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The proposed 41,000 square-foot Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market could open as early as spring 2014. Neighborhood residents say they will be watching this project closely and weighing the pro and cons.

El propuesto Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market de 41,000 metros cuadrados, podría abrir tan pronto como entre la primavera del 2014. Los residentes del vecindario dicen que van a estar vigilando de cerca este proyecto, y pesando en los pro y los contras.

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Por
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Una tienda Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, y un restaurante McDonald's, con la facilidad de ordenar sin bajarse del coche se podrían construir en el antiguo sitio de Acero Estructural Kansas City en la calle 24 y Metropolitan en Kansas City, Kansas.

Los promotores inmobiliarios Argentine Retail Developers y Lane4 Property Group de La Plaza Argentine, tienen la esperanza de que el desarrollo propuesto traerá nueva vida al barrio

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By
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A Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, convenience store and a McDonalds drive-through restaurant could be built on the former Kansas City Structural Steel site at 24th and Metropolitan in Kansas City, Kansas.

Argentine Retail Developers and Lane4 Property Group developers of the La Plaza Argentine, are hopeful that the proposed development will bring new life into the Argentine neighborhood. A community that lost their only

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Alta Vista Jewel Of GCI Education Network

Alta Vista Es Una Joya de La Red de Educación En GCI



You have to look close to see the work that is going on inside the former Douglass Elementary School. Heating and cooling systems are being installed, new plumbing, sheetrock being hung and the list goes on.

Usted tiene que ver de cerca para ver el trabajo que está sucediendo dentro de la antigua Escuela Primaria Douglass. Se están instalando sistemas de calefacción y refrigeración, tuberías nuevas, tabla roca y la lista sigue.

By
JOE ARCE & JOSE FAUS

Jarboe, between 26th and 27th streets, is a busy place though you would be hard pressed to see the work going on as most of it is taking place behind closed doors inside the old Douglass Elementary School in the Sacred Heart/Guadalupe Parish in the city's Westside.

Guadalupe Centers Inc (GCI) will be unveiling the latest incarnation of a school built in the 50's on August 19 when the new Alta Vista Charter School opens its doors.

Jean Paul Chaurand, GCI chief operating officer, talked with Hispanic News during a recent tour of the worksite. The opening date is August 19 and according to Chaurand, the school will open on time.

The renovation has included extensive mechanical work with the addition of anew HVAC system and the installation of data lines and wireless capability for the entire building. Not to mention the inclusion of essential science lab equipment desk, cafeteria equipment and all the necessary materials for a modern school.

"The interior is what we are focusing on. It is going to run, with hard costs plus soft costs, right around \$4.1 million dollars," Chaurand said. "We will eventually have to do some work on the outside of the building. There will be some ongoing demo that will have to be done."

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GEMMA TORNERO

Jarboe, entre las calles 26 y 27, es un lugar muy concurrido, aunque sería difícil de ver el trabajo que se realiza, ya que la mayoría de lo que se está llevando a cabo es a puertas cerradas en el interior de la antigua Escuela Primaria Douglass, en la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón / Guadalupe en el Westside de la ciudad.

Guadalupe Centers Inc. (GCI por sus siglas en inglés), dará a conocer la última encarnación el 19 de agosto de una escuela construida en los años 50's, cuando la nueva Escuela Alta Vista Chárter abra sus puertas.

Jean Paul Chaurand, Director de Operaciones de GCI, habló con Hispanic News durante un reciente recorrido a la obra en construcción. La fecha de apertura es el 19 de agosto y de acuerdo con Chaurand, la escuela se abrirá a tiempo.

La renovación ha incluido un extenso trabajo mecánico con la adición de un nuevo sistema de aire acondicionado y la instalación de líneas de datos y capacidad inalámbrica para todo el edificio. Por no hablar de la inclusión de equipo de laboratorio de ciencias, equipo de cafetería y todo el material necesario para una escuela moderna.

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Chaurand is elated by the renovation. “I grew up in this neighborhood one house over. I know what this school has been like. I know how it has been used. It is exciting to bring it back on line and to be a benefit for this part of the neighborhood. We (GCI) see the demands and we look forward to revitalizing, from a community development and economic development standpoint, this part of the neighborhood.”

Rafael Garcia, president of Garcia Architecture, is handling the design work on the school and talked of the personal importance of the school to him. Garcia and his firm have a long association with GCI having been the lead architect in the redesign of the center's headquarters on Cesar E. Chavez Avenida.

“I was thrilled. This had been a goal for the center and it has been a personal goal of mine to be involved in the project,” stated Garcia. “This is specifically for the kids and the education program that [GCI] established years ago and that keeps reaching new height. It is tremendous to be a part of their growth.”

Garcia's attachment goes beyond the twenty-year professional relationship he has maintained with the center. His grandmother was instrumental in organizing the early fiestas that centered at the newly dedicated GCI back in the 30's and his father and aunts were part of a popular trio that performed at the fiestas and were an indelible part of the cultural traditions that have been a focus of the center.

I have a twenty-year history with the center,” added Garcia. “I am extremely proud to be continuing the legacy of my own family. That is very personal to me.”

Garcia gives a lot of credit to GCI's board for having the foresight to choose a strong building.

“Douglass school was designed by Kevitt Myers, that is one of the significant early firms in Kansas City architectural. ... They designed this in the 50s and the building has held up very well. It is a strong and well-articulated building and there was not a

lot of need for reassessing the exterior. The interior, we need to bring it up to the standards of area high schools if not even exceeding those standards.”

Just as he did when looking at the redesign of GCI's building or the design of the new Samuel Rodgers Clinic, Garcia evaluated the purpose of the building and the people that would inhabit the space as factors in determining the final design.

“It is being aware that it is more than just classrooms and teachers' lounges,” he said. “There is more to a science lab. There is more to a corridor. The corridor is the artery between the buildings. It is where you go from space to space and that corridor can have all kinds of excitement to it. That corridor is where the students spend a lot of their social time.”

The school is the latest expansion of GCI's educational network that began nearly twenty years ago. Cris Medina, CEO and president of GCI, recalled those early days.

“We have come a long way from when we first opened our first school at the Alta Vista Christian Church. I remember having shower curtains to separate the classrooms and maybe twenty kids. It has been night and day. We are not there yet. We still have a long ways to go, but we are making good progress and we are very proud of where we're at,” he said.

GCI took over possession of the school two years ago as part of the repurposing process of the KCMO school district where vacant schools were made available for resale with the intent to repurpose them for community use.

“It is going to be the jewel of our school system,” said Medina. “I am excited about getting that building operable and ready to open this fall.”

GCI's school network is set to explode. The move of the high school from its current cramped quarters on the south end of the Westside will increase student enrollment from 210 to 280 this year with an eventual cap of 350 students.

The Alta Vista Middle School will increase its enrollment this year from 160 to 220 and the center's early childhood program at Plaza de Nino's will grow when it adds a first grade

this year. The plan is to add a grade each year until it is a K-5 elementary. The plan for the entire school system calls for an eventual enrollment of 1,500 students across all grades.

“We are growing because our schools are successful, People want to bring their kids to our schools. There is no problem with enrollment. We have a waiting list for our all our schools,” explained Medina. “Our attendance at the school is 92 % daily attendance. That is high.”

That figure speaks in great part to the initial impetus behind GCI's foray into the education business.

“The whole reason we got into the education business is because we had a high drop out ratio in the school system. We saw too many of our kids were not making it through the education system. ... As a result of [that] we started the schools,” stated Medina. “When you have successful program people want to have their children participate. That is a good thing. One of the reasons that we're making the school bigger is so we can take more kids.”

