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Galería de Mattie Rhodes Celebra Día de los Muertos.**

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**Two KCMO Schools
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Westside residents took issue with the school board at a recent meeting with Matthew Levi of Block & Company Inc., a realty broker hired by the KCMO School District to auction off the old West Junior high school property on Summit.

Residentes del Westside molestos con junta escolar en una reciente reunión con Matthew Levi de Block & Company Inc., un agente de bienes raíces contratado por el Distrito escolar de KCMO para subastar la antigua Secundaria West Junior en Summit.

**JOE ARCE AND DEBRA DECOSTER
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**TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
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Westside neighbors have been upset with the Kansas City School district for letting the former West Junior High School deteriorate. The former school has overgrown weeds, broken windows and graffiti sprayed across the building. Homeless people have found refuge inside the building on cold nights. Upset residents have demanded that the school district stop being an absent landlord and maintain their property.

Unable to maintain the buildings and properties, the school district has hired Block & Company, Inc. Realtor to sell the old Switzer/West Jr. High school and Norman Center through a bid process.

The district has opted to put the Norman Center and Switzer/Old West on a bid process instead of

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Los vecinos del Westside han estado molestos con el Distrito Escolar de Kansas City por permitir que la ex Secundaria Junior West haya caído en deterioro. La ex escuela está plagada de malezas, ventanas rotas y grafiti por todo el edificio. Personas sin casa han encontrado refugio dentro del edificio durante noches frías. Molestos residentes han demandado que el distrito escolar deje de ser un propietario ausente y mantenga su propiedad.

Impedido de mantener los edificios y propiedades, el distrito escolar ha contratado a Block & Company, Inc. Realtor para vender la antigua secundaria Switzer/West Jr. y el Centro Norman mediante un proceso de oferta.

El distrito ha optado por poner

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**Food and Politics Mix
on the Boulevard**

La Comida y la Política se Mezclan en el Boulevard

Ricardo Herrera and his son Nick Herrera (right) have seen their share of debates at Ricardo's restaurant, the Tenderloin Grill on Southwest Boulevard. Ricardo notes that he is the only Republican among the many business owners along the boulevard.

Ricardo Herrera y su hijo Nick Herrera (A la derecha) han participado en varios debates en el restaurante de Ricardo, el Tenderloin Grill en Southwest Boulevard. Ricardo hace notar que él es el único republicano entre los muchos dueños de negocios a lo largo del boulevard.

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Ricardo Herrera, owner of the Tenderloin Grill on Southwest Boulevard, is known for good food and opinions. There never seems to be a shortage of either as people come into his establishment to dine and share their thoughts. The hottest topic of debate is the upcoming Presidential Election. McCain/Palin pictures are prominently displayed at his restaurant. The unabashed Republican is not bothered to be the only public Republican among the business owners along the Boulevard.

Herrera likes to engage his customers and has had heated debates over whether a Republican or Democrat should be in the White House. He doesn't care if the

majority of his customers are Democrat; he hopes that their banter about the candidates will encourage his loyal clientele to vote on November 4.

"I tell them I don't care who you vote for but just vote," he said.

His parents did not vote as they were not citizens, but they leaned toward the Democratic Party. When he began to work in television, Herrera learned how the political system worked and it was at this time that he decided to stray from his parents' allegiance and register as a Republican. "I know that there are not many Mexicans that are Republicans - they grew up with their parents teaching

Ricardo Herrera, propietario del Tenderloin Grill en el Southwest Boulevard, es conocido por la buena comida y por sus opiniones. Pareciera que allí nunca ha habido una escasez de las dos a juzgar por la gente que acude a comer a su establecimiento y a compartir sus opiniones. El tema de debate más caliente es la próxima elección presidencial. Fotografías de McCain/Palin son exhibidas con prominencia en su restaurante. A este inmutable republicano no le molesta ser el único republicano entre los dueños de negocios a lo largo del Boulevard.

A Herrera le gusta hacer participar a sus clientes y ha entablado acalorados debates respecto a si un republicano o un demócrata

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**Latino Vote May Influence Presidential Outcome
Voto Latino Podría Influenciar Resultados Presidenciales**



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This presidential campaign is shaping up as a historic one. Besides the obvious outcome of either a man in the Oval Office or a woman in the Vice President's chair in the Senate, this election will go down as one where Latinos made a significant contribution.

According to Cuahtémoc Figueroa, National Latino Vote director for the Barrack Obama campaign, the Latino votes are there in Missouri a key battleground state. "Every vote counts. There are 80,000 Latinos registered to vote in the state of Missouri. If we get our fair portion of that and our goal is high, it is ambitious, if we can get the

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Esta campaña presidencial está tomando forma y convirtiéndose en una campaña histórica. Aparte del resultado obvio de tener a cualquiera de los candidatos ocupando la Oficina Ovalada o de una mujer en el sillón senatorial reservado para los Vicepresidentes, esta elección será recordada como una en que los latinos hicieron una significativa contribución.

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Cuahtémoc Figueroa, a campaign manager for Senator Barack Obama's campaign, was in town recently. According to Figueroa, Latinos will be a big difference in this year's presidential election.

Cuahtémoc Figueroa, un administrador de la campaña del Senador Barack Obama, estuvo recientemente en la ciudad. Según Figueroa, los latinos serán una gran diferencia en la elección presidencial de este año.



Westside resident Alice Gomez (second from left) joined Michael Duffy of Westside Housing (right) in looking over site plans provided by KCP&L for the new substation to be built at 2500 Southwest Boulevard on the city's Westside.

La residente del Westside Alice Gómez (Segunda desde la izquierda) se sumó a Michael Duffy de Westside Housing (A la derecha) para revisar planes del sitio ofrecidos por KCP&L para la nueva subestación a construirse en el 2500 del Southwest Boulevard en el Westside de la ciudad.

**Westside Residents Wary of KCP&L Substation
Residentes del Westside Cautelosos con Subestación de KCP&L**

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Kansas City Power and Light held an open house for neighbors on the West Side last week to answer questions about the substation they have slated to be built at 2500 Southwest Boulevard. A miscommunication led neighbors to believe that they were attending a meeting to discuss possible location sites, but instead found it was an open house with the substation site chosen.

Kansas City Power and Light ofreció un tour de su recinto para los vecinos del Westside para responder a preguntas sobre la subestación cuya construcción en el 2500 de Southwest Boulevard ellos han criticado. Poca claridad en la comunicación llevó a los vecinos a creer que ellos acudían a una reunión para discutir posibles sitios para su ubicación, pero en

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Residents Worry About Nature of Future Development

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listing the property through a traditional real estate sale process. "A bid process is similar to an auction and we may use the term auction, but the reality is it is a bid process and the bidders are able to augment their bids," said Matthew Levi, vice president of Block & Company, Inc.

Families living around the building are worried that a developer may rezone the property. They do not want to see a commercial business take over. They would like to encourage the school district board members to consider letting a not-for-profit organization acquire the property and renovate the building. The residents met with Block representatives at Tony Aguirre Community Center last week to voice their concerns. They left the meeting frustrated and upset that the school district had not sent a representative to address the neighborhood concerns.

"We are in the room with the wrong people right now. I want us to understand how we stop this process and go backwards from here," said resident Adam Jones.

"It would have been nice to have someone here from the school district to better answer our questions. Instead, the developer is telling us to call the school district. We are not

getting anywhere," said Lorie Castilleja-Rebollo, longtime resident.

Residents are concerned about what type of developer would be attracted by the open bid process. Castilleja-Rebollo has a sentimental place in her heart for the school. She was born and raised on the Westside and attended the school. She and other residents would like to see the former school either be used as a school again or developed as a place that would benefit their community.

"They discussed the possibility of high-end condos that could be put in on the property. The reality is that those of us who have been born and raised on the Westside can't afford half a million dollar condos when we already have some of those on the Westside that are vacant," said Castilleja-Rebollo.

Alfredo Parra was unable to attend the meeting but told *Hispanic News* that he would like to see a mixed-use type of development with a balance of commercial and residential. Regardless of the development plan, Parra was adamant that there needs to be better communication of all parties involved. "I would want transparent, true, democratic input from community residents."

Residents' worries that they will not have a say in how the buildings are used are fueled by the action of the school board.

"Our council person was told that this was a process that we are all happy about, but this isn't a process that we were even a part of. We were working as a community based organization. We were working through the school board and we were working through the Obsolete Properties Division. We were doing everything you were supposed to do professionally to purchase the school. Now all of a sudden there is no reason to talk to you, this has already been figured out. ... I am very, very, very angry at the school board and this process," said Jones.

"Anything that would happen to the school will go back to the community and you will get your chance to express your concerns," said John Bushnell, City Planning. The property is zoned as a mixed-use area, which would allow a daycare center, nursing home, a boarding house or children boarding house to be put on the existing property. "This is a large property and I think when people think of mixed-use plans, they think of stores and apartments over stores. People are thinking more of a day care with residential or a retirement community with residential nearby. The zoning would allow this to be introduced but not heavy commercial with lots of traffic. It would change the zoning to do that," said Bushnell.

Levi hosted the meeting to help the community understand the zoning process. "It is very likely the developers who may purchase these properties may have to rezone the properties. If they are using any type of tax-incentive program a URD may come into place or any kind of new zoning. It helps neighbors put forth any kind of ideas or limitations potentially. Any ideas that they have can be worked through the zoning process within reason. That is the reason we are having a meeting to inform and help the neighbors understand the rezoning process, what a Unified Residential Development (URD) is, if indeed that should be what would happen."

The school district is counting on receiving the appraised value for the buildings -the Norman Center at \$1.25 million and the Switzer complex at \$715,000 with the east side property at \$1million. The complex could be offered in three land parcels. Parcel 1 would comprise the annex only on the west side of the street; parcel two would comprise the east side of the street and parcel three would be the entire complex.

"There is the potential to have two developers for this property. One developer may be interested in the west side, and another in the east side. I don't know that that will happen. It could be acquired by one developer," said Levi.



The West Junior High complex has been a cause of disagreement for years between Westside residents and the KCMO School District. The Board has decided to rid itself of the problem by auctioning the property.

