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Mendez Seeks Commissioner Seat in 2009

Méndez Busca Posición de Comisionado en el in 2009

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John Mendez, former commissioner of WYCO Unified Government, has not lost the drive for public service. He is throwing his hat in the ring for the seat being vacated by Commissioner Don Desure in 2009.

John Méndez, ex comisionado del Gobierno Unificado de WYCO, no ha perdido su empuje por el servicio público. Él está saltando a la pelea para competir por la vacante que estará dejando el Comisionado Don Desure en el 2009.

John Mendez may have lost his seat as the 3rd District Commissioner in Kansas City, Kansas in April 2007 to his opponent, but he never stopped being involved with the people of Wyandotte County. Even though his duties as commissioner were over, he continued to reach out and help the community. Today, he has announced that he will run for office once again.

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John Méndez pudiera haber perdido su posición como Comisionado del Tercer Distrito en Kansas City, Kansas en abril del 2007 ante su oponente, pero él nunca dejó de participar con la gente del Condado de Wyandotte. Aunque sus deberes como comisionado habían llegado a su fin, él continuó extendiéndose y ayudando a la comunidad. Hoy, él ha anunciado que presentará su candidatura una vez más.

Él tratará de obtener el cargo de Comisionado General del Distrito 2 en el 2009. El actual Comisionado Don DeSeure recientemente ha anunciado que no buscará la reelección. Desde que perdió la posición de comisionado por escasos treinta votos frente a Ann Murguía, Méndez ha escuchado a la gente de toda la ciudad urgiéndole a presentar su candidatura una vez más.

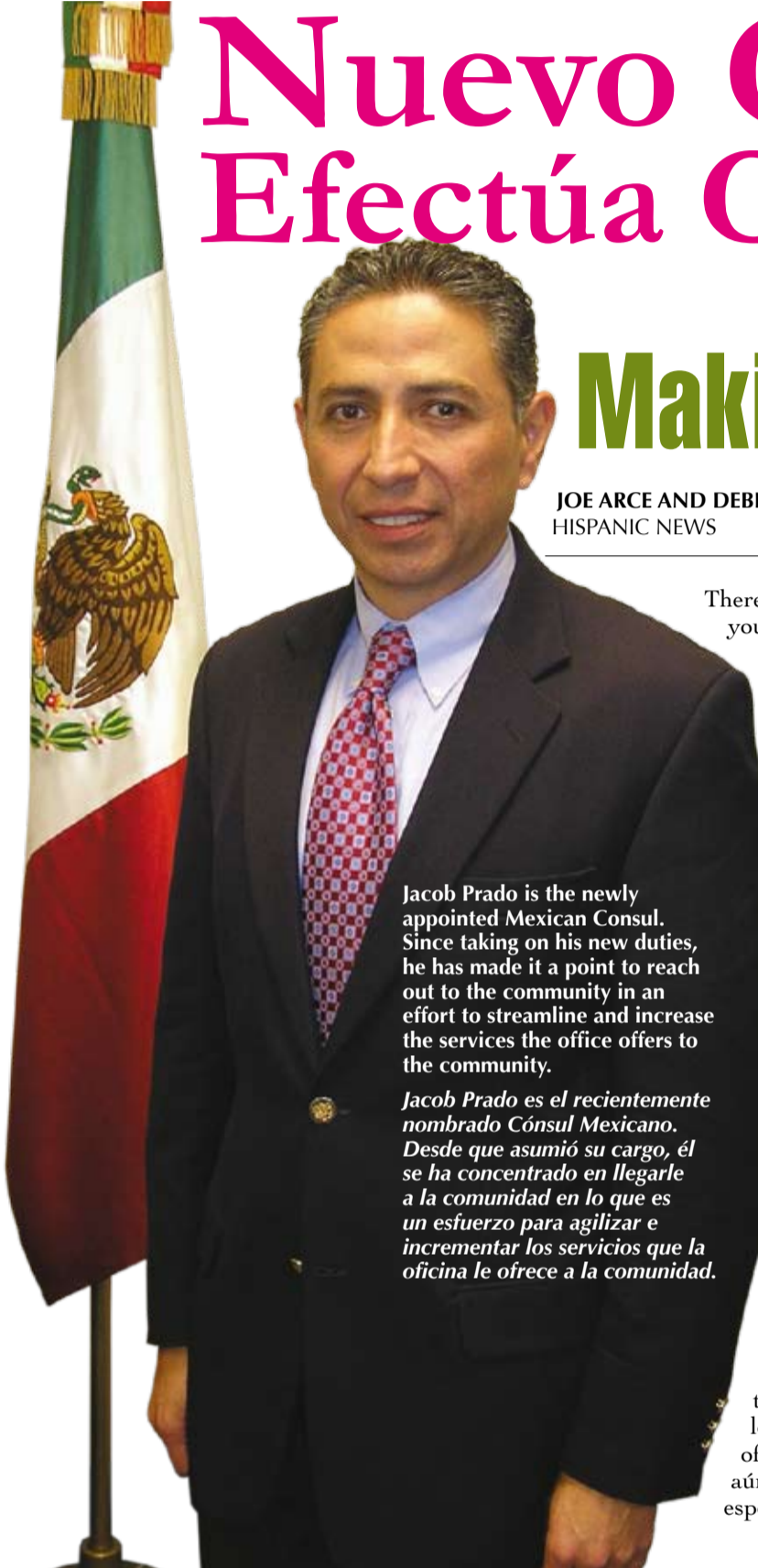
“Han habido personas que me han llamado y exhortado a que presente mi candidatura nuevamente. Ellos dicen, queremos que presentes tu candidatura”, dijo Méndez. “No me he hartado lo suficiente de los cargos políticos porque adoro a la gente. Adoro a mi comunidad. Adoro ayudar a la comunidad. No estoy buscando la gloria. Nunca he querido estar en la posición del estrellato; quiero marcar una diferencia en las vidas de la personas. Estoy aquí para ayudarles a abrir algunas puertas para demostrarles que ustedes pueden ser tan inteligentes como lo deseen y la oportunidad está

LA EXPERIENCIA/PÁGINA 2

Nuevo Cónsul Efectúa Cambios

New Consul Making Changes

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Jacob Prado is the newly appointed Mexican Consul. Since taking on his new duties, he has made it a point to reach out to the community in an effort to streamline and increase the services the office offers to the community.

Jacob Prado es el recientemente nombrado Cónsul Mexicano. Desde que asumió su cargo, él se ha concentrado en llegarle a la comunidad en lo que es un esfuerzo para agilizar e incrementar los servicios que la oficina le ofrece a la comunidad.

There was a time when if you were looking to get your Matricula Consular or your passport, you had to plan the day accordingly. With office hours available only during the workweek from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., an appointment at the Mexican consulate offices became a matter of endurance. Many of the early birds that lined the office at 1600 Baltimore could still be found in the early afternoon waiting to receive their documents.

Jacob Prado is the newly appointed Mexican Consul having assumed his new duties in the last month. He is a career member of the Mexican Foreign Service. Prado has represented Mexico as Deputy Consul General in Vancouver, B.C.,

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Hubo una vez en que si uno buscaba obtener su Matrícula Consular o su pasaporte, uno tenía que programar el día según fuera el caso. Debido a que el horario solamente funciona durante la semana hábil, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 2:00 p.m., concertar una cita en las oficinas del Consulado de México, se tornaba en un asunto de aguante. Muchos de los madrugadores que se ponían en fila en las oficinas ubicadas en el 1600 de la calle Baltimore, aún podían ser encontrados temprano en la tarde esperando a recibir sus documentos.

“ESTAMOS VIENDO/PÁGINA 3

Shooting Calls Attention to Boulevard Balacera Llama la Atención en el Boulevard



Barcelona Hall is in the spotlight once again following a disturbance and shooting that left three people injured over the weekend. Police have indicated a higher than normal number of responses to incidents at or near the club in the last ten months.

El Salón Barcelona se encuentra en el centro de atención una vez más luego de un disturbio y una balacera que dejó un saldo de tres personas heridas durante el fin de semana. La policía ha indicado una cantidad más elevada que la normal de llamadas para asistir a incidentes en o cerca del club durante los últimos diez meses.

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A shooting over the weekend, on Southwest Boulevard at Barcelona Banquet Hall on the city's Westside, has resurrected concerns we highlighted in a story two weeks ago in *Hispanic News*. At that time, we reported on a community meeting between residents and four bar/restaurant owners on the boulevard to address the rising crime in the area.

Sergeant Tony Sanders, public information officer for the KCMO police department, described details of the most recent incident.

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Una balacera durante el fin de semana en el Salón de Banquetes Barcelona en el Westside de la ciudad, ha resucitado inquietudes que hicimos resaltar en un reportaje aparecido hace dos semanas en *Hispanic News*. En ese entonces, informamos respecto a una reunión comunitaria entre residentes y cuatro dueños de restaurantes/bares en el Boulevard para tratar la creciente ola de crímenes en el área.

El Sargento Tony Sanders, oficial de información pública del Departamento de Policía de KCMO, describió detalles del más reciente incidente.

DIVINE SE OFENDE/PÁGINA 4



Flexible spending accounts cut taxes

Cuentas de gastos flexibles cortan impuestos

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In these tough economic times, many people are seeking ways to stretch their buying power. Although cutting back on purchases and avoiding extravagances make sense, another good strategy is to look for ways to trim your tax bill.

As workplace benefits open enrollment season approaches,

En estos difíciles tiempos económicos, muchas personas están buscando maneras de estrechar su poder comprador. Aunque recortar las compras y evitar extravagancias tiene sentido, otra buena estrategia es ver maneras de recortar sus cuentas de impuestos.

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Experience is important

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He will seek the office of Commissioner-At-Large District 2 in 2009. Current Commissioner Don DeSeure currently has announced that he will not seek re-election. Since losing the commission seat by a mere thirty votes to Ann Murguía, Mendez has heard from people throughout the city urging him to run again.

"I have had people calling me and encouraging me to run again. They are saying we want you to run," Mendez said. "I have not had enough of the political office because I love people. I love my community. I love helping my community. I am not looking for glory. I have never wanted to be in the stardom position; I want to make a difference in people's lives. I am here to help you open some doors to show you that you can be as smart as you want to be and the opportunity is here for those that seek a higher education."

He was the only bi-lingual commissioner on the board during his 2002 to 2007 tenure. Though his former district has many Hispanic constituents, Mendez's bilingual skills came handy in addressing concerns of citizens outside of his district, specifically the Central Avenue corridor. When he lost that seat, the Hispanic community lost a

person in office that could speak their language.

"I think being bi-lingual is an advantage. It is a means to help the community. I have always been there to help individuals, departments, and government agencies to interpret and there is a lack of that," he said.

Mendez will focus his platform on bread and butter issues of crime, police protection and resources, reduction in property taxes and the aging infrastructure.

