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Chavez's legacy to be celebrated March 28 in KC

El legado de Chávez a ser celebrado el 28 de marzo en KC



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This weekend in Kansas City and in other cities across the country, Americans will celebrate the legacy of civil rights leader Cesar E. Chavez.

Chavez was born March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma, Ariz.

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Este fin de semana en Kansas City y en otras ciudades de la nación. Los estadounidenses celebrarán el legado del líder de los derechos civiles César E. Chávez.

Chávez nació el 31 de marzo de 1927, cerca de la granja de su familia

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A student's perspective of an American hero



Gabriel Lopez, a third-grader at Brookridge Day School in Overland Park, spoke to his classmates about the life and legacy of Cesar E. Chavez.

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Civil Rights Leader

Here is an essay written by Gabriel Lopez as part of a classroom assignment at Brookridge Day School in Overland Park. Each student picked a famous person to research and then gave a speech about that individual. Gabriel chose Cesar E. Chavez. Gabriel assumed the role of Chavez and brought into the classroom a basket of fruits and vegetables that Chavez and his family would pick in the fields.

Hi! I'm Cesar Chavez. I was a civil rights leader that helped migrant farm workers get more rights, better pay and better working conditions. You know Martin Luther King Jr.? He led the fight to get civil rights for African Americans. I did the same thing for migrant farm workers. Migrant farm workers live and work in terrible conditions. They had no clean water, no bathrooms and no rest. If they complained they lost their job, they were beaten or killed. I helped to change all of that.

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A mother's pain El dolor de una madre

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Jose Macias was 17-years old when his life was cut short in a drive-by shooting. A senseless act of violence left Jose dying in the street. A bullet pierced his chest and Jose was later pronounced dead at the University of Kansas Medical Center. A year later, there are no suspects in the case. His mother, Josie Garcia, is still looking for answers about who killed her son and why.

It was a Friday night on March 28 when Jose and his cousin, Jesus Franco, walked along Central Avenue after stopping to get a pop at a nearby gas station. Jose's mother, had a sense of foreboding.

"I can't explain it but that evening when I came home, I just went and sat in my room," she recalled. "I am not one who withdraws from my family, but I sat in my room. I didn't watch television. I wasn't on the computer or talking on my phone. ... I was getting ready to lie down. My younger children had already gone to sleep and it was on the breaking news. They said two teens on Central Avenue were involved in a drive-by shooting and I just had this pull. I just can't explain it."

She reached for her cell phone and began calling Jose's cell phone. He didn't answer and she became frustrated that she was only getting his voice mail. She went into the other room and woke her daughter, JoAnna. She asked her to call her brother. She hoped that he would answer his sister's call.

"Mom, you know he won't answer. He doesn't have any minutes," said a sleepy JoAnna. Josie insisted that she try and when he didn't answer his phone, they began calling his friends. It was unusual for Jose not to answer his mom's call.

Garcia made the decision to take her

JOSE MACIAS/PAGE 3



Life has been very difficult for Josie Garcia after the passing of her son Jose Macias. She told Hispanic News that she tries to keep her son's death in the media spotlight because she continues to search for those responsible for his murder.

La vida ha sido muy difícil para Josie Garcia después del fallecimiento de su hijo José Macias. Ella le dijo a Hispanic News que trata de mantener la muerte de su hijo en el foco de la prensa puesto que ella continúa buscando a aquellos responsables por su muerte.

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José Macias tenía 17 años cuando su vida fue segada tempranamente producto de una balacera desde un carro en movimiento. Un acto de violencia sin sentido dejó a José tendido en la calle. Una bala perforó su pecho y José fue pronunciado muerto más tarde en el Centro Médico de la Universidad de Kansas. Un año después, aún no hay sospechosos en el caso. Su madre, Josie Garcia, aún busca respuestas sobre quién asesinó a su hijo y porqué.

Sucedió un viernes por la noche el día 28 de marzo cuando José y su primo Jesús Franco, caminaban por

la Central Avenue después de haberse detenido a comprar una soda en una estación gasolinera que se hallaba cerca. La madre de José, tuvo una sensación de premonición.

"No puedo explicarlo, pero esa tarde cuando llegué a casa, fui y me senté en mi alcoba", recuerda ella. "No soy alguien que se aparta de la familia, pero me senté en mi recámara. No miré televisión. No me senté a la computadora ni hablé por teléfono. ... Me estaba preparando para acostarme. Mis hijos más pequeños ya se habían ido a dormir y salió en las noticias de última hora. Ellos dijeron que dos adolescentes en la Central Avenue estuvieron involucrados en una

EL CASO DE JOSÉ/PÁGINA 3

Honoring GCI's 90 years of service

Homenajeando los 90 años de servicios de GCI

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HISPANIC NEWS

In a time of crisis, America needs more grassroots community organizations to help its citizens through tough times, said Janet Murguía, president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza. And for 90 years, one of those organizations — Guadalupe Centers Inc. — has never forsaken the community it was designed to serve.

Speaking last Monday at the center's annual Funders' Luncheon, Murguía said Guadalupe Centers Inc. is a "great American institution" that has become the "heart and soul of Kansas City's Latino community." She congratulated the center's leadership, its board of directors, its staff and volunteers for continuing a tradition that began in 1919.

Murguía said that in a time of a profound and unprecedented economic crisis, the need for community-based organizations has never been greater. "People are losing their jobs, their homes, their health insurance and most critically, their optimism about a better future." Therefore, it is natural for citizens to seek assistance in a time of uncertainty.

Murguía encouraged those at the luncheon to think about the long-term investments in such community organizations. "Now is the time for us to hunker down, yes, but to also step forward when it comes to making investments in those safety-net organizations." She said grassroots foundations have a

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Janet Murguía, president and CEO of National Council of La Raza, speaks to attendees of the Funders luncheon this year at the Guadalupe Center. She shared with them how important the agency is to the city and the country during an economic crisis.

Janet Murguía, presidenta y ejecutiva del Concilio Nacional de La Raza, le habla a los asistentes al almuerzo Fundadores de este año en el Guadalupe Center. Ella compartió con ellos lo importante que la agencia es para la ciudad y para el país durante una crisis económica.

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

En tiempos de crisis, Estados Unidos necesita más organizaciones comunitarias de base para ayudar a sus ciudadanos a través de tiempos difíciles, dijo Janet Murguía, presidenta y ejecutiva de La Raza. Y por 90 años, una de esas organizaciones — Guadalupe Centers Inc. — nunca ha abandonado a la comunidad a la que fue diseñada a servir.

durante un almuerzo anual de fundadores, Murguía dijo que Guadalupe Centers Inc. es una "gran institución estadounidense" que se ha convertido en el "corazón y alma de la comunidad latina de Kansas City", ella congratuló al liderazgo del centro, a su junta de directores, a su personal y voluntarios por continuar una tradición que comenzó en 1919.

Murguía dijo que en una época de crisis económica profunda y sin prece-

En un discurso hecho el lunes pasado

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LETTERS TO THE PUBLISHER

Missourians should support bills

Missourians should support SB390 and HB792 to provide a fair balance in funding for students in the Access Missouri scholarship program.

Under this legislation, any student attending a four-year public or private institution would receive the same scholarship amount -- \$2,850. Today, the private school student would receive \$4,600 while their counterpart at a public institution is limited to \$2,150.

This legislation provides needed balance in the program during a time when our public institutions have been rocked with budget cuts and continue to operate today at state funding levels below that provided in 2001. What private institution could say that?

There are two compelling facts that underscore why the time is right to provide this correction. First, Missouri ranks 47th out of the 50 states in per-capita taxpayer support for public higher education. Only three states spend less -- and Missourians should be proud of the quality education our public institutions provide for that meager appropriation.

The second fact is that Missouri ranks fourth out of the 50 states in the percentage of our taxpayer-supported need-based scholarships that go to students attending private institutions. Most Missourians -- and most lawmakers -- seem surprised to learn that our private students receive such a large scholarship subsidy from the state.

While it is true that the legislation proposed would

result in a reduction in taxpayer-supported scholarships for private school students, it would increase the scholarship amount for a larger number of public students. For each private school student who loses two dollars, there are two needy public school students who get a dollar boost. That is providing true access to the neediest.