El complejo West Junior High ha sido causa de desacuerdo por años entre los residentes del Westside y el Distrito Escolar de KCMO. La Junta ha decidido deshacerse del problema mediante la subasta de la propiedad.

Neighbors want assurances that once a developer purchases the land and the buildings, they will not continue to sit in blight. "The neighborhood would rather see the buildings be sold in a normal process where it could be sold to a community connected developer where we could have input and control and partner with them as they look to renovate the property," said Kathy Kennedy.

Neighbors understand the role that Levi and his company represent for the school district, but they feel that they do not have the neighborhood's best interest at heart. "I have no beef with the broker. ... They have been hired as a professional firm to get the highest dollar for this piece of property. That is their

job. I feel like my community is being levered to get the highest financial dollar return for the school board," said Jones.

Jones' ire is based in part on doing the right thing while the school board shunned its responsibilities. "You are looking at a property owner that has severely neglected their property for years. We have lived with all this neglect. We have lived with all these devaluations. We have lived with all that and we have worked to improve our properties. We have cleaned up the community and now they are saying, 'Let's capitalize on this effort and get the most that we can.' I am so mad right now. We are getting the shaft," said Jones.

Residentes Preocupados Respecto a Futuro Proyecto Inmobiliario

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el Centro Norman y la escuela Switzer/Old West en un proceso de oferta en lugar de ponerlas en un listado de propiedades mediante el proceso tradicional de bienes raíces. "Un proceso de oferta es similar a una subasta y nosotros deberíamos utilizar la palabra subasta, pero la realidad es que es un proceso de oferta y quienes hacen las ofertas pueden aumentarlas", dijo Matthew Levi, vicepresidente de Block & Company, Inc.

Las familias que viven alrededor del edificio están preocupadas que un desarrollador de bienes raíces podría cambiar la clasificación zonal del área. Ellos no quieren ver un negocio comercial ocupando el sitio. A ellos les gustaría exhortar a los miembros de la junta del distrito escolar a considerar la opción de dejar que una organización sin fines de lucro adquiera la propiedad y renueve el edificio. Los residentes se reunieron con representantes de Block en el Centro Comunitario Tony Aguirre la semana pasada para expresar sus inquietudes. Ellos abandonaron la reunión frustrados y molestos que el distrito escolar no haya enviado a un representante para atender las preocupaciones del vecindario.

"Estamos ahora en el salón con las personas equivocadas. Quiero que nosotros entendamos cómo detener este proceso e ir marcha atrás desde aquí", dijo el residente Adam Jones.

"Hubiera sido bueno tener aquí a alguien del distrito escolar para recibir una mejor respuesta

a nuestras preguntas. En lugar de ello, el desarrollador de bienes raíces no está diciendo que llamemos al distrito escolar. No estamos yendo a ningún sitio", dijo Lorie Castilleja-Rebollo, una residente de años.

Los residentes están preocupados sobre qué tipo de desarrollador inmobiliario será atraído por el proceso de ofertas abiertas. Castilleja-Rebollo es sentimental cuando se trata de la escuela. Ella nació y fue criada en el Westside y asistió a la escuela. A ella y a otros residentes les gustaría ver que la ex escuela sea utilizada como escuela nuevamente o transformada en un lugar que beneficie a su comunidad.

"Ellos discutieron la posibilidad de condominios lujosos que pudieran ser construidos en la propiedad. La realidad es que aquellos de nosotros que hemos nacido y nos hemos criado en el Westside no podemos costear condominios de medio millón de dólares cuando ya tenemos algunos de esos en el Westside que están vacantes", dijo Castilleja-Rebollo.

Alfredo Parra no pudo asistir a la reunión, pero le dijo a *Hispanic News* que a él le gustaría ver un tipo de uso mixto de desarrollo inmobiliario con un balance entre lo comercial y residencial. Descontando el plan de desarrollo inmobiliario, Parra insistió que allí tienen que haber una mejor comunicación entre todas las partes involucradas. "Me gustaría tener una opinión transparente, verdadera, democrática de parte de los residentes de la comunidad".

Las preocupaciones de los

residentes de que ellos no tendrán injerencia en cómo los edificios serán utilizados son alimentadas por las acciones de la junta escolar. "A nuestro concejal se le dijo que este era un proceso del que todos estábamos contentos, pero este es un proceso en que nosotros ni siquiera somos parte. Nosotros estuvimos trabajando como una organización basada en la comunidad. Nosotros estuvimos trabajando a través de la junta escolar y estuvimos trabajando a través de la División de Edificios Obsoletos. Nosotros estuvimos haciendo todo lo que se suponía hacer profesionalmente para comprar la escuela. Ahora, repentinamente, no hay razón para que conversen con uno, esto ya ha sido resuelto. ... Estoy muy, muy, muy enfadado con la junta escolar y este proceso", dijo Jones.

"Cualquiera sea lo que le suceda a la escuela, ello irá de regreso a la comunidad y ustedes tendrán su oportunidad de expresar sus inquietudes", dijo John Bushnell, Planificador de la Ciudad. La propiedad tiene la clasificación zonal de área de uso mixto, lo que permitiría que un centro de atención diurna, un asilo, una casa de pensión o una casa de pensión para niños sean instalados en la propiedad existente. "Esta es una propiedad de gran tamaño

y creo que cuando la gente piensa sobre planes de uso mixto, ellos piensan en tiendas y departamentos sobre tiendas. La gente está pensando más sobre un centro de atención diurna con una comunidad residencial o de retiro en la cercanía. La clasificación zonal permitirá que esto sea introducido, pero no así un comercio pesado con mucho tráfico. Tendría que cambiar la clasificación zonal para hacer eso", dijo Bushnell.

Levi auspició la reunión para ayudar a que la comunidad entienda el proceso de clasificación zonal. "Es muy posible que los desarrolladores inmobiliarios que pudieran comprar estas propiedades tuvieran que reclasificar la categoría zonal de sus propiedades. Si ellos están utilizando cualquier tipo de programa de incentivo de impuestos, un URD pudiera ser implementado o cualquier tipo de clasificación zonal. Ayuda a que los vecinos potencialmente avancen cualquier tipo de ideas o limitaciones. Cualquier idea que ellos tengan, pueden ser trabajadas mediante el proceso de clasificación zonal dentro de lo razonable. Esa es la razón por la que estamos teniendo esta reunión para informar y ayudar a los vecinos a entender el proceso de clasificación zonal, lo que es un Desarrollo Residencial Unificado (URD,

por sus siglas en inglés), si realmente eso fuera a suceder".

El distrito escolar está contando en recibir el valor de la tasación de los edificios - el Norman Center de \$1,25 millones y el complejo Switzer de \$715.000 con la propiedad del lado este, avaluada en \$1 millón. El complejo podría ser ofrecido en tres parcelas de terreno. La parcela 1 estaría compuesta solamente por el anexo en el lado oeste de la calle; la parcela 2 se trataría del lado este de la calle y la parcela tres sería el complejo en su totalidad.

"Existe el potencial de tener a dos desarrolladores inmobiliarios para esta propiedad. Uno de ellos podría interesarse en el lado oeste y otro en el lado este. Yo no sé si eso pudiera suceder. Podría ser adquirida por un desarrollador", dijo Levi.

Los vecinos quieren que se les asegure que una vez que un desarrollador inmobiliario compre el terreno y los edificios, ellos no continuarán sentándose en ese deterioro urbano. "El vecindario preferiría ver que los edificios fueran vendidos en un proceso normal en donde pudieran ser vendidos a un desarrollador inmobiliario conectado a la comunidad en donde podamos tener opinión y control y asociarnos con ellos cuando ellos busquen renovar

la propiedad", dijo Kathy Kennedy.

Los vecinos entienden el rol que Levi y su compañía representa para el distrito escolar, pero ellos creen que éstos no llevan los mejores intereses del vecindario en sus corazones. "No tengo conflictos con el corredor de bienes raíces. ... Ellos han sido contratados como firma profesional para obtener la más alta cantidad de dólares por esta propiedad. Ese es su trabajo. Siento como si mi comunidad está siendo manipulada para obtener el mayor retorno financiero en dólares para la junta escolar", dijo Jones.

La ira de Jones se basa en parte en hacer lo correcto mientras la junta escolar ha rehuido sus responsabilidades. "Uno está mirando a un propietario que ha descuidado severamente su propiedad por años. Nosotros hemos vivido con todo este abandono. Nosotros hemos vivido con todas estas devaluaciones. Nosotros hemos vivido con todo eso y hemos trabajado para mejorar nuestras propiedades. Nosotros hemos limpiado la comunidad y ahora ellos están diciendo. 'Capitalicemos sobre este esfuerzo y obtengamos lo más que podamos'. Estoy tan enfadado en estos momentos. Estamos siendo tratados en forma injusta", dijo Jones.



Westside resident Adam Jones voiced his concerns regarding the potential sale of the West Junior complex to developers. He charged that the School District had been negotiating with residents in bad faith. "We are getting the shaft," charged Jones.

El residente del Westside Adam Jones expresó su preocupación concerniente a la potencial venta del complejo West Junior a desarrolladores inmobiliarios. Él acusó que el Distrito Escolar ha estado negociando con residentes en mala fe. "Estamos siendo tratados en forma injusta", acusó Jones.

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"Why in our backyard?"

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"This is a sham. It is a smoke screen to get us to waste our time. They were suppose to be meeting with us to discuss some proposed sites, where they think it should be, they should be getting some input from the community, but instead we find out that the location has already been decided on," said resident Ezekiel Amador.

According to officials, the decision to locate the substation on the Westside was driven by many factors. KCP&L saw that growth on the Westside and the adjacent Crossroads area was leading to increasing demand for electricity. As a community experiences growth, such as new housing or rental stock, a load growth occurs as people purchase new flat screen television sets, new computers and new appliances increasing the electrical needs.

"There are more people in the neighborhood and individual home owners and businesses are using more electricity every year. People don't think about that very much but you add to your electricity demand every year. The bottom line is, as demand in an area grows, a circuit is just like a highway system, there are only so many cars that can run up and down that. One of the things we can do to improve the capacity of a circuit, to increase the number of cars so to speak, is to put up a substation," said Chuck Caisley, senior director of Public Affairs for KCP&L.