“The challenge for us is whom do we serve? We want to serve the kids that are at risk, the kids that come from the community ... and are in the neighborhoods that we serve. Westside, Coleman Highlands, Valentine, Northeast and East, those are our priorities. With the schools success it is getting harder and harder for kids to get in. We had to do a lottery this year.”

Chaurand acknowledges that the expansion will address the waiting list issue and sees in the school's opening an affirmation of GCI's commitment to education.

“I am excited to have the neighborhood, the staff, the board, the students and their families coming in and seeing this building because it signals to them that GCI is very much committed to education for the long haul. ... Education is just as critical as the social service aspect of what we do. The youth recreation programs, the workforce development side - this is just another component and we are really excited to have those doors open and having everyone come in.”



In a matter of a few weeks students from Alta Vista Charter High School will fill the hallways of the former Douglass Elementary School. It's a building being updated just in time for the class of 2013-14. "The interior is what we are focusing on. It is going to run, with hard costs plus soft costs, right around \$4.1 million dollars," Chaurand said. "We will eventually have to do some work on the outside of the building. There will be some ongoing demo that will have to be done."

En cuestión de unas semanas los estudiantes de la Preparatoria Chárter Alta Vista llenarán los pasillos de la ex escuela primaria Douglass. Es un edificio que se está renovando a tiempo para la generación de 2013-14. "El interior es en lo que nos estamos centrando. Se va a ejecutar, con costos fuertes más costos ligeros, justo \$ 4,1 millones de dólares," dijo Chaurand. "Vamos a tener que llegar a hacer un trabajo en el exterior del edificio. Habrá un poco de demostraciones en curso, que se tendrán que hacer".



"Hemos Recorrido Un Largo Camino"

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Chaurand está entusiasmado por la renovación. “Yo me crié en este barrio una casa más allá. Yo sé lo que ésta escuela ha sido. Sé lo que se ha utilizado. Es emocionante traerla de nuevo a la línea y ser un beneficio para esta parte del barrio. Nosotros (GCI) vemos las demandas y hacia delante esperando revitalizar esta parte del barrio, desde un punto de vista del desarrollo de la comunidad y el desarrollo económico”.

Rafael García, Presidente de Arquitectura García, esta al manejo del trabajo de diseño en la escuela y habló de la importancia personal de la escuela para él. García y su firma tienen una larga asociación con GCI habiendo sido el arquitecto principal en el rediseño de la sede del Centro en la Avenida César E. Chávez.

“Yo estaba muy emocionado. Este había sido un objetivo para el centro y ha sido un objetivo personal, el de participar en el proyecto”, afirmó García. “Esto es especialmente para los niños y el programa de educación que [GCI] estableció hace años y sigue alcanzando nuevas alturas. Es tremendo ser una parte de su crecimiento”.

El cariño de García va más allá de la relación profesional de

veinte años, que ha mantenido con el centro. Su abuela fue fundamental en la organización de las primeras fiestas que se centraban en la nueva parte de GCI dedicada en los años 30's, y su padre y tíos eran parte de un trío popular que tenía actuaciones en las fiestas y eran una parte indeleble de las tradiciones culturales que han sido foco del Centro.

“Tengo una historia de veinte años con el Centro”, agregó García. “Estoy muy orgulloso de continuar con el legado de mi propia familia. Eso es muy personal para mí”.

García le da mucho crédito a la junta de GCI por tener la visión de elegir un edificio fuerte.

“La escuela Douglass fue diseñada por Kevitt Myers, que es una de las empresas importantes iniciales en la arquitectura de Kansas City. Ellos diseñaron esto en los años 50's y el edificio se ha mantenido muy bien. Se trata de un edificio fuerte y bien articulado y no había mucha necesidad de reevaluar el exterior. El interior, tenemos que llevarlo hasta el nivel de las escuelas preparatorias de la zona, si no incluso sobrepasar esas normas”.

Así como él lo hizo cuando miraba el rediseño de la construcción de GCI o el diseño de la nueva Clínica Samuel Rodgers, García evaluó los efectos de la construcción y la gente que habitaría el espacio como factores en la determinación del diseño final.

“Es ser consciente de que es algo más que las aulas y salones de maestros”, dijo él. “Hay más en un laboratorio de ciencias. Hay más en un pasillo. El pasillo es la arteria entre los edificios. Es el lugar dónde se pasa de un espacio a otro y ese corredor puede tener todo tipo de emoción en el mismo. Ese corredor es dónde los estudiantes pasan mucho de su tiempo social”.

La escuela es la última expansión de la red educativa del GCI, que comenzó hace casi veinte años. Cris Medina, Director y Presidente de GCI, recuerda aquellos primeros días.

“Hemos recorrido un largo camino desde el momento en que abrimos nuestra primera escuela en la Iglesia Cristiana Alta Vista. Recuerdo haber tenido cortinas de baño para separar las aulas y tal vez veinte niños. Ha sido la noche y el día. No estamos allí todavía. Todavía tenemos un largo camino por recorrer, pero estamos teniendo buen progreso y estamos muy orgullosos de donde estamos”, dijo.

GCI se hizo cargo de la posesión de la escuela hace dos años, como parte del proceso de reasignación del distrito escolar de KCMO donde se pusieron escuelas vacantes a disposición para su reventa con la intención de reutilizarlos para uso comunitario.

“Va a ser la joya de nuestro sistema escolar”, dijo Medina. “Estoy muy emocionado por conseguir que el edificio funcione y listo para abrir en el otoño”.

La red de escuelas de GCI está destinada a explotar. El traslado de la escuela preparatoria de los actuales espacios reducidos en el extremo sur de la zona oeste aumentará la matrícula estudiantil de 210 a 280 este año, con un eventual tope de 350 estudiantes.

La Escuela Secundaria Alta Vista aumentará su inscripción este año de 160 a 220 y el programa de la primera infancia del Centro en Plaza de Niños crecerá cuando se añada un primer grado este año. El plan consiste en añadir un grado cada año hasta que sea una primaria K-5. El plan para todo el sistema escolar exige una eventual inscripción de 1,500 estudiantes en todos los grados.

“Estamos creciendo porque nuestras escuelas tienen éxito, la gente quiere traer a sus hijos a nuestras escuelas. No hay ningún problema con la inscripción. Tenemos una lista de espera para todas nuestras escuelas”, explicó Medina. “Nuestra asistencia a la escuela es de 92% de asistencia diaria. Esa es alta”.

Esa cifra habla en gran parte al impulso inicial detrás de la incursión de GCI en el negocio de la educación.

“La razón por la que entramos en el negocio de la educación se debe a que hemos tenido un alto coeficiente de deserción en el sistema escolar. Vimos a muchos de nuestros niños que no lo estaban logrando a través del sistema educativo. Como resultado de eso empezamos

las escuelas”, dijo Medina. “Cuando tienes un programa de éxito la gente desea que sus hijos participen. Eso es una cosa buena. Una de las razones por las que estamos haciendo la escuela más grande es para que podamos tener a más niños”.

“El desafío para nosotros es ¿a quien servimos? Queremos servir a los niños que están en riesgo, los niños que vienen de la comunidad y que están en los barrios a los que servimos. Westside, Coleman Highlands, Valentine, Northeast y East, estos son nuestras prioridades. Con el éxito de las escuelas entrar es cada vez más difícil para los niños. Tuvimos que hacer un sorteo este año”.

