

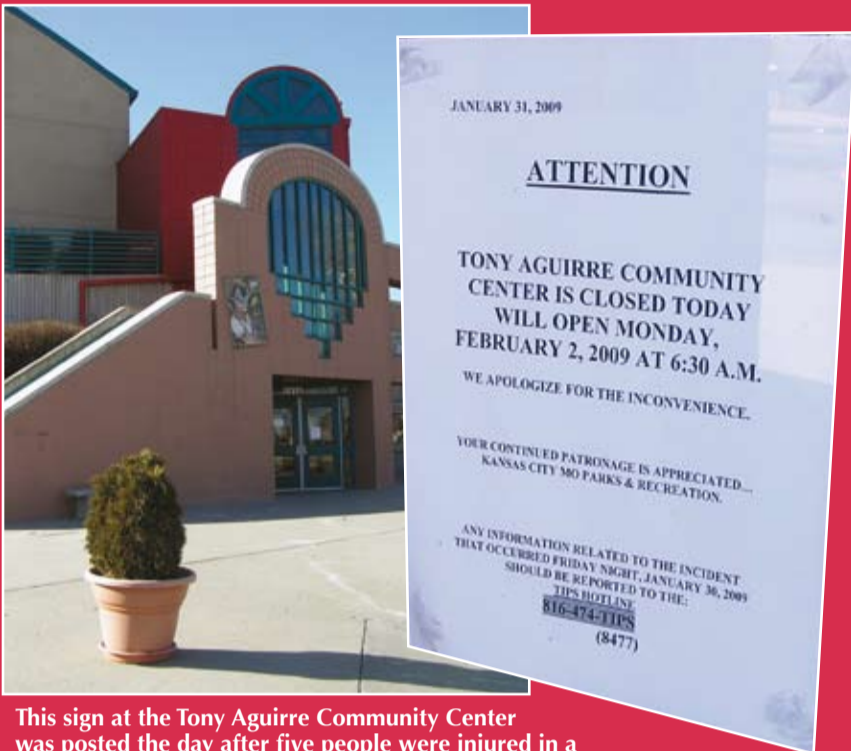
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"It was frightening" said Joel Jimenez "Fue aterrador" dijo Joel Jiménez



This sign at the Tony Aguirre Community Center was posted the day after five people were injured in a shooting incident. No one was killed however, the center is working to improving security and KC Police said they are still looking for the suspects.

Este anuncio en el Centro Comunitario Tony Aguirre fue puesto el día después en que cinco personas resultaran heridas en un incidente con armas de fuego. Nadie perdió la vida, sin embargo el centro está trabajando para mejorar la seguridad y la policía de KC dijo que ellos aún buscan a los sospechosos.

JOE ARCE AND TONY BALANDRAN
HISPANIC NEWS

Joel Jimenez had finished a delivery to Children's Mercy Hospital and had checked the time. He saw an opening where he could squeeze in a quick workout before making his next delivery. About 7:35 p.m., he parked his truck at the Tony Aguirre Community Center and lingered a moment, listening to the radio.

"A car arrived the same time I did. About two or three kids got out and they joined about four other kids at the front entrance and they all went in and then -- boom -- it all happened."

The shooting inside the gym at the community center, 2050 West Pennway Terrace, is still vivid in the minds of nearby residents and witnesses.

The shooting occurred just after Jimenez turned off the radio, opened the door of his truck and stepped onto the asphalt. "I was getting out when I saw seven or eight young black men running down the outside stairs from the upper level and they fired off a few rounds. They were each carrying handguns or shotguns or a rifle. Then they ran across the parking lot and got over the hill over to the bakery, where the bread shop is and they fired off about a dozen rounds back there," Jimenez recalled.

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Joel Jiménez había finalizado una entrega al Hospital Children's Mercy y había mirado la hora. Él vio un espacio de tiempo en donde podía hacer algunos ejercicios rápidos antes de hacer su próxima entrega. Alrededor de las 7:35 p.m., él estacionó su camioneta en frente del Centro Comunitario Tony Aguirre y permaneció allí por un momento escuchando la radio.

"Un vehículo llegó al mismo tiempo que yo. Cerca de dos o tres muchachos se bajaron y se unieron a otros cuatro en frente de la entrada y todos entraron al recinto y luego -- bum -- todo sucedió".

La balacera dentro del gimnasio en el centro comunitario, ubicado en el 2050 de West Pennway Terrace, aún permanece vívido en las mentes de residentes del área y de testigos.

La balacera ocurrió un poco después que Jiménez apagara la radio, abriera la puerta de su camioneta y pisara el asfalto. "Me estaba bajando cuando observé a siete u ocho jóvenes afroestadounidenses bajando a toda prisa por las escalinatas exteriores desde el nivel superior y dispararon unas pocas balas. Cada uno de ellos portaba pistolas o escopetas o un rifle. Luego ellos corrieron a través del estacionamiento y preparon la

LOS RESIDENTES/PÁGINA 2

Yvonne Rangel: a champion of life and education un paladín para la vida y la educación



The many family and friends who came to the memorial service for Yvonne Rangel shared a bond -- a lasting memory of the wonderful person that she was. Many felt blessed that she was and had been a part of their life if even for just a short time.

Los muchos familiares y amigos que llegaron al servicio en memoria de Yvonne Rangel compartieron un lazo -- una indeleble memoria de la maravillosa persona que ella fue. Muchos se sintieron bendecidos de que ella hubiera sido parte de sus vidas aunque hubiese sido por un corto tiempo.