When considering the property at 2500 Southwest Boulevard, KCP&L used several defining factors to make their decision. When KCP&L considers a location they look for property that is least likely to affect a residential area, a location that can provide them the shortest distance to the next substation and that the area be

zoned industrial.

"I know there is a new development around Southwest Boulevard around 17th and 19th around the Crossroads area. There is an overloading circuit in the area currently because we lack the capacity. There is no solution unless we put up a new substation here to break the circuits up," said Ming Gao, KCP&L distribution engineer.

Residents understand that KCP&L needs to have substations but wonder why it has to be in their backyard. They want to know if they are being sacrificed so that the new Power and Light District downtown can have an increase in their electrical service. They do not want to look across the Westside landscape and see a substation rising above their neighborhoods.

"I wouldn't say we are sacrificing the neighborhood for the KCPL district. Actually, the district is running and is currently supported by other substations. I don't think the circuits coming out of this sub will go into the Power and Light district. There are three circuits going to the west to the brewery expansion, support of the IRS building and DST," said Gao.

The new substation will be in Olivia Lopez's backyard. She attended the Open House to learn about the substation. "I talked to the representatives here and they have assured me that there will not be a health hazard. I was worried about the magnetic field. They told me that I probably won't be able to see it from my house, that I might see the top of the poles; they are about 110 foot poles, which I thought would change the landscape of the Westside. I am really opposed to that and I am really opposed to something like this changing the values of our

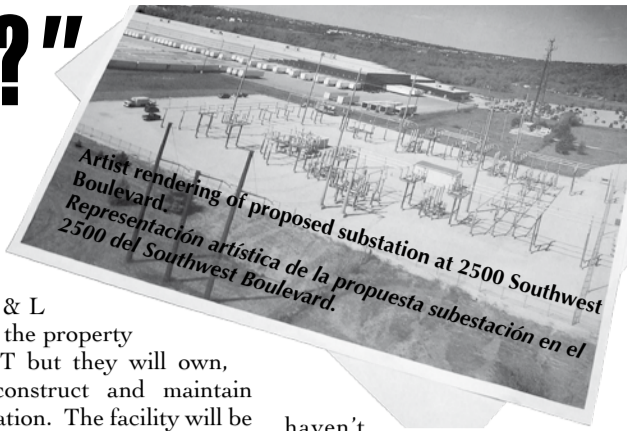
homes."

KCP&L will lease the property from DST but they will own, design, construct and maintain the substation. The facility will be unmanned but will have security cameras monitoring the site 24/7. The steel transmission poles are 125 feet high and are placed about 600 feet apart. Wooden distribution poles, which are used in the residential areas, are 50 feet high and placed 200 feet apart. Placing the Westside transmission lines underground would be nearly ten times more expensive than an overhead transmission line. Their goal is to have the proposed substation in operation before the end of 2009.

Amador was upset with KCP&L. "First they shouldn't have come to us with the site already proposed. You don't have the decision makers here; you just have their community outreach people here. We need to talk to the decision makers, the questions we are asking with our attorney can not be answered by these individuals here."

Amador does not believe the information KCP&L is putting out. He questions the utility's assurances that there are no studies indicating health issues can occur over exposure to the substation. "There are no studies telling us this. Show me the studies, show me the proof, the evidence, there is no proof, there is no evidence, we just have some community representatives saying it is ok."

"The only real health issues you have with any of our equipment anywhere is electrical shock. People shouldn't be fooling with electrical equipment anywhere, and people shouldn't be climbing over the fence to mess with this. They



haven't anywhere else so I don't expect that. ... That is why we have warning signs and the warning signs will be bilingual. There will be symbols for little kids that don't read," said John Horn, Environmental Services for KCP&L.

"We are very interested in working with the community," said Merley McMurry, KCP&L. She understands that the residents are upset and feel that they were not included in the decision-making. "Their input is very important to us and we asked them to put their remarks and their issues on the survey. We are going to take those surveys back and we will look at the remarks and see if any adjustments can be made. If we need to have other meetings, we will have other meetings."

The community can call 816) 556-2670 with their questions. "The success of KCP&L is invested in the success of Kansas City and their neighborhoods and the territories we serve. If this is a vibrant neighborhood that people want to live in, if it attracts business and employs people, those are people who use electricity and that is what we sell. ... We are willing to partner with a community to reach an understanding if we need to put one of these in. We want to work with the neighbors on what we need to put around it to make sure that the community is accepting of it," said Caisley.

La comunidad puede llamar al (816) 556-2670 con sus preguntas. "El éxito de KCPL está invertido en el éxito de Kansas City y sus vecindarios y los territorios que servimos. Si este es un vibrante vecindario en que la gente quiere vivir, si atrae negocios y emplea a la gente, esas son las personas que usan electricidad y eso es lo que vendemos. ... Estamos dispuestos a asociarnos con una comunidad para alcanzar un entendimiento si necesitamos instalar una de esas. Queremos trabajar con los vecinos en lo que necesitamos poner para asegurarnos que la comunidad lo acepte", dijo Caisley.

Acepto el Trabajo

HERMAN SILLAS
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Por fin encontré el puesto de trabajo en el gobierno que estaría dispuesto a aceptar. Washington, D.C., sigue tratando de decidir qué título ponerle a la posición, pero eso no tiene importancia. Yo lo acepto cual sea el nombre que le den. Con el puesto llegan 7 mil millones de dólares para componer nuestra economía. Lo mejor de todo es que no hay que rendirle cuentas a nadie. ¡Eso sí que es para mí!

Y esto, ¿cómo ocurrió? Los expertos en cuestiones de finanzas dicen que debemos dar este paso tan poco usual y de inmediato, sino la gente lo va a perder todo. Anteriormente, cuando los grandes jefes de las corporaciones se llevaban millones en bonificaciones, los mismos expertos decían que los jefes tenían el derecho de llevarse el dineral. Olvidemos a los miles de empleados que a la vez perdían su trabajo. Ahora los jefes ejecutivos de corporaciones y otros que se han quedado con tembleques institucionales financieras quieren que los que pagamos impuestos les demos el rescate.

A mí que me den el puesto. El primer día, mi esposa y cada uno de mis hijos recibirán 10 millones de dólares, lo quieran o no. Total, son sólo sesenta millones y me quita la ansiedad de velar por su bienestar. Ahora puedo dedicarme a mi trabajo. Después, ayudaré a mis amigos y parientes al saldarles la hipoteca y lo que deben en las tarjetas de crédito. Al tío Louie le daré el dinero que requiere

I'll Take the Job

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Finalmente encontré un gobierno al que yo estaría dispuesto a aceptar. El país's económico y políticos wizards are still trying to figure out the title for the position, Money bagman? Mr. Fixit? Whatever they call it, it doesn't matter to me. Seven billion dollars come with it. That's incentive enough.

Best of all, I won't have to answer to anyone. Headhunters, executive searchers, sign me up.

How did this opportunity come about? As I understand it, the wizards now say we must take the unusual step immediately of giving away \$7,000,000,000 or the country's common folks stand to lose everything.

True, in the past, when CEOs were taking home millions of dollars in bonuses, those same experts said those CEOs were entitled to such paltry windfalls. Forget that thousands of their employees were being laid off at that very moment.

Now, the logic goes, we taxpayers should bail out the CEOs and others who left us with these shattered financial institutions.

Money czar? Give me the job. On my first day at work, I'll give my wife and each of my five children ten million dollars, whether they want it or not. Chump change. It removes any anxiety I have about their welfare when St. Peter acknowledges my contributions to society and opens the gate for me.

That accomplished, I can focus on the rest of my responsibilities: my friends and relatives. I'll pay off their mortgages and credit card balances. Tío Louie will get the dollars he needs to churn and distribute his Kelly-green jalapeño ice cream bars I'll fund Tía Lupe's lifelong dream of going into competition with Taco Bell and McDonald's with her foot-long double-decker tamales.

Then there are my grandchildren who want to be entertainment stars like Ricky Martin and Hanna Montana. I'll launch their careers, remodeling them from idle to idols. No bookkeeping necessary. No need for paperwork to clog up a bureaucracy's file cabinets.

Hey, I have trust in the younger generation. Next, I'll hire folks who look like me, documented or not, to build a fence along both our borders and to police our airports so that the CEOs who took our money can't get out of here. My next step would be to hire more U.S. marshals to locate those CEOs who are covering up their big assets. I'd put those Washington regulators who didn't regulate anything on my "Most Wanted" list, too.

Now, you're getting the gist of my plan. Stick it to the bad guys. Have them give us back our money. If they refuse, I'll spend 100 million to build a long bridge for CEOs and regulators to traverse into my Alaskan encampment. There they would play monopoly with each other for the rest of their lives.

What is next? I'll tackle the immigration issue that has befuddled the Congress and the White House for so long and made a millionaire out of Lou Dobbs.

The solution is so simple. I'll give a million American dollars to every undocumented person who steps forward and promises to return to Mexico. (That's where they all came from. I learned that from watching the Fox channel on TV.)

Of course, I'll have them photographed and fingerprinted first and make them swear an oath never to cross the blazing Arizona desert again unless they secure legal papers (available at their neighborhood notaries).

That should free up 12 million American jobs. Ooops! I mean 24 million, since most undocumented persons hold at least two. Out-of-work financial advisors should have no competition applying for positions in restaurant kitchens, car washes, janitorial services, caring for other people's infants and elderly, and filling boxes with fresh fruits and vegetables for the rest of us to eat.

I'll also establish a nationwide network of schools to teach (in English only, of course — no need for Spanish anymore) an alternative economics philosophy. School attendance will be mandatory. Commercial lending and borrowing money will be outlawed. Oh, you could still borrow from a compadre. If he gets stung, it at least stays in the family.

The new schools would teach patience. You want a new car? Be patient. Save your money until you can pay cash.

I would keep all of my billions out of the greedy hands of the Wall Street hustlers, the ones who prodded us into borrowing for instant gratification until we learned the hard way that greed is a bad seed.

