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Alcalde Mark Funkhouser sopesa su próxima movida relacionada con el voto del concejo sobre la ordenanza para voluntarios.

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Delegación de Jesús María, Jalisco visita Parkville, MO para cementar relación de Ciudad Hermana.

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TOPEKA, KS. A solemn vigil service was held Monday evening for Kansas City, Kansas police officer Mark Jaramillo at his former parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in the Oakland neighborhood of Topeka, Kansas. Members of the community filled the church to pay their last respects. With weary faces, tears streaming, they came to honor their friend and family and pay their respect.

An American flag draped the closed casket with his police dress uniform and cap prominently displayed nearby. Pictures depicting Jaramillo throughout his life were set up to the left of the casket for family and friends to reflect and remember the good times they shared with him and his family.

Officer Jaramillo, 38 years old, was thrown from a Chevrolet Tahoe driven by fellow officer and close friend Kyle Kovac. Jaramillo died from his injuries Saturday night. Both officers were off duty at the time of the accident.

According to reports, the accident occurred at Interstate 435 and I-70 in Wyandotte County. Officer Kovac was not seriously hurt in the accident but was despondent over the death of his close friend Jaramillo. Kovac apparently committed suicide at his house the next day. Both officers were five-year veterans with the department.

"They were good friends. They

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TOPEKA, KS. El servicio de una solemne vigilia fue realizado la tarde del lunes para el agente de la policía de Kansas City, Kansas Mark Jaramillo en su ex parroquia, La Iglesia Católica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en el vecindario de Oakland en Topeka, Kansas. Miembros de la comunidad llenaron la iglesia para ofrecer sus últimos respetos. Con rostros cansados, lágrimas rodando, ellos acudieron a honrar a su amigo y familiar y a ofrecer sus respetos.

Una bandera estadounidense cubría el féretro cerrado y su uniforme de policía y gorra eran prominentemente exhibidos cerca. Fotos de Jaramillo a lo largo de su vida fueron puestas a la izquierda del féretro para que familiares y amigos pudieran reflexionar y recordar los buenos tiempos que compartieron con él y su familia.

El Oficial Jaramillo, de 38 años de edad, fue arrojado de una camioneta Chevrolet Tahoe conducida por su compañero agente y amigo cercano, Kyle Kovac. Jaramillo falleció a consecuencias de sus lesiones el sábado por la noche. Ambos agentes se encontraban de franco al momento del accidente.

Según reportes, el accidente ocurrió en la Interestatal 435 y la I-70 en el Condado de Wyandotte, el agente Kovacs no resultó seriamente lesionado en el accidente, pero quedó abatido por la muerte de su cercano amigo Jaramillo. Kovac aparentemente se suicidó en su casa

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La Comunidad Recuerda a su Hijo Favorito



Kansas City, Kansas Police Officer Mark Jaramillo was proud to wear the uniform and brought a sense of higher purpose to his official duties. He passed away last weekend in a tragic accident.

El Agente de la Policía de Kansas City, Kansas Mark Jaramillo, se enorgullecía de vestir el uniforme y trajo el sentido de un propósito más alto a sus deberes como oficial. El falleció el fin de semana pasado en un trágico accidente.

Task Force Grilled on Racial Profiling Fuerza de Trabajo Fustigada durante Individualización Basada en la Raza



Deputy Police Chief Roger Villanueva addresses questions by citizens at the Governor's Task Force Town Hall Meeting.

El Sub Jefe de la Policía Roger Villanueva respondió a preguntas de los ciudadanos en la Reunión de la Ciudad de la Fuerza de Trabajo de la Gobernadora.

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Racial profiling incidents were on the minds of Kansas City, Kansas residents as they met with Governor Sebelius' Task Force recently at a town hall meeting at the Jack Reardon Center.

The town hall meeting was the ninth in a continuing series of meetings to be

held across the state. The meetings provide an opportunity for the public to meet with the task force, local law enforcement, community leaders and elected officials to discuss and provide input concerning racial profiling and biased based policing.

The Task Force Annual Report defines racial profiling as, 'the practice

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Los incidentes de individualización basada en la raza estuvieron en las mentes de los residentes de Kansas City, Kansas cuando se reunieron recientemente con la Fuerza de Trabajo de la Gobernadora Sebelius durante una reunión del ayuntamiento realizada en el Centro Jack Reardon.

La reunión del ayuntamiento fue la novena continua de una serie de reuniones a realizarse a través del estado. La reunión le ofreció una oportunidad al público para reunirse con la Fuerza de Trabajo, con organizamos locales del resguardo de la ley, líderes comunales y personeros electos para discutir y ofrecer opiniones referentes a la individualización basada en la raza y acciones policíacas basadas en prejuicios.

El Reporte Anual de la Fuerza de Trabajo define la individualización basada en la raza como, 'la práctica por parte de agentes del resguardo de la ley o agencia, basándose como factor único, en la raza, el origen

¿ES LA RAZA?/PÁGINA 2

Neighbors Unhappy With Substation Location Vecindarios Descontentos con Subestación Local



KCP&L held an open house on September 30 at Guadalupe Center for area residents and property owners of the city's Westside neighborhood. The goal was to inform the community about the new substation coming to 2500 SW Blvd. KCP&L officials told Hispanic News the transmission substation is needed because of the growing demands on the electrical grid. However, some of the property owners, believing they were attending an informational meeting, were upset to learn that KCP&L had already chosen a location for the substation without the community input. In our next issue, we report on the residents' concerns and how KCP&L is addressing the matter.

KCP&L realizó un tour de sus dependencias para residentes y propietarios del área del vecindario del Westside. El objetivo fue el de informarle a la comunidad sobre la nueva subestación que vendrá al 2500 del SW Blvd. Personeros de KCP&L le dijeron a Hispanic News que la subestación de transmisión se necesita debido a las crecientes demandas hechas a la red de electricidad. Sin embargo, algunos propietarios, creyendo que asistían a una reunión informal, se molestaron al enterarse de que KCP&L ya había escogido la ubicación para la subestación sin consultar la opinión de la comunidad. En nuestra próxima edición, informaremos sobre las preocupaciones de los residentes y de cómo KCP&L está tratando el asunto.

Is Race an Issue in Kansas?

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of a law enforcement officer or agency relying as the sole factor, on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender or religious dress in selecting which individuals to subject to routine investigatory activities, or in deciding upon the scope and substance of law enforcement activity."

When a member in the audience asked the task force committee to explain racial profiling in their own words, task force co-chair and former U.S. Attorney Jackie Williams put it simply, "If you are stopped solely because of your race that is racial profiling."

Answers to other questions were not that easy to find. The panel listened and gave advice on what the next step the citizens could take if they felt that their rights had been violated, but the answer on how racial profiling could be stopped in the community was not forthcoming.

There was no answer for the African American father who stood before the committee and asked if the police had the right to stop high school and college students when they are at Village West walking with friends and tell them to show their identification or to break up and disperse or they would take them in. "Is that fair to do to our children when they are out shopping at Village West?" he asked.

Marilyn White spoke to the

members of the committee telling them that residents in Kansas City, Kansas want to be treated with respect. "It seems that when someone becomes a police officer, when he puts that badge on ... they think they are above us, better than us. They think we should observe that status and I don't think it is true. I pay his salary, and when you pay that salary, they are to consider your welfare. We need the police and I don't know what we would do without them but I pay his salary and I want him to be respectful to me when he talks to me."

"Latinos are being stopped and being asked for their green card. The officer doesn't ask a black man can I see your green card, they don't ask a white man can I see your green card, but you ask a Latino for their green card. What can be done about this," asked Adriana Mendoza.

Residents were encouraged by committee members to file a report if they feel they have been treated unfairly, but that suggestion was greeted with grumblings from the crowd. Several told the members sitting on the panel that filing a report is not an easy task.

"When I have asked to file a complaint against police officers, I would get discouraged to do that," said Mendoza. "We don't know who to talk to, and when we do talk to people, they don't do anything about it and they say they are going to look into it. But there is never any

outcome to our problems."

William Watson encouraged residents to not give up when they are filing a complaint. "We hear this every where we go. I filed a complaint and nothing happened so I don't complain anymore. That is the worst possible thing you can do. As the chief of police, I want to know who those people are." He encouraged them to take their complaints to the next level, requesting a supervisor if their requests are met with resistance. "Keep calling until you can make a formal complaint," he said.

"One of the things that we did when we met with law enforcement was we talked about reception to the community. ... They should have sensitivity training because the public feels they are being disrespectful. I don't know if I got across to any of the law enforcement person that I talked to that it would be extremely important to put community people on the board that they use to review the actions of the police officer. I think what we are hearing from the community is that people are angry. They don't know what is going on and they would like an answer," said Carrie Jones-Williams.

Task Force members at the meeting included Clyde Howard, from Manhattan, Kansas, who has 30 years experience in equal opportunity compliance and affirmative

action. Herman Jones, Topeka, Kansas is currently the director of administration at the Kansas Highway Patrol. Carrie Jones-Williams, Wichita, Kansas has over 25 years experience in management and administration of social services. William "Mike" Watson, Milford, Kansas has served over 32 years as a law enforcement officer in Kansas. Steve Cisneros, Topeka, Kansas, was the administrative representative of the Governor's office and serves on the Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission.

"We met here last year and there were some concerns and we felt there was a need to come back and continue the dialogue. I don't think anyone wants racial profiling, whether it is law enforcement or the community," said Jones.

"The officers here are receiving the racial profiling training they are to receive on an annual basis. There are a number of policies that they are required to have and we do know that they have them in effect. Your question is asking are they going by these policies, we don't know that" said Watson.

(Next week, follow the story of a young mother trying to protect her son and his friends as KCK police hold them at gunpoint in a case of mistaken identity. Was it a case of racial profiling because of the color of their skin and the neighborhood they lived in?)



(Left to right) Carrie Jones-Williams from Wichita, Kansas and Herman Jones, Topeka, both Kansas Task Force Committee members, listen as Mike Watson, former Chief of Police in Wichita, Kansas, speaks to members of the community at the Town Hall meeting.