"I am proud of our crime fighting efforts. I think the Police Chief and his staff have done a good job of addressing crime. I don't think you are going to see the same type of crime coming in on this side of the line as you do in Kansas City, Missouri. We put a lot of emphasis on public services and we need to see more of that happen. We need to make sure that our police department is adequately staffed and equipped," he said.

Another asset to the community in deterring crime is the neighborhood watch groups. The organized groups know the types of activity occurring within the neighborhoods, and as a group of concerned citizens, they work together with the community-policing unit to report any illegal activities that they see taking place.

Presently, he doesn't feel that

the needs of the community are being addressed. "Yes I am pointing fingers at them (the commissioners) I can't come in and say that they are all doing what needs to be done. We need to identify priorities. We need to make sure that we are all on the same page."

As a native of Kansas City, Kansas, he knows his community like the back of his hand and he understands that the families are concerned about safety, taxes and the infrastructure. "Village West and the retail shops are getting to the point where we should be seeing a good share of the sales taxes that could be used to address the infrastructure."

Mendez believes that a lack of leadership will hinder the things that need to be addressed. "I always return my phone calls to the citizens who need help. If I don't return a call, I will go visit them to try to identify the problem. We don't have enough honest leadership. I think there are not enough of us that want to make that commitment to help the community, to answer questions, to be held accountable, to be available to assist those that need the help."

As an adjunct professor of government and history at Donnelly College, he encourages Hispanic students and others to continue their education. Education is the key to their success and he would like to see

Hispanic students and others in the community rise through the education system and to take on a leadership role within their community. "We need to have more leaders step forward. We need to identify those that are leaders in our community and have them work with us to move the community forward."

If elected, Mendez plans to represent the total community not just the people in his district. "I love my community. I love it dearly and I think I have made a difference by being involved, but it can't be just me. We need to have others out there in the educational arena, at state levels, state representatives and state senators; we need to have those on both sides of the lines. We are not seeing that effort or that commitment," he said.

He would like to see the community have Town Hall meetings to discuss issues and problems within the city. "We had a town hall meeting on Central Avenue to hear from business merchants about the robberies, burglaries, gangs and the graffiti that was happening along the corridor. In addressing these problems, the business owners and residents need to get to know their community police officer, then they need to find out how they communicate with the police department, how to file a complaint and how they can work together to resolve the problems."

La experiencia es importante

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aquí para aquellos que aspiran a una educación superior".

Él fue el único comisionado bilingüe en la junta durante su periodo del 2002 al 2007. Aunque su ex distrito tiene muchos votantes hispanos, las aptitudes bilingües de Méndez le son favorables cuando se trata de abordar los problemas de los ciudadanos fuera de su distrito, específicamente en el corredor de la Avenida Central. Cuando él perdió su puesto, la comunidad hispana perdió a una persona en ese cargo que podía hablar su idioma.

"Creo que ser bilingüe es una ventaja. Es una manera de ayudar a la comunidad. Yo siempre he estado allí para ayudar a las personas, a los departamentos y a las agencias gubernamentales para interpretar y allí existe una carencia de eso", dijo él.

Méndez enfocará su plataforma en problemas básicos como el crimen, protección policiaca y recursos, reducción de los impuestos de bienes raíces y el envejecimiento de la infraestructura.

"Estoy orgulloso de nuestros esfuerzos por contener el crimen. Creo que el jefe de la policía y su personal han hecho un buen trabajo en tratar el crimen. No creo que ustedes vayan a ver el mismo tipo de crímenes produciéndose en este lado de la línea como uno lo ve en Kansas City, Missouri. Nosotros ponemos bastante énfasis en servicios públicos y necesitamos ver que ocurra más de ello. Necesitamos asegurarnos de que nuestro departamento de policía esté adecuadamente dotado y equipado", dijo él.

Otro recurso para la comunidad en contener el crimen son los grupos de vigilancia vecinales. Los grupos organizados conocen los tipos de actividades que ocurren en sus vecindarios y como grupo de ciudadanos concernientes, ellos trabajan en conjunto con la unidad de vigilancia comunitaria para reportar cualquier actividad ilegal que ellos observen ocurriendo.

En el presente, él no cree que las necesidades de la comunidad estén siendo abordadas. "Sí, le estoy apuntando mi dedo a ellos (Los comisionados) No puedo venir y decir que todos ellos están haciendo lo que se necesita hacer. Nosotros tenemos que identificar las prioridades. Necesitamos asegurarnos que todos estamos

en la misma página".

Como una persona oriunda de Kansas City, Kansas, él conoce su comunidad como la palma de su mano y entiende que las familias están preocupadas respecto a la seguridad, a los impuestos y la infraestructura. "Village West y las tiendas al detalle están alcanzando un punto en donde nosotros deberíamos estar viendo una buena porción de los impuestos a la venta que pudieran ser utilizados para tratar la infraestructura".

Méndez cree que la falta de liderazgo perjudicará las cosas que necesitan ser tratadas. "Yo siempre contesto las llamadas que me llegan de parte de ciudadanos que necesitan ayuda. Si no contesto una llamada, los visito para tratar de identificar el problema. No contamos con un liderazgo suficientemente honesto. Creo que no hay suficientes de nosotros que quieran tomar ese compromiso para ayudar a la comunidad a responder a preguntas, a asumir la responsabilidad, a estar dispuestos a asistir a aquellos que necesitan la ayuda".

Como profesor adjunto de gobierno e historia en el Colegio Donnelly, él exhorta a los estudiantes hispanos y a otros a continuar con su educación. La educación es la llave a su éxito y a él le gustaría ver a los estudiantes hispanos y a otros en la comunidad avanzar a través del sistema educacional y asumir un papel de liderazgo dentro de sus comunidades. "Tenemos que tener a más líderes dando un paso al frente. Tenemos que identificar a aquellos que son líderes en nuestra comunidad y hacerlos que trabajen con nosotros para hacer avanzar a la comunidad".

Si llegara a ser electo, Méndez planea representar a la totalidad de la comunidad, no solamente a la gente de su distrito. "Adoro a mi comunidad. La adoro con pasión y creo que he marcado la diferencia al estar involucrado, pero no puedo ser tan sólo yo. Necesitamos contar con otros allí en la arena educacional, a niveles del estado, representantes estatales y senadores estatales; tenemos que tener a aquellos de ambos lados de las líneas. No estamos viendo ese esfuerzo o ese cometido", dijo él.

A él le gustaría ver que la comunidad tuviera reuniones de Ayuntamiento para discutir los problemas dentro de la ciudad. "Nosotros tuvimos una reunión

de ayuntamiento en la Avenida Central para escuchar de parte de los comerciantes sobre los robos, desvalijamientos, pandillas y el graffiti que ha estado aconteciendo a lo largo del corredor. Al tratar esos problemas, los propietarios de negocios y residentes tienen

que llegar a conocer a su agente de la policía en la comunidad, luego ellos tienen que enterarse cómo comunicarse con el departamento de policía, cómo entablar una queja y cómo ellos pueden trabajar juntos para resolver los problemas".

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Right to Repair Act will benefit consumers

Dear Editor:

Millions of car owners in Missouri trust neighborhood repair shops to provide affordable and competitive automotive repair service. Unfortunately, car manufacturers are making it difficult for independent repair shops to obtain the technical information needed to repair today's vehicles. As technology becomes more sophisticated, the situation will become worse.

Thousands of neighborhood small businesses in Missouri that repair automobiles will be forced out of business without the technical and safety information available only from the car companies. Withholding information will eventually prevent both car owners and highly skilled technicians from being able to make the simplest repairs to vehicles, and that's the makings of a disaster for consumers unless something is done.

Manufacturers use these tactics to prevent you from bringing your car to a repair shop of your choice, and force you to patronize the manufacturer's dealer. Consumers will lose their choice to have repairs made more conveniently, and less expensively.

Congress is now considering

the Motor Vehicle Owner's Right to Repair Act (HR 2694). This legislation will make it illegal for vehicle manufacturers to withhold technical information from car owners and repair shops. After all, shouldn't car owners choose where they have their vehicle repaired and not the manufacturers?

If Congress fails to pass the Right to Repair Act, then over 4.5 million cars on the road today in Missouri will no longer be able to choose from more than 5,700 independent repair shops in Missouri for service, but will instead be forced to one of the 509 manufacturer's car dealers for necessary repairs.

Please ask your elected officials to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting www.righttorepair.org to send a letter to each of your congressional representatives, urging them to add their names to the growing list of co-sponsors.

Sincerely,

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"We are seeing results"

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Canada; Austin, Texas and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He was born in Puebla, Mexico and obtained a Bachelor of Arts' degree with a major in International Relations and a Master's degree in American Studies, both at the Universidad de las Americas - Puebla. As part of his introduction to the community, he held a series of meetings with residents and community people as well as media representatives in order to streamline the services that the Consulate offers.

"The Consulate offices are here to serve the Mexican people. We need to be more consistent in our efforts to make our services better," said Prado in an interview with *Hispanic News*. "We want to provide a courteous and friendly service with a smile but at the same time we want to be more efficient in the services we are providing."

To relieve the long waits and provide better service to the community, the consulate has begun instituting a few changes. The Consulate office will stay open later in the day on some afternoons, and in a novel approach, the consulate will be offering Saturday hours once a month for those that cannot easily juggle their weekly work schedule.

Prado noted that the streamlining is underway. "Unfortunately the custom ... has been that the people that came at 9, 10, 11 or 12, had to wait till the end of the day

before they were given their documents. In the first two weeks, we have changed some things so that the people that come at nine in the morning can comply with all their requirements and be out of the office quickly. ... So if you get here at 9:00 a.m. you can be out of the office by 10:30 a.m."

Prado added that Saturday hours would be a welcome convenience. "Realistically, the people that don't have the opportunity to come during the week, because they are working, will not lose a day of work trying to make the appointments. This is something that we will be starting in November ... and will allow us to serve more people."

As a regional office serving Mexicans in the states of Missouri, Kansas and [parts of] Oklahoma, Prado reiterated the need to be more accessible. "We are implementing a program of mobile access to consular services in order to serve a community that is not living in the urban core of Kansas City. They are living in other locales like Wichita, Dodge City, Springfield or St Louis." The new hours and the mobile access strategy are scheduled to be in place by the end of November.

Manuel Rios, president de la Union de Comerciantes y Residentes Latinos in Kansas City, Kansas, spoke favorably of the initiatives and of Prado. "He told us he was going to initiate many changes. We are already seeing the results. The appointments have been speeded up. You don't have to

wait as long."

Rios added that the implementation of a suggestion box for clients and identification badges for the staff has made for a friendlier interaction. "These are good things. He [Prado] is also reaching out to all the media outlets in such a way that the community is being informed of all the things they are planning. It appears that they are going to be better neighbors. People are already telling us that things are better."