Chaurand reconoce que la ampliación va a abordar el tema de la lista de espera y ve en la apertura de la escuela, una afirmación del compromiso de GCI a la educación.

“Estoy emocionado de tener al vecindario, el personal, la junta directiva, los estudiantes y sus familias viniendo y ver éste edificio porque es una señal para ellos de que GCI está muy comprometido con la educación para el largo plazo. La educación es tan importante como el aspecto del servicio social que hacemos. Los programas de recreación para jóvenes, el lado del desarrollo del personal - esto es sólo un componente más y realmente estamos muy felices de tener las puertas abiertas y que todos entren”.

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Competirían Wal-Mart & Save-A-Lot

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Argentine. Una comunidad que perdió su único supermercado hace alrededor de una década, podría tener dos grandes supermercados en su patio trasero.

Tanya Ávila vive en la calle 24 y la Metropolitan y con el proyecto propuesto a pocos pasos de su casa, ella tiene la esperanza de que va a ser aprobado y construido.

“Esta es una comunidad que está caminando, así que sé de mucha gente que va a utilizar las tiendas. El Wal-Mart, la tienda Save-A-Lot y Dollar General todas venden diferentes cosas. Creo que seríamos capaces de apoyar a todos los negocios”, dijo Ávila.

La construcción está actualmente en marcha en un Save-A-Lot de 16,000 pies cuadrados, no lejos de la Plaza Argentine propuesta. El Kansas City Business Journal informó que la Asociación Vecinal de Desarrollo Argentino (ANDA por sus siglas en inglés) ha sido fundamental para iniciar el proyecto. Ya que ANDA es una empresa sin fines de lucro, una nueva entidad, Comercial Argentine, Inc. será propietaria del edificio Save-A-Lot.

El proyecto de Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market de 41,000 metros cuadrados, podría abrir tan pronto como la primavera de 2014 si les dan luz verde para la construcción. Hispanic News preguntó a la Comisionada del 3er Distrito, Ann Murguía con respecto a la propiedad y el proyecto, y estos han quedado sin respuesta.

De acuerdo con un artículo en el Kansas, Murguía estaba sentada al lado de un ejecutivo de Wal-Mart en la reciente conferencia

nacional del Consejo Nacional de La Raza en Las Vegas. El ejecutivo expresó su deseo de encontrar una tienda en zonas marginadas. “Yo, literalmente, le pregunté si iba a traer un Wal-mart a Argentine”, Murguía, fue citada por el Kansan. “Simplemente estaba en el lugar correcto en el momento adecuado”.

En una reunión de vecinos celebrada en la Biblioteca Sucursal Sur a finales de mayo, los residentes estaban preocupados por el manejo del tráfico de camiones por Vega Park y la seguridad de los niños que juegan allí.

Edwin Birch, de la Oficina de Relaciones Públicas del Gobierno Unificado, dijo que en el momento actual, el proyecto está en la etapa de desarrollo inicial y se ha presentado al Departamento de Urbanismo y Ordenación del Uso de la Tierra, con el Gobierno Unificado.

“Wal-Mart no se ha acercado a nosotros para hablar acerca de éste proyecto. Hay un proceso que tiene que ir a través de nuestros departamentos. Las cosas tienen que ser aprobados por el departamento de la comisión de planificación y el departamento de zonificación. Sólo en las etapas preliminares hasta este momento”, dijo Birch.

En una entrevista exclusiva con Rachel Wall, alto ejecutivo de Comunicaciones para Wal-Mart, dijo a Hispanic News que “estamos en el proceso de evaluar la ubicación de Plaza Argentine y estamos viéndola como una posible ubicación para una tienda. Estamos en una modalidad de evaluación, si entregamos planes para una tienda o si hay un punto en el que hay un proceso

de aprobación de la comunidad, entonces estaría encantado de dar más detalles sobre la construcción de la tienda, el número de empleos, y detalles sobre el impacto económico que nuestra tienda tendría en una comunidad”.

Un propietario de casa, Lucy Moreno, dijo a Hispanic News que ella no está de acuerdo con las prácticas laborales de Wal-Mart y si la tienda está construida en su comunidad, ella no va a poner un pie dentro.

“Yo no compro en las tiendas Wal-Mart que están aquí ahora, y si se construye no voy a ir de compras al Neighborhood Market. Mi preocupación en relación a la tienda y otras empresas es la cantidad de tráfico que va a manejar por el barrio y nuestra seguridad”, dijo Moreno.

Se tendrán en cuenta los incentivos para La Plaza Argentine durante una audiencia pública el 15 agosto ante la Junta de Comisionados del Gobierno Unificado del Condado de Wyandotte / Kansas City, Kansas.

El proyecto de \$9.500,000 califica para una financiación de \$4.3 millones en incremento (TIF), pero los desarrolladores sólo están pidiendo \$3.6 millones en bienes desviados y los ingresos por impuestos de ventas locales.

Jeff Berg, Lane 4 Property Group, ha catalogado los planes del lugar en su sitio electrónico para el desarrollo de La Plaza Argentine. Cuando Hispanic News llamó a Berg, para preguntar sobre el proyecto, él dijo, “sin comentarios”. No podemos hablar sobre el proyecto, ya que no se ha aprobado hasta este momento”.

Traduce
GEMMA TORNERO

Wal-Mart & Save-A-Lot Would Compete

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grocery store about a decade ago could now have two major grocery stores in their backyard.

Tanya Avila lives at 24th and Metropolitan and with the proposed project just steps away from her home, she is hopeful that it will be approved and built.

“This is a walking community so I know many people will be using the stores. The Wal-Mart, the Save-A-Lot store and Dollar General all have different things that they sell. I feel that we would be able to support all the businesses,” said Avila.

Construction is currently underway on a 16,000 square-foot Save-A-Lot not far from the proposed Plaza Argentine. The Kansas City Business Journal reported that the Argentine Neighborhood Development Association (ANDA) has been instrumental in initiating the project. Since ANDA is a not-for-profit business, a new entity, Argentine Commercial, Inc. will own the Save-A-Lot Building.

The proposed 41,000 square-foot Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market could open as early as spring of 2014 if they get the green light to build. Hispanic News’ questions to 3rd district Commissioner Ann Murguía regarding the property and the project have gone unanswered.

According to an article in the Kansan, Murguía was seated next to a Wal-Mart executive at the recent national conference of the National Council of La Raza in Las Vegas. The executive expressed a desire to locate a store in an underserved area. “I literally asked him if he would bring a Walmart to Argentine,” Murguía was quoted by the Kansan. “I was just in the right place at the right time.”

At a neighborhood meeting held at the South Branch Library in late May, residents were concerned about the truck traffic driving by Vega Park and the safety of the children who play there.

Edwin Birch, Unified Government Public Relations Office, said at the current time, the project is in the beginning development stages and has been presented to the Urban Planning and Land Use Department with the Unified Government.

“Wal-Mart has not approached us about this project. There is a process that needs to go through our departments. Things have to be approved by the planning commission department and the zoning department. It is only in the preliminary stages at this point,” said Birch.

In an exclusive interview with Rachel Wall, senior manager of Communications for Wal-Mart, told Hispanic News that “we are in the process of evaluating the location of Plaza Argentine and we are looking at it as a possible location for a store. We are in an evaluation mode, if we submit plans for a store or if there is a point where there is an approval process from the community, then I would be happy to give you more details about the construction of the store, employment numbers, and details about the economic impact our store would have on a community.”