Our private institutions provide a valuable service to the state and are an essential part of the education landscape in Missouri. But that does not justify providing more than twice the scholarship funding under the banner of choice. Private institutions have greater flexibility in identifying other funds such as endowment income that can be used to replace lost taxpayer scholarship funding -- and they are not restricted by the tuition restraint laws that have been placed on our public institutions.

If our state budgets allowed, private school students would continue to receive their \$4,600 Access award and we would give that same amount to students at public institutions. We also would provide operating funding for our public institutions that keeps pace with inflation year after year and provide consistent revenue to keep up the buildings at our public institutions.

But Missourians are not interested in paying more taxes. So we need to be fair with the scholarship dollars that are provided today. What is fair is equal distribution regardless of which school you choose. That

is what SB390 and HB 782 would do. It is time for equal access.

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The Reality Behind the Reality Star's Cancer

TAMIKA FELDER

British reality star Jade Goody has risen to stardom overseas by exposing nearly every aspect of her life to a hungry media audience. Now the 27-year-old mother of two plans to die in front of the cameras, as she invites the media to chronicle each step of her final fight against cervical cancer.

Despite the sensationalized nature of Ms. Goody's case, her story is tragic, as are the stories of so many other women worldwide who are struck by cervical cancer in the prime of their lives.

I was 25 when I was diagnosed with advanced cervical cancer and my world was turned upside down. After a radical hysterectomy and weeks of tough chemotherapy and radiation treatment, I was declared cancer-free. I survived and consider myself lucky. But I'll never be able to bear my own children -- something I had always dreamed about -- and I'll have to deal with medical complications from my treatment for the rest of my life.

Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women around the world, killing nearly 300,000 women each year. In the United States, the American Cancer Society estimated that 11,070 women would be diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2008, and

that 3,870 women would die from it.

The most frustrating aspect of cervical cancer is that it is almost completely preventable. Experts know that it is caused by "high-risk" types of a common infection -- the human papillomavirus or HPV. And we now have available preventive technologies, including the Pap test, the HPV test and the HPV vaccine, to help stop this disease in its tracks.

Despite these advances, why are so many women still dying? There are two key problems.

First, women need access to screening. In the U.S., approximately half of all cervical cancer cases are in women who have never been screened. Minority women and those with lower incomes are less likely to have access to screening programs and consequently, are affected by cervical cancer at higher rates.

Second, women need to know what technologies are available and appropriate for them. At around age 21, women should get screened with the Pap test, the traditional way to screen for cervical cancer. When women reach 30, they should get an HPV test along with their Pap. The HPV test detects the virus that causes cervical cancer. Studies show that using both tests together to screen women aged 30 and older offers the best protection against cervical cancer. This approach is included in

leading medical organizations' screening guidelines.

HPV vaccination now offers significant potential to reduce cervical cancer rates. One HPV vaccine is already FDA-approved for girls and young women aged 9 to 26, and another vaccine is under FDA review. Both vaccines have been shown to be 100 percent effective -- in women not previously infected -- at preventing infection from the two HPV types that cause 70 percent of all cervical cancers. Importantly, vaccinated women still need regularly screenings.

Having advanced technologies, however, is not enough. Every woman and girl must be informed about and have access to these preventive methods. In January of this year, my organization, Tamika & Friends, Inc., along with several other leading advocacy groups, launched the U.S. Pearl of Wisdom Campaign to Prevent Cervical Cancer, a united, global effort to help ensure that women and girls everywhere know about and have access to lifesaving cervical cancer prevention tools. The campaign also promotes the Pearl of Wisdom as the global symbol for cervical cancer prevention.

I encourage women everywhere to educate themselves about how to prevent cervical cancer. And then spread the word to your mother, daughters, sisters, friends, and others. Please help make the elimination of cervical cancer a reality -- and help ensure that Jade Goody does not die in vain.

Tamika Felder is founder of Tamika & Friends, Inc., a national nonprofit organization that raises awareness about cervical cancer, and a partner in the Pearl of Wisdom Campaign to Prevent Cervical Cancer (www.pearlofwisdom.us).

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Latino Leadership — Up to the Task?

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HOUSTON — President Barack Obama is considering sending National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border to keep that country's crime wave from spilling over into the United States. But "I'm not interested in militarizing the border," he said.

A spate of 700 arrests in late February supposedly delivered a crippling blow to the Sinaloa crime cartel. That, of course, remains to be seen. Obama has promised "within a few months" to have a plan to counter U.S. gun-smuggling and cash that supports the cartels. Meanwhile, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced a special task force to deal with rising border violence by allocating resources to stem the flow of dollars and guns destined to drug gangs.

The average person has a stake in this. But not necessarily the one the crime-busters decry. The simple fact is that choking the border throttles U.S. commercial supply lines, to say nothing about disrupting vacationers, border-family visits and shoppers. Nor are all border cities equally affected. About three-quarters of a trillion dollars in commerce crosses North American borders each year. These are commodities we don't want crime syndicates disrupting. Millions of overland cargo crossings occur annually.

The recession makes uninterupted trade highly important as a way to keep markets and production going.

In this, there is a critical role for U.S. Hispanic leadership.

Unattended distasteful issues, like drug dealing, have led to

distortions to which the Latino population is very sensitive. For instance, a hysteria took hold in California during the 1970s claiming -- get this -- Hispanic prison gangs involved in the drug trade were infiltrating state government. The very thought sounds absurd today, but the phony charge was spread widely in the national media. Distortions such as this still occur. With similar false data, Lou Dobbs claimed undocumented immigrants were crossing the border and spreading leprosy. Asked for months to correct his claim, he never did.

Just last year, public opinion polls registered how Latinos in general realized that others view their Hispanic neighbors as a "suspicious" class, mainly as "illegal." A disproportionately high number of Latinos reported experiencing prejudice. Hate crimes against Hispanics are one consequence.

In response a concerted efforts resulted which became the antidote. Latino organizations channeled the angst into educating everyone about such matters, they got involved in the national campaigns and encouraged a strong voter turn out.

A similar civic mobilization originating here to give support to Mexican groups and society, to combat all forms of corruption, may be necessary. Corruption is the worm hole destabilizing Mexican society and gives the cartels leverage.

But most U.S. Hispanic leaders are more comfortable dealing with domestic matters. They don't want others to misperceive that their values are as deeply embedded U.S. values, the kind their fellow citizens are inclined to believe. They don't want to give ammunition to their fellow

citizens who that this dirty little habit of promoting divisiveness, as if they one cannot be aligned with Latino community interests and concerned with events in the historical homelands.

Most of the Hispanic leadership class wants a cozy niche, fitting in, not making unnecessary waves.

The Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Palestinian, Jewish and other international communities have developed their own strong influential networks and voices in Mexico. Our own Latino community is missing an opportunity to have a transnational influence there on matters of critical importance.

Latino leaders -- public officials, advocates, civic and religious leaders, including immigrant groups -- should develop a coordinated strategy to begin both helping and pressuring their Mexican counterparts, on how to begin eliminating all forms of public corruption.

Unless we move quickly, people with guns on both sides of the law will dominate and negatively define all things about the border, more than they do now -- alienating neighbors and friends, them and us.

That way of thinking will have people believing the cartels have taken over. Like that meme that all Italians are Mafia, Latinos will have yet another new smear to contend with.

It's time to teach some reality. Is Latino leadership up to it?

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El Liderazgo Latino -- ¿Capaz de Cumplir?

HOUSTON -- El presidente Barack Obama está considerando enviar tropas de la Guardia Nacional a la frontera de los EE.UU. con México para evitar que la ola de crimen de aquel país llegue a los Estados Unidos. Pero, "No me interesa militarizar la frontera", dijo.

Una torrente de 700 detenciones a fines de febrero se supone envió un golpe de muerte al cartel de Sinaloa, lo cual no se ha comprobado aún. Obama ha prometido que "dentro de unos meses" tendrá un plan para contrarrestar el tráfico de armas y el dinero en efectivo estadounidense que mantienen vivos los carteles. Mientras tanto, Janet Napolitano, secretaria del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional anunció la creación de un nuevo grupo de trabajo para atender el tema de la creciente violencia en la frontera con distribuir recursos para detener el flujo de dólares y armas destinados a los narcotraficantes.

