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Ann Johnston, mayor of Parkville, Missouri (Left), welcomed Maria de Jesus Lopez Melendez, mayor of Jesus Maria, Jalisco, Mexico.

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Ann Johnston, alcalde de Parkville, Missouri (Izquierda), dio la bienvenida a Maria de Jesús López Meléndez, alcalde de Jesús Maria, Jalisco, México.

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Missouri National Guard Called To Assist The City Of Ferguson

By
Joe Arce & Jose Faus

Over the weekend Ferguson, Missouri was the scene of continued protests, following the shooting two Saturdays past of Michael Brown. Witness reports indicated that Brown was shot after an incident involving Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson.

The ensuing demonstrations and militarized response by the Ferguson police department prompted Missouri Governor Jay Nixon to intervene and relieve the Ferguson police department and place control over the situation under Missouri State Highway Patrol.

After a brief respite on Thursday, demonstrations started up again after police released a video that indicated that Brown

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Children Fleeing Central America Brought To Kansas & Missouri

Niños Que Huyen De Centroamérica Son Traídos A Kansas & Missouri



Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas confirmed that they are assisting some of the unaccompanied immigrant children that crossed over the Mexican border. A few residents that live near Catholic Charities told Hispanic News they support their efforts in helping the children.

Caridades Católicas del Noreste de Kansas confirmó que están ayudando a algunos de los niños inmigrantes no acompañados que cruzaron la frontera mexicana. Algunos residentes que viven cerca de Caridades Católicas dijeron a Hispanic News que apoyan sus esfuerzos en ayudar a los niños.

By
Joe Arce & Debra DeCoster

Forty thousand unaccompanied immigrant children have traveled thousands of miles to the United States border. These young children left their homes in Central America, leaving behind friends and family, wars and hunger to begin an uncertain journey towards a new life.

They endured harsh conditions and once across the border, they have been packed into facilities waiting for an

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Traduce
Gemma Tornado

Cuarenta mil niños inmigrantes no acompañados han viajado miles de kilómetros a la frontera con Estados Unidos. Estos niños jóvenes dejaron sus hogares en Centroamérica, dejando atrás amigos, familia, guerras y hambre para comenzar un viaje incierto hacia una nueva vida.

Ellos soportaron duras condiciones y una vez al otro lado de la frontera,

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El Campeón De Boxeo Víctor Ortiz Promociona Expendables 3 En La Ciudad

Boxing Champion Victor Ortiz In Town To Promote Expendables 3



Former WBC welterweight champion Victor Ortiz can now add the title of actor to his resume. His first movie, "The Expendables 3" opened last week. Ortiz was part of a huge cast of stars that included Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

El ex-campeón de peso welter de la WBC, Victor Ortiz ahora puede añadir el título de actor a su hoja de vida. Su primera película, "The Expendables 3" abrió la semana pasada. Ortiz era parte de un gran elenco de estrellas que incluyeron a Sylvester Stallone y Arnold Schwarzenegger.



Por
Joe Arce & Debra DeCoster

Víctor "Vicious" Ortiz, ex campeón mundial de boxeo de peso welter, se subió a Verruckt, el nuevo tobogán en el parque acuático Schlitterbahn en Kansas City, Kansas, la semana pasada.

"El viaje fue increíble. Siempre ha sido lo máximo estar aquí en Kansas", dijo Ortiz.

Él estaba en la ciudad para promover Expendables 3, una nueva película de acción de alta adrenalina en la que personifica a la Mars, quien es parte de una unidad de mercenarios de élite dirigido por Barney (Sylvester Stallone). En la película, el equipo se encuentra cara a cara con Conrad Stonebanks, quien años antes co-fundó los Expendables.

"ENTRENO TODO... / PÁGINA 2

By
Joe Arce & Debra DeCoster

Victor "Vicious" Ortiz, former World Welterweight boxing champion, took on Verruckt, the new water slide at Schlitterbahn Water Park in Kansas City, Kansas last week.

"The ride was amazing. It is always a blast to be here in Kansas," said Ortiz.

He was in town to promote Expendables 3, a new high adrenaline action film in which he portrays the character Mars part of an elite mercenary unit headed by Barney (Sylvester Stallone). In the movie, the team comes face to face with Conrad Stonebanks, who years before co-founded the Expendables.

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KC Neighborhood Works Initiative Puts Unemployed to Work

Vecindario De KC Trabaja Iniciativa Poniendo Al Desempleado A Trabajar

By
Joe Arce & Debra DeCoster

A new program initiative, KC Neighborhood Works, is helping the city to clean up blighted neighborhoods and streets and put people back to work. The 90-day initiative gives Kansas City, Missouri's unemployed workers a temporary job cleaning up city owned property. This is the first program of its kind in the area and it is a win-win for all involved.

Workers who have been unemployed for six months or more are given the opportunity to work and keep their skills up-to-date. The Full Employment Council (FEC) partnered with the National Association of Construction Contractors Cooperation (NACCC) to put the initiative into action.

The NACCC is a national developer of housing projects, training, employment and the building blocks of economic wealth within pockets of economic blight nationwide.

"WE WILL GIVE ... / PAGE 4

Traduce
Gemma Tornado

Una nueva iniciativa del programa, Vecindario KC Trabaja, está ayudando a la ciudad a limpiar los barrios y calles arruinadas y poner a la gente a trabajar de nuevo. La iniciativa de 90 días, da a los trabajadores desempleados de Kansas City, Missouri un trabajo temporal de limpieza de bienes propiedad de la ciudad. Este es el primer programa de su tipo en la zona y es uno donde todos los involucrados ganan.

A los trabajadores que han estado desempleados por seis meses o más, se les da la oportunidad de trabajar y mantener sus conocimientos actualizados. El Consejo Pleno de Empleo (FEC por sus siglas en inglés) se asoció con la Asociación Nacional de Contratistas de la Construcción de Cooperación (NACCC por sus siglas en inglés) para poner la iniciativa en acción.

"VAMOS A DAR ... / PÁGINA 4



Pastor John Edwards (center), FEC supervisor, talked about his crew. "It is important to work with these young folks and show them that everyone has trials and tribulations in life. You have to work through these things and have respect for others. It is important for them to do a good job so that we can have a continuation of this program," said Edwards.

Pastor John Edwards (centro), supervisor FEC, habló de su tripulación. "Es importante trabajar con estos jóvenes y demostrarles que todo el mundo tiene problemas y tribulaciones de la vida. Usted tiene que trabajar a través de estas cosas y tener respeto por los demás. Es importante para ellos hacer un buen trabajo para que podamos tener una continuación de este programa", dijo Edwards.

“Entreno Todo El Tiempo. Yo Tengo Sesiones De Combate Todo El Tiempo”

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Stonebanks se convirtió en un comerciante de armas despiadado y alguien a quien Barney se vio obligado a matar. Stonebanks sobrevive y lo convierte en su misión el acabar con Expendables. Barney trae en una nueva era de integrantes al equipo Expendables, recluta personas que son más jóvenes, más rápidos y más conocedores de la tecnología.

Ortiz explicó que su personaje es un especialista en armas, con miedo a las alturas, pero dispuesto a hacer casi cualquier cosa.

Él supo sobre la película mientras estaba participando en Bailando con las Estrellas. Su agente contactó a Sylvester Stallone sobre la película y planteó la idea de que Ortiz sería una buena opción para uno de los personajes.

Cuando su agente le dijo a Ortiz sobre su primera respuesta, es estaba como, “sí, de acuerdo. Estos chicos son leyendas. ¿Qué quieren de mí?”

La siguiente llamada de su agente le decía que iba a recibir un correo electrónico de Sly sobre la película. No tenía ni idea de que la persona que llamaba Sly, con quien se iba a reunir con una audición para un papel en Expendables 3, era Stallone.

“Hice la audición allí mismo, en el momento. Me entregó un guión, me dio las imytucciones, como, ‘yo quiero que tú mire de manera dura, o hacer tu voz más profunda’. Después de que todo había terminado, él sólo me miró. Pensé que no había conseguido el papel. Mientras caminábamos hacia la puerta le agradecí y le dije, gracias por la oportunidad y fue cuando él me dijo que tenía el papel”, dijo Ortiz riendo.

Su próxima película es Southpaw, una nueva película de boxeo con Jake Gyllenhaal, como Billy “The Great” Hope. Ortiz personifica a Ramone, un chico de peso mosca de las calles con potencial de combate real. El personaje es paralelo a la historia de Ortiz lo que da riqueza a la historia, pasando de una infancia como un niño adoptivo, a pelear su camino hacia el cinturón de campeón en 2011.