Even if I visited Las Vegas every weekend, I should still have a cash balance large enough to fill a gigantic piñata with thousand-dollar bills. As an encore, I could load it on a super-jet and fly across our land of opportunity, one state at a time, letting the bills flutter to earth. Everyone would have a fair chance to get some of the lucre. I assure you, those odds are better than any you'd get if the 700 billion dollar bailout finds its way back to Wall Street.

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“¿Porqué en Nuestro Patio Trasero?”

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lugar de ello descubrieron que era un tour por las dependencias y que el sitio para la subestación ya había sido seleccionado.

"Esta es una farsa. Es una cortina de humo para hacernos perder nuestro tiempo. Se suponía que ellos se reunirían con nosotros para discutir algunos sitios propuestos, donde ellos pensaban situarla, ellos debieran haberle pedido algunas opiniones a la comunidad, pero en lugar de ello nos enteramos que la ubicación ya se había decidido", dijo el residente Ezekiel Amador.

Según funcionarios, la decisión de ubicar la subestación en el Westside fue impulsada por varios factores. KCP&L observó que el crecimiento en el Westside y en el área adyacente de Crossroads estaban llevando a un aumento en la demanda de electricidad. En la medida en que las experiencias de la comunidad, tales como nuevas viviendas o sitios para el arriendo, un crecimiento de la carga ocurre cuando la gente compra nuevos televisores de pantallas planas, nuevas computadoras y electrodomésticos aumentando las necesidades eléctricas.

"Hay más personas en el vecindario y propietarios y los negocios están utilizando más electricidad cada año. La gente no piensa mucho sobre eso, pero uno agrega a su demanda eléctrica cada año. El asunto es que, en la medida en que la demanda en un área crece, un circuito es como un sistema de autopistas, solamente hay cierta cantidad de automóviles que pueden circular por ella. Una de las cosas que podemos hacer para mejorar la capacidad de un circuito, aumentar la cantidad de automóviles por decir, es instalar una subestación", dijo Chuck Caisley, director de mayor jerarquía de Asuntos Públicos de KCP&L.

Al considerar la propiedad ubicada en el 2500 del Southwest Boulevard, KCP&L utilizó varios factores determinantes para tomar su decisión, cuando KCP&L considera una localización, ellos buscan una propiedad que sea menos propensa a afectar un área residencial, una localización que pueda ofrecerles la distancia más corta a la próxima subestación y que el área sea clasificada como una zona industrial.

"Yo sé que hay un nuevo

proyecto inmobiliario cerca del Southwest Boulevard, cercano a las calles 17 y 19 que están cercanas al área de Crossroads. En el presente hay un circuito en el área que está recargado debido a que carecemos de capacidad. No existe solución a menos que instalemos una nueva subestación aquí para darle más capacidad a los circuitos", dijo Ming Gao, ingeniero de distribución de KCP&L.

Los residentes comprenden que KCP&L necesita contar con subestaciones, pero se preguntan porqué tiene que ser en su área. Ellos quieren saber si están siendo sacrificados para que la nueva área del Distrito de Power and Light del centro pueda tener un aumento en su servicio eléctrico. Ellos no quieren mirar sobre el horizonte del Westside y ver una subestación irguiéndose sobre sus vecindarios.

"Yo no diría que estamos sacrificando al vecindario para el beneficio del distrito de KCPL. La realidad es que el distrito está funcionando y en la actualidad está siendo suministrado por otra subestación. No creo que los circuitos que vayan a salir de esta subestación vayan a ir al distrito Power and Light. Hay tres circuitos que irán al oeste a la expansión de la cervecería, para apoyar el edificio del IRS y de DST", dijo Gao.

La nueva subestación se ubicará en el patio de Olivia López. Ella asistió al tour del recinto para enterarse sobre la subestación. "Platiqué con los representantes aquí y ellos me aseguraron que no habrían riesgos para la salud. Yo estaba preocupada por el campo magnético. Ellos me dijeron que probablemente no la vería desde mi casa, que podría ver la parte superior de los postes, son postes de una altura de 110 pies, que yo pensé que cambiarían el paisaje del Westside. Estoy verdaderamente en contra de eso y estoy verdaderamente en contra de algo como esto cambiando el valor de nuestras casas".

KCP&L arrendará la propiedad a DST, pero ellos serán los propietarios de la subestación, diseñándola, construyéndola y manteniéndola. Las facilidades no serán operadas por persona alguna, pero tendrán cámaras vigilando el sitio en todo momento. Los postes metálicos de transmisión tienen 125 pies de altura y serán levantados a una distancia de 600 pies entre ellos. Los postes

de madera para la distribución tienen 50 pies de altura y estarán ubicado a intervalos de 200 pies. Instalar las líneas de transmisión del Westside bajo tierra, sería casi diez veces más caro que una línea de transmisión elevada. El objetivo es el de tener la propuesta subestación operativa antes de finales del 2009.

Amador expresó molestias contra KCP&L. "Primero que nada, ellos no deberían haber venido a nosotros con el sitio ya propuesto. Uno no tiene aquí a quienes toman las decisiones; uno solamente tiene a la gente que hace extensión comunal. Necesitamos platicar con quienes toman las decisiones. Las preguntas que nos estamos haciendo con nuestro abogado no pueden ser respondidas por estas personas aquí".

Amador no cree en la información que KCP&L está entregando. Él cuestiona las aseveraciones de la compañía de que allí no hay estudios que indiquen que puedan ocurrir problemas relacionados con la salud al ser una persona expuesta a la subestación. "No hay estudios que nos indiquen eso. Muéstranme los estudios, muéstranme la prueba, la evidencia, no hay prueba, no hay evidencia, solamente tenemos a algunos representantes comunales diciendo que está bien".

"El único problema real de salud que uno tiene con cualquiera de nuestros equipos en cualquier sitio es una descarga eléctrica. La gente no debería jugar con equipos eléctricos en ninguna parte y la gente no debería saltar cercas para hacer boberías con ellos. No lo han hecho en ningún sitio, por lo que espero que. ... Es por ello que tenemos carteles y los carteles de advertencia serán bilingües. Allí habrán símbolos para los niños pequeños que no saben leer", dijo John Horn, de Servicios del Medio Ambiente de KCP&L.

"Estamos bastante interesados en trabajar con la comunidad", dijo Merley McMurry, KCP&L. Ella entiende que los residentes están molestos y sienten que no fueron incluidos en la toma de decisiones. "Su opinión es muy importante para nosotros y les pedimos poner sus observaciones y sus problemas en la encuesta. Vamos a recoger esas encuestas y le daremos una mirada a las observaciones y veremos si se pueden hacer algunos ajustes. Si necesitamos realizar otras reuniones, tendremos otras reuniones".

Herrera Never Short on Opinions

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them that the Democrats are for the poor."

He monitors local politics and has been known to back a few Democrat candidates. At one time, he had a Kay Barnes election sign displayed at the restaurant. "I go for the one that is most qualified. I was for Kay Barnes, she was a Democrat, but the men I had breakfast with all the time, and they would say that she was a rich, white Republican. I said she was a Democrat and it wasn't until they saw her with Al Gore that they acknowledged that she was a Democrat. I voted for Mayor Funkhouser. He was a city auditor and Alvin Brooks wasn't and we needed somebody that knew about money."

Ask him why he wants Senator John McCain as the next President of the United States, and he will tell you. "I think McCain stands for America. I think he stands for no openings like Barney Franks ... passing

laws so that the banks had to sell the houses to people with nothing down on their part. Any time that I have bought property, I have had to put down at least twenty percent in order to secure the loan."

Herrera is not very patient with people who refuse to exercise their right to vote. "The thing that gets me is the stupidity of the people that come in here, and not a lot I should say, but the ones that say, 'I am not going to vote for anybody.' I realize that these people have never been out of this country. They have never seen how special this country is, and where people sacrifice and die just so we have the right to go vote. I want Democrats and Republicans to vote. I know as far as Mexicans are concerned we are in the minority but I get upset when they say President Bush doesn't go to speak to the NAACP or La Raza. But why go over there when you know they aren't going to vote for you

regardless," he said.

Herrera believes Governor Palin was a good pick for Senator McCain. "There was no doubt that Sarah Palin, who has been in the national spotlight for five weeks, did damn well in the debate against Joe Biden who has been in the Congress for 35 years. She didn't take a backseat to anybody."

When McCain and Palin were in Kansas City, Missouri for a visit, their stopped off at Arthur Bryant for bar-b-que. Nick Herrera, and his wife Mary Lou Nash Herrera, were eating their dinner at the restaurant. "I was lucky to have my camera with me. We saw John McCain walking in. It is just larger than life to see him and then to see Sarah Palin behind him, two great people coming in, it was breathtaking."

Following in his father's footsteps, Nick has declared himself a Republican as well. "I have always supported Bush and

Reagan. I just like their ideas and what they stand for." His wife Mary Lou has not publicly told her husband or father-in-law what ticket she will support in the November election but they both seem to think that she is swaying towards the Democrat ticket, which has made for interesting dinner table discussions.

"We get together once a week to chitchat about what is going on and the election has definitely made good conversation. My wife has never really told me what party she is; she said she is an independent. She is the type of person who likes to weigh both sides before making her judgment. I think she is one of these people that are really still making her decision, but being from Chicago I think she leans towards Obama," said Nick Herrera.

Father and son agree that McCain's choice for Vice President was the right choice. "She is a breath of fresh air, she



Nick Herrera was surprised when presidential candidate John McCain and his running mate Sarah Palin walked into Arthur Bryant's for a quick bite during a recent campaign stop. Nick Herrera se sorprendió cuando el candidato John McCain y su compañera de fórmula Sarah Palin entraron a Arthur Bryant's para una comida rápida durante una reciente parada en su campaña.

takes the punches and returns them back and she definitely brings a new life to the party," added Nick.

Nick has seen how the campaign coverage has enlivened the atmosphere at the restaurant. "It is definitely filled with a lot of banter and excitement here at the restaurant due to him being the only Republican here on the Westside. Needless to say there is a lot of ranting and raving going on when people come in and see the McCain/Palin signs."