La persona de a pie tiene intereses en todo esto, aunque no sean necesariamente los que los agentes del orden critican. El simple hecho es que asfixiar la frontera resulta en suprimir las vertientes de comercio, sin mencionar si quiera el trastorno que causa a los que están de vacaciones, los que visitan a familiares en la frontera y a los que van de compras. No están afectadas de igual manera todas las ciudades en la frontera. Cada año cruza las fronteras norteamericanas tres cuartos de un trillón de dólares en comercio. Esto son bienes que no queremos que los sindicatos criminales trastornen. Ocurren millones de cruces de cargo por tierra anualmente.

La recesión hace que el comercio continuo sea tremendamente importante para mantener funcionando mercados y producción.

Con esto la cúpula del liderazgo de los latinos en los EE. UU. tiene un papel crítico.

Temas desatendidos por ser desagradables, como el

tráfico de drogas, han llevado a distorsiones a las que la población latina tiene particular sensibilidad. Por ejemplo, la histeria que agarró a California en la década de los 1970 que alegaba que las pandillas de cárceles hispanas envueltas en el tráfico de drogas iban infiltrando el gobierno estatal. El mero pensarlo parece absurdo hoy, pero el falso cargo se difundió ampliamente en los medios nacionales. Distorsiones como ésta ocurren aún. Con datos falsos similares, Lou Dobbs alegó que los inmigrantes sin documentos cruzaban la frontera propagando la lepra. Cuando durante meses se le pidió retractar la alegación, nunca accedió.

Apenas el año pasado, sondeos de opinión pública registraron cómo los latinos en general se daban cuenta que otros perciben a sus vecinos hispanos como una clase "sospechosa", principalmente como "ilegales". Un número desproporcionadamente alto de latinos reportó haber experimentado el prejuicio contra su persona. Una consecuencia de esto son los delitos cometidos por motivo del odio.

En respuesta, el resultado fue esfuerzos de conjunto como antidoto. Las organizaciones latinas canalizaron la angustia a esfuerzos de educación para todos sobre tales temas, entraron a participar en campañas nacionales y animaron a que salieran grandes números de votantes a las urnas.

Una movilización cívica similar aquí para dar apoyo a grupos mexicanos y a la sociedad, para combatir toda forma de corrupción, podrá hacerse necesaria. La corrupción es el hoyo del gusano que desestabiliza la sociedad mexicana y que da poder a los carteles.

Sin embargo, la mayor parte de los líderes hispanos estadounidenses se sienten mejor tratando temas de importancia

doméstica. No quieren que otros malinterpreten que sus valores están profundamente arraigados a los valores de los Estados Unidos, el tipo de valor sus conciudadanos tienden a creer. No quieren dar municiones a sus conciudadanos que tienen esta sucia costumbre de promover la división, como si uno no pudiera alinearse con intereses de la comunidad latina y estar preocupado con eventos en las patrias históricas de esta comunidad. La mayor parte del liderazgo hispano quiere un lugar acogedor, estar encajados, no hacer olas innecesarias.

Las comunidades china, coreana, japonesa, palestina, judía y otras internacionales han desarrollado sus propias redes de influencia y voces fuertes en México. Nuestra propia comunidad latina está perdiendo la oportunidad de tener influencia transnacional allí sobre temas de importancia crítica.

Los líderes latinos -- funcionarios públicos, defensores de derechos, dirigentes cívicos y religiosos, incluyendo a los grupos de inmigrantes -- deben desarrollar una estrategia coordinada para comenzar a ayudar y a presionar a sus contrapartes en México, sobre la manera de empezar a eliminar toda forma de corrupción política.

A menos que nos movamos rápidamente, las personas armadas de ambos lados de la ley dominarán y definirán negativamente todo lo referente a la frontera -- más de lo que ya hacen -- enajenando a los vecinos y amigos, ellos y nosotros.

Esa mentalidad hará que la gente crea que los carteles se han hecho con el poder. Como el decir que todos los italianos son mafiosos, los latinos se enfrentarán con otro insulto que atender.

Es hora de educar sobre la realidad. ¿Será capaz de hacerlo el liderazgo latino?

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Jose Macias Case still open one year later

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children and go to the hospital hoping and praying that her mother's instinct was wrong. When she arrived at KU Medical Center, she saw family members of Jose's father. At that moment, she realized Jose was there. Before she could ask any questions, the emergency room doctor walked into the room and told her, "I'm sorry but he didn't make it."

The doctor's words didn't make sense to Josie. She wanted to see the boy who the doctor said did not make it. That was the only way she would definitely know that it was her son and not a case of mistaken identity. During a murder investigation, the body becomes evidence in the police investigation.

"When we have a murder, the body is evidence and it must be preserved," said Officer Troy Rice, Kansas City, Kan., public information officer. "We do not let a family member view the body at that time because we don't want them to touch the body, or hug the body and destroy any evidence that may be on the body that can help us in the investigation. The body is preserved and transported to the coroner's office for an autopsy."

Unable to view her son's body, Garcia insisted that the doctor give her a description of the teenage boy he had

attended in the emergency room. Her brain kept telling her, "It is not Jose. He will call me or walk through the door and tell me that they had the wrong person."

"I asked them to tell me what the boy looked like that they had in that room. ... When they described him and [said] he had a scar on the top of his head and a tooth missing, I knew it was him. But because I couldn't see my son, in my mind, I still hoped that it wasn't him," she said. She was not able to see her son's body until five days later at the funeral home. "I went from Friday night until Wednesday when I had to go to the funeral home, hoping that he would walk through the door or that he was going to call me and say he was OK and had been somewhere with friends."

She was numb during the funeral. The procession of family and friends offering their condolences blurred before her eyes. "There were so many people talking to me and I think my response just became automatic. I was trying to be proactive just to keep a hold of ourselves. It was a difficult time. I just did not believe it was him. Even now, it is so much easier for my brain to believe that he is at school somewhere or he is off somewhere right now."

She struggles every morning to get up and begin her day. She knows that she must continue to function and be a mother to

her 16-year-old daughter, Joanna, and her 15-year-old son, George. "I keep telling myself if I get out of bed, go to work and come home and take care of my other children, then one of these days I am going to wake up and be OK or at least be able to deal with it," she sobbed.

She is frustrated that a year has gone by and no arrest has been made in the case. The TIPS Hotline has offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect. "I would like to somehow raise additional money to add to the TIPS reward, because I think that would help our case. Maybe if the reward was larger, than someone would talk. I just haven't found the resources to try to do that but I want to," she said.

It has been her strong faith in God that has carried her through this year. "I have been praying for the person who did this to my son. I want them to turn to God and to realize that they were wrong. I have a lot of internal anger and it helps me to deal with that anger through prayers."

Although it has been a year, the Homicide Unit never closes a case unless there is a prosecution. "This case is still an ongoing investigation and they believe (the Homicide Unit) they are making progress," said Officer Mike Golden of the Professional Standards Unit.

Garcia still calls the Homicide Unit asking the detective

who handles the case whether they have any suspects or any leads. She admits that she has been hard on them. "I told them with all these shootings going on out there, why are you not talking to everyone and bringing my son's name into your questioning? Every time your officers talk to someone on the street, why are they not asking whether they know anything about the shooting of Jose? Every time I get a name, I turn it into the police so they can check it out."

The month of March is very difficult for her and her family. Jose would have turned 18 on March 2 and March 28 marks the one-year anniversary of his death. If Garcia had the power, she would eliminate March and fast forward past all the harsh memories this month holds for her.