One homeowner, Lucy Moreno, told Hispanic News that she doesn't agree with Wal-Mart labor practices and if the store is built in her community, she will not step foot inside.

“I don't shop at the Wal-Marts that are here now and I won't be shopping at the Neighborhood Market if it is built. My concern

about bringing in the store and other businesses is the amount of traffic that will be driving through the neighborhood and our security and safety,” said Moreno.

Incentives for La Plaza Argentine will be considered during an August 15 public hearing before the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Board of Commissioners.

The \$9.5 million project qualifies for \$4.3 million in tax-increment financing (TIF), but the developers are only asking for \$3.6 million in diverted property and local sales tax revenue.

Jeff Berg, Lane 4 Property Group, has listed site plans on their website for the La Plaza Argentine development. When Hispanic News called Berg to inquire about the project, he said, ‘no comment.’ We are unable to talk about the project because it has not been approved at this time.”



By
Raoul Lowery Contreras

“Richard Dean Wilder Crimigrants: Rates of immigrant “Hispanic” more than double that of blacks and six times than whites.” IFacebook, June 2012 on the Conservative Hispanic Society page.

Multiply this by several million such utterances posted on social media, like this one was and one clearly sees that we are surrounded by a thick fog of hysteria.

The fog consists of misinformation, deliberate lies, bigotry, profound racism and other social/political/economic philosophies and world views one associates with the old Know-Nothing Party, the Ku Klux Klan, White Aryan Resistance (WAR) and Minutemen like Arizona's Shawna Forde and her California allies Jim Gilchrist, Steven Eichler and California State Legislator Tim Donnelly.

Forde sits on Arizona's Death Row convicted of two murders of Mexican “illegal aliens” including an American citizen, nine-year-old girl. Gilchrist and his Sancho Panza ersatz-lawyer Eichler have been expelled from the Minutemen accused of financial peccadillos and Minutemen California leader, State Assemblyman Donnelly is on criminal probation after being found guilty of two serious firearms violations. This is a Minutemen crime wave.

Mr. Wilder is not on death row or on probation for counting money skimmed off of Minutemen funds. He is worse than these people because he is lying about 53-million people, American Hispanics that are by far well known for love of the USA, for military service and for hard work in any enterprise in which they involve themselves.

His statement on Facebook is a gigantic lie. So are almost all statements about Hispanics and crime, Hispanics and welfare and Hispanics and business and jobs.

As of June 2012, there were 744,524 male inmates in local jails throughout the country serving sentences of a year or less or awaiting trial; 237 people per 100,000 Americans. Whites (66% of the population) are 46% of these jail inmates. Blacks (15% of the population) are 37% of inmates. Hispanics (19% of the population) number 15% of the local jail population. Whites are the number 1 runaway jail population; Hispanics are not “six times” more than Whites and Blacks in local jails. Mr. Wilder and his Internet cohorts are wrong.

Source of Local Jail inmate numbers: <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=4655its>

On a national scale, the numbers are astounding. Look at the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) annual report of the nation's prison demographic for 2011 (the most recent year reported)

The Crime Wave That Isn't

(November 2012 in <http://bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/p11.pdf>).

A total of 1,598,780 male inmates are serving sentences of one year or longer including 216,362 in the federal prison system. Of that total, 555,300 are Black; 465,100 are White and Hispanics are a poor number three with 331,500 inmates. Hispanics can be of any race.

For Hispanics to be “six times” more in prison than Whites and Blacks, there would have to be 2,790,600 Hispanic inmates closing in on more than double all the jail and prison inmates in the entire country. Mr. Wilder and his Internet cohorts are wrong.

Let's look at major crimes.

Murder, the vilest crime of all (except perhaps for Bernie Madoff's rip off of billions of dollars) breaks down this way: Number one in murder are Black males with 70,100 convicts; number two are Whites with 47,200 murder convictions and bringing up a poor third are Hispanics with 38,900. That's not “six times” the number of White and Black murderers.

Rape, another vile crime breaks down this way: White convicted rapists – 32,500, Blacks 22,600 and – drum roll – Hispanics, 8,600. Mr. Wilder that means that Blacks/Whites total more than SIX TIMES the number of convicted Hispanic rapists.

Robbery is usually with a weapon – Blacks are number one robbers with 96,600 convicts, Whites are second with 44,400 and Hispanics, third with 38,000.

Drug violations break down with Blacks Number 1 with 105,600 drug convictions, Whites

69,500 and Hispanics way back with 47,800.

Ronald Reagan used to say “Facts are stubborn things.” They are.

The American people are bombarded every day by wild hysterical charges that illegal immigrants, mostly from Mexico, are ravaging the United States of America from San Diego to Seattle, to New York to Miami with a crime wave of gigantic proportions.

Mr. Wilder posts an article from World Net Daily (WND) that claims that illegal immigrants from Mexico murder 12 Americans a day. Is that one Mexican murdering 12 Americans or 12 Mexicans murdering one American each? Preposterous.

The 2006 article shows what hysteria can do in the face of facts. From WND, “Twelve Americans are murdered every day by illegal aliens, according to statistics released by Iowa Republican Congressman Steve King. If those numbers are correct, it translates to 4,380 Americans murdered annually by illegal aliens. That's 21,900 since Sept. 11, 2001.”

Problem: There were no statistics issued by Congressman King. No one has any such statistics. Local, state or the federal government do not issue them. King's newsletter quoted a retired New York City Immigration officer who also did not quote any statistics. He posted a guess.

Shocking accusations aimed at Hispanics come from a tiny minority of people that are hysterics, ill-informed hysterics whom facts – stubborn facts -- destroy. The Internet works both ways.



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By JASON ALDERMAN

If your retirement is not far off, you've probably already started to estimate what your living expenses will be after the regular paychecks stop. Most would-be retirees remember to include routine expenses like housing (rent or mortgage), medical bills and prescriptions, insurance premiums, transportation – even food and entertainment.

But don't forget to factor in taxes, which can have a substantial impact on your cost of living, depending on where you live and what your sources of retirement income will be.

Here are a few tax-related issues to consider when budgeting for retirement:

Social Security. Most people can begin collecting Social Security benefits as early as age 62, albeit at significantly reduced amounts than waiting until their full retirement age (65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increasing to 67 for those born in 1960 or later).

Although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, the federal government does. Depending on your "combined income" (adjusted gross income plus nontaxable interest earned plus half of your Social Security benefits), you could end up owing federal income tax on a portion of your benefit. It's complicated, but basically:

Single people whose combined income is less than

¿Está Por Jubilarse? No Olvide Las Consecuencias Fiscales

Por JASON ALDERMAN

Si está próximo a jubilarse, probablemente ya habrá comenzado a calcular cuánto necesitará para vivir cuando deje de percibir ingresos por su trabajo. La mayoría de los que están por jubilarse recuerdan incluir en el presupuesto los gastos de vivienda (alquiler o hipoteca), los gastos de salud y medicamentos, las primas de los seguros, los gastos de transporte, e incluso los gastos de comida y entretenimiento.

Pero no se olvide de incluir a los impuestos, que pueden tener un importante impacto en su costo de vida, dependiendo de dónde viva y de las fuentes de ingresos jubilatorios que tenga.

Al hacer el presupuesto para su jubilación, debe tener en cuenta algunas cuestiones relacionadas con los impuestos:

Seguridad social. La mayoría de las personas pueden comenzar a cobrar los beneficios de la Seguridad Social desde los 62 años, aunque en menor medida que si esperaran hasta la edad jubilatoria total (65 para los nacidos antes de 1938, incrementándose gradualmente a los 67 para los nacidos después de 1960).