Both Herrera's are worried that if Senator Obama wins the election taxes will be raised and they don't feel that the citizens of this country can handle another tax increase. "I am seeing people excited about the Republican Party and they know that we don't need anymore tax increases and given the situation we are currently in I don't think raising taxes will be good for anyone across the board," said Nick.

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debería ocupar la Casa Blanca. A él no le importa si la mayoría de sus clientes son demócratas, él espera que sus bromas respecto a los candidatos motiven a su clientela a votar el 4 de noviembre.

"Yo les digo que a mi no me importa por quién uno vote, sino que simplemente lo hagan.

Sus padres no votaban porque no eran ciudadanos, pero ellos gravitaban hacia el Partido Demócrata. Cuando él empezó a trabajar en la televisión, Herrera aprendió cómo funcionaba el sistema político y fue entonces que él decidió apartarse de las lealtades de sus padres y registrarse como republicano. "Yo sé que no hay muchos mexicanos que sean republicanos - ellos crecieron con sus padres que les enseñaron que los demócratas son para los pobres".

Él le pone atención a las políticas locales y se ha sabido que ha

respaldado a algunos candidatos demócratas. Una vez, él tuvo un cartel electoral para la elección de Key Barnes en su restaurante. "Yo voy por la persona que es mejor calificada. Respaldé a Key Barnes, ella era demócrata, pero los hombres con quienes me juntaba a desayunar todo el tiempo, ellos solían decir que ella era una republicana de la raza blanca y adinerada. Yo dije que ella era demócrata y no fue sino hasta que la vieron en compañía de Al Gore, que ellos reconocieron que ella era una demócrata. Yo voté por el Alcalde Funkhouser. Él era un auditor de la ciudad y Alvin Brooks no lo era y nosotros necesitábamos a alguien que supiera de asuntos de dinero".

Pregúntenle porqué él quiere al Senador John McCain como el próximo Presidente de los Estados Unidos y él les dirá. "Creo que McCain está por EE.UU. Creo que él está en contra de aperturas como Barney Franks ... pasando leyes en que los bancos tuvieron

que venderle casas a gente sin poner nada de su parte. Cada vez que he comprado propiedades, he tenido que poner a lo menos un 20 por ciento para poder asegurar el préstamo".

Herrera no es muy paciente con la gente que se niega a ejercitar su derecho a voto. "La cosa que me molesta es la estupidez de la gente que vienen aquí y no muchos debería decir, pero los que dicen, 'No voy a votar por nadie'. Me doy cuenta que estas personas nunca han estado fuera de este país. Ellos nunca han visto lo especial que es este país y en donde la gente se sacrifica y muere tan sólo para que tengamos el derecho a voto. Quiero que los demócratas y los republicanos voten. Yo sé que en lo que va a los mexicanos, estamos en la minoría en el Partido Republicano, pero me molesta cuando ellos dicen que el Presidente Bush no se acerca a hablar con la NAACP o con La Raza. Pero porqué ir allí cuando uno sabe que no van a votar por ti

de todas maneras", dice él.

Herrera cree que la Gobernadora Palin fue una buena elección para el Senador McCain. "No hay dudas que Sarah Palin, quien ha estado en el foco nacional por cinco semanas, lo hizo muy bien en el debate en contra de Joe Biden, quien ha estado en el Congreso por 35 años. Ella no se sentó detrás de nadie".

Cuando McCain y Palin estuvieron en Kansas City, Missouri durante una visita, ellos se detuvieron en el restaurante Arthur Bryant para comer una barbacoa. Nick Herrera y su esposa Mary Lou Nash Herrera, cenaban en el restaurante. "Fui afortunado de tener mi cámara. Vimos a John McCain entrando. Es simplemente una experiencia más grande que la vida el verlo y luego ver a Sarah Palin detrás de él, dos grandes personas entrando, fue algo que lo deja a uno sin aliento".

Siguiendo la huella de su padre, Nick también se ha declarado republicano. "Siempre he

respaldado a Bush y a Reagan. Simplemente me gustan sus ideas y sus posturas". Su esposa Mary Lou no le ha dicho públicamente a su esposo o suegro qué candidato ella respaldará en la elección de noviembre, pero ambos parecen creer que ella está gravitando hacia el candidato demócrata, lo que ha propiciado interesantes discusiones a la hora de cenar.

"Nos reunimos una vez a la semana para platicar respecto a lo que está sucediendo y la elección ha definitivamente habilitado una buena conversación. Mi esposa nunca en realidad me ha dicho a cuál partido ella pertenece; ella dice que es independiente. Ella es el tipo de persona a quien le gusta balancear ambos lados antes de emitir un juicio. Creo verdaderamente que ella es una de esas personas que aun están tratando de decidirse, pero siendo de Chicago, creo que ella se inclina hacia Obama", dijo Nick Herrera.

Padre e hijo concuerdan que la elección de McCain para Vicepresidente fue la correcta. "Ella es como una bocanada de

aire fresco, ella recibe los golpes y los regresa y definitivamente le trae vida nueva al partido", agregó Nick.

Nick ha visto como la cobertura de la campaña ha animado la atmósfera en el restaurante. "Está definitivamente lleno de bromas y entusiasmo aquí en el restaurante debido a que él es el único republicano aquí en el Westside. No se necesita decir que hay bastantes críticas e insensatez cuando la gente vienen y observas los carteles de McCain/Palin".

Ambos Herreras les preocupa que si el Senador Obama gana la elección, los impuestos serán aumentados y ellos no creen que los ciudadanos de este país puedan manejar otro incremento de impuestos. "Estoy viendo a personas entusiasmadas sobre el Partido Republicano y ellos saben que no necesitamos más incrementos de impuestos y dada la situación en que nos encontramos actualmente, no creo que aumentar los impuestos será bueno para nadie en general", dijo Nick.

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Working Together



Hispanic community leaders recently joined UCM President Aaron Podolefsky in celebrating the growing relationship between UCM and the Kansas City Latino community. Those in attendance were, front row, left to right, Freda Mendez Smith, Sandi Sanchez and Mary Matalone, all with MANA de Kansas City; Podolefsky; Liz Levin, Coalition of Hispanic Organizations; Cris Medina, executive director of the Guadalupe Center; Raul Murguia, Guadalupe Center; and Tony Villegas, Cesar Chavez Scholarship Committee; back row, left to right, Ed Mendez, principal of Alta Vista Charter High School; Deb Moran, Guadalupe Center; Luis Cordova, Mattie Rhodes Center; Joe Arce, chair of Kansas City Cesar Chavez Scholarship Committee and *Kansas City Hispanic News*; Gilbert Guerrero, Guadalupe Center; Nicole Schmidt, manager of clinic operations for Cabot Westside Health Center; and Mike Macias, LULAC National Education Service Center.

HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION

On September 19, the University of Central Missouri joined with leaders of the Kansas City Hispanic community to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. UCM President Aaron Podolefsky reaffirmed UCM's commitment to providing educational opportunities during remarks at the Guadalupe Center. Through innovative programs and scholarships, such as the Cesar Chavez scholarship, UCM builds bridges to the future for the next generation of Hispanic leaders.



El rincón de las letras

Día de los Vivos

It's as foreign to me as Boxing Day or Yom Kippur this "Day of the Dead." Celebrating skulls and cooking for corpses seems to reinforce the image that we're uneducated campesinos.

I tell myself it's an interesting display of Mexican folk art, not gifts to entice the dead. It's a cultural celebration of the Hispanic community, not enchanted rituals asking to win the lottery or for a loved one to stop drinking.

But ever since I was a kid, I've heard the whispers of these souls and felt their breath on my neck. They've walked across my wooden floors to tickle my feet when I let them dangle uncovered off my bed.

Mom set up displays for her santos when we couldn't afford to pay our light bill. We sacrificed so she could decorate for the dead. She molded crowns of thorns from her roses and sewed lace veils and capes for her statues. She framed worn and faded pictures, of unknown relatives in their youth because that's how she remembered them.

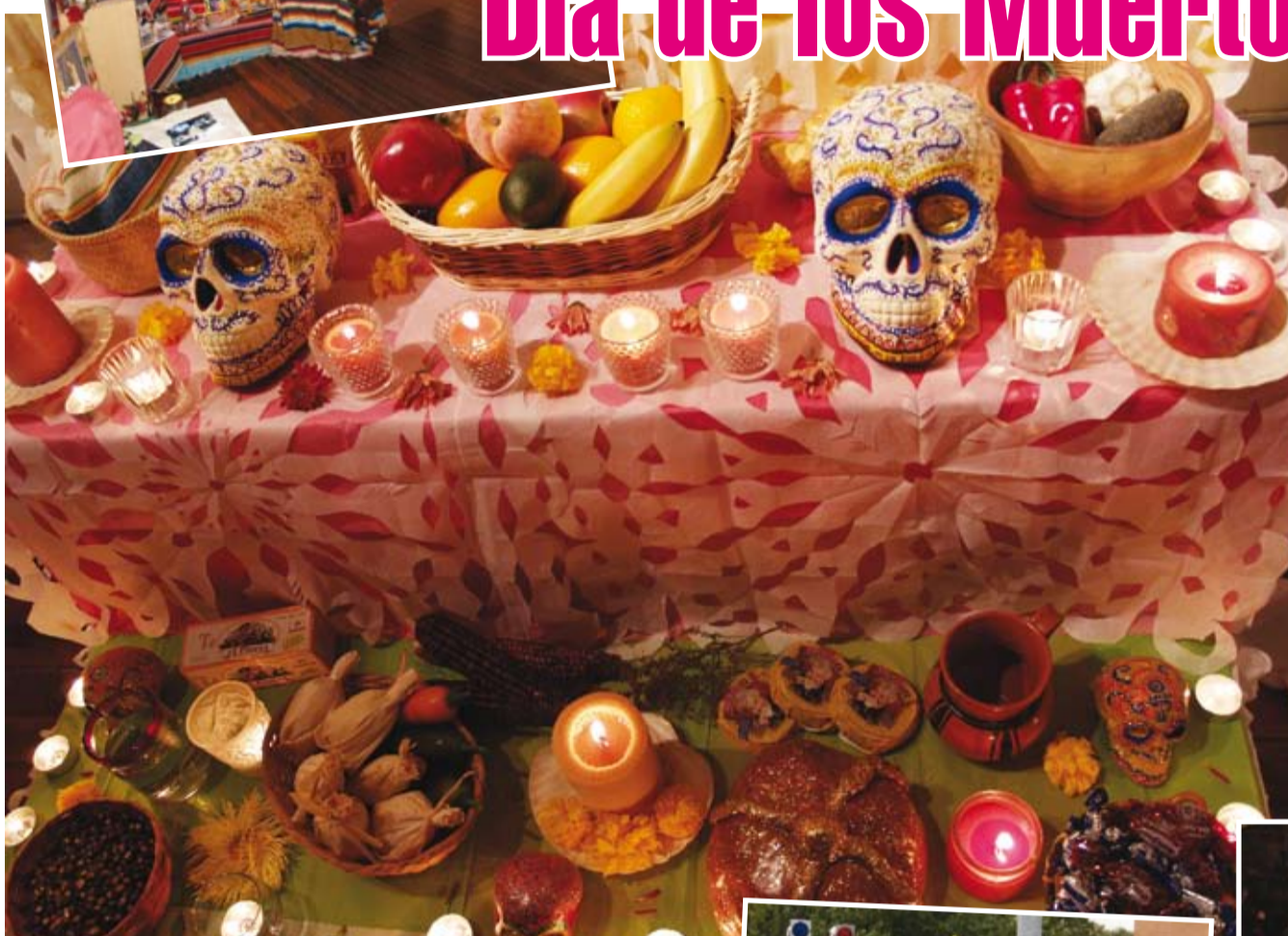
Yet, we none of us kids ever had a birthday party much less a cake. Sometimes, we didn't even have a Christmas tree. Thanksgiving was for white families and Easter was for the Church. But All Souls Day was for mom.

