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Sun Fresh Opens in the Dotte



KCK Mayor Joe Reardon thanked Chas Ball (middle) and his family for the opening of the new Chas Sunfresh grocery store at I-70 and 18th street. The store replaces an older Sunfresh at 18th and Central Avenue. Reardon noted the opening was a strong indication of the development and re-development of the KCK urban core.

DEBRA DECOSTER
HISPANIC NEWS

Kansas City, Kansas' urban core renaissance has begun with the grand opening last week of the new Chas Ball Sun Fresh grocery store at the Prescott Plaza complex. The grocery store's architecture rises on the horizon as cars approach the 18th Street ramps

off I-70. The façade of the store is a blend of southwest architectural motifs and earth tones colors highlight the outside. Red brick lines the entrance drive into the facility and the attached retail shops each boasts their own

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Sun Fresh Abre en el Dotte

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

El renacimiento del centro urbano de Kansas City, Kansas ha comenzado con la gran apertura la semana pasada de la nueva tienda de abarrotes Chas Ball Sun Fresh en el complejo Prescott Plaza. La arquitectura de la tienda se eleva en el horizonte al tiempo que automóviles se acercan a las rampas

de la calle 18 que salen de la carretera I-70. La fachada de la tienda es una mezcla de motivos arquitectónicos estilo suroeste y colores de tono de tierra que hace resaltar su exterior. Rojos ladrillos delimitan el camino de

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Hispanic/Latino Leaders Want Representative on School Board

L. YVONNE BRUNER
HISPANIC NEWS

The Kansas City Missouri School District (KCMSD) recently placed an ad in local papers soliciting applications from individuals interested in filling an "at-large" seat on the school board. The seat was vacated by Ingrid Burnett, who resigned before the end of her term.

According to board officials, the district received sixteen applications by the October 22 deadline. Now, the eight members of the school board will have to select a new member from among those who applied.

Enrique Chaurand, president of Vista Communications and a former school district employee, is one of several outspoken leaders who believes the board should select someone from

the Hispanic/Latino community. "It must be a democratic and fair process," Chaurand said, "but all we're saying is that if you have a Latino who is equally qualified and can step in and become a productive member of the board, we'd like for you to give preference to that individual."

Chaurand and others in the community, including Uzzeil Pecina, Freda Mendez Smith, Dolores Arzola, and State Representative Teresa Garza, spoke before the board on October 6, encouraging them to select a Hispanic/Latino representative. Numerous other Hispanic/Latino individuals were also present to show support for that proposition;

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Líderes Hispanos/Latinos Quieren a Representante en la Junta

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

El Distrito Escolar de Kansas City Missouri (KCMSD) recientemente puso un aviso en periódicos locales pidiendo postulaciones de parte de personas interesadas en ocupar una posición "general" en la junta escolar. La posición fue dejada vacante por Ingrid Burnett, quien renunció antes del final de su periodo.

Según oficiales de la junta, el distrito recibió dieciséis solicitudes hasta el plazo final del 22 de octubre. Ahora, los ocho miembros de la junta

escolar tendrán que seleccionar a un nuevo miembro de entre aquellos que postularon.

Enrique Chaurand, presidente de Vista Communications y ex empleado del distrito escolar es uno de varios críticos líderes que creen que la junta debería seleccionar a alguien de la comunidad hispana/latina. "Debe ser un proceso democrático y justo", dijo Chaurand, "pero todo lo que estamos diciendo es que si uno cuenta con un

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Mayor Challenges City Council

Alcalde Desafía al Concejo de la Ciudad Mayor



KCMO Mayor Mark Funkhouser (forefront) held a news conference at his home to announce the filing of a lawsuit challenging the Volunteer Ordinance passed by the City Council that has effectively banned his wife Gloria Squitiro from working at City Hall. His attorney Doug Carter flanked the mayor.

El Alcalde de KCMO Mark Funkhouser (Al frente) sostuvo una conferencia de prensa en su casa para anunciar la puesta en marcha de una demanda desafiando la Ordenanza para Voluntarios pasada por el Concejo de la Ciudad la cual le ha efectivamente prohibido a su esposa Gloria Squitiro de trabajar en el Ayuntamiento. Su abogado Doug Carter aparece junto al alcalde.

L. YVONNE BRUNER AND JOE ARCE
HISPANIC NEWS

The political battle between the Kansas City, Missouri City Council and Mayor Mark Funkhouser reached a crescendo this week. Funkhouser, for the second time this year, asked a court to rule on a city council action.

On Friday, November 7, Funkhouser filed a petition for declaratory relief in the Jackson County Circuit Court, asking whether a section of the city council's Volunteer Ordinance passed in August violates the Missouri state constitution. This most recent battle resulted from the council's desire to keep Gloria Squitiro out of the mayor's office, and Funkhouser's desire to allow her to stay.

At a press conference at his home on Thursday, November 6, Funkhouser explained his decision to challenge a portion of the Volunteer Ordinance. "I feel I have a responsibility

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

La batalla política entre el Concejo Ciudadano de Kansas City, Missouri City y el Alcalde Mark Funkhouser llegó a su cúspide esta semana. Funkhouser, por segunda vez este año, le pidió a la corte que se pronunciara sobre una acción del concejo ciudadano.

El viernes 7 de noviembre, Funkhouser presentó una petición para tutelar su derecho mediante declaración en la Corte de Circuito del Condado de Jackson, preguntando si una sección de la Ordenanza para Voluntarios aprobada en agosto, viola la constitución estatal de Missouri. Esta más reciente batalla fue el resultado del deseo del concejo de mantener alejada a Gloria Squitiro de la oficina del alcalde y del deseo de Funkhouser de permitirle quedarse.

En una conferencia de prensa en su casa el jueves 6

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It's a new Saturday Es un nuevo sábado

JOE ARCE AND JOSE FAUS
HISPANIC NEWS

The Mexican Consulate office at 16th and Baltimore has become more accessible to the Mexican community since the introduction of the new consul Jakob Prado. Part of the new profile has been the introduction of Saturday hours.

Elario Flores stood in line this past Saturday to take advantage of the first Saturday hours. Flores was in line to get his passport. "This is the first time that I have had the

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

La oficina del Consulado de México ubicada en las calles 16 y Baltimore se ha hecho más accesible a la comunidad mexicana desde la introducción del nuevo Cónsul Jakob Prado. Parte del nuevo perfil ha sido la introducción de un horario sabatino.

Elario Flores estuvo en fila este sábado pasado para aprovechar el primer horario sabatino. Flores hacía fila

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The Mexican Consul's office in Kansas City, Missouri is often packed to capacity. For many, it has been a daylong affair. A new administration has instituted changes that are having a positive impact including the first Saturday hours.

La Oficina del Cónsul de México en Kansas City, Missouri se ve a menudo repleta hasta su capacidad. Para muchos, ha sido una espera de todo un día. Una nueva administración ha instituido cambios que están teniendo un impacto positivo, incluyendo el primer horario sabatino.

Sunfresh is asset to Prescott neighborhood

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unique storefront design. The store is easily accessible for local residents who walk or drive and it is on the local bus line stop.

Those residents surged to the large, brightly colored store on its first day of opening. Colorful ceramic tiles in reds, blues, yellows and orange drew people to the counters filled with hot foods, deli items and a bountiful salad bar with many happily trying the new amenities the store has to offer.

It has been 30 years since a new grocery store has opened its doors in Kansas City, Kansas and with the new Sun Fresh store, residents have 43,500 square feet of floor space to shop. The new store with eight new departments overshadows the former Charles Ball Market at 18th and Central Avenue. Customers can shop in the large dollar store section at the fresh salad bar, juice bar and a tortillaria that makes fresh corn and flour tortillas from scratch daily.

The store offers a large ethnic foods section geared toward the Hispanic community. Signage

throughout the store is in English and Spanish.

"This store has forty percent more variety than their previous store and it is three times larger than the previous store," said George Thomas, Associated Wholesale Grocers. "The store offers eco-friendly ozone refrigeration system, which is designed to reduce the use of refrigerants and is ozone friendly. We are very proud of the Ball family and what they have accomplished here. They have very much to be proud of here, this is a great state of the art facility and this is a great shopping center in the community in which they serve."

The Ball family has been serving the community for the past 75 years, and with its third generation at the helm of the grocery store business, they have been able to bring their vision of a state of the art grocery store to the residents in Wyandotte County. "We are excited and thrilled to be able to do this. This has been exciting for us to develop this and now have it up and operating. We have had a steady stream of

customers come in our doors since we opened," said John Ball.

"The Ball family has done extensive market research and they traveled throughout the country. They went to Arizona, California, and Texas and across the Midwest to see what would be complimentary and what would be unique products to bring to Kansas City, Kansas and the marketplace," said Andrew Osman, ARO Real Estate.

Before the development, the property sat stagnant with the crumbling structures of a deserted truck stop, surrounded by abandoned or dilapidated houses and a seedy motel forcing neighborhood groups to visit with their council members about removing the blight from their neighborhood.

"The Prescott Neighborhood group was very critical to this project and the Cathedral Neighborhood group joined with them in leading the way to champion this project," said Commissioner Bill Miller, District 2. "I want to thank Joe Reardon and the commissioners that have been critical to this

project. Mayor Reardon has the platform where we are going to develop the entire Kansas City, Kansas community and this project is a bright spot in my district but also for this community."

Opening the new store in the urban core also has created jobs for residents in the community at a time when the economy is at its lowest and many people are being laid off. The new store will offer employment opportunities for at least 80 employees. "The Ball family told us that they intend to employ as many people as they can. They told us they would be posting signs for people to fill out applications, and they would advertise their job openings for different categories," said former Commissioner John Mendez.

The new \$20 million Prescott Plaza will have additional shops opening within the next two months offering further employment opportunities. New shops opening include clothing retail stores, cell phone providers, restaurants, ice cream shops, financial services and a variety of other retailers.

"This is an exciting day. This is a great development," said Mayor Joe Reardon. "It is important because we have said for several years that we wanted to take that momentum that exists and the great things that are going on in the western part of Kansas City, Kansas and find new opportunities to move this community forward to great redevelopment in all parts of Kansas City, Kansas/Wyandotte County. This marks one of those significant steps forward to making sure that we do great development all over this community."

Commissioner Pat Pettey, District 6, believed that the development is precisely that. "This is a sign that development is beginning to happen in the



George Thomas, Associate Wholesale Grocers representative, said the store offers consumers a wider variety than the older store and is three times larger.

inner city. Many people think that everything is happening out west and nothing is happening in the inner city. This new store is classy, it looks wonderful and I think it says this is what people want to have happen in their neighborhood. They want to have a place to shop and spend their money here within their community."