JOE ARCE AND DEBRA DECOSTER
HISPANIC NEWS

In life, Yvonne Vazquez Rangel was someone who inspired people, worked with the Latino community and loved her family. Family and friends said her passing at age 42 not only will quiet a dedicated activist but will also dim a radiant beacon for education. Her contributions to the Hispanic community and her assistance to students will linger for years to come.

"She had a true love for students, not just Latino students, but all students. As director of LULAC and as a director and mentor for the Hispanic Leadership Opportunity Program, she touched the lives of countless students in the Kansas City area from junior high to college," said Melissa Amaya, client manager at In-Roads.

Amaya recalled a time years ago when Rangel came to her house to help her family complete financial aid paperwork so she could attend college. "She sat down with us and helped us

fill it out line by line because I was the first one in my family to go to college and this was all new to us. She helped us understand the entire process and made it easy on my parents to apply for the money that we needed so I could go to college," she said.

Amaya remembered Rangel's willingness to go the extra mile for students and how "she would go above and beyond what her job responsibilities were at LULAC to make sure students educationally and personally were successful."

Rangel is survived by her husband Juan; her son Juanito; and her father Jesus Vazquez and Joyce.

Over the years, she had earned numerous accolades for her work. In 2005, the LULAC Educational Service Center, 500 Delaware St., dedicated a computer room as the Yvonne Vazquez Rangel Student Resources Library &

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TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

En vida, Yvonne Vázquez Rangel fue una persona que inspiró a la gente, trabajó con la comunidad latina y amó a su familia. Familiares y amigos dijeron que su muerte a la edad de 42 no calmará solamente a una dedicada activista, sino que también oscurecerá un radiante candil para la educación. Sus contribuciones a la comunidad hispana y su ayuda a estudiantes se mantendrá por muchos años.

"Ella tenía un verdadero cariño por los estudiantes, no solamente por los estudiantes latinos, sino que por todos los estudiantes. Como directora de LULAC y como directora y mentora del Programa Hispano para Oportunidades en Liderazgo, ella tuvo un efecto en las vidas de un sinnúmero de estudiantes en el área de Kansas City desde la secundaria junior hasta la universidad", dijo Melissa Amaya,

RANGEL PELEÓ/PÁGINA 3

Tight credit environment calls for careful oversight

JASON ALDERMAN

As anyone who's applied for a new loan lately knows, if you don't have a gold-plated credit history, you may have a tough time borrowing. And even many 24-karat consumers are being turned down. Lenders have responded to their own difficulty accessing credit -- as well as increasing customer defaults -- by tightening lending standards.

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Now more than ever you need to closely monitor your credit scores and avoid behaviors that might trigger higher interest rates, cancelled accounts or reduced credit limits, any of which can lower scores.

A few precautions:

Check credit reports and scores. The three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) track your credit history and compile credit

Clima crediticio ajustado requiere vigilancia cuidadosa

JASON ALDERMAN

Como lo sabe cualquier persona que recientemente haya solicitado un préstamo nuevo, a menos que usted tenga un historial de crédito enchapado en oro, es posible que le sea muy difícil conseguir un préstamo. Aun

así, muchos consumidores de 24 quilates están siendo rechazados. Los prestamistas han reaccionado ante sus propias dificultades para obtener acceso al crédito (y también ante un alza en la morosidad de los consumidores) ajustando aun más sus criterios para prestar.

Ahora más que nunca le conviene vigilar cuidadosamente su calificación

de crédito y evitar acciones que puedan provocar tasas de interés más altas, cuentas de crédito canceladas, o límites de crédito reducidos, todos los cuales pueden bajar las calificaciones.

Unas cuantas precauciones:

Revise sus informes y calificaciones de crédito. Los tres burós de

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Residents heard the shots

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“It was just crazy with people yelling,” he said. “It was chaos. It was frightening. There was no way for them to know that the men had already left. It was about that time that the first police squad car came. And, they were pointing their guns.”

The chaos began about 7:35 p.m. Jan. 30 during a basketball game for two boys teams in league play. The Guadalupe Center, which had used the community center for more than five years, had rented the gym, according to the city’s parks and recreation department.

One witness told police an argument started between two suspects and about six others got involved. The witness said one suspect ran onto the court and began firing into the crowd of about 300 people while the second suspect began shooting back at the first. Police recovered four guns after the incident, including a Tec-9 machine pistol. Four people were wounded, but none with life-threatening injuries.

The shooting has prompted

a discussion among neighbors and city officials about the security measures at the city’s community centers, not just the Tony Aguirre Community Center.

John Fierro, president of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, said that although the shooting was an isolated incident, the enforcement of security may have to be revisited. Signs are posted at community centers that ban weapons on the premises, but the city’s parks and recreation department has no policy on checking visitors at its centers for weapons.

He said organizations renting any part of the city’s property, whether a gymnasium or a park, are responsible for providing security at the venue. In many cases, security for such civic organizations as the Guadalupe Center is in the form of adult supervision.

Fierro said the basketball league that was playing that night is five years old and has never had a security issue involving gunfire. Still, the city will respond to the call for

improving security practices at all its community centers.

In regards to security, neighbor Anthony Riggs said he thinks the city needs to treat community center activities “like you do any other sporting event or entertainment, you have to have police or off-duty officers there. When you have a large crowd like that they should go and hire security there.”

