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## Many revel in Obama inauguration

Muchos se deleitaron de la inauguración de Obama



As Barack Obama was sworn into office as the 44th president of the United States, citizens across the country and here in Kansas City paused to witness the historic moment. On inauguration day, about 50 residents representing all walks of life gathered at the Salón Galería to watch the emotional ceremony.

Mientras Barack Obama tomaba juramento convirtiéndose en el Presidente No.44 de Los Estados Unidos, ciudadanos en todo el país y aquí en Kansas City se tomaban una pausa para ser testigos del histórico momento. En el día inaugural, cerca de 50 residentes representando a todos los estratos se congregaron en el Salón Galería para ver la emotiva ceremonia. PHOTO BY PETE SOUZA/ WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER.

JOE ARCE AND DEBRA DECOSTER  
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"We know that our patchwork heritage is strength, not a weakness. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this earth, and because we have tasted the bitter swirl of civil war and segregation and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass, that the lines of tribes shall soon dissolve; that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself; and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace."

President Barack Obama

People gathered all over the world to watch Barack Obama take the oath of office as the 44th President of the United States. In Washington DC, cameras captured young and old standing in the frigid temperatures for

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN  
HISPANIC NEWS

"Nosotros sabemos que el mosaico de nuestra herencia es fortaleza, no una debilidad. Nosotros somos moldeados por cada idioma y cultura, extraída de cada rincón de esta tierra y debido a que hemos probado el bodrio de una guerra civil y la segregación y hemos emergido de ese oscuro capítulo más fuertes y más unidos, pero no podemos evitar el creer que los antiguos odios pasarán algún día, que las líneas de tribus pronto se disolverán; que mientras el mundo se reduce en tamaño, nuestra humanidad común se dejará ver a sí misma; y que Estados Unidos debe jugar su papel en anunciar una nueva era de paz."

Presidente Barack Obama

La gente reunida alrededor de todo el mundo para ver a Barack Obama tomar juramento con el Presidente No. 44 de los EE.UU. en Washington DC, las cámaras capturaban

UNA PROBADA/PÁGINA 2

## Was 2008 a safer year than predicted?

¿Fue el 2008 un año más seguro de lo que se pronosticara?



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DEBRA DECOSTER  
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Predictions in early spring 2008 indicated that the Kansas City metropolitan area would see a violent summer of crime. Father Jerry Spencer, pastor at Holy Name Church for forty-one years, began praying in May for an end to violence. As he presided over a Mass for the 8th grade graduating class at Holy Name, he knew all too well that violence would end some of their young lives.

In early spring, he had presided at a funeral Mass for a young boy gunned down in a drive by shooting. Even though he was very ill at the time,

Father Spencer came to offer up the Mass and to deliver a message to the families and the teenagers gathered in the packed church.

"This violence must be stopped. There was fire in my gut and I had to say what I said. It just makes me sick that people have so many guns around because I know they are going to be used."

Mayor Mark Funkhouser held a press conference in early August stating, "it is no secret that American cities have a problem with illegal guns and Kansas City is no different." He

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN  
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Los pronósticos al comienzo de la primavera del 2008 indicaban que Kansas City sería testigo de un violento verano en lo que respectaba al crimen. El Padre Jerry Spencer, pastor por cuarenta y un años de la Iglesia Holy Name, comenzó a rezar en mayo para ponerle fin a la violencia. Al presidir una misa para la clase de graduados del octavo grado en Holy Name, él estaba bien conciente que la violencia acabaría con algunas de sus jóvenes vidas.

A comienzos de la primavera, él había oficiado una misa de difuntos para un joven acribillado en una balacera desde un vehículo en marcha. Aunque se encontraba muy enfermo en esos momentos, el Padre Spencer se hizo presente para officiar la misa y entregarle un mensaje a las familias y a los adolescentes reunidos en la repleta iglesia.

"Esta violencia debe cesar. Había algo que me quemaba por dentro y tuve que decir lo que dije. Simplemente me enferma que la gente tenga tantas

armas a su alrededor ya que sé que éstas van a ser usadas".

El Alcalde Mark Funkhouser, realizó una conferencia de prensa en agosto y declaró, "No es secreto que las ciudades estadounidenses tengan un problema con armas ilegales y Kansas City no es diferente". Él se unió a otros alcaldes locales en la Coalición Nacional de Alcaldes, en contra de las Armas Ilegales, y anunció que él y el concejo ciudadano trabajarían en pos de una meta para encontrar maneras innovadoras para reducir la violencia a causa de las armas ilegales.

Cifras de fin de año ofrecen una visión mixta que indican que las cifras de los homicidios en KCK quedaron aparentemente bajo las expectativas, por el contrario KCMO observó un incremento en los homicidios.

Aunque las estadísticas de otros crímenes violentos y a la propiedad en KCMO han disminuido este año, los homicidios por su parte se dispararon en el 2008 llegando a 126 – apenas más

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## Funkhouser evaluates city manager's budget

### Funkhouser evalúa presupuesto del administrador de la ciudad

Still, Kansas City is "a high-tax effort city and I'm very sensitive and concerned about those issues."

Aún así, Kansas City es "una ciudad de esfuerzos de altos impuestos y yo soy muy sensible y me importan esos temas".

JOE ARCE AND TONY BALANDRAN  
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The fiscal roof over Kansas City has a hole in the shape of a national recession, according to Mayor Mark Funkhouser, and now leaders need to be smart in fixing the gap and protecting the citizens. Otherwise, creating an unwise budget with careless cuts and spending will make matters worse.

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN  
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El techo fiscal sobre Kansas City tiene un orificio en la forma de una recesión nacional, según el Alcalde Mark Funkhouser, y ahora líderes tienen que ser inteligentes en reparar la fisura y proteger a los ciudadanos. De otro modo, crear un presupuesto poco inteligente con recortes y gastos poco prolijos empeorarán el asunto.

EL ALCALDE/PÁGINA 5

Mayor Mark Funkhouser, sitting on the top floor of City Hall, talks about how the financial hole in Kansas City's ceiling may collapse the economic structure if significant measures are not taken in the 2009-2010 budget.

El Alcalde Mark Funkhouser, quien aparece sentado en una oficina del último piso del ayuntamiento, platica sobre cómo el hoyo financiero en el techo de Kansas City podría derrumbar la estructura económica si es que algunas significativas medidas no fueran tomadas en el presupuesto del 2009-2010.

PHOTO BY RAFAEL SEGURA.



# A taste of history

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hours waiting for the moment some thought they would never see. When President Obama spoke after taking the oath of office, people of all nationalities shed tears of joy and cheered.

The same took place at the Salon Galeria on the city's Westside where an Obama Inaugural Watch Party sponsored by Freda Mendez Smith, League of United Latin American Citizens president and Esther Valladolid Wolf, representing the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, was held.

"I never thought I would get to see this but I was always hopeful that we would," said Wolf holding back tears. "Now I can die happy because we have elected a man that is going to do a lot for the Hispanic people. It is a very emotional day. This is a great day for us because of who we have elected. ... It was we that worked so hard for him. We made it. We got him in and I am a very, very happy person."

Wolf added, "I think that Obama is to us a new beginning. It is a sign; it is almost a spiritual sign that things have to get better. They can't get any worse

and he brings a leadership that we haven't seen in a long time and that is very important. You have to have leadership."

Susan Castro Gautreaux wiped at tears as she watched the television. "I am a single parent of three college students and they have dreams, especially my oldest one, of making a difference for his community. Seeing Barack Obama, it just moved me because he has made a change for many people of my generation, but also my son's generation, my parent's generation and all other generations. They look to him as a strong influence."

Gautreaux was drawn into Obama's orbit after his speech at the 2004 Democratic convention. "I was touched by him, by the way he spoke, the things that he said and I knew he would go far. It has moved me to see him as a son of a single parent, as my children are, to strive and excel to this position. It just moved me so much that he could do it and he has conquered all kinds of obstacles, and it shows me that my son Nicholas can do it too."

Chato Villalobos, KCMO police officer, drew inspiration

from the inauguration. "I thought, here is a man, a bi-racial kid who grew up poor in a single parent home like I did, Although I am not bi-racial my daughter is multicultural. So, now when my daughter asks me, 'Can I become President?' I can say, 'Yes you can, but you have to work your butt off in school, you have to get scholarships and grants for college and you have to be elected senator.'"

Villalobos noted that though Obama is president, the persistence of discrimination continues. "There are people who still won't accept that we are all equal, that we belong together. ... But you saw a man that is not part of the big boy club, who is not part of a specialized group of money; he is now President because the people spoke. We came together. We take care of our communities, our children and we educate our children and things like this can happen," he said.

80-year-old Lali Garcia, president of La Raza Political Club, never thought that she would see this day though she worked tirelessly for Obama by getting the word and the vote out. "I just couldn't believe the

amount of people that La Raza was able to get to come out and vote. I am very proud of that. It goes to show you that we got the right president now, he is going to help us in any way that he can, but we need to give him time."

As community members gathered in Kansas City to watch the activities on television, local resident Jessica Ayala was in Washington, D.C. experiencing the activities first hand. She worked in Obama's Kansas City campaign office as a bi-lingual field organizer. *Hispanic News* caught up with Ayala by phone as she was riding the excitement of the proceedings.

"It was emotional and I am still emotional. It was the most spiritual experience next to probably my Catholic faith. When he said God Bless America, I felt as if God really blessed us. God was there. I prayed and I felt that God was there," she said.