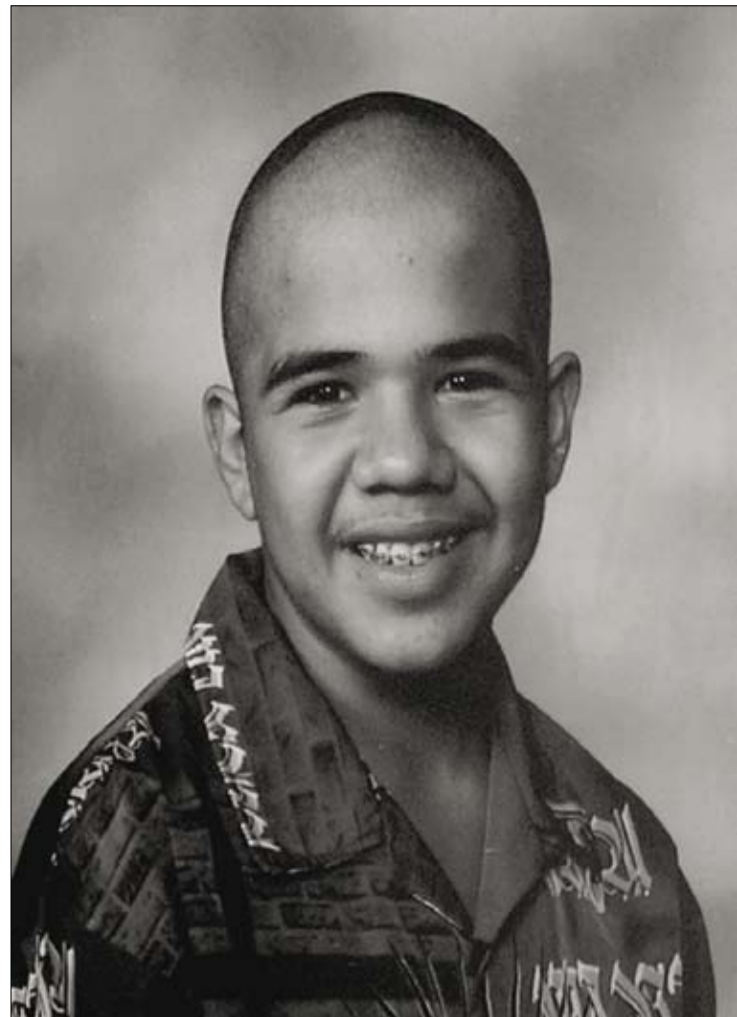
As she steels herself to mark the anniversary, she has one request of the community, "If anybody knows anything, please, please, come forward. I know somebody knows something. There is no way for you to know what I am going through until it is your child, your niece or nephew or friend. There is no way you will ever know."

Part II: Josie Garcia discusses her struggle to accept that Jose is gone, how it has affected her job, her other children and the rules that she has set for them when they are out with friends.

acerquen a Dios y se den cuenta que estuvieron equivocados. Tengo mucho rencor interno y los rezos me ayudan a negociar con ese rencor".

Aunque ha pasado un año, la Unidad de Homicidios nunca cierra un caso a menos que allí haya un juicio con la imputación de cargos. "Este caso aún es una investigación abierta y ellos creen (La Unidad de Homicidios) que están haciendo progresos", dijo el agente Mike Golden de la Unidad de Estándares Profesionales.

García aún llama a la Unidad de Homicidios preguntándole al detective que maneja el caso si es que ellos tienen algunos sospechosos o algunas pistas. Ella admite que ha sido dura con ellos. "Les dije que con todas esas balaceras ocurriendo por allí ¿Porqué no están ustedes hablando con todos y sacando el nombre de mi hijo en sus interrogatorios? Cada vez que sus agentes hablan con alguien en las calles ¿Porqué ellos no



As a teenager, Jose was active in school and participated in a home construction project, for which he received an accolade (lower picture). His mother received the award a few months after his passing.

Como adolescente, José fue activo en la escuela y participó en el proyecto de construcción de una casa, por el cual recibió un galardón (Foto de abajo). Su madre recibió el premio unos pocos meses después de su muerte.



preguntan si es que ellos saben alguna cosa sobre el asesinato de José? Cada vez que obtengo un nombre, se lo doy a la policía para que ellos lo investiguen".

El mes de marzo es muy difícil para ella y para su familia. José habría cumplido 18 años el 2 de marzo y el 28 de marzo marca el primer aniversario de su muerte. Si García tuviera el poder, ella eliminaría marzo y avanzaría hasta hacer pasar todas las ásperas memorias que este mes reserva para ella.

Mientras ella se arma de valor para marcar el aniversario, ella tiene una petición para la

comunidad, "Si alguien sabe algo, por favor, por favor, den un paso adelante. Yo sé que alguien sabe algo. No hay manera de que ustedes sepan por lo que estoy atravesando hasta que sea su hijo, su sobrina o sobrino o amigo. No hay manera de que lo vayan a entender alguna vez".

Part II: Josie García se refiere a su lucha para aceptar que José se ha ido, cómo eso ha afectado su trabajo, sus otros hijos y las reglas que ella ha impuesto para ellos cuando salen con amigos.

El caso de José Macias aún está abierto un año después

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balacera desde un automóvil en marcha y me dio algo como un tirón. Simplemente no puedo explicarlo".

Ella tomó su celular y comenzó a llamar al celular de José. Él no contestaba y ella comenzó a frustrarse de recibir solamente una grabación de

Las palabras del médico no tuvieron sentido para Josie. Ella quería ver al niño el cual los médicos dijeron que no había sobrevivido. Esa era la única manera que ella pudiera definitivamente enterarse que era su hijo y no un caso de confusión de identidades. Durante la investigación de un asesinato, el cuerpo se convierte

tuvieron en esa sala. ... Cuando ellos lo describieron y [dijeron] que tenía una cicatriz en su cabeza y le faltaba un diente, yo supe que era él. Pero debido a que no podía ver a mi hijo, en mi mente, aún tenía esperanzas que no fuera él", dijo ella. Ella no pudo ver el cadáver de su hijo hasta cinco días más tarde en la funeraria. "Pasé desde el viernes por la noche hasta el miércoles cuando tuve que ir a la funeraria, esperando que él cruzaría la puerta o que me iba a llamar y decirme que se encontraba bien y había estado en algún sitio con sus amigos".

Ella se mantuvo adormecida durante el funeral, la procesión de familiares y amigos ofreciendo sus condolencias se nublaban ante sus ojos. "Habían tantas personas hablándome y creo que mi respuesta simplemente se tornó automática. Trataba de anteponerme a los hechos simplemente para mantenernos enteros. Fue un momento difícil. Simplemente no creía que era él. Incluso ahora. Es mucho más fácil para mi cerebro creer que él está en la escuela o él está en algún sitio en estos momentos".

Ella lucha cada mañana para levantarse y comenzar su día. Ella sabe que debe continuar funcionando y ser una madre para su hija de 16 años, Joanna y su hijo de 15 años, George. "Me mantengo diciéndome a mí misma que si es que me levanto de la cama, voy a trabajar y regresar a casa y atenderé a mis otros hijos, entonces uno de estos días voy a despertar y estaré bien o a lo menos podré negociar con ello", sollozaba ella.

Ella está frustrada que un año ha pasado y no se han hecho arrestos en el caso. La línea de emergencias TIPS ha ofrecido \$1,000 de recompensa por información que lleve al arresto del sospechoso. "Me gustaría de alguna manera recolectar dinero adicional para agregárselo a la recompensa de TIPS, porque creo que ello ayudaría en nuestro caso. A lo mejor si la recompensa fuera más grande, entonces alguien hablaría. Simplemente no he encontrado los recursos para tratar de hacer eso, pero quiero hacerlo", dijo ella.

Ha sido su profunda fe en Dios lo que la ha llevado a lo largo de este año. "He estado rezando por la persona que le hizo esto a mi hijo. Quiero que ellos se



Josie García goes through the family photo album, which is a constant reminder of her son Jose. She fights back the tears, but the pain can be overwhelming.

Josie García ojea el álbum fotográfico familiar, lo que es un recuerdo constante de su hijo José. Ella trata de contener las lágrimas, pero el dolor puede ser avasallador.

su voz. Ella fue a la otra recámara y despertó a su hija, Joanna. Ella le pidió que llamara a su hermano. Ella esperaba que él respondería a la llamada de su hermana.