The prominence of the Consular office as a representative of Mexican immigrants is evident in the many services that the office offers. In addition to providing passports, and particulars consular, the office assists residents in securing property in Mexico, assists them with remittances and the registering of birth certificates for the children of immigrants. The office also serves a more fundamental role.

"There is a need, in some cases when it comes to Consular protection, that people have legal representation," Prado explained. "In that reality, the consulate will be expanding a program that it maintains with certain attorneys [the Hispanic Bar Association] who review in a pro-bono relationship, cases that need a preliminary legal opinion."

Another legal aspect involves the high profile proceedings in which many undocumented workers have been rounded up, separated from their families



Jacob Prado (center) called for a media summit last week in order to get information from those familiar with the Consul's office. He was willing to take criticism in exchange for promoting his new agenda for the office.

Jacob Prado (al centro) hizo un llamado a una cumbre de prensa con el objeto de obtener información de parte de aquellos familiarizados con la oficina consular. Él estuvo dispuesto a aceptar críticas a cambio de promover su nueva agenda para la oficina.

and held "incomunicado."

"This is an area where it is necessary to collaborate, not necessarily with the lawyers associations solely, but also other organizations that can provide assistance and services to the community that is being affected. In that sense, we want to engender a dynamic where along with lawyer organizations, community organizations and Hispanic organizations that have the ability to help in that difficult time, we can come together to generate a preventive strategy ... to have a common front in dealing with the situation."

Prado noted that not all legal situations fall under that category but when it comes to the rights of Mexican nationals, the Mexican government has an interest and a duty to intervene. "We are not trying to make it so that all cases

are treated in this manner, only those where it is justified that the government of Mexico has an interest and the government must act."

One of the services the consulate provides is a card clearly outlining the rights that all immigrants have if they are detained. The card is bilingual. On one side, the card clearly indicates to American authorities the right of any detainee to be informed that they have the right to contact their consulate.

"They have to be informed under international law that they have the right to contact the consulate. This is an additional protection that the immigrants have here, and that immigrants have in Mexico too. They also have the right to remain silent until they have

talked to their counsel and more importantly, they have the right to speak with an attorney to seek representation. The card also urges all people detained not to sign any documents they do not understand without the consul of their lawyer or the consulate."

Prado is clear on his duties. "The Consulate here in Kansas City has as its priority to serve Mexico. One of the ways in which we have the obligation to fill out that mission is to serve the Mexicans that are here in this consular jurisdiction of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. ... We also want to promote a positive image of Mexico and of the immigrant in this country because that is an important component of the society that helps their creativity and work and is one of the most important elements in the economy and culture of this country."

"Estamos viendo resultados"

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Jacob Prado es el recientemente nominado Cónsul de México y asumió sus deberes el mes pasado. El es miembro de carrera del Servicio Exterior Mexicano. En el exterior, ha representado a México como Cónsul Alterno en los Consulados Generales de México en Vancouver, B.C., Canadá; Austin, Texas y Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Nacido en Puebla, obtuvo la Licenciatura en relaciones internacionales Y la Maestría en Estudios sobre Estados Unidos de Norteamérica en la Universidad de las Americas, Puebla. Como parte de su introducción a la comunidad, él llevó a cabo una serie de reuniones con residentes y gente de la comunidad además de representantes de la prensa con el objetivo de agilizar los servicios que ofrece el Consulado.

"Las oficinas consulares están aquí para servirles a los mexicanos. Nosotros tenemos que ser más consistentes en nuestros esfuerzos para mejorar nuestros servicios", dijo Prado en una entrevista con *Hispanic News*. "Queremos entregar un servicio cordial y amistoso con una sonrisa, pero

al mismo tiempo queremos ser más eficientes en los servicios que ofrecemos".

Para aliviar las prolongadas esperas, el consulado ha comenzado a instaurar algunos cambios. La oficina consular permanecerá abierta hasta tarde durante el día y también durante algunas tardes y en lo que es una novedad, el consulado ofrecerá horas de atención los domingos una vez al mes para aquellos que no pueden encontrar tiempo con facilidad durante su horario de trabajo semanal.

Prado hizo notar que el proceso de agilización se encuentra en marcha. "Desafortunadamente, la costumbre ... ha sido que la gente que acude a las 9, 10, 11 ó las 12, ha tenido que esperar hasta el final del día antes de que se les entreguen sus documentos. En las primeras dos semanas, hemos cambiado algunas cosas para que la gente que viene a las nueve de la mañana puedan cumplir con todos sus requisitos y salir rápidamente de la oficina a las 10:30 a.m."

Prado agregó que el horario de los sábados será una conveniencia que será bienvenida. "En realidad, la gente no tiene la oportunidad de venir durante la semana, ya

que ellos trabajan, no querrían perder un día de trabajo para llegar a las citas. Esto es algo que comenzaremos en noviembre ... y nos permitirá atender a más personas".

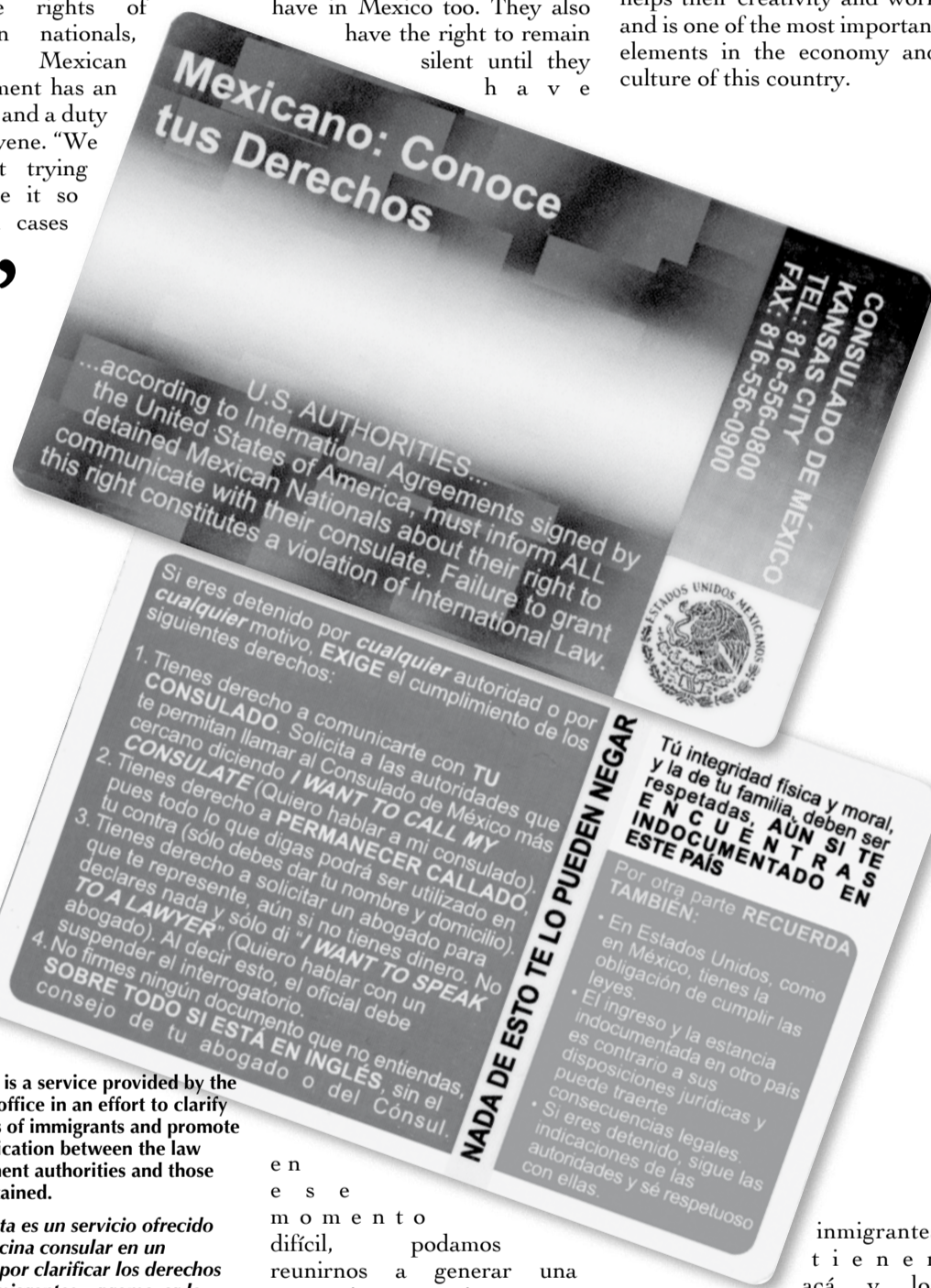
Como oficina regional atendiendo a los mexicanos en el estado de Missouri, Kansas y [Partes de] Oklahoma, Prado reiteró la necesidad de ser más accesibles. "Estamos implementando un programa de acceso móvil a los servicios consulares para poder servirle a una comunidad que por ahora no está viviendo en el centro urbano de Kansas City. Ellos viven en otros lugares tales como Wichita, Dodge City, Springfield o St Louis". El nuevo horario y la estrategia de acceso móvil están programados para entrar en funcionamiento a fines de noviembre.

Manuel Rios, presidente de la Unión de Comerciantes y Residentes Latinos en Kansas City, Kansas, habló favorablemente de las iniciativas y de Prado. "Él nos dijo que iba a iniciar muchos cambios. Nosotros ya estamos viendo los resultados. Las citas se han agilizado. Uno ya no tiene que esperar tanto".

Rios agregó que la implementación de un buzón de sugerencias para los clientes y tarjetas de identificación para el personal, han hecho que la interacción sea más amigable. "Estas son cosas buenas. Él [Prado] está también tratando de llegarle a todos los medios de prensa en tal manera que la comunidad está siendo informada de todas las cosas que ellos están planificando. Pareciera que ellos van a ser mejores vecinos. La gente ya nos está diciendo que las cosas son mejores".

La prominencia de la oficina consular como representante de los inmigrantes mexicanos es evidente en los muchos servicios que la ésta ofrece. En adición a entregar pasaportes y otros particulares de índole consular, la oficina asiste a los residentes a asegurar propiedades en México, los asiste con remesas y con el registro de certificados de nacimiento para los niños de los inmigrantes. La oficina también cumple con un rol más fundamental.

"Allí hay una necesidad, en algunos casos cuando se trata de protección consular, la gente



This card is a service provided by the Consul's office in an effort to clarify the rights of immigrants and promote communication between the law enforcement authorities and those being detained.

