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THE INDOMITABLE LUPE CALDERON La Indomable Lupe Calderón



Lupe Calderon is Ameristar's Team member of the Year. The management and co-workers couldn't be happier for her. They all feel she earned this award by her hard work. Along the way she has become a role model. Fiesta de la Cámara se Construye Sobre la Tradición

Lupe Calderón es la miembro del Año del Equipo Ameristar. La administración y sus compañeros de trabajo no podían estar más felices por ella. Todos sentían que ella se había ganado este premio debido a su duro trabajo. A lo largo de ese camino ella se ha convertido en un ejemplo a seguir.

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Lupe Calderon is living a life that she could not have imagined 19 years ago. She came to the United States from Mexico when she was 16 years old. She had not finished school and could not speak English. Today, she is Ameristar's Team Member of the Year and living the American Dream.

She competed against 1,400 employees for the Team Member of the Year Award. People within the company nominate a person for the coveted award. "You can't get this award without others wanting you to have it. She was nominated by her peers, she is voted on by her peers and by the Executive team. It is a very difficult process in order to win

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Lupe Calderón está viviendo una vida que no se hubiera imaginado hace 19 años. Ella vino a Estados Unidos desde México cuando tenía 16 años. Ella no había finalizado la escuela y no hablaba inglés. Hoy en día, ella es la Miembro del Año en el Equipo de Ameristar y se encuentra viviendo el Sueño Americano.

Ella compitió en contra de 1,400 empleados para obtener el Premio Miembro del Año del Equipo. La gente dentro de la compañía nombra a una persona para el deseado premio. "Uno no puede recibir este premio sin que otras personas quieran que tú lo ganes. Ella fue nominada por sus compañeros, sus compañeros y

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Westside residents protest KCP&L substation El Westside protesta por la Subestación de KCP&L



Alice Gomez is not only sending Kansas City Power & Light Co. this message, she is also telling officials "not in my neighborhood."

Alice Gomez no solo está enviando este mensaje a la Empresa Eléctrica de Kansas City, ella también está diciendo a los oficiales "no en mi vecindario".

No Second Substation in our backyard is the message Westside residents are sending to Kansas City Power and Light (KCP&L). Upset that they were not informed that KCP&L planned to build the station at 2500 Southwest Boulevard and that they were not given the opportunity to voice their opinion on the plans, Westside residents have organized to fight the power company.

Lynda Callon, director of the Westside CAN Center, held a community meeting last week to inform neighbors of KCP&L plans for a substation. She and other community members are asking the community to fight the

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No a una segunda subestación en nuestro patio es el mensaje que los residentes del Westside le están enviando a la compañía eléctrica Kansas City Power and Light (KCP&L). Molestos por que no se les informó que KCP&L planea construir la estación a la altura del No. 2500 del Southwest Boulevard y que a ellos no se les dio la oportunidad de expresar su opinión respecto a los planes, los residentes del Westside se han organizado para luchar en contra de la compañía eléctrica.

Lynda Callon, directora del centro CAN del Westside, realizó una reunión comunal para informarle a los vecinos de los planes de KCP&L para

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CHAMBER FIESTA BUILDS ON TRADITION Fiesta de la Cámara se Construye Sobre la Tradición



Musical artist Rogelio Martinez along with Fito Olivares and Los Desperadoz will head up this year's Fiesta KC lineup entertainment at Crown Center. The fiesta takes place this weekend, May 8 through the 10. Along with the entertainment, visitors can expect a wide variety of culinary treats and crafts.

El artista musical Rogelio Martínez junto a Fito Olivares y Los Desperadoz encabezarán la alineación de La Fiesta KC de este año en el Crown Center. La fiesta se realizará este fin de semana, del 8 al 10 de mayo. Junto a la entretenimiento, los visitantes pueden esperar una variedad de antojos culinarios y artesanía.

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The entertainment is scheduled. The information booths are ready. The menu is set. Now, organizers of this year's Fiesta Kansas City are hoping for one more ingredient — clear weather for the celebration's 10th anniversary.

"The fiesta has evolved in many, many ways," said Carlos Gomez, president and chief executive officer of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City. "It's an evolution and we have been taking steps the past 10 years. We're excited because we have hit a milestone."

Fiesta Kansas City: the Best of the Decade is a celebration of Hispanic

heritage and will be May 8, 9 and 10 at the Crown Center. The event, organized by the Hispanic Chamber, will focus on family fun and entertainment. Admission is free.

Gomez said the event, which 35,000 people attended last year, allows Chamber members to showcase their products and services to the public and demonstrates how the Chamber services the community.

In its humble beginning, the fiesta occurred in a courtyard in City Market with a just few booths. This year, the public will be able to visit about 100 booths at the Crown Center. There will be two stages of free entertainment with all types of Latin music, an art show highlighting Hispanic artists

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El entretenimiento está programado. Las casetas o puestos de información están listos. El menú está listo. Ahora, los organizadores de la Fiesta Kansas City de este año están esperando por un ingrediente más — tiempo despejado para celebrar el décimo aniversario.

"La fiesta ha evolucionado en muchas, muchas maneras dice Carlos Gómez, presidente y oficial ejecutivo en jefe de la Cámara Hispana de Comercio del Gran Kansas City. "Es una evolución y hemos estado tomando medidas por los pasados diez años. Estamos entusiasmados porque hemos

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MARRIAGE FOR KEEPS Matrimonio para Mantenerse



Christina Sell works with Juan and his wife Mariselaa in a classroom setting. What is said in the classroom stays within those walls. That is very important to couples that are working and learning how to make their marriage work.

Christina Sell trabaja con Juan y con su esposa Mariselaa en el entorno de un salón de clases. Lo que se dice en el salón de clases no sale de entre esas paredes. Eso es muy importante para parejas que están trabajando y aprendiendo cómo hacer que sus matrimonios funcionen.

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A wedding day is a blissful occasion as couples look to the future with hopes and dreams. No one gets a manual outlining the steps that a married couple should take when they encounter difficulties in their marriage. Marriages are works in progress and every one of them has its ups-and-downs. How couples handle those bumps in the road determines if their marriage remains strong or begins to pull the couple apart.

Providing that manual is the impetus behind the Marriage for Keeps program, the first of its kind in Kansas City, Kansas. The free twelve-week course, offered in Spanish, is held at St. Benedict's Special Children's Center. Sponsored by Catholic Charities, the program works to build on the strengths of the relationship and teach

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El día de la boda es una ocasión maravillosa en el momento en que las parejas miran hacia el futuro con las esperanzas y los sueños. Nadie recibe un manual delineando los pasos que una pareja de casados debiera tomar cuando encuentran dificultades en sus matrimonios. Los matrimonios son trabajos en progreso y cada uno de ellos tiene sus altos y sus bajos. El cómo los matrimonios manejan estos obstáculos en el camino determinará si su matrimonio permanecerá fuerte o comenzará a separar a la pareja.

El proveer ese manual es la razón tras los ímpetus del programa Matrimonio para Mantenerse, el primero de

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FLU CUTTING INTO BOTTOM LINE Gripe afecta resultados finales



Shop owners in San Antonio are seeing fewer customers as concern about the swine flu continues.