"Mamá, tu sabes que él no contestará. Él ya no tiene minutos", dijo una adormilada Joanna. Josie insistió para que ella tratara y cuando no respondió a su teléfono, ellos comenzaron a llamar a sus amigos. No era común que José no contestara la llamada de su mamá.

García toma la determinación de tomar a los niños y dirigirse al hospital esperando y orando que los instintos de su madre estuvieran equivocados. Cuando ella llegó a Centro Médico KU, ella vio a familiares del papá de José. En ese momento, ella se dio cuenta que José estaba allí. Antes de que pudiera hacer pregunta alguna, el médico de la sala de emergencia se encaminó hacia la sala y le dijo, "Lo siento, pero él no pudo sobrevivir".

en evidencia de la investigación de la policía.

"Cuando tenemos un asesinato, el cuerpo es evidencia y debe ser preservado", dijo el Agente Troy Rice, oficial de información pública de Kansas City, Kan. "No permitimos que ningún familiar vea el cuerpo en esos momentos, ya que no queremos que toquen el cuerpo o abracen el cuerpo y destruyan cualquiera evidencia que pudiera encontrarse en el cuerpo y que nos pueda ayudar con la investigación. El cuerpo es preservado y transportado a la oficina del forense para hacerle una autopsia".

Impedida de ver el cuerpo de su hijo, García insistió que el médico le diera una descripción del adolescente que él había atendido en la sala de emergencia. Su cerebro se mantenía diciéndole, "No es José. Él me llamará o cruzará la puerta y me dirá que ellos tenían a la persona equivocada".

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GCI prepares for the future

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strength that governments do not possess — the ability to act quickly and to use its vast network of organizations, experts and experience to help the more vulnerable members of a community.

“Organizations cannot sit this crisis out if they want to preserve the decades of advancements they have made in the

For example, she said, NCLR began a pilot program in Los Angeles called Escalera (Step), an educational program that helps Latino youths graduate from high school, prepares them for college and helps them explore career opportunities. Escalera is now in seven cities across the country, including Kansas City.

“Those are the kinds of programs that we absolutely need

wing GCI to upgrade its Web site. “If we’re going to get our message out about what we do and attract additional resources, then we need to have that (site) updated.”

Murguía said another reason the public should continue to invest in community-based organizations is that the number of those who benefit is increasing. The Latino community is the fastest growing segment in the country, Murguía said, with almost 50 million people. She said 25 percent of all children under the age of five are Latino, and almost half of new workers in the labor force each year are Latino. “Latinos are interwoven into the American fabric and have a critical role in preserving the well-being of the nation,” she said. Last year, the largest turnout of Latino voters went to the polls in November, more than 10 million, which is an increase of 32 percent over the number of Latino voters in the 2004 presidential election. “That turnout made a difference,” she said. The difference was electing an African-American to the White House. Now the goal is to keep that level of involvement occurring in the Latino community, she said.

Also making remarks at the luncheon, Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders said that as the world changed in the past 90 years, GCI has remained a constant in Kansas City.

“Think of everything that has gone on in this county, yet the Guadalupe Center has continued with its mission of serving the people in this community,” he said. “The story of this organization is our story. It is the story of people wanting to come into this community in search of a better life. All of us share that story.”



Kansas City Councilwoman Jan Marcason, Lali García and Janet Murguía share a smile about the success of GCI. However, their mood quickly changed when they talked about how Kansas City lost the NCLR convention

Janet Murguía dice que cuando los inversionistas apoyan a GCI, ellos están haciendo una buena inversión en el futuro de la comunidad hispana de Kansas City.

issues they care about — whether it is education, health care or the environment.”

Guadalupe Centers has a lot of expertise readily available, Murguía said. The partnership that GCI has with the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) allows it to look for innovative programs that have demonstrated a positive change for the Hispanic community.

to invest in now and not retrenching and not going back and not waiting for later,” Murguía said. “These kids ... need to have that investment now.”

Cris Medina, the center’s chief executive officer, said several projects are underway because of the generosity of businesses and the public. He said a project with the Kansas City Power & Light Co. is allo-

GCI se prepara para el futuro

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dentés, la necesidad por contar con organizaciones basadas en la comunidad nunca ha sido más grande. “Las personas están perdiendo sus trabajos, sus casas, sus seguros médicos y de manera más crítica, su optimismo sobre un futuro mejor”. Por lo consiguiente, es natural que los ciudadanos busquen asistencias en tiempos de incertidumbre.

Murguía exhortó a aquellos presentes en el almuerzo a pensar en invertir a largo plazo en dichas organizaciones comunitarias. “Ahora es el momento para que nosotros nos agachemos, sí, pero también es tiempo para dar un paso adelante cuando se trata de invertir en esas organizaciones que ofrecen seguridad”. Ella dijo que las fundaciones de base tienen la fortaleza que el gobierno no posee — la habilidad para actuar rápidamente y usar sus vastas redes de organizaciones, expertos y experiencias para ayudar a los miembros más vulnerables de una comunidad.

“Las organizaciones no pueden sentarse en esta crisis si es que quieren preservar las décadas de avances que han logrado en asuntos por los que se preocupan — ya sea la educación, el cuidado de la salud o el medio ambiente”.

Guadalupe Centers tiene bastante experiencia disponible de forma inmediata, dijo Murguía. La sociedad que GCI ha creado con el Concilio Nacional de La Raza (NCLR, por sus siglas en inglés) les permite buscar programas innovadores que han

demonstrado un cambio positivo para la comunidad.

Por ejemplo, ella dijo, el NCLR comenzó un programa piloto en Los Ángeles llamado Escalera un programa educacional que ayuda a jóvenes latinos a graduarse de la secundaria, los prepara para la universidad y los ayuda a explorar oportunidades de carreras. Escalera se encuentra ahora en siete ciudades en todo el país, incluyendo Kansas City.

“Esos son los tipos de programas en los que necesitamos invertir de manera absoluta ahora y no reducir y no retroceder y no esperar para más tarde”, dijo Murguía. “Estos muchachos ... necesitan contar con esa inversión ahora”.

Cris Medina, oficial ejecutivo en jefe del centro, dijo que varios proyectos se encuentran avanzando debido a la generosidad de negocios y del público. Él dijo que un proyecto con Kansas City Power & Light Co. le está permitiendo a GCI poner al día su portal de la Internet. “Si vamos a pregonar nuestro mensaje referente a lo que hacemos y atraer recursos adicionales, entonces tenemos que tener esa renovación (Del portal)”.

Murguía dijo que otra razón por la que el público debiera continuar invirtiendo en organizaciones basadas en la comunidad, es que la cantidad de aquellos que se benefician está aumentando. La comunidad latina es el segmento de más rápido crecimiento en el país, dijo Murguía, con casi 50 millones

de personas. Ella dijo que el 25% de todos los niños bajo la edad de cinco años son latinos y casi la mitad de los nuevos trabajadores en la fuerza laboral cada año son latinos.

“Los latinos están entretejidos en la fibra estadounidense y juegan un rol de importancia crítica en preservar el bienestar de la nación”, dijo ella. El año pasado, la mayor concurrencia de votantes latinos acudió a las urnas en noviembre, más de 10 millones, lo que es un incremento de un 32% sobre la cantidad de votantes latinos en la elección presidencial del 2004.

“La concurrencia marcó la diferencia”, dijo ella, al elegir a un afro-estadunidense a la Casa Blanca. Ahora el objetivo es el de mantener ese nivel de participación ocurriendo en la comunidad latina, dijo ella.

También se encontró haciendo declaraciones en el almuerzo, el Ejecutivo del Condado de Jackson, Mike Sanders. Sanders dijo que así como el mundo ha cambiado en los pasados 90 años, GCI se ha mantenido una constante en Kansas City.

“Piensen en todo lo que ha sucedido en este país, pero aún así el Guadalupe Center ha continuado con su misión de servirle a la gente en esta comunidad”, dijo él. “La historia de esta organización es nuestra historia. Es la historia de la gente deseando venir a esta comunidad en búsqueda de una vida mejor. Todos nosotros compartimos esa historia”.

