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Cleaver & U.S. Delegation Visit Border

Cleaver y delegación de E.U. visita frontera



Congressional delegation meeting with the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officials for a briefing over the Rio Grande Valley region.
Reunión de la delegación del Congreso con los funcionarios de Aduanas de E.U. y la Patrulla Fronteriza para una reunión informativa sobre la región del Valle del Río Grande.

By **Joe Arce & Debra DeCoster**

The plight of the young immigrant children crossing the border from Mexico into the United States tugged at Congressman Emanuel Cleaver's heart. Deciding it was time to see first hand what was happening at the border, he led an intra-parliamentary delegation from the United States and Mexico to the border.

The Mexican and United States delegations met on the Hidalgo International Bridge. "We shook hands at the bridge and then we went to the McAllen Border Patrol Station where we talked with the border patrol and the Mexican delegation."

Cleaver was accompanied by U.S. Representatives Mark Takano, CLEAVER WILL ... / PAGE 2

Traduce **Gemma Tornado**

La difícil situación de los jóvenes niños inmigrantes que cruzan la frontera desde México a los Estados Unidos tiró del corazón al Congresista Emanuel Cleaver. Por lo que decidió era hora de ver de primera mano lo que estaba ocurriendo en la frontera, y lideró una delegación intraparlamentaria de los Estados Unidos y México a la frontera.

Las delegaciones de México y Estados Unidos se reunieron en el Puente Internacional Hidalgo. "Nos dimos la mano en el puente y luego nos fuimos a la estación de la Patrulla Fronteriza de McAllen donde hablamos con la patrulla fronteriza y la delegación mexicana".

Cleaver estuvo acompañado por los Representantes de los Estados Unidos, CLEAVER INFORMARA ... / PÁGINA 2

Town hall meeting addresses rights when confronted by police

Junta de cabildo habla de derechos en enfrentamientos con la policía



Maria Navarro, who lives in Clay County and works at Abarrotes Mexico on the Westside, said that she'd never had a problem when interacting with police but that such encounters made her nervous.
Maria Navarro, que vive en el condado de Clay y trabaja en Abarrotes México en el Westside, dijo que nunca había tenido un problema en la interacción con la policía pero que esos encuentros la ponían nerviosa.

By **Jerry LaMartina**

In-Depth Report, Part 1

The shooting death last month of 18-year-old, unarmed, African-American Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., by white Ferguson Police Department officer Darren Wilson unleashed a storm of questions, concerns and outrage across the country - including the Kansas City area.

Among many questions the incident raised, and based in part on contradictory reports of the incident from eyewitnesses and police: Did Wilson violate the law when he shot and killed Brown? Did Brown attack and injure Wilson and struggle for his gun before the shooting? Did police abuse their authority against protestors and others in Ferguson and elsewhere after the incident?

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Reporte a profundidad, Parte 1

La muerte a tiros del desarmado afro-americano de 18 años de edad, Michael Brown, en Ferguson, Missouri, el pasado mes, por el oficial de policía caucásico del Departamento de Policía de Ferguson, Darren Wilson, desató una tormenta de preguntas, inquietudes e indignación en todo el país - incluyendo el área de Kansas City.

Entre las muchas preguntas que el incidente causó, y basado en parte en los informes contradictorios sobre el incidente de parte de los testigos y la policía: ¿Acaso Wilson violó la ley cuando le disparó y mató a Brown? ¿Acaso Brown atacó y lesionó a Wilson y luchó por su arma antes de los disparos? ¿Acaso la policía abusó de su autoridad contra los

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Victor Villaseñor kicks off hispanic heritage month in Topeka

Víctor Villaseñor da inicio al mes de la herencia hispana en Topeka

By **Joe Arce & Debra DeCoster**

Hispanic Heritage month is a time to celebrate family, examine the gifts of the Hispanic culture and discover how those families came to the United States. What better time to celebrate stories of adventure, hardship, heartbreak and the start of a new life?

Iconic Chicano author Victor Villaseñor will kick off Hispanic Heritage month in Topeka, Kansas by presenting a two-day workshop, September 15 and 16 on researching and writing family history.

His visit is part of the Tonantzin Society's first annual Hispanic Heritage month guest speaker program. The workshop will be held at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. Christina Valdivia-Alcala, Tonantzin chair, is excited about the event.

"We want to work to bring more Chicano literature, Latino literature to Kansas. Our hopes are that Latino students

