado su apoyo al Dream Act y eso es muy cercano a la comunidad latina aquí en Kansas City", dijo Orozco.

Ella cree que el Senador Obama está por la familia, por la educación de todos los niños y está buscando maneras para mejorar el cuidado de la salud y entregarle beneficios de salud al público estadounidense que necesita cobertura médica. "Estas cosas necesitan cambiar. Él quiere ser capaz de regresarle a la comunidad lo tanto que le han sustraído en los últimos cuatro años", dijo ella.



Jessica Ayala.

participación de los votantes, se ha hecho evidente en pasadas elecciones, que la comunidad latina local y nacionalmente, no se hace presente en grandes cantidades a votar. Sin embargo, este año, Ayala espera cambiar la mentalidad.

A Ayala le gustaría ver a la población latina decidir qué temas son importantes para ellos antes de esta elección y formular estas preguntas. ¿Están preocupados ellos sobre la educación, la inmigración, el cuidado de la salud? "Yo

exhorto fuertemente una y otra vez a nuestra comunidad latina a organizarse y a demandar y a pedir y a desafiar y a insistirle a ambos candidatos que atiendan nuestros problemas".

Como parte de su extensión, Ayala llevó su campaña a La Fonda el Taquito este pasado 16 de septiembre en el Westside para hacer un innovador llamado a voluntarios. A las treinta personas que asistieron al mitin se les pidió llamar a una persona y reclutar a un voluntario. Mientras los celulares ululaban, Ayala y los voluntarios doblaban su número.

Puesto que Ayala ha trabajado en asuntos tales como justicia para la inmigración, educación y derechos de los estudiantes indocumentados, ella cree que ha encontrado a un aliado en la persona del Senador Barack Obama. "Obama ha sido partidario de todas las cosas por las que yo he estado presionando en Jefferson City. Él ha sido partidario de todos los cambios que debemos continuar haciendo".

"El Senador Barack Obama es de Chicago y cuando tuvimos nuestra manifestación por la justicia para los inmigrantes y

marchamos, él estuvo allí. Él marchó y caminó con nosotros y él estaba trabajando para respaldar el Dream Act. Él ha estado hablando de entregar a todos los niños el derecho a una educación. Puedo decir que él exhibe y participa en todos los esfuerzos de los cuales tengo una necesidad de que un líder de este calibre participe", dijo ella.

Ayala ha emprendido un papel activo en la campaña en lo que se trata de organizar y promover Latinos por Obama. Ella admite haber recibido una educación invaluable en campañas políticas y en establecer redes de contacto.

"El poder ser capaz de entrar a la oficina de la campaña y reunirme con gente de mi edad, con las mismas pasiones de diferentes comunidades y diferentes áreas, ha sido de mucho potencial para mí. Nunca en mi vida he trabajado con gente específica que han sido tan apasionada respecto a efectuar un cambio en Kansas City", dijo ella.

Ayala también ha encontrado afinidad en asuntos e inquietudes de la comunidad. Ella ha escuchado lo que otras personas

de otras comunidades piensan y cuáles temas son de mayor importancia para ellos. Ella se ha dado cuenta de que ellos están trabajando en pos de los mismos objetivos. Su próximo paso después de las elecciones de noviembre es el de continuar congregando a las diferentes comunidades y de trabajar hacia un objetivo común.

"Creo que si no hubiera estado aquí en la oficina de la campaña, nunca se hubieran hecho estas conexiones."

Ayala y su liga de voluntarios saldrán en masa, golpeando puertas, platicando con el público acerca de por qué ellos tienen que participar en la campaña y hacer un cambio hacia el futuro al ir a votar. Habiendo encontrado una afinidad entre las demandas de la campaña y su deseo de organizar a la comunidad, Ayala es como una muchacha en una tienda de golosinas.

"La gente con la que trabajo son mi familia y también han sido organizadores de base. No podría estar más feliz en ninguna parte salvo en el sitio en que me encuentro ahora".



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Beto and Margot Lopez have been blessed by their Lord and Savior with 40 years of marriage. Their children, grandchildren, family and friends celebrated with a mass at Sacred Heart/ Guadalupe Church on Saturday, September 13, followed by a reception at Guadalupe Centers on Kansas City's Westside. Beto also serenaded his beautiful wife with his Mariachi Group. The tears that filled her eyes reflected the love the couple have shared in 40 years together.