Respecting the Hispanic community will earn NCLR convention



(left to right) Kansas City Councilwoman Jan Marcason, Lali García and Janet Murguía share a smile about the success of GCI. However, their mood quickly changed when they talked about how Kansas City lost the NCLR convention.

(De izquierda a derecha) la concejal de Kansas City Jan Marcason, Lali García y Janet Murguía comparten una sonrisa sobre el suceso de GCI. Sin embargo, sus estados de ánimo cambiaron rápidamente cuando ellas platicaron sobre cómo Kansas City perdió la convención del NCLR.

JOE ARCE AND TONY BALANDRAN
HISPANIC NEWS

While honoring Guadalupe Centers Inc., the president of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) was asked when the organization might consider Kansas City again as the site of its national convention.

Janet Murguía, president of NCLR, answered: When is the next mayoral election?

The audience, which included several city and county leaders, laughed.

The national civil rights organization NCLR will have its convention in July in Chicago, where organizers are expecting the event to add at least \$8 million to the city’s coffers. NCLR had planned to schedule its convention in Kansas City this year, but a controversy involving Kansas City Mayor Mark Funkhouser and a member of the city’s Parks and Recreation Board made the group decide in October 2007 to cancel its plans.

El respetar a la comunidad hispana conseguirá convención de NCLR

TRADUCE PATRICIO H. LAZEN
HISPANIC NEWS

Mientras se encontraba honrando a Guadalupe Centers Inc., a la presidenta del Concilio Nacional de La Raza (NCLR, por sus siglas en inglés) se le preguntó cuándo la organización podría considerar a Kansas City nuevamente como el sitio para su convención nacional.

Janet Murguía, presidenta de NCLR, respondió: ¿Cuándo es la próxima elección de alcalde?

La audiencia, que incluía a varios líderes de la ciudad y del condado, se rieron.

La organización nacional de los derechos civiles NCLR tendrá en julio su convención en Chicago, en donde los organizadores están esperando que el evento le agregue a lo menos \$8 millones a las arcas de la ciudad. El NCLR había planificado programar su convención en Kansas City este año, pero una controversia involucrando al alcalde de Kansas City Mark Funkhouser y a un miembro de la Junta de Parques y Recreación de la ciudad hizo que el grupo decidiera en octubre del 2007 cancelar sus planes.

Funkhouser se había negado a remover a un miembro de la Junta de Parques y Recreación quien también era miembro de un grupo conocido por usar tácticas de vigilancia para patrullar la frontera con México para prevenir el cruce de ilegales.

Murguía le dijo a *Hispanic News* que los miembros de la junta de

Funkhouser had refused to remove a member of the Parks and Recreation Board who also was a member of a group known to use vigilante tactics to patrol the Mexican border to prevent illegal crossings.

Murguía told *Hispanic News* that NCLR board members decided to look for a new 2009 convention site at cities that had leadership who recognized and respected the leadership in the local Hispanic community and the contributions of its Hispanic citizens.

“We have moved on. I am not harboring any recriminations toward the mayor (Funkhouser). It is not personal. It is really a matter of what leadership in the city is going to be working with our community leaders.”

Murguía said that in a couple of weeks, she has a meeting with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and his staff and “and they are very excited to have us. And we don’t need to meet to discuss tensions in the community or anything like that.”

Maribel Hopgood Chief of Marketing & Communications Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority in Chicago told *Hispanic News* that the city is indeed excited to be hosting the convention. “We are delighted that NCLR has selected the city of Chicago to host their 2009 Conference at our new state-of-the-art, McCormick Place West Building. [It] is perfectly suited to bring together, Latinos from coast to coast, to a city that appreciates and recognizes the contributions of Latinos.”

The next available date for a convention in Kansas City is the year 2014. The next mayoral election is in 2011. Murguía said she would take her cue from local Hispanic leaders about whether NCLR should begin negotiating the convention that year in Kansas City.

Murguía said, “Until I hear from the Latino leadership in Kansas City that the mayor has been responsive to our issues and has been a partner with our community, I’m going to hold off on any decisions to bring our convention here. ... Nothing would please me more than to bring this conference back home to Kansas City. I would love to see that happen.”

City Councilwoman Jan Marcason, who had asked the question to Murguía, told *Hispanic News* that the city did not present itself in the best light during the controversy. “With any relationship, you have to keep working at it. You have to keep working together. And I’m sure there are still some hurt feelings. I still have some issues that I still haven’t resolved yet.”

Marcason, who serves on the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau, said she would work to get the 2014 NCLR convention here. “It’s very important to us. We need to make the statement that we embrace La Raza coming here, that we want to support the members of our community, and that we are going to roll out the welcome mat and show them that we can be a great place to do business.”

señales de parte de líderes locales hispanos si es que el NCLR debería comenzar a negociar la convención de ese año en Kansas City.

Murguía dijo, “Hasta que escuche del liderazgo latino en Kansas City que el alcalde ha sido sensible a nuestros problemas y ha sido un socio con nuestra comunidad, voy a suspender cualquier decisión de traer nuestra convención aquí. ... Nada me agrada más que traer esta conferencia de regreso a casa aquí en Kansas City. Me encantaría ver que eso sucediera”.

La concejal Jan Macason, quien le había hecho la pregunta a Murguía, le dijo a *Hispanic News* que la ciudad no se presentó en su mejor forma durante la controversia. “Con cualquier relación, uno tiene que mantenerse trabajando en ello. Uno tiene que mantenerse trabajando junto a otros. Y estoy segura de que allí aún hay algunos sentimientos heridos. Yo todavía tengo algunos problemas que aún no han sido resueltos”.

Marcason, quien se desempeña en la Oficina de Convenciones y Visitantes de Kansas City, dijo que trabajaría para que la convención del 2014 se haga aquí. “Es muy importante para nosotros. Tenemos que hacer la declaración de que nosotros respaldamos que La Raza venga acá, que nosotros queremos apoyar a los miembros de nuestra comunidad y que vamos a desplegar la alfombra de bienvenida y demostrarles que podemos ser un buen lugar para hacer negocios”.



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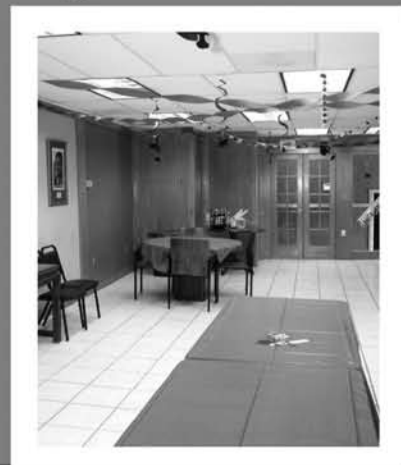
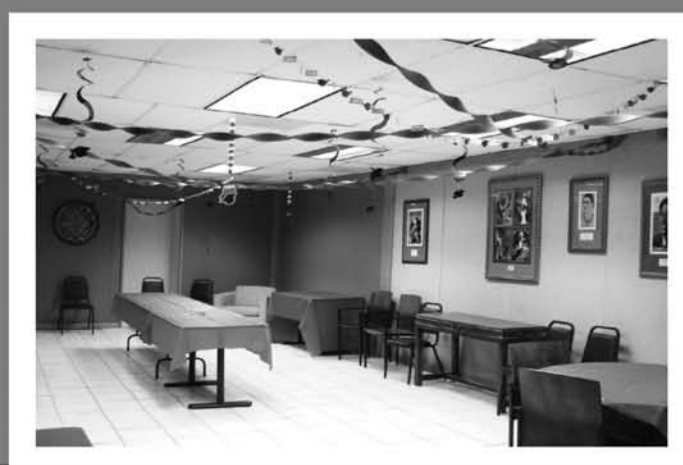


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Sweet Sixteen a tale of two tigers



JOHN SILVA
HISPANIC NEWS
SPORTS

Missouri's squad gets their chance at prime time Thursday night. After surviving Big East brutes Marquette, the third-seeded Tigers will be facing the second-seeded Tigers.

For the second year in a row, many in the Kansas City area will be facing a daunting task. The Memphis Tigers were a number one seed last year. This year they are a number two seed.