Esta tarjeta es un servicio ofrecido por la oficina consular en un esfuerzo por clarificar los derechos de los inmigrantes y promover la comunicación entre las autoridades del resguardo de la ley y aquellos que se encuentran en proceso de detención.

cuenta con una representación legal", explicó Prado. "Es esa realidad, el consulado estará expandiendo un programa que mantiene con ciertos abogados [La Asociación de Abogados Hispánicos] quienes revisan en una relación pro-bono, casos que necesitan una opinión legal preliminar".

Otro aspecto legal involucra los procesamientos de alta visibilidad en los cuales muchos trabajadores indocumentados han sido detenidos, separados de sus familias y mantenidos "incomunicados".

"Esta es un área en donde es necesario colaborar, no necesariamente con la asociación de abogados por sí sola, sino que también con otras organizaciones que pueden proveerle asistencia y servicios a la comunidad que está siendo afectada. En ese sentido, queremos engendrar una dinámica en donde junto a organizaciones de abogados, organizaciones comunales y organizaciones hispanas que tengan la habilidad para ayudar

en ese momento podamos reunirnos a generar una estrategia preventiva... tener un frente común en lo que va a lidiar con la situación".

Prado hizo notar que no todas las situaciones legales caen bajo esa categoría, pero cuando se trata de los derechos de los ciudadanos mexicanos, el Gobierno Mexicano tiene el interés y el deber de intervenir. "Nosotros no estamos tratando de hacerlo para que todos los casos sean tratados de esa manera, solamente aquellos en donde se justifica que el Gobierno de México tenga un interés y en que el gobierno deba actuar".

Uno de los servicios que ofrece el consulado es una tarjeta que delinea de manera clara los derechos que todos los inmigrantes tienen si es que fueran detenidos. La tarjeta es bilingüe. En un lado, la tarjeta le indica claramente a las autoridades estadounidenses el derecho que cualquier detenido tiene de ser informados que ellos tienen el derecho a contactarse con su consulado.

"Ellos tienen que ser informados de acuerdo con la ley internacional que tienen el derecho a contactarse con su consulado. Esta es una protección adicional que los

inmigrantes tienen acá y los inmigrantes también la tienen en México. Ellos también tienen el derecho a permanecer silentes hasta que hayan hablado con sus consejeros y de manera más importante, ellos tienen el derecho a hablar con un abogado para obtener representación legal. La tarjeta también urge a todas las personas detenidas a no firmar ningún documento que ellos no entiendan sin el consejo de un abogado o del consulado".

Prado es claro sobre la naturaleza de sus deberes. "El Consulado aquí en Kansas City tienen como su prioridad servirle a México. Una de las maneras en las cuales tenemos la obligación de cumplir con esa misión, es la de servirle a los mexicanos que se encuentran aquí en esta jurisdicción consular de Kansas, Missouri y Oklahoma. ... Nosotros también queremos promover una imagen positiva de México y de los inmigrantes en este país, puesto que es un componente importante de la sociedad que ayuda a su creatividad y trabajo y es uno de los elementos más importantes en la economía y cultura de este país."



Jacob Prado, the new Mexican Consul, is a graduate of the University of Puebla and a career foreign service diplomat.

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Divine takes issue with numbers

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“On Friday night/ Saturday morning, officers were dispatched to Barcelona at 3051 Southwest Boulevard on a tavern disturbance call. While en route, one of the officers heard shots fired. A dark colored suburban was seeing leaving the scene at a high rate of speed. KCK police stopped the vehicle later and a subject was taken into custody.

Officers at the Barcelona scene found a silver trailblazer parked behind the club. There was blood around and in the vehicle and a bullet hole on the driver’s door. Police contacted people at the scene and confirmed an altercation took place inside the club that later led to the shooting outside the hall. Three people were injured, one with life threatening wounds.

Sanders added that there have been over 17 documented incidents in the past ten months where the police department has been called on to respond. “The calls have included fights, disturbances, car accidents, stolen property - just a number of nuisance violations and actual law breaking that has been happening at the Barcelona down at 3051 Southwest Boulevard,” said Sanders.

In the police department that would be considered a high number of responses to one area,” added Sanders. “That would be something that we ... would put efforts into to try and pin point what the problems are and try to alleviate them. That is high a number of police responses that we could probably use somewhere else.”

Sanders conceded that the area in general has had more than its share of problems. “I have been hearing of more and

more assaults happening in that area of Southwest Boulevard in the last year or better. They seem to all stem [from] or center on nightclubs or places that are rented out for parties.”

Sanders cautions people that the police’s hands are tied when it comes to additional policing of the area. “If they are legally in that area as far as a banquet hall, or something like that, it is one of those things where the police department doesn’t have a lot of jurisdiction, unless or until, something happens that rises to the level of laws being broken. I can tell you that bar owners realize that they are under strict requirements ... as far as their liquor licenses are concerned. They can be classified as a nuisance establishment.”

Mia Lee Divine, owner of Barcelona, took issue with Sanders’ numbers. “There are people that keep calling the police on Barcelona. The police show up and nothing is going on. Anybody can call the police but not all calls are emergencies.” She acknowledged that there was an altercation between two females inside the club. The security separated the combatants and escorted them outside. “That event took place outside after we had closed.”

Gary Majors, manager of Regulated Industries for Kansas City told *Hispanic News* the incident is being investigated by his division. He explained that all available reports forwarded to the department are reviewed, discussions are held with the responding officers and then they discuss the matter with the owners of the business.

“We try to be as pro-active as we can. We offer server training at various places. We offer suggestions, and then as each one of these incidents come up;



Residents and business owners along Southwest Boulevard, angry with the increase in crime and assaults in the area, met with nightclub owners, police representatives and city officials, to vent their frustrations and consider options in dealing with the problem. FILE PHOTO.

Residentes y dueños de negocios a lo largo del Southwest Boulevard, enfadados con el aumento en el crimen y en los asaltos en el área, se reunieron con los dueños de los clubes nocturnos y consideraron opciones para lidiar con el problema. FOTO DE ARCHIVO.

we look at each and every one of them. We have shown that we take them very seriously. ... I will assure you that this is another example of where we will take a very close look at this to see what part the liquor license at Barcelona played in this incident and then we will take appropriate action.”

Majors explained that the matter of the location being called a banquet hall does not alleviate any responsibility for the owners. “They may call themselves a banquet hall but for the purposes of the license, they are a tavern. They have to fall within the guidelines of what a tavern is. They may promote their services as a banquet hall to the public but for their licenses, they are a tavern. You have to be 21 or over or accompanied by a legal guardian. They must also keep an orderly place - that means that they are doing everything they can to make it a safe place

for you to come and drink if that is your pleasure.”

Majors noted that the department has to be responsive to legal issues. “We will try to get something resolved quickly. This is kind of the way the legal system runs. You are innocent until proven guilty we have to be able to get all the relevant facts before we decide the best course of actions is.”

When it comes to getting the facts, Sanders addressed a reality that hinders investigation into such cases. Often there are many witnesses to an act and not many, if any, of those people will step up and assist the police in their investigation. There are many if not hundreds of people that can provide us with information. They can do that at the police department or they can do it anonymously through the TIPS hotline, and we encourage that. The TIPS number is 474-8477.

Divine se ofende con las cifras

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“Entre la noche del viernes y la madrugada del sábado, agentes fueron despachados al Barcelona que está ubicado en el 3051 de Southwest Boulevard atendiendo a un llamado por un disturbio en una taberna. Mientras se encontraban en camino, uno de los agentes escucho disparos. Una camioneta suburbana de color oscuro fue vista abandonando la escena a alta velocidad. La policía de KCK detuvo al vehículo más tarde y un sujeto fue aprehendido.

Agentes que se encontraban en la escena ocurrida en el Barcelona, encontraron una camioneta tipo trailblazer de color plateado estacionada detrás del club. Se encontró sangre alrededor del vehículo y dentro de éste y el orificio de una bala en la puerta del conductor. La policía estableció contacto con la gente en la escena y confirmó que un altercado ocurrió dentro del club el cual luego condujo a la balacera ocurrida fuera del salón. Tres personas resultaron lesionadas, una con heridas de riesgo vital.

Sanders agregó que se han producido 17 incidentes que han sido documentados en los pasados diez meses en los que el departamento de policía ha sido llamado a responder. “Los llamados han incluido peleas, disturbios, accidentes automovilísticos, robos - tan sólo una muestra de la cantidad de violaciones de tipo molestia y verdaderos casos de quebrantamiento de la ley que han estado ocurriendo en el Barcelona del 3051 del Southwest Boulevard”, dijo Sanders.

En el departamento de policía eso sería considerado como un alto índice de respuestas a un área”, agregó Sanders. “Eso sería algo en que ... pondríamos esfuerzos para tratar de buscar la causa de cuáles son los problemas y tratar de aliviarlos. Esa es una gran cantidad de llamadas que la policía ha tenido que responder y nosotros probablemente pudiéramos haber usado esos recursos en

algún otro lugar”.

Sanders reconoce que el área en general ha tenido más problemas que lo común. “He estado escuchando de más y más asaltos ocurriendo en esa área del Southwest Boulevard durante el transcurso del año pasado y más allá. Todos ellos parecen emanar [Desde] o estar centrados en clubes nocturnos o sitios que son arrendados para fiestas”.

Sanders le advierte a la gente que las manos de la policía están atadas cuando se trata de poner vigilancia adicional en el área. “Si ellos se encuentran legalizados en el área en lo que se refiere a salones de banquetes o algo como eso, es una de esas situaciones en donde el departamento de policía no tiene mucha jurisdicción, a menos o hasta que, algo suceda que incremente el nivel de las leyes que están siendo violadas. Les puedo decir que los dueños de las cantinas saben que están bajo estrictos requisitos... en lo que respecta a sus licencias para expender licores. Ellos pueden ser clasificados como un establecimiento que causa molestias”.

Mia Lee Divine, propietaria de Barcelona, se ofendió a causa de los números de Sanders.

“Hay gente que se mantienen llamando a la policía al Barcelona. La policía aparece y nada está sucediendo. Cualquier persona puede llamar a la policía, pero no todas las llamadas son emergencias”. Ella reconoció que allí hubo un altercado entre dos mujeres dentro del club. Los guardias de seguridad separaron a las combatientes y las escoltaron fuera. “El evento ocurrió afuera y después que habíamos cerrado”.

Gary Majors, administrador de Industrias Reguladas le dijo a *Hispanic News* que el incidente está bajo investigación por parte de su división. Él explicó que todos los reportes disponibles

enviados al departamento son revisados, discusiones son llevadas a cabo con los agentes que acudieron a la llamada y luego ellos discuten el asunto con los propietarios de los negocios.

“Tratamos de ser lo más prácticos que nos sea posible. Ofrecemos entrenamiento para servidores en varios sitios. Ofrecemos sugerencias y luego, en la medida en que cada uno de estos incidentes se presenta; le damos una mirada a cada uno de ellos. Hemos demostrado que los tomamos muy en serio. ... Les aseguraré que este es otro ejemplo en donde daremos una mirada más minuciosa para ver qué parte jugó la licencia de licores del Barcelona en este incidente y luego tomaremos las acciones apropiadas”.