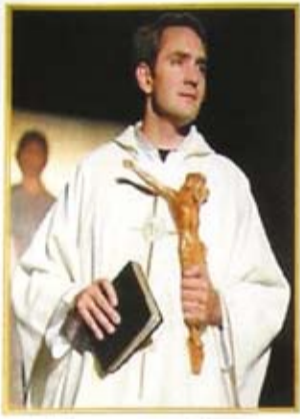
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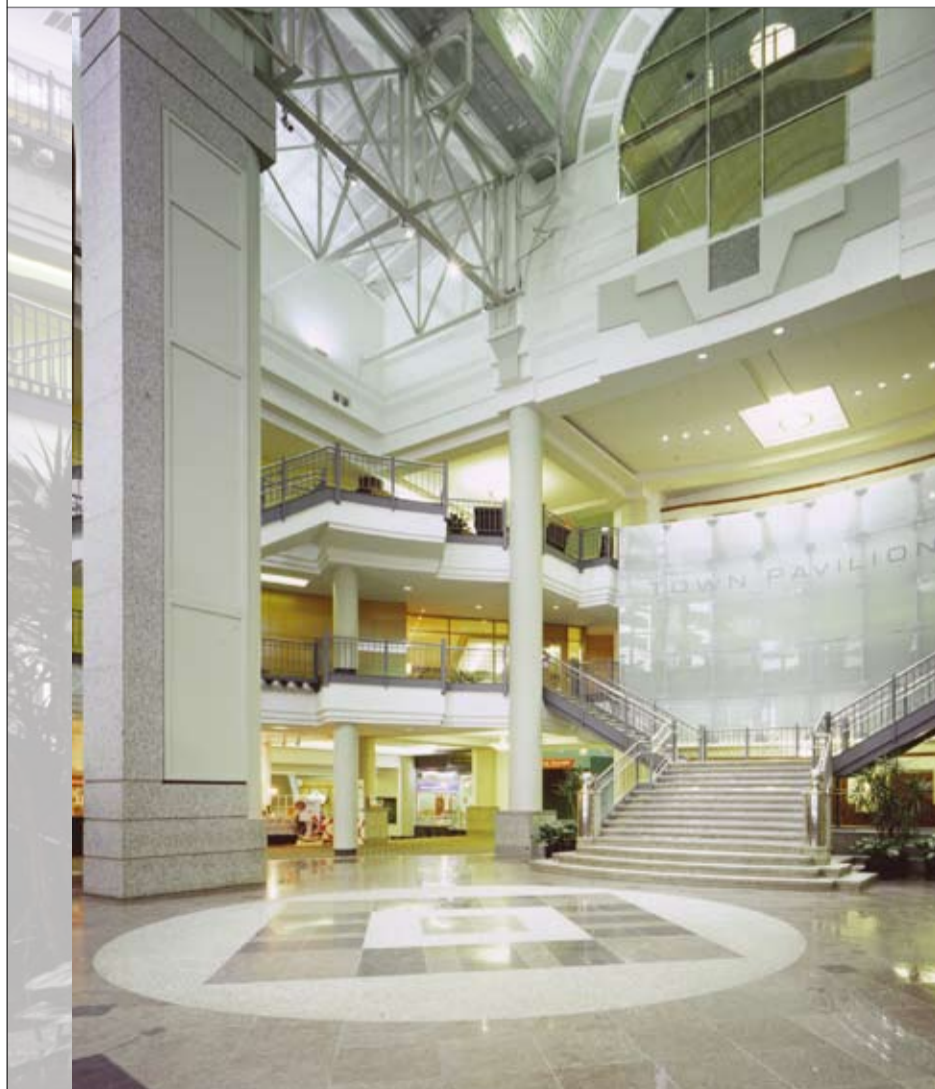
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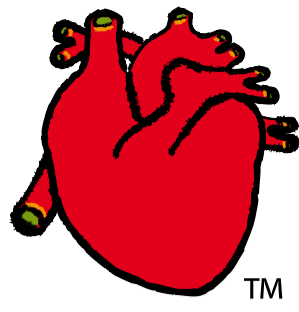


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Beautiful weather combined with a turnout in the hundreds guaranteed that the first annual Central Avenue parade was a success. Clowns in colorful costumes and less inhibitions, mingled with charros in their traditional costumes to the delight of young and old.

Manuel Ríos, owner of Fotos Y Amplificaciones Ríos and one of the coordinators of the event, was enthused by the turnout. "Even though I was one of the organizers, I have to thank all the people that worked on this. ... I can't say that it was perfect, because we still need to organize a little better, but for it being the first one we have ever done, we consider that it went well. This was a family event."

The dignitaries who showed up including Kansas City, Kansas Mayor Joe Reardon and the Mexican Consul pleased Ríos. "I was very proud and more to see the Consul of Mexico here. I think it is very rare of the Consuls that we have had here in the past to ever venture out into this type of events like what we had here. ... I was very pleased to see him out here among the regular people."