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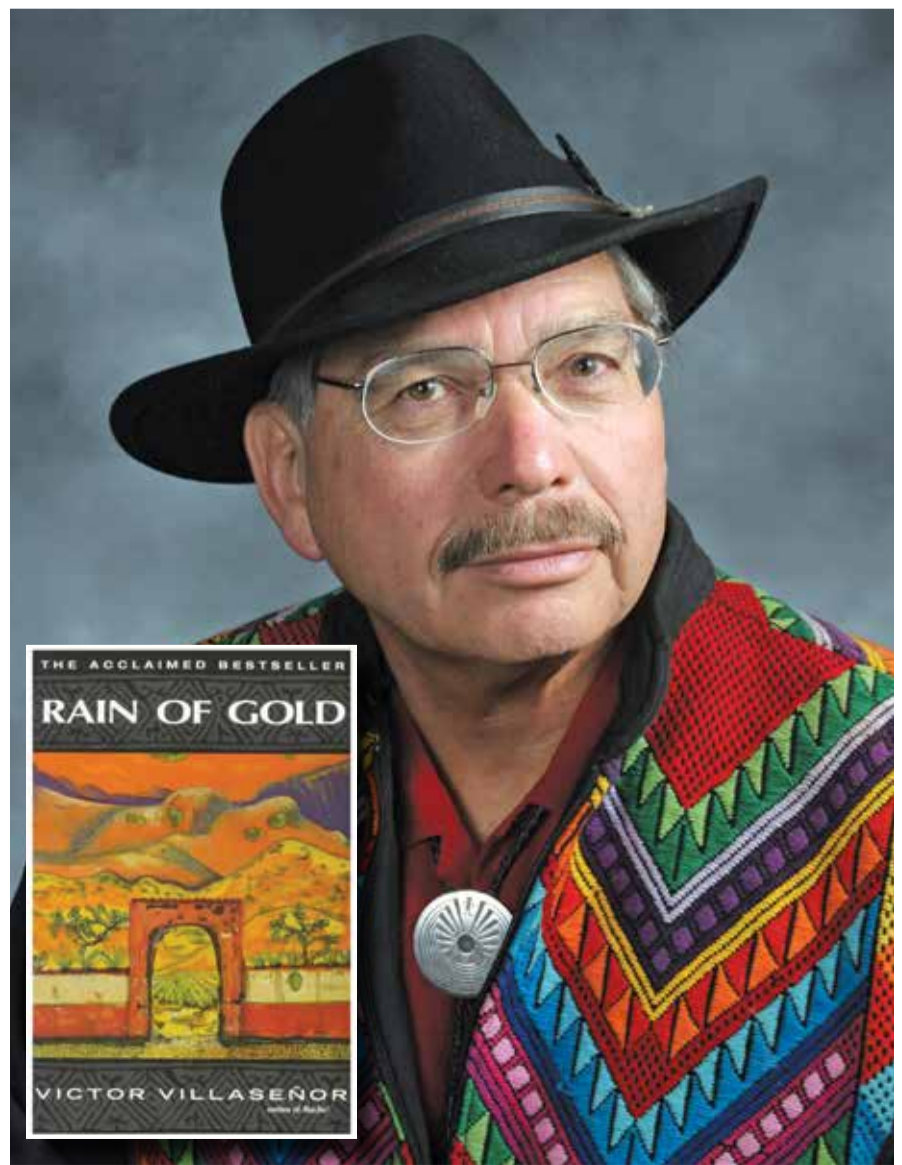
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El Mes de la Herencia Hispana es un momento para celebrar a la familia, examinar los dones de la cultura hispana y descubrir cómo llegaron esas familias a los Estados Unidos. ¿Qué mejor momento para celebrar las historias de aventura, las dificultades, la angustia y el inicio de una nueva vida?

El icónico autor chicano Víctor Villaseñor dará inicio el Mes de la Herencia Hispana en Topeka, Kansas, presentando un taller de dos días, el 15 y el 16 de septiembre sobre investigación y escritura de la historia familiar.

Su visita es parte del primer programa anual de oradores invitados de la Sociedad Tonantzin, llevándose a cabo durante el Mes de la Herencia Hispana. El taller se llevará a cabo en las Bibliotecas Públicas del Condado de Topeka y del Condado de Shawnee. Christina Valdivia-Alcalá, Presidente de Tonantzin, está muy entusiasmada con el evento.

"Queremos trabajar para traer más literatura chicana, VILLASEÑOR ... / PÁGINA 8



Cleaver will report to congress

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D-California; Dina Titus, D-Nevada; Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-New Mexico; Mike Honda, D-California and several members of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies. They held discussions on how they could work together between governmental bodies to solve the issue of unaccompanied minors.

Thousands of unaccompanied minors have fled their homes in Honduras, El Salvador or Guatemala leaving behind a dangerous life in hopes of finding a better life in the United States.

"These mothers love their children so much they are willing to pay between \$2,500 up to \$5,000 to the coyotes to bring their children to the border to get them away from a dangerous life. These mothers are like the mother of Moses, she didn't want her child killed or growing up in slavery, so she sent him down the Nile. She risked all kinds of potential problems," said Cleaver.

Many organizations across the country are speaking out to support and safeguard these children. "These children need our help," said Cleaver, "some of them are as young as my grandchildren and have been victims of violence themselves. Some have witnessed their families and friends murdered before their very own eyes."

At the present time, he is working to try to bring about 30 of the immigrant children

into his district in Kansas City, Missouri.

"It was very alarming to us to see what we saw and hear what we heard (at the border). Many of these children didn't know what a shower was or use an inside bathroom. We realize these kids are coming here looking for a chance. They see people with signs and screaming at them. They don't understand what they are saying and they don't know what is going on. Some children don't realize they are in the United States," he explained.

While in McAllen, the two delegations were led on a tour of the holding facilities that serve the unaccompanied minors that have been coming into the Rio Grand Valley. U.S. Representative, D-Texas, Rubeen Hinojosa led the tour.

Hinojosa said that since July the number of unaccompanied minors arriving in the valley have decreased by 50 percent. The number of unaccompanied minors in the southwest border has gone from over 10,628 in June to 5,508 in July and they expected the numbers to decline in August.

Cleaver said they were told the numbers were declining at the present time due to the heat. They expect the numbers to go up again after the summer heat is over.

Families in Central America are trying to shield their children from the violence of the

drug cartels. "They are vicious and cruel and parents will risk everything to get their children a chance at life. If we could stop the drugs coming into the United States, if we could stop customers in the United States from buying these drugs, there would be no drug cartel," said Cleaver.

Cleaver has been commissioned to put in writing for Congress the full picture of what they saw at the border. His report will be submitted to the Congressional Leadership and President Barack Obama. They have plans to continue to work with the Mexican Chamber of Deputies to figure out how to resolve the mass exodus of children coming across the border.

The delegation will meet again in November and begin discussions on what the United States and Mexico can do jointly to relieve the problem as the border.