Ayala walked ten miles to get to the gates of the mall. As she walked, she walked along side millions of people of all ethnic backgrounds; she saw children, parents and grandparents gathering to witness the historic event. She estimated that by the time she took her final position she had about 5000 people between her and President Obama.

Listening to President Obama calling for all Americans to

work together as one, she felt renewed and energized. "I have worked in the community for eight years as an organizer and until the campaign no one really knew what a community organizer was. The United States needs more community organizers like me, and others, who are young and innovative."

Ayala admitted that prior to the election she had been feeling a burnout borne from setbacks at the political level. "I have been working on the

Dream Act and two years ago I was down and I didn't want to go back and lobby in Jefferson City. I was hurt and I was in pain. I didn't have the courage to speak up and really felt that my voice wasn't heard. But now after the inauguration, I feel that it is time for me to go back and do everything I can and bring those ideas, and have the courage to organize an entire community for reform and the Dream Act," she said.



The Silver Lining Store is officially open. The new thrift store will assist El Centro in providing social service programs to Johnson and Wyandotte county residents.

## Silver Lining adds to bottom line

In these economic times, people are looking for a silver lining. El Centro Inc has the place for them. The Kansas City, Kansas service agency has opened the Silver Lining Thrift Shop in Overland Park on a strip mall off 87th Street and Farley.

Mary Lou Jaramillo, CEO of El Centro Inc., welcomed customers, board members and staff last Friday to the new location. "I am thrilled that people are here and celebrating with us because this is a new adventure for El Centro. It is an exciting time, given the economic crisis that the country is in. This will really help us help families but it will also help us raise revenue so we can continue to help families."

Jaramillo noted that the economic troubles are affecting many agencies. "Funding sources are already down and will continue to be down for a long time." Agencies like El Centro will have to be creative as they search to augment tightening budgets.

The agency used two retired executives from the Executive Service Corps to do a feasibility study. "They learned there are over a 100 thrift stores in Greater Kansas City. Some are run by nonprofits and some by for profit organizations. Depending on their management or size, they

are making a profit. If you drive downtown KCK on Minnesota Avenue, there are several thrift stores. If you drive down the Argentine [neighborhood] just around from El Centro there is a thrift store. We are surrounded by thrift stores," explained Jaramillo.

Jaramillo said many things influenced the decision to come to Johnson County. "El Centro has had a presence in Johnson County and Overland Park since 2000. We did a lot of assessment. The price had to be right for renting a space. We needed to be in a retail shop and a busy thoroughfare. Location, location, location is important for us."

Jaramillo emphasized that the store means to give value and quality to its customers. "We do want to offer the best stuff to customers. We want them to return. Regardless of their economic status, we do want them to feel like when they purchase something here at Silver Lining, it is in good shape and what we would term gently used."

The Silver Lining sells clothing, furniture, books and many other items. The store is located at 9537 West 87th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. Call (913) 766-6601 for store hours and information on donating.

# Una probada a la historia

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a jóvenes y viejos reunidos bajo las frías temperaturas esperando por horas por el momento que algunos pensaron nunca llegarían a ver. Cuando el Presidente Obama habló luego de tomar juramento, gente de todas las nacionalidades derramaron lágrimas de felicidad y vitorearon.

Lo mismo ocurrió en el Salón Galeria del Westside de la ciudad cuando se realizó Una Fiesta de Vigilia para la Inauguración de Obama patrocinado por Freda Méndez Smith, presidenta de la Liga Unida de Ciudadanos Latino Americanos y Esther Valladolid Wolf, representante del Instituto Hispano de Liderazgo de los Estados Unidos.

"Nunca pensé que llegaría a ver esto, pero siempre tuve esperanzas que lo veríamos", dijo Wolf tratando de retener las lágrimas. "Ahora puedo morir feliz porque hemos elegido a un hombre que va a hacer mucho por la gente hispana. Es un día muy emotivo. Este es un gran día para nosotros debido a quién hemos elegido. ... Fuimos nosotros quienes trabajamos tan duro para él. Nosotros lo hicimos. Lo hicimos llegar allá y soy una persona muy, muy feliz".

Wolf agregó, "Creo que Obama es para nosotros un nuevo comienzo. Es una señal; es casi una señal espiritual que las cosas tienen que mejorar. Ellas ya no pueden empeorar más y él trae un liderazgo que no hemos visto en mucho tiempo y eso es muy importante. Uno tiene que tener liderazgo".

Susan Castro Gautreaux se limpiaba las lágrimas mientras miraba la televisión. "Soy madre soltera de tres estudiantes universitarios y ellos tienen sueños, especialmente el mayor, de marcar una diferencia para su comunidad. El ver a Barack Obama, simplemente

me emocionó puesto que él ha hecho un cambio para muchas personas de mi generación, pero también para la generación de mi hijo, la generación de mis padres y todas las otras generaciones. Ellos lo miran como una fuerte influencia".

Castro fue atraída a la orbita de Obama después de su discurso durante la Convención Demócrata del 2004. "Él me inspiró, por la manera en que habló, las cosas que él dijo y supe que llegaría lejos. Me ha emocionado el verlo como un hijo de una madre soltera, tal como lo son mis hijos, esforzándose y sobresaliendo hasta llegar a esta posición. Simplemente me emocionó tanto que él pudiera hacerlo y ha conquistado toda clase de obstáculos y me demostró que mi hijo Nicholas también puede hacerlo".

Chato Villalobos, agente de la policía de KCMO, extrajo inspiración de la inauguración. "Pensé, aquí hay un hombre, un muchacho bi racial que creció pobre en un hogar de una madre soltera tal como yo. Aunque no soy bi-racial, mi hija es multicultural. Entonces, ahora cuando mi hija me pregunta, '¿Puedo llegar a se Presidenta?' Yo ahora le puedo decir, 'Sí, tú puedes, pero tienes que trabajar muy duro en la escuela, tienen que obtener becas y subsidios para la universidad y tienes que ser electa Senadora'".

Villalobos hizo notar que aunque Obama es presidente, la persistencia de la discriminación continúa. "Allí hay personas que aún no aceptan que todos somos iguales, que estamos supuestos a vivir juntos. ... Pero ustedes vieron a un hombre que no es parte del club de los muchachos grandes, que no es parte de un grupo especializado de dinero; él es ahora Presidente debido a la gente habló. Nos unimos. Nosotros nos preocupamos de nuestras comunidades, de

nuestros hijos y educamos a nuestros hijos y cosas como estas pueden suceder", dijo él.

Lali García, de 80 años de edad y quien es presidenta del Club Político La Raza, nunca pensó que vería este día aunque trabajó incansablemente para Obama pregonando el mensaje y el voto. "Simplemente no pude creer la cantidad de gente que La Raza pudo hacer que salieran a votar. Estoy muy orgullosa de ello. Esto nos va a demostrar que tenemos al presidente correcto ahora, él va a ayudarnos de cualquier manera que le sea posible, pero tenemos que darle tiempo".

Mientras miembros de la comunidad se congregaban en Kansas City para ver las actividades en la televisión, la residente local Jessica Ayala estaba en Washington, D.C. viviendo las experiencias en carne propia. Ella trabajó en la oficina de la campaña de Obama en Kansas City como oficial organizador bilingüe de campo. *Hispanic News* entrevistó a Ayala por teléfono mientras ella disfrutaba del entusiasmo del proceso.

"Fue emotivo y todavía estoy emocionada. Fue la experiencia más espiritual junto probablemente a mi fe católica. Cuando el dijo Dios Bendiga a los Estados Unidos, sentí como si Dios realmente nos había bendecido. Dios estaba allí. Yo recé y sentí que Dios estaba allí", dijo ella.

Ayala caminó diez millas para llegar hasta el acceso del mall.



As people listened to Obama's inaugural speech, they remained upbeat about the future of the nation. Political observers say Obama is entering the presidency during one of the nation's worst economic upheavals in history.

Mientras la gente escuchaba el discurso inaugural de Obama, ellos permanecían optimistas respecto al futuro de la nación. Observadores políticos dicen que Obama está entrando a la presidencia durante uno de los peores trastornos económicos en la historia de la nación.

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## Collaborative luncheon encourages students to excel

"Kansas City has a rich Hispanic heritage that needs to be acknowledged year-round, not just during special monthly observances," said Crosby Kemper III, director of the Kansas City Public Library.

Kemper was the keynote speaker at a special luncheon in mid-January by the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Collaborative, a sister organization of the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the luncheon, held at the Kauffman Center, was to urge civic and business leaders to support and encourage Hispanic students to excel in the metropolitan area,

said Robert Barrientos, owner of R.J. Barrientos & Associates and vice president of the collaborative, which assists high school and college students, young business entrepreneurs and individuals in the Hispanic community.

Speaking to about 100 people, including business and civic leaders representing nonprofit organizations, Kemper recalled that when he became director of the library system, observances that highlighted the Hispanic and African-American cultures were only once a year. But with a growing Hispanic population, the community needs to be ever-conscious of the contributions made by all cultures.

"Kansas City has a fabulous Hispanic heritage that needs to be better known and highlighted and part of that heritage is an entrepreneurial culture that goes back to

the origins of Kansas City," Kemper said. "And that is something that this group and the whole city need to know more about and to live in that tradition. There is great history of education and literature in the Hispanic community that also needs to be highlighted and we need to live within that tradition."