Actualmente, aunque su carrera lo ha llevado a la pantalla

grande, su primer amor es el boxeo y le dijo a Hispanic News que él va a regresar al ring de boxeo.

“Entreno todo el tiempo. Yo tengo sesiones de combate todo el tiempo. Tengo combatientes campeones en mi gimnasio y entrenamos todos los días. Estoy trabajando con combatientes de calibre todos los días. No estoy tomando ningún tiempo fuera del ring”, dijo Ortiz.

Lo que está deteniendo su carrera en el boxeo, es el hecho de que sus dos gerentes se han separado. “Ahora estoy atrapado en la guerra fría entre los dos”, explicó.

Él está listo para saltar de nuevo al ring y espera poder enfrentar de nuevo a Floyd Mayweather. Aunque perdió la pelea, siente que el perder fue el resultado de un golpe bajo por parte de Mayweather.

“Lo tenía en esa pelea. Me convertí en humano por una fracción de segundo durante la pelea. Tenía las manos hacia abajo, miré al árbitro y él me golpeó. Caí. Si tú eres tan buen peleador, entonces ¿por qué necesitas hacer eso?. No estoy resentido por eso. Quiero pelear con él de nuevo y me ofrecí a hacer la pelea de forma gratuita”, dijo Ortiz.

Mateo Truong asistió a la escuela secundaria y preparatoria con Ortiz en Garden City, Kansas. Entiende del amor de Ortiz por el boxeo y por qué quiere enfrentar a Mayweather de nuevo.

“Tiene ese instinto asesino y es por eso que lo llaman vicioso. Él ha estado en la cima y luchó contra Mayweather y quiere hacerlo de nuevo. Él quiere ser el campeón del mundo otra vez y sé que puede hacerlo”, dijo Truong.

Ortiz tiene 27 años y siente que está en su mejor momento. “El día en que termine mi vida, mi nombre se destacará en el mundo. Quiero traer a casa el mayor legado en el mundo. Quiero que mi nombre sea conocido como Muhammad Ali”, dijo.

Cuando no está trabajando en una película o en el ring, a Ortiz le gusta divertirse con sus amigos. Así que en su reciente visita a Kansas City, Kansas, Ortiz llamó Truong a las 6 am, la



Boxing champ Victor Ortiz relaxes in his home state but in the back of his mind he wants a re-match with Floyd Mayweather. He will even fight him for free. Victor Ortiz showed some of his Dancing with the Stars moves to Hispanic News Vice President Ramona Arce. Victor Ortiz just had to do what lots of Kansas City residents are doing and that is taking a dive on the new Verruckt at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in KCK last week.

El campeón de boxeo Victor Ortiz se relaja en su estado natal, pero en el fondo de su mente le gustaría una revancha con Floyd Mayweather. Él incluso lucharía contra él de forma gratuita. Victor Ortiz mostró algo de su baile con las estrellas con la vicepresidente de Hispanic News, Ramona Arce. Victor Ortiz tenía que hacer lo que un montón de los residentes de Kansas City están haciendo y fue tomar una inmersión en la nueva atracción Verruckt de Schlitterbahn Waterpark en KCK la semana pasada.



semana pasada, y le pidió que se reuniera con él en Schlitterbahn y subirse al nuevo juego, Verruckt.

El ir juntos al parque acuático, le recordó a Truong de todos los buenos momentos que han compartido en los últimos años.

“Cada vez que estamos juntos, él es el mismo Victor. Parece que estamos de nuevo en casa

pasando el rato como lo hicimos antes. Es increíble verlo y estoy orgulloso de él. Sé que las personas en Garden City están orgullosos de él. Él ha venido desde las calles de Garden City, Kansas a la pantalla grande en Hollywood hasta el gran escenario del boxeo”, dijo.

Traduce Gemma Tornado

“I Train All The Time. I Do Sparring Sessions All The Time”

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Stonebanks became a ruthless arms trader and someone who Barney was forced to kill. Stonebanks survives and makes it his mission to end the Expendables. Barney brings in a new era of Expendables’ team members, recruiting individuals who are younger, faster and more tech savvy.

Ortiz explained that his character is a weapons specialist, afraid of heights, but willing to do just about anything.

He learned about the movie while he was appearing on Dancing with the Stars. His agent contacted Sylvester Stallone about the movie and planted an idea that Ortiz would be a good choice for one of the characters.

When his agent told Ortiz about it his first reply was, “yeah right. These guys are legends. What do they want with me?”

His next call from his agent was telling him he would receive an email from Sly about the movie. He had no idea that the person called Sly, who he was meeting with to audition for a part in Expendables 3, was Stallone.

“I did the audition right there on the spot. He handed me a script, gave me directions, like I want you to look mean, or make your voice deeper. After it was over, he just looked at me. I thought I didn’t get the part. As we walked to the door I thanked him and told him thank you for the opportunity and that is when he told me I had the part,” said Ortiz laughing.

His next movie is Southpaw, a new boxing movie with Jake

Gyllenhaal, as Billy “The Great” Hope. Ortiz portrays, Ramone, a flyweight kid from the streets with real sparring potential. The character parallels Ortiz’s own rags to riches story rising from a childhood as a foster kid, to brawling his way to the championship belt in 2011.

Currently though his career has taken him onto the movie screen, his first love is boxing and he told Hispanic News that he will be returning to the boxing ring.

“I train all the time. I do sparring sessions all the time. I have champion fighters in my gym and we spar every day. I am working out with caliber fighters every day. I am not taking any time off from the ring,” said Ortiz.

Holding up his boxing career, is the fact that his two managers have split up. “Now I am stuck in the cold war between the two,” he explained.

He is ready to jump back into the ring and hopes that he can face Floyd Mayweather again. Though he lost the fight he feels the loss was the result of a cheap shot by Mayweather.

“I had him in that fight. I became human for a split second in the fight. My hands were down, I looked at the referee and he hit me. I went down. If you are that good of a fighter, then why do you need to do that. I am not bitter about it. I want to fight him again and I offered to do the match for free,” said Ortiz.

Matthew Truong attended grade school and high school with Ortiz in Garden City,



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Kansas. He understands Ortiz love for boxing and why he wants to face Mayweather again.

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Ortiz is 27 years old and feels he is in his prime. “The day that my life ends, my name will stand out in the world. I want to bring home the biggest legacy in the world. I want my name to be known like Muhammad Ali,” he said.

When he is not working on a movie set or in the ring, Ortiz likes to have fun with his

friends. So on his recent visit to Kansas City, Kansas, Ortiz called Truong at 6 a.m. last week and asked him to meet him at Schlitterbahn to join him on the new ride, Verruckt.

Coming together at the waterpark, reminded Truong of all the good times they have shared over the years.

“Whenever we are together, he is the same Victor. It seems like we are home again just hanging out like we did before. It is awesome to see him and I am proud of him. I know the people in Garden City are proud of him. He has come from the streets of Garden City, Kansas to the big screen in Hollywood to the big stage of boxing,” he said.

Frustrated And Looking For Justice



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was a suspect in the theft of a box of cigars prior to the confrontation with Wilson. Police also reported that Wilson was not aware that Brown was a suspect in the theft when he confronted him.

The protests continued following the imposition of a curfew by the Governor prompting Nixon to all out the National Guard. The tensions boiled over on Sunday night.

At a Monday 1:00 a.m. press conference, Missouri State Police Captain Ron Johnson said, “there were Molotov cocktails, shootings, looting, vandalism and other incidents that went beyond spontaneous to coordinated “premeditated criminal acts.”

Johnson said a person had been shot and that police officers were being shot at as well. Area businesses were hit by looters. Johnson added he had no alternative but to “elevate the level of our response.”

Events in Ferguson have been broadcast around the world. Hispanic News received a call from Argentina asking if the paper could provide updates on the situation and Governor Nixon’s order to bring in the National Guard.



A press release from the Governor’s office states, “Following coordinated attacks last night [Saturday] both on civilians and law enforcement officers, I signed an executive order directing the Missouri National Guard to help restore peace and order in Ferguson. The Guard’s immediate and limited responsibilities under the direction of Colonel Ron Replogle of the Missouri

State Highway Patrol, are to provide protection, and ensure the safety of our Unified Command Center, which was the target last night of a coordinated attack. The Guard will concentrate its resources on carrying out this limited mission.