Ríos added that the parade was a validation of the efforts of the Unión de Comerciantes y Residentes Latinos that organized the event. "We feel very proud and glad that people have validated us and see that we are doing important things for the community. This shows that we are coming together and uniting in a sane way." Ríos added that the event would help to change the image that people have of the Latino population and that they are a contributing part of the American culture.

Ríos noted that people are quick to pay attention to stories about crime in the Latino community but are not as quick to take notice of positive things like the parade and what it says about the community.

"This is a tranquil area. This is exactly why we are going to keep doing these types of events so that people can see that it is not like what they are told it is. This is a place where you can walk tranquilly and be secure. Crime is going to happen all over the world, not just in the Latino neighborhoods, but everywhere."

Ríos added that what has taken place in the Central Avenue corridor has implications for the whole area. "The message of this parade is that the Latinos in those areas where the infrastructure is crumbling are saying that we can rebuild them and lift them up as we have done here along Central Avenue."

Lilia Bara an immigrant from the state of Michoacán was pleased and surprised by the parade. "I love this. It seems like it was well done. It is nice to see these Mexican events especially for those of us that are Mexican."

Karina Chavez watched the parade not far from her home. She was appreciative of the effort and hopeful that they will continue as an annual event "They need to keep this going because it gets people animated. It is cool."

Monico Vargas, originally from the state of Durango attended the parade. "This is a very patriotic thing and original. I live a few blocks from here. I would love to see it continue because this is a tradition that we cannot forget or leave behind. We don't need to go to Mexico to see these events, they are here and we need to keep encouraging them."

Vargas also was in tune to the subtext of the parade. "People need to see that this is a very friendly and peaceful community here. Most of all, people need to see that we live in harmony and the residents here have each other's backs in terms of vigilance. This is a very good message to send out to all the areas of the city."

Parade Highlights Changing Face of Corridor Desfile Hace Resaltar Cambiante Rostro de Corredor



"People need to see that this is a very friendly and peaceful community here."

"La gente necesita ver que esta es una comunidad muy amistosa y pacífica".



Charros, dancers, musicians and floats entertained the crowds at the first annual Unión de Comerciantes y Residentes Latinos' parade in Kansas City, Kansas. The event celebrated Mexican Independence and the contributions of all the businesses and residents that have made Central Avenue a bustling commercial and residential strip. Manuel Ríos (left bottom), along with other area business owners, presented KCK Mayor Joe Reardon with a special award for all his efforts on behalf of the Hispanic community.

Charros, bailarines, músicos y carros alegóricos entretuvieron a la muchedumbre durante el primer desfile anual de la Unión de Comerciantes y Residentes Latinos realizada en Kansas City, Kansas. El evento celebró la Independencia de México y las contribuciones de todos los negocios y residentes que han hecho de la Central Avenue una pujante franja comercial y residencial. Manuel Ríos (Abajo a la izquierda), junto a otros dueños de negocios del área, le entregaron al Alcalde de KCK Joe Reardon un galardón especial por todos sus esfuerzos dirigidos a la comunidad hispana.

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HISPANIC NEWS

Hermosas condiciones climáticas combinadas con una asistencia de cientos de personas garantizaron que el primer desfile anual por la Central Avenue fuera un éxito. Payasos en coloridas vestimentas y menos inhibiciones, se mezclaron con charros con sus vestimentas tradicionales para deleitar a jóvenes y mayores.

Manuel Ríos, propietario de Fotos Y Amplificaciones Ríos, se mostró entusiasmado con la asistencia. "Aunque fui uno de los organizadores, quiero agradecerle a toda la gente que trabajó en esto. ... No puedo decir que fue perfecto, porque todavía necesitamos organizarla un poquito mejor, pero pese a ser la primera que hemos hecho, consideramos que salió bien. Este fue un acontecimiento familiar."

Los dignatarios asistentes, incluyendo el Alcalde de Kansas City, Kansas Joe Reardon y el Cónsul Mexicano, alegraron a Ríos. Me sentí muy orgulloso y más de ver al Cónsul de México aquí. Creo que es muy raro entre los cónsules que hemos tenido en el pasado atreverse a asistir a este tipo de eventos como el que hemos tenido acá. ... Quedé muy contento de verle aquí entre la gente regular."

Ríos agrega que el desfile fue una validación de los esfuerzos de la Unión de Comerciantes y Residentes Latinos

que organizaron el evento. "Nos sentimos muy orgullosos y felices de que la gente nos haya validado y visto que estamos haciendo cosas importantes por la comunidad. Esto demuestra que estamos organizándonos y uniéndonos de una manera sana". Ríos agregó que el evento ayudará a cambiar la imagen que la gente tienen de la población latina y que ellos son una parte contribuyente de la cultura estadounidense.

Ríos hizo notar que la gente es rápida en ponerle atención a las historias de crímenes en la comunidad latina, pero no son tan rápidos en reconocer las cosas positivas tales como el desfile y lo que éste dice de la comunidad.