Majors explicó que el asunto de que el sitio sea denominado un salón de banquetes, no aminora ninguna responsabilidad para los dueños. “Ellos podrían referirse a si mismos como salón de banquetes, pero para el propósito de la licencia, ellos son una taberna. Ellos pudieran promoverle sus servicios como salón de banquetes al público, pero de acuerdo con sus licencias, ellos son una taberna. Uno tiene que tener 21 o más o ir acompañado de un guardián legal. Ellos también deben mantener el orden en el lugar - eso significa que ellos tendrán que hacer todo lo posible para convertirlo en un sitio seguro para que usted venga y beba, si eso es lo que es de su agrado”.

Majors hizo notar que el departamento tiene que ser rápido a responder a los asuntos legales. “Nosotros trataremos de resolver alguna situación rápidamente. Esta es la manera en que el sistema legal opera. Uno es inocente hasta que se le prueba la culpabilidad, nosotros tenemos que ser capaces de obtener todos los hechos relevantes antes de decidir cuál es la mejor acción a tomar”.

Cuando se trata de recolectar los hechos, Sanders se refirió a una realidad que menoscaba la investigación de tales casos.

A menudo hay allí varios testigos a un cierto hecho y no muchos, si es que hubiera alguna, de esas personas darán un paso al frente y ayudarán a la policía en su investigación. Hay muchas, si es que nos son cientos de personas las que nos pueden ofrecer información. Ellos lo pueden hacer en el departamento de policía o lo pueden hacer en forma anónima mediante la línea telefónica TIPS y nosotros exhortamos que hagan eso. El número de TIPS es el 474-8477.

Clay County Health Center Begins Flu Shot Season

The Clay County Public Health Center is concerned there will be another flu outbreak this year. Many people would agree that when someone is sick they should stay home. But at the same time, staying home affects schools, businesses and families. Everyone is encouraged to get a flu shot and health officials indicate there is plenty of vaccine. Last year, 9 out of 10 children (aged 5-14) who were seen for flu-like symptoms at local hospitals had never had a flu shot. Getting a flu shot is the best way to prevent the flu or decrease the length and severity of symptoms. Those vaccinated are less likely to spread the flu to others. For more information on where you can get flu shots for you and your children, call (816) 595-4355.

To save time, client information forms can be downloaded from department's website www.clayhealth.com and completed before coming to the flu clinics.

2008 Flu Clinics

Oct. 23, 2008	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
Oct. 28, 2008	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Good Samaritan Ctr., Ex. Springs
Nov. 5 & 19, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Clay County Public Health Center
Nov. 12, 2008	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Clay County Public Health Center
Nov. 17, 2008	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bethel Church of Christ, KCMO
Nov. 20, 2008	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Metro North Mall
Nov. 20, 2008	1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kearney 1st Unite Methodist Church

FEES: \$20 Cash or check. Medicaid and Medicare (Part B ONLY) accepted. Vaccinations available for ages 6 Months & Up

Centro de Salud del Condado Clay Comienza Temporada de Inmunizaciones para la Gripe

El Centro de Salud del Condado Clay está preocupado que pudiera haber otra epidemia de gripe este año. Muchas personas estarían de acuerdo que cuando alguien está enfermo debería quedarse en casa. Pero al mismo tiempo, el quedarse en casa afecta a las escuelas, los negocios y a las familias. Se exhorta a cada persona a que se inoculara para la gripe y oficiales de la salud indican que hay bastantes vacunas.

El año pasado, 9 de cada 10 niños (De edades de 5-14) que fueron atendidos por síntomas parecidos a la gripe en los hospitales locales, nunca se habían vacunado contra la gripe. Obtener una vacuna es la mejor manera de prevenir la gripe o disminuir la duración y severidad de los síntomas. Aquellos que son vacunados son menos proclives a esparcir la gripe a otros.

Para más información de dónde conseguir las vacunas para usted y sus niños, llame al (816) 595-4355.

Para que ahorre tiempo, formularios para la información al cliente pueden ser descargados desde el sitio del departamento en el www.clayhealth.com y ser llenados antes de venir a las clínicas para la gripe.

Clínicas que ofrecen la vacuna antigripal

23 Oct., 2008	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
28 Oct., 2008	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Good Samaritan Ctr., Ex. Springs
5 & 19 Nov., 2008	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Clay County Public Health Center
12 Nov., 2008	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Clay County Public Health Center
17 Nov., 2008	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bethel Church of Christ, KCMO
20 Nov., 2008	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Metro North Mall
20 Nov., 2008	1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kearney 1st Unite Methodist Church

Costo: \$20 Efectivo o cheque. Se acepta Medicaid y Medicare (Sólo parte B). Vacunas disponibles para las edades de 6 meses en adelante.

Catholic High Schools Open Houses

Even though school has already started, all Catholic high schools in the metropolitan area will be open on Sunday, November 9, to allow students and parents to explore the option of attending Catholic high school. Guests can tour facilities and meet teachers, students and administrators at the following schools:

- Archbishop O'Hara, 9001 James A. Reed Road, Kansas City, MO – 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Cristo Rey of Kansas City, 211 W. Linwood, Kansas

- City, MO – 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Notre Dame de Sion, 10631 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Rockhurst, 9301 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- St. Mary, 622 N. Main, Independence, MO – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- St. Pius X, 1500 NE 42nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- St. Teresa's Academy, 5600 Main, Kansas City, MO – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

“For many parents, the primary question is: ‘Why should I send my child to a Catholic high school?’ said Superintendent of Schools Marlon De La Torre. “Among the most compelling reasons is that our tracking indicates that 99% of last year’s graduates went on to college,” he said. “We believe that our Catholic schools – from early childhood to high school – offer students a Christ-centered Catholic curriculum that helps them become competent, independent and productive members of their communities.”

Last fall, more than 5,000 people attended open house. All schools are accredited and offer college preparatory curricula, extra-curricular activities and sports.

Tour por Dependencias de Secundarias Católicas

Aunque las escuelas ya han comenzado, todas las secundarias católicas en el área metropolitana abrirán el domingo 9 de noviembre para permitirle a los estudiantes y a los padres explorar la opción de asistir a una secundaria católica. Los invitados podrán hacer un tour por las dependencias y reunirse con maestros, estudiantes y administrativos en las siguientes escuelas:

- Archbishop O'Hara, 9001 James A. Reed Road, Kansas City, MO – 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Cristo Rey of Kansas City, 211 W. Linwood, Kansas City, MO – 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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Marlon De La Torre. “Entre las razones más convincentes está que nuestros récords indican que el 99% de los graduados del año pasado fueron a la universidad”, dijo él. “Creemos que nuestras escuelas católicas – desde educación temprana de la niñez hasta secundaria – ofrecen a los estudiantes un currículo católico centrado en Cristo que los ayuda a que sean miembros más competentes, independientes y productivos de sus comunidades”.

El otoño pasado, más de 5 mil personas asistieron al tour. Todas las escuelas son acreditadas y ofrecen un currículo para la preparación universitaria, actividades extra curriculares y deportes.

Health accounts mean more money for you

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consider participating in health care and dependent care flexible spending accounts (FSAs), an increasingly common employer-provided benefit that can save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars in federal taxes.

FSAs (also known as reimbursement accounts) let you pay eligible out-of-pocket medical and child care expenses on a pre-tax basis; that is, before federal, state and Social Security taxes have been deducted from your paycheck. Using FSAs to cover expenses you would've paid for anyway reduces your taxable income by those amounts, which in turn lowers your tax bill.

Here's how it works: Say you earn \$35,000 a year and have a 25 percent marginal tax rate. By contributing \$1,000 to a health care FSA and \$3,000 to a dependent care FSA, your taxable income would drop to \$31,000, in turn lowering your taxes by \$1,000. Larger contributions result in even bigger tax savings.

You can use a health care FSA to pay for any IRS-allowed medical expenses not covered by your medical, dental or vision coverage. This includes deductibles, copayments, braces and other dental work over plan limits, contact lenses, glasses, prescription and over-the-counter medicines,

acupuncture and chiropractic care, smoking cessation programs and many more. Check IRS Publication 502 at www.irs.gov for a complete list of allowable expenses.

Dependent care FSAs let you use pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible expenses related to care for your child, disabled spouse, elderly parent, or other dependent incapable of self-care, so you (and your spouse) can work. For some people taking a federal income tax dependent care tax credit is more advantageous, so ask your tax advisor which alternative is better in your situation.

FSA contribution amounts are deducted from paychecks

throughout the year. As you incur eligible expenses, you submit receipts to the plan administrator for reimbursement.

Keep in mind these FSA restrictions:

Maximum contribution amounts vary by employer, but commonly are \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year for health care and \$5,000 for dependent care FSAs.

Estimate planned expenses carefully because you must forfeit unused account balances. Some employers offer a grace period of up to 2 1/2 months after the end of the plan year to incur expenses, but that's not mandatory, so check your enrollment materials carefully.

Outside of open enrollment, you can only make mid-year FSA changes after a major life or family status change, such as marriage, divorce, death of a spouse or dependent, birth of a child, or a dependent passing the eligibility age. If one of those situations should occur mid-year, re-jigger your FSAs accordingly for maximum savings.

You must re-enroll in FSAs each year - amounts don't carry over from year to year.

To learn more about how FSAs work, go to Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/)

benefits). If your company doesn't offer FSAs, consult a financial advisor about other ways you can save taxes on health and dependent care-related expenses.

It's not that difficult or time-consuming to estimate next year's health and dependent care expenses - especially if you know it will save thousands of dollars on your tax bill.

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

Cuentas de salud significa más dinero para usted

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Mientras se acerca la temporada abierta de enrolamiento de beneficios en el lugar de trabajo, considere participar en cuentas de gastos flexibles para el cuidado de la salud y dependientes (FSAs, por sus siglas en inglés), un creciente beneficio común que es ofrecido por el empleador y que puede ahorrarle cientos e incluso miles de dólares en impuestos federales.

FSAs (también conocidas como cuentas de reembolso) le permiten pagar gastos médicos y del cuidado de los niños que son fuera del bolsillo basados en pre-impuestos; lo que significa, antes que los impuestos federales, estatales y de la Seguridad Social hayan sido restados desde su cheque de pago. El usar FSAs para cubrir gastos que usted hubiera tenido que pagar de todas maneras, reduce sus ingresos sujetos a impuestos de esas cantidades, lo

que a cambio baja sus cuentas de impuestos.