"We are considering setting up check points at the southern border. We may have the children go back to the capitals of these countries and go to the embassy and apply for asylum," said Congressman Cleaver.

Takano said at the press conference in McAllen last week, "addressing the underlying issues in Central America with the Mexican government may help U.S. officials find a long term solution to the immigration influx into the United States and Mexico."



Congressman Cleaver, discussing the need for more permanent infrastructure in the holding facilities for the unaccompanied minors while in custody with (from left-to-right) Congresswoman Dina Titus - NV; Congressman Mark Takano - CA; and Mexico Congressman Agustin Barrios-Gomez.

Congressista Cleaver, discute la necesidad de mayor infraestructura permanente en los centros de detención para los menores no acompañados durante su detención con (de izquierda a derecha) la congresista Dina Titus - NV; miembro del Congreso de Mark Takano - CA; y el congresista Agustin Barrios-Gómez de Mexico.



A briefing from the Hidalgo International Bridge, U.S. Custom and Border Patrol staff. Un informe del Puente Internacional Hidalgo, Aduana de E.U. y personal de la Patrulla Fronteriza.

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Cleaver informará al Congreso

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Mark Takano, D-California; Dina Titus, D-Nevada; Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-Nuevo México; Mike Honda, D-California y varios miembros de la Cámara de Diputados de México. Ellos celebraron debates sobre cómo podrían trabajar juntos entre los organismos gubernamentales para resolver el problema de los menores no acompañados.

Miles de menores no acompañados han huido de sus hogares en Honduras, El Salvador o Guatemala, dejando atrás una vida peligrosa con la esperanza de encontrar una vida mejor en los Estados Unidos.

"Estas madres aman a sus hijos tanto, que están dispuestas a pagar entre \$2,500 hasta \$5,000 dólares a los coyotes que traen a sus hijos a la frontera, y así alejarlos de una vida peligrosa. Estas madres son como la madre de Moisés, ella no quería que su hijo fuera asesinado o creciera en la esclavitud, por lo que lo envió por el Nilo. Ella se arriesgó a pasar por todo tipo de potenciales problemas", dijo Cleaver.

Muchas organizaciones de todo el país están hablando de apoyar y salvaguardar a estos niños. "Estos niños necesitan nuestra ayuda", dijo Cleaver,



"algunos de ellos son tan jóvenes como mis nietos y han sido víctimas de la violencia en sí. Algunos han sido testigos de cómo sus familias y amigos han sido asesinados".

En la actualidad, él está trabajando para tratar de traer alrededor de 30 niños inmigrantes a su distrito, en Kansas City, Missouri.

"Fue muy alarmante para nosotros ver lo que vimos y escuchar lo que escuchamos

(en la frontera). Muchos de estos niños no sabían lo que era una ducha o utilizar un baño interior. Nos damos cuenta de que estos niños vienen aquí en busca de una oportunidad. Ellos ven a personas con pancartas y gritándoles. Ellos no entienden lo que están diciendo y no saben lo que está pasando. Algunos niños no se dan cuenta que están en los Estados Unidos", explicó.

Durante su estancia en McAllen, las dos delegaciones fueron conducidas en un recorrido por las instalaciones de detención que sirven a los menores no acompañados y que han estado llegando al Gran Valle del Río. El Representante Demócrata por Texas, EU., Rubén Hinojosa encabezó la gira.

Hinojosa dijo, que desde julio, el número de menores no acompañados que llegan al valle ha disminuido en un 50%. El número de menores no acompañados en la frontera sudoeste ha pasado de ser de más de 10,628 en junio a 5,508 en julio y se espera que el número disminuya en agosto.

Cleaver dijo que se les dijo que los números estaban disminuyendo en la actualidad debido al calor. Ellos esperan que las cifras suban de nuevo después de que el calor del verano haya terminado.

Las familias en América Central están tratando de proteger a sus hijos de la violencia de los cárteles de la droga. "Ellos son viciosos y crueles, y los padres van a arriesgarlo todo para darles a sus hijos una oportunidad en la vida. Si pudiéramos parar el que las drogas entren a los Estados Unidos, si pudiéramos parar que los clientes en los Estados Unidos dejen de comprar estas drogas, no habría ningún cartel de la droga", dijo Cleaver.

A Cleaver se le ha encargado el poner por escrito la imagen completa de lo que vieron en la frontera para que el Congreso este enterado. Su informe se presentará a los Líderes del Congreso y al Presidente Barack Obama. Tienen planes de continuar trabajando con la Cámara de Diputados de México para encontrar la manera de resolver el éxodo masivo de los niños que cruzan la frontera.

La delegación se reunirá de nuevo en noviembre y comenzará las discusiones sobre

lo que Estados Unidos y México pueden hacer conjuntamente para aliviar el problema de la frontera.

"Estamos considerando el establecimiento de puntos de control en la frontera sur. Podríamos regresar a los niños a las capitales de estos países y que vayan a la embajada y solicitar asilo", dijo el Congresista Cleaver.

Takano dijo en la conferencia de prensa en McAllen, la semana pasada, "el abordar las cuestiones subyacentes en América Central con el gobierno mexicano podría ayudar a los funcionarios estadounidenses a encontrar una solución a largo plazo ante la afluencia de inmigración a los Estados Unidos y México".

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Observe national sickle cell awareness month this September by donating blood with the American Red Cross

Help maintain a diverse blood supply to meet the needs of all patients

KANSAS CITY, Mo. The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to help ensure a stable and diverse blood supply by giving blood in honor of National Sickle Cell Awareness Month this September.