Missouri National Guard Brigadier General Gregory Mason will oversee Guard operations in Ferguson under the overall command of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

With these additional resources in place, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and local law enforcement will continue to respond appropriately to incidents of lawlessness and violence, and protect the civil rights of all peaceful citizens to make their voices heard. We will not use a curfew tonight.

Again, I join the people of Ferguson, and all Missourians, in strongly condemning the violent acts we saw last night, including the firing upon law enforcement officers, the shooting of a civilian, the throwing of Molotov cocktails, looting and a coordinated attempt to overrun the unified Command Center.

We are all frustrated and looking for justice to be achieved regarding the shooting death of Michael Brown. As the dual investigations continue into what happened nine days ago at Canfield Green, we must defend Ferguson from these violent interlopers so that the peaceful protests can operate in peace and the search for answers and justice can continue.”

The protests continued on Monday and Tuesday with protesters ignoring calls to disperse. On Monday it was revealed that a private autopsy requested by Brown’s family and conducted by Dr. Michael Baden indicated Brown had been shot at least six times. The autopsy indicated that it did not appear that Brown had been shot from close range because there was no gunshot powder present on his body, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said.

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Las Ciudades De Jesús María y Parkville Fortalecen Relación

La ciudad de Jesús María en las tierras altas del Estado de Jalisco, México tiene una relación al estilo de ciudad hermana con Parkville, Missouri. La amistad se estableció en 2008 y continúa hasta nuestros días.

Kathy Dusenberry, fue la Alcald de Parkville durante cuatro años, se retiró en 2008, y ella participó en los primeros esfuerzos para establecer la relación.

“Se me acercó la gente, muy a favor de la comunidad de Jesús María, en México. Me preguntaron en varias ocasiones durante tres o cuatro años, si queríamos participar con una ciudad hermana o en una relación cultural o de intercambio. No fue hasta mi último año como alcalde que el momento y todo lo demás se dio para que pudiéramos lograr esto”, recordó.

Uno de los primeros frutos de esa relación fue la donación de una ambulancia MAST. La ambulancia fue una bendición para la comunidad. La donación tuvo algunos complementos importantes, incluyendo un desfibrilador y otros equipos médicos y suministros.

Avance rápido a seis años más tarde y los servicios relacionados con el departamento de bomberos continúan consolidando la relación. Una delegación,

encabezada por la actual Alcald de Jesús María, María de Jesús López Meléndez, estuvo en la ciudad recientemente para aceptar más donaciones de equipos contra incendios para la ciudad de 18 mil habitantes. La visita ofrece una oportunidad para que los alcaldes de las dos ciudades se encuentren.

Ann Johnston, actual Alcald de Parkville, dio la bienvenida a la delegación de Jesús María. Ella habló de sus impresiones de la visita con Hispanic News.

“Ha sido muy emocionante. Hemos estado esperando conocer a la gente y simplemente compartir las similitudes y diferencias. Me encanta el hecho de que tienen una alcaldesa. No podemos hablar directamente. Tenemos la barrera del idioma, pero me siento un vínculo común con ella y creo que probablemente también ella lo siente. Cualquier cosa que podamos hacer para ayudar a los demás es grandioso”.

Meléndez agradeció la oportunidad de conocer a su contraparte. “Quería venir de visita y conocerla, saludarla e invitarla a mi ciudad. Sería muy bueno que pudiera llegar a conocer a nuestra comunidad. Es un pequeño rincón del Estado de Jalisco. Para nosotros, es muy gratificante estar aquí hoy, para fortalecer la relación que tenemos entre las dos comunidades”, dijo Meléndez.

Añadió que sería importante fortalecer la relación que se inició por los alcaldes que les precedieron.

“Esto es muy importante, no sólo la relación, y también la amistad que se estableció, y puede y va a continuar. También estamos viendo acerca de compartir la cultura de las dos comunidades hermanas”, agregó.

Meléndez invitó al alcalde y los vecinos de Parkville a visitar Jesús María, que describió como “una ciudad muy bonita y muy humanitaria. Su gente es muy atenta y amable, y nos encantaría invitar a toda la gente a venir y conocer nuestro municipio”.

Por el momento, las dos ciudades verán la manera de fortalecer la conexión mediante la exploración de posibles intercambios culturales. Meléndez, alentó a los residentes a visitar Jesús María en la última semana de enero, para tener una idea real de la vida cultural de la ciudad.

“Este es el momento de las grandes fiestas dedicadas a nuestra santa patrona, la Sagrada Familia. Es una semana de tradición, cultura y festivales de música, y me encantaría que nos visiten con durante esos días”, dijo Meléndez.

Ofelia Acosta, residente de Parkville, hospedo a la alcalde. Acosta tiene fuertes lazos con



Left to right, Mexico mayor's assistant Martina Lopez Melendez; Parkville residents Ofelia G. Acosta, Sergio D. Acosta; Jesus Maria Jalisco, Mexico mayor Maria de Jesus Lopez Melendez, Parkville Mayor Nan Johnston, Former Parkville mayor Kathy Dusenberry and Victor Galvan of Kansas City, Kansas. Johnston said, “It has been very exciting. We have been looking forward to meeting the people and just sharing the similarities and differences. I love the fact that they have a woman mayor. We cannot speak directly. We have a language barrier but I feel a common bond with her and I think she probably does as well. ... Anything we can do to help each other is great.”

De izquierda a derecha, la asistente del Alcald de Mexico Martina López Meléndez; Residentes de Parkville Ofelia G. Acosta, Sergio D. Acosta; Jesús María Jalisco, Alcaldesa de México María de Jesús López Meléndez, Alcald de Parkville Nan Johnston, ex-alcalde de Parkville Kathy Dusenberry y Víctor Galván de Kansas City, Kansas. Johnston dijo: “Ha sido muy emocionante. Hemos estado esperando conocer a la gente y simplemente compartir las similitudes y diferencias. Me encanta el hecho de que tener una mujer por alcalde. No podemos hablar directamente. Tenemos la barrera del idioma, pero siento un vínculo común con ella y creo que probablemente ella también. ... Cualquier cosa que podamos hacer para ayudarnos entre si es grande.

Jesús María. Nació en Tepatlán de Morelos, una ciudad mucho más grande a una hora en coche desde Jesús María.

Al hablar sobre la visita, dijo, “Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa, porque la ciudad

[Parkville] llega a tener un poco del sentimiento de México. Me siento muy cercana a esta ciudad, han sido muy amables y cordiales. Hemos estado allí dos veces y tendrán mariachis y nos llevarán a las fábricas de

tequila. Ellos quieren que nos sintamos parte de la familia. Es por eso que cuando vienen aquí, disfrutamos mostrándoles nuestra hospitalidad”.

Towns Of Jesus Maria And Parkville Strengthen Relationship

The town of Jesus Maria in the highlands of the state of Jalisco, Mexico has a sister city style relationship with Parkville, Missouri. The friendship was established in 2008 and continues to this day,

Kathy Dusenberry was Parkville mayor for four years and retired in 2008. She was involved in the early efforts to establish the relationship

“I was approached by people very supportive of the Jesus Maria community in Mexico. They asked me on several occasions for three or four years if we would take part in a sister city or in a cultural relationship or exchange. It was not until my very last year as mayor that the timing and everything else would make it work so that we could accomplish this,” she recalled.

One of the early rewards of that relationship was a donation of a MAST ambulance. The ambulance was Godsend for the community. The donation had some important add-ons including a defibrillator and other medical equipment and supplies.

Fast forward six year later and the fire department related amenities continue to cement the relationship. A delegation, headed by current Jesus Maria Mayor Maria de Jesus Lopez Melendez, was in town recently to accept more donated fire equipment for the town of 18,000 inhabitants. The visit offered an opportunity for the mayors of the two cities to meet.

Ann Johnston, current mayor of Parkville, welcomed the delegation from Jesus Maria. She talked of her impressions of the visit with Hispanic News.

“It has been very exciting. We have been looking forward to meeting the people and just sharing the similarities and differences. I love the fact that they have a woman mayor. We cannot speak directly. We have a language barrier but I feel a common bond with her and I think she probably does as well. ... Anything we can do to help each other is great.”

Melendez welcomed the opportunity to meet her counterpart. “I wanted to come and visit and meet her, salute her and invite her to my town. It would be very nice if she could get to know our community. It is a little corner of the state of

Jalisco. For us, it is very gratifying to be here today to strengthen the relationship we have between the two communities,” said Melendez.