"Esta es un área tranquila. Esto es exactamente porqué vamos a continuar haciendo este tipo de eventos para que la gente pueda ver que no es como se los han contado. Este es un lugar donde uno puede caminar tranquilamente y sentirse seguro. El crimen va a suceder en todo el mundo, no solamente en los vecindarios latinos, sino que en todo lugar."

Ríos agregó que lo que ha ocurrido en el corredor de la Central Avenue tienen implicaciones para toda el área. "El mensaje de este desfile es que los latinos en esas áreas donde la infraestructura se está derrumbando están diciendo que podemos reconstruirlas y levantarlas como lo hemos hecho aquí a lo largo de la Central Avenue".



Lilia Bara, inmigrante del estado de Michoacán quedó contenta y sorprendida por el desfile. "Me encanta esto. Se ve como que estuvo bien hecho. Es grato ver estos eventos mexicanos, especialmente para nosotros que somos mexicanos".

Karina Chávez vio pasar el desfile no muy lejos de su casa. Ella estuvo agradecida del esfuerzo y esperanzada de que continuará como un evento anual. "Ellos tienen que continuar haciéndolo porque hace que la gente se anime. Es bonito".

Monico Vargas, originario del estado de Durango asistió al desfile. "Esta es una cosa muy patriótica y original. Vivo a pocas cuadras de acá. Me gustaría ver que continuara ya que esta es una tradición de la que no podemos olvidarnos o dejar de lado. No necesitamos ir a México para ver estos eventos, ellos están aquí y tenemos que seguir motivándolos a ellos."

Vargas estaba a tono con el trasfondo del desfile. "La gente necesita ver que esta es una comunidad muy amistosa y pacífica. Y lo más importante es que la gente necesita ver que vivimos en armonía y que los residentes de aquí se cuidan mutuamente las espaldas en lo que se trata a la vigilancia. Este es un buen mensaje para pregonarle a todas las áreas de la ciudad".

hn MOVIE REVIEW

Ghostly Good

"Ghost Town" is the new film written and directed by David Koepp. The film stars Ricky Gervais (the original, British version of "The Office"), Greg Kinnear ("Little Miss Sunshine") and Tea Leoni ("Spanglish"). The combination of these four is electric.

The film begins by introducing us to Bertram Pincus, DDS, a surly, British dentist on the upper west side of Manhattan. We watch Bertram spend his days ignoring his patients and colleagues and generally avoiding contact with all people. When forced to interact, Bertram is curt, cold and clearly uncomfortable. These scenes are not overly humorous, as I must admit I had expected every moment of this film to be, but they set us up nicely for the next 70+ minutes of "serious" humor.

Bertram's troubles begin when undergoing a routine medical procedure he insists on general anesthetic, against the doctor's advice. While on the table, Bertram dies for 7 minutes. Much to his chagrin, this touch with the other side renders him able to see and hear ghosts who have unfinished business in the world of the living in Manhattan. These ghosts badger him for help to set things straight with those they've left behind.

Chief among the ghosts is Frank Herlihy (Greg Kinnear) the two-timing husband of Gwen (Tea Leoni) who died one year previous. He is desperate to keep Gwen from marrying Richard, a human rights lawyer that Frank is sure is up to no good. Of course, Bertram



Tea Leoni (right) is the focus of attention from Ricky Gervais in the new romantic comedy Ghost Town.

resists any and all pleas for his help, especially Frank's, whom he finds unsavory. Bertram eventually agrees to help Frank with his wife, if he promises to call off all the other ghosts.

The plot they hatch to save Gwen calls for Bertram to woo her and give her second thoughts on the altruistic attorney. This is a tall task because Bertram is short, round and certainly unpleasant. Gwen is, too say the least, confused by the attention from Bertram (that is often awkward and forced), but she is a kind woman with a passion for mummies and Bertram is determined to get to her via these dead people (pun wholly intended).

As much as I would love to tell you the whole story, because I'd enjoy reliving it, I'll stop there and insist that you see it for yourself. This film is smart and funny and touching. It's a romantic comedy that I did not see coming. It does not follow the Hollywood formula, which is very refreshing. I

enjoyed every minute. A few such moments that stand include: Bertram, threatening to sue the hospital for his death, engages with his doctor (expertly played by Kristen Wiig) in a smart dialogue of unfinished sentences; Bertram helping Gwen make a list of her dead husband's faults - while said dead husband sits close by unbeknownst to her. There are many more moments, but to share them would be to give too much away and take away from seeing it happily unfold for you on the big screen.

The director and writer, David Koepp, also brought us "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull", "Spider-Man" and "Mission Impossible". I'm so glad he has now brought us "Ghost Town".