Sickle cell disease is an inherited disease that causes red blood cells to form an abnormal crescent shape. It is estimated that sickle cell disease affects as many as 100,000 people in the U.S. Many of these patients face a lifetime of blood transfusions to help reduce the risk of stroke, damage to major organs and other complications that can arise as a result of sickle cell disease.

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LETTER TO THE PUBLISHER

The City Council of Kansas City, Mo., Thursday repealed the ordinance to outsource the city's ambulance billing jobs to a Florida company after supporters of a referendum petition submitted enough signatures to force the Council to either repeal the ordinance or put it on the April 7, 2015, ballot.

The Council repealed the ordinance on a 12-0 vote after the City Clerk certified the petitions contained the valid signatures of 8,078 Kansas City registered voters, 935 more signatures than required. The petitions contained the signatures of more than 10,500 persons, but some weren't currently registered to vote or lived in neighboring cities. This was the second highest number of signatures on any initiative or referendum petition drive in recent city history.

The ordinance to outsource ambulance billing had been defeated by the Council on an 11-0 vote earlier this year after it was discovered that the Fort Lauderdale company involved (Intermedix) had experienced a massive patient identity theft that affected approximately 32,000 patients of 27 of the company's clients in 17 states.

Following that defeat, the ordinance was reintroduced the next week by Mayor Sly James. After several committee hearings and being sent back to committee for further study, the ordinance passed with the bare seven votes necessary for passage. That led to the successful petition drive which resulted in the final repeal of the ordinance Thursday.

"We appreciate the Council listening to the voices of the people," said Teresa Perry, one of the five-member

committee of petitioners that initiated the petition drive. Other committee members were Rosa James, Bishop Tony Caldwell, Mary White and Robert Patrick.

"People clearly didn't want to outsource Kansas City jobs that pay a livable wage and have good health benefits and pensions, to a Florida company that pays Walmart type wages and has had a serious problem with patient identity theft," Perry said.

She thanked Jobs With Justice, the fast food workers with the Workers Organizing Committee of Kansas City, the Black Agenda Group, the Urban Summit, the pastors that allowed petitioners access to their congregations, members of the NAACP and Communities Creating Opportunity, the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, the Amalgamated Transit Union, the American Federation of Teachers, the Service Employees International Union and numerous volunteers for their help with the petition drive.

"This petition drive was truly grassroots democracy at its finest," said Councilman John Sharp, an outspoken foe of outsourcing the city's ambulance billing jobs.

Perry said she was confident voters would have rejected the ordinance if the Council failed to repeal it.

"Nobody would want to outsource Kansas City jobs to call centers in other states, and after the Target identity theft fiasco, nobody would want to risk having their identity stolen when they submit billing information for ambulance service for themselves or a loved one, Perry said.

She said a private company that is paid strictly on

commissions on what it collects would demand prompt payment and be reluctant to enter into monthly payment arrangements with ambulance patients whose bills aren't totally covered by private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid the way the Kansas City Fire Department does now.

"This could lead to many more patients being sent to collection agencies," Perry warned.

With the repeal of the ordinance, ambulance billing will continue to be handled by Fire Department employees. These employees are represented by the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, not the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Although Perry was pleased the Council repealed the outsourcing ordinance, she said she was mystified by the statements by Mayor James and City Manager Troy Schulte that they intended to pursue contracting with Intermedix to provide consulting services on ambulance billing without getting proposals from other companies that can provide the same service.

"I thought government had to allow competition for major contracts," Perry said, "and they were talking about a contract for around a quarter of a million dollars. I didn't think the city could just hand out contracts to companies with the right political connections without a competitive selection process."

Both Councilman Scott Taylor and John Sharp said during the discussion they favored a competitive process for selecting a consultant if that is even needed.

Failures in math and science education beginning to add up

By **Dick Resch**

Americans could use a crash course in math.

According to a new study from the Brookings Institution, jobs in science, technology, engineering, and math are vacant for more than twice as long as non-STEM positions -- largely because employers can't find people with the requisite math and science skills to fill them. In fact, high school graduates with STEM skills are in greater demand than college grads without them.

Our nation's schools simply aren't producing graduates with the level of numeracy needed to succeed in today's economy. To change this, we must change the way we teach math and science. By replacing passive, lecture-based styles of instruction with an alternative that more actively engages students in the learning process.

Conventional approaches to math and science education are failing. Twenty-nine nations or other jurisdictions outperform U.S. students in math, according to the latest rankings from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an international think tank

Only one-quarter of American twelfth-graders is proficient or better in math. The average eighth-grader is below proficient in science.

Such consistently poor performance threatens our entire economy. American firms, including my own, can't find the employees they need to grow and compete. By 2020, the shortage of skilled workers with postsecondary degrees will reach 5 million, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

Since President Obama proclaimed STEM education a "national priority" back in 2009, American students have actually fallen behind many of their foreign peers.

Reversing these discouraging trends will require a radically different approach to science and math instruction. Fortunately, there's evidence that just such an approach -- called "engaged learning" -- can deliver the improvement our nation needs.

Engaged learning empowers students to play a more active role in knowledge acquisition -- in other words, "to learn by doing." The technique involves a combination of reading, writing, discussion, personal reflection, and interaction with technology.

School systems are increasingly partnering with the firm I lead, KI, to design and build learning environments that encourage collaboration and discussion. In these classrooms of the future, students work in small groups while instructors move around -- interacting with groups of students, posing questions, provoking discussion, and offering individualized help and coaching.

The results of this approach have been impressive.

For instance, 14 colleges, including North Carolina State University and the University of Central Florida, implemented an engaged-learning program known as SCALE-UP for some larger undergraduate classes. Across all the schools that participated, SCALE-UP classes saw a significant reduction in failure rates, as well as marked improvements in conceptual understanding and student attitude.