Dueños de tienda en San Antonio, han visto pocos compradores como resultado de la preocupación del esparcimiento de la gripe porcina

JOE ARCE REPORTING FROM TEXAS
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(Brownsville, TX.) After the swine flu (Influenza A(H1N1)) death of a 23-month old boy on April 27, who was visiting from Mexico, Brownsville

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(Brownsville, TX.) Después de la muerte a causa de la influenza porcina (Influenza A(H1N1)) el 27 de abril de un bebé de 23 meses que se encontraba visitando desde México, la ciudad de Brownsville y

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PONCHO SANCHEZ

Keeps The Latin Beat in JAZZ GOING



Poncho Sanchez has put in the time. Twenty-two albums for the same label over twenty-five years is all you need to know about his consistency and dedication. His history is not too shabby either. He began under the tutelage of the great Latin artist Mongo Santamaria and as a sideman with the legendary Carl Tjader. In the process Sanchez is recognized as the leading Latin jazz practitioner.

The Norwalk, California native is at the forefront of a musical tradition that included such deceased luminaries as Tito Puente, Mongo Santamaria, Ray Barretto, Hilton Ruiz, Mario Bauza and Arturo "Chico" O'Farrill. Sanchez musical style includes an interest in soul music that goes back to his high school days when he sang in an R&B group, and pays homage to a tradition that was born when Afro-Cuban rhythms merged with bebop.

More than anything else, Poncho Sanchez is a storyteller. And it's his congas and seasoned ensemble that do the talking. Live in concert or on recordings, they spin vivacious tales that pay

Since then, he's covered genre hits by James Brown and other soul gurus and has recorded with a long list of R&B royalty, including Tower of Power, The Crusaders' horn section, Ray Charles, Sam Moore, and Billy Preston. His discography explores everything from traditional salsa and Cuban music to bebop-rooted and West Coast-seasoned Latin jazz and vintage Latin soul -- a spicy amalgam of R&B and funk.

The Grammy award winner makes a special appearance as the final act in the "Jammin' at the Gem" series. The concert takes place Saturday, May 9, 2009 @ 8:00PM (doors open at 7:30PM) At the Gem Theater across the street from the American Jazz Museum 1615 East 18th Street.

The Gem series is part of its ongoing mission to honor, celebrate and showcase jazz. Each series features a variety of artists and styles, highlighting the versatility and appeal of jazz music to a wide range of audiences and communities within Kansas City.

Tickets range \$30 - \$50. Rates for students, seniors and American Jazz Museum members included. To purchase tickets, visit or call the Box Office at the American Jazz Museum (816-474-6262), any Ticketmaster outlet, online at www.ticketmaster.com or Ticketmaster charge by phone 1-800-745-3000.



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Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids will be on display at this year's Fiesta Kansas City this weekend at Crown Center. Come visit the display from HUD and learn about programs to keep your home healthy and safe from environmental hazards. Fiesta Kansas City with 90 vendors on display is May 8, 9 and 10. Free admission. Two stages of entertainment and a Verizon's Children's Corner.

Hogares Saludables para Niños saludables estará en exposición este año en la Fiesta de Kansas City este fin de semana en el Crown Center. Visite la exposición de HUD y conozca los programas para mantener su casa segura y saludable de peligros ambientales. Fiesta Kansas City con 90 vendedores en presentacion el 8, 9 y 10 de Mayo. La entrada es Gratuita. Dos escenarios de entretenimiento y una esquina de Niños de Verizon.

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critical life and relationship skills.

As couples get older, they grow and change in their relationships; some people are career oriented while others focus on child rearing. When the children leave, couples find the years have put a distance between them and their marriage; they have become strangers to one another. The couples attending these sessions rediscover the person that they fell in love with and vowed to spend the rest of their life together.

Steve Rice, a Marriage for Keeps facilitator, told Hispanic News that the couples taking the program receive the necessary tools to help them interact positively with one another.

"As people attend the sessions we begin to see fundamental changes on how people relate to each other. Their body language, their ability to communicate with one another begins to change. We start teaching how to communicate through deep issues. We are not therapists but we give them the tools to start discussing the issues instead of yelling and screaming. We show them how to have a discussion in a calm manner, to take a time out and to set aside time to discuss and really resolve the issues," explained Rice.

According to Jeannie Thurston, regional coordinator for marriage, the classes have a refreshing effect. After one session, Thurston had one couple tell her, "This is like date night and counseling all rolled into one." The program offers childcare giving couples dedicated time to focus on their needs. "We get couples who have said we are finally sleeping in the same bed again and we are having fun again and people have even said you saved us," she said.

Program organizers also note the importance of the program's emphasis on communication and discussion as an influence in the children's behavior. Home discussions held in a calm manner without yelling sends a message to the children a mother and father can have discussions over finances, household duties or even discussions on how to handle the children's education, without conflict.

"What they begin to recognize is that the children are watching them very carefully and their behavior.

"Es como que estamos saliendo en una cita"

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su tipo en Kansas City, Kansas. El curso gratuito de doce semanas que es ofrecido en español, se está realizando en el centro para Niños Especiales de St. Benedict. El programa, patrocinado por Caridades Católicas, trabaja para edificar las fortalezas de la relación y enseñar aptitudes de importancia crítica en sus vidas y relaciones.

En la medida en que las parejas acumulan años, ellos crecen y experimentan cambios en sus relaciones; algunas personas están orientadas en sus carreras profesionales, mientras que otras se enfocan en la crianza de hijos. Cuando los hijos se van, las parejas se dan cuenta que los años han puesto una distancia entre ellos y en sus matrimonios, ellos se han convertido en extraños los unos para los otros. Las parejas que asisten a estas sesiones redescubren a la persona con quien ellos se enamoraron y juraron pasar el resto de sus vidas juntos.

Steve Rice, persona que facilita el programa Matrimonios para Mantener, le dijo a Hispanic News que las parejas que toman el programa reciben las herramientas necesarias para ayudarlos a interactuar de forma positiva los unos con los otros.

"Desde el momento en que la gente comienza a asistir a las sesiones, nosotros comenzamos a ver cambios fundamentales en cómo se relacionan mutuamente. Su lenguaje corporal, su habilidad para comunicarse el uno con el otro comienza a cambiar. Nosotros comenzamos a enseñarles cómo comunicarse cuando se pasa por problemas profundos. Nosotros no somos terapeutas, pero les entregamos las herramientas necesarias

Their attitudes and their relationship is modeling in their children's brain, so their children are seeing that this is a way for a mom and dad to act, this is the way a household should run, but what the children may not know is that there are other ways to resolve issues without arguing. We are giving the couples the tools to calmly resolve conflicts and to show our next generation this is how you work through problems," said Christina Sell, program facilitator.

Divorce is not typically the answer for a Latino household. Research has shown that Latino households have a very low divorce rate, but what statistics may not be showing is that these households may not have a healthy marriage.

The Marriage for Keeps program gives couples the tools they need to deal with everyday life and stress. Discussion topics come under the headings of; Communication Danger Signs, Speaker Listener Technique, We've Got Issues, Seeing and Believing; Negative Interpretation, You Me and Us, and Loving with Style.