The dribble, dribble, drive offense meets the fastest 40 minutes in basketball in a game tailor made for national television. The late

game with an approximate tip-off time of 8:30 in Glendale, Arizona gives the country a chance to see ol' Mizzou's new look.

Memphis plays a stifling defense with their long armed guards, but in Conference USA they didn't see anything like the long armed guards MU has to offer. The few upper classmen on Memphis may remember Mike Anderson's press from his UAB days, but freshman point guard Tyreke Evans doesn't.

The game may come down to Evans' decision-making ability. Last year Derrick Rose was a natural point guard who could break a full-court press by himself and set up easy buckets for teammates. Evans didn't move to the point until conference play began. Memphis coach John Calipari will need to find a way to help Evans and not put all of the pressure on his shoulders. Antonio Anderson, Robert Dozier,

and Doneal Mack will need to do their best to shake the waves of defenders Mike Anderson will throw at them.

The blue-collar, black and gold will look to seniors Demarre Carroll, Leo Lyons, and Matt Lawrence for leadership. They hold an advantage, however, in that their deep squad only needs one player to step up and provide support like freshman Kim English did in the second round against Marquette.

If a J.T. Tiller or Marcus Denmon provide a spurt of points as well as energy, John Calipari will find himself in a tussle similar to the one the team faced in the first round in Kansas City but this time against a better team. A win puts Missouri in the elite eight for a possible date with red-hot UConn. At stake - the right to earn a berth in the biggest basketball party of all, the Final Four.

Hawks have a chance for revenge

So, when the brackets came out for the NCAA tournament more than a few KU fans cringed when they saw a possible match-up with Michigan State in the sweet 16. After two rounds, the seeds held true and now the glamour teams of the Big XII and Big 10 will square off in Indianapolis.

The NCAA's home was the home of the Big 10 tournament, but Michigan State will not have the advantage you may think. Consecro Fieldhouse was that tourney's location, where Lucas Oil Stadium is this tourney's location.

The two proud programs will be well represented by their fan bases. Both head coaches are among the top in the country and both teams have top players. The difference

this time will be how much KU's youngsters have come. If Marcus Morris or Tyshawn Taylor can should some of Sherron Collins and Cole Aldrich's scoring load KU will be playing on Sunday.

That game would likely be against top Midwest seed and overall number one seed Louisville. Should they be upset, KU would have one last chance at road redemption against Arizona.

Wizards start season in red thanks to TFC

The MLS schedulers did Kansas City no favors when they set up the 2009 season. The Wizards opened their season at home, which is good, but against a reconstructed Toronto FC that figures to be a top Eastern Conference contender.

In the span of two years, the Red Fury went from having no marquee players to a collection of young and veteran quality players. Marvel Wynne can burn up the turf with his speed at right back. Amado Guevara brought his enigmatic persona to Toronto. Mo Johnston actually jelled with the creative scorer, giving Guevara one last chance to sustain stardom with one team in MLS. Then this past off-season Canada's team brought their native star home. Dewayne DeRosario was traded from Houston to TFC to complete a dangerous attack.

This attack took a bit to get going as both teams started out jittery. In the 33rd minute DeRosario got free in the Wizards half and found midfielder Jim

Brennan free down the left flank. The club captain hammered a short-sided shot past Wizards goalkeeper Kevin Hartman for the first goal of the game.

The Wizards attack was slower to get going. TFC's rookie goalkeeper Stefan Frei faced no serious challenge in the first half. In the second half, Guevara made a spin move in the 53rd minute at the top of the 18-yard box and scored a goal in the lower right corner.

Needing a shot in the arm, midfielder Davy Arnaud decided to test Frei from long range, slamming a left footed shot one minute later. His attempt went just wide left. Two minutes later Arnaud had another go and this time his 25-yarder found the bottom of the crossbar and bounced back into play after hitting the back right corner of the net.

The comeback lasted for six minutes when Toronto got free again down the left flank. A shot tested Hartman. He dove to his left and kept the shot in front of him, but couldn't corral the ball.

Guevara was Johnny on the spot and banged home an easy goal for a 3-1 lead.

Arnaud cut the lead back to one in the 76th minute. Substitute Santiago Hirsig set up Arnaud by holding up the ball in the middle of the area and drawing the defense. His pass to just outside the box allowed Arnaud to rip another high riser past Frei for the final goal of the game.

The 3-2 final wasn't a true gauge of the game. DeRosario missed a penalty kick in the 80th minute and Hartman was left to fend for himself multiple times, so it could have been worse.

Head coach Curt Onalfo didn't have much positive news to pass along after the game. In a somber tone he said, "We dug ourselves a hole that was too big for us to fill."

The Wizards may be fine when the season is said and done, but seeing Toronto's offensive arsenal it's clear KC has some work to do both defensively and offensively to be a contender this year.

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Chavez was a good American

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He died in his sleep April 23, 1993, in San Luis, Ariz., just miles from his birthplace. In the 66 years between, Chavez made history by giving a voice to millions of oppressed laborers.

Chavez advocated nonviolence. From an impoverished background, he rose up to fight the mistreatment of field workers. He founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers union. He gained the respect of business, religious and political leaders, many of whom marched beside him. And when he died, 40,000 people paid their respects, following Chavez, who was laid to rest in a plain pine casket.

"Not only was he a Chicano and Latino, he was a good American," said Gilbert Guerrero, associate director of education at the Guadalupe Center. "He showed us what strength we have as a people. Not only was he a labor leader, he show us what we can do as a Mexican and as an American." He said Chavez's legacy was a message of empowerment that reaches

across professions, across races, and across all social-economic boundaries.

In Kansas City, the Kansas City Cesar E. Chavez Committee has planned a Day of Unity that includes a symbolic march. The celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Guadalupe Centers Inc., 1015 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez.

"Kansas City has historically played a role in the welfare of not only Latinos in Kansas City but across the country," Guerrero said. Kansas City residents always participated in the boycotts that Chavez organized. And remembering the activist, he said, demonstrates that "even though we are in the middle of the United States, far from Mexico and far from the fields, we are very actively involved in civil rights struggles."

However, as the Hispanic population grows in the United States, a more appropriate way to acknowledge Chavez would be to create a national holiday in his honor, Guerrero said. The contribution of Latinos to the United States is a topic not truly reflected in history books or in every American history

classroom, he said. A national holiday would mark Chavez's struggles and personal sacrifices, and it would allow young Latinos understand in more detail the life of Chavez.

Already ten states have made Chavez's birthday a state holiday. They are California, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Rhode Island. Currently, there is a national petition drive that calls on Congress to make Chavez's birthday a federal paid holiday.

Genovevo Chavez, an historian who teaches at Webster University in Kansas City, said a national holiday would encourage more educators nationwide to teach Chavez's civil rights contributions.

"(Chavez) was a humble man who tried to make change in his chosen area, which was labor organizing. But he soon saw the issues of justice were far greater," Genovevo Chavez said. "He was a man who was thrust into history from a very humbled background who really made a difference and brought national attention to social justice issues."

He said a national holiday "would help us focus and learn about a whole era of history that is mostly neglected in our schools and even in our communities."

Kansas City youths know that a part of 23rd Street, which leads to Kemper Arena, was named after Chavez, but beyond that, few have studied the man's life.

And many young Americans do not realize that in the past year they have heard Chavez's words spoken by President Barack Obama. The words "Yes We Can," "Si se puede" were the words Chavez spoke to those who struggled to overcome injustices.

Guerrero said, "The history is valid. And it is not just a history about one particular race, but one about North America." And when teachers start talking more about Chavez's life, "then kids might begin to ask who else was there."

To learn more about the life of Cesar E. Chavez, visit www.chavezfoundation.org. To learn more about the petition drive for a national holiday, visit www.cesarchavezholiday.org.

Chávez fue un buen estadounidense

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en Yuma, Ariz. El 23 de abril de 1993, él falleció mientras dormía en San Luis, Ariz., apenas unas pocas millas de donde había nacido. En los 66 años de su vida, Chávez hizo historia al darle una voz a millones de trabajadores oprimidos.