Aquí les explico como funciona: Digamos que usted gana \$35,000 al año y tiene un 25 por ciento de promedio marginal de impuestos. Al contribuir con \$1,000 a su FSA del cuidado de la salud y \$3,000 a un FSA para el cuidado de dependientes, sus ingresos sujetos a impuestos bajarán a \$31,000 bajando sus impuestos en \$1,000. Contribuciones de mayor tamaño resultarán en incluso mayores ahorros en los impuestos.

Usted puede utilizar un FSA del cuidado de la salud para pagar por gastos médicos permitidos por los IRA que nos son cubiertos por su cobertura medica, dental o de la visión. Esto incluye deducciones, copagos, frenillos y otros trabajos dentales que están por sobre los límites del plan, lentes de contacto, lentes, recetas y medicinas de venta sin

receta, acupuntura y atención quiropráctica, programas para dejar de fumar y mucho más. Revise las Publicación 502 de IRA en www.irs.gov para una lista completa de gastos que son permitidos.

FSAs para el cuidado de dependientes le permiten usar dólares pre-impuestos para pagar por los gastos que califican y que son relacionados al cuidado de sus niños, esposo/a discapacitado, padres ancianos u otros dependientes incapaces de mantenerse a sí mismos, para que así usted (Y su esposo/a) puedan trabajar. Para algunas personas, el tomar un crédito de impuestos ofrecido por el impuesto federal para el cuidado de dependientes, es más ventajoso, entonces pregúntele a su consejero de impuestos cuál alternativa es mejor en su situación.

Las cantidades de las contribuciones de FSA son restadas desde sus cheques de

pago a lo largo del año. En la medida en que usted incurra en gastos elegibles, usted le enviará recibos al administrador del plan para que le sean reembolsados.

Recuerde estas restricciones de las FSA:

La cantidad máxima de contribución varía dependiendo en el empleador, pero comúnmente son de \$2,000 ha \$5,000 al año para el cuidado de la salud y \$5,000 para FSAs para el cuidado de dependientes.

Calcule los gastos planeados cuidadosamente ya que usted debe perder los balances de cuenta sin utilizar. Algunos empleadores ofrecen un periodo de gracia de hasta 2 meses y medio después de la conclusión del plan anual para incurrir en gastos, pero eso no es obligatorio, entonces revise su material de enrolamiento cuidadosamente.

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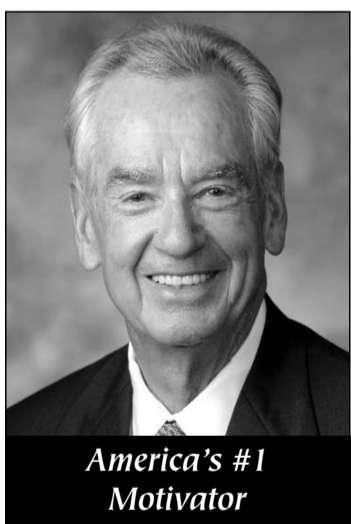
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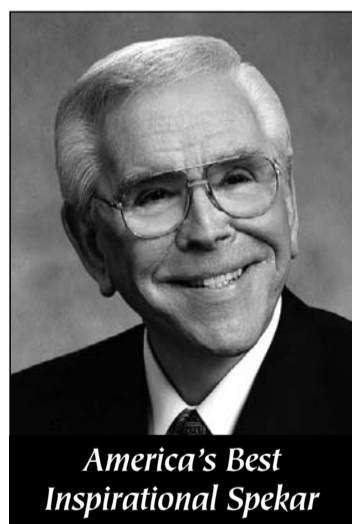
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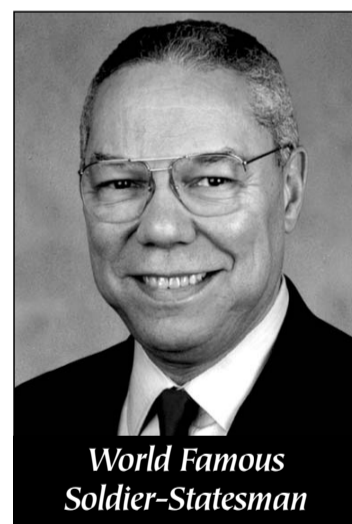
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On September 15, 2008, Linda E. Rios-Harris was called home by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As she walks through the gates of heaven, she will be welcomed by her older brother Francisco Anthony Rios, Jr. and nephew, Anthony David Rios, Jr.

Linda's family wish to honor and remember our dear daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and all the friends she made in her lifetime.

Linda was born Linda Esther Rios on March 6, 1949 to Frank and Lupe Rios of Kansas City, Missouri. She is survived by her parents, her husband John Harris of 36 years, sons Paul Harris and John Michael Harris; daughters Rebecca Harris and Trina Harris and many grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers; Anthony Rios, Daniel Rios, and sisters; Patricia Diaz, Mary Magana and Cynthia Brown.

Linda spent many years serving others. Her generous heart was as big as her love of life. She never hesitated to help those in need. Linda cared very much about everyone she met. Linda also found a way to touch ever person, sometimes enormously sometimes with a kind word or smiles. She adopted many friends into her family.

A resourceful, imaginative individual, Linda would astound family and friends with her creativity. Having no formal training in wedding planning, she was able to bring to fruition, several beautifully orchestrated formal weddings. Linda was known for the "haunted" trails and houses she created. Adults and kids alike, loved to attend the Halloween parties she put together. She shared her inventiveness not only with her family, but many, many others as well. Linda could successfully create anything! Many times, she made dresses for wedding, pageants, and special occasions, sometimes without a pattern!

Linda was a great planner and everyone was invited to the yearly Memorial Day excursion to Silver Dollar City. Details for the many trips to Branson and Lake of the Ozarks began in Linda's kitchen. She wanted everyone to experience her love of life that she marveled in daily.

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LINDA DEROSE-DROUBAY

Halloween is one of the most enjoyable holidays for adults and children alike. It is also a time for making sure our kids are safe—in their costumes, on the street, and enjoying all the treats collected on their rounds. And, let's not forget about making sure Mom and Dad have fun with their children on this spooky night! The following tips will help ensure your trick-or-treaters enjoy haunting their neighborhoods while gathering their munchings and crunchings!

Pumpkin Carving:

- Never let young children near carving tools. Non-toxic paint, stickers, and push-in lights are safe decorating alternatives. Or let your child draw the face on the pumpkin; you do the carving.
- When permitting older children to carve, always supervise closely. Work on a flat, tip-proof surface in a well-lit room.
- Don't let your child use adult kitchen knives—supply safer, kid-size tools created specifically for this purpose.

- Consider using battery operated candles, tea lights or flashlights to illuminate your decorative accents instead of candles.

Treats:

- Make sure your children understand they're not to snack on their treats while they're out trick-or-treating.
- Parents should inspect the goodies (even commercially wrapped) for any signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance, discoloration, pinholes or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.
- For young children, remove hard candies as they can become choking hazards; even larger varieties, which will shrink as they are mouthed.
- Other choking hazards for younger children include gum, nuts, small toys and coins.

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The Halloween season is upon us and that means witches and warlocks, flashy turtles, creepy spiders and ghosts will take to the streets. Check out our Halloween tips for a fun and safe night. FILE PHOTO.

La época de Halloween (Día de las Brujas) está encima de nosotros y eso significa brujas y monstruos, vistosas tortugas, espeluznantes arañas y fantasmas saldrán a las calles. Lea nuestros consejos para Halloween para que así tenga una noche divertida y segura. FOTO DE ARCHIVO.

Consejos y "trucos" para Halloween

LINDA DEROSE-DROUBAY

El día de las brujas es una de las fiestas más agradables para niños y adultos por igual. También es un tiempo para asegurarnos que nuestros niños estén seguros con sus trajes, en la calle, y disfrutando de todos los dulces recogidos en sus rondas. Y no nos olvidemos acerca de asegurarse de que mamá y papá se divierten con sus hijos sobre esta noche escalofriante! Los siguientes consejos ayudarán a asegurarse de que sus hijos también disfruten de sus vecindarios, mientras que recojan todas sus dulzuras.

Tallar la calabaza:

- Nunca deje los niños pequeños cerca de las herramientas de Tallar. Pintura que no es tóxica, etiquetas, y luces que se empujaron son alternativas seguras para decoración. O deje que su niño dibuje la cara de la calabaza; usted la talla.
- Al permitir que los niños mayores tallen su calabaza, siempre supervise

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• If juice or cider is served to children at Halloween parties, make sure it is pasteurized or otherwise treated to destroy harmful bacteria. Juice or cider that has not been treated will state it on the label.

Costumes:

- When purchasing costumes and accessories, look for "Flame Resistant" labels. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate that the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source.
- Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.
- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated

with reflective tape.

- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Exaggerated footwear can result in slipping or twisting ankles while walking.
- Hats and scarves should be fitted enough to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- Apply a natural mask of child-safe cosmetics rather than wearing a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used however, make sure it fits securely, has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision, and an unobstructed breathing opening.
- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

Pedestrian Safety:

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child.
- Have your trick-or-treater carry your cell phone.
- All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street.
- Only cross the street at cross-walks and always look both ways.
- Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.
- Going out in groups with several adults in attendance ensures children will be supervised.

Choosing Safe Houses and Safety in your Home:

- Children should go only to homes where they know the residents.

- Choose homes which have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.
- Homes should be well lit inside as well as out.
- Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- If you are expecting trick-or-treaters remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches.
- Candlelit Jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
- Indoor Jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.
- Consider using battery operated candles, tea lights or flashlights to illuminate your decorative accents instead of candles.

Todo Halloween

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de cerca. Trabaje sobre una mesa plana, en una habitación bien iluminada.

- No deje que su niño use los cuchillos de adultos de cocina. Deje que usen herramientas pequeñas creadas específicamente para este uso.
- Considere la posibilidad de utilizar velas con pilas, luces de té o linternas para iluminar sus acentos decorativos en lugar de velas.

Dulces y Golosinas:

- Asegúrese de que sus hijos entiendan que no se coman sus dulces cuando se encuentren afuera recogiendo sus dulces.
- Los padres deben inspeccionar los dulces (incluso con dulces envuelto en papel comercial) para todos los signos de manipulación, como un aspecto inusual, decoloración, o hoyitos pequeños. Tire a la basura todo lo que parece sospechoso.
- Para los niños pequeños, quite dulces duros, que pueden convertirse en riesgos de asfixia, e incluso las dulces con variedades más grandes, que se reducirá la medida cuando se introducen en la boca.
- Otros riesgos de asfixia para los niños más pequeños incluyen gomas de mascar, frutas secas, juguetes pequeños y monedas.
- Si se les sirve jugo a los niños en fiestas de Halloween, asegúrese de que está pasteurizada o tratado para destruir las bacterias. Jugo que no ha

sido tratado de estado serán demostrados en la etiqueta.