Si bien muchos estados no cobran impuestos por los beneficios de la Seguridad Social, el gobierno federal sí lo hace. Dependiendo de sus "ingresos combinados" (ingresos brutos ajustados más intereses no imposables ganados más la mitad de sus beneficios de la Seguridad Social), usted puede terminar adeudando el impuesto a las ganancias federal sobre una parte de sus beneficios. Es complicado pero, básicamente:

Las personas solteras con ingresos combinados inferiores a \$25,000 no tributan

\$25,000 aren't taxed on their Social Security benefit. For combined income between \$25,000 and \$34,000, up to 50 percent of your benefit may be taxed. Over \$34,000, up to 85 percent may be taxable.

For married couples filing jointly: benefits aren't taxable for combined income below \$32,000; benefits for income between \$32,000 and \$44,000 are up to 50 percent taxable; over \$44,000 – up to 85 percent taxable.

To learn more about taxation of Social Security benefits, read IRS Publication 915 at www.irs.gov.

Some people discover after beginning to collect a reduced Social Security benefit that they can't make ends meet and must go back to work, which can backfire: If your annual wages exceed \$15,120, you will lose \$1 of Social Security benefits for every \$2 you earn over that amount (investment income doesn't count.)

Rest assured, however: These benefit reductions are not completely lost: Your Social Security benefit will be increased upon reaching full retirement age to account for benefits withheld due to earlier earnings.

IRA and 401(k) withdrawals. After age 59 ½, you can start withdrawing balances from your IRA without paying the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty – although exceptions are made in cases including disability, qualified first-time homebuyer distributions and certain medical expenses.

However, you will pay federal (and state, if applicable) income tax on IRA withdrawals – except for Roth IRAs held at least five years, whose contributions have already been taxed.

With 401(k) plans, you can withdraw funds after age 55 without the 10 percent penalty if you are no longer employed by the company sponsoring the plan.

Other taxes. Some people move to another state after retirement thinking they'll lower their tax burden. For example, seven states do not tax personal income; however, another two tax only dividend and interest income. And five states charge no sales tax. But because other taxes and cost-of-living expenses vary significantly by community, you should only consider such moves after doing thorough research.

The Retirement Living Information Center (www.retirementliving.com) features breakdowns of the various kinds of taxes seniors are likely to pay, state by state, including those on income, sales, fuel, property and inheritances.

Bottom line: Be sure to consult a financial advisor long before retirement to make sure you fully understand all the many tax and income implications.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

casos, como por ejemplo, en caso de discapacidad, primera compra de vivienda, y algunos gastos médicos. Pero si tendrá que pagar el impuesto a las ganancias federal (y estatal, si corresponde) sobre los retiros de la cuenta IRA –con excepción de las cuentas Roth IRA de más de cinco años de antigüedad, por cuyas contribuciones ya se han pagado impuestos.

Con los planes 401(k), usted puede retirar fondos después de los 55 años sin la penalidad del 10 por ciento si ya ha dejado de trabajar para la compañía que patrocina el plan.

Otros impuestos. Algunas personas se mudan a otro estado después de jubilarse pensando que así disminuirán su carga fiscal. Por ejemplo, hay siete estados en los que no se pagan impuestos por los ingresos personales, y en otros dos estados solo se pagan impuestos sobre los ingresos por dividendos e intereses. En cinco estados no se cobra el impuesto a las ventas. Pero, como hay otros impuestos y gastos de vida que varían mucho de una comunidad a otra, antes de pensar en mudarse, debería investigar un poco.

El Centro de Información para Jubilados (www.retirementliving.com) detalla los diferentes tipos de impuestos que tendrán que pagar las personas jubiladas en cada estado, incluyendo el impuesto a las ganancias, a las ventas, al combustible, a los bienes y a las herencias.

En resumen: Asegúrese de consultar con un asesor financiero mucho antes de jubilarse para entender bien las consecuencias de su jubilación con respecto a los impuestos y a los ingresos.

Jason Alderman dirige los programas de educación financiera de Visa.

Strengthening Our Commitment To Veterans' Health

By Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, & Congressman Emanuel Cleaver

As Americans gather together to celebrate our nation's independence, we wanted to share how honored we are to have recently met with more than 200 veterans and their families in Independence, Missouri. We thanked them for their service and sacrifice. And we had the chance to share how we're honoring our commitment to our veterans by strengthening our commitment to their health care.

That starts with the Affordable Care Act, which builds on the health care options already in place – including the high-quality, comprehensive VA health care system – to give veterans and their families even more choices and more security.

We made it clear that if you use Department of Veterans Affairs health care today, the health care law is not going to change that. There are no new requirements or fees. Nothing in the health care law changes access to VA benefits.

And for the many veterans and their families who rely on Medicare or an employer health plan, the only change is new benefits and stronger

protections. For example, 6 million people on Medicare with high prescription drug costs are now saving an average of more than \$600 a year on their medications. And many parents can now keep their children on their private plans up to age 26.

These kinds of benefits are already in effect. So if you're one of those veterans who already has private or government coverage that you like, the law is already working for you.

But we also know some veterans buy their own coverage and more than 1.3 million veterans and more than 950,000 spouses and children of veterans have no health insurance at all. And while most uninsured veterans are eligible for VA health care, some are not.

It's for people who need new coverage options like them that the health care law created a new Health Insurance Marketplace. Beginning October 1, the Marketplace will open for enrollment in every state, for coverage starting in January 2014. It will give veterans and their families – and all other eligible Americans – a whole new way to shop for private health insurance.

They will have a single place to visit online at HealthCare.gov, with simple, easy-to-understand information that helps them make apples-to-apples

comparisons of health plans. All plans in the Marketplace must cover an essential set of benefits, including hospital visits, doctor visits, prescription drugs, and mental health services. Discrimination based on gender or pre-existing conditions, like diabetes, cancer, or PTSD, will be outlawed. And many veterans' families will qualify for a break on their monthly premiums.

What this law means, simply, is more choices and more security for veterans and their families. But just because these new resources are available doesn't mean veterans and their families know about them.

Americans can visit HealthCare.gov right now to get information, checklists, and other materials to help prepare for coverage this fall, including information for military and veteran families. They can also call a toll-free call center at 1-800-318-2596 that's open 24/7 to provide information and answer questions in 150 languages.

As a nation, our highest obligation is ensuring our service members, veterans, and their families get the care and benefits they so clearly earned. That means making sure they can take full advantage of new benefits, protections, and coverage options in the Affordable Care Act.

FYI

RESIDENTS WITH LOWEST INCOMES MOST LIKELY TO CARE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITIES

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Some may assume that low-income residents of run-down, crime-ridden neighborhoods do not care about their communities. However, research from the University of Missouri suggests otherwise.

Mansoo Yu, an assistant professor of social work and public health at MU, studied levels of community care and vigilance among residents living in high-crime, low-income areas. Community care and vigilance refer to individuals' desires to improve their communities, to take pride in their neighborhoods and to monitor and report unwelcome happenings, such as crimes, near their homes.

"We hypothesized that individuals with higher incomes would have higher levels of community care and vigilance, but the opposite was true," Yu said. "Residents with lower incomes were more likely to care about their communities than their higher-earning neighbors."

Yu said he and his colleagues were somewhat surprised by the findings that lower-income residents cared more about their communities.

"One possibility is that, because these individuals had such low incomes, they were more likely to stay in the same area for a long time," Yu said. "Low-income residents might lack the resources to move to other

communities, whereas their neighbors with relatively higher incomes might be more able to move to better neighborhoods with safer environments."