(De izquierda a derecha) Carrie Jones-Williams de Wichita, Kansas y Herman Jones, de Topeka, ambos miembros del Comité de la Fuerza de Tarea de Kansas, escuchan mientras Mike Watson, ex Jefe de la Policía de Wichita, Kansas, le habla a miembros de la comunidad durante la reunión de la Ciudad.

¿Es la raza un Problema en Kansas?

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étnico, origen nacional, sexo o vestimentas religiosas cuando se seleccionan cuáles individuos han de ser sujetos a actividades investigativas rutinarias o en decidir sobre la amplitud y la sustancia de las actividades de las agencias del resguardo de la ley".

Cuando un miembro de la audiencia le pidió al comité de la Fuerza de Trabajo que explicaran la individualización basada en la raza en sus propias palabras, el co-ejecutivo de la Fuerza de Trabajo y ex Procurador de los EE.UU. Jackie Williams lo puso de una manera simple, "Si usted es detenido solamente a consecuencia de su raza, eso es individualización basada en la raza".

Respuestas a otras preguntas no fueron tan fáciles de encontrar. El panel escuchó y entregó consejos sobre cuáles deben ser los próximos pasos a tomar por parte de los ciudadanos si ellos creen que sus derechos han sido violados, pero la respuesta de cómo la individualización basada en la raza pudiera ser detenida en la comunidad, no salió a relucir.

No hubo respuestas para el papá afro-estadounidense que estuvo frente al comité y preguntó si la policía tenía el derecho a detener a estudiantes universitarios y de secundarias cuando caminaban en compañía de amigos por el Village West y pedirles sus identificaciones o pedirles separarse y dispersarse o se los hubieran llevado detenidos. "¿Es justo hacerle eso a nuestros niños cuando se encuentran de compras en el Village West?" preguntó él.

Marilyn White les habló a los miembros del comité diciéndoles que los residentes de Kansas City, Kansas quieren ser tratados con respeto. "Pareciera que cuando alguien se convierte en agente de la policía, cuando se pone la placa ... ellos creen que están por encima de nosotros, que son mejores que nosotros. Ellos creen que nosotros deberíamos reconocer ese estatus y no creo que eso sea verdad. Yo pago por su salario y cuando uno paga ese salario, ellos tienen que considerar nuestro bienestar. Nosotros necesitamos a la policía y no sé qué haríamos sin ellos, pero yo pago por su salario y quiero que me respeten cuando

platicuen conmigo".

"Los latinos están siendo detenidos y les están pidiendo sus green cards. El agente no le pide a una persona afro-estadounidense su green card, ellos no le piden a una persona blanca que muestre su green card, pero ustedes le preguntan a un latino por su green card. ¿Qué se puede hacer acerca de esto?", preguntó Adriana Mendoza.

Los residentes fueron motivados por los miembros del comité a hacer un reporte si es que ellos han sido tratados en forma injusta, pero esa sugerencia fue recibida con gruñidos por la concurrencia. Varios de ellos les dijeron a los miembros del panel que hacer un reporte no es una tarea fácil. "Cuando he pedido entablar una queja en contra de agentes de la policía, me han disuadido de hacerlo", dijo Mendoza. "No sabemos con quién hablar y cuando hablamos con alguien, éstos no hacen nada al respecto y dicen que le van a dar un vistazo. Pero nunca hay un resultado a nuestros problemas".

William Watson exhortó a los residentes a no darse por vencidos al hacer un reporte. "Nosotros escuchamos esto en todos lados. Entablé una queja y nada sucedió, por lo que ya no me quejaré. Esa es la peor cosa que uno pueda hacer. Como jefe de la policía, quiero saber quiénes son esas personas". Él los exhortó a llevar sus quejas al siguiente nivel, pidiendo la presencia de un supervisor si los pedidos son resistidos. "Continúen llamando hasta que puedan instaurar una queja formal", dijo él.

"Una de las cosas que hicimos cuando nos reunimos con el resguardo de la ley, fue que platicamos respecto a la recepción hacia la comunidad. ... ellos deberían tener entrenamiento en materias de sensibilidad ya que el público siente que están siendo irrespetuosos. Yo no sé si esto le llegó a cualquiera de las personas del resguardo de la ley con las que he platicado respecto a que sería verdaderamente importante poner a personas de la comunidad en la junta que ellos usan para revisar las acciones del agente de la policía. Creo que lo que estamos escuchando de parte de la comunidad es que la gente está enfadada. Ellos no



KCK Deputy Police Chief Roger Villanueva and Jackie Williams, co-chair and former US Attorney, listened to residents' questions during the Racial Profiling Town Meeting at Jack Reardon Center.

El Sub Jefe de la Policía Roger Villanueva y Jackie Williams, sub-ejecutivo y ex Procurador General, escucharon las preguntas de los residentes durante la Reunión de la Ciudad para la Individualización Basada en la Raza en el Centro Jack Reardon.

saben lo que está sucediendo y a ellos les gustaría una respuesta", dijo Carrie Jones-Williams.

Entre los miembros de la Fuerza de Trabajo estuvieron incluidos, Clyde Howard, de Manhattan, Kansas, quien tiene 30 años de experiencia en hacer cumplir la igualdad de oportunidades y la acción afirmativa. Herman Jones, de Topeka, Kansas es actualmente el director de la administración de la Patrulla de Caminos de Kansas. Carrie Jones-Williams, de Wichita, Kansas tiene más de 25 años de experiencia en administración de servicios sociales. William "Mike" Watson, de Milford, Kansas ha servido por más de 32 años como agente del resguardo de la ley en Kansas. Steve Cisneros, de Topeka, Kansas, fue el representante administrativo de la oficina del Gobernador y desempeña funciones en la Comisión de Asuntos Hispánicos y Latinoamericanos.

"Nos reunimos aquí el año pasado y hubieron algunas inquietudes y pensamos que hay una necesidad de regresar y continuar el diálogo. No creo que nadie quiere la individualización basada en la raza, ya sea en el resguardo de la ley o en la comunidad", dijo Jones.

Los oficiales aquí están recibiendo el entrenamiento en individualización basada en raza que están supuestos a recibir anualmente. Existe una cantidad de políticas que se les pide tener y sabemos que efectivamente cuentan con ellas. Su pregunta

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"We called him Markie"

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both went through the police academy together and that is where they got to know one another and became friends. They maintained their friendship over the years although they both worked in different divisions of the department," said Captain James Brown, public information director.

Former KCK Police Chief Ron Miller recalled when Jaramillo and Kovac joined the police academy. "In 2003, Mark Jaramillo came through our Police Recruit Class Competitive Merit Employment process. He was an excellent candidate and joined the 2003 Academy class, which included officer Kovac. We were glad to have him ... there and he did an excellent job," he said.

Officer Kovac was a 1996 graduate of Piper High School in Kansas City, Kansas. After graduation, he attended Kansas University graduating in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science. He continued his education at Washburn University earning a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. It was his life long ambition to pursue a police career.

"Officer Kovac was a good officer; he was well respected and was a decorated officer of the police department. He had received awards and commendations. It has been a shock," said Miller.

"This is just a tragedy, those guys were in their 30's and they had their whole world in front of them, they were doing a good job and moving right along and then tragedy strikes," added Miller.

As the news began to spread through the neighborhood, friends gathered to comfort his family and remember him as a youngster at Guadalupe Elementary School and the fun times they spent together. Even though he had moved from the community to pursue a career in law enforcement, he had kept in touch with his childhood friends.

"It was shocking, very shocking you don't expect that to happen," said family friend Isabelle Valdivia.

Jaramillo's legacy resides in the life long friendships he maintained. His friends knew



Close friends and family gathered outside Our Lady of Guadalupe Church to reminisce about Mark Jaramillo. (Low picture) Topeka Police Chief Ron Miller had fond memories of Jaramillo and his partner Kyle Kovac he hired both officers here in KCK.

Amigos cercanos y familiares se reunieron afuera de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para recordar a Mark Jaramillo. (Foto de abajo) el Jefe de la Policía de Topeka Ron Miller tenía cariñosas memorias de Jaramillo y su compañero Kyle Kovac, él había contratado a los dos oficiales.



him as "Markie" and their memories extend to when they were five years old growing up in the Topeka neighborhood that was a mainstay of his life.

Daniel Arredondo, Jr. is one of those friends tracing their friendship to when they were five years old. "We called him "Markie" and a pet nickname for him was "Pit." He was like a pit bull. We went to Guadalupe school together. We lived in the same neighborhood. We never lost contact with him. He was a great man and I miss him dearly. It hurts my heart."

Jaramillo's death touched Tania (Calvillo) McNeive deeply. As tears streamed down

her cheeks, she remembered the young boy who she fondly called Markie. "He was a little boy and he was so cute. He stuttered and he talked very fast, and he always played hard. He loved life."

Jaramillo attended Hayden High School in Topeka, Kansas and graduated in 1988. He went to Bellevue University in Omaha, Nebraska where he received his degree in criminal management. He served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division and was on the boxing team. Earlier this year, he received a police department certificate of commendation and in 2006, he received the department distinguished

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"Nosotros lo llamábamos Markie"

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al día siguiente. Ambos agentes eran veteranos de cinco años con el departamento.

"Ellos eran buenos amigos. Ambos pasaron juntos por la academia de policía y allí fue donde llegaron a conocerse mutuamente y se convirtieron en amigos. Ellos mantuvieron su amistad a lo largo de los años aunque ambos trabajaban en diferentes divisiones del departamento", dijo el Capitán James Brown, director de información pública.

El ex jefe de la Policía de KCK Ron Miller, recordó cuando Jaramillo y Kovacs se unieron a la academia de policía. "En el 2003, Mark Jaramillo pasó a través de nuestro proceso al Merito de la Competitividad de la Clase para Reclutas de

la Policía. Él fue un excelente candidato y se unió a la clase del 2003 de la Academia, la cual incluía al oficial Kovacs. Estuvimos contentos de tenerlo ... allí y él hizo un excelente trabajo", dijo él.