At the luncheon, six individuals were honored for their time and commitment in moving Hispanics forward in education. Among them was Samantha Ramirez, a senior Olathe East High School.

In his remarks, master of ceremonies Tom Bloch described Ramirez as someone "who defines the reason we are here today."

Ramirez was one of 58 students who participated in KC BizFest last year, securing a second-place finish and earning a \$1,500 college scholarship. Afterward, she moved into the national BizFest and earned first place, winning a \$2,000 college scholarship.

Ramirez told those attending the luncheon that the BizFest experience "opens up so many doors for students that I never even realized were possible and I want to thank you for this award."

Other individuals honored were Ralph Reid of Sprint/Nextel Foundation, Tom Burke



Ralph Reid.



Shane Cuevas.



Tom Burke.



Gene Johnson.

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Samantha Ramirez.



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# Reyes is grateful to be alive

Friends and family refer to him as the miracle on 39th Street because for days in early December he remained comatose at KU Medical Center, where doctors said he had a small chance of surviving with only a slight brain function.

Now, Andre Reyes is grateful to be alive and thankful for the donations, the time and the prayers not just from friends but from a community that came together Friday for a fund-raiser at Holy Name Hall in Kansas City, Kan.

"I feel like I'm one of the luckiest people in the world," Reyes said, reflecting on the precarious journey that kept him immobile and unconscious. His defibrillator went out of sync with his heart beat and it put him in cardiac arrest for 45 minutes. Doctors shock him

back into a normal rhythm. The prognosis was not good. And on the day his family was going to remove him from the life-support systems, he pushed the breathing tube out with his tongue and woke up.

The event, sponsored by Holy Name Church and the Knights of Columbus, brought hundreds together to help Reyes and his family with the outstanding medical expenses.

People began waiting to buy food before the event began and some stayed beyond its closing time, still wanting to help.

Reyes said the event humbled him, seeing the amount of support from the community.

"I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart," he said.

Standing behind a microphone is his comfort zone. As part of a local band, Andre Reyes is accustomed to lending a helping hand. Little did he know that hundreds would turn out to support him in the wake of his life-threatening illness. As he addressed those who came to his fund-raiser, he was overcome with emotion, struggling to say "thank you."

(lower picture) More than a thousand tacos were sold at the Andre Reyes fund-raiser on Friday. Many who came to support Reyes were happy to see him moving about and talking to his family and friends.



# Tips to jump-start your taxes

Earlier is better when it comes to working on your taxes, especially since early filers get their refunds sooner.

Taxpayers are encouraged to get a head start on their taxes and here are some ideas to get a jump on your taxes.

Gather your records in advance. Make sure you have all the records you need, including W-2s and 1099s, before you start.

- You should have received a W-2 from each employer by Jan. 31, 2009.
- Form 1099s should be received by Feb. 2, 2009.
- Receipts for any charitable contributions

The IRS says the easiest way to avoid tax return mistakes is to prepare and file electronically. E-filed returns have an error rate of less than one percent because the software does all calculations. If your income was less than \$54,000, you can prepare and file your federal tax return electronically free through the IRS web site, www.IRS.gov. Just click on "Free File" and follow the instructions.

The IRS estimates more than a million Missourians will be eligible to use free tax services provided through

the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs. These free tax preparation services are generally provided at convenient community locations such as neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, and shopping malls.

If you use paper forms, get the right ones. Forms, publications and instructions are available around the clock on www.IRS.gov. You can also order forms, instructions and publications by calling the IRS at 800-829-3676. Double-check your math and verify all Social Security numbers because these are among the most common errors found on tax returns.

Whether you e-file or use paper, choose direct deposit and you will receive your refund sooner than if you wait for a paper check.

If you don't have internet access, for more information, go to:

- IRS Tax Help Line for Individuals, 800-829-1040
- Pre-recorded messages covering various tax topics, call 800-829-4477
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Take your time, but don't wait until the last minute. Rushing can mean making mistakes.

# The show must go on



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Students at Our Lady of Guadalupe School rehearse their Christmas program that will be performed at 7 p.m. today at the school in the city's West Side. The program was delayed about a month because the school's 25-year-old boiler had failed in mid-December and needed to be replaced. Students were relocated to temporary classrooms at the Guadalupe Center and a plea went out to the community for financial

help. Ultimately, the school received about \$34,000 in donations for a new boiler and other school needs. "The outpouring of support was so heart-warming that we rescheduled the Christmas program and invited people who had contributed to the boiler fund to be our guests," said Principal Connie Bowman. "We want to extend sincere thanks to everyone who helped us to have a complete Christmas at last."

# DeJesus: a royal choice for spokesman

Entering its 90th year in helping the area's Hispanic and Latino community, Guadalupe Centers Inc. this week named Kansas City Royals outfielder David DeJesus as the agency's spokesman.

The agency, which was established in Kansas City in 1919, also unveiled a new partnership with the Kansas City Mexican Consulate.

"I am ready to take on the challenge," DeJesus told *Hispanic News* after a news conference. "I want to get out there in the community. ... Helping in any way possible is something I want to start doing."

DeJesus also said he hopes his appointment, which was announced at the Guadalupe Center building at 1015 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez, will help serve as a role model for the young members of the Hispanic community.

"I want to help 'my family' any way possible," he said.

Cris Medina, the CEO of Guadalupe Centers Inc., said,



From left to right, Cris Medina, Jacob Prado, David DeJesus and Pedro Zamora are excited about the 90th anniversary of the Guadalupe Center that will take place throughout this year.

"Our visibility both locally and nationally will elevate with David DeJesus as the spokesperson for our organization. We appreciate the continued support of David as well as the Royals as we celebrate our 90th anniversary this year."

Also attending the news conference was Mexican Consul Jacob Prado, who praised Guadalupe Center for its longtime dedicated work with the community.

The mission of the center is

to improve the quality of life for individuals in the Latino communities by providing early childhood, secondary and adult education programs, facilitating access to health and social services and promoting and providing Latino cultural enrichment events.

The Royals have partnered with the center since 2005, hosting baseball equipment drives as well as events such as the club's annual Viva Los Royals celebrations to benefit the center.

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# Mayor studies upcoming budget

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"You don't save any money if you don't fix (the hole)," Funkhouser told the *Hispanic News* in an exclusive interview. "It gets worse. It rots the timbers. It takes down the plaster. And suddenly you have a much, much bigger problem and it's costing you a lot more money. So you have to be strategically careful about spending money and it's not all about cutting."

Just days after City Manager Wayne Cauthen released a proposed 2009-2010 city budget that spends \$1.29 billion and includes a property tax levy increase and hikes in water and sewer rates, Funkhouser told *Hispanic News* that he intends to contemplate how to shape the next budget so it is fair and equitable to all residents.

However, Funkhouser declined to be specific about what he liked or disliked about Cauthen's proposed budget. Instead, he said, he intends to review it and make his budgetary recommendations on Feb. 12. When asked by the *Hispanic News* whether he would deliver his own budget proposal, Funkhouser's response was that he plans to work with the city manager's version of the budget.

"These are really difficult times for the nation, the world and for the city," Funkhouser said. He emphasized that neither he nor the City Council members have responded formally to Cauthen about his proposal. "I'm looking carefully at all of our options," he said. But when examining the budget document, Funkhouser said he would keep in mind a principle that he has endorsed for many years: improve citizen services and citizen satisfaction. The cornerstone of his economic philosophy has been population retention, he said.

When a city begins losing its people, particularly from the urban core, that will erode the tax base, Funkhouser said. His goal is to manage costs well and "be smart with the money. ... And that means focus the money on things that provide real returns for Kansas City."

On Jan. 15, Cauthen released a proposed budget that reflects a decrease of \$19.2 million, or 1.5 percent, from the adopted 2008-2009 budget.



PHOTO BY RAFAEL SEGURA.

Although Mayor Funkhouser said he is reviewing the city manager's budget at City Hall, he said he would retreat to his cabin to scrutinize the proposed budget.

Aunque el Alcalde Funkhouser dice que está revisando el presupuesto de la ciudad, el dijo que se retiraría a su casa para analizar el propuesto presupuesto.

"The proposed budget presents some difficult options for your consideration in an effort to balance the budget fairly while protecting the most basic services," Cauthen wrote to Funkhouser in an 11-page budget memo.

Under the heading of recommended revenue increases, Cauthen proposes increasing property taxes for general obligation debt services from 14 cents to 26 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Cauthen wrote that the additional financial impact of the adjustment on the owner of a \$100,000 home and a \$15,000 automobile "is slightly over \$2 per month, or \$26 dollars per year." Cauthen also recommends increasing water rates by 10 percent and sewer rates by 12 percent. "The impact of the rate increase on the average customer would be \$4.79 per month," he wrote. The rate increases would generate about \$10.4 million in new revenues and would be used to support routine operational costs and capital maintenance of the current system," Cauthen wrote.

The proposal also calls for a reduction in public safety funding, curbside recycling, streetlight maintenance and some parks and recreation programming. Cauthen's memo also recommends a salary freeze for city employees, excluding police, and the elimination of

To read the outline of the proposed city budget, visit [www.kcmo.org/mayor.nsf/web/home](http://www.kcmo.org/mayor.nsf/web/home) and click on city manager's transmittal letter. There are other attachment links that provide more details.

300 to 400 vacant and filled position in the General Fund-supported workforce. The memo also calls for reduced contributions to regional amenities, such as the American Jazz Museum, the Kansas City Zoo, the Liberty Memorial, the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center and the Jackson County Sports Authority.