5 White Sheets (er, Popcorn Tubs)
Running time: 102 minutes
Rated Pg-13

KC Area Businesses to Celebrate 26th Year of MED Week

The 26th annual MED (Minority Enterprise Development) Week conference takes place October 7-9, with the annual awards luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, MO. The theme for the event is, "The Power of Strategic Alliances in the Kansas City Economy."

Stan Peebles, project manager for the event, told *Hispanic News* that the goal of the program, "... is to bring attention to minorities in Kansas city area and the contributions that minorities have made to the business community ... we want the Kansas City public to be aware of the contributions that minority businesses have made.

MED Week activities will begin with a Kick-off breakfast on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:15 a.m. Following the breakfast,

area purchasing representatives will tour by bus area minority owned businesses. Also on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., there will be a Newcomers Reception free to the public at 1616 E. 18th Street.

On Wednesday, October 8 the Kansas City Government Procurement Opportunity Fair will be held at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Parkway from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. City Manager Wayne Cauthen will share box lunches with attendees from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is free to the public and is targeted toward any contractor or subcontractor interested in bidding on government contracts.

Thursday, October 9, the conference wraps up with the MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council holding its forum at the

Hyatt Regency Crown Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. entitled, "Outrageous Marketing Strategies". This program is open to small business owners and corporate buyers. At 12:00 noon, the 26th Annual Awards Luncheon will recognize the contributions made by minority businesses and corporations. Four students from the Kansas City School District will be awarded scholarships in recognition of demonstrated leadership skills and exceptional character. These activities take place at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in the Pershing Exhibit Hall.

The celebration will conclude that night with the "Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee Networking Reception" from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 1701 Baltimore. The reception will include a wine and cheese tasting. The event is open to the public.

"Our 26th year MED Week Celebration promises to be one of the more exciting and profitable for area businesses," added Peebles.

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Creature Features: Live at Border Star Montessori

Monkeys, macaws, alligators, jungle cats, talking amazons and snakes. This is not a biology class or petting zoo, but a program designed to teach children and adults about the wonders of wildlife and their natural home—the rainforest. The presentation and collection will be featured on Thursday, September 25 to students and the community.

The organization Understanding Wildlife and its program has drawn rave reviews across the country, mainly because it is "interactive." Audience volunteers kiss macaws, casually drape a snake over a shoulder or pet a cat. Nobody looks at a rainforest quite the same way again, because the program is educational as well as entertaining.

"These animals are more than beautiful. We all must realize how vulnerable they are, and how quickly they are disappearing because their homes are endangered," said Border Star vice principal April Flowers. "In order for them to be more than just storybook characters for the children, we have to make them real."

The student program will begin at 1:30 p.m. The evening program runs twice at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There is a \$5 charge for the evening program. All programs will be at Border Star Montessori, 6321 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64113.

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SPORTS ROUND UP!**After Thigpen burns in ATL will KC get the mighty Quinn?****JOHN SILVA**
HISPANIC NEWS
SPORTS

Southern-gentleman Tyler Thigpen did his best to display some southern hospitality to the hometown Falcons in Atlanta during his first career start. The second-year quarterback from Coastal Carolina had his shot to show Kansas City what he could, instead the focus ended up on what he couldn't do.

For the first five series of the game, the Chiefs couldn't convert a first down. Halfway through the second quarter the offense finally got its first down. The team was down 17-0 at that point and on the next play, a poor throw resulted in Thigpen's second interception leading to another Atlanta touchdown.

Kansas City ended the first half with a touchdown and started the second strong with a touchdown. That fourteen point burst represented all the points the club could muster (Kicker Nick Novak missed a field goal early in the fourth) while the Falcons and their rookie star quarterback Matt Ryan moved the ball at will in a game that

wasn't even as close as the 38-14 score.

A bright spot was the return of the much-maligned Larry Johnson. The brooding running back ran with vigor for 124 yards and a touchdown, shaking off two outings that netted less than 100 yards combined coming into the third game of the season.

Staring at a possible 0-4 record against a high-powered Broncos offense with young star quarterback Jay Cutler, the team may be doing something to shake up the roster and bring stability to the most crucial spot on the field.

Following the Atlanta loss, a report from NBC Action News stated the Chiefs had been trying to work out a deal with Cleveland over the weekend for a potential star of the future. In the 2007 NFL Draft, Chiefs fans were happy they ended up with wide receiver Dwayne Bowe. Cleveland acquired the rights to Dallas' pick and moved up before the Chief's so they could grab Notre Dame star Brady Quinn, a pick the Chief's craved.

Carl Peterson made particular note of Cleveland's good fortune when talking about Quinn. It sounded like Peterson would not

have been shy on making Quinn his QB of the future if given the chance. Well, thanks to Derek Anderson's excellent 2007 season, Quinn has been stuck on the bench and the CEO/President/GM has his chance.