Dusting worn family photos and polishing her chipped statues, I realize I, too, have ignored birthdays, graduations and other important moments of the living only to honor them with flowers and lit candles on altars once when they're dead. Perhaps that's the reason the dead return and why the skeletons dance and laugh.

Miguel M. Morales



Mattie Rhodes' Día de los Muertos Festival GROWS



El Festival del Día de los Muertos Crece en Mattie Rhodes



PHOTOS GEMMA TORNERO
MATTIE RHODES

It is one of the city's most unique celebrations and with each passing year, it draws an increasingly diverse audience. Mattie Rhodes ninth Day of the Dead celebration includes an art show and dedicated altars as well as a street festival spread over two days. This year's event was a mix of somber reflection and joyous celebration and was in keeping with the spirit of the traditional Day of the Dead ceremonies prevalent in many countries and in particular Mexico. The day is celebrated on the first and second day of November. The tradition derives from the Catholic celebrations of All Soul's Day and All Saint's Day. The altars commemorating the dead are an important element of the MRC presentation. The event is also one of the most popular events at Mattie Rhodes with many school groups and organizations conducting field trips to the gallery. The gallery exhibition runs through the end of November 20. For more information on gallery tours call Alisha Gambino, art education curator, at (816) 221-23 49. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Es una de las celebraciones más singulares de la ciudad y cada año que pasa, atrae a una creciente y diversa audiencia. El noveno día de la Celebración del Día de los Muertos de Mattie Rhodes incluye una exhibición de arte y altares dedicados además de un festival callejero de dos días de duración. El evento de este año fue una mezcla de sombría reflexión y alegre celebración y fue realizado para mantener el espíritu de las ceremonias del tradicional Día de los Muertos prevalentes en muchos países y particularmente en México. El día es celebrado el primer y el segundo día de noviembre. La tradición deriva de las celebraciones católicas del Día de Todas las Almas y el Día de Todos los Santos. Los altares conmemorando a los muertos son un elemento importante del presentación de MRC. El evento es también uno de los más populares de Mattie Rhodes con la asistencia de muchos grupos de escolares y organizaciones que realizan viajes de estudios a la galería. La exhibición de la galería se extiende hasta el 20 de noviembre. Para más información referente a los tours de la galería, llamar a Alisha Gambino, directora de educación del arte al (816) 221-23 49. El horario de la Galería es desde las 10:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. de martes a sábados.

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vast majority of the Latinos that can vote here in Missouri we will win."

Figueroa was recently in Kansas City, Missouri to visit with Jessica Ayala, a local bi-lingual field organizer for Senator Barack Obama campaign headquarters. "I was asked by the state leadership ... if I could come to Missouri. Missouri is a bellwether state. What that means is as Missouri goes so does the nation goes. We are competing very hard in this state. It is a historically a state that is decided in the last few weeks of a campaign. In order to win Missouri you have to compete for every vote here and you have to make an effort in every community in the state," said Figueroa.

According to voting statistics, the state primaries brought out large Hispanic voter turnout in many precincts, some registering higher numbers than ever before. "They had never seen those kinds of numbers in Texas, California, New Jersey, Florida and in Michigan," Figueroa told *Hispanic News* that the large turnout was due to the two Democratic candidates Senator Barack Obama and Senator Hilary Clinton actively courting the Latino vote.

Missouri is a swing state and the Obama campaign has been canvassing the neighborhoods knocking on doors encouraging residents to get out and vote on November 4. The grassroots

effort also includes voter registration appeals. According to Figueroa, the Obama campaign is not taking any vote for granted.

"There is no secret on how you win Missouri if you are a Democrat. What you do is increase the vote totals if you can in Kansas City, St. Louis and in Columbia. What you do is try to increase the vote totals in the suburbs of Kansas City, St. Louis and Columbia, but what you can't do is forget about the rural counties in the north, the south, the east and the west," explained Figueroa.

Latinos are not just working behind the scenes, but are also out front talking about the candidate they are endorsing. They are taking lead roles in the campaign as directors of campaign headquarters and registering citizens to vote. Volunteers have been staffing booths at local fiestas and community events to answer questions about the campaign and they have been encouraging people to register to vote or if they are registered to use their power by casting their vote on election night.

According to campaign officials, the outreach effort in the Latino community is approaching complete coverage. "Our campaign is all over the city and we are all over the Latino and Hispanic neighborhoods. I guarantee there are no neighborhoods here that have not been knocked on, or Latino/Hispanic community events

that haven't been covered by our campaign," said Figueroa.

Figueroa explained that as Latino voters look for a candidate to support in November it is important that they see how each candidate addresses the issues that affect their community. How will the future president address the high dropout rate among Latino high school students? How will he make healthcare affordable for each family or individual? What are his plans to improve the economic situation in America? What is his stance on immigration reform?

"Obama understands the issues that are important to the Latino community. I would say the number one issue for Latinos across the board, for young and old, for African Americans, Asians, Whites, is righting our economic ship. We are in a crisis right now. People are losing their homes, people are afraid of losing their job security, they are afraid they are going to lose their pension, their health care cost are sky rocketing and every time you fill up your car with gas, people are angry. There is an amazing amount of discontentment across the country and no other community ... is feeling it worse than us. We are feeling it twice as bad," he said.

Figueroa explains his view by pointing out that the Hispanic communities are the ones that are more likely to face the highest rate of home foreclosures, they face less job

opportunities, and they live in communities where the schools have fewer resources with students dropping out of high school at alarming rates.

"We are trying to earn the Latino vote. Nothing is taken for granted when it comes to the Latino community. I think it should be that way. As a Latino myself, I want to see candidates talk to me and convince me why we should support them. I think as a campaign we are doing that, we are doing that one voter at a time."

A key indication of Latino participation in the election is evident in the monetary contributions made by Latinos to this year's campaign coffers. Figueroa believes the reason why donations have not been high from Latinos until now may be as simple as no one asking them to donate before. "We raised a lot of money and the vast majority of that money has come from people who have donated less than \$100 and people who have never donated before in their lives," he said.

Figueroa believes that the time has arrived for the Hispanic community to have a voice in national politics, but in order to do that, they must exercise their rights by casting their ballots and choosing a president "Senator Obama will be President of the United States if Latinos come out in the numbers that we think they can."



Cuauhtémoc Figueroa told Hispanic News that Senator Barack Obama would not concede any vote in this election. The Obama camp plans to campaign everywhere there is a vote for grabs. Missouri has been a bellwether state when it comes to national presidential contests.

Cuauhtémoc Figueroa le dijo a Hispanic News que el Senador Barack Obama no concedería ningún voto en esta elección. La campaña de Obama planea hacer campaña en cualquier lugar que haya indecisión en el voto. Missouri ha sido un estado barómetro cuando se trata de contiendas presidenciales nacionales.

Missouri Estado Clave en Noviembre

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Según Cuauhtémoc Figueroa, director del Voto Nacional Latino para la campaña de Barack Obama, los votos están allí en Missouri, un estado en que la contienda será cerrada. "Cada voto cuenta. Hay allí 80.000 latinos registrados para votar en el estado de Missouri. Si obtenemos la porción justa de lo que nos corresponde y nuestro objetivo es alto, es ambicioso, si podemos hacer que la vasta mayoría de los latinos que pueden votar aquí en Missouri lo hagan, entonces ganaremos".

Figueroa estuvo recientemente en Kansas City, Missouri para reunirse con Jessica Ayala, organizadora local bilingüe de campo para los cuarteles generales de la campaña del Senador Barack Obama. "El liderazgo estatal me preguntó ... si podía venir a Missouri. Missouri es un estado barómetro. Lo que ello significa que cualquiera sea la dirección del estado, también lo es de la nación. Estamos compitiendo muy duro en este estado. Históricamente es un estado que se decide en las últimas semanas de una campaña. Para poder ganar Missouri uno tienen que competir por cada voto aquí y uno tiene que hacer un esfuerzo en cada comunidad en el estado", dijo Figueroa.