El oficial Kovacs fue un graduado de la clase de 1996 de la Secundaria Piper en Kansas City, Kansas. Después de la graduación, él asistió a la universidad de Kansas graduándose en el 2001 con un Título de Bachillerato en Ciencia del Ejercicio. Él continuó su educación en la Universidad Washburn obteniendo una Maestría en Justicia Criminal. Fue la ambición de toda su vida seguir una carrera en la policía.



Kyle Kovac

"El Agente Kovacs fue un buen oficial; él era bien respetado y era un agente condecorado por el departamento de policía. Él había recibido premios y menciones de honor. Ha sido una conmoción", dijo Miller.

"Esto es simplemente una tragedia, esas personas estaban en sus treinta y tenían todo el mundo delante de ellos, ellos estaban haciendo un buen trabajo y avanzando y luego la tragedia golpeó". Agregó Miller.

En la medida en que las noticias comenzaron a disiparse a través del vecindario, amigos se reunieron para reconfortar a sus familiares y recordarlo como un joven en la Escuela Primaria Guadalupe y los momentos divertidos que pasaron juntos. Aunque él se había mudado de la comunidad para seguir su carrera en el resguardo de la ley, él se había mantenido en contacto con sus amigos de la niñez.

"Fue impactante, muy impactante, uno no espera que eso suceda", dijo la amiga de la familia Isabelle Valdivia.

El legado de Jaramillo reside en las amistades duraderas que él mantenía. Sus amigos lo conocían como "Markie" y sus memorias se extienden desde que ellos tenían cinco años y crecían en el vecindario de Topeka que fue el sostén de su vida.

Daniel Arredondo, Jr. es uno de esos amigos que puede trazar su amistad a cuando tenían cinco años. "Lo

service award.

Ted Valdivia, a close friend, was not surprised when Jaramillo became a police officer. "That was his nature. That is what he was all about - serving people, wanting to help people and he wanted to do the right thing. It is ironic how things turn out. I was telling

someone the other day how the good die young and he was one of the best."

Each person whose lives have been touched by the Jaramillo family knows that they are a family that pulls together during a time of tragedy and they hold onto their faith. "Their faith is strong. They will get through

this and they know he is up there living the best that he can live anymore. Every thing he was suppose to do here was done, his time was up and it is hard to understand and it is so unreal, but I think their faith is so strong that they know that he is all right," said Valdivia.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Church provided a place of solace and comfort for the many friends and family of Police Officer Mark Jaramillo.

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Volunteer Ordinance Becomes Law

On September 25, the Kansas City Missouri City Council voted to override Mayor Mark Funkhouser's veto of a city ordinance that will prohibit volunteers from working more than "infrequently" in the office of elected officials, which includes the Mayor's and City Council members' offices. No other offices were directly affected by the ordinance, although the ordinance called upon the City Manager to publish a policy regulating volunteers in city departments.

Funkhouser opposed passage of the ordinance and vetoed it on September 19, citing changes to the City Charter that broadened mayoral authority. Funkhouser said the ordinance is directed at his wife Gloria Squitiro and interferes on the operation of his office.

"The ordinance is focused solely on one person ... nobody could identify any person, other than my wife, who would be affected by this ordinance. It is

inappropriate to legislate a broad solution to a nonexistent problem. ... There is no basis in the laws of Missouri or the City Charter for the council's entanglement in the administrative operation of how the Mayor approaches the responsibilities of the office. ... It saddens me that our attention has been diverted from the important matters facing our community by [this ordinance]."

Fourth District at Large City Councilmember, Jan Marcason, the primary author of the volunteer ordinance, told *Hispanic News* that she believed the ordinance would provide the city with a level of legal protection. "...It provides that any volunteer who works here will get diversity training like any staff member, so in that way, it's a level of protection. But anyone can file suit for anything," Marcason acknowledged. "You can't guard against that."

Because the ordinance does not strictly prohibit volunteers from working in either the mayor or city council offices, but allows "infrequent" work by volunteers, another storm may be brewing over how that term will be interpreted. According to reports, a city attorney warned the council of the vagueness of the term, but the council failed to take further

action to clarify it.

Marcason said that she defined "infrequent" as, "Limited, infrequent, not like a staff member. There are three categories. There are regular service volunteers that you can count on every day or every week; there are short term volunteers - someone who comes in periodically - and the mayor's wife could fit into that category," Marcason opined.

Though the September 25 council meeting did not invite comments from the public, some individuals attended and voiced their concerns to *Hispanic News*. Tino Camacho said that he felt the council and mayor were wasting precious time arguing over the volunteer ordinance.

"We had over a hundred people who [have been killed this year], and those are more important issues," he declared. "The tax-payers voted for this man. I voted for Mr. Brooks because he was a man that was out in the community. He was a man that knew how to take care of business. This man has not done anything but cause division between Latinos, the Northland, South Kansas City and the urban core, and we have over a hundred people [who have been killed this year], and they want to come up with

task force meetings. The mayor's not doing anything, the Police Department's not doing anything and here they are fighting because he wants to take his wife to work."

Camacho cited numerous allegations made against Gloria Squitiro, Mayor Funkhouser's wife, all of which have been thoroughly aired in the local press. He expressed his belief that whether or not the allegations prove to be accurate, Squitiro should not be working in the office. "Every time she's in the office she's a liability," he said.

Cindy Crouch, another member of the audience, said that she came to pray for the city council and the mayor in particular. "It seems that things are in kind of a mess right now."

Sandra Sanchez, a community activist and volunteer, did not attend the council meeting, but expressed concern about the importance of volunteers. "I can't speak for the mayor's wife," Sanchez said, "but if her volunteer work is good for the community and there is no personal agenda, then I think it is okay. But the work she is doing doesn't appear to be helping her husband, and it has become controversial. I would



Gloria Squitiro may be working at home more now that the city council has passed an ordinance restricting the role of volunteers at City Hall.

Gloria Squitiro podría estar trabajando más desde casa ahora que el concejo ciudadano ha pasado una ordenanza que pone restricciones al rol de los voluntarios en el ayuntamiento.

think because of that she would stop doing the volunteer work in her husband's office. I don't criticize the work she does, and I'm sure what she does is very valuable to him. ... In the past, a wife helped behind the scenes. Now it's hurting him because it is being done in the public eye. ... As a woman, I don't think it should be controversial," Sanchez added.

Funkhouser would not comment on any plan to pursue that issue immediately following the September 25 council meeting. However, on September 30 the mayor held a press conference proclaiming

his intention to establish a clean slate in his relationship with the City Council and to lay out an agenda for future action. "I want to let Kansas Citians know what we are doing in the mayor's office about crime, education, transportation and social and economic justice in our city," Funkhouser said. He also indicated that, for the present, he will adhere to the volunteer ordinance, although he remains committed to finding a way for Squitiro to continue to support him from his office in city hall.

Concejo Ciudadano Rechaza Veto del Alcalde

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Ordenanza para Voluntarios se Convierte en Ley

El 25 de septiembre, el Concejo Ciudadano de Kansas City Missouri votó para anular el veto del Alcalde Mark Funkhouser sobre una ordenanza de la ciudad que le prohibiría a los voluntarios trabajar mas que de una manera "poco frecuente" en las oficinas de los personeros electos, entre las que se incluyen la oficina del alcalde y las oficinas de los concejales. Ninguna de las otras oficinas se vieron directamente afectadas por la ordenanza, aunque la ordenanza le pedía al Administrador de la Ciudad publicar una política que regule a los voluntarios en los departamentos de la ciudad.

Funkhouser se opuso a la aprobación de la ordenanza y la vetó el 19 de septiembre, citando cargos del Charter de la Ciudad que amplían la autoridad edilicia. Funkhouser dijo que la ordenanza está dirigida a su esposa Gloria Squitiro e interfiere con la operación de su oficina.

"La ordenanza se enfoca solamente hacia una persona ... nadie pudo identificar a ninguna otra persona mas que a mi esposa, quien se verá afectada por esta ordenanza. Es inapropiado legislar una amplia solución a un problema no existente. ... No existen bases en las leyes de Missouri o del Charter de la Ciudad para la intromisión del concejo en la operación administrativa de cómo el alcalde ejecuta las responsabilidades de la oficina. ... Me entristece que nuestra atención se haya desviado de los asuntos de importancia que enfrenta nuestra comunidad por [Esta ordenanza]".

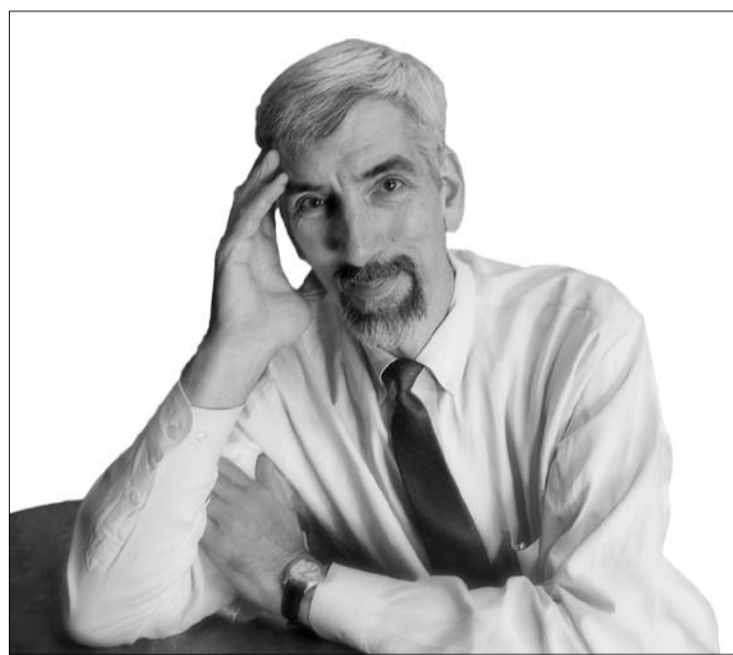
La Concejal del Cuarto Distrito General, Jan Marcason, la autora principal de la ordenanza para voluntarios, le dijo a *Hispanic News* que ella creía que la ordenanza le entregaría a la ciudad un nivel de protección legal. "...Estipula que cualquier voluntario que trabaje aquí reciba entrenamiento en diversidad tal como cualquier otro miembro del personal, así,

de esa manera, es una medida de protección. Pero cualquier persona puede entablar una demanda por cualquier motivo", Marcason reconoció. "Uno no se puede defender en contra de eso".