Yu said community workers and organizers as well as public health professionals should find ways for residents to develop pride in their neighborhoods and encourage them to take actions, such as volunteering, to improve their communities.

"Healthy local environments are related to overall well-being and good mental and physical health," Yu said. "Individuals tend to feel safer in their local communities when they have low levels of depression and high levels of self-esteem. More work is needed to improve low-income areas into healthy environments so individuals' well-beings can improve."

The study, "Which Factor has More Impact? An Examination of the Effects of Income Level, Perceived Neighborhood Disorder, and Crime on Community Care and Vigilance Among Low-Income African American Residents," was published in *Race and Social Problems*. Co-authors included Ronald Pitner from the University of South Carolina and Edna Brown from the University of Connecticut. Yu teaches in the School of Social Work, part of the MU College of Human Environmental Sciences, and in the MU Master of Public Health Program.

Summer Heat Can Be Deadly To Pets



As the dangerous heat returns and the hot days of summer come upon us, doctors from BluePearl Veterinary Partners recommend taking certain precautions to ensure your pet doesn't suffer from any heat-related injuries.

"It's summer and we've already seen multiple cases of heatstroke at several of our locations," said Dr. Neil Shaw, chief medical officer of BluePearl. "It's very important for people to remember that their pets are sensitive to the heat."

BluePearl doctors recommend for pets to be kept in an air conditioned environment during the heat of the day and to limit strenuous activities such as running and playing.

"Focus on outdoor activities either early in the morning or late in the day," Shaw said.

If your pet does become overheated, spray the animal down with room temperature or cool water, but never ice water. Ice cold water causes a decrease in blood flow to the skin and

heat can't escape the body, which makes heat exhaustion symptoms worse.

Don't give sports drinks or electrolyte supplements to pets. Dogs cool off by panting and they do not sweat like people. Supplements like sports drinks can actually harm animals and make pets sick.

Lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea and dark red gums are all signs of heat related distress. If your pet is panting uncontrollably or collapses, take the animal to your veterinarian or nearest emergency veterinary hospital immediately.

Pet owners should also remember to make sure their pets have access to plenty of water at all times. Also, never leave your pet locked in a vehicle with the windows closed.

"Ultimately, any time you feel your pet may be in need of medical assistance, please don't hesitate to get them to your veterinarian as soon as possible," said Shaw. "Time is often the difference between life and death."

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The 2013 Consolidated Annual Action Plan includes the following program applications: 39th Year Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), 2013 HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program, and the 2013 Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Department of Community Development is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Department's mission is to provide safe, sanitary, and attractive housing to the city's low and moderate-income residents and to preserve and revitalize the community's neighborhoods.

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Hey Pachuco, Our family is still having a debate about Sebastian de la Cruz, the eleven-year old who was a former contender in ‘America’s Got Talent.’ None of us can come to an agreement about whether or not he should have worn the Charro (gun-toting cowboy) outfit while he sang the national anthem at the NBA finals. What do you think about the way he was dressed? Signed "Defender of Little Charro"

By
LUIS CORDOBA & KATHY JULIO

Dear Defender,

You are right. There are lots of opinions about el Charrito (the little gun-toting cowboy) singing the national anthem. And sadly, a slew of negative comments about him were thrown about in Twitter. Tweets such as the way Sebastian was dressed, his citizenship status and his skin color. Even ethnic slurs such as ‘beaner’ were hurled at him in Twitterland. Comments that the media and the public have been calling racist. Frankly, I believe that many people use the word ‘racist’ without really understanding what it means.

So who is a racist? A racist is a person who believes in the superiority of one race over another or someone who acts

negatively towards a person or a group of people because of their race. One example of a racist is a member of the Ku Klux Klan. A bigot, on the other hand, is a person who is intolerant, narrow-minded and unable to accept or see another person’s point of view. A bigot is also a person who can be somewhat ignorant on such things as religion or sexual orientation. While all racists are bigots, not all bigots are racist. (See www.wikianswers.com).

So were the comments against this Charrito racist? Since I cannot get inside another person’s head, I cannot make a decision on whether any particular person was racist in his or her comments. But I can say that these comments were ignorant and narrow-minded. This then means that we had a lot of bigots running their mouths on Twitter that day.

Now the question is why were there so many bigoted and possibly racist comments against Sebastian? Haven’t we had a number of potentially controversial people singing the national anthem before?

What about Justin Bieber? Here is a Canadian who sang our national anthem. To be honest, there was some controversy when he admitted that he did not know the words to our national song, but no

big hoopla over the fact that he was not an American.

Okay. Then how about Christina Aguilera? She sang the national anthem at the 2011 Super Bowl and got pounded for mixing up the words to the song. But there was no talk about the fact that her parents were not American. That’s right. While Ms. Aguilera was born in New York, her father is a U.S. immigrant who was born in Ecuador and her mother was born in Canada. Wow. Imagine Americans who have parents who were born in other countries.

And what about Roseanne Barr? In 1990 Ms. Barr, a white American, sang our national anthem at a baseball game between the San Diego Padres and the Cincinnati Reds. The outcry with her rendition was her clear mockery of the song. She was sloppily dressed in a pair of dark pants and an oversized blouse and laughed throughout her singing. When she was done, Ms. Barr spat on the ground and grabbed her crotch before she walked off the field. This American was highly criticized for her disrespect to the anthem and rightly so.

Now back to the distasteful and even repugnant comments against Mr. de la Cruz and his performance.

The truth is that the backlash was not about his clothing. The bigotry was not about where he was born. And the ethnic slurs were not about his skin color. All the hate that was brandied about on Twitter had to do with pendejos (dumbasses) who continue to believe that if you don’t agree with their philosophy, if you don’t look just like them, if you share a different culture, tradition, religion, sexual orientation, and belief from theirs, you just don’t deserve their respect.

So let’s call this for what it is: An 11-year-old American and native of San Antonio beautifully sang our precious national anthem and he was quickly bashed for wearing something different, for looking different, and for being different. It is people with small brains in their skulls who continue to believe that it has to be their way or the highway. Well, as the Pachuco would say, “I am an American who will dress “como me da la chin---ganas” (as I very well F’n please.) America was built by the sweaty, and even, bloody hands of our wonderful immigrants. A little history would do wonders for you pendejos who believe that this country only belongs to your way of thinking. The United States of America belongs to all of us who have respectfully



contributed to making it what she is today: America the Beautiful.

Hmmm ... I wonder if people would bash this dark-skinned American Pachuco for singing The Star Spangled Banner dressed in his Chinos, Pendleton flannel shirt, Stacy Adams shoes, low-rider brim sombrero (hat), bandana and dark sunglasses. Hell, one look at me and they probably would haul me off to la pinta (prison). If not because of the way I was dressed, it would be for not being able to carry a tune. May education be your salvation as we move forward in respecting all peoples of all backgrounds in this great land of ours.

The Pachuco Educado.