She added that it would be important to strengthen the relationship that was started by the mayors that preceded them.

This is very important, not just the relationship but the friendship that was established and can and will continue. We are also looking to see about sharing the culture of the two sister communities,” she added.

Melendez extended an invitation to the mayor and the residents of Parkville to visit

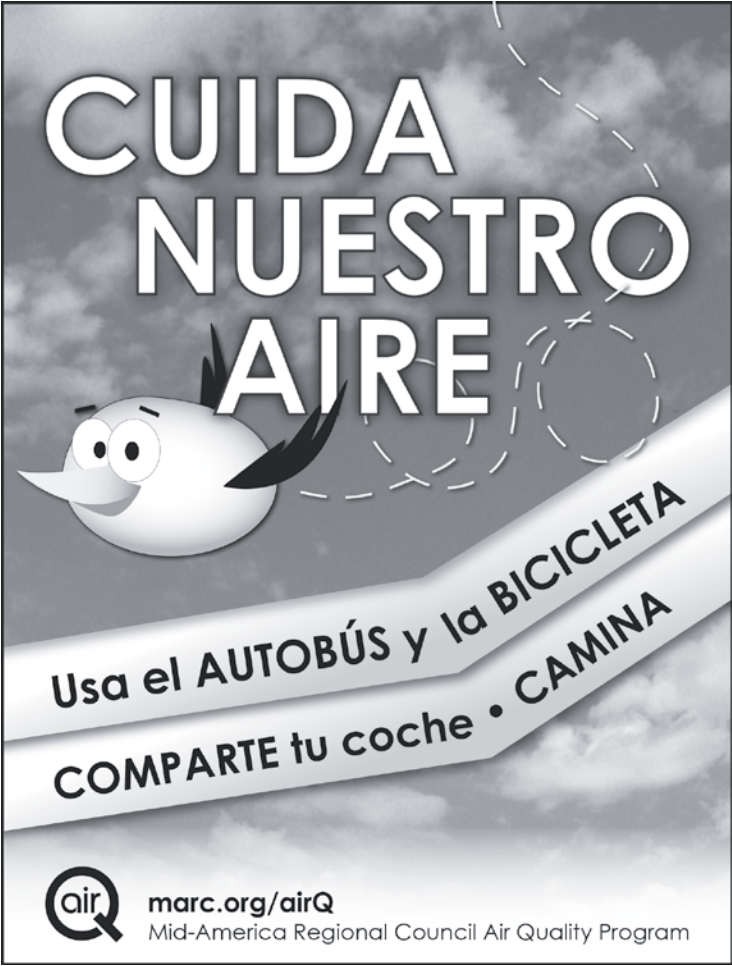
Jesus Maria, which she described as, “a very pretty town and very humanitarian. Its people are very attentive and friendly and we would love to invite all the people to come and know our town.”

For the present, the two cities will look at ways to strengthen the connection by exploring possible cultural exchangers. Melendez encouraged residents to visit Jesus Maria in the last week of January to get a real feel for the cultural life of the city.

“This is the time of the big fiestas dedicated to the our patron saint the Holy Family. It is a week of tradition, festivals culture and music and I would love for them to visit with us during those days,” said Melendez.

Ofelia Acosta, a resident of Parkville, hosted the mayor. Acosta has strong ties to Jesus Maria. She was born in Tepatlán de Morelos, a much larger city an hours drive from Jesus Maria.

Talking of the visit she said, “This is a wonderful opportunity because the city [Parkville] gets to have a little feel of Mexico. I feel very close to this town and they have been so welcoming and cordial. We have been there twice and they will have the mariachis and they will take us out to the tequila factories. They very much want us to feel a part of the family. That is why when they come here, we enjoy showing them our hospitality.”



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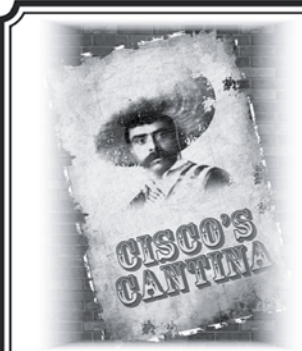
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Former Marine and ‘Proud Mexican American’ Finds Career of His Dreams

Silva To Be Honored At KGI School Of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony

HISPANIC PR WIRE/ -- Pharmacy is not Antonio Silva’s first career, but he is certain it will be his last. In the past, the 34-year-old Riverside, California, resident has served in the U.S. Marine Corps and owned and operated his own small business. However, he could never forget what he was really passionate about science, medicine and, most importantly, helping sick people feel better.

“My uncle is diabetic,” explains Silva, who describes himself as a “proud Mexican American.” “When I was younger, I would translate for him, explain what the doctors and nurses were saying, and help him get the tools and resources that he needed to manage his diabetes.”

But, despite his growing interest in health care, Silva chose to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps and then follow in his father’s footsteps as a small business owner in the transportation industry.

“My dad really pushed the business end,” Silva says. “We clashed a lot when I was I younger because he had a set plan for me. The business and home, everything was very close together, and he couldn’t understand why I was interested

in something different.”

It was Silva’s mother, Norma Alvarez, who finally convinced him that it was time to make a change and do what he really wanted with his life. She had recently been diagnosed as pre-diabetic and got a lot of valuable information about how to manage the condition from her local pharmacist.

And, (this) month, despite the delay, Silva will take part in a White Coat Ceremony (WCC) recognizing him as a member of the founding class of the KGI School of Pharmacy. Students entering a four-year PharmD program traditionally receive white coats ‘a symbol of clinical service and care’ to welcome them into the profession as colleagues dedicated to patient care.

“This is a very exciting time to be entering the pharmacy field,” KGI President Sheldon Schuster said. “PharmDs are breaking into new areas of practice in industry and regulatory affairs and, at the same time, many PharmDs are playing a much greater role in direct patient care.”

In addition to President Schuster and School of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Kathy Webster, speakers at the ceremony will include state Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina), sponsor of a bill expanding pharmacy practice (SB 493) in California, John Roth, CEO of the California Pharmacists Association, KGI Board Chairman Robert Curry, and KGI Trustee and former CEO of

Amylin Pharmaceuticals Daniel Bradbury. Dr. Arcelia Johnson-Fanin, founding dean of the Fiek School of Pharmacy at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, will be the featured speaker.

“While this is a wonderful time for the profession, we also know that there are many new schools of pharmacy that have opened recently or are about to open,” Dean Webster said. “So we are extremely focused on developing a program that will put our graduates at the leading edge of pharmacogenomics, bioinformatics and other forward-looking areas of pharmacy practice.”

The KGI School of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony will take place on August 23 at 3 p.m. in the Garrison Theater at Scripps College in Claremont, California. In the audience, rooting for his son’s success will be Antonio Silva Sr., who is recovering from a recent heart attack.

“My father is a proud Mexican who never went to the doctor in his life, but now he has more of an appreciation for what medicine can do,” says Silva, who has been helping to make sure his father gets the right medication and sticks to a healthy regime.

“There’s a huge gap in health literacy and healthcare outcomes in the Hispanic community,” he adds. “I’m hoping I can contribute and help make it smaller.”

Ex-Marine y “Orgullosa Estadounidense De Origen Mexicano” Halla Su Camino En La Carrera De Sus Sueños

Silva Ser  Homenajeadado En La White Coat Ceremony De La Escuela De Farmacia KGI

HISPANIC PR WIRE/ -- La carrera de Farmacia no es la primera de Antonio Silva, pero  l est  convencido de que ser  la  ltima. En el pasado, este residente de 34 a os de edad de Riverside, California, sirvi  en el Cuerpo de Marines de los Estados Unidos y fue propietario y operador de su propia peque a empresa. Sin embargo, nunca pudo olvidar que su verdadera pasi n era la ciencia, la medicina y, fundamentalmente, ayudar a los enfermos a sentirse mejor.

“Mi t o es diab tico”, explica Silva, que se describe como un “ rgullosa estadounidense de origen mexicano”. “Cuando era m s joven, yo le traduc a, le explicaba qu  dec an los m dicos y las enfermeras, y lo ayudaba a obtener las herramientas y los recursos que necesitaba para manejar su diabetes”.

Pero, pese a su creciente inter s en la atenci n de la salud, Silva eligi  alistarse en el Cuerpo de Marines de los Estados Unidos y seguir luego los pasos de su padre como peque o empresario en la industria del transporte.