"The city stands at a fiscal crossroads," Cauthen wrote. "The decisions made through this budget process will set the course for the city's future. The economic recession, while providing profound budgetary challenges, provides the city the opportunity to forge a new operation paradigm that will move us forward ensuring the city's long-term financial sustainability."

*Hispanic News* asked Funkhouser what impact the increase in higher taxes and utility rates would have on many residents with fixed incomes. He said city leaders need to consider what is fair and still

take care of the city's financial needs. He also said the cost of those utilities for Kansas City residents is "very reasonable" compared to what residents in surrounding suburban communities are paying.

Still, Kansas City is "a high-tax effort city and I'm very sensitive and concerned about those issues." And in regards to higher sewer and water rates, Funkhouser said, "We are going

to try to find ways for equity ... for taking care of people within their means. There is none of us (on the council) who want to make it so people cannot afford water and sewer (services)."

He said he does not want the cost of living in Kansas City to destroy low-income families.

"This is a scary time for the nation and the city economically," Funkhouser said. "But there is absolutely no better person to

be your mayor in this situation than Mark Funkhouser. I have the expertise; I have the understanding of the lives of regular folks. And I have the guts to do and say whatever it takes to get it done."

The City Council is scheduled to adopt a final budget in late March. The budget takes effect in May.

# El alcalde estudia el presupuesto venidero

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"Uno no ahorra nada de dinero si uno no repara (El hoyo)", Funkhouser le dijo a *Hispanic News* en una entrevista exclusiva. "Esto se empeora, pudre la madera. Quita el revestimiento a las paredes. Y repentinamente uno tiene un problema mucho, mucho más grande y le estará costando a uno mucho más dinero. Por lo que uno tiene que ser estratégicamente cuidadoso en lo que va a gastar dinero y no todo se trata de cortar".

Tan sólo días después de que el Administrador de la Ciudad Wayne Cauthen emitiera un presupuesto para la ciudad para el periodo 2009-2010 que costaría \$1,29 billones e incluiría un incremento en los impuestos a la propiedad y aumentos en los promedios del agua y del alcantarillado, Funkhouser le dijo a *Hispanic News* que tratará de contemplar cómo darle forma al próximo presupuesto que sea justo y equitativo para todos los residentes.

Sin embargo, Funkhouser declinó ser específico sobre qué le gusta y disgusta del presupuesto propuesto por Cauthen. En vez de ello, él dijo que se propone revisarlo y hacer sus recomendaciones presupuestarias el 12 de febrero. Cuando *Hispanic News* le preguntó si entregaría su propia propuesta presupuestaria, la respuesta de Funkhouser fue que él planea trabajar con la versión presupuestaria del

administrador de la ciudad.

"Estos son tiempos realmente difíciles para la nación, para el mundo y para la ciudad", dijo Funkhouser. Él enfatizó que ni él ni los concejales le han respondido formalmente a Cauthen sobre su propuesta. "Estoy contemplando cuidadosamente todas nuestras opciones", dijo él. Pero al examinar el documento del presupuesto, Funkhouser dijo que tendría en mente un principio que él ha adoptado por muchos años: Mejorar servicios a los ciudadanos y satisfacción ciudadana. La piedra angular de su filosofía económica ha sido la retención de la población, dijo él.

Cuando una ciudad comienza a perder sus habitantes, particularmente aquellos del corazón urbano, eso socava la base de impuestos, dijo Funkhouser. Su objetivo es el de manejar bien los costos y "ser inteligente con el dinero. ... Y eso significa enfocar el dinero hacia cosas que ofrecen ganancias reales para Kansas City."

El 15 de enero, Cauthen emitió la propuesta de un presupuesto que refleja una disminución de \$19,2 millones ó 1,5%, del adoptado presupuesto del periodo 2008-2009. "El presupuesto propuesto presenta algunas difíciles opciones para su consideración en un esfuerzo por balancear el presupuesto de una manera justa mientras se protegen los servicios más básicos", Cauthen le escribió a Funkhouser en

un memorando de 11 páginas sobre el presupuesto.

Bajo el título de aumentos recomendados de ingresos, la propuesta de Cauthen aumenta los impuestos a la propiedad para obligaciones generales de servicios de deudas de 14 a 26 centavos por cada \$100 de avalúo tasado. Cauthen escribió que el impacto financiero adicional de ajuste sobre el propietario de una casa de \$100.000 y de un automóvil de \$15.000 "es apenas más de \$2 por mes ó \$26 al año".

Cauthen también recomendó aumentar los promedios del agua en un 10 por ciento y los promedios de alcantarillado en un 12 por ciento. "El impacto del aumento de promedios sobre el cliente promedio serían de \$4,79 al mes", escribió él. El aumento de promedios generaría cerca de \$10,4 millones en nuevos ingresos y sería utilizado para apoyar costos rutinarios de operaciones y el mantenimiento capital del sistema actual, escribió Cauthen.

La propuesta también solicita una reducción en los fondos de seguridad pública, reciclaje de artículos dejados en la calle, mantenimiento de luminarias y algunos programas de parques y recreación. El memorando de Cauthen también recomienda un congelamiento de salarios para los empleados de la ciudad, excluyendo a la policía, y la eliminación de 300 a 400 posiciones tomadas y vacantes en la fuerza de tarea apoyada por el Fondo General. El memorando

también solicita la reducción de contribuciones a amenidades regionales, tales como el Museo Americano del Jazz, el Zoológico de Kansas City, el Liberty Memorial, el Centro Cultural Bruce R. Watkins y la Autoridad de Deportes del Condado de Jackson.

"La ciudad se encuentra en una encrucijada fiscal", escribió Cauthen. "Las decisiones tomadas mediante este presupuesto marcarán la senda para el futuro de la ciudad. La recesión económica, aunque presenta profundos desafíos presupuestarios, le ofrece a la ciudad la oportunidad de forjar un nuevo modelo operacional que nos hará avanzar asegurando el sustento financiero a largo plazo de la ciudad".

*Hispanic News* le preguntó a Funkhouser qué impacto tendría el aumento de impuestos y de promedios en las cuentas de energía sobre los muchos residentes con ingresos fijos. Él dijo que líderes de la ciudad tienen que considerar lo que es justo y aún cuidar las necesidades financieras de la ciudad. Él también dijo que el costo de esas cuentas de energía para los residentes de Kansas City es "bastante razonable" comparado con lo que los residentes de las comunidades suburbanas aledañas están pagando.

Aún así, Kansas City es "una ciudad de esfuerzos de altos impuestos y yo soy muy sensible y me importan esos temas". Y en lo que respecta a los altos promedios de alcantarillado y

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# COPPS contributes to lower numbers

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joined other local mayors in the National Coalition of Mayors against Illegal Guns and announced that he and the city council would work towards a goal to find innovative ways to reduce illegal gun violence.

Year-end numbers provided a mixed picture with homicide numbers in KCK apparently falling below expectations at the same time that KCMO saw an increase in homicides.

While the number of other violent and property crimes in KCMO spiraled downward this year, homicides spiked in 2008 with 126 homicides – just under the deadliest year this decade: 2005 and its 127 murders. Here's the breakdown on last year's slayings:

- 126 total victims
- 111 males, 15 females
- 95 black, 17 white, 13 Hispanic, 1 Asian
- 60 percent were between the ages of 17 and 34
- Most of the murders were committed with a firearm. 11 victims died from trauma, eight were stabbed, three causes of death are unknown and one was classified as "other."
- East Patrol had more than twice as many homicides as any other patrol division in the city with 61 killings. Metro Patrol had 30, Central

Patrol 25, South Patrol 7, Shoal Creek Patrol 2 and North Patrol 1.

Detectives have cleared 70 of this year's homicides, and another nine are under review by prosecutors. Police also cleared 14 homicide cases from previous years in 2008.

End of year homicide statistics for KCK will not be available until sometime in late January to early February. However, Captain Brown provided *Hispanic News* with the following statistics.

The KCK murder rate indicated that through November 30, 2008 the city had seen 31 murders compared to 33 and 22 for the whole of 2006 and 2007 respectively. Rape numbers stood at 62 compared to 81 and 88 for 2006 and 2007. Aggravated battery stood at 192 compared to 249 and 216 for 2006 and 2007 respectively. Aggravated assaults counted for 261 compared to 372 for 2006 and 331 for 2007. Robberies stood at 310 compared to 422 for 2006 and 489 for 2007.

Violent crime has hit a 22-year low in KCK. Breshears told the Unified Board of Commissions in early January that the city recorded 916 violent crimes in 2008, a 24.3 percent decrease compared with the year before.

Violent crime and property crime totals have been dropping steadily since 2006 according to a statistics report compiled by

the police department. In 2006, violent and property crime totals were at 10,828 and in 2008 the total had dropped to 8426.

Breshears attributed the reduction in violent crimes to community policing efforts. He also cited open communication and daily interaction with community partners, a crime analysis unit that helps identify trends and specialized police units that are more visible on the streets.

The KCK Police department has concentrated on improving the quality of life for its citizens and reducing crime within the city. They have been working hard to develop police-community partnerships focusing on proactive policing and crime prevention.

"The Kansas City Kansas Police Department is experiencing a reduction in violent crimes as well as property crimes compared to this time last year and we attribute that success to the commitment of our community partners and to the strong relationships that the Department has developed over the last decade with its citizenry," said Captain James Brown, KCKPD.