Sunfresh es un recurso para el vecindario de Prescott

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acceso al edificio y cada una de las tiendas al detalle adjuntas a éste, exhiben diseños únicos en sus fachadas. La tienda es fácilmente accesible para los residentes que caminan o conducen y está situada en la parada local de buses.

Aquellos residentes acudieron a la gran y brillantemente coloreada tienda en su primer día de apertura. Coloridas baldosas de cerámica de colores rojos, azules, amarillos y anaranjados atraían a la gente a los mesones llenos de comidas calientes, artículos de rotisería y una exuberancia de puestos de ensaladas con muchas personas felices probando las nuevas amenidades que la tienda ofrecía.

Han pasado 30 años desde que una nueva tienda haya abierto sus puertas en Kansas City, Kansas y con la nueva tienda Sun Fresh, los residentes cuentan con 43.500 pies cuadrados de espacio para comprar. La nueva tienda con

ocho nuevos departamentos ensombrece al ex Charles Ball Market de la 18th con Central Avenue. Los clientes pueden comprar en la extensa sección de tienda tipo dólar en el área de ensaladas frescas, área de jugos y tortillería que produce frescas tortillas de maíz y de harina hechas a diario.

La tienda ofrece una extensa sección de comidas étnicas dirigida a la comunidad hispana. Las señales de toda a tienda son en inglés y español.

"Esta tienda tiene un cuarenta por ciento más de variedad que las tiendas previas y es tres veces más grande que la tienda previa", dijo George Thomas, de Associated Wholesale Grocers. "La tienda ofrece una sistema de refrigeración que no es nocivo para el medio ambiente, el cual está diseñado para reducir el uso de refrigerantes y es menos dañino para la capa de ozono. Estamos muy orgullosos de la familia Ball y de lo que han logrado acá. Ellos tiene que estar muy orgullosos de aquí, este es un edificio moderno y es un gran centro de compras en la

comunidad que ellos atienden".

La familia Ball ha estado sirviéndole a la comunidad por los pasados 75 años y con su tercera generación al timón del negocio de tiendas de abarrotes, ellos han podido traerle su visión de una tienda de abarrotes moderna a los residentes del Condado de Wyandotte. "Estamos entusiasmados y apasionados de poder hacer esto. Ha sido apasionante para nosotros poder desarrollar esto y tenerlo ahora operando", dijo John Ball.

"La familia Ball ha hecho extensos estudios de mercado y han viajado a través del país. Ellos fueron a Arizona, California y Texas y a lo largo y ancho del Medio Oeste para ver qué podría ser complementario y cuáles serían los productos únicos para traer a Kansas City, Kansas y al mercado", dijo Andrew Osman, de ARO Real Estate.

Antes del desarrollo inmobiliario, la propiedad yacía estancada con estructuras derruidas y una parada de

camiones abandonada o casas dilapidadas y un sórdido motel que forzaba a los grupos vecinales a visitar a sus concejales con el objeto de remover el deterioro urbano de sus vecindarios.

"El grupo del Vecindario Prescott fue bastante crítico de este proyecto y el grupo del Vecindario Cathedral se unió a ellos en liderar la senda para abogar por este proyecto", dijo el Comisionado Bill Miller, Distrito 2. "Quiero agradecerle a Joe Reardon y a los comisionados que han sido de importancia crítica para este proyecto. El Alcalde Reardon tiene la plataforma donde vamos a desarrollar la totalidad de la comunidad de Kansas City, Kansas y este proyecto es un brillante lugar en mi distrito, pero también lo es para esta comunidad".

El abrir la nueva tienda en el corazón urbano también ha creado trabajos para los residentes de la comunidad en un momento cuando la economía está en su punto más bajo y muchas personas están

perdiendo sus trabajos. La nueva tienda ofrecerá oportunidades de empleo a los menos a 80 empleados. "La familia Ball nos dijo que ellos pretenden emplear a más personas en la medida en que se pueda. Ellos nos dijeron que estarán poniendo avisos para que la gente solicite trabajos y ellos publicitarán las aperturas de trabajos para las diferentes categorías", dijo el ex comisionado John Méndez.

El nuevo Prescott Plaza de \$20 millones tendrá tiendas adicionales que se estarán abriendo dentro de los próximos dos meses y que ofrecerán más oportunidades de empleos. Las nuevas tiendas que abrirán incluyen a tiendas de ropa, proveedores de teléfonos celulares, restaurantes, tiendas de helados, servicios financieros y una variedad de otras tiendas al detalle.

"Este es un día apasionante. Este es un gran desarrollo", dijo el Alcalde Reardon. "Es importante ya que hemos estado diciendo por varios años que queríamos aprovecharnos del impulso que existía y de

las grandes cosas que están sucediendo en la parte oeste de Kansas City, Kansas y encontrar nuevas oportunidades para hacer avanzar a esta comunidad para grandes nuevos desarrollos en todas las partes de Kansas City, Kansas/ Condado de Wyandotte. Esto marca uno de esos significativos pasos adelante para asegurarse de que construyamos grandes desarrollos en toda esta comunidad".

El Comisionado Pat Pettey, Distrito 6, cree que el desarrollo es precisamente eso. "Esta es una señal que el desarrollo está comenzando a suceder en el corazón urbano. Muchas personas piensan que todo está sucediendo en el oeste y nada sucede en el corazón urbano. Esta nueva tienda tiene clase, luce maravillosa y creo que dice, esto es lo que la gente quiere que suceda en sus vecindarios. Ellos quieren tener un lugar para comprar y gastar su dinero aquí dentro de su comunidad".

Clients are impressed

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chance to be able to come here to the office."

Jose Luis Morales echoed Flores' words. "This is excellent because the majority of people are working during the week and Saturday is the appropriate day for the people that are not working. Before, if you came for the Matricula Consular, you would have to stay here all day. I see that today things are faster. They are more fluid in the things they are providing. If I had to come during the week, I would lose a lot of work time."

Lorena Davis took advantage of the Saturday hours. "This is a perfect situation because we don't have to sacrifice our work time to take care of things. I called to make an appointment and I told them that I have to give my work two weeks advance notice to accommodate my appointment. They told me they are open on Saturdays. I came here and they were prompt. They called me up after 15 minutes to take care of my papers and until now it has gone really well."

Davis was so impressed with the service that she is going to spread the word. "When one goes onto the internet one finds commentaries from people that have had bad experiences here and have been here all day. If you read those commentaries, you get the idea that one is going to be stuck here all day long. I

think that I will post something on the internet because I think it is time that people change their opinion of this."

Roberto Caldera, consul alterno, explained that the office had set up appointments that first Saturday for over 80 people, 37 of those for passports and the rest for matricula papers. "The idea was to open the office one Saturday a month so that those people that can't come during the week can come that day. The question here is to see if there is interest in that time slot, that is what we are trying to gauge. We have seen over 80 people today and we still are open for another hour and half."

Jacob Prado, the new consul, explained to Hispanic News that the consulate is reacting to a need for better services. "This will help the people so that they do not have to leave work or change their weekly habits, like taking a day off from work or finding somebody to take care of their children. We have seen the need in the people that have come here today. We can tell that the community is not yet fully informed of what we are doing and we are hopeful, obviously, that they will find out."

Prado added that the consulate is also offering expanded hours on Thursday for those that cannot attend the morning sessions. "I hope that the whole community

experiences all the services that the Mexican government offers through all its consulate offices across the country. That is precisely why we are here - to serve the Mexicans that are living outside of Mexico."

Though the Consulate office is in Kansas City, it serves a large geographic area encompassing all of Missouri, Kansas and the eastern part of Oklahoma. With that task in mind, the consulate has begun a series of mobile consul trips. The first one of these excursions took place last weekend. "We had our first ever mobile consul last week in Oklahoma City and involved half of the Kansas City staff. In conjunction with the consulate office from Little Rock, Arkansas, we offered services on Saturday and Sunday to more than 700 people."

The success of the mobile units will likely continue next weekend when the mobile makes an appearance in Garden City, Kansas followed the next weekend with one in St. Louis, Missouri. Recognizing that the holiday season is one of the busiest times for travel between Mexico and the United States, the consulate is considering the possibility of expanding weekend service for the month of December.

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Suit seeks to protect integrity of office

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to ask the court to rule as invalid the one anti-family section. I have a responsibility and a duty to protect the integrity of the office of the mayor. Twice recently, the voters approved changes to the city charter that were designed to strengthen the office of the mayor. It was clear that the voters, and the charter, wanted the mayor to be more than just the thirteenth vote on the city council. ... This Ordinance infringes on my authority to run my office, and on any mayor's authority to run his office," Funkhouser said.

Squitiro, the mayor's wife, served as his unpaid personal office assistant until her ban from city hall by the volunteer ordinance. Among other provisions, the ordinance prohibits relatives of city officials from working as volunteers in the official's office. Funkhouser vetoed the ordinance but was overruled by a majority of the city council.

The mayor's attorney,

Doug Carter, said that the ordinance must be viewed in a larger political context. "A few years ago, some people were disgruntled over the role that President Bill Clinton's wife played," Carter said. "But even though you had a very strong Republican majority in Congress, you never saw anybody contemplating a law saying that the first lady of our nation has to remain on the second floor of the White House, cannot enter the west wing upon the president's request, to help him decide what he wants to do."

Carter said that the city council's ordinance banning an elected official's family members from city hall is unique. "In our entire country's history, we have not found another example of a city that has done something like this anti-family provision. ... It is unconstitutional under Article Three of the Missouri Constitution to isolate out a group for special treatment. A legislative body cannot do this," Carter concluded.

Carter explained that the lawsuit will not require extensive expenditures by the city, and should not take up a lot of the council or mayor's time. He said that he will not bill the city or Funkhouser for his time, but will perform the services pro-bono.

Funkhouser has abided by the terms of the ordinance and Squitiro no longer works in his office. However, the mayor decided to use alternate sites for conducting some of the city's official business, including his own home. Funkhouser said that he has always held meetings at his home, particularly on the weekends and evenings. "The amount of time I work at home has probably increased by about two or three hours," Funkhouser told reporters.

Members of the city council were quick to respond to Funkhouser's decision, and held their own press conference on Friday morning, November 7. Jan Marcason, council member fourth district at large, and the person primarily responsible

for pushing the ordinance said, "The ordinance was sound public policy. It's the way the mayor chose to respond to the ordinance that has caused the problem. We never in our wildest dreams thought that he would move his operation to his home just so he could work with his wife."