Riggs had stepped out of his house across the street from the community center to walk his dog when the shots rang out. “When I started to walk outside, I saw people running out from the community center. They were just running and scattering. I saw a group of kids run out... right across the street from me in the alley. Then they started shooting back to the community center. I could see the gun flash.”

He and his wife, Mary, have lived in the neighborhood for 17 years. And after the shooting, the talk of moving began.

“They didn’t have enough security,” Mary Riggs said. “They know when there is that many teenagers they should

have had more security more supervision and they didn’t.”

Mark L. McHenry, director of the parks and recreation department, said the city is looking at an action plan for all community centers to prevent a repeat of the Jan. 30 incident. Security can be done in different ways, he said, whether it is a physical presence, electronic or through other measures.

“We want to look at our community centers as safe zones. We want them to be a location within the community that people feel safe going to. We feel like we have done that over the years. This place has been there over 10 years now and this is the first time that has ever happened,” McHenry said.

Fierro said increasing security in tight-budget times will be tricky for the city. He said officials may consider increasing fees for its programs and services at the community centers. Also, partnering with other organizations that are able to leverage private dollars will be examined.

One thing is certain, he said, “There was never a thought of closing the Tony Aguirre Community Center down. We are going to make the necessary changes to maintain a safe place for Westside residents and all Kansas City patrons.”

One can order a free credit report

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reports showing a snapshot of your credit behavior. They also use the information to create three-digit credit scores that help lenders (and potential landlords and employers) determine if you’re a good credit risk.

It’s vital to know what information appears in your credit reports since errors, omissions and fraudulent activities could seriously impact your score. In a recent Visa Inc. cardholder survey, nearly half said they check their score once a year or more and 18 percent every few years. But alarmingly, 30 percent have never checked their credit score. That’s the financial equivalent of driving with your eyes shut.

You can order one free credit report per year from each bureau at www.annualcreditreport.com. You can also purchase copies of your credit scores for about \$15 each at www.myfico.com.

You can also estimate your score using the free FICO Score Estimator at What’s My Score, a financial literacy program run by Visa (www.whatsmyscore.org/estimator.) The site also features tips on repairing damaged or unestablished credit scores.

Know what credit scores measure. The Visa survey also uncovered some misconceptions about factors impacting your credit score: Although the vast majority correctly identified bill payment history, current level of debt and interest rates on current debt as measurable factors, around a quarter incorrectly believed that race, gender and national origin also play a role.

Basically, five factors determine your credit score: payment history, amount owed, length of credit history, newly opened credit accounts, and types of credit used. Scores take into consideration

both positive and negative information in each category, but may weigh the factors differently depending on your individual circumstances.

Read your mail. Account terms, including interest rates, credit limits and payment deadlines, are subject to change, pending notification. So always read any correspondence from lenders or retailers where you have accounts, even if it looks like junk mail. To be safe, you can check your monthly statements or call each lender to verify terms.

A few additional tips:

- Pay bills on time.
- Pay at least the minimum amount due on credit cards and other loans.
- If you can’t make a payment, contact the lender before you’re past due to work out a compromise.
- Don’t use more than 30 percent of any one card’s available credit, or 30 percent of your overall available credit from all cards.
- Be cautious about opening or closing accounts. Some experts recommend occasionally charging small amounts to older, unused accounts so they’ll remain open, thereby not reducing your total available credit.
- Unpaid medical bills can get lost in the shuffle, so track all bills and check your insurance statements carefully for errors or underpayments.

It’s essential to know where your credit stands today so you can correct any mishaps before they impact your ability to borrow at favorable terms tomorrow.

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Los residentes escucharon los disparos

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colina hacia la panadería, en donde se encuentra la tienda de pan y dispararon una docena de balas desde allí”, recuerda Jiménez.

“Fue simplemente una locura con la gente gritando”, dijo él. “Fue un caos. Fue aterrador. No había manera que ellos supieran que los muchachos ya se habían ido. Fue cerca de ese momento que el primer auto patrulla de la policía llegó. Y ellos apuntaban con sus armas”.

El caos comenzó cerca de las 7:35 p.m. del 30 de enero, durante un juego de baloncesto de dos equipos de muchachos que juegan en la liga. El Guadalupe Center, que ha utilizado el centro comunitario por más de cinco años, había rentado el gimnasio, según el departamento de parques y recreación de la ciudad.

Un testigo le dijo a la policía que una discusión había comenzado entre dos sospechosos y cerca de otros seis se habían involucrado en ella. El testigo dijo que un sospechoso corrió hacia la cancha y comenzó a disparar hacia la concurrencia de cerca de 300 personas, mientras el segundo sospechoso comenzó a dispararle al primero. La policía recuperó cuatro armas de fuego luego del incidente, incluyendo una pistola ametralladora Tec-9. Cuatro personas resultaron heridas, pero ninguno de ellos con lesiones fatales.

Se puede pedir un informe de crédito anual gratis

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informes crediticios principales (Equifax, Experian y TransUnion) hacen un seguimiento de su historial de crédito y recopilan informes de crédito que brindan un resumen sobre su comportamiento crediticio. También usan esa información para crear calificaciones de crédito de tres dígitos que les sirven a los prestamistas (y a potenciales arrendadores y empleadores) para determinar si usted es un riesgo crediticio aceptable.

Es vital conocer la información que aparece en su informe crediticio ya que los errores, las omisiones y la actividad fraudulenta pueden tener un impacto serio sobre su calificación. En una encuesta reciente de tarjeta habientes de Visa Inc., casi la mitad dijeron que revisaban su calificación una vez al año o más a menudo y el 18 por ciento cada algunos años. Pero, alarmantemente,

el 30 por ciento jamás ha verificado su calificación crediticia. Eso es el equivalente financiero de manejar con los ojos cerrados.