This year the KCKPD brought on-line the new Mid-Town Patrol Division, which reduced the divisional responsibilities for the West Patrol and the East Patrol. The new Mid-Town Patrol meant that officers would be operating

in a smaller division allowing supervisory staff to focus on problems on a smaller scale, giving faster response times and enhance crime-fighting strategies by allowing officers to work closely with community policing officers and community groups to target problems.

"This is the second year that the nighttime COPPS (Community Policing Unit) has been deployed into the community and they have contributed greatly to the reduction of criminal activity. The Threat Assessment Unit has continued to monitor, store, gather and provide information to units with the Kansas City Kansas Police Department that are conducting violent crime eradication activities. This unit has partnered with Probation and Parole to create and maintain an automated system to identify and track career criminals including robbery suspects," said Brown.

The statistics would indicate the city is beginning to see a reduction in crime. "The department has worked very hard at developing relationships throughout the community that in turn helps us in the solving of many crimes. Chief Breshears' strategies, quality of life issues, street level narcotics enforcement and higher visibility played a role in the reduction."

# COPPS contribuye a bajas cifras

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abajo del año más letal de esta década: el 2005 con sus 127 asesinatos. A continuación les mostramos los detalles de los asesinatos del año pasado:

- 126 víctimas totales
- 111 hombres, 15 mujeres
- 95 afro-estadounidenses, 17 blancos, 13 hispanos, 1 asiático
- 60% fueron de edades entre 17 y 34
- La mayoría de los asesinatos fueron perpetrados con un arma de fuego. 11 víctimas murieron a causa de trauma, ocho fueron apuñaladas, tres por causas de muerte desconocidas y una calificada como "otra".
- Con 61 asesinatos, la Patrulla Este tuvo más del doble de homicidios cuando se le compara a cualquier otra división patrullera en la ciudad. La Patrulla Metro tuvo 30, la Patrulla Central tuvo 25, la Patrulla Sur 7, la Patrulla Shoal Creek 2 y la Patrulla Norte 1.

Los detectives han esclarecido 70 de los homicidios de este año y otros nueve están bajo revisión por los fiscales. En el 2008, la policía también esclareció 14 casos de homicidios ocurridos en años previos.

Estadísticas de fin de año para el departamento de policía de Kansas City, Kansas no se encontrarán disponibles hasta finales de enero o principios de febrero. Sin embargo, El Capitán Brown le ofreció a *Hispanic News* las siguientes estadísticas para Kansas City, Kansas.

El promedio de asesinatos de KCK indican que hasta el 30 de noviembre del 2008, la ciudad fue testigo de 31 asesinatos, comparados con 33 y 22 para la totalidad del 2006 y del 2007 respectivamente. Cifras pertenecientes a violaciones fueron de 62 comparadas a 81 y 88 para el 2006 y el 2007. Las agresiones de gravedad fueron 192 comparadas con 249 y 216 para el 2006 y el 2007 respectivamente. Los asaltos de gravedad fueron 261 comparados a 372 para el 2006 y 331 para el 2007. Robos fueron 310 comparados con 422 para el 2006 y 489 para el 2007.

En KCK, los crímenes violentos han marcado una baja en 22 años. A comienzos de enero, Breshears le dijo a la Junta Unificada de

Comisionados que en el 2008 la ciudad registró 916 crímenes violentos, una disminución de un 24,3% comparada con el año anterior.

Los totales de los crímenes violentos y crímenes a la propiedad, han estado disminuyendo en forma sostenida desde el 2006, según estadísticas de un reporte compilado por el departamento de policía. En el 2006, los crímenes violentos y los crímenes a la propiedad numeraron 10.828 y en el 2008, el total disminuyó a 8.426.

Breshears le atribuyó esta reducción en crímenes violentos a los esfuerzos de vigilancia comunitaria. Él también hizo notar una abierta comunicación y una interacción diaria con asociados comunitarios, además de una unidad de análisis del crimen que ayuda a identificar tendencias y unidades especializadas de la policía que son más visibles en las calles.

El departamento de policía de KCK se ha concentrado en mejorar la calidad de vida de sus ciudadanos y reducir el crimen dentro de la ciudad. Ellos han estado trabajando con ahínco para desarrollar esfuerzos mancomunados entre la policía y la comunidad con miras a enfocarse en una vigilancia preventiva y prevención del crimen.

"El Departamento de Policía de Kansas City Kansas está reportando una reducción en los crímenes violentos y a la propiedad comparados a esta misma fecha el año pasado y hemos atribuido ese éxito al cometido de nuestros socios en

la comunidad y a las robustas relaciones que el departamento ha desarrollado a lo largo de la última década con sus ciudadanos", dijo el Capitán James Brown de KCKPD.

Este año el KCKPD implementó la nueva División Patrullera de la Zona Media de la Ciudad, la cual reduce las responsabilidades divisionales para las Patrullas Oeste y Este. La nueva Patrulla de la Zona Media de la Ciudad significa que los agentes operarían en divisiones más pequeñas, permitiéndole al personal supervisor concentrarse en problemas en una menor escala, ofreciendo respuestas a llamados en forma más rápida y aumentando las estrategias para combatir el crimen, permitiéndole así a los agentes trabajar en forma más cercana con los agentes de la vigilancia comunitaria y con grupos comunitarios para ubicar los problemas.

"Este es el segundo año que COPPS nocturnos han sido desplegados en la comunidad y ellos han contribuido bastante a la reducción de las actividades criminales. La Unidad de Evaluación de Amenazas ha continuado investigando, ofreciendo, reuniendo y ofreciendo información a unidades pertenecientes al Departamento de Policía de Kansas City, Kansas que se encuentran conduciendo actividades para la erradicación de los crímenes violentos. Esta unidad se ha asociado con Libertad Condicional y Probatoria para crear y mantener un sistema automático

## Mana members take the oath of office Miembros de Mana toman juramento a cargo

In mid-January, members of the board of directors of Mana of Kansas City were sworn in at a reception at Manny's Restaurant in Kansas City. The members were Sandra Sanchez, president; Monica Huffman, executive vice president; Karen Weneck, treasurer; Mary Matalone, vice president of education; Christina Vasquez Case, vice president of membership; Tempe Hart, vice president of public relations; and Freda Mendez Smith, parliamentarian. They all made a commitment to continue the mission and the programs the group offers throughout the Kansas City area. Sanchez told *Hispanic News* that she was looking forward to serving her second term as president and creating new opportunities for Hispanic women.

A mediados de enero, a miembros de la junta de directores de Mana de Kansas City se les tomó juramento durante una recepción en el Restaurante Manny's en Kansas City. Los miembros fueron Sandra Sánchez, presidenta; Mónica Huffman, vicepresidenta ejecutiva; Karen Weneck, tesorera; Mary Matalone,



vicepresidenta de educación; Christina Vásquez Case, vicepresidenta de membresía; Tempe Hart, vicepresidenta de relaciones públicas y Freda Méndez Smith, parlamentaria. Todas ellas se comprometieron a continuar la misión y los programas que el grupo ofrece a través del área de Kansas City. Sánchez le dijo a *Hispanic News* que ella estaba esperanzada de servir un segundo periodo como presidenta y crear nuevas oportunidades para las mujeres hispanas.



## YVONNE RANGEL

It is with deep sorrow that KC Hispanic News reports the passing of Yvonne Rangel of Kansas City. She died after a long battle with cancer. The Latino community and area students with whom she worked and mentored for many years will miss her dearly. Yvonne was the director of LULAC and the Hispanic Leadership Opportunity Program for many years. Melissa Amaya, a student mentored by Rangel, said, "I always remember how grateful my parents and I were for her sitting down with us to complete the FAFSA line by line (back when it was all in paper form). This is truly a sad day. Yvonne, a few years ago, 'retired' to stay at home with her husband, Juan, and son, Juanito. She was a pillar in the Latino community and I can't believe she has passed."

Let us rejoice in the memories that Yvonne has left us and keep her and her family in our prayers.

A memorial service will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Monday, February 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., located at 900 NE Shady Lane Drive, Kansas City, MO 64118 (816)436-0880. (located two blocks east of N. Oak at 64th street.)



## Frank "Cal" Chavez



Frank "Cal" Chavez, 79 years old, Kansas City, Missouri, died unexpectedly on January 17, 2009. God welcomed and opened the gates of Heaven to Cal. Many of his family and friends and others who he befriended and loved gathered for the visitation at McGilley Midtown Chapel to say their final goodbyes and to share fond memories. That same evening of January 21, a rosary was recited and Cal's family was comforted by the many who came and prayed with them in their hour of need.

Cal was born in Chicago, Illinois and spent most of his life in Kansas City. He retired from Electro Bumper and Plating Co. in 1995. He continued as a consultant to KC Bumper and Auto Body Supplies, until his death. His Mass was held on January 22, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in KCMO. He was laid to rest at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, KCK. After the graveside service family and friends once again gathered at the Shrine for a reception.

Cal was preceded in death by his wife, Manuela, in 2004. He is survived by a sister, Mary Blancarte; a brother, Fred Chavez both of KCMO; four daughters, Gloria Pacheco (David) of Odenton, MD; Alice Chavez (David) of Overland Park, KS; Cathy Zapien (David) of Overland Park, KS; Mary Esther Diaz (Bobby) KCMO; two sons, Frank Chavez, Jr. (JoAnn) of KCMO; and Jay Chavez, of KCMO; nine grandchildren, Andrea and Jaclyn Pacheco, Nicholas Hernandez, Erica and Alexis Zapien, Christian Chavez, Frankie and Ashley Chavez, and Jamie Baldasso; three great grandchildren and numerous family and friends especially those at La Fonda. The family extends a special thank you to the ER staff at Truman Medical Center.