Cindy Circo, council member fifth-district at large, said, "We don't like it, we don't think it's appropriate, we don't think it's an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, we don't think it's an appropriate use of our law office when there are so many other issues we're dealing with. But it's not our choice. If we had a choice it would not be happening. So we have to take it as a bump in the road, stay focused, and keep working on the issues."

Ed Ford, council member, second-district at large said, "We received the results from the citizen satisfaction survey this week. One of the classifications was 'satisfaction with elected leaders,' and

collectively we scored 23% approval rate. I don't think that what the citizens want to see is more bickering between the mayor and city council."

Funkhouser's action had an unintended result when the Kansas City Star editorial board retracted their support of the mayor in an opinion column titled, "Mark Funkhouser has gone too far."

"With his filing of a petulant, irresponsible lawsuit, the mayor has demonstrated his fixation for working alongside his wife outweighs his concern for the city he has sworn to lead," stated the opinion.

The editorial was the coda to a week of bad news for the mayor. Earlier in the week Joe Miller, the mayor's director of communications, resigned "to focus on graduate school, do more writing and ultimately teach."

The dustup over the ordinance had other ramifications including charges of retaliation leveled by Circo. On Thursday, Circo was

informed by voicemail that the mayor had removed her from the city's Housing Committee. In a press statement, Circo denounced the action and stated, "We were elected by our constituents to make mature, responsible decisions on behalf of the community. It saddens me that the mayor could use something as important as this as a tool for retaliation."

Funkhouser appointed Councilwoman Sanders Brooks chair of the Housing committee and in a statement said, "Councilwoman Sanders Brooks experience and her approach to issues will improve the outcomes in housing."

The city has 30 days to respond to the specifics of Funkhouser's motion for declaratory judgment. Eventually, the legal issues will be presented to a judge in the Jackson County Circuit Court who will decide on the constitutionality of the contested election of the Volunteer Ordinance.

Demanda busca proteger la integridad de la oficina

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de noviembre, Funkhouser explicó su decisión de desafiar una porción de la Ordenanza para Voluntarios. "Creo que tengo una responsabilidad de pedirle a la corte que se pronuncie para invalidar esa sección anti-familia. Tengo una responsabilidad y un deber de proteger la oficina del alcalde. Dos veces recientemente, los votantes aprobaron cambios al mandato de la ciudad que fueron diseñados para fortalecer la oficina del alcalde. Fue claro que los votantes y el mandato, querían que el alcalde fuera más que el décimo tercer voto sobre el concejo de la ciudad. ... Esta ordenanza infringe mi autoridad para desempeñar mi cargo y la autoridad de cualquier alcalde para desempeñar su cargo", dijo Funkhouser.

Squitiro, la esposa del alcalde, oficiaba como su asistente personal de oficina sin recibir honorarios hasta que su presencia fuera prohibida por la ordenanza para voluntarios. Entre otras estipulaciones, la ordenanza prohíbe que familiares de oficiales de la ciudad trabajen como voluntarios en las oficinas del oficial. Funkhouser vetó

la ordenanza, pero su veto fue anulado por una mayoría en el concejo de la ciudad.

El abogado del alcalde, Doug Carter, dijo que la ordenanza debe ser considerada dentro de un contexto político más extenso. "Hace unos pocos años, algunas personas expresaron descontento respecto al rol que jugaba la esposa del Presidente Bill Clinton", dijo Carter. "Pero a pesar de que había una fuerte mayoría republicana en el Congreso, uno nunca vió a nadie pensando en crear una ley estipulando que la primera dama de nuestra nación debía permanecer en el segundo piso de la Casa Blanca, no pudiendo ir al ala este a petición del presidente, para ayudarlo a decidir lo que él quiere hacer".

Carter dice que la ordenanza del concejo ciudadano prohibiendo la presencia de los familiares de un oficial electo en el ayuntamiento es única. "En toda la historia de nuestro país, no hemos encontrado otro ejemplo de una ciudad que haya hecho algo como esta estipulación anti familia. ... es inconstitucional bajo el Artículo Tres de la Constitución de Missouri aislar a un grupo para tratamiento

especial. Un cuerpo legislativo no puede hacer esto", concluyó Carter.

Carter explicó que la demanda no requerirá de gastos extensivos de parte de la ciudad y no debería significarle demasiado gasto de tiempo al concejo o al alcalde. Él dice que por esta vez no le enviará la cuenta a la ciudad o a Funkhouser, sino que ofrecerá sus servicios pro-bono.

Funkhouser ha cumplido con las condiciones de la ordenanza y Squitiro ya no trabaja en su oficina. Sin embargo, el alcalde se decidió a utilizar sitios alternativos para conducir algunos de los negocios oficiales de la ciudad, sitios que incluyen su propia casa. Funkhouser dice que siempre ha realizado reuniones en su casa, particularmente los fines de semana y las tardes. "La cantidad de tiempo que trabajo en casa ha aumentado probablemente en dos o tres horas", Funkhouser le dijo a los reporteros.

Los concejales no perdieron tiempo en reaccionar a la decisión de Funkhouser y realizaron su propia conferencia de prensa la mañana del viernes

7 de noviembre. Jan Marcason, concejal del cuarto distrito general y principalmente responsable por empujar la ordenanza dijo, "La ordenanza fue una buena política pública. Es la manera en que el alcalde eligió responder a ésta lo que ha causado el problema. A nosotros nunca se nos llegó a ocurrir que él mudaría sus operaciones a su casa solamente para poder trabajar con su esposa".

Cindy Circo, concejal del quinto distrito general, dijo, "No nos gusta, no creemos que sea apropiado, no creemos que sea un apropiado uso de los dólares de los contribuyentes, no creemos que sea un apropiado uso de nuestra oficina legal cuando allí hay tantos otros problemas que atender. Pero no es nuestra decisión. Si tuviéramos elección, esto no estaría ocurriendo. Por lo que tenemos que tomarlo como un bache en el camino, mantenerse enfocados y mantenerse trabajando en los problemas".

Ed Ford, concejal del segundo distrito general dijo, "Recibimos los resultados de la encuesta de satisfacción ciudadana esta semana. Una de las clasificaciones fue 'satisfacción

con los líderes electos' y colectivamente recibimos un promedio de aprobación de un 23%. No creo que lo que los ciudadanos quieren ver sean más peleas entre el alcalde y el concejo ciudadano".

La acción de Funkhouser tuvo un resultado inesperado cuando la junta editorial del Kansas City Star revocó su apoyo al alcalde en una columna editorial titulada, "Mark Funkhouser ha ido demasiado lejos".

"Al haber entablado una demanda petulante e irresponsable, el alcalde ha demostrado que su obsesión de trabajar junto a su esposa es más importante que su preocupación por la ciudad que juró liderar", declaraba la opinión.

La columna editorial fue la coda a una semana de malas noticias para el alcalde. A comienzos de la semana, Joe Miller, director de comunicaciones del alcalde, renunció "para enfocarse en estudios de postgrado, escribir más y eventualmente enseñar".

La disputa sobre la ordenanza tuvo otras ramificaciones que incluyeron acusaciones de represalias hechas por Circo. El jueves, un mensaje electrónico

le informó a Circo que el alcalde la había removido del Comité de la Vivienda de la ciudad. En una declaración de prensa, Circo denunció la acción y declaró, "Fuimos elegidos por nuestros votantes para tomar decisiones de madurez y responsables a nombre de la comunidad. Me entristece que el alcalde pudiera usar algo tan importante como esto a modo de herramienta de represalia".

Funkhouser nombró a la concejal Sanders Brooks como ejecutiva del Comité de la Vivienda y en una declaración dijo, la experiencia y el enfoque a los problemas que la concejal Sanders Brooks tiene, mejorarán los resultados del comité de la vivienda".

La ciudad tiene 30 días para responder a los puntos específicos de la moción de Funkhouser con objeto de emitir un juicio declaratorio. Eventualmente, los asuntos legales serán presentados ante un juez en la Corte de Circuito del Condado de Jackson quien decidirá sobre la constitucionalidad de la disputada elección de la Ordenanza para Voluntarios.

Los clientes están impresionados

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para obtener su pasaporte. "Esta es la primera vez que he tenido la oportunidad de poder venir aquí a la oficina".

José Luis Morales hizo eco de las palabras de Flores. "Esto es excelente puesto que la mayoría de la gente trabaja durante la semana y el sábado es el día apropiado para la gente que no está trabajando. Antes, si uno venía por la Matrícula Consular, uno tenía que estar acá todo el día. Veo que hoy por hoy los trámites son más rápidos. Son más expeditos en las cosas que proveen. Si hubiera tenido que venir durante la semana, habría perdido tiempo de trabajo".

Lorena Davis aprovechó las horas del sábado. "Esta es una situación perfecta ya que no tenemos que sacrificar nuestro tiempo de trabajo para preocuparnos de las cosas. Llamé para hacer una cita y les dije que tenía que dar dos semanas adelantadas de aviso en mi trabajo para acomodar mi cita. Ellos me dijeron que abrían los sábados. Llegué hasta acá y

ellos fueron puntuales. Ellos me llamaron después de 15 minutos para ocuparse de mis papeles y hasta ahora ha salido verdaderamente bien".

Davis quedó tan impresionada con el servicio, que ella va a esparcir la noticia. "Cuando uno va a la Internet, uno encuentra comentarios de personas que han tenido malas experiencias aquí y han estado aquí por todo el día. Si uno lee esos comentarios, uno se hace la idea de que uno va a estar pegada allí todo el día. Creo que voy a publicar algo en la Internet porque creo que es tiempo de que la gente cambie su opinión sobre ello".

Roberto Caldera, cónsul alterno, explicó que la oficina ha concretado citas ese primer sábado para más de 80 personas, 37 de ellas para pasaportes y el resto para papeles de matrícula. "La idea fue abrir la oficina un sábado al mes para que aquellas personas que no podían ir durante la semana, pudieran hacerlo ese día. El asunto aquí es ver si allí hay interés en ese horario, eso es

lo que hemos estado tratando de evaluar. Hemos visto a más de 80 personas hoy día y aún estaremos abiertos por otra hora y media".