SCALE-UP didn't just help students avoid failure. Those in the top third of the class experienced the biggest improvements.

The University of Minnesota experimented with engaged learning by teaching the same biology course in two different environments: a traditional lecture hall and an "Active Learning Classroom" outfitted with glass markerboards, group table seating and shared large-format computer monitors.

Students in the conventional setting performed exactly as their ACT scores predicted they would. But those in the Active Learning Classroom scored nearly 30 points higher than their standardized test scores forecast.

Without a dramatic overhaul of math and science instruction, American students will continue to lag behind those in the rest of the world. Engaged learning strategies have proven successful in boosting student achievement quickly and dramatically.

It's time to embrace this approach to education, and take our students -- and our economy -- to the head of the class.

Dick Resch is CEO of KI Furniture (www.ki.com).

A toast to our 2nd favorite adult beverage

Wine Aficionado Shares Tips for a Full-Bodied Experience

Slide over, sweaty mug of brutish beer; wine has stepped up its game!

In the past two decades, zins, cabs and chardonnays have soared in popularity among imbibing Americans. The preference of just one in four in 1992, its now the alcoholic beverage of choice for 35 percent of us, according to a 2013 Gallup poll. At the same time, beer has taken a tumble, from the favorite of nearly half of us to just 36 percent.

"Wine is an adventure in a glass – something other cultures have recognized for centuries," says Howard Kleinfeld, author (as Howard K.) of "Dial M for Merlot," www.DialMforMerlot.com, a fun novel about a lovelorn nerd whose world snaps to life with his first wine tasting.

"For a long time in this country, we viewed wine as an elitist beverage. Just to be eligible to uncork a bottle required a scary level of sophistication. I have great respect for connoisseurs and the sommeliers, but if you've ever attended a wine tasting, you quickly see wine is actually the great equalizer."

For those who've never visited a vineyard or sipped a Gewurztraminer, Kleinfeld

offers these tips to free up your palate -- and your psyche -- for a full-bodied experience.

1. *What's the best wine?* You'll find all kinds of lists purporting to distill the top 10 or top 100 best wines of the thousands upon thousands of new releases each year. They are a wonderful resource for information and a great starting point, but there is no substitute for personal exploration. "The best wine is always whatever's in your glass at the moment," Kleinfeld says, "unless whatever's in your glass makes you grimace, in which case ..."

2. *Don't drink it if it doesn't make you happy.* Life really is too short to not make the most of every moment – and every sensual experience. "I learned that in 2007 when I was diagnosed with throat cancer at, what I felt was, a very young age," Kleinfeld says. "I got through surgery, chemotherapy and radiation with the love and support of my family and friends, but I lost my sense of taste for a few years." Cancer-free and with all of his senses intact, Kleinfeld says he has resolved to enjoy every sip of life. "Don't waste your time on wine you don't enjoy. Save it for cooking," he says. "Drink something that puts a smile on your face. And remember – there are all kinds of smiles."

3. *Go ahead and shell out \$50 or \$100 on a wine you just have to taste again.* A lot of us think California and Napa Valley when we think domestic wines, and while The Golden State is the No. 1 producer

in the country (followed by Washington, Oregon and New York), every state now has wineries. That means that wherever you are, there's a wine tasting room within driving distance. "If you go to a wine tasting and you sample something you absolutely love, something you know you want to taste again – maybe with a steak, which they don't usually have at wine-tasting rooms, go ahead and buy it," Kleinfeld advises. "Forget that it costs three or four times what you (might) usually spend for a bottle of wine. Splurge. See tip No. 2."

4. *Forget the red with meat, white with fish and chicken rule – unless it works for you.* The idea of pairing red wines with red meats has to do with the bolder flavor of both. Fish and chicken tend to have milder flavors, as do many white wines. "But there are so many exceptions to those 'rules' you may as well just toss 'em," Kleinfeld says. "They don't take into account the range of flavors of meat, fish and chicken, especially when you consider all the different ways they can be prepared. And if you're not a fan of Riesling, for instance, you won't like it no matter what you pair it with." Be an adventurer, he advises. Open a few different varieties of wine when you sit down to eat and explore different pairings. "The entrees and wines you best enjoy together are the perfect pairings for you."

Source Howard Kleinfeld is a full-time wine enthusiast

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Sealed bids for Economic Development Corporation of KC, Kansas City, Missouri. Legal RFP will be received by EDC of KC, UNTIL 5:00 pm, 9/25/2014.

For specific information, go to <http://edckc.com/business-solutions/development-and-revitalization/bid-listings/> or to Bid Listings on EDCKC.com.

CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is accepting applications for public transit and human services transportation projects that are eligible for federal funds through Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310). Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. CST on Nov. 3, 2014. Eligibility and application details are online at www.marc2.org/tr5310. Direct questions to Tyler Means at tmeans@marc.org or 816/701-8261, MARC, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105.

NOTICE TO MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

McAfee Construction, Inc. is seeking MBE & WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers who are interested in bidding on the UMC Middlebush Farms Construct Metal Building–Project # CP142401. Plans and Specs may be viewed at <http://www.cf.missouri.edu/pdc/adsite/project.php?project=CP142401&format=html> Bid date is September 11, 2014, 10:30 am. Interested bidders please contact McAfee Construction, Inc. at 573-474-4397. MCAFEE CONSTRUCTION, INC. IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

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Register for Community Engagement University

City launches program to better connect residents with their government

Curious about how your City of Kansas City, Missouri, government works? Want to learn from City staff how to improve your community? Sign up for Community Engagement University—a free program designed to connect residents with government to build a better Kansas City.