"We always tell people when they come to class 'this is a tool box,'" added Thurston. "We are giving you a set of tools and you will pick out of this tool box what will be useful for you, and not everything we put out on the table may be useful to you." But everybody walks away with at least one thing that enriches their marriage.

Juan Manuel Cuevas and his wife Mariselaa started attending the sessions after Mariselaa saw an ad in the paper. "In our case, we have been married for 16 years ... We have been through difficult moments. I called and found out about it. I told my husband and he agreed that we could come here and deal with some of the things that we have been going through."

Mariselaa counsels all couples that are having problems to seek out help. "I think that if one has a need one has to seek out the help. I saw that in our situation we needed help. I can tell people that they should not have a fear or be embarrassed to seek help. All marriages have some problems."

Juan added that the program has been beneficial in demonstrating and illustrating better forms of communication. "One communicates better and finds the patience to address and understand the prob-

lems at the base. Moreover, it helps to listen and pay attention to your partner. If one loves their partner and wants to make a stronger union one needs to come to something like this and fight for it."

The skills taught can be applied to every day life. Rice, who is not married, uses the skills in the workplace and in his interpersonal relationships. "We stress to couples that they need to work as a team and we try to teach them they are on the same team. They need to know they are working towards the same goals. Sometimes gender roles ... define how a couple may interact, but we have seen couples really bond as a team and say, 'ok, this is our outside problem within the family and we are going to handle this together.' It has been really moving to me to see them not bickering at each other, but coming together, working together to resolve the issues. I have seen them changed physically, emotionally and psychologically and that has been really a benefit," he said.

Thurston added that the program defies expectations with men as much motivated to attend classes as women. "Typically one would think it would be the wife that would encourage their husband to attend these classes. We always like to say that we have the dragger and the 'draggee' syndrome. One is always more enthusiastic to be here than the other one. We don't discriminate which gender it is because it does vary," said Thurston.

Sell told Hispanic News that the majority of the couples attending the Spanish sessions are immigrants faced with cultural differences.

"When they come here, they see that a woman can be the bread winner. They see that they can be intelligent, decision-makers and the gift of female intuition is usually right on the money, so it challenges them. I think in some ways men are challenged because of insecurity and because they want to be more expressive. Sometimes in class I have seen people lack emotional literacy ... we know you are mad, but what are the deeper issues of why you are mad. There may be security issues, ethical issues, there may be some hidden issues, as far as trauma. Discovering what these issues are is empowering to them and it is wonderful to see people openly share about their marriages and themselves," she said.

de actuar para un papá o para una mamá, esta es la manera en que un hogar se debe manejar, pero lo que los niños pudieran no saber, es que existen otras maneras de resolver los problemas sin discutir. Nosotros le estamos dando a las parejas las herramientas para resolver calmadamente los conflictos y para demostrarle a nuestra próxima generación que así es como uno resuelve los problemas", dijo Christina Sell, persona que facilita el programa.

El divorcio no es típicamente la respuesta para un hogar latino. Estudios han demostrado que los hogares latinos tiene un promedio bastante bajo de divorcio, pero lo que las estadísticas pudieran no estar revelando, es que estos hogares pudieran no estar albergando a un matrimonio saludable.

El Programa Matrimonios para Mantenerse le entrega a las parejas las herramientas que necesitan para lidiar con la vida diaria y la tensión. Los temas de discusión aparecen bajo los títulos de; Signos de Peligro en la Comunicación, Técnicas para Hablar y Escuchar, Nosotros Tenemos Problemas, Viendo y Creyendo; Interpretación Negativa, Tu Yo y Nosotros y Amando con Estilo.

"Nosotros siempre le decimos a la gente cuando ellos vienen a clases, 'ésta es una caja de herramientas'", agrega Thurston. "Nosotros le estamos dando un juego de herramientas y ustedes escogerán de esta caja de herramientas lo que pudiera ser útil para usted, aunque no todo lo que ponemos en la caja pudiera ser de uso para usted", pero cada persona se va a casa con a lo menos una cosa que le pudiera enriquecer su matrimonio".

Juan Manuel Cuevas

FIESTA OFFERS MANY OPTIONS

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and countless items of Latino cuisine.

Gomez said something new this year is the Fiesta Sports Zone on May 9 and 10 that will allow young teens to interact with sports activities such as soccer.

"The entertainment draws people's attention, but what it really comes down to is that this is a family event and people can come just to have a good time," Gomez told Hispanic News.

This year, Verizon Wireless, the sponsor of the Family Fun Zone, will offer inflatables to entertain children as well as a NASCAR display. For the first time, the Environmental Protection Agency will demonstrate its Healthy Homes Community

Fiesta ofrece muchas opciones

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marcado un hito".

Fiesta Kansas City: Lo Mejor de una Década es una celebración de la herencia hispana que se llevará a cabo en el Crown Center los días 8, 9 y 10 de mayo. El evento, organizado por la Cámara Hispana, se enfocará en la diversión familiar y el entretenimiento. La entrada será gratis.

Gómez dice que el evento, que tuvo la asistencia de 35.000 personas el año pasado, le permite a los miembros de la cámara exhibirle sus productos y servicios al público y demostrar cómo la cámara le sirve a la comunidad.

En sus humildes comienzos, la fiesta se realizaba en un patio en el City Market y contaba solamente con unos pocos puestos. Este año, el público podrá visitar cerca de 100 puestos en el Crown Center. Allí habrá dos escenarios que ofrecerán entretenimiento gratis con todo tipo de música latina, una exhibición de arte resaltando a los artistas hispanos e innumerables patillos de la cocina latina.

Gómez dice que algo nuevo este año será la Zona de Deportes de la Fiesta durante el 9 y

Initiative. The EPA will provide information to help residents identify hazards within the environment of their homes.

Noted bands this year include Latin legend Fito Olivares on Friday night; Los Desperadoz, the renowned conjunto band from San Antonio, on Saturday night; and Rogelio Martínez on Sunday.

Gomez said the troubled economy has had only a slight impact on the fiesta planning in terms of corporate sponsorships. However, he said, "We expect a spike in attendance because of the economy." Any money made from the festival goes to pay for chamber programs and operational costs. Anything left over is spent in planning next year's celebration.

el 10 de mayo que les permitirá a los adolescentes más jóvenes interactuar con actividades deportivas tales como el fútbol.

El entretenimiento atrae la atención de la gente, pero de lo que se trata verdaderamente es que es un evento familiar y la gente puede simplemente venir a pasarlo bien", Gómez le dijo a Hispanic News.

Este año, Verizon Wireless, el patrocinador de la Zona de Diversión Familiar, ofrecerá inflables para entretener a los niños además de tener una exhibición de NASCAR. Por primera vez, la Agencia de Protección al Medioambiente (EPA) demostrará su Iniciativa Comunitad de Hogares Saludables. La EPA ofrecerá información para ayudar a los residentes a identificar peligros dentro del ambiente de sus casas.

Entre las bandas notables de este año, se incluyen a la leyenda latina Fito Olivares el viernes en la noche; Los Desperadoz, la renombrada banda de San Antonio el sábado por la noche y Rogelio Martínez el domingo.