Jacob Prado, el nuevo cónsul le explicó a Hispanic News que el consulado está reaccionando a una necesidad por mejorar sus servicios. "Esto ayudará a las personas para que no tengan que abandonar el trabajo o cambiar sus hábitos semanales, tal como tomar un día libre del trabajo o encontrar a alguien que les cuide los niños. Nosotros hemos visto la necesidad en la gente que ha venido aquí hoy. Nosotros podemos decir que la comunidad aún no ha sido informada completamente de lo que estamos haciendo y estamos esperanzados, obviamente, que ellos se enterarán".

Prado agregó que el consulado está también ofreciendo un horario extendido los jueves para aquellos que no pueden acudir a las sesiones matutinas. "Espero que toda la comunidad utilice todos los servicios que el gobierno mexicano ofrece a través de todas sus oficinas

consulares de todo el país. Para eso es que estamos aquí precisamente - para servirle a los mexicanos que están viviendo fuera de México".

Aunque la oficina del Consulado de México está en Kansas City, ésta atiende una extensa área geográfica que comprende todo Missouri, Kansas y la parte este de Oklahoma. Con esa tarea en la mente, el consulado a comenzado una serie de viajes en un consulado móvil. La primera de estas excursiones se realizó el fin de semana pasado. "Tuvimos nuestro primer consulado móvil la semana pasada en Oklahoma City y contó con la participación de la mitad del personal de Kansas City. En conjunto con la oficina consular de Little Rock, Arkansas, le ofrecimos servicios el sábado y el domingo a más de 700 personas".

Es probable que el éxito de la unidades móviles continúe el próximo fin de semana cuando el móvil haga una visita a Garden City, Kansas y prosiguiendo el próximo fin de semana con una visita a St. Louis, Missouri.



Según personas con quienes Hispanic News platicó, el aumento de la eficiencia de la oficina significó esperas más cortas para aquellas personas que buscan los servicios de la oficina consular mexicana. Muchos clientes apreciaron la nueva accesibilidad y enfoque hacia el cliente ofrecidos por el personal.

Reconociendo que la época festiva es uno de los tiempos de más tráfaj para viajar entre México y EE.UU., el consulado está considerando la posibilidad de ampliar sus servicios de los fines de semana durante el mes de diciembre.

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School Board Must Decide

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Adrianna Pecina told Hispanic News that she and others have formed a group that will be lobbying for a Hispanic/Latino representative on the school board, and will be continuing their activities beyond the immediate issue, with an eye toward electing a Hispanic/Latino representative to the school board.

"More than just having a Latino on the board, we need someone who can communicate with Latino parents and students and represent their interests," Pecina said. "My concern is that they consider a qualified Latino when they make an appointment."

According to Pecina, neither she nor her husband, Uzzeil Pecina, have applied for the position because of family and career demands, but they do support the candidacy of several applicants whom they consider to be well qualified. Among these are Chaurand, Dolores Arzola, and Ezequiel Amador. Arzola ran as a write-in candidate for sub-district one during the April 2008 election, while Amador ran for a seat on the Kansas City city council.

"I don't think we should get something just because we're Hispanic," Amador said. "But we should get it if we're the best qualified. ... People who are saying that a Hispanic should be on the board should also be applying, and supporting the effort. ... Hispanic children make up 25% of the student body, and it's important for

the children to see someone on the board who looks like them. But it's also important to have someone who's qualified. If there's a crook who looks like me, then I don't want him in a leadership position," Amador quipped. "That does no one any good."

"We're asking them to give a Latino preference if they are equally qualified," Chaurand enjoined. "The white community has representation, the black community has representation, and we're only asking for Latino representation. The board has the prerogative to select the best person."

According to Marilyn Simmons, president of the Board, a selection must be made within 45 days from the closing of the application process. "The board as a whole will make the decision," Simmons said. "We'll go through the applications, and each person will be given the opportunity to make an oral presentation to the board."

Simmons acknowledged that there are no specific educational requirements for board membership, and no specific experience or background is required. The only stated qualification requirements for the board position are that the applicant be a tax paying resident of the district for at least one year and be at least 24 years of age.

Simmons said she is aware of the Hispanic/Latino community's desire to have a representative on the board, but declined to state her position on the subject. "I won't get into

the game of saying who should be on the board or not," she said.

Arick Leonard West, who was elected to the board in April, said, "I'm very supportive of having a fully qualified Hispanic candidate. A quarter of the district is Hispanic, and I think it is appropriate. Now that we have all sixteen candidates in, we'll interview them and vote. If we don't have a selection on the first vote, we will continue to vote until someone is selected."

When asked how the board will distinguish between candidates, given the paucity of qualification requirements, West said he is looking for six qualities. To be a "leader" for the school district, West says, the individual must "do the work, have a following, be committed to unity, committed to results, and committed to governance."

Arthur Benson, newly elected board member representing sub-district one, is equivocal on the Hispanic/Latino candidate. "Their request is understandable, but I don't believe it's even lawful to take race or ethnicity into consideration in placing someone on the board. ... We can't engage in affirmative action unless there has been a prior finding of discrimination. But, all other things being equal, I think it would be good to have a Hispanic on the board."

Benson identified several qualities he will be looking for in a candidate, although he acknowledged that these qualities were not outlined in the board's job announcement.

"First, we need someone with an educational background, who understands how teachers teach and students learn. Second, we need someone with finance and budgeting background and someone with management and leadership experience. ... We want to do better than just pick a name at random of someone who is a resident and is over 24 years of age. We're trying to find someone who best adds to the school board and covers some of our weaknesses."

Benson said that he has not discussed his standards with other board members, and they have not disclosed what qualifications they will be looking for. "The school board is going to have a meeting to discuss what we're looking for in a member, and then we're going to interview everyone. What everyone wants in a candidate is probably still evolving. There is not a single view. We have eight people on the board."

Benson's district, has a large Hispanic population, and includes the Westside. Benson said that he has not made a special effort to communicate with Hispanic/Latino parents and students in his sub-district, but plans to do so after a new superintendent is selected. "Once we get a superintendent on board I will attend community meetings and reach as many children and parents as possible," Benson said.

Meservey students celebrate "Take a Vet to School Day"

Meservey Alternative School hosted its first Take a Vet to School Day on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2008. Veterans of the Kansas City, Missouri area shared stories of their service with students and faculty, and were treated to a light breakfast and lunch. History™ and Time Warner Cable partnered on this outreach initiative.

Veterans met with students individually, as well as in classrooms, to answer questions and share their experiences from 10 a.m.-12 noon on Veteran's Day. This special program is an encouragement for all District schools and work sites to take

time out of the workday to thank their employees and community members who have served in the Armed Forces.

More than 350 schools in all 50 states participated in the program in 2007. History™ provides curriculum-based educational materials as well as a Veterans Day video produced in conjunction with the United States Department of Education. A complete list of suggestions on Thank a Vet at Work can be found on the Take a Veteran to School Day website at www.veterans.com.

Estudiantes de Meservey celebran Día de llevar un veterano a la escuela

La Escuela Alternativa Meservey realizó su primer Día de Llevar a un Veterano a la Escuela, el 11 de noviembre del 2008. Los Veteranos del área de Kansas City, Missouri compartieron historias de sus servicios con estudiantes y facultativos y fueron agasajados con un desayuno ligero y un almuerzo. History™ y Time Warner Cable se asociaron en esta iniciativa de extensión.

Los veteranos se reunieron con estudiantes en forma individual, además de los salones de clases, para responder a preguntas y compartir sus experiencias desde las 10 a.m. hasta las 12 del mediodía durante el Día de los Veteranos. Este programa especial es una exhortación para todas las escuelas del distrito y

sitios de trabajo para tomarse un tiempo durante la jornada de trabajo para agradecerle a sus empleados y a miembros de la comunidad que han servido en las fuerzas armadas.

Más de 350 escuelas en todos los 50 estados participaron en el programa en el 2007. Historia™ ofrece materiales basados en currículos educacionales además de un video Día de los Veteranos producido en conjunto con el departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos. Una completa lista de sugerencias sobre Agradézcale a un Veterano en el Trabajo pueden ser encontrados en el portal Internet Día de Llevar a un Veterano al Trabajo en www.veterans.com.

La Junta Escolar Debe Decidir

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latino que es igualmente calificado y puede dar un paso adelante y convertirse en un miembro productivo de la junta, queremos que ustedes le den preferencia a ese individuo".

Chaurand y otros en la comunidad, incluyendo a Uzzeil Pecina, a Freda Méndez Smith, a Dolores Arzola y a la representante del estado Teresa Garza, hablaron ante la junta el 6 de octubre, exhortándolos a seleccionar a un representante hispano/latino. Varias otras personas hispanas/latinas estuvieron también presentes para demostrar apoyo a esa proposición;

Adrianna Pecina le dijo a Hispanic News que ella y otros han formado un grupo que ejercerá presión para poner a un representante hispano/latino en la junta escolar.

"Más que solamente tener a un latino en la junta, nosotros necesitamos a alguien que pueda comunicarse con los padres y estudiantes latinos y que represente sus intereses", dijo Pecina. "Mi preocupación es que ellos consideren a un latino calificado cuando hagan un nombramiento".

Según Pecina, ni ella ni su esposo, Uzzeil Pecina, han postulado a la posición a causa de las obligaciones familiares y de sus carreras, pero ellos apoyan las candidaturas de varios postulantes que ellos consideran estar bien calificados. Entre éstos se encuentran Chaurand, Dolores Arzola y Ezequiel Amador. Arzola compitió como candidata cuyo nombre requiere ser escrito en el voto para el sub-districto uno durante la elección de abril del 2008, mientras que Amador compitió por una posición en el concejo de la ciudad de Kansas City.

"No creo que deberíamos tratar de obtener algo simplemente porque somos hispanos", dijo Amador. "Pero deberíamos conseguirlo si fuéramos los mejores calificados. ... Las personas que andan diciendo que un hispano debería estar en la junta, también deberían inscribirse y apoyar el esfuerzo. ... Los niños hispanos

conforman el 25% del cuerpo estudiantil y es importante para los niños ver a alguien en la junta que luzca como ellos. Pero también es importante tener a alguien que sea calificado. Si allí hubiera un malhechor que luce como yo, entonces no lo quiero en una posición de liderazgo", Amador dijo en tono de broma. "Eso no es un bien para nadie".

"Les estamos pidiendo que le den preferencia a un latino si éstos son igualmente calificados", impuso Chaurand. "La comunidad blanca tiene representación, la comunidad afro-estadounidense tiene representación y nosotros solamente pedimos una representación latina. La junta tiene el derecho de seleccionar a la mejor persona".