“Mi pap  realmente impulsaba el aspecto comercial”, dice Silva. “Choc bamos mucho cuando yo era m s joven, porque  l ten a trazado un plan para m . El negocio y el hogar, todo estaba muy unido, y  l no pod a entender por qu  a m  me interesaba algo diferente”.

Fue la madre de Silva, Norma  lvarez, quien finalmente lo convenc  de que era hora de cambiar y hacer lo que realmente quer a hacer en la vida. Recientemente le hab an diagnosticado una prediabetes

y ten a mucha informaci n valiosa sobre c mo manejar la enfermedad por su farmac utico local.

Y el mes pr ximo, a pesar de la demora, Silva ser  parte de una White Coat Ceremony (Ceremonia de la Bata Blanca) en la que se lo reconocer  como miembro de la clase fundadora de la Escuela de Farmacia KGI. Los estudiantes que ingresan en un programa de PharmD de cuatro a os reciben tradicionalmente batas blancas, s mbolo del servicio cl nico y la atenci n, a manera de

Escuela de Farmacia, la Dra. Kathy Webster, los oradores de la ceremonia ser n el senador estatal Ed Hernandez (dem crata, West Covina), patrocinador de un proyecto de ley que ampl a la pr ctica de la farmacia (SB 493) en California; John Roth, CEO de la Asociaci n de Farmac uticos de California; Robert Curry, presidente del consejo de KGI; y Daniel Bradbury, administrador de KGI y ex CEO de Amylin Pharmaceuticals. La Dra. Arcelia Johnson-Fanin, decana fundadora de la Escuela de Farmacia Fiek de la University of the Incarnate Word en San Antonio, Texas, ser  la oradora principal.

“Este es un maravilloso momento para la profesi n, y sabemos tambi n que hay muchas escuelas de farmacia nuevas que se han abierto recientemente o est n a punto de abrirse”, dice la decana Webster. “Por eso estamos sumamente concentrados en el desarrollo de un programa que pondr  a nuestros graduados a la vanguardia de la farmacogen mica, la bioinform tica y otras  reas innovadoras de la pr ctica farmac utica”.

La White Coat Ceremony de la Escuela de Farmacia KGI se celebrar  el 23 de agosto a las 3 p.m. en el Garrison Theater del Scripps College en Claremont, California. Entre el p blico, aplaudiendo el  xito de su hijo, estar  Antonio Silva Sr., que se est  recuperando de un reciente ataque card aco.

“Mi padre es un mexicano orgulloso que nunca fue a ver a un m dico en su vida, pero ahora aprecia m s lo que la medicina puede hacer”, dice Silva, que ha estado ayudando a asegurarse de que su padre reciba la medicaci n adecuada y cumpla un r gimen de salud.

“Hay una inmensa brecha entre la cultura de la salud y los resultados de la atenci n sanitaria en la comunidad hispana”, dice. “Espero poder contribuir a reducirla”.

“We Will Give Workers A Job Reference”

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NACCC wants to see people working with diligent determination to raise the economic floor of those within the bottom 25% on the nation’s economic ladder.

Some of the program participants are residents that didn’t find employment from the Kansas City Police Department East Patrol Construction Project earlier in the summer.



“We identified the unemployed persons and then we supplied them with OSHA-10 training and most of them are Section 3 qualified. We hope to provide a transitional movement program which provides people with work experience and that experience and training helps them to move towards full time employment,” said Clyde McQueen, CEO and President of FEC.

Craig Polson has been working for the program for the past couple of weeks. “We are doing basic labor work, picking up papers, cleaning out the brush and weeds. We are beautifying the city and cleaning up the community creates a positive outlook for the community,” he said.

Last week, a crew of a dozen men and women were working along Sni-A-Bar Road and Eastern Avenue with Pastor John Edwards. He is a lead supervisor for FEC and his workers describe him as a tough boss but fair.

As he talked with the crew, he explained to them the reasons why they need to wear their safety glasses, shirts



KC Neighborhood Works is helping the city to clean up blighted neighborhoods. The workers feel they are making a difference by beautifying their city.

“Vecindario KC Trabaja” est  ayudando a la ciudad para limpiar los barrios arruinados. Los trabajadores sienten que est n haciendo una diferencia por embellecer su ciudad.

and caps while working. He hoped to convey to them the importance of listening to their boss, following the rules and having respect for their peers and co-workers.

“It is important to work with these young folks and show them that everyone has trials and tribulations in life. You have to work through these things and have respect for others. It is important for them to do a good job so that we can have a continuation of this program,” said Edwards.

Sharon Bishop was enjoying the day as she helped to clean up the community. She is getting paid to work outside, but she told Hispanic News that she was not doing it for the money.

“Coming out here and working keeps me active. It is better than sitting behind a desk,” she said. She prefers working outside rather than inside and enjoys getting to know the other workers. “I have plenty of help here and everyone is willing to participate,” said Bishop.

“Vamos A Dar A Los Trabajadores Una Referencia De Trabajo”

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El NACCC es un desarrollador nacional de proyectos de vivienda, formaci n, empleo y la construcci n de bloques de riqueza econ mica dentro de los bolsillos de deterioro econ mico en todo el pa s. NACCC quiere ver que la gente trabaje con determinaci n diligente para elevar el piso econ mico de la parte inferior del 25% en la escala econ mica de la naci n.

Algunos de los participantes en el programa son residentes que no encontraron empleo en el Departamento de Polic a de Kansas City Proyecto de Construcci n Patrulla Este a principios del verano.

“Identificamos a las personas desempleadas y luego les proporcionamos entrenamiento OSHA-10 y la mayor a de ellos son calificados en Secci n 3. Esperamos ofrecer un programa de movimiento de transici n que proporciona a las personas con experiencia laboral y esa experiencia y formaci n les ayuda a avanzar hacia un empleo de tiempo completo”, dijo Clyde McQueen, Director Ejecutivo y Presidente de FEC.

Craig Polson ha estado trabajando para el programa durante las  ltimas par de semanas. “Estamos haciendo el trabajo de base, recogiendo papeles, limpieza de la maleza y malas hierbas. Estamos embelleciendo la ciudad y el limpiar crea un panorama

positivo para la comunidad”, dijo.

La semana pasada, un equipo de una docena de hombres y mujeres estaban trabajando junto al camino Sni-A-Bar y Eastern Avenue, junto con el Pastor John Edwards.  l es un supervisor principal de FEC y sus trabajadores lo describen como un jefe duro pero justo.

Mientras hablaba con el equipo, les explic  las razones por las que necesitan llevar sus gafas de seguridad, camisetas y gorras mientras trabajaban. Ten a la esperanza de transmitirles la importancia de escuchar a su jefe, seguir las reglas y tener el respeto de sus colegas y compa eros de trabajo.

“Es importante trabajar con estos j venes y demostrarles que todo el mundo tiene problemas y tribulaciones en la vida. Tienes que trabajar a trav s de estas cosas y tener respeto por los dem s. Es importante para ellos hacer un buen trabajo, para que podamos tener una continuaci n de este programa”, dijo Edwards.

Sharon Bishop estaba disfrutando del d a mientras ayudaba a limpiar la comunidad. A ella se le paga para trabajar afuera, pero ella le dijo a Hispanic News que ella no lo hac a por el dinero.

“Venir aqu  y trabajar me mantiene activa. Es mejor que estar sentada detr s de un escritorio”, dijo. Ella prefiere trabajar afuera que adentro

One of the perks of the job is finding treasure left behind. During a recent clean up they found \$20 and a ring.

Polson shared that they are not just cleaning up what people can see from a passing car, they are going deep into the bushes where water has pushed trash and tires.

“We have been finding lots of beer bottles and cans. It is probably from people who are riding by from the ball park and throwing the stuff out,” he said.

After the program concludes, McQueen hopes that with their OSHA-10 training and diligence that the majority of the workers will find work.

“We will give the workers a job reference when they apply for other work. It shows an employer that you have been keeping busy with your skills, keeping up your work ethics and it means you are not getting rusty. You have to keep your work skills in shape, just like you keep your body in shape,” said McQueen.

y disfruta el conocer a los dem s trabajadores. “Tengo un mont n de ayuda aqu  y todo el mundo est  dispuesto a participar”, dijo Bishop.