Gómez dice que el problema de la economía solamente ha tenido un ligero impacto en la

Kathy Tinoco, a chamber board member and chairwoman of Fiesta Kansas City, said the fiesta is seen as a destination event that draws attendees from across the region. "We have something for everyone — from the kids to the grown-ups."

She said inclement weather hurt some of the programs last year, but that did not diminish the enthusiasm in organizing this year's milestone fiesta.

"When you have an outdoor festival, you take that chance," Tinoco said. "We have a strong committee of people at the Hispanic Chamber who are willing to take that chance."

To learn more about Fiesta Kansas City, visit www.fiestakc.com.

planificación de la fiesta en lo que se refiere a los patrocinadores corporativos. Sin embargo, dice él. "Esperamos un alza en la asistencia a causa de la economía", cualquier dinero a recaudarse en el festival será utilizado para pagar por los programas de la cámara y los costos operativos. Cualquier excedente se utilizará para la celebración del próximo año.

Kathy Tinoco, miembro de la junta de la cámara y ejecutiva de la Fiesta Kansas City, dice que la fiesta es considerada como un evento que sirve de destino final y que atrae a visitantes de toda la región. "Nosotros tenemos algo para cada uno — desde los niños hasta los adultos".

Ella dice que la inclemencia del tiempo afectó a algunos de los programas del año pasado, pero eso no disminuyó el entusiasmo en organizar la fiesta que será un hito este año.

"Cuando uno tiene un festival al aire libre, uno corre riesgos", dijo Tinoco. "Tenemos un fuerte comité de personas en la Cámara Hispana que están deseosos de correr ese riesgo".

Para enterarse más sobre la Fiesta Kansas City, visite www.fiestakc.com.



Juan and his wife Mariselaa, believe that their marriage is stronger today than before they started the classes. They are both a little shy but they admit there is more love between them now and it is showing.

Juan y su esposa Mariselaa creen que su matrimonio es más fuerte hoy en día que lo era antes de que comenzaran con las clases. Ambos se muestran un poco tímidos, pero ellos admiten que hay más amor entre ellos y se nota.

y su esposa Marisela comenzaron a asistir a las sesiones después que Marisela viera un aviso en el periódico. "En nuestro caso, nosotros hemos estado casados por 16 años... Hemos pasado por momentos difíciles. Llamé y me enteré sobre ello. Le dije a mi esposo y él estuvo de acuerdo que podríamos venir acá y tratar con algunas de las cosas por las que hemos estado pasando".

Marisela le aconseja a todas las parejas que están teniendo problemas que busquen ayuda. "Creo que si uno tiene una necesidad, uno tiene que buscar ayuda. Me cuenta que en nuestra situación, nosotros necesitábamos ayuda. Yo le puedo decir a la gente que no deberían sentir temor o vergüenza de buscar ayuda. Todos los matrimonios tienen algunos problemas".

Juan agregó que el

programa ha sido beneficioso en demostrar e ilustrar maneras mejores para comunicarse. "Uno se comunica mejor y encuentra la paciencia para tratar y entender los problemas en su base. Más aún, le ayuda a uno a escuchar y a prestar atención a tu compañera. Si uno ama a su compañera/o y quiere construir una unión más fuerte, uno tiene que venir a algo como esto y luchar por ello".

Las habilidades enseñadas pueden ser aplicadas a la vida diaria. Rice, quien es soltero, utiliza estas habilidades en su lugar de trabajo y en sus relaciones interpersonales. "Le insistimos a las parejas que ellos necesitan trabajar como equipo y tratamos de enseñarles que ellos están en el mismo equipo. Ellos necesitan saber que están trabajando en pos de los mismos objetivos. Algunas veces los papeles jugados por uno de los sexos... definen como una pareja podría interactuar, pero hemos visto a parejas crear vínculos verdaderos y decir, 'bueno este es nuestro problema exterior dentro de la familia y vamos a manejar esto juntos'. Ha sido verdaderamente conmovedor para mí verlos sin reñirse el uno al otro, sino que uniéndose, trabajando juntos para resolver los problemas. Los he visto cambiar física, emocional y psicológicamente y eso verdaderamente ha sido un beneficio", dijo él.

Thurston agrega que el programa desafía expectativas con hombres que son tan motivados como las mujeres por asistir a las clases. "Típicamente uno pensaría que serían las esposas quienes exhortarían a sus esposos a asistir a estas clases. A nosotros siempre nos gusta decir que tenemos al arrastrante y el síndrome del arrastrado. Uno siempre se ve más entusiasmado de estar aquí que el otro. Nosotros no discriminamos cuál sexo es, porque ello varía", dijo Thurston.

Sell le dijo a Hispanic News que la mayoría de las parejas que asisten a las sesiones en español son inmigrantes que enfrentan diferencias culturales.

"Cuando ellos vienen acá, ellos ven que una mujer puede ser quien se gane el sustento. Ellos ven que ellas pueden ser inteligentes, tomadoras de decisiones y el don de la intuición femenina es comúnmente verdad con lo que respecta al dinero, por lo que eso les presenta un desafío. Creo que de alguna manera los hombres se sienten desafiados debido a la inseguridad y debido a que quieren ser más expresivos. Algunas veces en la clase, he visto que a la gente le falta alfabetización emocional... sabemos que usted está enfadado, pero cuáles son los problemas más profundos del porqué usted está enfadado. Podrían haber problemas de seguridad, problemas éticos, podrían haber algunos problemas ocultos, en lo que va a traumas. Descubrir cuáles son estos problemas es potenciarlos y es maravilloso ver a la gente compartir abiertamente sobre sus matrimonios y sobre ellos mismos", dijo ella.

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TEXAS EVENTS CANCEL DUE TO FLU

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and many other cities within the state are taking no chances when it comes to protecting their residents. Area schools in Corpus Christi and in San Antonio have closed and public events are being curtailed or completely cancelled.

In San Antonio, Cinco de Mayo is a big deal drawing thousands to Market Square. This year's swine flu concerns led to the cancellation of the festivities.

Farmers Market Plaza Association board member and business owner Esli Matta, who owns a pottery shop owner, told Hispanic News, "It was recommended [to us] by the city Health Department as well as the city of San Antonio, because of the large gathering, that we might want to postpone or cancel our events for Cinco de Mayo."

Matta and the board agreed that the question of running the event was a health issue. "This is why we went along with it. The Health department did not force it upon us, but we felt that it was best to listen to their advice and cancel for the concern of the health of the people over the mighty dollar."

Matta also said the board felt the cost to put on the event was a major concern and there were concerns the crowd just wouldn't be there. "Yes, it hurts when you have to cancel one of our 16 events that we put on within the Market Square a year. Because the business we expected to receive and get, we are not getting and as we can see there is a thin crowd in the Market Square this year," said Matta

According to Matta, business has been weak due to a combination of swine flu fears and a series of rainstorms that

have caused weeklong fiestas to be cancelled.