Según Marilyn Simmons, presidenta de la junta, una selección debe ser hecha dentro de 45 días desde el cierre del proceso de inscripciones. "La junta como un todo tomará la decisión", dijo Simmons. "Revisaremos las postulaciones y a cada persona se le dará la oportunidad de hacer una presentación oral ante la junta".

Simmons reconoció que allí no hay requisitos educacionales específicos para una membresía en la junta y no se requiere de un historial o experiencia específica. Los únicos requisitos de calificación para la posición de la junta son que el postulante sea un residente y contribuyente del distrito por a los menos un año y tenga a lo menos 24 años de edad.

Simmons dice estar conciente del deseo de la comunidad latina/hispana de tener a un representante en la junta, pero declinó declarar su posición sobre el asunto. "No voy a entrar al juego de decir quién debería estar en la junta y quien no", dijo ella.

Arick Leonard West, quien fue elegido a la junta en abril, dijo, "Soy muy partidario de tener a un candidato hispano que sea totalmente calificado. Un cuarto del distrito es hispano y creo que es apropiado. Ahora que tenemos a todos los dieciséis candidatos, los entrevistaremos y votaremos. Si no logramos una selección en el primer voto,

continuaremos votando hasta que alguien sea elegido".

Cuando se le preguntó cómo la junta haría distinciones entre los candidatos, dada la escasez de requisitos calificativos, West dice estar buscando seis cualidades. El ser un "líder" para el distrito escolar, dice West. La persona debe "hacer el trabajo, tener seguidores, estar comprometido con la unidad, comprometido a los resultados y comprometido a gobernar".

Arthur Benson, recientemente electo miembro de la junta quien representa al sub-districto uno, es ambiguo en lo que se refiere al candidato hispano/latino. "Su petición es entendible, pero no creo que sea incluso legal tomar la raza u origen étnico en consideración cuando se emplaça a alguien en la junta. ... No podemos engranarnos en acción afirmativa a menos que se hayan encontrado casos previos de discriminación. Pero, considerando la equivalencia de todo lo demás, creo que sería

bueno tener a un hispano en la junta".

Benson identificó varias cualidades que él estaría buscando en un candidato, aunque reconoció que esas cualidades no fueron delineadas en el aviso de trabajo de la junta. "Primero, necesitamos a alguien con un historial educacional, que entienda cómo enseñan los maestros y cómo aprenden los estudiantes. Segundo, necesitamos a alguien con un historial en finanzas y presupuestos y alguien con experiencia en administración y liderazgo. ... Queremos hacerlo de una manera mejor que simplemente seleccionar al azar el nombre de alguien que sea residente y tenga más de 24 años. Estamos tratando de encontrar a alguien que le aporte de mejor manera a la junta escolar y cubra algunas de nuestras debilidades".

Benson dice que no ha discutido sus estándares con otros miembros de la junta y ellos no han revelado qué tipo de calificaciones estarán

buscando. "La junta escolar va a tener una reunión para discutir qué estamos buscando en un miembro y luego los vamos a entrevistar a todos. Lo que cada uno quiere en un candidato probablemente aún está desarrollándose. No hay un punto de vista singular. Somos ocho miembros en la junta".

El distrito de Benson tienen una considerable población hispana e incluye al Westside. Benson dice no haber hecho un esfuerzo especial para comunicarse con los padres y estudiantes hispanos/latinos en su sub-districto, pero planea hacerlo después que un nuevo superintendente sea elegido. "Una vez que tengamos a un superintendente a bordo, asistiré a reuniones comunitarias y alcanzaré a tantos niños y padres como me sea posible", dijo Benson.

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Health insurance vital in retirement

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If you've already retired or plan to in the near future, it's a good idea to review your health care coverage to make sure it has kept pace with your changing needs. Adequate health insurance is a vital component of overall financial security, especially as we age and require more medical care.

Here are a few important considerations:

Most Americans become eligible for Medicare at age 65. Medicare offers numerous plans and coverage options:

- Part A primarily covers hospitalization and has no monthly premium

- Part B pays for doctor's bills and other medical services, is optional and has a monthly premium

- Part C allows people to enroll in private HMO or PPO Medicare plans (generally with additional benefits; and sometimes at additional cost)

- Part D covers prescription drugs, is optional and carries a monthly premium

Note that there may be penalties if you don't sign up for Parts B and D as soon as you're eligible. To learn more about your Medicare options, visit the official site, www.medicare.gov, or AARP's comprehensive overview at www.aarp.org/medicare.

If you retire before age 65, you'll need coverage to bridge the gap through an individual policy, your spouse's plan or another group policy. Some retirees are insured through former employers - although such plans are increasingly rare and often become more expensive over time. An insurance broker can help you compare plans; to find one, visit the National Association of Health Underwriters' website (www.nahu.org).

To lower costs, consider purchasing a high-deductible plan. Monthly premiums are often hundreds of dollars cheaper than comparable low-deductible plans and you're covered for catastrophic illnesses that could otherwise wipe out your savings.

Some people combine a high-deductible plan with a Health Savings Account (HSA) for additional savings. HSAs let you save pretax dollars in an interest-earning account and then withdraw the money, tax-free, to pay for health care expenses. Contributions are tax-deductible, even if you don't itemize deductions, and unspent balances can be carried forward, year after year. For details on HSAs, visit the Department of the Treasury's website (www.treas.gov/offices/

public-affairs/hsa) or www.hsafinder.com.

Also consider buying long-term care insurance (LTCI), which covers medical and non-medical services for chronically ill or disabled people who cannot care for themselves, including performing normal tasks like bathing, dressing and taking medications.

Long-term care is expensive. Although Medicare pays for 20 days of skilled nursing care immediately after hospitalization (plus a small portion of the subsequent 80 days), many people require significantly longer care. Another government program, Medicaid, covers custodial care for low-income, elderly and disabled people, but only at approved nursing homes willing to accept Medicaid - and only after you've exhausted most of your assets. See www.cms.hhs.gov for details.

A few LTCI tips:

- Look for policies that pay the same daily rate no matter where care is given.

- Purchase an inflation rider.

- A portion of LTCI premiums is usually tax-deductible.

Rates are lower and eligibility easier the younger you are. Unfortunately, many pre-existing conditions and serious diseases are disqualifiers, so investigate while still healthy.

AARP's website features a comprehensive overview of long-term care and other age-related health issues (www.aarp.org/families), as does Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/retirement). As always, consult a financial professional regarding your particular situation.

Health insurance is one expense you can't afford to skip on in retirement, especially as medical costs continue to escalate.

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Seguro de salud es vital al jubilarse

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Si usted ya ha jubilado o planea hacerlo en un futuro cercano, es una buena idea que revise su cobertura del cuidado de la salud para asegurarse de que se haya mantenido a paso con sus cambiantes necesidades. Un adecuado seguro de salud es un componente vital para una seguridad financiera general, especialmente en la medida en que envejecemos y necesitamos de más cuidado médico.

Aquí van unas pocas pero importantes consideraciones:

La mayoría de los estadounidenses se tornan elegibles para recibir Medicare a la edad de 65. El Medicare ofrece numerosos planes y opciones de cobertura:

- Parte A primariamente cubre hospitalización y no tiene prima mensual

- Parte B paga las cuentas de los médicos y otros servicios médicos, es opcional y tiene una prima mensual

- Parte C le permite a la gente enrolarse en planes de Medicare HMO o PPO (Generalmente con beneficios adicionales y algunas veces con costos adicionales)

- Parte D cubre medicamentos recetados, es opcional y acarrea una prima mensual

Note que allí podrían haber penalidades si uno no firma para las partes B y D tan pronto como se haga elegible. Para aprender más sobre sus opciones de Medicare, visite el sitio oficial, www.medicare.gov, o la revisión exhaustiva de AARP en www.aarp.org/medicare.

Si usted se jubila antes de la edad de 65, usted necesitará cobertura para cerrar la brecha mediante una póliza individual, el plan de su esposa u otra póliza de grupo. Algunos jubilados son asegurados mediante sus ex empleadores - aunque tales planes son más y más raros y a menudo se encarecen más con el tiempo. Un agente de seguros lo puede ayudar a comparar planes; para encontrar uno, visite el portal de la Asociación Nacional de Proveedores de la Salud (www.nahu.org).

Para abaratar los costos, considere comprar un plan altamente deducible. Primas mensuales a menudo cuestan cientos de dólares menos que un plan comparable de bajas deducciones y usted está cubierto por enfermedades catastróficas que de otra manera pudieran acabar con sus ahorros.

Algunas personas combinan un plan de alta deducción con una Cuenta de Ahorros de la Salud (HSA) para obtener ahorros adicionales. Las HSA le ayudan a ahorrar dólares preimpuestos en una cuenta para ganar interés y luego retirar el dinero, libre de impuestos, para pagar por gastos del cuidado de la salud. Las contribuciones se puede deducir de los impuestos,

incluso si uno no hace un detalle de las deducciones y los balances sin gastar pueden ser llevados adelante, año tras año. Para más detalles sobre las HSA, visite el portal Internet del Departamento del Tesoro en el (www.treas.gov/offices/public-affairs/hsa) o en www.hsafinder.com.

También considere comprar seguro de salud a largo plazo (LTCI), el cual cubre servicios médicos y no-médicos para las personas con enfermedades crónicas o discapacitadas quienes no pueden cuidarse a si mismos, incluyendo el hacer tareas normales tales como bañarse, vestirse y tomar medicinas.

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Unos pocos consejos para LTCI:

- Busque pólizas que paguen el mismo promedio diario sin importar dónde se entrega el cuidado.

- Compre un corredor para inflación.

- Una porción de las pólizas de LTCI es comúnmente deducible de sus impuestos.

Los promedios son más bajos y la elegibilidad es más fácil mientras más joven sea usted. Desafortunadamente, muchas condiciones preexistentes y enfermedades serias lo descalificarán, por lo que investigue mientras aún está sano.

El portal de la AARP ofrece una revisión exhaustiva sobre el cuidado a largo plazo y otros problemas de salud relacionados con la edad (www.aarp.org/families), tal como lo hace el sitio de Visa para administración financiera personal gratis de Visa Inc. Aptitudes Monetarias Prácticas Para Toda una Vida. (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/retirement). Como siempre, consulte a un profesional financiero respecto a su situación en particular.