Una de las ventajas del trabajo es encontrar los tesoros que quedan atr s. Durante una reciente limpieza encontraron \$20 d lares y un anillo.

Polson comparte que no est n limpiando s lo donde la gente puede ver desde un veh culo en marcha, est n limpiando m s profundamente en los arbustos, donde el agua ha empujado la basura y neum ticos.

“Hemos estado encontrando un mont n de botellas de cerveza y latas. Es probablemente de las personas que est n manejando por el parque de pelota y tiran las cosas”, dijo.

Despu s de que el programa concluya, McQueen espera que con su entrenamiento OSHA-10 y diligencia, la mayor a de los trabajadores encontraran trabajo.

“Vamos a dar a los trabajadores una referencia de trabajo cuando apliquen para otros trabajos. Eso muestra a un empleador que se ha estado manteniendo ocupado con sus habilidades, manteniendo su  tica de trabajo y esto significa que usted no est  qued ndose anticuado. Tiene que mantener sus habilidades de trabajo en forma, tal como usted mantiene su cuerpo en forma”, dijo McQueen.

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Sealed bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., September 9, 2014** at the Housing Authority's administration office, at 1124 North 9th Street in Kansas City, Kansas. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bid Documents will be distributed through KC Blueprint plan room www.kcblueprint.com or by calling (913) 788-5003. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 will be required per construction set. Check shall be made out to Housing Authority of Kansas City, Kansas. KC Blueprint office is located at 5002 State Ave Kansas City, KS 66102.

A **pre-bid** conference will be held at **10:00 a.m., August 27, 2014** at Housing Authority's main conference room. This project is federally funded and subject to all applicable regulations. Prevailing wage must be paid as scheduled in the Project Manual. The Authority reserves the right to waive irregularities and reject any and all bids or request additional information from any bidder.

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A copy of the full request for qualifications may be found at <http://edkcc.com/business-solutions/development-and-revitalization/bid-listings/>.

Submission of 5 copies of sealed statements of qualifications will be accepted by the Commission at its offices located at 1100 Walnut St., Ste 1700, Kansas City, Missouri, 64106 until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2014. Qualifications received after that time and date will not be considered, unless the Commission deems it to be in the Commission's best interests. Inquiries should be directed to Heather A. Brown at hbrown@edkcc.com.

The Commission reserves the right to request proposals for proposed fees and expenses from firms which have responded to the Request for Qualifications and have demonstrated capability to perform the work requested by the Commission.

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Schedule: A Request for Quotation (RFQ) and the corresponding Construction Bid Package (CBP) is being issued to the approved contractors listed below. The approved contractors have the ability to arrange sub-contractor job walks where they determine they are needed. Presently, bids from the Approved contractors below are due at ZI by Monday, 9/8/14, 5:00pm CT.

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It Was Okay & Then It Was Not

Chiefs Fall To Panthers.

Well the Kansas City Chiefs played a game against the Carolina Panthers or at least that is what the television listing indicated. Heck, given the attention given to quarterback Cam Newton's ankle by the announcers, you would be excused if you are still waiting for the game to start.

I am not trying to be a homer but I was trying to give this broadcast a chance but like everything about the NFL, preseason is just a roll of the dice. I'm not an expert on broken ankles but I am certain that with proper attention they do eventually heal.

There were some nice moments. In the first two possessions the Chiefs moved the ball reasonably well but a couple of inopportune mistakes led to just six points off two field goals.

The team had to feel better after last week's lackluster performance by the first team offense. Sunday night the offense managed to rack up 99 yards in the first quarter. Dwayne Bowe looked wound up ready to roll. The defense was sharp with a lot of quarterback pressures and sacks.

The team was also missing its big leader on offense when running back Jamal Charles did not make the trip due to a sore foot. On defense, safety Eric Berry was held out of the game to give him time to heal his own leg issues.

But all things considered, the wheels eventually fell off or that is to say the sharpness that was the Chiefs was snapped away and embraced by the Panthers who proceeded to take control of the line scrimmage.

It is a tough thing to try and draw up highlights but it was nice to have TE Travis Kelce make another quick run to the end zone and reward quarterback Aaron Murray with the first touchdown pass of his NFL career.

This makes two games in a row in which Kelce has scored a touchdown. Tony Gonzalez may have spoiled Chiefs fans with the incredible numbers he amassed in a Hall of Fame career, but all indications are that if Kelce can stay healthy, this year could be something special.

Murray on the other hand had the kind of wake up call that is an NFL secondary. On the next possession following Kelce's touchdown, Murray was picked off for his first interception of his NFL career. NFL secondaries close fast on a receiver.

There was a final score for the game in which Cam Newtown was flagged for excessive smiling. The Panthers scored 28 point to the Chiefs 16 and according to the rules of the game are the winners. Next up for the Chiefs are the Minnesota Vikings at Arrowhead on Saturday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Vikings quarterback Matt Cassel will not be a distraction.



MAYOR ISSUES BENCHMARK CHALLENGE

City Building Owners Encouraged To Track Energy Use

The challenge is on! From now through February, Kansas City Mayor Sly James is asking local building owners to track their energy use and strive to achieve ENERGY STAR certification as one of the first steps of the City Energy Project. A variety of businesses, universities, hospitals and schools have already have committed to benchmark energy use in their buildings.

"You can't manage what you don't know," said Ashok Gupta. "The difference between the best energy efficient buildings and the worst buildings is not 20 to 30 percent—it's three to five times that amount." Gupta, programs director and senior energy economist with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), facilitated a City Energy Project summit

on benchmarking at Union Station earlier in the summer.

The City Energy Project is a new program designed to lower the energy bills of local buildings by millions of dollars, create local jobs and reduce climate change pollution. Kansas City is part of a 10-city initiative to craft customized energy efficiency plans while sharing expertise. The city is partnering on the project with the NRDC and the Institute for Market Transformation.

Building owners who sign up for the challenge must commit to benchmarking their properties using ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager. All metro area buildings may participate. The goal is to get 200 buildings signed up for an ENERGY STAR rating, and have 50 of these achieve ENERGY STAR certification.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Gunby, Kansas City community energy program manager, at 816-513-3473 or Jennifer.Gunby@IMT.org. Or visit the City Energy Project blog at kccityenergyproject.wordpress.com.

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SPORTS DEPORTES

HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH AND SNACK SOLUTIONS

Back to School Means Back to Good Nutrition Basics

As parents prepare for yet another "back to school" season, they will scurry to malls in search of new clothes for their ever-growing child along with a litany of school supplies too numerous to name. But, let's not forget healthy school lunches and after-school snacks as we plan ahead for the upcoming school year.

Here are a few great ideas to assure a happy school day is also a healthy school day:

Lean meat, such as shaved ham or turkey, on whole grain bread or in a wheat wrap with some lettuce, low-fat free cheese, and a touch of low-fat/fat-free mayonnaise or mustard is sure to please...and nourish.

Even the quintessential children's sandwich, PB&J, can be made in a healthy way these days. Many peanut butter brands now offer low-fat and low-sodium versions. That, coupled with an all-fruit, sugar-free jelly on whole grain bread makes this school cafeteria staple a guiltless pleasure.

Tuna fish is jam packed with oh-so-beneficial Omega-3 fatty acids. When mixed with low-fat mayonnaise, diced apple, and, if your child likes, a bit of onion and served in a wheat pita it's nothing short of delish and a healthy home run!

BLTs can also be healthy! Simply swap regular bacon for the turkey bacon variety (in moderation due to high-sodium levels) and layer with lettuce, tomato, and fat-free mayonnaise. Sandwich in whole grain bread or roll into a pita wrap - your child will nary know the difference between this healthy version versus its fat-packed counterpart.

What to serve on the side of the main school lunch item? Options abound! Low-salt pretzels; fat- and sugar-free yogurt or cottage cheese; celery sticks filed with low-fat/low-sodium peanut butter; any kind of pre-washed fresh fruit (nature's gift to humanity); dried or dehydrated fruit, such as raisins; apricots, pears, apples, roasted or raw almonds, walnuts or peanuts (not oiled or candied); low-fat string cheese or chunked low-fat cheese;

and even baked chips or healthy pita chips in moderation are all great choices.

Skip the sugary juice box and send along a bottle of water instead to get your child in the habit of working toward his/her optimal fluid intake (experts recommend one consume about .5 ounces of water per pound of body weight).