The program begins on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m. at City Hall, 414 E. 12th St. Sessions will continue on Tuesdays for eight weeks (through Oct. 28) at the same location and time. To participate, residents must preregister at <http://tinyurl.com/CEUregistration> or 816-513-1330.

Community Engagement University is a free, hands-on, interactive program for Kansas City, Missouri, residents 18 years of age and older. The sessions cover basic knowledge of the City's functions and operations. Course materials will be provided during the first session. The class size is limited to the first 30 residents enrolling. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions to get the most from the program, and a minimum of seven sessions are required to graduate with certification. Light refreshments will be provided.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE UNIVERSITY?

- Gain a better understanding of how local government functions

- Participate and interact with knowledgeable staff to better learn and understand how City finances, operations, projects and services are developed, distributed and executed
- Serve as role model for community and neighborhood residents
- Help improve the quality of life for Kansas City residents
- Build a livable, sustainable community
- Learn about volunteer opportunities in city government

SESSIONS

- Session 1 – Tuesday, Sept. 9 – Local Government 101
- Session 2 – Tuesday, Sept. 16 – We Keep this City Safe
- Session 3 – Tuesday, Sept. 23 – We Keep this City Clean
- Session 4 – Tuesday, Sept. 30 – We keep this City Healthy and Active
- Session 5 – Tuesday, Oct. 7 – We Build and Improve this City #1
- Session 6 – Tuesday, Oct. 14 – We Build and Improve this City #2
- Session 7 – Tuesday, Oct. 21 – We are in Your Neighborhood
- Session 8 – Tuesday, Oct. 28 – Dollars and Sense and Graduation

For more information, contact Jordan Brown, City Manager's Office, at 816-513-1330 or jordan.brown@kcmo.org.

Source City of KCMO

INVITATION TO BID

The Kansas City Kansas Community College will be accepting bids for renovation of an existing building to house a KCKCC athletic training facility. The scope of work will be discussed at a pre-bid conference at the site, 7301 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. This is the former Smith Toyota location. Contractors MUST attend this meeting to be eligible to bid. The scope will include removal of interior offices, walls and ceilings, removal of interior, non-weight-bearing block walls, concrete work, construction of interior walls, and some plumbing, HVAC, and painting. Bids for renovation must be received no later than September 30, 2014. Bids must be mailed to David Root, Director of Purchasing at Kansas City Kansas Community College, 7250 State Ave, 66112-9978. **Only sealed Bids will be accepted. Telephoned, faxed or emailed Bids will not be accepted.** Kansas City Kansas Community College encourages and welcomes bids from minority owned businesses.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE KCI CORRIDOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

Pursuant to RSMo 99.825, and in accordance with RSMo 99.830, notice is hereby given by way of certified mail to inform you about a public hearing regarding the Fifteenth Amendment (the "Fifteenth Amendment") to the KCI Corridor Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "TIF Plan") that will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Commission") at **9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 10, 2014** and located at Town Pavilion, **1100 Walnut, Fourth Floor Conference Center, Kansas City, Missouri.**

The proposed Fifteenth Amendment of the Plan provides for (1) the design and construction of additional road improvements and (2) modifications to the Budget of Redevelopment Project Costs described by the Plan.

The Redevelopment Area described by the Plan is an area generally bound by Tiffany Springs Parkway and NE 108th Street on the North, Barry Road on the South, Interstate 29 on the West, and Platte-Clay County Line on the East in Kansas City, Platte County, Missouri.

The Fifteenth Amendment to the Plan, as proposed, may be reviewed by any interested party on or after September 3, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Commission Offices, **1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri.**

According to Section 99.830.2(3), all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

According to Section 99.830.3, each taxing district located wholly or partially within the Redevelopment Area may submit comments or objections to the Commission concerning the Fifteenth Amendment to the Plan, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Heather Brown
Tax Increment Financing Commission
of Kansas City, Missouri
1100 Walnut, Suite 1700
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ANTIOCH CROSSING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

Pursuant to RSMo 99.825, and in accordance with RSMo 99.830, notice is hereby given by way of certified mail to inform you about a public hearing regarding the Second Amendment (the "Second Amendment") to the Antioch Crossing Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") that will be held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Commission") at **9:45 AM on Wednesday, September 10, 2014** and located at Town Pavilion, **1100 Walnut, Fourth Floor Conference Center, Kansas City, Missouri.**

The Second Amendment provides for modifications to the legal description of the boundaries within the Redevelopment Area described by the Plan and modification of the redevelopment schedule. The intent of the Plan remains unchanged other than the changes specifically mentioned herein. The Second Amendment may be reviewed by any interested party on or after September 3, 2014 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Commission Offices, **1100 Walnut, Suite 1700, Kansas City, Missouri.**

The Redevelopment Area is described by the Plan as generally bound by NE Antioch Road on the west; NE 50th Street to the south and Chouteau Trafficway to the east and north all in Clay County, Kansas City, Missouri.

According to Section 99.830.2(3), all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

According to Section 99.830.3, each taxing district located wholly or partially within the Redevelopment Area may submit comments or objections to the Commission concerning the subject matter of the public hearing prior to the date of the public hearing.