Debido a que la ordenanza no le prohíbe estrictamente a los voluntarios trabajar en las oficinas del alcalde o del Concejo Ciudadano, sino que permite trabajos de manera "poco frecuente" de parte de voluntarios. Otra tormenta podría estar formándose en lo referente a cómo esa definición será interpretada. Según reportes, un abogado de la ciudad le advirtió al concejo sobre la imprecisión de aquella definición, pero el concejo fracasó en su intento por tomar cartas en el asunto para clarificarlo.

Marcason dice que ella definió "poco frecuente" como, "Limitado, poco frecuente, no como un miembro del personal. Existen tres categorías. Existen voluntarios de servicio regular con los que uno puede contar cada día o cada semana; existen voluntarios de corto plazo - alguien que acude en forma periódica - y la esposa del alcalde podría caer en esa categoría", opinó Marcason.

Aunque la reunión del concejo el 25 de septiembre no generó comentarios de parte del público, algunas personas asistieron y le expresaron su preocupación a *Hispanic News*. Tino Camacho dijo haber pensado que el concejo y el



Mayor Mark Funkhouser

alcalde estaban desperdiciando una apreciable cantidad de tiempo discutiendo sobre la ordenanza para los voluntarios.

"Tenemos el caso de más de cien personas que [Han sido asesinadas este año]", declaró él. "Los contribuyentes votaron por este hombre. Yo voté por el Sr. Brooks porque él era una persona que salía hacia la comunidad. Él era un hombre que sabía como manejar los negocios. Este hombre no ha hecho nada más que causar división entre latinos, el Northland, South Kansas City y el corazón urbano y tenemos a más de cien personas [que han sido asesinadas este año] y ellos quieren salir con reuniones de fuerzas de tarea. ... El

alcalde no está haciendo nada, el Departamento de Policía no está haciendo nada y aquí ellos están peleando porque él quiere traer a su esposa a su trabajo".

Camacho citó numerosas acusaciones en contra de Gloria Squitiro, la esposa del Alcalde Funkhouser, todas las cuales han sido completamente ventiladas en la prensa local. Él expresó su creencia que probándose o no probándose la veracidad de las acusaciones, Squitiro no debería estar trabajando en la oficina. "Cada vez que ella está en la oficina representa una responsabilidad legal", dijo él.

Cindy Crouch, otro miembro de la audiencia, dijo que ella vino a rezar por el concejo ciudadano

y por el alcalde en particular. "Parece que las cosas están en desarreglo en estos momentos".

Sandra Sánchez, una activista comunitaria y voluntaria, no asistió a la reunión del concejo, pero expresó preocupación sobre la importancia de los voluntarios. "No puedo hablar a nombre de la esposa del alcalde", dijo Sánchez, "pero si su trabajo voluntario es bueno para la comunidad y no existe una agenda personal, entonces creo que está bien. Pero el trabajo que ella está haciendo no parece estar ayudando a su esposo y ha tomado un tono controversial. Se me ocurre que debido a eso, ella debería desistir en hacer trabajos voluntarios en la oficina de su esposo. No critico el trabajo que ella hace y estoy segura que lo que ella hace es muy importante para él. ... En el pasado, las esposas ayudaban detrás de las bambalinas. Ahora lo está perjudicando ya que está siendo hecho ante los ojos del público. ... Como mujer, no creo que debiera ser controvertido", agregó Sánchez.

Funkhouser no comentó sobre cualquier plan para seguir con el asunto inmediatamente siguiendo la reunión del concejo el 25 de septiembre. Sin embargo, el 30 de septiembre, el alcalde realizó una conferencia de prensa proclamando su intención de establecer una cuenta nueva en su relación con el Concejo Ciudadano y para desplegar una agenda para acciones futuras. "Quiero dejar que los residentes de

Kansas City sepan que es lo que estamos haciendo en la oficina del alcalde respecto al crimen, la educación, el transporte y la justicia económica y social en nuestra ciudad", dijo Funkhouser. Él también indicó que, al presente, él se adherirá a la ordenanza para voluntarios, aunque él permanece comprometido a encontrar una manera para que Squitiro continúe apoyándolo desde su oficina en el ayuntamiento.

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McCain Obama and the Flying Piñata



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Right after Hurricane Ike struck Galveston, Texas, a TV news reporter was out near Surfside describing the devastation. She gave an account of how in one part of the community, the storm lifted a beach house, sending it airborne, and slamming into another beach house. In a voice with rising decibels, the reporter said, "It was like, like a piñata."

The imagery was perfect: A flying house, like a missile, clobbering a stationary one, with the debris scattered everywhere, harem-scarem.

Some situations, like this one, require us to have a broad imagination, a wider-than-usual understanding, which goes beyond the commonplace to reach reality.

That's what came to mind reading the current issue of *Literal* magazine, a bilingual English-Spanish publication that brings a Latin American and transnational perspective to the arts and modern living.

In it, José Blanco writes an essay that wants to level with us. It reads like a challenge about whether we are ready to level with ourselves in the upcoming presidential campaign. Would we ask the candidates the hard questions, with the hyperbole and distracting exaggerations put aside?

Blanco simply recognizes that the United States is passing from the scene as the world's only heavyweight economy, that our military has been used like a bouncer in the world community. According to Blanco, a world leader is needed, not another heavy. And when we don't act responsibly, our country is weaker abroad.

We were the world leader in habeas corpus — guaranteeing the civil rights of individuals to avoid arbitrary arrest and detention, heremindsus. The rest of the world has now witnessed how quickly we compromised human rights principles through extraordinary renditions, Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and the Torture Talks inside the White House. How the next leader will restore rights, post-Patriot Act,

will say a lot about redeeming ourselves, - whether ours is now a seriously compromised and hypocritical country.

Is the United States one that can lead the world into finding a new monetary system with financial security for all? Can we resolve problems that might seem national but are global in scope, impacting far more than our neighborhoods and towns? These include treating migration as a worldwide phenomenon, eradicating hunger in the next 50 years, transferring technology, and facilitating education.

Even as our own education reform might be slow, the lack of more education abroad will increasingly become our problem as people seek a way out of their dire straights.

Education reform everywhere, as futurist Juan Enríquez has pointed out, is now a choice between development and underdevelopment.

Blanco raises many questions, each one with a major issue to resolve. He poses them as a citizen of the world who has an interest in what U.S. voters will decide.

Clearly, this election is already trivialized into one about "hockey moms" or the revenge of "Hillary's people," about race, the old and the young, or selecting somebody you would like to drink a beer with. But the stakes are simply too high. And our judgment is in question.

Whose jaw doesn't drop when José Blanco points out the Iraq war costs \$341.4 million per day? The cumulative total is about \$530 billion. Meanwhile, Iraq's gross national product is \$18.8 billion. The United States has thrown into that

enterprise 28 times everything that Iraq can possibly produce. With that amount, the whole of sub-Saharan Africa could have been redeveloped.

The question runs deeper than how we got into that war. It is as well about what "victory" means and the real costs of that maniacal pursuit. There's a Spanish word for that. It is called a capricho.

If we don't watch out, someday unusual incidents will be called "flying piñatas" and lack of human rights and policy irrationality will be called "capricho americano." And if we don't do the right thing now, we will likely lose our friends, we won't be able to influence people, and we'll all have empty pockets.

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McCain Obama y la Piñata Voladora

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Inmediatamente después que el huracán Ike golpeará Galveston, Texas, una reportera de noticias por televisión estaba por Surfside describiendo la devastación. Narró como en una parte de la comunidad, la tormenta alzó una casa playera, enviándola volando por el aire, para estrellarse con otra casa playera. Con una voz de decibeles cada vez más altos, la reportera dijo, "Era como, como una piñata".

La imagen era perfecta: Una casa voladora, cual misil, arremetiéndose contra una casa inmóvil, esparciendo desechos por todas partes.

Algunas situaciones, como ésta, requieren que tengamos una imaginación amplia, una comprensión más extensa que de costumbre, que vaya más

allá de lo cotidiano para dar con la realidad.

Eso fue lo que se me ocurrió al leer la última publicación de la revista *Literal*, una publicación bilingüe, inglés-español, que conlleva una perspectiva latinoamericana y transnacional a las artes y la vida moderna.

En ella escribe José Blanco un ensayo que quiere ser honesto con nosotros. Se lee cual reto sobre si estamos listos a ser honestos con nosotros mismos en la campaña presidencial. ¿Les haríamos las preguntas difíciles a los candidatos, poniendo de lado la hipérbole y las exageraciones que distraen?

Blanco reconoce, simplemente, que los Estados Unidos está pasando de la escena como la única economía pesada del mundo; que nuestra fuerza militar se ha usado cual matón en la comunidad mundial. Según Blanco, lo

que se necesita es un líder mundial, no otro peso pesado. Y cuando no nos comportamos responsablemente, se debilita nuestro país en el extranjero.

Éramos el líder mundial en términos de habeas corpus — la garantía de los derechos civiles de individuos contra la detención arbitraria, nos recuerda. El resto del mundo ha sido testigo ahora de lo rápido que hemos puesto en compromiso principios de derechos humanos mediante rendiciones extraordinarias, Abu Ghraib, Guantánamo y las Discusiones de Tortura en la Casa Blanca. La manera en que el siguiente líder restaure los derechos, después de la Ley Patriota, dirá mucho sobre nuestra redención, o si el nuestro es un país seriamente comprometido e hipócrita.

¿Es los Estados Unidos el que pueda llevar al mundo a encontrar un nuevo sistema

monetario que ofrezca para todos la seguridad financiera? ¿Somos capaces de resolver problemas que parecieran ser nacionales, pero que en realidad son de alcance global, cuyo impacto excede nuestros barrios y nuestros pueblos? Me refiero a los de tratar la migración como un fenómeno mundial, de erradicar el hambre dentro de los próximos 50 años, de la transferencia de tecnología, y de facilitar la educación.