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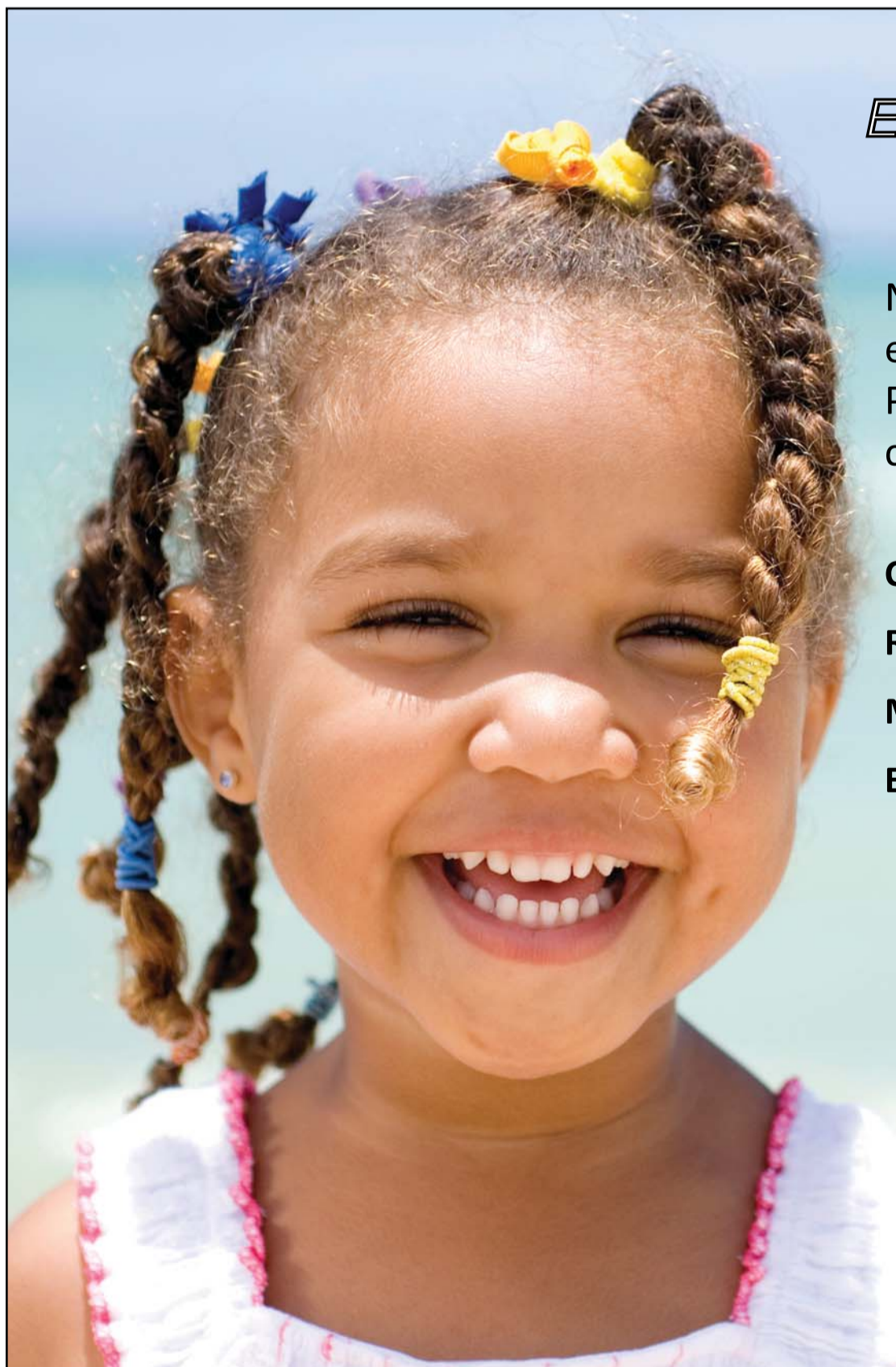
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Uruapan Delegation Meets with Mayor Reardon



DEBRA DECASTER
HISPANIC NEWS

Clay pots, fountains, waterfalls, women and children adorned in vivid reds, blue and green embroidered clothes, ornately decorated archways were the subject of digital artworks displayed in the lobby of the Kansas City, Kansas City Hall. The works served as an enticement to visitors to the City of Uruapan in Michoacán, Mexico, Kansas City, Kansas' sister city. The artwork will be on public display at City Hall for two months.

The artwork also served as a symbolic reminder of the sister city relationship. Earlier that Thursday morning, October 23, Mayor Antonio Gonzalez and a delegation of civic and business leaders and artists from Uruapan met with Mayor Joe Reardon and city representatives and guests to renew the Sister City agreement. "Bringing out artwork here to let everyone know about our city is very important. The people here are very warm and we want them to know about our city and our citizens," said Mayor Gonzalez.

Mayor Reardon has a special connection with Uruapan. Reardon was one of the first KCK residents to visit the city under the exchange agreement signed by his late father, then KCK mayor Jack Reardon on October 31, 1978.

"The artwork that is here is going to allow our employees and our citizens to really get a good sense of the state of Michoacán and Uruapan, our sister city. The artwork details how beautiful the natural beauty and the people are in their city. I think art can express it in a special way for us to make that connection between us. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to have this on display here and I hope that some one will come through here and see this and decide that they want to go and see it for themselves," said Reardon.

This is the fifth meeting since the official Sister City agreement was signed. Uruapan is

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Delegación de Uruapan se Reúne con Alcalde Reardon

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Vasijas de arcilla, fuentes, cascadas, mujeres y niños adornados en atuendos vividamente bordados de colores rojos, azules y verdes y arcos decorados fueron los temas de obras digitales exhibidas en el lobby del Kansas City Hall en Kansas City, Kansas. Las obras le sirvieron de incentivo a quienes visitaron el evento de Ciudades Hermanas entre la Ciudad de Uruapan del estado mexicano de Michoacán y Kansas City, Kansas. La exposición de arte estará abierta al público en el Ayuntamiento durante dos meses.

Las obras de arte también servirán como un simbólico recordatorio de la relación de ciudad hermana. Temprano en la mañana de ese jueves 23 de octubre, el Alcalde Antonio González y una delegación de líderes cívicos y de negocios y de artistas de Uruapan se reunieron con el Alcalde Reardon, con representantes de la ciudad y con invitados para renovar el acuerdo de Ciudad Hermana. "El haber traído obras de arte aquí

para darle a conocer nuestra ciudad a todos es muy importante. La gente aquí es muy acogedora y queremos que conozcan sobre nuestra ciudad y sus habitantes", dijo el Alcalde González.

El Alcalde Reardon tiene una conexión especial con Uruapan. Reardon fue uno de los primeros residentes de KCK en visitar la ciudad bajo el nuevo acuerdo de intercambio firmado el 31 de octubre de 1978 por su fallecido padre, el entonces alcalde de KCK Jack Reardon.

"Las obras de arte que están aquí, le van a permitir a nuestros empleados y nuestros ciudadanos formarse una buena idea sobre el Estado de Michoacán y nuestra ciudad hermana de Uruapan. Las obras de arte detallan lo hermoso que son la belleza natural y la gente de su ciudad. Creo que el arte puede expresarlo de una manera especial para nosotros y poder así hacer esa

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A special photographic exhibit provided the backdrop for the re-signing of the Sister City accord between Kansas City, Kansas and the city of Uruapan in the state of Michoacán, Mexico.

Una exposición fotográfica especial sirvió de telón de fondo para la renovación de la firma del acuerdo de Ciudad Hermana entre Kansas City, Kansas y la ciudad Uruapan en el estado mexicano de Michoacán.

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Kariotis offers possibility of art exhibit in 09

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internationally known for its magnificent handicrafts, the maque lacquer work on pitchers and bowls, shawl weaving. The area is also a major avocado production center.

Delia Hernandez, the chair of the KCK Uruapan Sister City committee, worked closely with the delegation and the Unified Government as the delegation visited the city. She was excited that the two photographers, whose work was showcased at City Hall, traveled with the delegation to discuss their passion for their city and their photography, with the citizens who gathered at the recent press conference.

"The artwork is one component that can be shared and enhanced through our sister city relationship. These photographs showcase the beauty of Uruapan but it also shows their (photographers) passion, their craft, and what you will see if you travel there. On the cultural art aspect, it is an opportunity to connect them with artists here in Kansas City, Kansas," she said.

"What a great opportunity

this is for both mayors. Mayor Gonzalez is the new elected mayor of Uruapan. This was an opportunity for the new government delegation to come here to Kansas City, Kansas and meet with our mayor," added Hernandez.

Carol Kariotis, executive director of Kaw Valley Arts, is excited at the prospect of working with artists from Mexico. "This is a wonderful opportunity to see the photography here. It is fabulous." She had the opportunity to help set up the display for the public. "It was really exciting to see the photography and then to decide where each piece went. I am really interested in the clay pot pictures, how they used contrast and colors to draw you into the picture."

Kariotis has reserved a month next year where she hopes to involve the entire downtown area in displaying art in celebration of Latino heritage. "I am new and have just started to have meetings with others to discuss what we want to do and how we can get the community involved in seeing artwork like this and others."

While in the area, the

Uruapan delegation took a tour of the city and many were amazed at the growth the city specifically the western part where they toured the Village West complex. Mayor Gonzalez had a close up feel of the Kansas Speedway with a Kansas Speedway Experience. "It was thrilling. I was able to ride in a racecar with a racecar driver around the track twice. At first I was cold when I got into the car, but the laps warmed me up," he laughed.

The delegation observed city police and fire operations, toured district schools, and a nursing school. The two Mayors discussed the possibility of setting up a pilot program that would have the two sister cities sending nursing students to each country. "We would like to have our students come here and learn about nursing and to learn about the culture and to learn to speak English," said Mayor Gonzalez.

Mayor Reardon saw the pilot program as an excellent program to build a bridge between the two cultures. "It is extremely important for us to learn about different cultures. We are looking forward to developing

a nurse exchange program. I am excited about that because it would help nurses here to learn about the culture, and learn what is the appropriate approach in treating someone from a different culture."

Mayor Gonzalez also took every opportunity to invite people from the area to visit Uruapan. He extended a special invitation to the students of Bishop Ward High school, asking them to consider traveling to Uruapan for a friendly match of football.

Hernandez is hopeful that the re-establishment of the relationship will be a boon for both communities. "We have two mayors that are so passionate about the Sister City program. Mayor Gonzalez is very passionate about Sister Cities and he has a desire to really develop a sister city relationship, in everything a sister city should be, a culture exchange, an education exchange, a business exchange, what a great opportunity to share and learn from each other," said Hernandez.



The traditional dresses with their intricate embroidery, the lacquered plates, and the beautiful vistas of the area, are the subject matter of a photographic essay on the city of Uruapan on display in KCK City Hall.