As far as coming to San Antonio, Matta said, "There are several schools districts that have not had to close. They have not had a single case (flu). There are one or two isolated schools districts with one or two confirmed cases and they went ahead and closed, but most of the schools in San Antonio have not had a single case confirmed. ... The public is still coming, tourists are still coming and the conventions are still coming."

Ramon, who traveled from Houston, TX, was among a few hundred that were at the Market Square over the Cinco de Mayo weekend. He told Hispanic News he was not concerned about the flu. "Not at all, my friend and I are taking care of each other."

Ramon's friend Wayne added, "I think some people are overreacting and they are going to overreact. That is what people do. Personally, I think cleanliness is a part of it. ... You know you should wash your hands all the time. ... If you have kids make sure kids don't touch other kids and touch their mouths, just thinking like that. I think the cases that have come out have been mainly kids just in the United States. So let's start there with the kids."

At the entrance of Mi Tierra Mexican restaurant in the Market Square a poster with large letters reading "Cover Cough" gives useful tips on the proper ways to cover and protect others from germs. Sanitizer is available for any customer who feels the need to clean their hands.

The hysteria that has gripped the nation and been fodder for talk show programs has not lessened its grip. According to statistics provided by the KCMO and KCK health departments

the exposure rates in the area are minimal with two confirmed cases in Kansas and one in Missouri. Although 256 cases have been confirmed in 36 states, health officials warn that the virus is probably in all states.

On a positive note, indications are that the number of reported cases is leveling off in Mexico, the epicenter of the virus. Numbers have been revised downward from the previously stated numbers following precise testing and follow-up. The world Health Organization indicates that the virus has spread to 20 countries with 985 officially confirmed cases as of May 4.

The Public Health Department recommends individuals take standard precautions to avoid getting ill such as washing your hands or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer, covering your cough in the crux of your elbow, stay home when you are sick and see your doctor if you are ill.

Symptoms of H1N1 Influenza include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting. If anyone is experiencing these symptoms, then he/she could contact their healthcare provider.



Eventos en Texas Cancelados por la Gripe

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muchas otras dentro del estado no se están corriendo riesgos cuando se trata de proteger a sus residentes. Las escuelas del área en Corpus Christi y en San Antonio han cerrado y los eventos públicos han sido restringidos o cancelados completamente.

En San Antonio, el Cinco de Mayo es un gran acontecimiento que atrae a miles al Market Square. Este año, la preocupación por la influenza porcina llevó a la cancelación de todas las festividades.

El miembro de la Asociación de Farmers Market Plaza y dueña de negocios, Esli Matta, quien es propietaria de una tienda de alfarería, le dijo a Hispanic News, "Nos fue recomendado por parte del Departamento de Salud además de la ciudad de San Antonio, debido a la gran concurrencia, que sería conveniente posponer o cancelar nuestros programas para el Cinco de Mayo".

Matta y la junta estuvieron de acuerdo que el asunto de realizar el evento era un problema de la salud. "Es por eso que lo hicimos. El Departamento de Salud no nos lo impuso, pero pensamos que era mejor escuchar sus consejos y cancelar debido a la preocupación por la salud de la gente, lo que es más importante que el poderoso dólar".

Matta también dijo que la junta pensó que el costo de realizar el evento era una preocupación mayor y a ellos les preocupaba que la gente simplemente no vendría. "Sí, hace daño cuando uno tiene que cancelar uno de nuestros 16 eventos que realizamos dentro del Market Square un año debido a las ganancias de los negocios que esperamos recibir y obtener, los cuales no estaremos recibiendo y como podemos ver, se observa una mermada concurrencia este año en el Market Square", dijo

Matta.

Según Matta, los negocios han estado lentos debido a una combinación de temores por la influenza porcina y una serie de tormentas de lluvia que han causado la cancelación de las fiestas que normalmente se extienden por una semana.

En lo que va a ir a San Antonio, Matta dijo, "Hay allí varios distritos escolares que no han tenido que cerrar. No han tenido ningún caso (De influenza). Hay uno o dos distritos escolares aislados con la presencia de uno o dos casos confirmados y ellos optaron por cerrar, pero la mayoría de las escuelas en San Antonio no han tenido ningún caso confirmado. ... El público aún se encuentra viniendo, los turistas aún están viniendo y las convenciones aún están viniendo".

Ramón, quien viajó desde Houston, TX, se encontraba entre unos pocos cientos de personas que visitaron el Market Square durante el fin de semana del Cinco de Mayo. Él le dijo a Hispanic News no estar preocupado respecto a la influenza. "No del todo, mi amigo y yo nos cuidamos mutuamente".

Wayne, el amigo de Ramón agregó, "Creo que algunas personas están reaccionando más de la cuenta y ellos lo van a hacer. Eso es lo que la gente hace. Personalmente, creo que la limpieza es parte de ello. ... Uno sabe que tiene que lavarse las manos todo el tiempo. ... Si uno tiene niños, asegúrese de que ellos no toquen a otros niños y luego se toquen la boca, tan sólo pensando de esa manera. Creo que los casos que han aparecido han sido principalmente niños tan sólo en EE.UU. Por lo que comencemos allí con los niños".

En la entrada del Restaurante Mexicano Mi Tierra en el Market Square, un póster con letras grandes que decía "Cúbrase

cuando Tosa", entregaba consejos útiles sobre la manera correcta de cubrirse y proteger a otros contra los gérmenes. Líquido desinfectante se encuentra disponible para cualquier cliente que sienta la necesidad de limpiarse las manos.

La histeria que ha agarrado a la nación y que ha sido alimentada por los programas de pláticas por los departamentos de salud de KCMO y de KCK, los promedios de exposición en el área son mínimos y han arrojado dos casos confirmados en Kansas y uno en Missouri. Aunque se han confirmado 256 casos en 36 estados, funcionarios de la salud advierten que el virus se encuentra probablemente en todos los estados.

En una nota positiva, existen indicaciones que la cantidad de casos reportados está estabilizándose en México, el epicentro del virus. Las cifras han sido revisadas a la baja desde las cifras declaradas previamente siguiendo exámenes precisos y seguimientos. La Organización Mundial de la Salud indica que el virus se ha esparcido a una veintena de países con 985 casos confirmados en lo que va hasta el día 4 de mayo.

El Departamento de la Salud Pública le recomienda a las personas tomar las precauciones estándares para evitar enfermarse, precauciones tales como lavarse las manos o utilizar desinfectantes para manos que sean a base de alcohol, cubrirse la boca al toser utilizando el brazo a la altura del codo, quedarse en casa cuando se está enfermo y ver al médico si está enfermo.

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this," said Roxann Kinkade, public relations manager.

Besides the title Calderon won a 2009 Toyota Solara Convertible car. "That award means everything to me. It is a dream come true. I definitely appreciate the Executive Team for believing in me and what I do here at the casino," said Calderon.

When she began working at Ameristar in 1997, she was quiet and reserved and spoke little English. John Perkins, Ameristar Casino Host, was her first supervisor when she began working in housekeeping.

Calderon began her career making beds, cleaning bathrooms and mopping floors. She did each task with pride. Perkins noticed her hard work and promoted her to manager of housekeeping. It was not an easy decision for her to move from employee to management, but with the encouragement of her mother, who also works for the company, and her supervisor, she accepted the promotion.