It's common knowledge that after school is prime time for snacking, and it is also a time when many kids make, shall we say, less than nutritious food and beverage choices. Ms. Kern offers these waistline-friendly after school snack alternatives your kids are sure to love:

Potato Chips/Fries - Cut the potato in the desired shape (round, rectangular, oblong, etc.). Fully coat with egg whites. Season with a touch of salt or other herbs as desired. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Serve with sugar-free catsup.

Popcorn: Air pop popcorn and on it drizzle a moderate amount of powdered butter substitute, light parmesan cheese, or even honey for a tasty twist.

Pizza: On a fat-free/low-calorie/low-carb whole grain tortilla (or whole grain bagel), smear tomato paste or sauce and top with fat-free cheese, whatever veggies the child likes, and even lean meats like ham or turkey dices. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese is melted with a few brown spots on top.

Tortilla Chips: Cut Chinese wonton squares (usually found in the produce aisle) in half diagonally so they become triangles. Spread out evenly on a baking sheet, lightly spray with cooking spray, and sprinkle on a dash of salt. Bake at 350 degrees until crunchy. Eat alone or serve with fat-free salsa or the below-described Mexican bean dip.

Mexican Bean Dip: Drain and food process two 14-ounce cans of black beans. Add 3/4 cup of fat-free salsa and 1/2 tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce and blend until completely smooth. Top with a dab of fat-free sour cream, fat-free cheese, diced tomatoes, chopped green onions, etc. as desired.

Fruit Smoothies: These are a warm weather staple that can,

and should, be enjoyed year-round. While fruit smoothie recipes abound, it need not be a complex process. Simply blend, in amounts to your personal liking, either plain or flavored fat-free/sugar-free yogurt with skim milk, ice cubes, and either fresh or frozen fruit chunks. For added sweetness, you can add a touch of honey or an artificial sweetener, such as stevia. Blend and enjoy!

Healthy Ice Cream Sandwiches: These are a snap - and always a crowd pleaser! Purchase any type of round fat-free/sugar-free cookie on the market (preferably the new whole grain varieties) or bake any low-fat/low-calorie cookie recipe from scratch. Sandwich waistline-friendly sherbet, sorbet, or gelato between two cookies and press to make a sandwich. For added excitement, flavor, and visual interest, you can also roll the outside edge of the "sandwich" in chopped unsalted nuts, shredded coconut, raisins or finely diced fresh or dried fruit.

Parfait: While the word "parfait" may not be in your child's vocabulary, (s)he will love making - and eating - this snack layered with goodness. In a cup or bowl, simply create thin, alternating layers of non-fat yogurt, low-fat granola (or other heart-healthy cereal product), and fruit slices or whole berries. Make as many layers of each as you like and then dig in!

Jell-O®: Let's not forget how much colorful, jiggly Jell-O® can delight, especially when it is jam-packed with diced fruit.

Children's health advocate, health industry veteran and two-time fitness champion, Merilee Kern, is the creator of the ground-breaking "Kids Making Healthy Choices" APP for children, parents/caregivers and educators (available on iTunes), which is based on her award-winning, illustrated fictional children's book, "Making Healthy Choices - A Story to Inspire Fit, Weight-Wise Kids." She may be reached online at: www.Kids-MakingHealthyChoices.com.

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WAYS TO CHANGE HOW TEACHERS FUNCTION IN K-12 CLASSROOMS

Less than half of high school graduates who took the SAT in 2013 were prepared for college, continuing a five-year trend.

Less than half - 44 percent -- who took the ACT had the reading skills necessary for college. That's down from 53 percent in 2009. And nearly a third failed to meet standards in four areas: reading, English, science and math.

The failures have persisted despite years of new tests, new curricula and new demands on teachers, notes educational researcher and consultant Charles M. Reigeluth, author of "Reinventing Schools: It's Time to Break the Mold."

"We continue to approach the same problems with the same sorts of solutions, despite the fact that they're not working," he says. "Instead, we need a fundamental shift in how we educate our children. Our public school system was designed to meet the needs of a long-age era - the Industrial

Age. It's not working because we're now in the Information Age."

Teachers unfairly shoulder much of the blame for the lack of progress, he notes, but they're hamstrung by roles and rules that don't work for 21st century students.

"We need to change from teacher-centered education to learner-centered. In the Industrial Age paradigm, teachers are a judge and a perceived threat. In the Information Age, they should be guides and coaches who help students overcome obstacles," says Reigeluth.

His multidimensional approach includes reducing bureaucracy in schools; encouraging students to teach each other with teacher supervision; having interns and other paraprofessionals, including retiree volunteers, assist with guiding student learning; and creating an "educational cooperative," where a community's adults can earn access to learning resources, advancing their own education, in exchange for helping students learn.

"The new paradigm can significantly reduce the cost of education while increasing the quality," says Reigeluth, who outlines the five new roles teachers would have in this redesigned system.

- Mentor ... the same 20 to 30 students for several years, addressing all aspects of student development. Students and teachers would develop the deeper relationships that foster real caring on both sides. Mentors would help students prepare a personal learning plan for each project period, six to 12 weeks, including helping each student and his parents choose appropriate instructional goals, subject to standards set by the community, state and nation. Mentors would also help identify and support the best means for each

student to achieve those goals.

- Designer ... of student work options, mostly projects or tasks, to engage students in the learning process. Open educational resources developed by teachers throughout the country and available to all educators for free via the Internet can alleviate much of the burden of the designer role.
 - Facilitator ... of the learning process, which entails monitoring student progress, enhancing student motivation and coaching student performance.
 - Learner ... the teacher is always learning with the students, about students, from and for the students. The teacher does not have all the answers, but the teacher helps students find answers. And the teacher is always learning more about how best to meet students' needs. The new paradigm provides sufficient support for teacher learning.
 - Owner and manager ... of the school. Like lawyers and accountants in a small firm, teachers would be partners who own their public school and make decisions about its operations, including budgeting and staffing. This model is already a success at the Minnesota New Country School and other EdVisions schools. This role elevates teachers to that of true professionals, rather than workers controlled by an all-powerful bureaucracy.
- "These new roles offer empowerment to those who are most affected by our system, the student and the teacher, the latter of whom I suggest calling 'guides' to better reflect their new roles," Reigeluth says. "The new roles better serve students in the age in which we live."

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immigration hearing or a social service agency to help them connect with family or relatives already living in the US.

Hispanic News learned that close to 200 undocumented children had arrived in Kansas City, Kansas and were being housed or helped by Catholic Charities. A call to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas confirmed that the children were in Kansas City, Kansas.

Charlie Vaughan lives near the Catholic Charities building at 22nd and Central Avenue. He applauds the work that Catholic Charities does and supports them if they are helping the undocumented immigrant children.

"Those kids pose no threat to us. They could be a positive influence; some of those kids could be our leaders of tomorrow. We can't throw them back. I am not in favor of that," said Vaughan.

The children's arrival has been low key – the agencies taking them in do not want the vehicles carrying the children confronted by protesters.

In early August, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay and County Executive Charlie Dooley announced they had applied for

federal government grants to temporarily house undocumented children coming through the border. Slay asked several social agencies, including Catholic Charities and the International Institute, to come up with a plan to house 60 undocumented children in existing facilities in St. Louis.

If St. Louis' application is approved, the children could start arriving in September.

Some of the immigrant children have been housed at U.S. Military installations for weeks before moving to agencies in other cities. Fort Sill Army Post in Oklahoma was one of those facilities. Over a thousand of children in their charge were released and placed with a sponsor in the United States. Following that discharge, the base still cared for over 700 children.

These children are trickling into Missouri and Kansas City. The Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) in Kansas City, Missouri has been assisting children in similar predicaments for a number of years and they continue to do so today.

They did not say how many children could be coming to their organization as they are waiting for their request to assist the children to be approved by the federal government.

"A few months back there was a Request for Proposal (RFP) that we were going to participate in which I guess is similar to the Safe Passage. They were going to identify a percentage of the unaccompanied children that has family in the US. Whether documented or not, they were going to place those kids with their families. Our role was going to be to provide casework for the first six months. Some of the kids we would help would not necessarily be in the Kansas City area, but some would be in our area. That has not been funded yet, so the program is not in place yet," said Steve Weitkamp, director of Refugee and Immigration Services at JVS.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) cares for the children in shelters around the country until they can be released to a sponsor, parent or relative who can care for the child while their immigration case is processed.

ORR recently released a map of the United States showing how many children have been sent to each state. As of August 1, Kansas has received 207 children and Missouri has 146 children.