Aunque nuestra propia reforma educativa se dé lentamente, la falta de más educación en el extranjero se volverá cada vez más un problema nuestro, en lo que personas van en busca de una manera de librarse de situaciones extremas. La reforma educativa en todo el mundo, como ha señalado el futurista Juan Enríquez, es ahora optar entre el desarrollo y el subdesarrollo.

Blanco plantea muchas preguntas, cada una con un problema importante que resolver. Las plantea como ciudadano del mundo quien se interesa por lo que los votantes estadounidenses decidirán.

Es claro que esta elección ya se ha vuelto trivial con lo de las "mamas del hockey" o la venganza de "la gente de Hillary", sobre la raza, los viejos y los jóvenes, o sobre seleccionar a alguien con quien te gustaría tomar una cerveza. Pero lo que está en juego es demasiado serio, y está nuestro juicio en cuestión.

¿Quién no se queda atónico cuando José Blanco nota que la guerra en Irak cuesta \$341,4 millones al día? El total acumulado es de unos \$530 mil millones. Mientras tanto, el producto nacional bruto de Irak es de \$18.8 millones. Los Estados Unidos ha vertido en

aquella empresa 28 veces más de todo lo que Irak es capaz de producir. Con esa cantidad, se podría haber desarrollado África Austral por entero.

La pregunta va más allá de cómo fue que entramos en esa guerra. También se trata de lo que significa "victoria" y los verdaderos costos de tan maníaca empresa. En español tenemos una palabra para lo que es: capricho.

Si no nos cuidamos, algún día se les llamará a los incidentes extraños "piñatas voladoras" y se referirá a la falta de respeto a los derechos humanos y la irracionalidad de políticas como "capricho americano". Y si no hacemos ahora lo correcto, lo probable es que perdamos a nuestros amigos, no podremos influenciar a nadie, y todos tendremos las carteras vacías.

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hn MOVIE REVIEW

Infinite Fun



In a wonderfully bizarre night of mix tapes and lives, Nick (Michael Cera) and Norah (Kat Dennings) find they have a lot in common, including one heck of a soundtrack.

MOLLY FLACK

"Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" is not your typical teen film. Expert acting by Michael Cera and Kat Dennings in the title roles goes a long way toward its success. You know Michael Cera from the popular, silly "Superbad" and the edgy, smart "Juno". You may also know him from the short-lived, but stupendous television series, "Arrested Development". Kat Dennings comes to us from "The 40-Year Old Virgin" and the television series "Raising Dad". These two actors, in tandem with a very clever screenplay, made me smile, then laugh, then smile again.

Nick is a pathetic, guitar-playing geek who continues to make mix cds for the pretty, spoiled girl, Tris, who broke his heart. Norah is a cool, Catholic school girl who continues to dig Nick's mix cds out of the trash when her "friend" Tris tosses them there. Nick doesn't know Norah and Norah doesn't know Nick, but their shared love of good music is bound to bring them together.

The togetherness begins when, in real time, Nick and Norah meet in a club in NYC just after Nick's all-gay-but-for-himself band, The Jerk Offs, finish their gig. Norah is in attendance and both are on a quest to find the secret location of the performance of their favorite, elusive band, "Where's Fluffy". Nick's ex-girlfriend, Tris, is,

of course, in the mix, as is Nick's band and Norah's best friend, Caroline, who Norah tends when she gets hopelessly drunk and then lost. You get the farcical nature of this.

There are many funny scenes in this film, due largely to the dry-witted Nick and the take-no-guff Norah. One scene in particular that keeps coming to me when I think of this film happens when Nick and Norah set out in his old, filthy, yellow Yugo, and a drunk couple insists on climbing into the car thinking it's a taxi cab. Nick assures them it is not a taxi cab, but when the couple will not relent, he simply asks "Where to?" And the ride, and the beat, goes on.

The music in this show is so good and so new that I have not heard of a single band on the soundtrack. And that's a good thing. This film is also sweet. Nick and Norah are real characters and we like them. Nick's gay band mates also provide much entertainment. This film feels like Cameron Crowe's "Almost Famous". I hope it is received as well.

Directed by Peter Sollett ("Raising Victor Vargas"). Based on the novel by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan. Running time is 90 minutes.

Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material including teen drinking, sexuality, language and crude behavior.

I give it 4 popcorn tubs. Sweet

El rincón de las letras

Baile

She came to my door last night
like so many times before
At first I did not see her
hiding in the bushes
Turning back into the living room
her bony legs tripped me
and I landed on the floor

I love it when that happens
She laughed and headed for the altar
helping herself
to the ofrendas on the shelf
Hey what gives señorita
You know these are for the souls
that will come tomorrow night
do you really think I am a señorita
She smiled coyly

The blush
coloring her bleached bones
Of course my lovely
And for the umpteenth time
since we first met
I lead her to the table
And serve her tamales
baked in banana leaves
a tall glass of avena
with a hint of cinnamon
On the stove
arroz con pollo
spiced with cloves and
littered with green olives
simmers

I pour her a cup of vino de casa
and in the twilight we reminisce
Tio Jaime and tu primo Sancho
send their regrets
Emerita tu abuelita

cries over her Cuco
Give me a picture to take to her
Then she takes her finger
and slowly strokes my beard
and with the hollow of her eyes
looks deep into my heart

You know someday
I will come for you
Don't think of work tonight my dear
I reach behind her on the table
and grab the long stem rose
She puts it in her mouth
and stands apace
I push the player to shuffle
and in a tight embrace we sway
to boleros and tangos
the rattle of her bones
an eerie metronome
I ply her with wine
She is tipsy in my arms
I feel she will fall asleep
And then suddenly she glides
awkwardly across the floor
stops and holds the rose

These advances are so nice
to feel and be what we were once
but it is futile to resist
someday I will come for you
and what will have been
the point of this

Nada chica nada
But you can't blame me for trying
Besides how many can claim
to have danced
with such a lovely death
cheek to cheek
in a tight embrace
Alma de mi vida
you can really shake and bake

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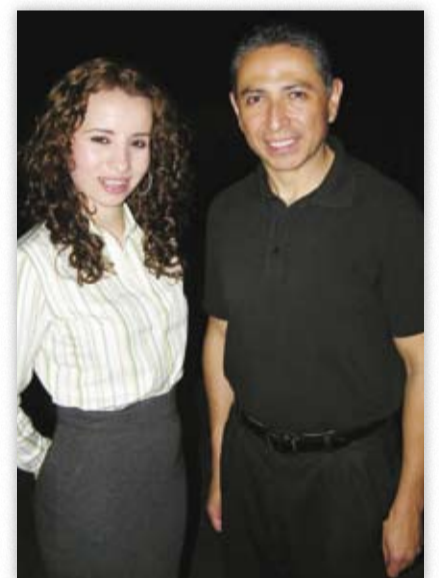
Parkville Welcomes Sister City Delegation

Parkville da la Bienvenida a Delegación de Ciudad Hermana



"They will also know that the city of Parkville has many things to offer to them."

"Ellos también sabrán que la Ciudad de Parkville tiene muchas cosas que ofrecerles"



(Top) The nine-member delegation from Jesus Maria, Jalisco answered the questions posed by students of Lakeview Middle School in Parkville. (Lower left) Victor Galvan (left) hosted the delegation at his house in Kansas City Kansas. Present at the dinner reception was the newly appointed counsel of Mexico, Jacob Prado González (lower right) and Aracely Tavares Rodríguez.

(Arriba) La delegación de nueve miembros de Jesús María, Jalisco responde a preguntas formuladas por estudiantes de la Escuela Media Lakeview en Parkville. (Abajo a la izquierda) Victor Galván (A la izquierda) fue el anfitrión de la delegación en su casa de Kansas City, Kansas. Presentes en la cena de recepción se encontraban el recientemente nombrado Cónsul Titular de México, Jacob Prado González (Abajo a la derecha) y Aracely Tavares Rodríguez.

JOE ARCE
HISPANIC NEWS

City and civic leaders from the city of Parkville, Missouri welcomed a nine-person delegation last week from the town of Jesus Maria, Jalisco, Mexico. The occasion was a visit reinforcing the establishment of a sister city with the town 150 kilometers north of Guadalajara.

Kathy Dusenberry, former mayor of Parkville, was instrumental in setting up the sister city relationship. She gave credit to Ofelia Acosta, a friend and resident of Parkville, who had been trying for three years to establish the relationship.

"It was my last year, the end of my term, and I thought this is the time to make this work. I am really glad that the committee and myself opened ourselves up to this international experience. I think there is much that we can learn from each others cultures," added Dusenberry, who visited Jesus Maria last year.

Aracely Tavares Rodriguez, a member of the delegation, toured Parkville and the grounds of the Harley Davidson plant. Her focus was on the educational system and she took advantage of a visit to Lakeview Middle School in Parkville.

"It is very important to visit the schools," explained Rodriguez. "The way that you have set up your

educational curriculum is very different from the way we do it in our country, specifically in our town. We are very interested in the way that you handle your education programs and the economics of them."

Rodriguez was impressed with the comportment of the students. "It is refreshing to see such well behaved children we also have some well behaved students in our town." Rodriguez expressed the hope that many of the students will find an interest in Mexico, a country that many of them had never visited or knew much about. "We will receive them in the best way we can. We invite them to come and get to know us. We want to invite people to come and see our beautiful Mexico and especially our town of Jesus Maria."

Britney Burke, a student, was eager to take up the invitation. "I learned that I should go there and visit and see the different places and that is exciting to think about."

Fellow student Hani Ugas agreed with her friend. "I think it is really interesting to have people from other countries come here and talk to us. I think I should go and visit there someday. I was not aware that we had a sister city until just a few minutes ago. It was interesting. I think we

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

La semana pasada, líderes cívicos y funcionarios de la ciudad de Parkville, Missouri le dieron la bienvenida a una delegación de nueve personas proveniente del pueblo de Jesús María, Jalisco en México. La ocasión fue una visita para reforzar el establecimiento de una relación de ciudad hermana con este pueblo que se encuentra a 150 kilómetros al norte de Guadalajara.