Calderon said she will never forget her humble beginning and she is proud to have earned the award knowing that it is not only for herself, but for others who will have the same opportunities as she has had.

Calderon dice que nunca se olvidará de sus humildes comienzos y está orgullosa de haber ganado el premio sabiendo que no es solamente para ella misma, sino que para otros que tendrán las mismas oportunidades que ella ha tenido.

No existe obstáculo demasiado difícil de sobreponer

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el equipo ejecutivo votan por ella. Es un proceso muy difícil el poder ganar esto", dijo Roxanne Kinkade, administradora de relaciones públicas.

Aparte del título, Calderón se ganó un automóvil Toyota Solara convertible del 2009. "Ese premio significa todo para mí. Es un sueño hecho realidad. Definitivamente le agradezco al Equipo Ejecutivo por creer en mí y por lo que hago aquí en el casino", dijo Calderón.

Cuando ella comenzó a trabajar en el Ameristar en 1997, ella era tranquila y reservada y hablaba poco inglés. John Perkins, Anfitrión del Casino Ameristar, fue su primer supervisor cuando ella comenzó a trabajar como mucama.

Calderón comenzó su carrera haciendo camas, limpiando baños y trapeando los pisos. Ella realizaba cada tarea con orgullo. Perkins se dio cuenta de lo trabajadora que ella era y la promovió a administradora de las mucamas. No fue una decisión fácil para ella el pasar de empleada a administradora, pero con la motivación de su madre, quien también trabajaba para la compañía y la de su supervisor, ella aceptó la promoción.



Lupe Calderon began her duties at Ameristar in Housekeeping. Through hard work and dedication, she has moved up within the company.

Lupe Calderon comenzó su deberes en el Ameristar como mucama. Mediante el trabajo duro y la dedicación, ella ha avanzado dentro de la compañía.

"Me sentía nerviosa de tomar la posición de supervisora, puesto que ello significaba tener bastantes habilidades en escribir y en comunicarse. No tenía que trabajar solamente con la gente, sino que

"I was nervous to take the supervisor position because it was a lot of writing skills and communication. Not only did I have to work with people but also give orders to people. When I was considering if I should take the job, I had to ask myself can I give orders and tell people what to do, it was not an easy decision for me because I also knew that I would be in charge of hiring employees and firing them," Calderon said.

"When I became manager of housekeeping, I knew that Lupe had to be one of my supervisors," recalled Perkins, "It was not easy to convince her to do that because she worried that her English was not good enough for her to do the job," said Perkins.

Once Perkins was able to convince her that he would help her learn the computer skills that she needed and that her English skills were fine for him, she accepted the job. "About a month later she was so fast on the computer I could not keep up with her," he said.

Calderon had a thirst for knowledge and she began taking English classes after work. As her English

began to improve, her confidence grew. She enrolled at Donnelly College, took four years of ESL classes and then a GED class to get her diploma.

"I kept telling her you are in a good place where you can learn and your English will get better with time as long as you are around English speaking people. You have a lot of great ideas. I just kept telling her she had a lot of things to offer the company," said Perkins.

"She has worked really hard and she is one of those people who see a vision of what she wants to become and she doesn't let anything get in her way," said Kinkade. "She has worked really hard and she is perfect proof that if you work hard you can achieve anything that you want."

As Calderon advanced at the hotel, she set her sights on the Human Resource department. The first time an opening was available she applied but was told that she did not meet the requirements. She wasn't defeated by the news, instead she became determined to learn the skills she would need and be ready for the next opportunity.

"Ameristar is one of those companies that promotes from within and she has been promoted four times since she came here. We promoted her because she worked harder and harder. She invested time and she self taught herself all of the computer programs, she did this on her own. She asked what does it take for me to get to the next level and they told her what it takes and on her own, she stayed late, kept working every day and self taught herself Microsoft Word and Excel and Outlook. When an opening came up, she was promoted," said Kinkade.

Calderon has set goals for herself and hopes that she can be a role model for others. She eventually wants to return to school when her young son is older and continue her education and move up within the department. Her advice to others, "If they have a goal they can do it.

They have to go for it and go for what you want," she said.

Calderon vividly recalls her years before Ameristar. Living in Mexico, her family was poor and she was sent to the United States with a younger brother to help her parents. Eventually, her older sister who lived in Kansas City sent for her and her brother to come to Kansas City. "We lived with my sister and her family in a tiny two bedroom house," she told Hispanic News.

At that time, it was hard for her to believe that eventually she would own her own home and would be speaking in front of large audiences. Today, she gives out the Team Member of the Month awards and has overcome her shyness about her English skills and speaking in public.

"She calls each person who has been nominated to come up next to her, she tells a little story about them and I know that back in 1999 you couldn't get Lupe to speak up at all about anything. So, when I see Lupe speaking on the microphone today, it touches me that she has the confidence now," said Perkins.

"She runs all the team members orientations and she is the first person that all the team members meet when they begin working here. I love to hear her speak, she has a beautiful accent. She hosts the team member of the month recognition award and it is the Lupe show when she does it. We use to have 20 to 30 team members on the patio for the recognition, now it is all hands on deck if you are not at a post or we even have people come in on their day off, to hear her emcee the show. She is very entertaining and people love to listen to her. She is amazing and she inspires everyone," said Kinkade.

As an HR coordinator, she is able to use her bi-lingual skills. "When I have a person come in and they want to apply for a job with Ameri-



Vice President/GM Chet Koch presented the Team Member award to Lupe Calderon. In addition to the award, Calderon also received a 2009 Toyota Solara convertible - red with a beige ragtop and beige leather interior.

El Vicepresidente/Administrador General Chet Koch le entregó el premio Miembro del Equipo a Lupe Calderón. En adición al premio, Calderón también recibió un Toyota Solara convertible del 2009 - rojo con un techo de tela beige e interior de cuero

star and I see that they are more comfortable speaking in Spanish, I will do the interview in Spanish because it makes them feel more comfortable and I am comfortable because that is my first language too," she said.

Kinkade credits Lupe with being an inspiration to the diverse workforce at Ameristar. "When you want them to become a part of your culture and not to put limits on themselves, you want the person teaching them to be that type of person that maybe has struggled and achieved."

Calderon credits her strong faith with giving her the strength to succeed. "Every time I come to work I thank God that he has helped me to

be where I am right now. My co-workers are the best, they all have a good attitude and they have always supported me in what I do and they always help me," said Calderon.

"When I think of the perfect person for Ameristar, Lupe is exactly who I think of, she lives her life for others, she is somebody who wants to give back every day, and she treats everybody with kindness and a loving heart, regardless of who they are, where they are from, what their background is or what their culture is. That is Lupe and that is why she was Team Member of the Year," praised Kinkade.

me han apoyado en lo que hago y ellos siempre me han ayudado", dijo Calderón.

"Cuando pienso en la persona perfecta para Ameristar, Lupe es exactamente quien se me viene a la mente, ella vive su vida para los otros, ella es alguien que quiere retribuir cada día y ella trata a todas las personas con amabilidad y un gran corazón, sin importar quiénes son, de dónde son, cuál es su procedencia o cuál es su cultura. Esa es Lupe y es por eso que fue elegida Miembro del Año del Equipo", dijo Kinkade".