Usted puede pedir un informe de crédito anual gratis de cada buró en www.annualcreditreport.com. También puede comprar copias de sus calificaciones de crédito por aproximadamente \$15 cada uno en www.myfico.com

También puede hacer un estimado de su calificación con el nuevo Estimator de Calificaciones FICO en What’s My Score (¿Cuál es mi calificación?), un programa de educación financiera ofrecida por Visa (www.whatsmyscore.org/estimator.) El sitio también tiene consejos sobre como reparar calificaciones de crédito dañadas o no sólidas.

Conozca lo que miden las calificaciones de crédito. La encuesta de Visa también descubrió algunas ideas equivocadas con respecto

a los factores con impacto sobre su calificación de crédito. La enorme mayoría de las personas correctamente identificaron factores medibles como el historial de pago de facturas, niveles actuales de deuda e intereses sobre la deuda actual. Sin embargo, alrededor de uno de cada cuatro creían incorrectamente que la raza, el sexo y el origen nacional también desempeñan un papel.

Básicamente, existen cinco factores que determinan su calificación de crédito: el historial de pagos, el monto de su deuda, la antigüedad del historial de crédito, cuentas de crédito abiertas recientemente y tipos de crédito que se usan. Las calificaciones toman en cuenta tanto la información positiva como la negativa en cada categoría, pero se pueden ponderar los factores de forma diferente según sus circunstancias individuales.

Lea su correo. Los términos

En lo referente a la seguridad, el vecino Anthony Riggs, dijo creer que la ciudad necesita revisar las actividades de los centros comunitarios. “Tal como uno lo hace con cualquier otro evento deportivo o de entretenimiento, uno tiene que tener una política de utilizar a agentes de la policía o contar allí con policías fuera de servicio. Cuando uno tiene a una considerable concurrencia como esa, allí ellos deberían ir y contratar seguridad”.

Riggs había salido de su casa, la cual se encuentra enfrente del centro comunitario, él paseaba a su perro cuando sonaron los disparos. “Cuando comencé a caminar afuera, vi a personas corriendo desde el centro comunitario. Ellos simplemente corrían y se dispersaban. Vi a un grupo de muchachos corriendo... en el callejón al otro lado de la calle en donde me encontraba. Entonces ellos comenzaron a disparar hacia el centro comunitario. Pude ver el destello de los disparos”.

Él y su esposa Mary, han vivido en el vecindario por 17 años. y después de la balacera, la conversación de mudarse comenzó.

“Ellos no tenían suficiente seguridad”, dijo Mary Riggs. “Ellos saben que cuando allí hay muchos adolescentes, ellos deberían tener más supervisión y ellos no la tenían”.

Mark L. McHenry, director del departamento de parques

que rigen sus cuentas de crédito, incluyendo tasas de interés, límites de crédito y plazos de pago están sujetos a cambio con aviso por adelantado. Así que lea toda correspondencia que le llegue de prestamistas o tiendas donde tenga cuentas de crédito, aunque pareciera ser correo para la basura. Para estar seguro, puede revisar sus estados de cuenta mensuales o llamar a cada prestamista para verificar los términos.

Algunos consejos adicionales

- Pague sus facturas a tiempo.
- Pague por lo menos la cantidad mínima debida sobre tarjetas de crédito y otros préstamos.
- Si no puede hacer el pago, contacte al prestamista antes de que se le pase el plazo, para buscar algún arreglo.
- No use más que el 30 por ciento del crédito disponible de cualquiera de sus tarjetas, o el 30 por ciento del crédito

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Las facturas médicas morosas a veces se pierden, así que realice un seguimiento de todas las facturas y revise sus estados de cuenta de seguros cuidadosamente para determinar si hay errores o pagos insuficientes. Es esencial saber donde su crédito está hoy, para que pueda corregir cualquier infortunio antes de que tenga un impacto sobre sus posibilidades de sacar

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Rangel fought a long battle

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Technology Center. The center was the result of a partnership between LULAC, the H&R Block Foundation and the AT&T SBC Foundation.

When she was diagnosed with cancer five years ago, doctors told her that she would live only two more years. She was determined not to allow the cancer to slow her down or rule her life. She continued to work in the community, touching many with her smile, her optimism and her faith in God.

Pastor Dennis Capra of Faith Ministries said, "One of our outreach programs is a Christmas Toy Giveaway. We give toys to all the neighborhood kids and the school kids in Grandview. We have a growing Hispanic neighborhood and I asked her whether she would translate for us. We had a gospel presentation and she would translate what we say to the people. Many people came to know the Lord as a result of her translation."

When Capra learned about her cancer, he tried to offer her support, but she shied away from it. Instead she would turn to him and say that she wanted to pray for others in need. "Some of the issues and some of the pain that she was going through didn't seem to bother her, she didn't seem to bring up what she was going through, she only wanted to comfort us and encourage us. Most of the time we wanted to pray for her and she ended up praying for us and praying for the things we were praying for. She was always thinking about somebody else," Capra said.

Also at the memorial service, Marisa Rangel stood before those who gathered and tearfully recalled her sister-in-law after Juanito was born. "She and I had been talking for about an hour. Juanito was bundled in her arms and she said motherhood is such a good feeling. 'I can't wait for you to have one, you'll see.' Motherhood is a gift and it was everything to Yvonne.