Vestuario:

- Cuando compre de trajes y accesorios, busque etiquetas "resistentes al fuego". Aunque esta etiqueta no significa que esos artículos no se incendiarán, sí indican que los temas que se resisten al fuego se apagaran rápidamente cuando retirados de la fuente de ignición.
- Compre o haga trajes que son claros o suficientemente brillantes para ser visible para los automovilistas.
- Para una mayor visibilidad durante el anochecer y la oscuridad, decore con trajes de corte de cintas reflectantes que brillarán con las luces de los carros. Bolsas o sacos también deben ser de color claro o decorados con cinta reflectante.
- Para fácilmente ver y ser visto, los niños también deben llevar linternas.
- Disfraces deben ser suficientemente corto para evitar que los niños tropiecen y caigan.
- Los niños deben usar zapatos bien ajustados y resistentes. Zapatos exagerado pueden resultar en resbalones o torciendo los tobillos al caminar.
- Sombreros y bufandas deben ser suficientemente asegurados para evitar que se deslice sobre los ojos de los niños.
- Aplique maquillaje natural seguro para niños en lugar del uso de una máscara-montaje que pueda restringir la respiración o impedir la

visión. Si una máscara se utiliza sin embargo, asegúrese de que encaje de forma segura, tenga espacios para los ojos y sea suficientemente grande para permitir la plena visión y una apertura de respiración sin obstáculos.

La seguridad de caminantes:

- Espadas, cuchillos, trajes y accesorios similares deben ser suaves y de material flexible.
- Los niños siempre deben ir acompañados por un adulto o otro niño de edad avanzada que sea responsable del niño pequeño.
- Haga que su niño lleve su teléfono celular.
- Todos los niños deben caminar, no correr de casa en casa y utilizar la acera si está disponible, en lugar de caminar en la calle.
- Sólo cruzar la calle en lugares designados para cruzar y siempre mire en ambos sentidos.
- Los niños deben tener cuidado caminando entre vehículos estacionados, o en el césped y patios donde adornos, muebles y líneas de tender ropa presenten peligros.
- Saliendo por la noche en varios grupos con adultos garantizará que los niños estén bien supervisados.

Seleccionando casas seguras y la seguridad en su hogar:

- Los niños deben ir sólo a los hogares donde conocen los residentes.
- Elija los hogares que tienen

las luces exteriores como una señal de bienvenida.

- Casas deben estar bien iluminadas adentro así como afuera.
- Los niños no deben entrar en casas o apartamentos a menos que estén acompañados por un adulto.
- Si usted está esperando niños buscando dulces elimine todo aquello que podría ser un obstáculo en los jardines, las escaleras y las entradas.
- Las velas se deben mantener alejado de los desembarques y las puertas que podrían causar un accidente con los trajes de los niños.
- Las linternas interiores se deben mantener alejado de cortinas, decoraciones, muebles y otras cosas que podrían inflamarse.
- Considere la posibilidad de utilizar velas de pilas, luces de té o linternas para iluminar sus acentos decorativos en lugar de velas.

Kansas City Metro League to Host Area Forums

Focus on Metro Missouri State Races

The Kansas City League of Women Voters of Kansas City, Clay, Jackson and Platte Counties (LWV) will host and co-sponsor forums for candidates competing in the Missouri state senate and representative general election races. Open to the public, the October forums will give residents an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the candidates, according to Peg Prendergast, president of the local non-partisan organization. The forums, which will begin at 7 p.m., are part of the organization's voter service activities

Missouri residents may locate their Senate and Representative districts at www.sos.mo.gov/elections in the General Information section. All candidates who filed for election were invited to participate in the forums.

The format includes asking each candidate the same question with the same amount of time for response. The League of Women Voters will accept written questions from the audience to address issues for each Missouri district.

Oct. 21 - Missouri Senate District 17 and Representative Districts 33, 34, 38.

Metropolitan Community College (MCC) - Maple Woods Campus, Arbor Room, 2601 N.W. Barry Rd., Kansas

City, 7 p.m. Candidates for Senate District 17 are Luann Ridgeway (R) and Sandra Aust (D). For the Missouri House Districts: Jerry Nolte (R) and Terry Stone (D), District 33; Tim Floor (R) and Tom Niffen (D), District 34; and Ryan Silvey (R) and Josh Reed (D), District 38. The forum is co-sponsored by metropolitan Community College and AAUW - Northland Branch.

Oct. 28 - Missouri State Representative Districts 54 and 55.

MCC - Blue River Campus, Arts & Science Building, Room 100, 20301 E. Hwy. 78, Independence. Missouri House candidates are Gary Dussenberg (R), Mark D. Matzeder (D) and Bobby Foster (L), District 54; Bryan Pratt (R), Mike O'Donnell (D) and Kevin Parr (L), District 55. The forum is co-sponsored by Metropolitan Community College.

The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 to educate women on how to vote as a result of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified by Congress on Aug. 18, 1920. LWV was a public expansion of the National American Woman Suffrage Assoc., which for decades had lobbied for the right for women to vote in the U.S. Today the organization includes men and women who encourage informed and active participation in government through education and advocacy.

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By Douglas H. Kirkpatrick, MD
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A woman's sexual response can be negatively influenced by emotional and physical factors. Daily stresses or conflicts at work, with family, or her partner can dampen a woman's sex drive.

Sexual function can be affected by pregnancy and the postpartum period; menopause; the use of birth control pills or other medications; or chronic health conditions such as depression, cancer, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, or high blood pressure. Women with a history of sexual abuse may also experience difficulty with sexual response.

Lack of sexual desire—or low interest in sex—is the most common sexual problem among women. Other frequently reported complications include trouble achieving orgasm, not becoming lubricated enough before sex, having pain during or after sex, body image concerns, unmet sexual needs, lack of sexual knowledge, or being pressured to have sex.

Some couples have sexual difficulties that are related to the male partner. Impotence occurs when a man cannot achieve or keep an erection. Like female sexual problems, impotence can have emotional or physical origins.

If you are experiencing a new sexual concern or are in a new relationship, an honest conversation with your partner may be all it takes to relieve worries and clear conflicts. Women who are comfortable expressing concerns and asking their partners for what they want have a better chance of having a satisfying sex life.

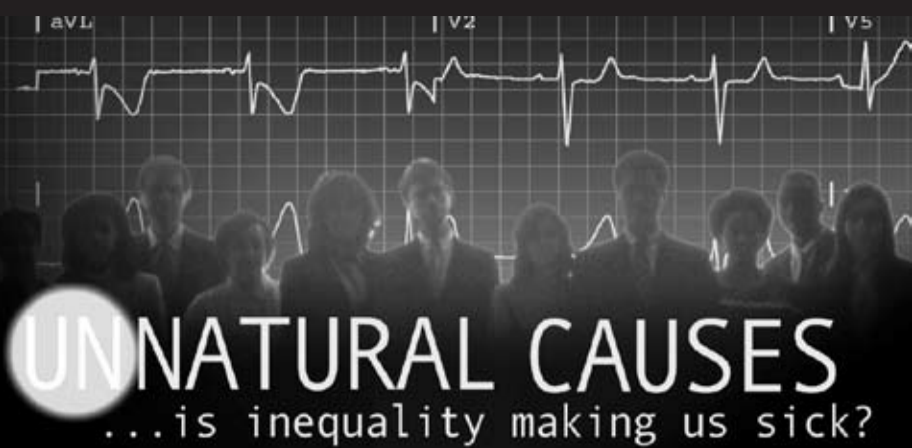
Talk to your doctor if you suspect your sexual problems stem from feelings you don't understand or can't cope with. You should also be sure to tell your doctor if you have any pain in your pelvic, genital, or vaginal area or if you think you have a health condition that is stopping you from enjoying sex.

Your ob-gyn can provide information about how the body normally responds to sexual arousal and assess what may be causing low desire. He or she can suggest changes for you and your partner, and look at physical conditions that may be causing pain and medications that may be interfering with your sexual function. Your doctor may also refer you to an individual or couples' sex counselor, support group, or other expert that can help.

For more information, the ACOG Patient Education Pamphlet "Sexuality and Sexual Problems" is available in English and Spanish at www.acog.org/publications/patient_education. ♀

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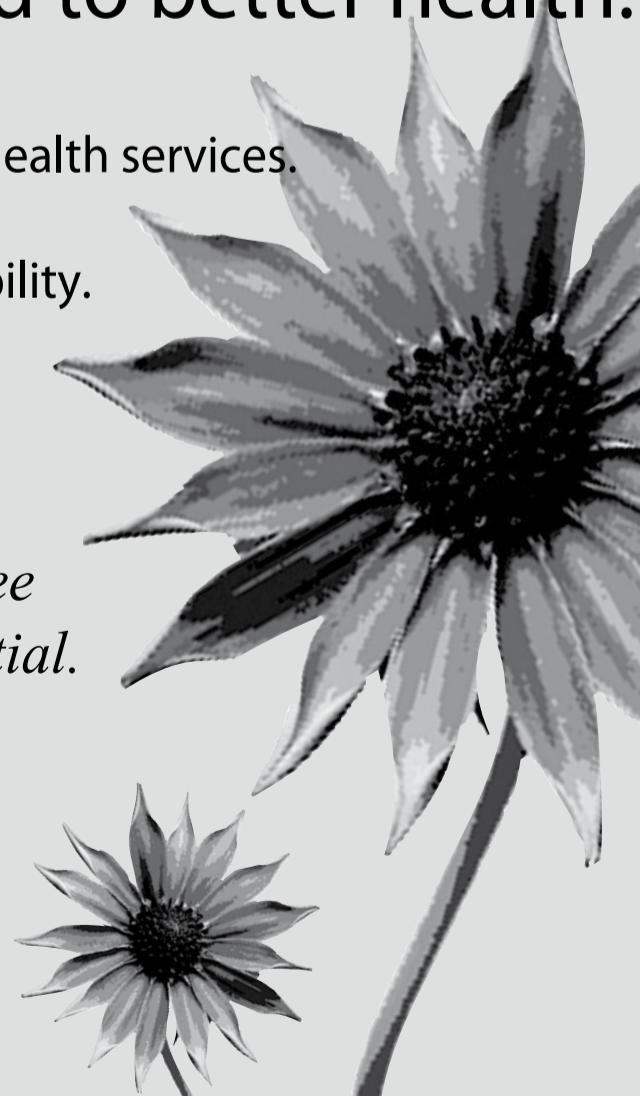
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Terminó la temporada de la Liga Internacional de Fútbol (Soccer), quedando en la final, los equipos de Potros y el Club Internacional. El ganador fue el Club Internacional, quienes mediante una tanda de penales se impusieron por el marcador de 4 a 3. Además se hizo entrega de trofeos al equipo de Potros, a quienes se les entregó un trofeo por segundo lugar y una cantidad de \$2,500 dólares. Para el campeón de la liga, al Club Internacional se le entregó un trofeo por el primer lugar y una bolsa en efectivo de \$5,000 dólares.