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God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.  
*(Arr: McGilley Midtown Chapel Kansas City Missouri)*



## ROBERTO LOPEZ LANDEROS



Roberto Lopez Landeros, 63, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away on January 13, 2009 while in Monterrey, Mexico. On January 19, Family and friends gathered to celebrate his life and to share some of the wonderful stories they had of Roberto. Roberto was surrounded with beautiful flowers and a display of photos that expanded his lifetime both here in KC and in Mexico.

Roberto was laid to rest at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas. Roberto was born on June 7, 1945 in Parras, De La Fuentes, Coahuila, Mexico to J. Concepcion and Antonia (Landeros) Lopez.

He was a forklift operator for American Ingredients for 25 years until his retirement. Roberto was one of the first Hispanic disc jockeys to pioneer Spanish music and Hispanic community affairs in Kansas City with the program "Fiesta Mexicana" on KCUR FM for 15 years.

In addition to his parents, Roberto was preceded in death by his brother, Rodrigo Lopez. His survivors include his wife of 39 years, Olivia, of the home; three sons, Roberto C. Lopez, Ricardo Lopez, and Luis-Miguel Lopez; one daughter, Sonia Lopez, all of Kansas City, Missouri; three brothers, Sergio Lopez Landeros, Jesus Lopez Landeros, and Francisco Lopez Landeros, all of Monterrey, Mexico; three sisters, Maria Estela Lopez of Saltillo, Mexico, Armandina Gomez of Monterrey, Mexico, and Trinidad Nunez de Parras, Mexico and three grandchildren, Rita Lopez, Timothy Lona, and Analisa Lona. Roberto was loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

*(arr. McGilley Midtown Chapel, 816-753-6200.)*

## SPORTS ROUND UP!

### Why not a Grimm future for Chiefs?



**JOHN SILVA**  
HISPANIC NEWS  
SPORTS

Back in a former professional lifetime, I worked in the world of television news. We had a lot of help gathering information in order to forecast the outcome of Chiefs games. One of the most accurate indicators was Sephira. This was not a software package or code name for an NFL front office insider. She is a local fortune-teller who had a better than 80% forecast on whether the Chiefs would win or lose.

Perhaps she should be enlisted again as she's got as good a chance at uncovering who the next coach of the Chiefs is as the local or national media. One outcome I wouldn't mind seeing is a "Grimm" one for Kansas City.

There was a groundswell of support for the idea of Arizona Cardinals offensive coordinator Todd Haley becoming head coach - not surprising after the Cards surprising run to the NFC



Championship title. Haley has the credentials that GM Scott Pioli is looking for. Both worked for the Jets under Bill Parcells (Pioli's father-in-law) and Haley comes from a football family where his dad helped make Pittsburgh the team of the 1970s.

Some contend that the 41-year-old still has maturity issues to work out before being ready to lead an NFL team. Others wonder if he simply has enough experience to manage the complexities that come with being a head coach.

One coach also in his 40s and also on the Arizona staff seems more ready for prime time coaching. Arizona Assistant Head Coach Russ Grimm has been playing or coaching in the NFL since 1981. The four time All-Pro left guard spent ten years winning three Super Bowls with Washington before embarking

on a coaching career upon his retirement in 1992. Working his way through the ranks with the Redskins and Steelers, Grimm nearly became Bill Cowher's successor in Pittsburgh before Mike Tomlin edged him out for the job two years ago.

Grimm followed fellow coaching staff member Ken Whisenhunt to the desert and helped transform a moribund offensive line to one that excels at protecting the QB. Between the knowledge gained working for Hall of Fame coaches Joe Gibbs and Bill Cowher and the opportunity to help oversee team management, he would be an excellent coaching candidate.

So far Grimm's credentials have translated (at least publicly) into one head coaching interview this offseason. The Jets looked at him during their preliminary search before selecting Baltimore Defensive Coordinator Rex Ryan. Perhaps he doesn't jive with Pioli or doesn't contain the experience deemed necessary if the new GM is searching for someone who's done the job already. My point is with all of the boy wonders finding jobs to run a team, Pioli or Sephira could do a lot worse than choosing Russ Grimm to run the Chiefs.

they can make the team."

An attacking midfielder and forward came in the second round and goalkeeper prospect Neal Kitson from Big East power St. John's in the third round came to KC one round before fellow conference star Akeem Priestly (UConn) finished things out for the club.

This year's draft hinges on one of these players breaking out and holding down a starting spot on a team that hopes a young roster one year older will make strides towards the top of MLS, while their new site works towards bottoming out.

### Wizards start blazing Trails

If you go through the Grandview triangle and head north on I-435 you'll behold a beautiful sight. The ghost town known as Bannister Mall is being demolished. Earth movers are crushing the ground on a daily basis to completely tear the shopping district down and level the ground.

That process is expected to take a year before building begins on the new complex that will feature a soccer specific stadium as its centerpiece. The Wizards will patiently wait and play their games the next two seasons at Community America Ballpark.

This is a welcome sight for soccer fans. The removal of the eyesore is also welcome news for those who bemoan the barren remains of the once popular mall.

The soccer club began their season with the loss of central defender Tyson Wahl to Seattle in the MLS expansion draft in December. In order to help the backline, Technical Director Peter Vermes selected Matt Besler with the eight pick in the MLS SuperDraft recently in St. Louis.

If the name sounds familiar it probably is. Besler is a local product of Blue Valley West High School and played club soccer at a high level before leaving for Notre Dame where he moved from an offensive player to a defensive one. As central defender of the Fighting Irish, Besler earned a 1st team All-America designation by the NSCAA (National

Soccer Coaches Association of America) this past year after leading the club to quarterfinal births in the NCAA tournament in 2006 and 2007.

Adding to his impressive credentials, Besler was the NSCAA Scholar Athlete of the Year graduating from the academically challenging university with a 3.518 GPA. He's the first ND product ever to earn the distinction. Balancing books and balls Besler also showed outstanding durability missing just one game in his career and playing every minute in his senior campaign.

The Wizards were unabashed in their praise of their number one pick. "We rated Matt Besler as one of the top defenders coming out, and we think he has a very bright future," was Head Coach Curt Onalfo's assessment after snagging Besler. Unlike last year when the team seemed to be stocking players with a look toward the future, Onalfo said Besler has a chance to be in the starting XI consistently this year. "We look forward to him coming in and competing with Aaron Hohlbein for a starting spot," he said.

Besler's was excited to come home. "It's amazing. It's everything I could've asked for going into the draft." Vermes was excited with the fruit born from the '09 draft, "Besler was a guy we really wanted with our number one pick, so that was important. We got some other very talented players as well, and those guys will get a chance to show us that

### State Farm opens newest location



From left to right: Vanessa Wiegman, Steve Wiegman, Agent, Mindy Templeto and Fatima Freire.

An official open house on January 17, 09, of Steve Wiegman State Farm Insurance agency in Blue Springs, Missouri marks new beginning for Steve and his wife Vanessa Wiegman. "We appreciate the loyalty of our existing customers and welcome others customers who are looking to save money on their insurance needs," Steve told *Hispanic News*. "We are a bilingual State Farm Agency in the Greater Kansas City Area and we are prepared to help customers manage the risks of everyday life and simplify the complexity of insurance and financial services all the while helping you save money when you need it most without sacrificing the coverage you need. Our open house was an extension of our heartfelt gratitude to our friends, family and the community. We want to continue that spirit."

correctly, and lose yardage for wrong answers.

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## Financial Super Bowl

JASON ALDERMAN

As it does every year, Super Bowl mania is sweeping the nation. In a recent survey of Visa Inc. cardholders, more than 60 percent said they would be inviting family and friends over to watch the game, spending an average of about \$170 on refreshments. How do your plans and budget stack up?

You don't necessarily have to banish football from your mind until next fall once all of the chips have been eaten and the stadium lights have gone out in Tampa Bay on February 1. You can keep the football spirit alive year round and at the same time teach your kids some valuable lessons about managing their personal finances by playing a game called Financial Football.

Jointly developed by the National Football League and Visa, Financial Football is a lively interactive game that teaches personal financial management skills to young adults. It can be played free on the Web or downloaded to your cell phone and played anytime.

Financial Football combines the structure and rules of the NFL with financial education questions of varying difficulty. You can play it with your kids one-on-one or by forming teams. Racing against the clock, teams gain yards and score points for answering questions

correctly, and lose yardage for wrong answers.

Players pick home and visitor teams from among the 32 AFC and NFC teams, then choose the game length and level of question difficulty to make the game either more or less challenging. There is a standard edition for teenagers and a more advanced version for college-age young adults.

Since its introduction a few seasons ago, Financial Football has really caught on. The online version has been downloaded more than 200,000 times and 19 state governments have distributed the game to all their high schools, making it a component of their financial education curricula.