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of Kansas City, Missouri
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106

DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE SERVICES

Full-time position available with KCMO's Office of the City Manager, Office of Culture and Creative Services, 414 E. 12th St. The successful candidate will be an energetic connector and a dynamic leader who believes that arts and culture are essential to creating an even "greater city," and to improving the quality of life for all Kansas City, MO residents and visitors. Reports to the City Manager. Works with a broad range of City departments and divisions, including neighborhood revitalization, economic development, human services, recreation programming, and facilities development. This office will function as the catalyst for cultural community planning, facilitating partnerships between artists, cultural organizations, and governmental and civic organizations for the overall artistic and cultural development of the City. Directs citywide cultural activities in all aspects of the arts through an extensive set of programs, special projects, and policy-setting initiatives. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, overall agency management; program and facilities planning and needs assessment; policy development; budget administration; liaison with other City departments and agencies; liaison with cultural organizations, artists, funders, business and community entities; and liaison with regional, national, and international cultural organizations and entities. **REQUIRES** an accredited Bachelor's degree in engineering, business or public administration or other appropriate disciplines and 8 years of experience in varied public or private sector programs, including 4 years of progressively responsible administrative and supervisory experience in a business setting. **An accredited Master's degree in the arts, public administration, or a closely related field and leadership experience in arts administration is desirable.** If a non-resident at the time of appointment, may have 9 months to establish residency within the city limits of KCMO. However, if the appointee is not currently residing in the metro area, he or she must establish residency at time of appointment. The City may also negotiate relocation assistance with the successful candidate. This is a *confidential recruitment* and will be handled accordingly throughout the various stages of the process. References will not be contacted until mutual interest has been established. Candidates are encouraged to **apply immediately, as applications accepted until position filled.** **Electronic submittals are strongly preferred and should be sent to Ralph Andersen & Associates at apply@ralphandersen.com.** Submissions should include a compelling cover letter, comprehensive resume, salary history, and professional references. Confidential inquiries are welcomed to Heather Renschler, Ralph Andersen & Associates, at (916) 630-4900. The City of Kansas City, MO is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce. Salary negotiable dependent upon qualifications. Salary Range: \$5,607-\$9,764/month. *EOE. The City of Kansas City, Missouri is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce.*

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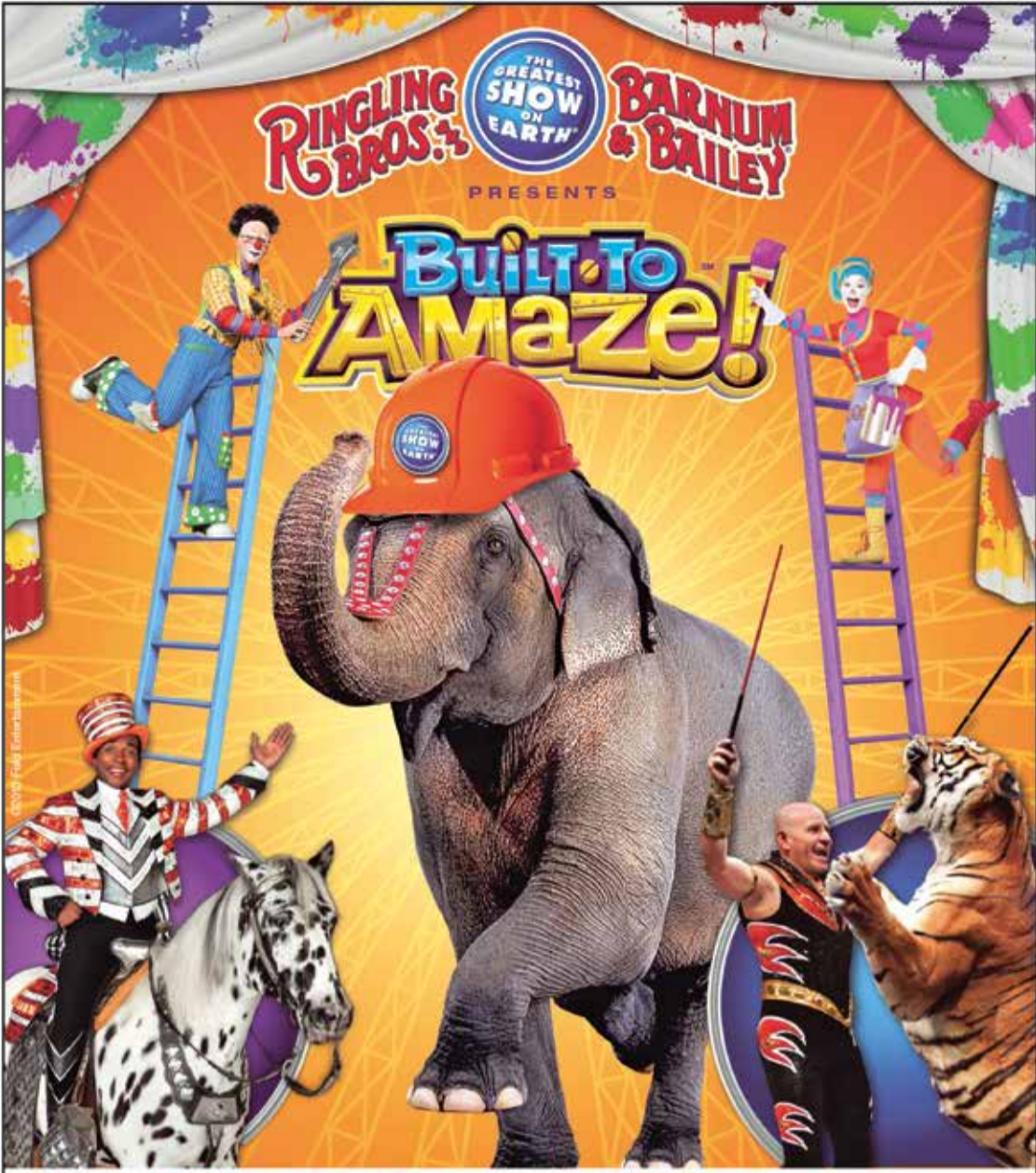
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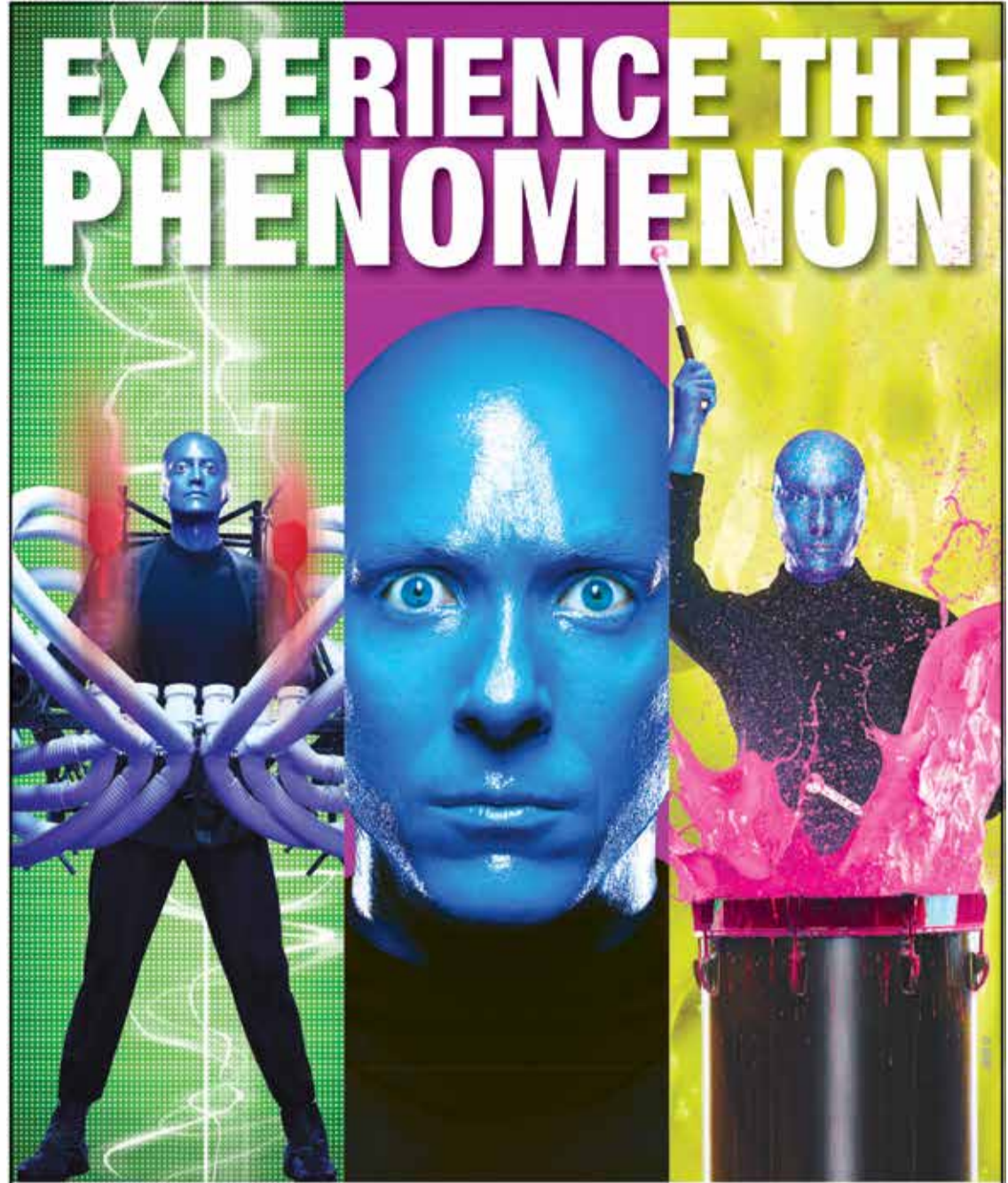
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Villaseñor alienta a escribir la historia familiar