Según estadísticas de votaciones, las primarias del estado tuvieron una considerable asistencia latina en muchos precinctos, algunos registraron mayores cifras que antes. "Ellos nunca han visto ese tipo de cifras en Tejas, California, Nueva Jersey, Florida y en Michigan". Figueroa le dijo a *Hispanic News* que la numerosa asistencia se debió a que los dos candidatos demócratas, el Senador Barack Obama y la Senadora Hilary Clinton, cortejaron activamente el voto latino

Missouri es un estado balanza y la campaña de Obama ha estado recorriendo los vecindarios golpeando puertas y motivando a los residentes a ir a votar el 4 de noviembre. El esfuerzo de base también incluye llamados a que los votantes se registren. Según Figueroa, la campaña de Obama no está dando por seguro ningún voto.

"No es secreto cómo ganar Missouri si uno es demócrata. Lo que uno hace es incrementar los totales de la votación si se puede en los suburbios de

Kansas City, St. Louis y en Columbia, pero lo que uno no puede hacer es olvidarse de los condados rurales en el norte, el sur, el este y el oeste", explicó Figueroa.

Los latinos no están solamente trabajando detrás de la escena, sino que están en el frente hablando sobre los candidatos que están endorsando. Ellos están tomando posiciones de liderazgo en la campaña como directores de cuarteles generales de la campaña y registrando a los ciudadanos para votar. Voluntarios han estado trabajando en puestos en las fiestas locales y eventos comunitarios para responder a preguntas sobre la campaña y ellos han estado exhortando a la gente a registrarse para votar o si ya se han registrado, los exhortan a utilizar sus poderes votando en el día de la elección.

Según directivos de la campaña, los esfuerzos de extensión en la comunidad latina están llegando a una cobertura completa. "Nuestra campaña se extiende por toda la ciudad y estamos en todos los vecindarios latinos e hispanos. Yo les garantizo que allí no hay vecindarios en los que no hayamos golpeado las puertas o eventos comunitarios latinos/hispanos que no hayan sido cubiertos por nuestra campaña", dijo Figueroa.

Figueroa explicó que en el momento en que los votantes latinos buscan cuál candidato apoyar en noviembre, es importante que ellos se fijen en cómo cada candidato trata los temas que afectan a su comunidad. ¿Cómo manejará el futuro presidente el alto índice de deserción entre los estudiantes latinos de las secundarias? ¿Cómo ellos harán que el cuidado de la salud sea más asequible para cada familia o individuo? ¿Cuál es su plan para mejorar la situación económica en EE.UU.? ¿Cuál es su postura frente a la reforma a la inmigración?

"Obama entiende los problemas que son importantes para la comunidad latina. Yo diría que el problema número uno para los latinos en general, para jóvenes y viejos, para afro-estadounidenses, asiáticos, blancos, es el de reparar nuestra nave económica. En estos momentos estamos en una crisis. La gente está perdiendo sus casas, la gente está temerosa de perder la seguridad de sus

trabajos, ellos están temerosos de que van a perder su pensión, los costos de sus seguros de salud se están disparando y cada vez que uno llena el tanque de gasolina, la gente está disgustada. Existe una increíble cantidad de descontento a través del país y ninguna otra comunidad ... lo está sintiendo peor que nosotros. Lo estamos sintiendo el doble de mal", dijo él.

Figueroa explica su punto de vista indicando que las comunidades hispanas son las más proclives a enfrentar los índices más altos de remates de propiedades, ellos enfrentan menores oportunidades de trabajo y ellos viven en comunidades en donde las escuelas tienen menos recursos con estudiantes desertando de las secundarias en promedio alarmantes.

"Estamos tratando de ganar el voto latino. Nada es dado por seguro cuando se trata de la comunidad latina. Creo que debe ser de esa manera. Como latino, quiero ver que los candidatos platiquen conmigo y me convencan porque tengo que darles mi apoyo. Creo que como campaña, estamos haciendo eso, lo estamos haciendo de un voto a la vez".

Una indicación clave de la participación latina en la elección es evidente en las contribuciones monetarias

hechas por los latinos a los cofres de la campaña de este año. Figueroa cree que la razón del porqué las contribuciones no han sido altas de parte de los latinos hasta ahora, podría ser tan simple como el hecho que nadie les ha pedido donar antes. "Nosotros recaudamos bastante dinero y la vasta mayoría de ese dinero ha venido de personas que han donado menos de \$100 y de personas que nunca antes en sus vidas han donado", dijo él.

Figueroa cree que el momento ha llegado para la comunidad hispana de tener una voz en las políticas nacionales, pero para poder lograrlo, ellos deben ejercitar sus derechos votando y eligiendo a un presidente. "El Senador Obama será Presidente de Los Estados Unidos si los latinos salen a votar en las cantidades que pensamos que ellos lo harán".

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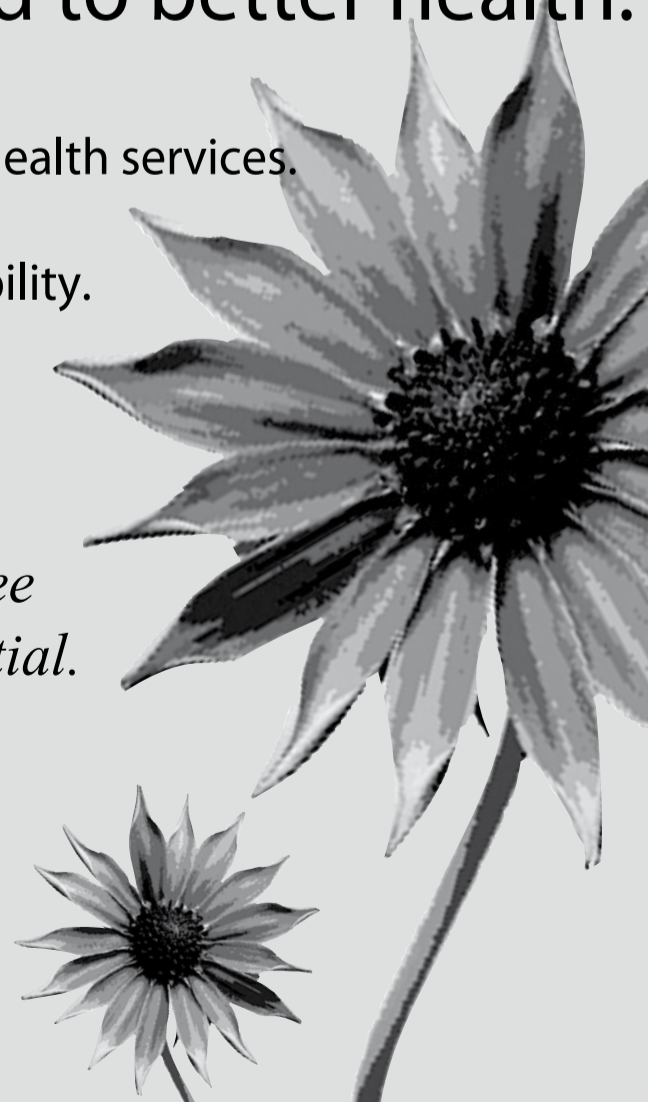
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Chiefs chewed up by Panthers



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The Chiefs didn't seem to have Carolina on their mind as they practiced for the tenacious Panthers. Taking on a team built in much the image of the Chiefs want to emulate, it didn't take long for Herm Edwards' old college teammate John Fox to show KC what their team should look like.

Blending a powerful running game with a couple of game breaking receivers, the Panthers' offense had their way with the Chiefs. Ten minutes into the game, running back DeAngelo Williams burst up the middle untouched from 10 yards out for the first score of the game and his first touchdown of the year.

Williams was in danger of losing his starting job to rookie Jonathan Stewart. He may want to send a cookie bouquet to Kansas City as he scored three touchdowns to compliment a career best 123-yard day.

The defense wasn't all bad. Early in the second quarter, defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey popped a ball loose from Stewart inside the red zone. Tank Tyler recovered the ball and kept the deficit 7-0 for another five minutes when busted coverage

allowed Williams to take a swing pass 24 yards to pay dirt.

Williams' third TD of the half capped off the nightmarish first portion. Nothing got better when quarterback Damon Huard coughed up the ball on the first play of the second half.

The lack of protection from the offensive line took its toll on Huard as he threw two interceptions in the third quarter before being pulled for Tyler Thigpen in the fourth quarter.

Thigpen ended up three yards shy of being the Chiefs top rusher of the day with 16 yards on four carries. That four yards per carry average makes Larry Johnson's possibly career worst .3 yards per carry (7 rushes, 2 yards) pale in comparison.

The Panthers 34-0 victory could've been worse had Fox not decided to run on every down once he reached that score.

Herm Edwards smiled in disbelief throughout most of the game. Not having an explanation for the whitewashing, Edwards stated, "We were a confident team after last week's game. Then we come out this week and act like we've never played football." He blamed coaches and players alike for the lackluster performance.

The Chiefs will nurture the hurt of this shutout for a while as they due to their bye week.

Edwards said the team has two weeks to get things right before facing Tennessee at home, and the coaching staff will be looking at all spots on offense and defense.

Does this mean that some new faces will be starting? Damion McIntosh was beaten badly at right tackle again this week during passing situations. Herb Taylor could switch over to the right side if injured rookie Branden Albert is able to return. Will Bernard Pollard's inability to make stops at safety open the door for rookie, third-round pick DaJuan Morgan to see what he can do? Pollard is a stalwart on special teams but his speed and technique have betrayed him and the Chiefs defense on several big plays this year.

Perhaps it might mean changes by coaches offensively and defensively now that the staffs have more than a month of video to review. The thing that fans can't expect to change are the results on the field.

After the bye, the Chiefs face a daunting schedule. Their next six opponents include four division leaders. They will also face Brett Favre's Jets on the road and wounded, division rival San Diego at home, meaning there are no matchups, which will be favorable until the Raiders host KC the last day of November.