Over these past five almost six years now, I saw her have an unwavering faith in God and in hope, in charity and of peace and love. She was dedicated and wonderful and I love her."

Amy Heithoff-Dominguez and Rangel crossed paths as they attended Latino community events. Their husbands knew each other and that brought the two women together. "I admired her work with LULAC and as I got to know her better, I realized that not only did she have a passion for improving the lives of all the Latino students whom she worked with but she also wanted to improve their families' lives. She had boundless energy and great vision. She was destined to become a mother and she loved every minute of it. She shared with me that the day she became a mother was her happiest day. I believed it sustained her over the last five years. She had such faith in Jesus and Our Lady of Guadalupe. She simply did not see a reason to acknowledge her cancer or give it power over her. She believed in the power of the mind and the power of prayer," she said.

The two women enjoyed getting together for play dates with their children, or going to lunch, or engaging in lively discussions about politics, social justice or child psychology.

Heithoff-Dominguez, who is a nurse, spent countless hours at Rangel's bedside while she was at KU Medical Center and told those gathered at the memorial service that she kept her faith. "I believe Yvonne experienced a miracle and that miracle was that she lived five years instead of the two years they gave her. She is her radiant beautiful self again."

Rangel and her cousin Vivien Perez grew up together playing games, taking long drives to Wichita, Kan., and sharing their childhood dreams and secrets. "My most vivid memory of Yvonne is walking into her bedroom closet. She had the most magical closet that any girl would like to have. In her

bedroom she had a four poster bed, a little round table with a tea cup set on it, and she had books. I still admired Yvonne, but I was the cousin that always fought with her because she was so strong willed and tenacious," she said.

"Her strong will, her strength showed how involved she was in the community, how the things that she did for others, she gave so much money to help other people, my strong-willed cousin grew up stronger than I had ever imagined. She fought a long battle with cancer and she became a born-again Christian. She did find her strength in God and she found enough strength to help her fight so hard to stay alive. She endured so much. She never wanted anyone to know of her struggles, she never wanted anyone to worry about her. She knew God was carrying her, she felt his strength and she knew God was always with her," her cousin said.

Yvonne Vazquez Rangel, 42, of Kansas City, MO., died on January 28, 2009 after surviving end-stage cancer for five years. A memorial service was held on February 2, at St. Charles Church, in KCMO. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested that donations be made in Yvonne's name to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund in c/o the Greater KC Community Foundation, 1055 Broadway, Suite 130, KCMO., 64105.

Yvonne was born October 28, 1966, to Jesus and Amelia Vazquez. She met her husband of 11 years, Juan, through her work with LULAC. It was through LULAC and Cristo Rey where she proudly served as a source of support and dedication to Kansas City's Latino community. Her dedication was only superseded by her devotion to son Juanito, age 5, and her unwavering faith. Yvonne lived her life open to new experiences and taking time to enjoy what she valued and loved and remembered by all.

She is survived by her husband Juan; son Juanito; father Jesus and Joyce; brother Jesse and Tiffany; in-laws

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Rangel peleó una prolongada batalla

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administradora para clientes en In-Roads.

Amaya recuerda una vez hace años cuando Rangel vino a su casa para ayudar a su familia a completar papeles para ayuda financiera para que ella pudiera asistir a la universidad. "Ella se sentó con nosotros y nos ayudó a llenarlo línea por línea ya que yo era la primera en mi familia en ir a la universidad y todo esto era nuevo para nosotros. Ella nos ayudó a entender la totalidad del proceso e hizo más fácil que mis papás solicitaran el dinero que necesitábamos para que pudiera ir a la universidad", dijo ella.

Amaya recuerda la voluntad de Yvonne para recorrer esa milla extra por los estudiantes y cómo "ella iba mucho más allá de las responsabilidades de su trabajo en LULAC para asegurarse de que los aspectos educacionales y personales de los estudiantes tuvieran éxito".

Rangel dejó en este mundo a su esposo Juan; a su hijo Juanito y a su padre Jesús Vázquez y a Joyce.

A lo largo de los años, ella se ganó numerosos elogios por su trabajo. En el 2005, el Centro de Servicios Educativos de LULAC, ubicado en el No. 500 de la calle Delaware, dedicó una sala de computadoras para que llevara el nombre de Biblioteca de Recursos para Estudiantes & Centro Tecnológico Yvonne Vázquez Rangel. El centro fue el resultado de un esfuerzo mancomunado entre LULAC, la Fundación H&R Block y la Fundación AT&T SBC.

Cuando a ella se le diagnosticó con cáncer hace cinco años, los médicos le dijeron que solamente viviría dos años más. Ella tuvo la determinación de no permitir que

el cáncer disminuyera su ritmo o controlara su vida. Ella continuó trabajando en la comunidad, influyendo en las vidas de muchos con su sonrisa, con su optimismo y con su fe en Dios.

El Pastor Dennis Capra de Faith Ministries dijo, "Uno de nuestros programas de extensión es un Evento para Regalar Juguetes en la Navidad. Nosotros le damos juguetes a todos los niños del vecindario y a los niños de las escuelas en Grandview. Nosotros tenemos un creciente vecindario hispano y yo le pregunté si ella quería traducir para nosotros. Tuvimos una presentación de las sagradas escrituras y ella tradujo lo que le decíamos a la gente. Muchas personas llegaron a conocer al Señor como resultado de sus traducciones".