Here are a few of the many questions Financial Football players are asked:

1. Before entering your credit card number online, first make sure: (a) The website is secure; (b) You understand the site's privacy statement; (c) You trust the company you're buying from; (d) All of the above.
2. Who is NOT allowed to access your credit report? (a) A potential landlord; (b) Your employer; (c) your relatives; (d) financial institutions.
3. Which of the following is true about bankruptcy: (a) Bankruptcy will stay on your credit report for 10 years;

(b) Bankruptcy gets rid of all debts; (c) Bankruptcy allows me to protect my property by hiding it or giving it away; (d) All taxes are dischargeable when you file for bankruptcy.

4. Which of the following is NOT important in determining your credit-worthiness? (a) Your current debt; (b) Your current salary; (c) Your past credit payment history; (d) Your parents' income.

How many did you get right? If you answered four correct, you scored a touchdown. Getting three right is a field goal. Only two is a punt. And one or fewer is a fumble. The correct answers are: 1(d); 2(c); 3(a); and 4(d).

To learn more about Financial Football, play the game or download a free copy, go to Visa's free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com/football](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/football)).

Regardless of how much you plan to spend for your Super Bowl gathering, if anything will make learning about money management fun and get your kids engaged in this vital subject, it's Financial Football.

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

## Un Super Tazón Financiero

JASON ALDERMAN

Como sucede todos los años, la manía del Super Bowl se impone aplastantemente en todo el país. En una encuesta reciente de tarjetas habientes de Visa, Inc., más del 60 por ciento dijeron que invitarían a familiares y amigos a ver el partido y que gastarían un promedio de \$170 en refrescos. ¿Qué tan sólidos son sus propios planes y su presupuesto?

Cuando el último nacho se haya consumido y se apaguen las luces del estadio en Tampa Bay el 1° de febrero, no hay razón para que destierre al fútbol americano de su mente hasta el próximo otoño. Puede mantener viva a la pasión por el fútbol todo el año y al mismo tiempo enseñar a sus chicos unas lecciones valiosas sobre como administrar sus finanzas personales, por medio de un juego que se llama Fútbol Financiero.

El Fútbol Financiero es un juego entretenido e interactivo, creado conjuntamente por el National Football League y Visa, para enseñar a los adultos jóvenes destrezas en el manejo de finanzas personales. Se puede jugar gratis en Internet o descargar a su teléfono celular para jugarlo cuando quiera.

El Fútbol Financiero combina la estructura y las reglas de la NFL con preguntas educativas sobre finanzas, con varios grados de dificultad. Puede jugarlo con sus chicos uno-contra-uno o en equipos. Corriendo contra el reloj, los equipos ganan yardas y puntos cuando

dan respuestas correctas, y pierden yardas por respuestas equivocadas.

Los jugadores seleccionan el equipo local y los visitantes de los 32 equipos de la AFC y NFC; después escogen la duración del partido y el nivel de dificultad de las preguntas para que el juego sea más desafiante. Hay una edición estándar para adolescentes y otra versión más avanzada para jóvenes adultos de edad universitaria.

Desde su presentación hace unas pocas temporadas, el Fútbol Financiero realmente se ha popularizado. La versión de Internet ha sido descargada más de 200.000 veces y 19 gobiernos de estatales han distribuido el juego en todas sus escuelas secundarias, haciéndolo un componente de su plan de estudios de educación financiera.

Estas son algunas de las muchas preguntas que se hacen a los jugadores de Fútbol Financiero:

1. Antes de enviar su número de tarjeta de crédito por Internet, asegúrese primero de que: (a) El sitio de Internet sea seguro; (b) Entienda la declaración de confidencialidad del sitio; (c) Confía en la compañía a la cual le está comprando; (d) Todo lo anterior.
2. ¿Quién NO tiene permiso para acceder a su informe de crédito? (a) Un arrendador potencial; (b) Su empleador; (c) Sus parientes; (d) Instituciones financieras.
3. Con respecto a la quiebra, ¿qué es verdadero?: (a) La quiebra permanece en su historial de crédito por 10 años; (b)

La quiebra elimina a todas las deudas; (c) La quiebra me permite proteger mi propiedad, si la escondo o la regalo; (d) Todos los impuestos quedan perdonados cuando usted solicita quiebra.

4. ¿Cuál de los siguientes ítems NO es importante para determinar su capacidad crediticia? (a) El monto actual de sus deudas; (b) Su salario actual; (c) Su historial de pagos crediticios; (d) El ingreso de sus padres.

¿Cuántas acertó? Si contestó las cuatro correctamente, completó un touchdown. Acertar tres es un gol de campo. Solamente dos vale como un despeje. Y uno o menos es un balón perdido. Las respuestas correctas son: 1(d); 2(c); 3(a); y 4(d).

Para obtener más información sobre el Fútbol Financiero, para jugarlo o para descargar su copia gratuita, vaya al sitio gratuito de Visa sobre el manejo de finanzas personales, Destrezas Prácticas para el Manejo de Dinero de por Vida ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com/football](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/football)).

Sin importar cuánto planea gastar en su reunión del Super Bowl, el Fútbol Financiero es una forma segura de involucrar a sus hijos en el tema vital del manejo de dinero y hacer que se diviertan aprendiendo.

Jason Alderman dirige los programas de educación financiera de Visa. Para inscribirse y recibir un Boletín de Noticias Electrónico financiero personal gratuito mensualmente, vaya a [www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter).



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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DATA ENTRY SUPERVISOR**

**Summary**

The Kansas City Board of Elections is seeking a Data Entry Supervisor to manage and maintain accurate voter registration records by ensuring timely and consistent database entry of new voters, and updates of currently registered voters due to changes in name, address, relocation or death.

The position requires an individual with outstanding managerial skills; excellent verbal and written communication capabilities; excellent interpersonal skills developed from working with a diverse population of clients and staff; proven cooperative and flexible team skills; keen attention to detail; and the ability to translate and apply Missouri state statutes and laws appropriately.

He/she directs and coordinates the production activity of four to five data entry clerks; conducts training on data entry procedures, phone bank operations and election laws. During election cycles, supervises up to 40 temporary clerks; monitors work flow; maintains compliance with state laws; provides timely written reports; works closely and cooperatively with all KCEB departments to ensure smooth implementation of work schedules and processing. Individual should demonstrate a history of consistently meeting deadlines and of working efficiently and calmly under high levels of occasional stress and pressure. Must demonstrate a high level commitment to delivering superb internal and external customer service.

**Qualifications**

College degree preferred. Associate's degree or equivalent from two-year college or technical school; a minimum five years supervisory/management experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. A minimum five years experience working with database management systems; above average 10-key competency; ability to read, analyze, and interpret documents, instructions, and procedural manuals; write reports and business correspondence; communicate clearly and effectively; experience conducting employee training.

This position must be filled by a Democrat who resides in the Kansas City portion of Jackson County. Applicant must be a registered voter within the Kansas City portion of Jackson County.

Salary range: \$35,000-\$45,000. Apply by mailing or e-mailing (kceb@kceb.org) a cover letter and resume **no later than** February 9, 2009, to:

Kansas City Board of Elections  
1828 Walnut, Suite 300  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
Attention: DE Supervisor Position

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Hard copy applications will be accepted at the twelve application fairs throughout the city. Locations and times for these fairs can be found at [www.kcmo.org/fire](http://www.kcmo.org/fire).

Hard copy applications will also be accepted at City Hall, Human Resources Department, 414 E. 12th St., 12th Floor.

Starting salary: \$2,610/mo. Application deadline: Monday, March 2, 2009. **Minorities, women and active military personnel are encouraged to apply.** A computer-based examination will be held at a later date at a location to be announced.

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The Kansas City Royals is seeking **P/T Stadium Services associates** who will be responsible for a variety of custodial functions within Kauffman Stadium to include but not limited to maintaining cleanliness of concourse & restrooms, power washing fan seating areas & set up/breakdown for special events. Previous exp preferred but not required. Must be at least 18 yrs old, able to walk/stand for long periods, able to lift up to 50lbs, and available to work flex hours to include weekends, evenings & holidays from March-October. We offer a competitive salary & free parking. Pre-employment screening is required. Apply on-line at [www.royals.com](http://www.royals.com) or pick up application @ Royals Administration trailer located in Lot A and mail to Kansas City Royals, PO Box 419969, Attn: HR Dept. Kansas City, MO 64141-6969. EOE

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**CLASIFICADOS CLASSIFIEDS & PUBLIC NOTICE****CALL FOR PROJECTS**

The Mid-America Regional Council is accepting proposals for public transit and human services transportation projects to be funded through two Federal Transit Administration programs: Job Access and Reverse Commute, and New Freedom. Proposals must be submitted electronically by March 25, 2009, by 12:00 noon CST. For details about the programs and application process, visit [www.marc.org/transportation](http://www.marc.org/transportation). Direct questions to Stewart Nelson or Ron Achelpohl, 816-474-4240, Mid-America Regional Council, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105

**MBE/WBE/DBE INVITATION TO BID**

Barsto Construction, Inc. is soliciting MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractor/supplier bid proposals for the **VA Hospital Operating Suite Replacement, Columbia, MO**. Prevailing Wages apply. Proposals must be submitted to our office by **February 3, 2009** by 5:00 pm. Questions call Dick Stanton at 816-421-5677; fax 816-421-8417. EOE

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Barsto Construction, Inc. is soliciting MBE/WBE/DBE subcontractor/supplier bid proposals for **Gohn-Wood House & Hass-Hoover Hall (Missouri State University, West Plains, MO)**. Prevailing Wages apply. Proposals must be submitted to our office by February 10, 2009 by 2:00 p.m. Questions call Janet McKinney at 816-421-5677, fax 816-421-8417. EOE

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Ball Kelly, LLC d/b/a Taylor Kelly, LLC seeks qualified MBE/WBE/DBE-SITE PACKAGE BIDS for Midtown Early Education Center in Kansas City, KS. This package to include, General Excavation, Site Preparation and Earthwork, Site Utilities, Segmental Retaining Walls. Bid documents are available for review in the Ball Kelly Plan Room at 800 East 101st Terr, Ste. 120, KCMO. **Fax bids to 816-444-9700 no later than 2:00 p.m. 2/5/09**. Contact Brad at 816-444-8000 with questions regarding the bid.