Kariotis ofrece posibilidad de exhibición de arte en el 2009

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conexión entre nosotros. Es una maravillosa oportunidad para nosotros el tener esto en exhibición aquí y esperar que alguien venga acá y vea esto y decida querer verlo por sí mismo", dijo Reardon.

Esta es la quinta reunión desde que el acuerdo oficial de Ciudad Hermana fuera firmado. Uruapan es conocida internacionalmente por sus magníficas artesanías de laca de maque en jarros y fuentes, por el tejido de mantillas. El área es también un importante centro de producción de aguacates.

Delia Hernández, ejecutiva del comité Ciudad Hermana KCK Uruapan, trabajó en forma cercana con la delegación y con el Gobierno Unificado durante la visita de la delegación a la ciudad. Ella se mostró entusiasmada que los dos fotógrafos, cuyos trabajos fueron exhibidos en el Ayuntamiento, viajaran con la delegación para discutir su pasión por la ciudad y sus fotografías con los ciudadanos que se reunieron durante la reciente conferencia de prensa.

"Las obras de arte son un componente que puede ser compartido y ampliado mediante nuestra relación de ciudad hermana. Estas fotografías muestran la belleza de Uruapan, pero también muestran su pasión (De los fotógrafos), su arte y lo que ustedes podrán ver si viajan hasta allá. En el aspecto cultural del arte, es una

oportunidad para conectarlos con los artistas aquí en Kansas City, Kansas", dijo ella.

"Que gran oportunidad es ésta para ambos alcaldes. El Alcalde González es el recientemente electo alcalde de Uruapan. Esta fue una oportunidad para la delegación del nuevo gobierno para venir aquí a Kansas City, Kansas y reunirse con nuestro alcalde", agregó Hernández.

Carol Kariotis, directora ejecutiva de Kaw Valley Arts, está entusiasmada con la oportunidad de trabajar con artistas de México. "Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad de ver las fotografías aquí. Es fabuloso". Ella tuvo la oportunidad de ayudar a montar la exhibición para el público. "Fue apasionante ver las fotografías y luego decidir dónde poner cada pieza. Estoy verdaderamente interesada en las fotos de las vasijas de arcilla, cómo ellos utilizan el contraste y los colores para atraerlo a uno a la fotografía".

Kariotis ha reservado un mes durante el próximo año en donde ella espera hacer participar a toda el área del centro para exhibir arte durante la celebración de la herencia Latina. "Yo soy nueva y acabo de comenzar a sostener reuniones con otros para discutir lo que queremos hacer y cómo podemos hacer participar a la comunidad para ver obras de arte como éstas y otras".

Mientras se encontraban en el área, la delegación de Uruapan realizó un tour por la

ciudad y muchos se mostraron sorprendidos con el crecimiento de la ciudad, específicamente con la parte oeste donde ellos hicieron un tour por el complejo Village West. El Alcalde González expresó una sensación de cercanía cuando visitó el Autódromo de Kansas. "Fue emocionante. Pude conducir un auto de carreras junto a un piloto de carreras y dar dos vueltas por la pista. De primeras estaba frío cuando me subí al auto, pero las vueltas me subieron la temperatura", dijo él riendo.

La delegación observó las operaciones de la policía y de los bomberos de la ciudad, hizo un tour por las escuelas del distrito y una escuela de enfermería. Los dos alcaldes discutieron la posibilidad de instaurar un programa piloto que haga que las dos ciudades hermanas envíen estudiantes de enfermería a cada país. "A nosotros nos gustaría que nuestros estudiantes vinieran aquí y aprendieran sobre enfermería y aprendieran sobre la cultura y aprendieran a hablar inglés", dijo el Alcalde González.

El Alcalde Reardon consideró el programa piloto como un programa excelente para construir un puente entre las dos culturas. "Es extremadamente importante para nosotros aprender sobre las diferentes culturas. Estamos esperanzados de desarrollar un programa de intercambio de enfermeros/as. Estoy entusiasmado sobre ello porque le ayudaría a

los enfermeros/as de aquí a aprender sobre la cultura y aprender cuál es la manera apropiada para tratar a alguien de una cultura diferente".

El Alcalde González aprovechó también cada oportunidad para invitar a la gente del área a visitar Uruapan. Él extendió una invitación especial a los estudiantes de la Secundaria Bishop Ward. Pidiéndoles que consideren viajar a Uruapan para jugar un partido amistoso de fútbol.

Hernández está esperanzada que el reestablecimiento de la relación sea de gran ayuda para ambas comunidades. "Nosotros tenemos a dos alcaldes que son tan apasionados respecto al programa Ciudades Hermanas. El Alcalde González es muy apasionado respecto al programa Ciudades Hermanas y él tiene verdaderamente el deseo de desarrollar una relación de ciudad hermana, en cada cosa que una ciudad hermana debiera ser, un intercambio cultural, un intercambio educacional, un intercambio de negocios, que gran oportunidad tenemos de compartir y de aprender de cada uno", dijo Hernández.

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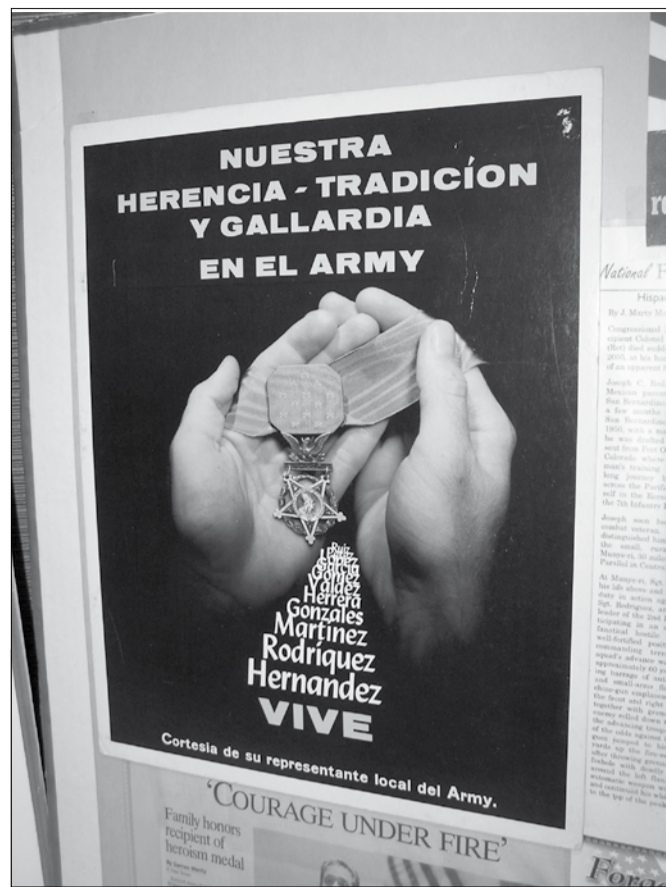
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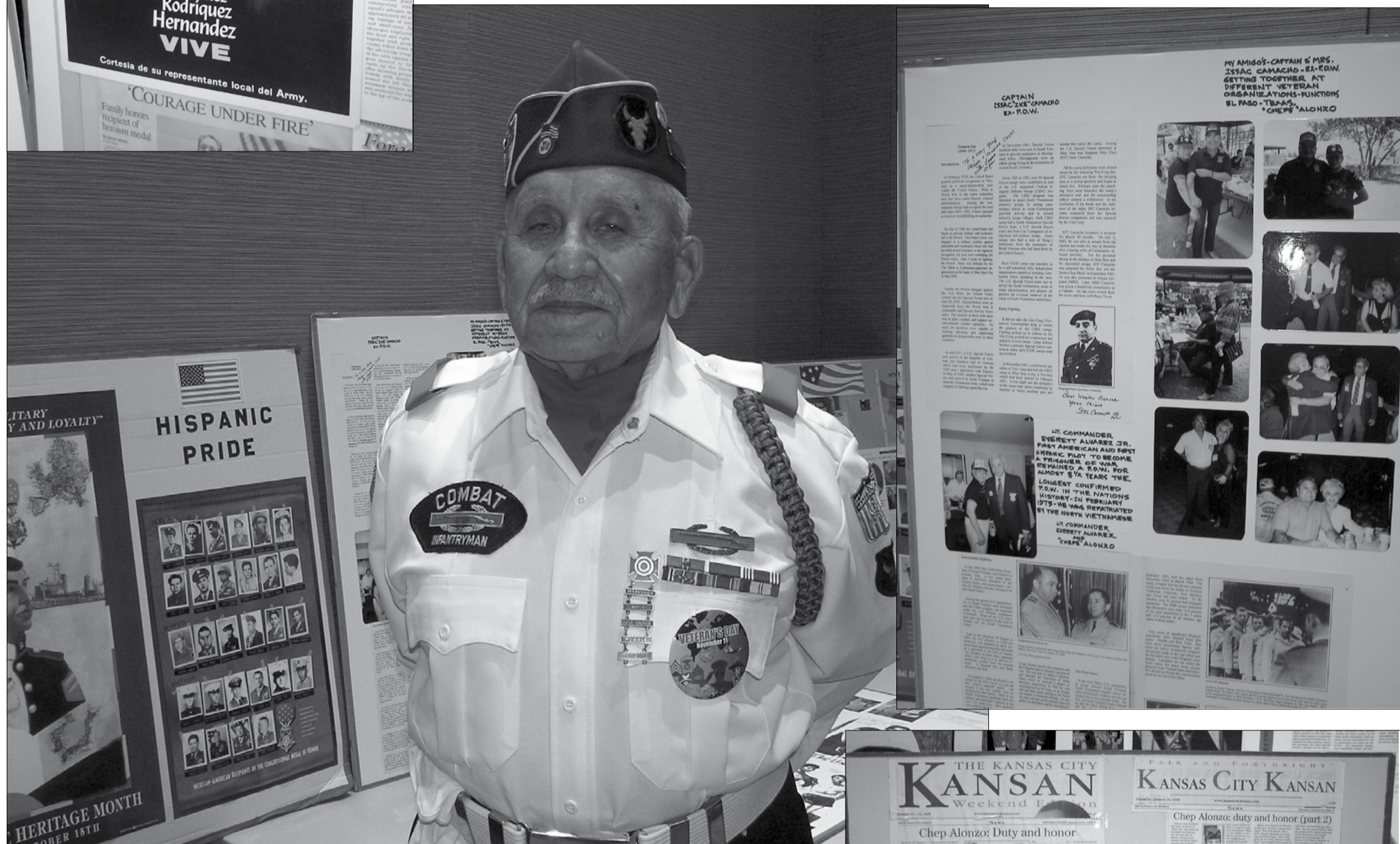
Army veteran Roque Riojas, who served in the 34th division from 1942 to 1945, told Hispanic News he still gets excited celebrating Veterans Day. "I don't use the words lucky to be back... I use the word fortunate to be back because the Lord took care of me. The things that I went through, it took somebody, a higher force who took care of me. I was never alone. When I say we, I am saying my buddies. It was quite an adventure and now that I think about it, I thank the Lord he brought me back home."