Cuando Capra se enteró de su cáncer, él trató de ofrecerle apoyo, pero ella se sintió avergonzada de ello. En lugar de eso, ella se le acercaba y le decía que quería rezar por otros que se encontraban necesitados. "Algunos de los problemas y algo del dolor por los que ella estaba atravesando no parecían inquietarla, ella no parecía mencionar por lo que estaba pasando, ella solamente quería reconfortarnos y motivarnos. La mayoría de las veces nosotros queríamos rezar por ella y ella acababa rezando por nosotros y rezando por las cosas por las que nosotros rezábamos. Ella siempre ponía sus pensamientos en alguien más", dijo Capra.

También durante el servicio en su memoria, Marisa Rangel posó en frente de aquellos que se habían congregado y llena de lágrimas recordó a su cuñada después de que Juanito naciera. "Ella y yo habíamos estado platicando por cerca de una hora. Juanito se encontraba

arropado en sus brazos y ella dijo que la maternidad era un buen sentimiento. Estoy ansiosa de que tu tengas uno, tú verás. La maternidad es un regalo y significaba todo para Yvonne. A lo largo de los últimos cinco, casi seis años a la fecha, yo la observé demostrando un inquebrantable fe en Dios y en la esperanza, en la caridad y en la paz y en el amor. Ella fue dedicada y maravillosa y yo la adoro".

Amy Heithoff-Dominguez y Rangel cruzaron sus caminos mientras asistían a eventos comunitarios latinos. Sus esposos se conocían y eso facilitó que las mujeres se juntaran. "Yo admiraba su trabajo con LULAC y en la medida en que llegué a conocerla mejor, me di cuenta que ella no tan sólo tenía una pasión por mejorar las vidas de todos los estudiantes latinos con quienes ella trabajaba, sino que también quería mejorar las vidas de sus familias. Ella tenía una energía ilimitada y una gran visión. Ella estaba destinada a convertirse en una madre y adoraba cada minuto de ello. Ella compartió conmigo que ese día en que se convirtió en mamá fue su día más feliz. Yo creo que eso le sirvió de sustento a lo largo de los últimos cinco años. Ella tenía tal fe en Jesús y en Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Ella simplemente no pensaba una razón para reconocer su cáncer o darle poder sobre ella. Ella creía en el poder de la mente y en el poder de la oración", dijo ella.

Las dos mujeres disfrutaban reunirse para días de juegos con sus hijos o ir a almorzar o abstraerse en vívidas discusiones sobre política, justicia social y psicología infantil.

Heithoff-Dominguez, quien es una enfermera, se pasó innumerables horas junto al

lecho de Rangel mientras ésta se encontraba en el Centro Médico KU y le dijo a aquellos congregados en el servicio a su memoria que ella mantenía su fe. "Creo que Yvonne experimentó un milagro y ese milagro fue que ella vivió cinco años en vez de los dos años que le habían dado. Ella se ha convertido nuevamente en su radiante y bella persona".

Rangel y su prima Vivien Perez crecieron juntas jugando juegos, tomando largos paseos en automóvil a Wichita, Kan. y compartiendo sus sueños y secretos propios de la niñez. "Mi memoria más vívida de Yvonne es caminando al closet de su recámara. Ella tenía el closet más mágico que cualquier otra niña hubiera tenido. En su recámara ella tenía una cama de cuatro postes, una pequeña mesa redonda con un juego de té y ella tenía libros. Yo aún admiro a Yvonne, pero yo era la prima que siempre peleaba con ella porque ella era tan tenaz", dijo ella.

"Su tenacidad, su fortaleza demostraba lo involucrada que ella estaba en la comunidad, como las cosas que ella hacía para otros, ella daba tanto dinero para ayudar a otras personas, mi tenaz prima se fortaleció más de lo que me lo hubiera imaginado. Ella peleó una larga batalla con el cáncer y se convirtió en una cristiana renacida. Ella encontraba su fortaleza en Dios y ella encontró suficiente fortaleza para ayudarla a luchar tan duro para mantenerse viva. Ella soportó mucho. Ella nunca quiso que nadie supiera de sus luchas, ella nunca quiso que nadie se preocupara por ella. Ella sabía que Dios la estaba llevando, ella sintió su fuerza y ella sabía que Dios siempre estaría con ella", dijo su prima.

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Yvonne Vázquez Rangel, 42, de Kansas City, MO., falleció el 28 de enero del 2009 luego de haber sobrevivido un cáncer Terminal por cinco años. Un servicio a su memoria fue realizado el 2 de febrero en la Iglesia de St. Charles, en KCMO. En lugar de flores, la familia sugirió que se hagan donaciones a nombre de Yvonne a la Fundación de Becas Hispanas en c/o de la Fundación Comunitaria del Gran Kansas City, en el No. 1055 de Broadway, Suite 130, KCMO., 64105.

Yvonne nació el 28 de octubre de 1966, hija de Jesús y Amelia Vázquez. Ella conoció por intermedio de su trabajo con LULAC a su esposo Juan, con quien estuvo casada por 11 años. Fue mediante LULAC y Cristo Rey donde ella sirvió con

orgullo como fuente de apoyo y dedicación a la comunidad latina de Kansas City. Su dedicación solamente fue sobrepasada por su devoción a su hijo Juanito, quien tiene cinco años, y por su inquebrantable fe. Yvonne vivió su vida abierta a nuevas experiencias y dándose tiempo para disfrutar lo que ella valoraba y amaba y es recordada por todos.