"I think ORR has been looking for places for these kids to be cared for in an humane way all around the country," said Weitkamp.

The children coming across the border and into the United States has drawn a mix reaction from citizens across the country. Some people want to help the children and others want Congress and President Barack Obama to send the children back to their homelands.

Ernest who lives across the street from the Catholic Charities office in Kansas City, Kansas is a retired Army Ranger and has traveled the world. He told Hispanic News that he has seen first hand some of the horrors the children have lived through every day.

"All children need help. I don't care where they come from, they are human beings. Give them a chance. That is what they need, just a chance," he said.

The Save the Children organization has been working to give children a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. On their website, they have the story of 10-year-old Eduardo who fled his home in El Salvador because of 'Black Fridays' when violent gangs raged throughout the city breaking into homes and into schools.

He talks about crossing the border with his mother and sister. They waited at an abandoned brick house for a



The Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) in Kansas City, Missouri may soon be helping out with the immigrant children arriving in the area. "Our role was going to be to provide casework for the first six months. ... That has not been funded yet, so the program is not in place yet," said Steve Weitkamp, JVS director of Refugee and Immigration Services.

Servicios Vocacionales Judíos (JVS por sus siglas en inglés) en Kansas City, Missouri, pronto pueden estar ayudando a los niños inmigrantes que llegan a la zona. "Nuestro papel iba a ser el de proporcionar trabajo social durante los primeros seis meses. Sin embargo, eso no se ha financiado, por lo que el programa aún no está funcionando", dijo Steve Weitkamp, Director de Servicios de Inmigración y Refugiados de JVS.

van to pick them up. They were driven to the river where the men prepared an inflatable raft and they crossed the river.

They were told to wait by the river but no one ever came. So the group began to walk and eventually was met by the Border Patrol.

Vaughan knows that many of his neighbors in Kansas City, Kansas have escaped similar violence and sought out a better life, but he also knows that the government must fix the broken

immigration system. He doesn't have the answer nor does he think it will be simple.

"We have to deal with the border and illegal immigrants coming in at will. People that are already here, many of them are the fabric of our society. In the case of the children, what are you going to do with them? Put them on buses and send them back to crime-infested areas? They are here and we have to treat them as humans," he said.

"Todos Los Niños Necesitan Ayuda. No Me Importa De Dónde Vienen"

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han sido llevados a ciertas instalaciones en espera de una audiencia de inmigración o una agencia de servicio social para ayudarles a conectarse con la familia o los familiares que ya viven en los Estados Unidos.

Hispanic News se enteró de que cerca de 200 niños indocumentados habían llegado a Kansas City, Kansas, y estaban siendo alojados o ayudados por Caridades Católicas. Una llamada a Caridades Católicas del Noreste de Kansas confirmó que los niños estaban en Kansas City, Kansas.

Charlie Vaughan vive cerca del edificio de Caridades Católicas en la calle 22 y la Avenida Central. Él aplaude el trabajo que Caridades Católicas hace y los apoya si están ayudando a los niños inmigrantes indocumentados.

"Esos niños no representan una amenaza para nosotros. Podrían ser una influencia positiva; algunos de esos niños podrían ser nuestros líderes del mañana. No podemos darles la espalda. Yo no estoy a favor de eso", dijo Vaughan.

La llegada de los niños ha sido de bajo perfil - las agencias que los ayudan no quieren que los vehículos que transportan a los niños sean enfrentados por los manifestantes.

A principios de agosto, el Alcalde de St. Louis, Francis Slay, y el Ejecutivo del Condado Charlie Dooley anunciaron que habían solicitado subvenciones del gobierno federal para albergar temporalmente a los niños indocumentados que llegan a través de la frontera.

Slay pregunto a varias agencias sociales, incluyendo Caridades Católicas y el Instituto Internacional, el tener un plan para albergar a 60 niños indocumentados en las instalaciones existentes en St. Louis.

Si se aprueba la solicitud de St. Louis, los niños podrían comenzar a llegar en septiembre.

Algunos de los niños inmigrantes han sido alojados en instalaciones militares de los Estados Unidos durante semanas antes de trasladarse a las agencias en otras ciudades. La Base Militar Fort Sill, en Oklahoma, fue una de esas instalaciones. Más de mil niños a su cargo fueron puestos en libertad y colocados con un patrocinador en los Estados Unidos. Después de la descarga, la base sigue atendiendo a más de 700 niños.

Estos niños están llegando a Missouri y Kansas City. Servicios Vocacionales Judíos (JVS por sus siglas en inglés) en Kansas City, Missouri ha estado ayudando a los niños en situaciones difíciles similares durante un número de

años y continúan haciéndolo hoy en día.

Ellos no dijeron cuántos niños podrían estar llegando a su organización, ya que están esperando a que su petición sea aprobada por el gobierno federal para ayudar a los niños.

"Hace unos meses hubo una Solicitud de Propuesta (RFP por sus siglas en inglés) de que íbamos a participar en lo que supongo es similar al Safe Passage. Iban a identificar a un porcentaje de los niños no acompañados que tienen familia en los Estados Unidos. Ya sea documentado o no, iban a colocar a esos niños con sus familias. Nuestro papel iba a ser el de proporcionar trabajo social durante los primeros seis meses. Algunos de los niños que ayudaríamos no necesariamente están en el área de Kansas City, pero algunos podrían estar en nuestra área. Sin embargo eso no se sabe aún, por lo que el programa aún no está en servicio", dijo Steve Weitkamp, Director de Servicios de Inmigración y Refugiados en JVS.

La Oficina de Reasentamiento de Refugiados (ORR por sus siglas en inglés) se preocupa por los niños en los refugios en todo el país hasta que puedan ser entregados a un patrocinador, padre o familiar que pueda cuidar al niño mientras su caso de inmigración se procesa.

ORR, publicó recientemente un mapa de los Estados Unidos que muestra cómo muchos niños han sido enviados a cada estado. Hasta el 1 de agosto, Kansas ha recibido 207 niños y Missouri tiene 146 niños.

"Creo que ORR ha estado buscando lugares para esos niños, para ser atendidos en una manera humana en todo el país", dijo Weitkamp.

Los niños que cruzan la frontera e ingresan a los Estados Unidos han ocasionado una mezcla de reacciones de los ciudadanos en todo el país. Hay gente que quiere ayudar a los niños y otras personas quieren que el Congreso y el Presidente Barack Obama envíe a los niños de vuelta a sus países de origen.

Ernest, quien vive al otro lado de la calle de la oficina de Caridades Católicas, en Kansas City, Kansas es un Ranger del ejército retirado y ha viajado por todo el mundo. Él le dijo a Hispanic News que él ha visto de primera mano algunos de los horrores que los niños han vivido todos los días.

"Todos los niños necesitan ayuda. No me importa de dónde vienen, son seres humanos. Denles una oportunidad. Eso es lo que necesitan, sólo una oportunidad", dijo.

La organización Save the Children ha estado trabajando para dar a los niños un inicio saludable, la oportunidad de aprender y protección ante algún daño. En su página electrónica, tienen la historia de Eduardo, de 10 años de edad, que huyó de su casa en El Salvador debido a los 'Viernes Negros', cuando pandillas violentas causan estragos a lo largo de la ciudad entrando en los hogares y en las escuelas.

Él habla acerca de cruzar la frontera con su madre y hermana. Ellos esperaron en una casa de ladrillo abandonada hasta que llegara una furgoneta a recogerlos. Fueron conducidos al río donde los hombres prepararon una balsa inflable y cruzaron el río.

Se les dijo que esperar por el río, pero nadie vino nunca. Así que el grupo comenzó a caminar y, finalmente,

se encontró con la Patrulla Fronteriza.

Vaughan sabe que muchos de sus vecinos en Kansas City, Kansas han escapado de una violencia similar y buscaron una vida mejor, pero también sabe que el gobierno tiene que arreglar el sistema de inmigración roto. Él no tiene la respuesta y tampoco cree que vaya a ser sencillo.

"Tenemos que hacer frente a la frontera y a los inmigrantes ilegales que llegan a voluntad. Las personas que ya están aquí, muchos de ellos son el tejido de nuestra sociedad. En el caso de los niños, ¿qué vas a hacer con ellos? ¿Ponerlos en los autobuses y enviarlos de vuelta a las zonas infestadas de crimen? Ellos están aquí y tenemos que tratarlos como seres humanos", dijo.

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