**NOTICE TO BID**

Sealed proposals (B9-0573) for Information Technology Outsourcing Services will be received at Lincoln University Purchasing Department 1002 Chestnut St, RM 101 Shipping & Receiving Bldg JCMO until 2 PM CST Feb 19, 2009. Bids may be downloaded at <http://www.lincolnu.edu/pages/310.asp>

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Sealed bids for purchase of a manikin for Lincoln University Nursing Department (B9-0574) will be received at Lincoln Univ Purchasing Department 1002 Chestnut St, RM 101 Shipping & Receiving Bldg JCMO until 2 PM CST Feb 11, 2009. Bids may be downloaded at <http://www.lincolnu.edu/pages/310.asp>

**Public Notice Bid**

**KCMO POLICE** will accept bid for: Bid # 2009-10, Disposable Clothing, Gloves, & First Aid items Bid opening: Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009 2:00 p.m. For info contact: Terry Headley (816) 234-5340.

**MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #18E PLAZA LEVEL STONE VENEER**

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Plaza Level Stone Veneer, Bid Package 18E**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at Turner's main office, The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available January 20, 2009. Bids are due February 12th, 2009 at 1:00 PM, CDST.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held January 29, 2009 at 1:00 PM, CDST at the Chiefs/Konrath on-site Office Trailer, 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. (Truman Sports Complex).

Sealed bids are due by **1:00 PM, CDST on February 12, 2009**. Questions regarding this project should be directed to Martha Leahy, Turner Construction Co., 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. Phone 816-918-5233. EOE

**MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #25 WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS**

Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Waterproofing Systems, Bid Package 25**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at Turner's main office, The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available January 20, 2009. Bids are due February 12th, 2009 at 2:00 PM, CDST.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE PARVIN ROAD CORRIDOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN**

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri, commencing at 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 11, 2009, in the Town Pavilion Conference Center, 1100 Walnut, 4th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Parvin Road Corridor Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Amendment"). The Amendment, if approved, would allow for modifications to the budget of Redevelopment Project Costs. The intent of the Plan remains unchanged other than those changes specifically mentioned herein.

The Redevelopment Plan Area is described as an irregularly shaped area generally bound by N.E. 48th Street, Parvin Road and the Kansas City city limits on the north, the Kansas City city limits and the railroad tracks on the east, Missouri Route 210 and the railroad tracks on the south and North Bennington Avenue on the west in Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri. The Amendment, as proposed, may be reviewed by any interested party on or after Wednesday, February 4, 2009 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Tax Increment Financing Commission, 1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Joseph P. Gonzales  
Director

Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri  
1100 Walnut, Suite 1700  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of the following services in the Missouri counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray for SFY 2010 (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010):

- Site Transportation – Person
- Site Transportation – Me
- Special Transportation - Reserved
- Special Transportation - Lift/Ramp
- Coordinated Non-Urban Transportation
- Catering
- Adult Day Health Care
- Homemaker/Personal Care
- Senior Center Services (Belton, Buckner and the KC northland area)
- Medication Management
- Mental Health Services
- National Family Caregiver Support Programs

RFP's will be released on Friday, January 23, 2009. There will be several conferences focusing on the various services being requested. Questions relating to proposal procedure, proposal requirements and proposal evaluation will be answered at these conferences. Please call Ms. Tonya Boston at (816) 474-4240, ext. 8290, or email her at [tboston@marc.org](mailto:tboston@marc.org), to obtain conference dates, times and locations. RFP's will be available at all conferences or may be obtained by contacting Ms. Tonya Boston. Sealed proposals will be received at the MARC office no later than Friday, 12:00 noon, February 27, 2009.

MARC hereby notifies all interested parties that it affirmatively ensures that all respondents to this notice are afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and that no respondent will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, nationality, origin, disability, or sex in consideration of an award.

**MBE/WBE Invitation to Bid: BP #24 HORIZON AND PRESS LEVEL GENERAL CONSTRUCTION:**

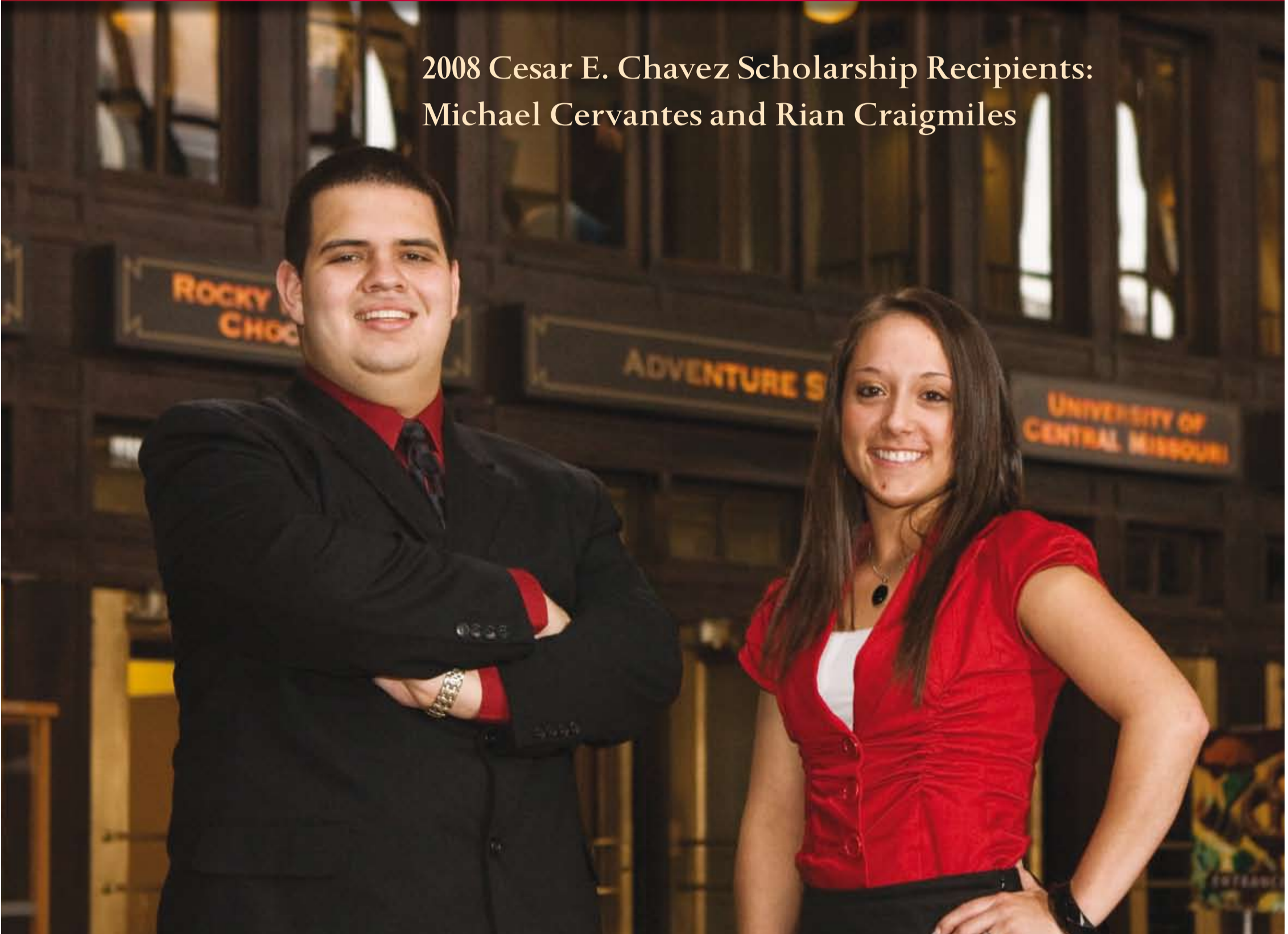
Turner Construction Company is soliciting bids for the **Horizon and Press Level General Construction**, on the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, Inc., Arrowhead Stadium Expansion project in Kansas City, MO. Drawings will be available for review at Turner's main office, The Builder's Association, FW Dodge, Reed Construction Data, ISQFT, NAWIC, Mid America Minority Business Development Council, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater KC, Hispanic Organization for Justice and Equality and Minority Contractors Association. They also can be purchased at KC Blueprint & Plan Room. Plans will be available January 29, 2009. Bids are due February 19, 2009 at 3:00 PM, CDST.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held February 3, 2009 at 3:00 PM, CDST at the Chiefs/Konrath on-site Office Trailer, 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. (Truman Sports Complex).

Sealed bids are due by **3:00 PM, CDST on February 19, 2009**. Questions regarding this project should be directed to Zach Loy, Turner Construction Co., 1 Dubiner Circle, Kansas City, MO. 64129. Phone 816-582-1416. EOE

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