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You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri, commencing at 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in the Town Pavilion Conference Center, 1100 Walnut, 4th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri, regarding the proposed Fifth 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, May 6, 2009 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the Tax Increment Financing Commission, 1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Joseph P. Gonzales
Director

Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri
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According to Section 99.830.3 RSMo., all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

According to Section 99.830.03, each taxing district located wholly or partially within the Redevelopment Area may submit comments and objections to the Commission concerning the subject matter of the public hearing prior to the date of the public hearing.

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In addition to coming to the hearings, citizens can also tell PIAC about needed public improvements by completing a project request form. These forms will be available at the hearings or are available from the Capital Improvements Program (513-1322).

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Tuesday, June 2, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City North Community Center
3830 NE Antioch

Tuesday, June 16, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Old Northeast
6612 Independence Avenue

PIAC representatives for District One are Gary Marsh and Rob Kinder.
City Council members for District One are Deb Herman and Bill Skaggs.

District Two

Wednesday, July 15, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Park Hill Community Education Center
7703 NW Barry Road

Tuesday, July 28, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Northland Cathedral
101 NW 99th Street

PIAC representative for District Two are Nelsie Sweeney and Doug Gamble.
City Council members for District Two are Ed Ford and Russ Johnson.

District Three

Thursday, June 25, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Gregg-Klice Community Center
1600 John "Buck" O'Neil Way

Thursday, July 16, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Robert J. Mohart Multi-Purpose Center
3200 Wayne

PIAC representative for District Three is Forestine Beasley.
City Council members for District Three are Melba Curls and Sharon Sanders Brooks.

District Four

Tuesday, June 9, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Liberty Memorial
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Thursday, July 9, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Rockhurst Education Community Center
5401 Troost Avenue

PIAC representatives for District Four are Durwin Rice and Jim MacDonald.
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District Five

Tuesday, July 21, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Southeast Community Center
4201 E. 63rd Street

Thursday, July 23, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Ascension Lutheran Church
4900 Blue Ridge Blvd.

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District Six

Tuesday, August 4, 2009
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hillcrest Community Center
10401 Hillcrest Road

Thursday, August 6, 2009
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Trailside Center
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building of the substation in their neighborhood.

Residents like Callon and Alice Gomez are upset that KCP&L had already decided where the substation would be built and how it was to look. "When we went to the meeting, they wanted us to look at brick designs and landscaping. They said we could choose what type of brick we wanted to see. They didn't give us a chance to say, we don't want it here," said Gomez.

"In September last year a meeting notice was suppose to have been mailed out to the residents letting us know that KCP&L was holding a meeting at the Guadalupe Center. Then there was a follow up meeting notice that every household in the neighborhood was suppose to have received in the mail," added Gomez claiming that not many people received the notice.

"At the first meeting, there was no drawing or plans on what they wanted to do. They said they were going to build this substation and they were going to put it in the property owned by DST. We told them that we didn't want it here and we wanted to talk about other locations and they really refused to talk about other locations," Gomez said.

According to KCP&L, residents attending the meeting last year were informed that the Westside was growing and the demand for power was increasing. At the meeting last week, Callon challenged whether growth in the Westside is caus-

ing the demand for electricity to increase. She charged the increase is coming from the Power and Light District itself, Union Station, the IRS building, Crossroads Arts district and the Sprint Center.

"This is an issue of environmental justice. We really don't hear that term in Kansas City very much. Environmental justice is much bigger than recycling. Usually this happens in neighborhoods that are minority neighborhoods and low income and generally in the urban core," said Callon.

Gomez is upset the KCP&L substation will be a block and a half away from her home and she is concerned about health issues that may result from it.

"We really don't believe them when they tell us that there is no health hazard from the substation. Nobody really knows - even the experts don't know. It can cause cancer or tumors and look at what is going on in Cameron, Missouri right now. You just don't know what effect these substations do have on the neighborhood besides being ugly too. We already have a substation at 18th and Holly and we don't need another one. No neighborhood should have two," said Gomez.

According to an article that ran last year in Hispanic News, KCP&L's John Horn, Environmental Services stated, "The only real health issues you have with any of our equipment anywhere is electrical shock. People shouldn't be fooling with electrical equipment anywhere, and people shouldn't be climbing over the fence to mess with this and they haven't anywhere else so I don't expect that. That



is their big exposure and that is why we have a fence. That is why we have warning signs and the warning signs will be bilingual. There will be symbols for little kids that don't read."

Callon recalled that in the 1800's people thought lead was a good product until its use was discontinued following health hazards. "Part of the reason I am standing up and fighting this is because I want you to understand how the things that exist in this neighborhood affects your mental well being, your quality of life and we need to have our health concerns addressed by the power company. The reason they want to do it here is that it is cheap and easy to do this in our neighborhood. ... We are not arguing that they need the electricity, what we are saying is that they can go into another neighborhood and they can share the environmental burden," said Callon.

Frank Uryasz, president of Drug Free Sport, is a business owner in the Westside community and is upset about the 125-foot steel towers that will be erected in the neighborhood if the substation is built. "My issue is the visual blight ... I believe what KCP&L does is they focus people on the power station visually then they build a wall and say everything is solved."

Uryasz points out the steel transmission poles that were put up on Troost a few years back. "I think that many of us over in Hyde Park did not have an understanding of what the visual

impact would be with these power poles on Troost. KCP&L told the City Planning Commission that there would be two 125-foot power poles at the substation, and that is true as far as what we know. I have had correspondence with KCP&L and they are estimating that there could be as many as nine of these 125-foot poles. I urge you to drive along Troost and see what was done visually to Troost. We won't recover from that for years and years," he said.

Eager to hear how the residents feel about the substation, Bernardo Ramirez, executive director of the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation, (HEDC) attended the meeting. Three weeks ago, KCP&L held a meeting with the organization to talk to them about their plans in the Westside community.

"When we met with them they make it sound wonderful but we didn't commit one way or another. The Board is looking right now, at what position we are going to take in this issue. I spoke with Councilman Terry Riley and I told him we will obviously go with what the community wants," he said.

"KCP&L can bury these lines and they don't want to and they told the Planning Commission that they don't want to because it cost too much money. It does cost more money to bury the lines than to hang them, but I don't care. I personally don't want to look at them," said Uryasz.

“Este es un problema de justicia medioambiental”

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construir una subestación. Ella y otros miembros de la comunidad le están pidiendo a la comunidad que luche en contra de la construcción de la subestación en su vecindario.

Residentes tales como Callon y Alice Gómez están molestos de que KCP&L ya haya decidido dónde construir la subestación y como ésta lucirá. "Cuando asistimos a la reunión, ellos querían que miráramos diseños de ladrillo y jardines. Ellos dijeron que podíamos elegir qué tipo de ladrillos queríamos ver. Ellos no nos dieron la oportunidad de decir, no la queremos aquí", dijo Gómez.