Christina Enriquez, AGIF board secretary, said it is important to honor area veterans on both sides of the state line and recognize the sacrifices they made. "Some of the men and women veterans want to share their stories and others don't. They are very private about it. They can't speak of it."

El American GI Forum (AGIF) Anexo de Kansas City realizó una recepción para conmemorar el Día de los Veteranos en Guadalupe Centers Inc. del Westside de Kansas City el 11 de noviembre. Una pancarta y un programa que conmemoraban a los soldados caídos le daban la bienvenida a los visitantes.

El veterano del Ejército Roque Riojas, quien sirvió en la División No. 34 desde 1942 hasta 1945, le dijo a Hispanic News que todavía se emociona al celebrar el Día de los Veteranos. "No uso las frase, tuve suerte de regresar... uso la palabra afortunado de estar de regreso ya que el Señor me cuidó. Las cosas por las que pasé, le tomó a alguien, una fuerza más superior que me cuidó. Nunca estuve sólo. Cuando digo nosotros, estoy diciendo mis compañeros. Fue una aventura y ahora que pienso sobre ello, le agradezco al Señor que me trajera de regreso a casa."

Christina Enriquez, secretaria de la junta de AGI, dijo que es importante honrar a los veteranos del área a ambos lados de la línea estatal y reconocer los sacrificios que hicieron. "Algunos de los hombres y mujeres veteranos quieren compartir sus historias y otros no. Ellos son muy privados respecto a eso. Ellos no pueden hablar de ello".



LETTER TO THE PUBLISHER

We owe veterans our appreciation

DAVID K. REHBEIN

John C. Villepigue was a 22-year-old Army corporal from Camden, S.C. On a mid-October day, Villepigue and two comrades were on a scouting mission when they were ambushed and bombarded with enemy machine gun fire. One of Villepigue's fellow scouts was instantly killed and the other seriously wounded, but Villepigue charged on. Advancing another 500 yards, he killed four enemy soldiers, captured six more and secured the two enemy machine guns, while sustaining serious injuries of his own.

Villepigue was not a veteran of Iraq or Afghanistan, although similar brave acts have occurred there. He was a veteran of World War I and he succumbed to his wounds six months after the ambush. For his actions at Vaux-Adigny, France, he received the Medal of Honor. He passed away on April 18, 1919, one month after a group of his fellow World War I veterans in Paris founded a veterans organization called The American Legion.

The new Legionnaires vowed to "preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars." As the current head of that same organization, I can attest that it is a promise that the American Legion lives up to everyday. While Veterans Day is intended to honor all of the great men and women who have served in the U.S. military, Americans should remember that every moment that we spend in freedom is due to the sacrifices that generations of heroes have made on our behalf.

America is what it is because of our veterans. Historian Stephen Ambrose once wrote, "America's wars have been like rungs on a ladder by which it rose to greatness. No other country has triumphed so long, so consistently or on such a vast scale through force of arms."

Nobody hates wars more than those who have had to fight them, but let us never forget that wars have maintained our freedom, liberated slaves, stopped genocide and toppled terrorists. It is insufficient to simply say that we support the troops but not follow up on that commitment with deeds. The White House and Congress need to ensure that the VA health system is always fully funded and accessible to all veterans. The new GI Bill needs to be user-friendly and sufficiently cover the high cost of education. Americans should assist family members of those deployed overseas by offering friendship and neighborly assistance in their communities. Most of all, Americans should never blame the soldier for decisions made by politicians.

Not all veterans have seen war, but they have all taken oaths in which they expressed their willingness to die defending this nation. This loyalty and devotion should be rewarded by the would-be employer considering a qualified job applicant who has worn the uniform of our great nation. It should be remembered by the landlord frustrated that the family of one of his deployed tenants has fallen a little behind on the rent. It should be understood by the college professor whose student had to miss a few classes to receive medical treatment at the VA hospital.

Veterans are proud. Many are successful business leaders, police officers, teachers, and other pillars of the community. While some may have struggled through tough times, they ask for neither hand-outs nor pity. There are far easier ways to receive government assistance than to crawl around in the dirt and get shot at. Simply put, veterans just want what we all owe them - the thanks of a grateful nation.

George Washington had it right when he said, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of early wars were treated and appreciated by our nation."

The American Legion appreciates their service. We owe them no less.

David K. Rehbein of Ames, Iowa, is national commander of the 2.6 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organization.



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Chiefs go for broke against Chargers



JOHN SILVA
HISPANIC NEWS
SPORTS

Give Herm Edwards credit. He gets criticized often for being a conservative coach unwilling to take chances. Maybe that's because he's a conservative coach normally unwilling to take the necessary risks for his team to win and would rather put another team in position to lose a game.

Against the Chargers he went against his stereotype in a game where the maturation of a young M^aA^sH unit continues. In San Diego the Chiefs played their most impressive road game of the season. Against a division rival with seasoned talent Kansas City came out composed.

The day for the offense started out in a hole. Starting at the five-yard line, they gained -1 yard on their first two plays. A 17-yard reception to wide receiver Dwayne Bowe sparked a 12 play, 95-yard drive that quarterback Tyler Thigpen punctuated with a 30-yard strike down the right sideline

to wide receiver Mark Bradley. A pump fake by Thigpen freed Bradley and he hauled in his first touchdown catch as a Chief.

Kansas City's defense, in turn, bent twice in a row against the Chargers high profile offense and gave up two short field goals in the second quarter to reduce the lead to one.

That lead extended to seven when Tony Gonzalez took a short pass toward the left sideline. Instead of running out of bounds he ran away from a defender and used a block by Bradley to turn up the left sideline and complete a 34-yard scoring play for a 13-6 lead after a botched extra point attempt.

In the third quarter, San Diego scored their first touchdown to tie things up and with just under seven minutes left in the fourth quarter put KC down a touchdown when Antonio Gates caught a pass splitting linebacker Rocky Boiman and safety Bernard Pollard.

After that 8 1/2 minute drive, Thigpen and the offense responded. The Chiefs got the ball back with three minutes and drove down the field. With 23 seconds left, Thigpen

found Tony Gonzalez with two men draped on him in the front of the end zone. Gonzalez wrested control of the ball from a defender and put the Chiefs within an extra point of going to overtime.

That's when the most amazing thing happened. Herm Edwards took into account his team's 1-7 record and attempted a two-point conversion. It's perhaps not on the level of Tom Osbourne's decision with a national championship on the line, but Edwards didn't play it close to the vest and went for the win instead of taking a chance on the flip of a coin in overtime.

Tyler Thigpen's floater to Tony Gonzalez was incomplete, but the Chiefs are showing with each passing week that they are learning how to hang with teams in playoff contention. A win or two will just add confidence to the maturation. Their next shot at that is against New Orleans and former Chargers quarterback Drew Brees at home on Sunday.

Wizards season ends courtesy of C-Bus

Public transportation is something people have been exploring lately. With gas prices as high as they have been this year who can blame them. The Wizards, however, won't be looking to deal with any buses that have a letter C attached.

This year Columbus (C-Bus as some call it) has been a nemesis to Kansas City in Major League Soccer. To be fair, Columbus has been a menace to everyone in the league. The 2008 MLS Supporters Shield winners had home field advantage against the Wizards in their quarterfinal playoff matchup.

The 11,153 in attendance at Crew Stadium was buzzing with black and yellow filling the stand. It didn't take long for the locals to celebrate. In the seventh minute of the match, midfielder Brian Carroll took a ball in the circle at midfield and lofted a ball over the KC defense. Midfielder Brad Evans made a run past the backline and

beat on rushing keeper Kevin Hartman to it. Before Hartman could get close enough to cut off Evans he flicked the ball high into the air from just inside the box and it dropped right into the net to put Columbus ahead.


The visitors had an opportunity to even the score at the 15-minute mark. Moving quickly up the right flank, midfielder Kevin Souter crossed a ball from the right edge of the box to right in front of the goal. Goalkeeper Will Hesmer could not stop the cross and it landed at the feet of Wizards forward Abe Thompson. The mid-season acquisition had half an empty goal to shoot at but couldn't get a clean shot on goal. Hesmer was able to get in front of the attempt and ended the threat. The offensive minded Wizards could only get one other shot off during the first half.

In the second half Columbus put the nail in the Wizards season's coffin. At the 58-

minute mark Crew skipper Guillermo Barros Schelotto guided forward Alejandro Moreno down the right flank with a master pass. Moreno had the Wizards defense at his mercy as he played an equally effective cross where forward Robbie Rogers was waiting. Rogers was unmarked at the far post and pounded home an insurance goal and the last of the second leg.

Following a season of transition where a roster full of new players came together, the Wizards can continue to work towards a cohesive unit for the 2009 season after what most would have to consider a successful 2008 season. Columbus displayed throughout this season that they are on the same page and have only Chicago in their way of playing for the MLS Cup.

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


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

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

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- 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 November 26, 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.
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The proposed Amendment to the Plan provides for the following modifications that were not contained in the Plan, including all amendments thereto: (i) modifications to the number of parking spaces, commercial space and loft space in Project 8B, (ii) modifications to the Estimated Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Economic Activity Taxes over the Life of the Plan (iii) modifications to the budget of Redevelopment Project Costs, (iv) modifications to the structure of the proposed project financing, (v) modifications to the proposed lease payment schedule, and (vi) modifications to the Redevelopment Schedule. The intent of the Plan remains unchanged other than those changes specifically mentioned herein.

The redevelopment area is described as an irregular area generally bounded by Kansas City & Westport Belt RR right-of-way, Baltimore Street and Main Street on the West, Walnut Street, Gillham Road, and Rockhill on the East, 39th Street on the North, and 45th and 46th Street on the South, in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri (the "Redevelopment Area").

The Amendment, as proposed, may be reviewed by any interested party on or after December 3, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 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 are 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.

Joseph P. Gonzales
Tax Increment Financing Commission
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