Kathy Dusenberry, ex alcaldesa de Parkville, fue preponderante en instaurar la relación de ciudad hermana. Ella le dio reconocimiento a Ofelia Acosta, una amiga y residente de Parkville, quien por tres años ha estado tratando de establecer la relación.

"Fue el año pasado, al final de mi mandato y creo que éste es el momento de realizarlo. Estoy bastante contenta de que el comité y mi persona nos abriéramos a esta experiencia internacional. Creo que hay mucho por aprender de las culturas de cada uno", agregó Dusenberry, quien visitó Jesús María el año pasado.

Aracely Tavares Rodríguez, miembro de la delegación, hizo un tour por Parkville y por los terrenos de la planta Harley Davidson. Su enfoque estuvo puesto en el sistema

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SPORTS ROUND UP!

Chiefs snap streak with winning formula



JOHN SILVA
HISPANIC NEWS
SPORTS

Last week after the Chiefs went 0-3 fans weren't the only ones portending doom for 2008. Media pundits joined in believing that if Kansas City couldn't beat Oakland and Atlanta, who could they beat? Sane, rational people the metro over began to seriously believe 0-16 was a possibility.

Perhaps Denver was of the same mindset. After starting their season 3-0, the Broncos came into town favored by two scores on the road, a rarity in the NFL among rivals. Lost in the prolific offensive numbers third-year quarterback Jay Cutler was putting up was the fact that Denver's defense was having trouble stopping anybody.

From the beginning of the game, the Chiefs tried to continue the running success they began in the second half of the Falcons game. Larry Johnson took a handoff on the second play of the game and just like the Broncos have done to the Chiefs so many times made one cut and ran up the gut of the defense for a 65-yard gain. The longest gain of Johnson's career was part of an 84-yard drive that took nearly six minutes off the clock to give KC a 3-0 lead off a Nick Novak 23-yard field goal.

Novak got another 21-yard chip shot before Denver took a brief 7-6 lead halfway through the second quarter. The second turnover created by the Chiefs defense led to LJ's second touchdown in as many weeks and put KC up 13-7.

Rookie Denver kicker Matt Prather gave them a boost with two field goals over 50 yards right before and after the halftime break to tie things up at 13. The Chiefs then reeled off

Mo-Kan Drivers Run up at Speedway

NASCAR arrived at Kansas Speedway over the weekend with two of its biggest stars boasting big connections to the area.

Carl Edwards is beloved throughout Missouri as a native son who has jolted stock car racing with his jubilant celebration flips after victories. Clint Bowyer is an Emporia native, one state over, who has not gained the same national notoriety but has built a solid reputation of his own on the circuit.

Both drivers are not only two of the dozen drivers who qualified for NASCAR's version of the playoffs, but both are top drivers in the Nationwide series which takes place the day before the Sprint Cup events.

On Saturday, Kevin Harvick led the Kansas Lottery 300 for nearly 90 laps, but Denny Hamlin led for the last 36 and took the checkered flag. While not being able to capture the victory in front of friends and family, Bowyer and Edwards accomplished what they

10 straight points to take a 23-13 lead early in the fourth quarter after Tony Gonzalez grab a lob pass in the end zone.

The Denver offense repeatedly trimmed the lead to one score, but every time they did the Chiefs offense would eat some clock and get a score back. After a near perfect outside kick with just over two minutes left in the game, the day ended as it began. Larry Johnson broke through a scrambling line of scrimmage from the Denver 16-yard line and sprinted into the left side of the end zone on his 28th carry of the day.

The 198-yard man was the coveted quote after the game. Two weeks after saying he felt he no longer fit in the plans of the franchise, L.J. made an about face. He reasoned, "We sat down and came up with a solutions to what was going on." To that he added the telling comment, "Our quarterback situation is different than it was a couple weeks ago."

With Damon Huard under center, the team had a calming, steadying influence unseen when young Tyler Thigpen was calling the signals. The unsung hero during the good times of the Herm Edwards era continued to do his job without seeking out the spotlight.

After the game, Edwards had plenty of kudos to go around, but did not address how Huard had come up big to help snap a losing streak that reached an even dozen. Visibly relieved Edwards said, "We've never been in a drought like this before and it's over."

Four games into the career of many Chiefs, Edwards sees the light coming on for many. "I think what we finally realized was we had to go in with a passion and just play." He didn't want to look ahead to Carolina, but Johnson said the win "Just means a starting point. It shows us what we can be and what we can do."

needed to from the big picture standpoint.

Bowyer's runner up finish kept him in the lead in the Nationwide standings. After Edwards's fourth place finish, he ended the week 196 points shy of Bowyer in essentially a three driver race for the title at this point.

Sunday's Camping World RV 400 presented by Coleman saw Bowyer pose no threat as he finished the day in 12th position. Edwards, on the other hand, was in a hectic final lap where he traded the top spot with Jimmie Johnson. Going into the final turn Johnson had the better position and Edwards tried to slide along the wall and slip past for the victory. Instead, he hit the wall hard and quipped, "It didn't work out like the video game."

The event result mirrors the chase for the top two spots at this point. With seven races remaining, Edwards is in prime position while Bowyer still has a shot to make some noise from seventh place.

NASCAR Looks to Expand Fan Base

JOE ARCE
HISPANIC NEWS

Todd Ervin senior director of Brand Strategy and Market Insights gave a press tour last week of the garage area of the Kansas Speedway hours before the start of the World Camping RV 400 NASCAR race at the Speedway. "This is the area where the teams are setting up the cars for the qualifying practice for the race. This is where all the work is done on the cars."

The tour was part of an effort to expand the fan base of the sport, which has traditionally been a white male base. At an Emerging Markets Summit in the Multicultural Marketing Zone, participants were involved in strategizing ways to expand the fan base. "We are bringing a lot of our partners in the sport who are trying to activate and bring in more minority and women fans into the sport. ... It is a great forum to share best practices on how to do that and help to diversify the sport."

Ervin pointed out that the way drivers get into the sports transcends race. As an example, he talked of Juan Pablo Montoya, one of the premier open wheel racers, who migrated to NASCAR.

"Juan Pablo Montoya got into racing in the same way that any of the Anglo drivers you see here got into the sport," explained Ervin. "He started racing from the time he was

a little kid racing go-carts in Colombia all the way to Indy car and on to Formula One and then he made his decision a couple of years ago to race with NASCAR."

Montoya paired up with Chip Gannassi, the team owner when Montoya won the Indianapolis 500. "What we are trying to do is get more minority drivers ... They are blue-chip athletes. It is like trying to develop the next Michael Jordan or John Elway. It takes time and it really takes grooming those kids from the time they are five and six years old to driving and keep them coming all the way up," added Ervin.

Ervin noted that in minority communities racing is not the primary athletic focus. For one, it is very expensive. Danny Hamlin, his family was almost bankrupt when he got his big break with Joe Gibbs Racing and now he is a superstar in the sport. There a lot of minority drivers going through that same thing right now out of hundreds or thousands that are out there trying. ... Only a very small percentage is going to make it into one of these 43 cars that start on Sunday."

Following the qualifying rounds, Montoya was upbeat as he talked with *Hispanic News*. At the time, he had posted the fastest qualifying time putting him in the pole position. Though Montoya had the fastest qualifying time, he was penalized for a rule infraction. He started the race in 42nd place out of 43 cars. He finished in 20th place.



Members of the ethnic media were special guests at Kansas Speedway during an outreach event hosted by NASCAR. Officials are looking to broaden the fan base by reaching out to the minority community. Colombian Juan Pablo Montoya was a favorite during the tour.

Miembros de la prensa étnica fueron los invitados especiales en el Autódromo de Kansas durante un evento de extensión patrocinado por NASCAR. Personeros están buscando ampliar la base de fanáticos extendiéndose a la comunidad de las minorías. El colombiano Juan Pablo Montoya fue un favorito durante el tour.



We have had a very fast car in the last week and we are very happy to be where we are. We think we have a chance this week because we have been getting better.

Montoya noted that the sport is growing and eventually

would have more minority drivers. "The audience has been growing and you are seeing more and more Latinos. As each day passes, we see more and more and that is good because people are starting to support and believe in us."

NASCAR busca contar con mas fans

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Todd Ervin, director de mayor jerarquía de Brand Strategy and Market Insights dio un tour de prensa la semana pasada en el área del garaje del Autódromo de Kansas horas antes del comienzo de carrera World Camping RV 400 NASCAR en el Autódromo. "Esta es el área en donde los equipos preparan los automóviles para las prácticas de calificaciones a la carrera. Aquí es donde todo el trabajo es hecho en los automóviles".

El tour fue parte de un esfuerzo para expandir la base de fanáticos del deporte, cuya base ha sido tradicionalmente de hombres de raza blanca. En una Cumbre de Mercados Emergentes en la Zona de Mercadeo Multicultural, los participantes se dieron a buscar formas estratégicas para expandir la base de fanáticos. "Estamos trayendo a varios de

nuestros socios en el deporte quienes están tratando de activar y traer a más seguidores de las minorías y mujeres al deporte. ...Es un gran foro para compartir las mejores prácticas de cómo hacer eso y ayudar a diversificar el deporte".

Ervin indicó que la manera en que los pilotos entran la deporte trasciende la raza. Como ejemplo, él platicó con Juan Pablo Montoya, uno de los principales pilotos de rueda abierta que emigró a NASCAR.

"Juan Pablo Montoya se inició en las carreras de la misma manera que cualquiera de los pilotos anglos que uno ve en el deporte", explicó Ervin. "Él comenzó en las carreras desde que era pequeño y corría en go-karts en Colombia y cruzó todo el trayecto hasta llegar a la Formula Uno y luego tomó la decisión hace uno pocos años de correr con NASCAR".