Liberal's Arsenal Claims COPAKANSAS Championship

ELIAS GARCIA

Which is the best soccer team in all the Latino leagues in the state of Kansas? Well, the 2008 answer to that question came this past Sunday as Liberal's Arsenal defeated Kansas City's Padrino 2-1. This championship game was the culmination of COPAKANSAS, a statewide single elimination Latino Soccer Tournament held during Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 16 to Oct. 15). The tournament began with a field of 32 teams, including champions of 16 different Latino Leagues and 15 Kansas cities. Play began in four regional sites - McPherson, Dodge City, Wichita, KC with the championship held in Topeka. The State League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Topeka LULAC Senior Center, Standard Beverage Corp, Kansas National Guard, Kansas Migrant Program and a host of other local sponsors throughout Kansas, sponsor COPAKANSAS.

And so it was, that on Sunday October 5, the championship game of the 2008 COPAKANSAS Tournament was played at Washburn Rural High School Stadium, Topeka, Kansas. The contest was what a championship should be, two great teams who raised their level of play and played extremely well in a hard fought game. In the

end, Liberal Arsenal and K.C. Padrino demonstrated to the crowd in attendance why they are considered two of the top teams in the state by anyone's standard. These teams fought their way through their regional bracket and beat league champions from all the Kansas Latino leagues across the state to earn the right to be called the COPAKANSAS Campeon/Champion. Other Final Four teams included Wichita Atlas ('06 COPAKANSAS Champion and Wichita Corre Caminos.

Immediately following their championship victory, Liberal Arsenal traveled to Kansas City where they were guests of the KC Wizards as they played the Chicago Fire. They were escorted onto the field at half time and recognized as COPAKANSAS Champions. Arsenal coach Manuel Orrtuno, asst. coach Luis Aguilar, team booster Lupe Ontiveros were also interviewed by K.C. Metro area Spanish-language media (to be aired in Mexico).

LULAC coordinators were pleased that COPAKANSAS was embraced across the state by Latino communities and think of this tournament as more than just soccer. Elias Garcia, LULAC state chair and COPAKANSAS Tournament executive director says that in addition to promoting good soccer, the COPA was created to provide a vehicle for communities to learn about one another, network, conduct non-partisan voter education/

registration and develop life long relationships. The COPA serves as a foundation for greater community building and collaboration in other areas.

Many like to call it "Latino Locura", but whatever you call it, COPAKANSAS has managed to tap into one of sports greatest phenomena i.e. the number one sport on the globe - soccer. COPAKANSAS has established relationships with Latino Leagues throughout the state. Leagues average anywhere from 20 teams to 70 teams - 18 individuals per team, then add the spectators wives, children, girlfriends, family, friends, fans, etc. That is a lot of people! Teams representing the four corners of Kansas participated in this years tournament including but not limited the following communities; Liberal, Garden City, Dodge City, Kansas City, Wichita, Salina, Great Bend, Ft. Riley, Lyons, Emporia, Topeka, and various other smaller communities. COPAKANSAS 2008 regional directors included Arturo Ponce-SW, Juan Torres-NW, Eloy Gallegos-NE and Carlos Contreras.

It was a great year for COPAKANSAS and according to Garcia, plans for the next COPAKANSAS have already begun with the tournament running during Hispanic Heritage Month 2009. However, until then, he would like to invite you all to go out into your communities on any given Sunday in any Kansas Latino community park or soccer field where you are probably going to find "Latino Locura" i.e. masses of people (young and old) playing, watching and enjoying the game of FUTBOL! Las Porras te saluda!

Wizards wild scramble for playoffs

Kansas City is in the midst of a frenetic scramble for the seventh and eighth playoff spots for the MLS playoffs. New York Red Bull currently have the seventh spot (35 points) while Westerners Colorado and FC Dallas are tied for the last spot (34) with KC

one point out of the post-season.

It could've been worse after Chicago took a 1-0 lead into halftime. Right before extra time, defender Michael Harrington was called for a handball in the box and gave the Fire a penalty kick. Cuauhtémoc Blanco buried the

penalty in the right corner and put KC in a must-score position.

Early in the second stanza, Blanco made an errant heel kick and the Wizards countered quickly. Harrington came open at the left edge of the 18-yard mark and blasted a shot inside the upper far

post to tie things up.

Neither team was able to cash in again. Each club earned a point with three games to go in the season. Kansas City is home the next two Saturdays starting with Eastern division second-place New England. Considering the

scramble, the only way the Wizards can feel confident that they'll be in the hunt for the MLS Cup, is to come away with nine points down the stretch. Forward Josh Wolff summed it up, "There's three games left, and we just need to find a way to win some games."

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MBE/WBE/DBE Invitation to Bid: Mega Industries Corp. is soliciting bid proposals from approved subs for the following projects:

Indian Creek Trail (99th St. to Lydia), Parks & Recreation-KCMO, Bids: 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, on the 22nd day of October 2008.

Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement at Bannister and Blue Ridge Blvd., CIMO-KCMO, Bids: 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, on the 28th day of October 2008

Plans and Specifications are available in our office for your review. Proposals must be in our office no later than 2hrs before bid time. Any questions, call our estimator at (816) 472-8722 or fax quotes to (816) 472-6722. An "Equal Opportunity Employer", Female/Minority Subcontractors encouraged to solicit bid proposals.

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #21A Service, Service Mezzanine, Field & Central Service Levels Gypsum Board and Acoustical Ceiling Package:

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #21B Service, Service Mezzanine, Field & Central Service Levels General Construction Package:

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #21C Service, Service Mezzanine, Field & Central Service Levels Millwork Package:

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the, **Bid Packages 21A, 21B and 21C**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available October 7, 2008. ***Each bid package must be bid and submitted separately per the bid documents.**

Bids for **EACH OF THE THREE PACKAGES (21A, 21B and 21C)** are due November 4, 2008 at 3:00 PM, CST.

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

Pre-bid Conference for **EACH OF THE THREE PACKAGES (21A, 21B and 21C)** October 16, 2008 at 4:00 PM, CDST

Questions regarding this project should be directed to John Zawodny, Turner Construction Co., 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. Phone 816-924-7600. EOE

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #22A Plaza and Club Levels Gypsum Board and Acoustical Ceiling Package:

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MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #22C Plaza and Club Levels Millwork Package:

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the, Bid Packages 22A, 22B and 22C, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available October 7, 2008. ***Each bid package must be bid and submitted separately per the bid documents.**

Bids for **EACH OF THE THREE PACKAGES (22A, 22B and 22C)** are due November 18, 2008 at 3:00 PM, CST.

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

Pre-bid Conference for **EACH OF THE THREE PACKAGES (22A, 22B and 22C)** October 23, 2008 at 3:00 PM, CDST

Questions regarding this project should be directed to John Zawodny, Turner Construction Co., 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. Phone 816-924-7600. EOE

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #35 Suite Operable Window System Package:

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Suite Operable Window System, Bid Packages 35**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available October 7, 2008.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held, October 16, 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 3:00 PM, CST on November 5, 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

General Contractor

The Kansas City Public Library invites you to submit a Bid for a prime contract to provide all labor, materials, plant and services necessary for the renovation of the H&R Block Business Center. Bidding Documents are available and may be obtained from the Architect, **Helix**, through **Marathon Reprographics, Inc., 716 W Pennway, Kansas City, MO., 64108, Phone: 816-221-7881.**

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Port Authority of Kansas City, Missouri, invites all qualified parties to submit qualifications and fee-based proposals for a temporary contract position as an **environmental consultant**.

These services requested are expected to commence December 2008, and continue thereafter for approximately twelve to twenty-four (24) months. Upon negotiation of a scope of work and fees, the Authority will award a contract to the qualified proposer ("Professional") selected. Upon award of the contract, assignment of future duties is at the discretion of the Authority.

All work related thereto shall be subject to the Port Authority's Affirmative Action Policy. Certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) are encouraged to apply.

Qualification Requirement Packets will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. on **Monday, October 13, 2008** at the office of the Port Authority, 1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Submissions will be due **Friday, October 24, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.** Submissions received after 5:00 p.m. on that date will not be considered.

Questions regarding the Qualification Requirement Packets shall be directed to Melissa Lloyd or Steven P. Rinne at 816-691-2129 or by e-mail at mlloyd@edckc.com or srinne@edckc.com.

The Port Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

**NOTICE
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AT-LARGE-VACANCY**

The Board of Directors of the Kansas City, Missouri School District is seeking applications for the Board Representative for an At-Large-Member. The At-Large-Member serves the entire boundaries for the Kansas City, Missouri School District. The boundaries of the At-Large-Member are as follows:

North at the Missouri River, east on the Missouri River to KCS Railroad and to a point north of Vermont St & Missouri River, follow District Boundary line south to 39th St & Claremont St, west to 40 Highway, south on District Boundary line to 43rd St, west on 43rd St to Pittman Rd, south on Pittman Rd and continue on District Boundary line south and west to 47th St, west on 47th St to Coal Mine Rd on KCS Railway to a point east of 65th & Bennington Ave, south to a point east of Oldham Rd at 77th St., west on 77th street to Prospect Ave., south on 77th Prospect Ave. to 80th Street, west on 80th St. to Troost Ave., south on Troost Ave. to 85th Street and west on 85th St. to State LN Rd., 85th State LN Rd. north on State LN to the Missouri River.

A map of the boundaries can be obtained from the Office of Board Services.

Interested persons who wish to be considered for the position must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States;
2. Be a resident taxpayer and voter of the District;
3. Be a resident of this state for at least one (1) year prior to the election or appointment;
4. Be a resident of the At-Large-District
5. Be at least 24 years of age; and
6. Not be an employee of the District.

Applications are available in the Board of Education, Office of Board Services, 1211 McGee Street, Suite 1009 or visit our website at www.kcmsd.net.

All interested persons must submit an application to the Office of Board Services, Suite 1009, Board of Education Building, 1211 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, before 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2008. This application must include the applicant's resident address, telephone number, and a statement of the reasons why the applicant desires to serve on the Board of Directors as an At-Large-Member. The applicant may also submit a resume or additional information in support of his or her candidacy.

Each individual who submits an application will be notified of the date that he or she will be provided an opportunity to make a statement to the Board and to respond to questions from Board members.

The Board of Directors, pursuant to §162.492(8) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, will then select the person to serve as Board Representative At-Large at the next regularly scheduled election in April of 2010.

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