"En septiembre del año pasado, se supuso que el aviso para una reunión debería haberle sido enviado a los residentes para darnos a conocer que KCP&L estaría realizando una reunión en el Guadalupe Center. Luego hubo allí un aviso para una reunión subsiguiente el cual todos los hogares estaban supuestos a recibir por correo", agregó Gómez aduciendo que no muchas personas había recibido el aviso.

"Durante la primera reunión, no hubieron dibujos o planes sobre lo que ellos querían hacer. Ellos dijeron que iban a construir esta subestación y la iban a ubicar en el terreno de propiedad de DST. Nosotros les dijimos que no la queríamos aquí y queríamos platicar respecto a otras localizaciones y ellos verdaderamente se negaron a conversar sobre otras localizaciones", dijo Gómez.

Según KCP&L, a los residentes que acudieron a la reunión del año pasado se les informó que el Westside estaba creciendo y que la demanda por energía eléctrica estaba aumentando. Durante la reunión de la semana pasada, Callon cuestionó el hecho de que el crecimiento en el Westside era lo que estaba causando el aumento en la demanda por electricidad. Ella acusó que el aumento está

viniedo del mismísimo Distrito de Power and Light, de Union Station, del edificio del IRS, del Distrito de Artes de Crossroads y del Sprint Center.

"Este es un problema de justicia del medio ambiente. Verdaderamente que no escuchamos mucho de ese término en Kansas City. La justicia del medio ambiente es mucho mayor que el reciclaje. Comúnmente esto sucede en los vecindarios poblados por minorías y personas de bajos ingresos y suceden generalmente en el corazón urbano", dijo Callon.

Gómez está molesta que la subestación de KCP&L se ubicará a una cuadra y media de su casa y ella está preocupada respecto a los problemas de salud que pudieran resultar de ello.

"En realidad nosotros no les creemos cuando nos dicen que allí no habrán peligros para la salud provenientes de la subestación. Nadie lo sabe realmente - incluso los expertos no lo saben. Puede causar cáncer o tumores y miren lo que está sucediendo en Cameron, Missouri en estos momentos. Uno simplemente no sabe qué efectos tendrán estas subestaciones en el vecindario aparte de ser también feas. Nosotros ya tenemos una subestación en las calles 18 con Holly y no necesitamos otra. Ningún vecindario debería tener dos", dijo Gómez.

Según un artículo aparecido el año pasado en Hispanic News, John Horn, de Servicios Medioambientales de KCP&L declaró, "El único problema real a la salud que uno tiene con nuestros equipos en cualquier lugar, es recibir una descarga eléctrica. La gente no debería jugar con equipos eléctricos en ningún lugar y la gente no debería trepar cercos para jugar con ellos y ellos no lo han hecho en ningún sitio, por lo que no lo espero. Esa es su mayor exposición a un peligro y es por eso que tenemos un cerco. Es por eso que tenemos señales de advertencia y éstas están son bilingües. Allí también habrán sím-

bolos para los niños pequeños que aún no saben leer".

Callon recuerda que en los años mil ochocientos la gente pensaba que el plomo era un buen producto hasta que su uso fue discontinuado a consecuencia de peligros para la salud. "Parte de la razón por la que estoy tomando una postura y luchando en contra de esto, es porque quiero que ustedes entiendan cómo las cosas que existen en este vecindario afectan su bienestar mental, su calidad de vida y necesitamos hacer que nuestras preocupaciones por la salud sean tratadas por la compañía eléctrica. La razón por la cual lo quieren hacer aquí es que es barato y fácil de hacer en nuestro vecindario. ... No estamos discutiendo el hecho de que ellos necesitan la electricidad, lo que estamos diciendo es que ellos pueden ir a otro vecindario y ellos pueden compartir la carga medioambiental", dijo Callon

Frank Uryasz, presidente de Drug Free Sport, es un propietario de negocios y está molesto por las torres de acero de 125 pies de altura que serán levantadas en el vecindario si es que la subestación llegara a ser construida. "Mi problema es el deterioro visual... Creo que lo que KCP&L hace es que ellos enfocan a la gente visualmente en la subestación y luego construyen un muro y dicen que todo está resuelto".

Uryasz se refiere a los postes de transmisión hechos de acero que fueron puestos en la Avenida Troost hace unos pocos años. "Creo que muchos de nosotros en el área de Hyde Park no tuvimos un entendimiento que lo que sería un impacto visual con estos postes ubicados en Troost.

SPORTS ROUND UP!

Past is no big deal for current Chiefs brain trust



JOHN SILVA
HISPANIC NEWS
SPORTS

It seems at least once a week you hear someone pining for a big name to join the Chiefs fold. The big touchdown is one phone call away after all.

Why don't the Chiefs trade for Anquan Boldin or Julius Peppers? Both are Pro Bowl players at positions of need who are dissatisfied with their current contract situations on their teams and have asked for a trade.

Speculation quietly swirled around KC that Peppers might come to town in exchange for the third overall pick in the draft. It didn't happen. Boldin refuses to practice at Arizona's mini-camps. He'll show up but he won't take the field trying to force the Cardinals' hand.

So why haven't either of those or any other high profile players caught on with the new Chiefs regime? Well, perhaps because Scott Pioli is a man who agrees with his methods.

People will then point to Adaluis Thomas and Roosevelt Colvin, two highly coveted line-backers who signed on with New England during Pioli's tenure there. He did indeed have a hand in those signings, but if you listen to Pioli closely, he credits the turnaround in New England several years ago to his first off-season there.

During that span, he turned over the roster with 21 free-agent signings and added new faces from the draft. It may be the formula that works here. Only time will tell but there is no doubt that Pioli is making his own mark based on what he is familiar with.

Greinke's first month not a surprise

Have you been to the K to see Zach Greinke yet this year? The Sports Illustrated cover subject has been dubbed, "The Best Pitcher in Baseball" (at least for 2009).

Last year, Cliff Lee came out of nowhere to bask in the spotlight of a Cy Young season for Cleveland. Greinke may be a surprise nationally, but here in the heartland people knew he had the stuff. That's why there were so many dismayed about the length of time it took the ball club to come to an agreement on a contract extension.

The eccentric 25-year-old has always known where to put a baseball, but this year it seems his body and mind are working in perfect harmony. He has grown into a pitcher who can consistently hit the mid-90s with his fastball. That only makes his three off-speed pitchers tougher to hit. Perhaps it was also the security of having enough money to hit his beloved Taco Bell anytime he likes in a city where he won't be criticized any time he has a less than stellar outing.

At this point in the season, if he were a Yankee he would be built up to be the greatest pitcher in the history of the franchise until he gave up five earned runs and was tagged with a loss. In KC, a bad outing won't be the end of the world and he won't have big name diva teammates looking to throw him under the bus if they don't offer enough run support.

Zach Greinke is the hottest commodity the Royals' franchise have had going for it in a long time. Even the Carlos Beltran, Mike Sweeney, Jermaine Dye, and Johnny Damon teams didn't have a player so dominant that they were cover stories for the most popular sports periodical in the country.

The upshot is Royals fans could be witnessing a Cy Young season right before their very eyes. If those hopes are not realized, at least the month of April and early May has been a great adrenalin shot for a moribund franchise whose heart has needed that injection for a long time.

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