Chávez fue un partidario del pacifismo. De una procedencia no ajena a la pobreza, él se alzó para luchar en contra del maltrato que sufrían los trabajadores de los campos. Él fundó la Asociación Nacional de Trabajadores Agrícolas, la cual se convirtió más tarde en el sindicato de Trabajadores Agrícolas Unidos. Él se ganó el respeto de los líderes de los negocios, religiosos y políticos, muchos de los cuales marcharon junto a él. Y cuando falleció, 40,000 ofrecieron sus respetos siguiendo a Chávez quien fue sepultado en un sencillo ataúd de pino.

Él no fue solamente chicano o latino, él fue un buen

estadounidense" dijo Gilbert Guerrero, director asociado de educación del Guadalupe Center. "Él nos demostró cuáles fortalezas tenemos como personas. Aparte de ser un líder laboral, él nos demostró lo que podemos hacer como mexicanos y como estadounidenses".

Él dijo que el legado de Chávez fue un mensaje de fortalecimiento que se extiende más allá de profesiones, más allá de razas y más allá de todas las líneas demarcatorias sociales.

En Kansas City, el Comité César E. Chávez de Kansas City ha planeado un Día para la Unidad el que incluirá una marcha simbólica. La celebración comenzará a las 9:30 de la mañana del sábado en Guadalupe Centers Inc., de 1015 de la Avenida César E. Chávez.

"Históricamente, Kansas City ha jugado un papel no solamente en el bienestar de los latinos en Kansas City, sino que también

lo ha hecho a través del país, dijo Guerrero. Los residentes de Kansas City siempre participaron en los boicots organizados por Chávez. Y al recordar al activista, él dijo, demuestra que "aunque estamos en el medio de Estados Unidos, lejos de México y lejos de los campos, estamos involucrados en forma bastante activa en las luchas por los derechos civiles".

Sin embargo, en la medida en que la población hispana crece en EE.UU., una manera más apropiada de reconocer a Chávez sería la de crear un feriado nacional en su honor, dijo Guerrero. La contribución de los latinos a los Estados Unidos es un tópico que no ha sido reflejado verdaderamente en los libros de historia o en cada salón de clases en EE.UU., dijo él. Un feriado nacional marcaría las luchas y sacrificios personales de Chávez y le permitiría a los jóvenes latinos entender en más detalle la vida de Chávez.

Diez estados ya han hecho del natalicio de Chávez un feriado estatal. Ellos son California, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin y Rhode Island. En la actualidad, existe el esfuerzo de una petición nacional que le pide al Congreso que convierta el natalicio de Chávez en un feriado federal pagado.

Genovevo Chávez, un historiador que enseña en la Universidad Webster en Kansas City, dijo que un feriado nacional motivaría a más educadores en la nación a enseñar sobre las contribuciones a los derechos civiles hechas por Chávez.

"(Chávez) fue un hombre humilde que trató de hacer un cambio en su área electa, que fue la organización laboral. Pero pronto él se dio cuenta que los problemas de la justicia eran mucho más grandes", dijo Genovevo Chávez. "Él fue un hombre que fue impulsado a la historia desde una pro-

cedencia muy humilde y quien verdaderamente marcó una diferencia y atrajo la atención nacional hacia los problemas de la justicia social".

Él dijo que un feriado nacional "nos ayudaría a enfocarnos y a aprender respecto a la historia de toda una era la cual es mayormente pasada por alto en nuestras escuelas e incluso en nuestras comunidades".

La juventud de Kansas City sabe que a una parte de la calle 23, la cual se dirige al Kemper Arena, se le dio el nombre de Chávez, pero más allá de eso, pocas personas han estudiado la vida de este hombre.

Y muchos jóvenes estadouni-

denses no se dan cuenta que durante el año pasado, ellos escucharon las palabras de Chávez de boca del Presidente Barack Obama. Las palabras Sí Se Puede fueron las palabras que Chávez le dijo a aquellos que luchaban para sobreponerse a las injusticias.

Guerrero dijo, "La historia es válida. Y no es solamente una historia referente a una raza en particular, sino que es una historia referente a Norteamérica". Y cuando los maestros comienzan a hablar más sobre la vida de Chávez, "entonces los muchachos podrían comenzar a preguntarse quién más estuvo allí".

A lesson taught by Chavez

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Appreciate Migrant Farm Worker

When you buy fruits and vegetables at the supermarket or sit down to a dinner table full of delicious food, do you ever stop to think where the food came from? You can thank a migrant farm worker for your food.

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Let me tell you a little bit about me. I was born in San Luis, Arizona on March 31, 1927. Close your eyes and imagine that your family owned an 80-acre farm and then your dad loses the farm and you have to move to California. Guess what? That happened to me.

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lost the farm because we didn't have enough money. I can clearly remember that day. My mom couldn't stop crying as we watched my dad tie everything we owned to the roof of our car. Our family had to leave the farm, move to California and do the only kind of work we knew how to do - farm. Only this time the land that we were planting and picking didn't belong to us. We were farming the crops for big land owners.

School

It was hard for me to go to school because our family was always moving. As you remember, migrants move as each crop is ready to be picked. So we would pick potatoes for a month and then move again to pick tomatoes then move again when the next crop was ready to pick. Because of this, I went to over 37 schools.

I did not like school because of how the teachers treated Mexican Americans. If I spoke Spanish at school, the teacher would slap my knuckles with a ruler. Another time when I spoke Spanish, I was punished and had to wear a sign that said, "I am a clown. I speak Spanish."

After 8th grade I quit school when I was 15 because I had to help my family in the fields.

Lessons

One thing I hope you learn from my life is this. It's not what you have but what you do in life that makes you rich. It doesn't matter how many things you own or how much money you have. I never owned a house or a car and I never made more than \$5,000 a year, but I was rich in spirit.

Another thing you can learn from me is this goal. Leave this world better than you found it. If we all have this goal, the world will be a much better place.

Never use violence to solve problems. You can make change happen in a non-violent way. Like Gandhi, and Martin Luther King Jr., I taught people how to get what they deserved by uniting together and using nonviolent ways. Here are some of the nonviolent ways we used.

We used strikes. A strike is when a group of people stop working to protest what's unfair at their job.

We used boycotts. A boycott is when you ask people to stop buying something. We asked people to stop buying grapes. This made the grape growers lose lots of money and then they improved things for the farm workers.

I also used fasting. By fasting I protested by not eating food.

The most important thing I want you to learn from me is change begins with you. One person can make a difference.

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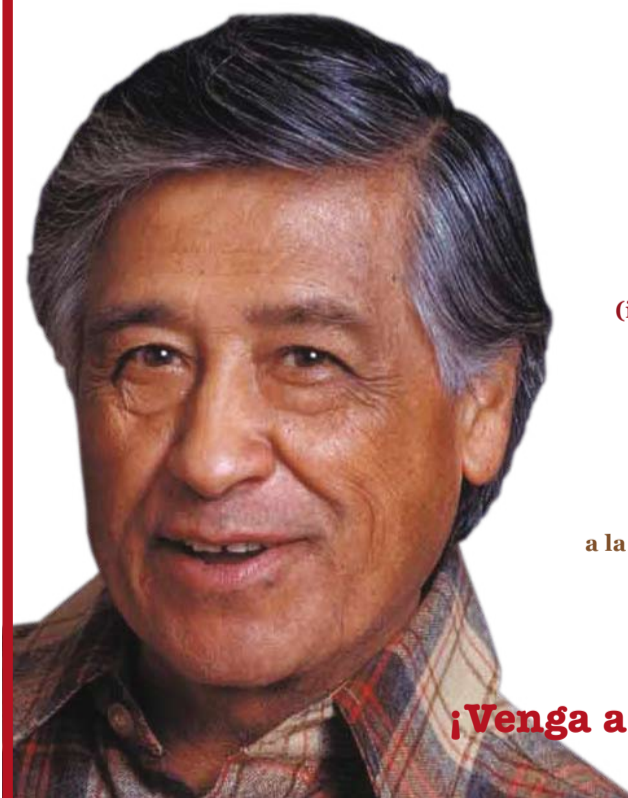
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