Montoya hizo pareja con Chip Gannassi, el dueño del equipo cuando Montoya ganó

la carrera de Indianapolis 500. "Lo que estamos tratando de hacer es atraer a más pilotos de la minorías... ellos son atletas blue-chip. Es como tratar de desarrollar al próximo Michael Jordan o John Elway. Toma tiempo y en realidad toma entrenamiento para que esos muchachos conduzcan desde que tienen cinco o seis años y mantenerlos a través de toda su carrera", agregó Ervin.

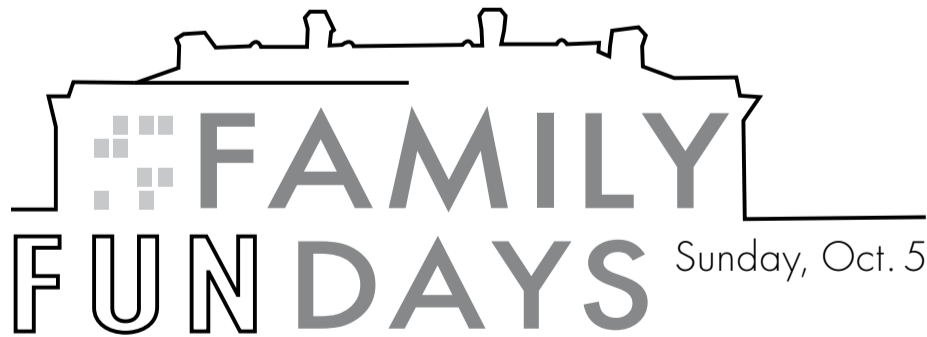
Ervin hizo notar que en las comunidades de las minorías, las carreras no son el principal enfoque deportivo. Punto uno, es muy caro. Danny Hamlin, su familia quedó casi en la bancarrota cuando consiguió su gran oportunidad con Joe Gibbs Racing y ahora es una superestrella del deporte. Hay bastantes pilotos de las minorías atravesando por lo mismo en estos momentos de entre cientos o miles que están allí tratando. ... Solamente un pequeño porcentaje va a llegar a conducir uno de estos 43 automóviles que lanzarán el domingo".

Si siguiendo las rondas clasificatorias, Montoya estuvo animado mientras conversó con *Hispanic News*. Al momento, él había registrado el tiempo más rápido en las clasificatorias, él fue penalizado por una infracción a las reglas. Él comenzó la carrera en la posición No. 42 de entre 43 automóviles. Él finalizó en el lugar No. 20.

"Tuvimos un automóvil muy rápido la semana pasada y estamos muy felices de estar donde nos encontramos. Creemos que tenemos una oportunidad esta semana, ya que estamos poniéndonos mejor."

Montoya hizo notar que el deporte está creciendo y eventualmente tendrá a más pilotos de las minorías. "La audiencia ha estado creciendo y uno está viendo a más y más latinos. Mientras cada día pasa, vemos a más y más y eso es bueno porque la gente está comenzando a apoyarlo y a creer en nosotros".

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"We have been well received"

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should all go there and see about it."

Juan Diego Carranza Muñoz, a member of the delegation and president of the Red Cross in Jesus de Maria, had a different interest. The city of Parkville presented the Red Cross with an ambulance.

"The Red Cross across Mexico needs a lot of help and we are receiving an ambulance given to us by the city of Parkville," marveled Muñoz. "This is something big and marvelous. This is something we are going to cherish in our city because it is difficult to buy them."

Muñoz noted that an ambulance is a major expense in Mexico where even used ones can fetch a very high price. "This is a great help for us. The cost of these things is prohibitive. We have some outdated ambulances ... that are from the 1980's. The newest one that we have is around 2000. I have been told that it cost between 350 to 370 thousand dollars for a new one. At those prices, it is hard for us to buy one. We have a budget that allows us to buy a used ambulance for \$5,000 that is what we have been doing."

Muñoz was impressed by the welcome. "We have been welcomed warmly and we know that this has been a grand labor involving many people to bring us here. We owe a great 'thank you' to all the people ... that have made this possible and a special 'thank you' to the people of Parkville. We are very impressed and feel welcomed, and frankly surprised, by the welcome we have received considering we are just starting this relationship."

Maria Guadalupe Villalobos Bermudez, representative of the local government of Jesus de Maria, was equally impressed by the welcome. "Our message is to embrace the sister city relationship, to be true and authentic partners with the hope that we accomplish the goals that we have set for ourselves, both with the help from the people of Jesus Maria to Parkville and the people of Parkville to Jesus Maria."

"Hemos sido bien recibidos"

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educacional y ella le sacó partido a una visita a la Escuela Media Lakeview en Parkville.

"Es muy importante visitar las escuelas", explicó Tavares. "La manera en que ustedes han instaurado su currículo educacional es muy diferente de la manera en que lo hacemos en nuestro país, específicamente en nuestro pueblo. Estamos muy interesados en la manera en que ustedes manejan sus programas educacionales y el aspecto económico de ellos".

Tavares quedó impresionada con el comportamiento de los estudiantes. "Es grato ver estudiantes que se comportan tan bien, nosotros también tenemos algunos estudiantes que se comportan bien en nuestro pueblo". Tavares expresó la esperanza de que muchos de los estudiantes encontrarán un interés en México, un país el cual muchos de ellos nunca han visitado o no saben mucho de él. "Nosotros los recibiremos de la mejor manera posible. Los invitamos a venir y a conocerlos. Queremos invitar a la gente a que vengan y disfruten de nuestro hermoso México y en especial de nuestro pueblo de Jesús María".

Britney Burke, una estudiante, se mostró ávida de aceptar la invitación. "Aprendí que debería ir allá y visitar y ver los diferentes lugares y me apasiona pensar en ello".

La compañera estudiante Hani Ugas concordó con su amiga. "Creo que es realmente interesante que personas de otros países vengan acá a platicar con nosotros, creo que debería ir a visitar algún



The delegation visited various sites in the Kansas City area and was entertained by Los Viejitos dance group. La delegación visitó varios lugares en el área de Kansas City y fueron entretenidos por el grupo de baile Los Viejitos.

While Bermudez welcomed the relationship, she also noted that there are political realities that have to be addressed. The wall that is being built across the border will prove to be ineffectual. "The Mexican people are hard workers. The wall is not going to be an obstacle that will stop people from crossing. ... However, in reality, we in Jesus Maria are losing people. The majority of people are here in the United States. We have noticed that. The truth is that it is much better here but what a shame that we have to immigrate. I hope that this will be fixed and the door will not be closed to the working people."

Bermudez added that the cultural exchanges afforded by the sister city relationship are invaluable. "These types of exchanges are very important we are opening these doors. I would hope that they continue to give us the visas so that we can continue to visit here because I am enchanted by this place."

Bermudez added that the welcome emphasizes fellowship that can exist across borders and has fueled her with a desire to learn more about the area and culture and to learn the language so that when she returns she will be better prepared.

"I am marveling at the possibilities I think it is important to Mexican people visiting here to study English so that we can answer all the questions that people have and the geography because honestly

we know zero about this part of the country. More importantly for the kids, we need to keep going forward because if we don't study we are nothing."

Bermudez noted that the economic realities of her country do not put a premium on education as the United States does. She bemoaned the choices of many young people who opt to get married and start families instead of finishing their education.

"Many of our young girls are getting married very young. There are times that because of the economic situation we cannot give the kids the things that are need to have but we can keep pushing them to study and helping them to help themselves. Myself as an example I have two children I will push them to study and learn about this country so when they come to visit they will know more than their mother."

Robert Rocha was part of the welcoming delegation and talked about the importance of the relationship with *Hispanic News*. "It is always exciting when people from Mexico are able to come and share their culture and life, their culinary treats and art with us here in the United States. Not only for the Americans but Mexican American can learn a lot when people from Mexico come up here and bring their stories."

Victor Galvan has been involved in the sister city program helping to establish a sister city agreement between

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the city of Tangancicuaro in the state of Michoacán, Mexico with the city of Edwardsville in Kansas. He hosted and then held a reception for the delegation at his house.

"We are very happy that the

delegation from de Jesus Maria Jalisco is here. ... We want to show them the Parkville area and some of the cultural amenities here." Galvan was particularly pleased to be able to show the delegation the Harley Davidson plant. "They will leave with a

very nice picture of what is a very interesting plant and they will also know that the city of Parkville has many things to offer to them."

día. No sabía que teníamos una ciudad hermana hasta hace unos pocos minutos. Fue interesante. Creo que todos deberíamos ir allá y verlo".

Juan Diego Carranza Muñoz, miembro de la delegación y presidente de la Cruz Roja en Jesús María, mostró un interés diferente. La ciudad de Parkville le donó a la Cruz Roja una ambulancia.

"La Cruz Roja en todo México necesita mucha ayuda y estamos recibiendo una ambulancia entregada por la Ciudad de Parkville", se maravillaba Carranza. "Esto es algo grande y maravilloso. Esto es algo que vamos a apreciar en nuestra ciudad puesto que es difícil comprar un vehículo como este".

Carranza hizo notar que una ambulancia es un gasto mayor en México, en donde incluso las usadas pueden acarrear un precio muy alto. "Esta es una gran ayuda para nosotros. El costo de estas cosas es prohibitivo. Tenemos algunas ambulancias antiguas ... son de los años ochentas. La más nueva que tenemos es cercana al 2000. Se me ha dicho que una nueva cuesta entre 350 y 370 mil dólares. Con esos precios, es difícil para nosotros comprar una. Tenemos un presupuesto que nos permite comprar una ambulancia usada por \$5,000, eso es lo que hemos estado haciendo".

Carranza quedó impresionado por la bienvenida. "Hemos sido bienvenidos cordialmente y sabemos que esta ha sido una gran labor que ha involucrado a muchas personas para traernos hasta acá. Le debemos un gran 'gracias' a toda la gente ... que ha

hecho posible esto y un 'gracias' especial a la gente de Parkville. Estamos muy impresionados y nos sentimos bienvenidos y francamente sorprendidos por la bienvenida que hemos recibido considerando que acabamos de comenzar esta relación".