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¡Hey! Pachuco, Nuestra familia sigue teniendo un debate sobre Sebastián de la Cruz de once años de edad, quien es un ex-contendiente de ‘America’s Got Talent’. "Ninguno de nosotros puede llegar a un acuerdo sobre si debió o no haber usado la vestimenta de Charro (vaquero tradicional de México), mientras cantaba el himno nacional en la final de la NBA. ¿Qué piensas acerca de la forma en que estaba vestido? Firma "Defensor del Pequeño Charro"

Traduce
GEMMA TORNERO

Estimado Defensor:

Tú tienes razón. Hay un montón de opiniones sobre el ‘Charrito’ cantando el himno nacional. Y, por desgracia, una gran cantidad de comentarios negativos sobre él fueron publicados en Twitter. Tweets de la forma en que Sebastián estaba vestido, su estatus de ciudadanía y su color de piel. Incluso le fueron arrojados en ‘Twitterland’ insultos étnicos como ‘frijolero’. Comentarios que los medios de comunicación y el público han estado llamando ‘racistas’. Francamente, creo que muchas personas utilizan la palabra “racista” sin entender realmente lo que significa.

Entonces, ¿quién es racista? Un ‘racista’ es una persona que cree en la superioridad de una raza sobre otra, o alguien que actúa negativamente hacia una persona o un grupo de personas debido a su raza. Un ejemplo de un ‘racista’ es un integrante del Ku Klux Klan. Un ‘intolerante’, por el contrario, es una persona que es fanática, de mente cerrada e incapaz de aceptar o comprender el punto de vista de otra persona. Un ‘fanático’ es también una persona que puede ser un poco ignorante en cosas tales como la religión o la orientación sexual. Si bien todos los ‘racistas’ son ‘intolerantes’, no todos los ‘intolerantes’ son ‘racistas’. (Ver www.wikianswers.com).

Entonces, ¿fueron ‘racistas’ los comentarios en contra de éste ‘Charrito’? Ya que no puedo entrar en la mente de otra persona, no puedo tomar una decisión respecto si alguna persona en particular fue ‘racista’ en sus comentarios. Pero puedo decir que estos comentarios fueron ‘ignorantes y de mente cerrada’. Entonces esto significa que teníamos un montón de intolerantes dejando hablar sus bocas ese día en Twitter.

Ahora la pregunta es ¿por qué había tantos comentarios intolerantes y posiblemente racistas contra Sebastián? ¿No hemos tenido un número de personas potencialmente controversiales cantando el himno nacional antes?

¿Qué hay acerca de Justin Bieber? Ahí está un canadiense que cantó nuestro himno nacional. Para ser honesto, hubo cierta controversia cuando él admitió que no sabía la letra de nuestra canción nacional pero no es gran conmoción más que el hecho de que él no era un estadounidense.

Okay. Entonces ¿qué hay de Christina Aguilera? Ella cantó el himno nacional en el Súper Bowl de 2011 y consiguió un golpe al mezclar las palabras de la canción. Pero no se habló sobre el hecho de que sus padres no eran estadounidenses. Eso es correcto. Aunque la Sra. Aguilera nació en Nueva York, su padre es un inmigrante en los Estados Unidos que nació en Ecuador y su madre nació en Canadá. Wow. Imagínese estadounidenses que

tienen padres que nacieron en otros países.

Y ¿qué pasa con Roseanne Barr? En 1990 la Sra. Barr, una estadounidense blanca, cantó el himno nacional en un partido de béisbol entre los Padres de San Diego y los Rojos de Cincinnati. La protesta con su interpretación era su clara parodia de la canción. Ella estaba descuidadamente vestida con unos pantalones negros y una blusa de holgada y reía mientras cantaba. Cuando terminó, la Sra. Barr escupió en el suelo y se agarró la entrepierna antes de salir del campo. Ésta estadounidense fue muy criticada por su falta de respeto al himno y con razón.

Ahora, de vuelta a los comentarios desagradables e incluso repugnantes contra el Sr. de la Cruz y su actuación. La verdad es que la respuesta negativa no se trataba de la ropa. La ‘intolerancia’ no se trataba de dónde él había nacido. Y los insultos étnicos no eran de su color de piel. Todo el odio del que se habló en Twitter tuvo que ver con ‘pendejos’ que siguen creyendo que si tú no estás de acuerdo con su filosofía, si no te ves igual que ellos, si compartes una cultura diferente, tradición, religión, orientación sexual, y creencia de la de ellos, que simplemente no merecen su respeto.

Así que vamos a llamar a esto como lo que es: Un niño de 11 años de edad, estadounidense y oriundo de San Antonio cantó bellamente nuestro precioso himno nacional y fue rápidamente vapuleado por llevar algo diferente, por mirar diferente, y por ser diferente. Se trata de personas con cerebros pequeños en el cráneo quienes siguen creyendo que tiene que ser su manera o a la calle. Bueno, como el

Pachuco diría: "Yo soy un americano que se vestirá "como me da la chin ---- gana". Norteamérica fue construida por el sudor, e incluso, con sangre de las manos de nuestros maravillosos inmigrantes. Un poco de historia podría hacer maravillas para ustedes ‘pendejos’ que creen que éste país sólo pertenece a su forma de pensar. Los Estados Unidos de América pertenece a todos nosotros los que hemos contribuido con respeto a lo que es hoy: América the Beautiful.

Hmmm ... Me pregunto si la gente golpearía a éste moreno Pachuco Norteamericano por cantar el himno norteamericano, vestido con sus pantalones Chinos, camisa de franela Pendleton, zapatos Stacy Adams, sombrero de ala low-rider, pañuelo y gafas de sol oscuras. Demonios, una mirada a mí y probablemente se armarían de valor para mandarme a la ‘pinta’. Si no es por la forma en que estuviera vestido, sería por no ser capaz de llevar una tonada. Que la educación sea su salvación a medida que avanzamos en el respeto a todas las personas de todos los orígenes en ésta gran tierra nuestra.

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Summertime Boat Racing Fun For Children and Adults

By JOE ARCE & DEBRA DECOSTER

The sun shimmers on the water of Brush Creek on a warm summer afternoon. The low whine of motors can be heard over the afternoon traffic. People gather on a bridge over the creek to watch radio controlled boats race across the water. They are watching Javier Carrillo's dream come true.

Carrillo, a businessman on the Plaza for the past 11 years, saw Brush Creek as an opportunity for families to enjoy time together through his new business venture, Phantom Boat Works.

During his lunch hour he would sit overlooking the creek thinking about summer activities for children. Children love playing with cars and remote controlled cars, zipping them down the road and staging races against one another.

He thought, "why not put boats on the creek and let children and adults race them." As a young child, he recalled paying a quarter to launch a boat into the water at Disney Land.

"It is a beautiful creek and nobody utilizes it. I began thinking what would bring families and people down here and start using it. They could bring their lunch here; there are

benches and grassy patches to have a picnic. The boats would bring a little entertainment for the kids and parents as well," said Carrillo.

On a recent weekend, Carrillo had the boats running in the water. The small brightly colored boats drew a crowd of people watching him maneuver them easily in the flowing creek.

"We told them to come and try the boats out. Several of the baseball players were here and they loved it. They want to bring their children back," he said.

Carrillo's business is green. He uses battery-operated boats instead of gasoline powered. The boats rent for \$7.50 for fifteen minutes or \$15 for half an hour. Rental hours are noon until 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. His business is located on the east side of Broadway and Wyandotte Street.

He bought his first radio-controlled boat in California and when he came back to Kansas City decided to try it out. "It was right after New Years and it was freezing out here. The water wasn't frozen so I took the boat out for a half hour with my coat on and gloves. I forgot how fun it was," recalled Carrillo.

Julian Rodriguez, 11 years old, enjoyed racing his boat against his father, Jorge Rodriguez on

a recent afternoon. It was the first time for Julian to operate a remote control boat.

"They are awesome because they can go far in the water," he said smiling. His dad agrees, "I have driven the remote control cars before, but this is my first time operating a boat. It is easy to control. I didn't have anything like this when I was a child," said Rodriguez.