A website up since the Chiefs brought no QB in during the off-season gained national attention last week. Popular sports site CANSI.com had a link to www.getbradynow.com, a site devoted to bringing Quinn to KC. The website has a petition for fans to sign with the intention of regularly sending them to the organization and make the fans wishes be known. This website has Quinn's collegiate stats and video of the Golden Domers' Golden Boy. Aside from his 3,426 yards and 37 touchdowns, he had a passer rating of 146. Compare that with Thigpen's rating of 23 against Atlanta. That is not a stat that suits Herm Edwards' style of football. It may take a lot (two high draft choices) to get him, but trading for Quinn would show the team acknowledges the need for a legitimate signal caller of the future. Just as importantly, it would give fans something to look forward to during what's shaping up as a long suffering 2008 season.

Wizards Playoff Face Taking Shape

A couple of weeks ago, the Wizards seemed they were floundering towards an early exit to the season. After two shutout victories in a row, KC's six points puts them in position to make the MLS playoffs.

In a screwy format, Kansas City has to end up in the top three of the Eastern Conference to make the playoffs the easy way. Still six points behind Chicago for the third spot it seems unlikely with only five games left that KC would be able to catch the Fire. The strange part of the playoff qualification system is if you have one of the two best point totals outside of the top three in each conference

you still get in.

To that end, Curt Onalfo's side would qualify today as the last team in and play Columbus in the first round. As the youth of the side has progressed, new faces have brought some grit and pace to the field, which has been producing results. Free agent Josh Wolff and imported MLS players Herculez Gomez and Abe Thompson were in the starting 11 during the wins against Los Angeles and Toronto.

Wolff scored the first goal against the Galaxy and set up Jack Jewsbury's penalty kick versus TFC. Gomez is creating opportunities and Thompson is

playing strong up front setting up possession in the opposing teams' box.

All of this attacking has carried over to the defense. Goalkeeper Kevin Hartman had two occasions, which tested him against the Galaxy and did not have to make one save against Toronto. Hartman's life has been a little easier despite a lack of sweeping changes to the backline.

With three of their last five games at Community America Ballpark the Wizards look to be making not only a push to play in November, but are trying to peak going into the post-season.

Assaults Shootings Make for Busy Night

Tuesday and early Wednesday, September 23-24 were a busy time for the KCMO police department.

Earlier on Tuesday at about 6:22 p.m. officers were called to Penn Valley Park (27th and Broadway) in Midtown to investigate an assault. A witness reported seeing a group of males fighting. The suspects scattered and the witness saw the victim on the ground. The victim, a male in his late 30's to early 40's, was pronounced dead at the scene. There is no suspect information at this time.

Later that day at about 8:49 p.m., officers responded to a call in the Westside at Royal Liquor, 801 SW Boulevard to investigate a shooting. The incident report indicated that a security guard with American Homeland Security Company shot a male in his 30's. The guard approached the man who was causing problems at the business earlier in the day. The guard said he was told the man was carrying a gun in his back pocket. The man refused to leave when the guard told him to and started a physical altercation. During the altercation, the guard said the man reached behind his back. Believing the man had a gun, the guard shot the man. The man fled on foot and collapsed in an alley about a block from the scene. Police did not locate a gun. The man's injuries are life threatening.

At 10:32 p.m. the same night on the city's Eastside, officers were called to the 7-11 convenience store at 27th and Van Brunt to investigate a shooting. Upon arriving, officers found an 18-year-old male dead behind the counter of the store. The man had been shot once in the neck. The man was robbing the store at gunpoint



A recent shooting at Royal Liquors on the corner of Southwest Boulevard and Summit was just one of many incidents in a busy Tuesday night for KCMOPD.

when one of the two clerks pulled out his own gun and shot the man. The clerk is a concealed weapons permit holder. The clerk and the suspect had handguns.

Early Wednesday morning, at about 12:28 a.m., officers were called to 39th Terrace and Quincy on the city's Eastside regarding a person in the street. Upon arriving, officers found a male with a gunshot wound to the leg in the street near the address. Canvassing the area, they discovered another male in front of 3911 Quincy and a gun near his body. This male had been shot and was pronounced dead at the scene. While at the scene, the officers were contacted by the father of the resident of a home in the 5000 block of East 39th Terrace. The father told officers his son had shot three men trying to break into his house. A possible third victim showed up at an area hospital. Detectives are interviewing those involved to ascertain the exact details.

Any information regarding these incidents is encouraged to call the central police department or the Tip Hotline at 474-TIPS.