Maria Guadalupe Villalobos Bermudez, representante del gobierno local de Jesús María, se mostró igualmente impresionada por la bienvenida. "Nuestro mensaje es el de acoger la relación de ciudad hermana, de ser socios fidedignos y auténticos con la esperanza de que logremos los objetivos que nos hemos impuesto, tanto con la ayuda de la gente de Jesús María a Parkville como de la ayuda de la gente de Parkville a Jesús María."

Aunque Villalobos agradeció la relación, ella también hizo notar que existen realidades políticas que tienen que ser tratadas. Ese muro que está siendo construido a lo largo de la frontera probará ser ineffectivo. "Los mexicanos son personas que trabajan duro. El muro no va a ser un obstáculo que le impedirá cruzar a la gente. ... Sin embargo, en realidad, nosotros en Jesús María estamos perdiendo gente. La mayoría de la gente está aquí en EE.UU. Nosotros nos hemos dado cuenta de ello. La verdad es que es mucho mejor aquí, pero que vergüenza es que tengamos que emigrar. Espero que esto sea solucionado y la puerta no le sea cerrada a la gente trabajadora."

Villalobos agregó que los intercambios culturales facilitados por la relación de ciudad hermana son de un valor incalculable. "Estos

tipos de intercambios son muy importantes, nosotros estamos abriendo estas puertas. Espero que ellos continúen otorgándonos las visas para que podamos continuar visitando, ya que estoy encantada de este lugar".

Villalobos agregó que la bienvenida enfatiza la camaradería que puede existir a lo largo de las fronteras y la ha energizado con un deseo de aprender más sobre el área y sobre la cultura y aprender el idioma para así estar mejor preparada cuando regrese.

"Me estoy maravillando con las posibilidades y creo que es importante para los mexicanos que visitan, aprender inglés para que puedan responder a todas las preguntas que la gente tiene y la geografía, puesto que honestamente, no sabemos nada sobre esta parte del país y en forma más importante para los niños, necesitamos seguir avanzando ya que si no estudiamos no somos nada."

Villalobos hizo notar que las realidades económicas de su país no le ponen una importancia a la educación como se hace en EE.UU. Ella se lamentó de las decisiones de muchos jóvenes que optan por casarse y criar familias en lugar de finalizar su educación.

"Muchas de nuestras jóvenes se están casando muy temprano. Hay veces en que debido a la situación económica no le podemos dar a los muchachos las cosas que ellos necesitan tener, pero podemos seguir empujándolos a estudiar y ayudarlos a que se ayuden a ellos mismos. Yo como ejemplo, tengo dos niños a los que empujaré a estudiar y aprender

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Robert Rocha fue parte de la delegación de bienvenida y compartió la importancia de la relación con *Hispanic News*. "Siempre es apasionante cuando la gente de México puede venir y compartir su cultura y su vida, sus delicias culinarias y su arte con nosotros aquí en EE.UU. No solamente los estadounidenses, sino que también los mexicanos-estadounidenses pueden aprender bastante cuando la gente de México viene y trae sus historias".

Víctor Galván ha estado involucrado en el programa ciudades hermanas y ha ayudado a establecer un acuerdo de

ciudad hermana entre la ciudad de Tangancicuaro en el estado mexicano de Michoacán con la ciudad de Edwardsville en Kansas. Él patrocinó y luego ofreció una recepción para la delegación en su casa.

"Estamos muy contentos que la delegación de Jesús María de Jalisco esté aquí. ... Queremos mostrarles el área de Parkville y algunas de las amenidades culturales de aquí". Galván se mostró particularmente contento de poder mostrarle a la delegación la planta Harley Davidson. "Ellos se llevarán un buen recuerdo de lo que es una planta muy interesante y ellos también sabrán que la Ciudad de Parkville tiene muchas cosas que ofrecerles".



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Enmienda a las propuestas del Programa de la Mejora del Transporte está disponible para revisión pública

El Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) sirve como la organización metropolitana de la planificación para los ocho condados de la región de Kansas City. Al ser este programa mantenido con el dinero de sus impuestos, MARC desea saber sus comentarios para los planes de transporte del 2008-2012.

Los proyectos propuestos para los cambios incluyen 18 proyectos nuevos y 12 proyecto modificados a través del área metropolitana de Kansas City. Proyectos nuevos incluyen el estudio del corredor de la Ruta Federal 56 (US Route 56) y la conversión de la Ruta Federal 71 (US Route 51) a las normas de autopistas interestatales.

Detalles están disponibles en las oficinas de MARC durante horas de oficina, o en la página Internet de MARC en: www.marc.org/transportation/input.htm.

Si no tiene acceso a la Internet, puede usar una computadora pública en una biblioteca pública.

Envíe sus comentarios a MARC antes de las cuatro de la tarde del lunes 13 de octubre de 2008. La enmienda propuesta será discutida en la reunión del Total Transportation Policy Committee en MARC a las 9:30 de la mañana del 21 de octubre abril de 2008.

Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64105
Teléfono: 816/474-4240 Fax: 816/421-7758
Correo electrónico: tip@marc.org

www.marc.org



Proposed Changes to Transportation Improvement Program Available for Public Review

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the eight-county Kansas City region. Because many of its programs are funded with your tax dollars, MARC would like your input on changes that have been proposed to the 2008-2012 plan for transportation projects in the region.

The proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program includes 18 new and 12 modified projects around the Kansas City region. New projects include U.S. 56 corridor study and U.S. 71 conversion to interstate standards.

Details are available for review at the MARC offices during regular business hours, and online at www.marc.org/transportation/input.htm.

If you don't have Internet access, you may use a public computer at a library.

Submit comments by **Monday, Oct. 13, 2008**. The proposed amendment will be discussed at the Total Transportation Policy Committee meeting at MARC at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 21, 2008.

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MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #28A and #28B WAYFINDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRAPHICS:

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Wayfinding and Environmental Graphics, Bid Package 28A and 28B**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at Turner's main office, 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 23, 2008. Bids are due October 28, 2008 at 2:00 PM, CDST.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held, October 8, 2008 at 4:00 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 **2:00 PM, CDST** on October 28, 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**

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

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Will be received by the Office of the Director of Design and Construction, at Mohart Center, 3200 Wayne, Kansas City, Missouri, 64109, until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2008, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A certified check, bank draft or bid bond, executed by the bidder and approved Surety Company, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each proposal.

Plans and specifications for this project may be ordered online at <http://www.westblue.com/> or by contacting Western Blueprint at 1814 Main Street, Kansas City, MO, 64108, phone: 816-300-6600, fax: 816-300-6640, for a refundable deposit of \$100. Checks shall be made payable to Lincoln University, State of Missouri. Deposit will be refunded upon return of documents in good condition within thirty (30) days following receipt of bids. All copies mailed to bidders will be sent C.O.D. All copies will be returned prepaid by the bidder to the address the plans and specifications were secured from. Plans and specifications, any addenda, and a plan holders list are available at <http://www.westblue.com/> by clicking on online planroom. The primary contact is Brian English.

Bidders must agree to comply with prevailing wage provisions and other statutory regulations referred to in the specifications. A prebid conference and walkthrough will be conducted on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at Mohart Center, (formerly known as Linwood Multi-purpose Center), 3200 Wayne, Kansas City, MO, 64109, enter from Flora Street. Attendance at the prebid conference and walkthrough is encouraged of each bidder submitting a bid proposal.

Sheila M. Gassner, Director
Design and Construction
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573-681-5084**MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #26 ROOFING:**Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Roofing, Bid Package 26**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at Turner's main office, 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 23, 2008.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held, October 8, 2008 at 3:00 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 **3:00 PM, CDST** on October 21, 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/DBE INVITATION TO BID**Ball Kelly, LLC d/b/a Taylor Kelly, LLC seeks qualified MBE/WBE/DBE contractor /suppliers to submit bid proposals for the Schlitterbahn Water Park Convertible Roof Concrete and Sky Venture Foundation Concrete Package. Bid documents are available for review in the Ball Kelly Plan Room at 800 East 101st Terrace, Suite 120, Kansas City, MO 64131. **Fax bids to 816-444-9700 no later than 10/9/08 at 2:00 p.m.** Contact Jeff Stroud with questions at 816-444-8000. EOE/AA**MBE/WBE/DBE Invitation to Bid:** Mega Industries Corp. is soliciting bid proposals from approved subs for the following projects:**Intersection Improvements at 107th St. and Blue Ridge Blvd., KCMO, Bids 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, on the 14th day of October 2008.**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO
THE ANTIOCH MALL
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN**

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission (TIFC) of Kansas City, Missouri, commencing at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at the Town Pavilion Conference Center, 1100 Walnut, 4th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the proposed Second Amendment to the Antioch Mall Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Amendment").

The proposed Second Amendment to the Plan provides for the following modifications: (i) redesignation of a parcel located on the southeast corner of N Antioch Road and NE Vivion Road as Project 10, (ii) modifications to the budget of Redevelopment Project Costs, and (iii) modifications to the Estimated Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Economic Activity Taxes over the Life of the Plan. The intent of the Plan remains unchanged other than those changes specifically mentioned herein.

The Redevelopment Area is described as an area generally bounded by Chouteau Trafficway on the east and north, Vivion Road on the south and Antioch Road on the west (the "Redevelopment Area") in Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri (the "City"). The Amendment, as proposed, may be reviewed by any interested party on or after Wednesday, October 1, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Tax Increment Financing Commission, 1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Joseph P. Gonzales
Director
Tax Increment Financing Commission
of Kansas City, Missouri
1100 Walnut, Suite 1700
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN**

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The proposed Eighth Amendment to the Plan provides for the following modifications: (i) expansion of the Redevelopment Area and the addition of Project Areas, (ii) modifications to the budget of Redevelopment Project Costs, (iii) modifications to the Estimated Economic Activity Taxes over the Life of the Plan and (iv) allow for the acquisition of right of way. The intent of the Plan remains unchanged other than those changes specifically mentioned herein.

The Redevelopment Plan Area is described as an irregularly shaped area generally bounded on the north by N.E. 96th Street, on the east by the Kansas City - Liberty city limits, on the south by the Kansas City - Pleasant Valley city limits, and on the west by Interstate 435 and Indiana (the "Redevelopment Area") in Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri (the "City").

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