Ella deja a su esposo Juan, a su hijo Juanito, a su papá Jesús y a Joyce, a su hermano Jesse y a Tiffany, a sus cuñados Raquel, J. Gabriel y Marisa, a sus sobrinas y sobrinos Manny, Alexis, Joshua e Isa.

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Jazz Night to benefit UMKC's Sirridge Office of Medical Humanities and Bioethics



"Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity."

Hippocrates said it, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine's Sirridge Office of Medical Humanities and Bioethics proves it true.

The School of Medicine presents Jazz Night 2009, benefiting the Sirridge Office of Medical Humanities and Bioethics, from 7-10 p.m., Feb. 21, 2009, at Hallbrook Country Club, 11200 Overbrook Rd., Leawood, Kan. This year's black-tie event will feature entertainment by the internationally acclaimed Bobby Watson Quartet.

The School of Medicine offers a six-year baccalaureate/doctor of medicine program that accepts students out of high school. In conjunction with the College of Arts and

Sciences, the medical school offers students an integrated program that balances liberal arts and basic medical sciences coursework.

Alumni and faculty will come together with the community to celebrate the appointment of the first Endowed Sirridge/Missouri Professorship of Medical Humanities and Bioethics, Lynda Payne, Ph.D., R.N. Dr. Payne will work with Marilyn Pesto, J.D., R.N., director of the Sirridge Office, to expand opportunities for medical students to study the humanities.

"The legacy of Dr. William and Dr. Marjorie Sirridge to the School of Medicine and to the Office of Medical Humanities and Bioethics will benefit hundreds of doctors and thousands of patients in generations to come," Dr. Payne said. "Drs. William and Marjorie Sirridge will always

be a presence in our lives and in the lives of those who come after us. I am deeply honored and humbled to be chosen to carry forward their legacy."

Drs. Marjorie and William Sirridge, two founding docents of the School of Medicine, created an endowment in 1992 that marked the beginning of the Sirridge Office of Medical Humanities. The office has created innovative humanities courses, an endowed professorship and two annual lectureships – the Marjorie S. Sirridge, M.D., Outstanding Women in Medicine Lectureship and the William T. Sirridge, M.D., Medical Humanities Lectureship.

"Medical Humanities at the UMKC School of Medicine will be greatly enriched by the addition of Professor Payne in strengthening a program which has as its goal the development of physicians who respect their work and care deeply about the needs of their patients," Dr. Marjorie Sirridge said.

RSVP or for more information about Jazz Night, contact Pesto at 816.255.5882 or PestoM@umkc.edu. An online invitation is also available at <http://www.med.umkc.edu/jazznight>. The deadline to RSVP is Feb. 6.

Films Challenge False Media Representation of Native Americans

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Popular film and television shows have shaped the way Americans view American history – especially the frontier encounters between settlers and Native Americans. Examining the ways Native Americans are portrayed negatively in Westerns and other film genres, Joanna Hearne, assistant professor of English at the University of Missouri, describes recently produced animated films by Native directors that are countering media misrepresentations and helping promote Native-American stories and languages.

"When non-Native audiences see Native-Americans in Westerns, they often view them as part of the background, as if the actors are not really acting," Hearne said. "Westerns rarely portray Native Americans as having families or children, presenting images of dying or 'vanishing' Indians instead of Native family continuity. This can have a negative impact on Native children who watch the films, because these popular images are hostile to Native families."

In her examination of Native-American representations, Hearne documents many film and television programs that dramatize Native-American subjects but that were produced by non-Native-American directors. Even popular Disney films like Pocahontas and Peter Pan

rely upon stereotypes, representing Native characters as threatening aggressors or passive, wise sages, Hearne said.

Animation films based on Native stories, including both digital and clay-animated productions, are growing in popularity. When produced by Native-American directors, animated films tell contemporary and traditional tribal stories accurately. Hearne says this helps youth relate to their communities and offers alternatives to English-language, mass media cartoons.

"Children are invited to learn values and language skills from animated images of storytellers, images that model relationships between younger and older generations," Hearne said. "Indigenous animated films such as Stories from the Seventh Fire and Raven Tales have been able to effectively represent and share Native-American stories from a Native-American perspective. These films address concerns about social accountability both in the languages and cultural values."

Hearne recently published her work on indigenous animated films in the chapter, "Indigenous Animation: Educational Programming, Narrative Interventions, and Children's Cultures," published in Global Indigenous Media.

worldwide are exposed to exogenous progestin in the form of hormone replacement therapy, and clinical studies have associated combined exposure to progestin and estrogen with an increased incidence of human breast cancer in this population," said Hyder, who is also the Zalk Endowed Professor of Tumor Angiogenesis. "Because PRIMA-1 blocked the formation of new tumors following progestin stimulation in this experimental model, it is tempting to speculate that this agent could be used to prevent progestin-accelerated tumors in women on hormone replacement therapy. However, this needs to be tested thoroughly in a clinical setting."

The study, "Regression of progestin-accelerated 7,12-dimethylbenz[a]anthracene-induced mammary tumors in Sprague-Dawley rats by p53 reactivation and induction of massive apoptosis: a pilot study," was accepted for publication in Endocrine-Related Cancer. It was co-authored by Hyder's colleagues at MU: Indira Benakanakere, post doctoral fellow; Cynthia Besch-Williford, associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine; and Mark Ellersieck, professor in the Agriculture Experiment Station Statistics.