Even in Health Care, Competition Works

GRACE-MARIE TURNER

When it comes to government spending and America's healthcare system, it's rare to hear good news. But, according to a recent report, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit is costing significantly less than originally estimated.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which administers the Medicare program, the average monthly premium for the standard Medicare drug benefit will cost seniors \$28 in 2009. That is 37 percent lower than the \$44 a month legislators predicted when the program was created in 2003.

While there was a great deal of criticism initially about adding a drug benefit to Medicare, Congress established a new model through an unprecedented partnership between private insurance plans and this public program. Participants can enroll in private drug plans offered by private insurers, but with oversight from Medicare officials.

Instead of the one-size-fits-all model typical of government health insurance, the Medicare drug benefit offers a wide range of choices. Seniors typically can choose from among 20 or more plans in their regions, including Medicare Advantage plans that integrate drug and medical coverage into one health plan.

Participants pick their own plan, based on their medical needs and coverage choices. Insurers compete for the business of seniors by offering the most generous benefits they can for the most affordable price. Many plans have sought market advantage by offering coverage in the dreaded "donut hole" so seniors aren't exposed to their full medical bills once they hit the coverage gap that Congress designed.

Competition and consumer choice are working to bring costs down. This is a testament to an essential truth of health reform: The market works.

CMS also reports that the total cost of the Medicare drug benefit in 2009 will be \$46.4 billion -- substantially less than the initial estimate of \$74 billion.

The 10-year cost estimate of the program has been revised down from \$634 billion to about \$395 billion - saving taxpayers almost \$240 billion over original estimated costs.

Unbelievably, some lawmakers are pushing to abolish the Medicare drug benefit and replace it with a new system that would eliminate this competition and curtail enrollees' choices.

A bill recently introduced by Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH), for instance, would scrap the successful drug benefit program, even though it has an 85 percent approval rating from seniors. Instead, Rep. Kucinich's bill would allow Medicare to institute price controls on drugs and allow seniors to import drugs from abroad, despite the fact that imported meds easily could be fake, counterfeit, or contaminated.

This effort is dangerous and ignores the Medicare drug benefit's successes. The CMS report shows that private competition can bring down health costs while giving seniors more choices. Hopefully, both Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain are paying attention.

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Carefully plan transition from the military

JASON ALDERMAN

If you're among the hundreds of thousands of people expected to retire or discharged from the military in the next few years, you're no doubt aware that you'll face many changes -- and challenges -- upon returning to civilian life. Today's uncertain economic climate makes it even more important to have a handle on your personal finances and develop a strong game plan.

Fortunately, many resources are available to help you make the transition. Here are a few of the important decisions you may face, along with resources to help:

Tap transition-planning services. The U.S. government provides an intensive three-day Transition Assistance Program (www.taonline.com/TAPOffice) to separating or retiring service members and their spouses. It's designed to ease reentry into the civilian workplace through job-search assistance, employment and training information, resume preparation assistance and information on the most current veterans' benefits.

Finding a job. Although the expertise you've acquired in the military often translates readily into marketable civilian job skills, sometimes it takes a little extra effort to make the transition. A few tactics to consider:

- Begin your research well

before you leave the military -- a year or more, ideally.

- Take advantage of available resources like the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm).
- Start networking -- look for organizations like Hire a Hero (www.hireahero.org), Military Exits (www.militaryexits.com) and Helmets to Hardhats (www.helmetstohardhats.com) that bring military job seekers together with military-friendly employers.
- Make your resume civilian-friendly -- watch out for military jargon that might be hard to understand.

Continuing education. While investigating career options, learn what additional required education or certifications you lack so you can begin acquiring those skills now -- or at least map out a game plan for how to proceed after you leave the military. The GI Bill provides a broad range of education benefits for military veterans. In fact, the Post 9/11 GI Bill recently signed into law will provide even more generous benefits for training or education programs that start after August 1, 2009. Visit the VA's website at www.gibill.va.gov for details.

Protect your retirement savings. Many military personnel

participate in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), a retirement savings plan that shares many tax-desirable features of typical 401(k) plans. When you leave the military, you'll need to decide what to do with your TSP balance. You can either:

- Leave your money in the plan -- although you can no longer contribute.
- Roll over your balance into a new employer's plan, if it accepts transfers.
- Roll it over into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).
- Take the cash value of your account.

Although the last option may sound appealing, beware: By cashing out before age 59 1/2, not only will you have to pay federal (and possibly state) income tax on the distribution, but you'll also be slapped with a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, very likely leaving you with only slightly more than half of your original balance. Consult a financial professional about your particular situation. If you don't know one, www.plannersearch.org is a good place to start looking.

One last tip: Money could be tight while you make your transition, so it's all the more important to develop a budget you can live with. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site run by Visa, features a guide to creating a budget along with interactive budgeting tools (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. Sign up for his free monthly e-Newsletter at www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter.