Carrillo took his idea to Dan Lowe, Red Legacy. "In three minutes of telling him my idea, he was sold."

He sought permission from Kansas City's Parks and Recreation Department to operate his business on the water. He held his meeting with their staff at the creek and when he sent the boats gliding across the water, he said they were sold on the idea.

Lockton Insurance Company, located on the Plaza, also liked the idea. They are a sponsor of his business and took it a step further by booking an employee day for their staff.

"Lockton employees will have a day where they will spend some time on the creek racing the boats. It will be a great opportunity for

them to forget about work and maybe relive their childhood," explained Carrillo.

He will have 30 boats for rent and five of the boats will have military themes representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and a Coast Guard Ship.

"A veteran or current military personnel can come here and operate a boat for free for fifteen minutes. When the military theme boats are rented, I want to donate the money to our veterans or the VA hospital," he said.

Jorge Rodriguez is looking forward to coming back to Phantom Boat Works with his son. "You get to come out here and do something different. It is fun operating the boat and you get to enjoy it with the family and have fun with others."



Shopper walking over the Brush Creek Bridge stops and looks at the boats that are speeding down the water way. The boats bring out the kid in many people.

Un comprador que caminaba sobre el Puente Brush Creek se detiene a mirar los barcos que están a toda velocidad por el agua. Los barcos sacan un niño interior en las personas.



Las Carreras de Barcos de Radio Control, Son Diversión de Niños y Adultos Durante El Verano

Traduce GEMMA TORNERO

El sol brilla en el agua de Brush Creek en una cálida tarde de verano. El zumbido bajo de los motores, se puede oír sobre el tráfico de la tarde. La gente se reúne en un puente sobre el arroyo para ver a los barcos controlados por radio a través del agua. Ellos están viendo el sueño de Javier Carrillo, hecho realidad.

Carrillo, un hombre de negocios en 'La Plaza' por los últimos 11 años, vio a Brush Creek como una oportunidad para disfrutar un tiempo juntos en familia a través de su nueva aventura empresarial, Phantom Boat Works.

Durante la hora del almuerzo se sentaba a observar el arroyo pensando acerca de las actividades de verano para niños. A los niños les encanta jugar con los coches y con coches de control remoto, llevarlos a alta velocidad por el camino y preparar carreras el uno contra el otro.

El pensó, "¿por qué no poner barcos en el arroyo y dejar que los niños y adultos los corran?". El recordó que siendo un niño, pagaba 25 centavos para lanzar un barco en el agua en Disney Land.

"Es un arroyo hermoso y nadie lo utiliza. Empecé a pensar en que se necesitara para unir a las familias y las personas aquí, y empezar a usarlo. Podrían traer su almuerzo aquí, hay bancas y zonas verdes para hacer un picnic. Los barcos traerían un poco de entretenimiento para los niños y padres de familia también", dijo Carrillo.

En un reciente fin de semana, Carrillo tenía los barcos

prendidos en el agua. Los pequeños barcos de colores brillantes atraían a una multitud de personas que lo veían maniobrar con facilidad en el arroyo que fluía.

"Les dijimos que vinieran y probaran los botes. Varios de los jugadores de béisbol estaban aquí y les encantó. Ellos quieren traer a sus hijos de regreso", dijo.

El negocio de Carrillo es ecológico. El utiliza barcos que funcionan con baterías en lugar de los que funcionan con gasolina. Los barcos se alquilan por \$ 7.50 dólares por quince minutos o \$ 15 dólares por media hora. El horario de alquiler es del mediodía hasta las 8 pm, de lunes a sábado. Su negocio está ubicado en el lado este de la calle Broadway, y la calle Wyandotte.

Él compró su primer barco controlado por radio en California y cuando regresó a Kansas City decidió probarlo. "Fue justo después de Año Nuevo y hacía mucho frío allá afuera. El agua no estaba congelada, así que tomé el barco por una media hora con mi abrigo y mis guantes. Había olvidado lo divertido que era", recuerda Carrillo.

Julían Rodríguez, de 11 años, disfrutó de correr su barco contra su padre, Jorge Rodríguez, en una tarde reciente. Era la primera vez para Julián el operar un barco de control remoto.

"Son impresionantes, ya que pueden llegar muy lejos en el agua", dijo sonriendo. Su padre está de acuerdo, "Yo he conducido los coches de control remoto antes, pero esta es la primera vez que opero un barco. Es fácil de controlar. Yo no tuve nada de esto cuando era un niño", dijo Rodríguez.

Carrillo llevó su idea a Dan Lowe, de Red Legacy. "A tres minutos de decirle mi idea, ya estaba vendido".

El busco permiso del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Kansas City para operar su negocio en el agua. Él llevó a cabo su reunión en el arroyo con su personal y cuando envió a los barcos a deslizarse a través del agua, dijo que compraron la idea.

A la Compañía de Seguros Lockton, situada en la Plaza, también le gustó la idea. Se trata de uno de los patrocinadores de su negocio y dieron un paso más al reservar un día del empleado para su personal.

"Los empleados de Lockton tendrán un día donde van a pasar algún tiempo en el arroyo corriendo los barcos. Será una gran oportunidad para que se olviden del trabajo, y tal vez revivir su infancia", explicó Carrillo.

Él tendrá 30 barcos de alquiler y cinco de los barcos tendrán temas militares que representan el Ejército, Armada, Fuerza Aérea, Infantería de Marina y un barco de la Guardia Costera.

"Un veterano o personal militar actual, puede venir aquí y operar un barco de forma gratuita durante quince minutos. Cuando se alquilen los barcos con temas militares, quiero donar el dinero a nuestros veteranos o el hospital VA", dijo.

Jorge Rodríguez está a la espera de volver al Phantom Boat Works con su hijo. "Tienes la oportunidad de venir aquí, y hacer algo diferente. Es divertido conducir a la embarcación y se viene a disfrutar con la familia y a divertirse con los demás".

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BLOOD DONATIONS DOWN ABOUT 10 PERCENT IN JUNE

COLUMBIA, Mo.— The American Red Cross issued an emergency request for platelet and blood donors of all blood types to roll up a sleeve and give because many fewer donations than expected were received in June and the first week of July.

“We are counting on generous volunteer blood and platelet donors to step up and give now,” said Scott Caswell, CEO for the Red Cross Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region. “Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Each day donations come up short, less blood is available for these patients in need.”

Nationwide, donations through the Red Cross were down approximately 10 percent in June, resulting in about 50,000 fewer donations than expected. The shortfall is similar to what the Red Cross experienced in June 2012.

High school and college blood drives account for as much as 20 percent of Red Cross donations during the school year. Donations from those who usually give at these drives drop by more than 80 percent when school is out for the summer. In addition, a mid-week Independence Day holiday reduced the number of blood drives scheduled in early July. Many sponsors, especially businesses, were unable to host drives because employees took extended vacations.

The Red Cross urgently needs donations to ensure

an adequate blood supply is available for patients all summer long. Each day, the Red Cross Missouri-Illinois Blood Region needs approximately 800 blood donations to keep up with hospital demand. Eligible donors with types O negative, B negative and A negative blood are especially encouraged to give. Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to anyone who needs blood. Types A negative and B negative can be transfused to Rh positive or negative patients.

There is also an urgent need for platelet donations. Platelets – a key clotting component of blood often needed by cancer patients - must be transfused within five days of donation, so it's important to have a steady supply of platelets on hand.

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