Breast Cancer Drug Shows Promise

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Recent studies suggest that human breast cancer risk is increased by outside exposure to the hormone progestin, such as during hormone replacement therapy. Now, a University of Missouri study suggests that PRIMA-1, a small molecule drug that targets the most common mutated gene, p53, in human cancer cells, has potential as a novel chemotherapeutic treatment for progestin-accelerated human breast cancer.

"We demonstrated that PRIMA-1 was an effective drug to treat and prevent emergence of progestin-accelerated mammary tumors in rats," said Salman Hyder, professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center. "The results of this study may have significant implications for the treatment and prevention of human breast cancer because such a large fraction of human breast cancers are dependent on estrogens and progestins for growth."

Mutated p53 plays a key role in promoting tumor cell survival and tumor cell resistance to chemotherapeutic drugs. In more than 50 percent of breast cancer cases, mutated p53 is present. Previous research has indicated that when p53 is functionally abnormal, tumor cells are prolific and develop quickly. PRIMA-1 targets and returns normal function to the mutated p53.

In the study, researchers examined the ability of PRIMA-1 to suppress growth of progestin-accelerated, mammary tumors in an animal model. When tumors reached a certain size, researchers administered PRIMA-1 twice a day for three days. The researchers found that PRIMA-1 caused regression of approximately 40 percent of progestin-accelerated mammary tumors. However, the drug did not induce regression of native, non-progestin accelerated tumors. PRIMA-1 also suppressed the emergence of any new progestin-accelerated tumors in the animal model.

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1. February 11, 2009 – Receipt of Qualifications
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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.

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Director

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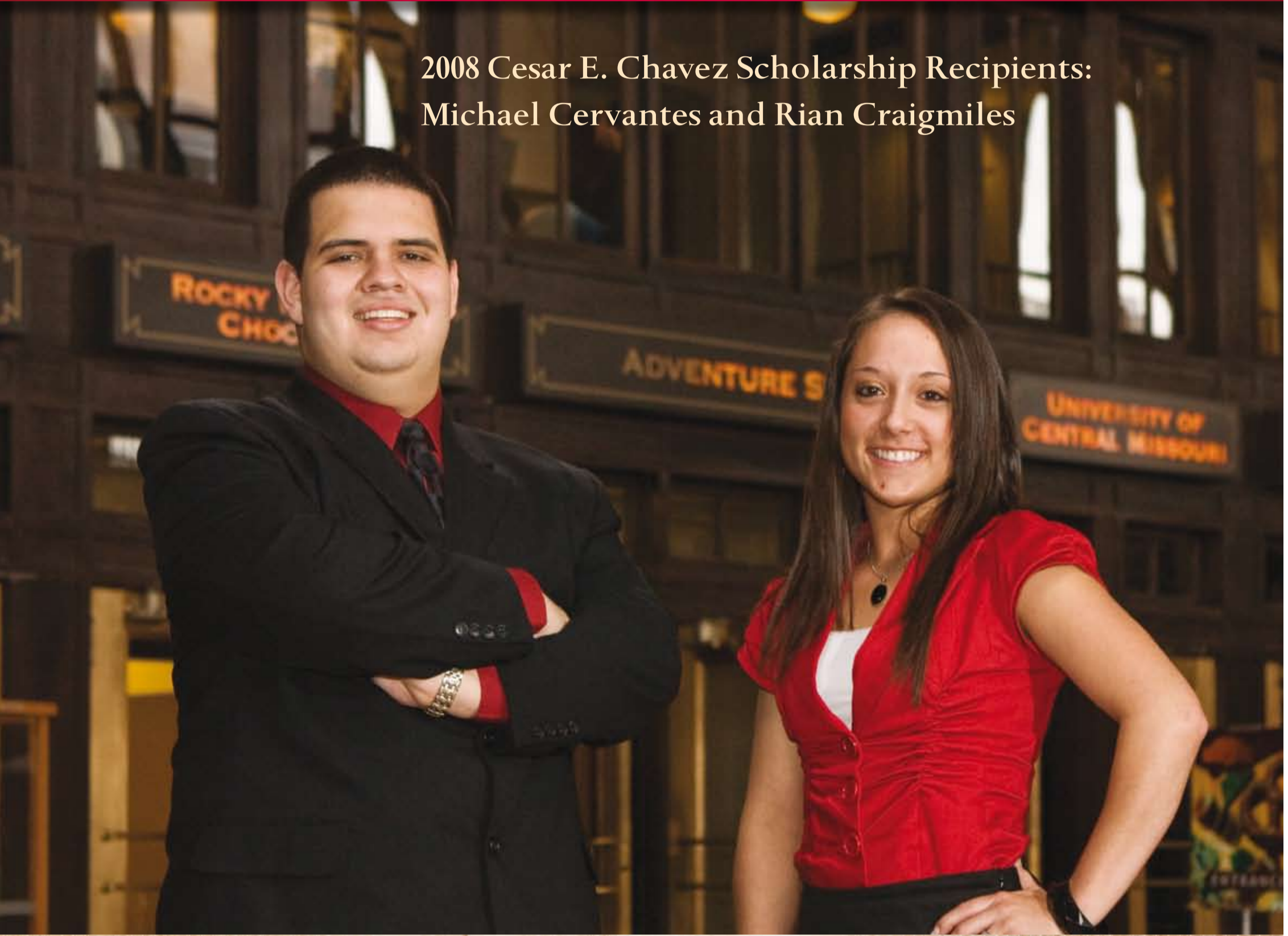
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