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Interested applicants should complete an employment application which can be downloaded from our website or apply in person at: 1124 N. 9th St., KCKS, 7:00 am-5:30pm, M-F. The deadline to apply is October 6, 2008. Questions? Contact Jackie Randle (913) 279-3431. We offer KPERS, 457(b) deferred comp, health, dental and vision. Advancement opportunities available. Police, background checks and drug tests required. Wyandotte County residency required within one year. For a complete job description, visit our website at www.kckha.org. EOE M/F

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Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Miscellaneous Metals, Bid Package 20**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available September 10, 2008. Bids are due October 16, 2008 at 1:00 PM, CDST.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held, October 1, 2008 at 2:00 PM, CDST at the Chief's on site Office Trailer, 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. (Truman Sports Complex).

Sealed bids are due by **1:00 PM, CDST** on October 16, 2008. Questions regarding this project should be directed to John Zawodny, Turner Construction Co., 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. Phone 816-924-7600. EOE

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #34 SCOREBOARD AND LIGHT RACK EXISTING STEEL REPAINTING:

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Scoreboard and Light Rack Existing Steel Repainting, Bid Package 34**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available September 19, 2008. Bids are due October 9, 2008 at 3:00 PM, CDST.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held, September 30, 2008 at 3:00 PM, CDST at the Chief's on site Office Trailer, 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. (Truman Sports Complex).

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INVITATION TO BID**MBE/WBE/LBE****ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS for STATE AVENUE and PARALLEL PARKWAY**

Clarkson Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS for STATE AVENUE and PARALLEL PARKWAY** in Kansas City, KS. Drawings will be available for review at Clarkson's main office, The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality, Minority Contractors Association and AGC of MO - Jefferson City. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room (phone 816.527.0900) at www.kcblueprint.com. Plans will be available September 8th, 2008. Bids are due October 6th, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. CDST.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Steve Kellerman, Clarkson Construction Co., 4133 Gardner Ave., Kansas City, MO, 64120. Phone 816.483.8800.

Bids are to be directed to Steve Kellerman at 4133 Gardner Ave., Kansas City, MO, 64120 or faxed to 816.241.6823. Bids are due by **2:00 p.m., CDST on Monday, October 6th, 2008.**

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INVITATION TO BID****OZARK AUTOMOTIVE / O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE
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PUBLIC NOTICE

KCMO POLICE will accept proposals for the following: RFP 2009-6, Fee Structure Analysis Bid opening: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 2:00 p.m. For info contact: Tony Rizzo (816) 234-5376

MBE/WBE INVITATION TO BID

Barsto Construction, Inc. is soliciting subcontractor/supplier bid proposals for the **Holtman Heights, Kansas City, MO**. Prevailing Wages apply. Proposals must be submitted to our office by **October 8, 2008** before 10:00 am. Questions call Janet McKinney at 816-421-5677; fax 816-421-8417. EOE.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
THE PROPOSED 10th AMENDMENT OF THE
ELEVENTH STREET CORRIDOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN**

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Commission"), commencing at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 26, 2008, at the Commission Offices, 1100 Walnut Street, Fourth Floor, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the proposed 10th Amendment to the Eleventh Street Corridor Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "TIF Plan"). The proposed 10th Amendment of the TIF Plan provides for: A) the addition of Redevelopment Project Z, which contemplates the construction of approximately 46,000 square feet of office space and the construction of an approximately 259 space parking garage; B) the elimination of Redevelopment Projects J, K, N, O, R, S T, and W, which were discussed within the TIF Plan, approved by separate ordinance by the City of Kansas City, Missouri, but were not implemented by Developer; C) the inclusion of the legal description for Redevelopment Project Area Z; D) a modification to the budget of Redevelopment Project Costs; E) a modification to the Sources and Uses of Funds exhibit; F) a modification to the Construction and Employment exhibit; G) a modification to the Estimated Annual Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Economic Activity Taxes over the Life of the Redevelopment Plan; and H) a modification to the Costs Benefit Analysis exhibit. This amendment will not change the Redevelopment Area.

The Redevelopment Area is generally located between 9th Street on the north, Wyandotte Street on the east, 12th Street on the south and Interstate 29 on the west, in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

According to Section 99.830.3 RSMo., all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

Joseph P. Gonzales
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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- Trash Pick-Up Services

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Qualification Requirement Packets will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at the office of the Economic Development Corporation, 1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Questions regarding the Qualification Requirement Packets shall be directed to Zoraya Lara at 816-691-2131, by e-mail at zlara@kcportauthority.com or by fax at 816-691-2181. Submissions will be due by 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2008. Submissions received after 1:00 p.m. on that date will not be considered. The Port Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions.

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