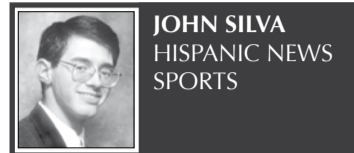
The International Soccer League season finale matched Potros vs. Internacional Club. The Internacional Club team won the championship on penalties with a final score of 4 to 3. First and second place received a trophy and a cash prize. Potros received \$2,500 for second place and \$5,000 was awarded to the champions, Internacional Club.

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Blazers perimeter World Championship caliber



For the first time in a decade, Kansas City hosted an NBA event. The last time that happened Kobe Bryant (Lakers) and Shawn Kemp (Cavs) headlined the event. Back then, foreign players were few and far between. Those in the league were mainly from Eastern Europe.

Nowadays some of the best imports come from Spanish speaking countries. Olympic champions from 2004 Argentina have brought the likes of Spurs gritty guard Manu Ginobili while 2006 World Champions Spain's biggest name is L.A.'s starting center Pau Gasol.

Two of Spain's greatest round ball exports are playing this year in Portland. For their third pre-season game in 2008, the TrailBlazers came to the city of many trails (blazed in pioneer days) to take on Atlanta.

Regrettably, NBA rookie Rudy Fernandez injured his ankle in Portland's second pre-season game so he didn't make the trip. The 6'5" shooting guard was named Euroleague's Rising Star just two years ago while playing for DVK Joventut in his home country and this summer scored 22 points against the U.S.A. in Beijing's Olympic Gold Medal Game. Blazer fans, some of the most passionate and loyal in the NBA, met him at the airport upon his arrival and chanted "Ru-dy! Ru-dy!" hoping the sharpshooter can help the young team climb into the competitive Western Conference's playoffs this year.

Fernandez's Spanish national teammate did get to show his skills to the crowd of 12,457 at Sprint Center. Point guard Sergio Rodriguez enters his third season in the NBA and is pushing for a quantum leap in playing time. Last year he played 8.7 minutes per game, but participated in 72 contests only missing games due to an ankle injury.

Despite having the moniker "Spanish Magician" Rodriguez's strength is running an offense. In 26 minutes against the Hawks he registered seven assists against two turnovers. Head Coach Nate McMillan was impressed with his play, "He had a good floor game today. He did a nice job pushing the ball."

The humble guard didn't have any reasons he could point to for Spain's ability to put a handful of players into the best basketball league on the planet, but noted that the sport is second in popularity behind soccer. He said for those who don't aspire to be the next Fernando Torres, basketball is a vital athletic alternative. "Everybody wants to play in the NBA," Rodriguez said of those who play round ball back home.

With 17-year-old point guard Ricky Rubio being touted the next big thing coming soon to an NBA arena near you, the Spanish are doing their part to further the global appeal of basketball.

Deadline a Lose-Lose for Chiefs and Gonzalez



a tight end after making the NFC Championship game with a QB entering his prime.

He cashed a big paycheck to stay here and undoubtedly got more than he would've elsewhere given the GM's propensity to take care of his high draft picks who pan out. He broke Chiefs records and NFL records as the unquestioned star of Kansas City where a tight end wouldn't be featured on many championship caliber teams.

Fans sounded the bell weeks ago. A ground swell of support from Chiefs nation supported a trade of Tony Gonzalez to a contender. They said the great tight end deserves a better fate for the remaining years of his career than to be stuck in a rebuilding situation in Kansas City.

Once he spoke on the record with Fox Sports' Jay Glazer about his desire to finish his career with a contender, the issue became a feeding frenzy. Without a game to diagnose during the bye-week it became the biggest sports topic in Kansas City.

Reports flew around in the hours leading up to the trade deadline of 3:00 p.m. Central on Tuesday. Supposedly, three different teams needing an upgrade at tight end bid for Gonzalez's services. It is rumored that Philadelphia, Green Bay, and the defending Super Bowl Champion Giants were willing to take on the highest salaried player at his position in the hopes he could juice up their offenses. At least one of them offered a third round pick in exchange but Carl Peterson held steadfast to

his request for a second round selection.

It was classic Peterson, one of the stingiest negotiators in the NFL. He will shoulder plenty of the blame for not parting with his greatest asset. If the GM is so strong in his belief that rookie Brad Cottam can be a high caliber tight end, then surely he'd be able to parlay another extra third rounder next year into a quality starter at another position. It would just make sense for a team that is rebuilding.

Stung by someone he called a third father figure ultimately refusing to honor his request, Gonzalez expressed his anger and disappointment to Glazer Tuesday evening. So far, nearly everyone has pointed fingers at Carl Peterson, but I have heard nary a soul place any responsibility on Gonzalez himself.

Doesn't Tony deserve any blame for his situation? He had the opportunity in 2007 to sign with someone else. After squeaking into the playoffs, logic had to tell him the team was not ascending. New Orleans pursued him and had a need for

For a guy who doesn't mind his handsome mug showing up on reality TV shows when given the chance, Tony Gonzalez wants more than gridiron success. With the Giants, he would have had a chance to be a featured player on a team where only Eli Manning gets the big headlines. There he could have his cake and eat it too. In Philly, he'd be in a large market where his endorsement opportunities would be greater than that of KC and the national coverage would've been greater too in the glamorous NFC East. In Green Bay, Gonzalez would've been befuddled in a comparable market but the Pack likely will win a playoff game over the next couple of years.

Now that the deadline has passed, Gonzalez will have to settle for winning the public relations game instead of adding to his legacy by participating in a first ever playoff win. He won't lose that battle because the national media will quickly move on to other issues since this one is now moot until the end of the season, and local fans' anger will continue to fester against Carl Peterson along with his.

Wizards thicken playoff plot

With two of their last three regular season games at Community America Ballpark the Wizards knew they had to get six points to be in position to qualify for the eighth and final spot in the MLS Cup playoffs.

Their captain, Jimmy Conrad, took charge of his team's destiny against New England. With the Wizards stymied for the first half against the perennial playoff team Conrad headed home a corner kick in the 61st minute to register the only goal of the game.

The 1-0 win gave KC a crucial three points that put Curt Onalfo's side into a three-way tie for the eighth

best record in the league with Eastern Conference's New York Red Bull and the West's Real Salt Lake. Neither of the other clubs have tasted playoff competition regularly in the past, which could bode well for the Wizards.

On Saturday night, the CAB will be the site for the Wizards and Western cellar dweller San Jose to clash. The scary part of the contest will be a certain former Wizard waiting in the backline to show KC that they shouldn't have traded him for the number one overall pick this past year. Will Nick Garcia's return to KC be an October haunting?

They'll take their chances since Red Bull have to face the two teams on Eastern table topper Columbus while RSL faces an FC Dallas club who sits one point out of the playoffs and can still knock KC out with two wins. The race for the final spot also features D.C. United and Colorado with a realistic chance with 34 points (two behind KC).

So the normally sold out home pitch for the Wizards will need a supportive crowd to finish out a season where a team rebuilding on the fly still can make the post-season in the present while working towards the future.

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Program Account Representative

The OneKC Wired Project is searching for a program account representative that will be responsible for outreach and direct program delivery of the Lifelong Learning Account (LiLA) demonstration in the Kansas City region funded in part by the United States Department of Labor Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Opportunity (WIRED) initiative. For a complete job description and instructions on how to apply please visit www.marc.org/jobopportunities. Position is open until filled. MARC is an equal opportunity employer. M/F/V/D

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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.

For further information please contact **KCMSD Board Services at (816) 418-7618.**

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #29A Telephone and Data Cabling Infrastructure Package:

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Telephone and Data Cabling Infrastructure Package, Bid Packages 29A**, 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 8, 2008.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held, October 22, 2008 at 2:00 PM, CDST at the Chief's on site Office Trailer, 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. (Truman Sports Complex):

Sealed bids are due by 2:00 PM, CST on November 6, 2008. Questions regarding this project should be directed to John Zawodny, Turner Construction Co., 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. Phone 816-924-7600. EOE

MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #29B Audio Video, Sound and Broadcast Cabling:

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Audio Video, Sound and Broadcast Cabling, Bid Packages 29B**, 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 8, 2008.

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Request For Bids

The Independence Housing Authority is accepting sealed bids for the renovation of two four-plex and three duplex apartment buildings at Hocker Heights. Bid packages are available at the IHA business office, in the basement of Pleasant Heights, 210 S. Pleasant St., Independence, MO 64050. A \$100.00 refundable deposit is required for each bid package. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Hocker Heights site office, 401 Hocker Terrace, Independence, MO 64050 at 10:00 A.M., CDT, on Wednesday, October 29, 2008. Sealed bids are due in the IHA business office at 210 S. Pleasant no later than 2:00 P.M., CDT, Wednesday, November 12, 2008 and will be opened publicly at that time. Please direct questions to project Architect Allen Gentry, WGN Associates, Inc. at 816-931-2820 or Ed Miller, IHA Executive Director at 816-836-9200 extension 305.

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.

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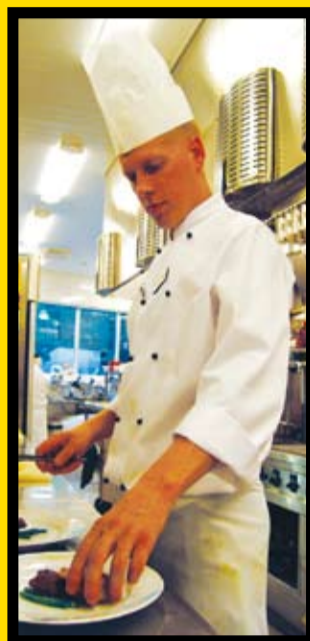
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Pursuant to RSMo 99.825, and in accordance with RSMo 99.830, notice is hereby given by way of certified mail to inform you about a public hearing that will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Commission"), commencing at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at the Commission Offices, located 1100 Walnut, Fourth Floor, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the First Amendment (the "First Amendment") to the Southtown Urban Life Development Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan").

The redevelopment area is generally bound by 59th Street on the North, Prospect Avenue to Bruce R. Watkins Highway on the East, 63rd Street on the South, and along various property lines running from 60th Street southwest to Brooklyn Avenue on the West, all in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri (the "Redevelopment Area").

The proposed First Amendment to the Plan shall provide for modifications to the Budget of Redevelopment Project Costs. The intent of the Plan remains unchanged other than those changes specifically mentioned herein.

The First Amendment, as proposed, may be reviewed by any interested party on or after November 3, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Commission Offices.

According to Section 99.830.2(3) all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

According to Section 99.830.3, each taxing district located wholly or partially within the Redevelopment Area may submit comments or objections to the Commission concerning the subject matter of the public hearing prior to the date of the public hearing.

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