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literatura latina a Kansas. Nuestras esperanzas son que los estudiantes latinos y las personas de nuestra comunidad puedan leer literatura que a ellos o a su familia los refleje y eso les ayudará a elevare su autoestima. Queremos que todos en la comunidad latina estén orgullosos de lo que son y su historia", dijo a Hispanic News.

Villaseñor es considerado uno de los autores más importantes de hoy y su estilo de escritura ha sido comparado con John Steinbeck y Gabriel García Márquez. Escribió nueve novelas, 65 relatos cortos y recibió 265 rechazos antes de vender su primera novela, ¡Macho! en 1973. Su libro, Lluvia de Oro, fue publicado en 1991 y se convirtió en un bestseller del New York Times. Su libro, Burro Genius, un libro de memorias que le tomó 40 años para completarlo fue nominado para un Premio Pulitzer.

Escribió Lluvia de Oro para contar la historia de su familia, para que sus hijos supieran acerca de su patrimonio cultural. En el libro, él describe la vida de sus antepasados en México durante la Revolución Mexicana. Él teje la historia de dos familias y dos países - un tiempo en que las familias tuvieron que abandonar su amado país debido a la violencia y el peligro de la Revolución Mexicana.

Villaseñor encourages writing of family history

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and people in our community can read literature that mirrors them or their family and it will help their self-esteem rise. We want everyone in the Latino community to be proud of who they are and their story," she told Hispanic News.

Villaseñor is considered one of today's premier writers and his writing style has been compared to John Steinbeck and Gabriel García Márquez. He wrote nine novels, 65 short stories and received 265 rejections before he sold his first novel, Macho! in 1973. His book, Rain of Gold, was published in 1991 and became a New York Times bestseller. His book, Burro Genius, a memoir that took him 40 years to complete was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

He wrote Rain of Gold to tell the history of his family so that his children would know their heritage. In the book he describes the lives of his ancestors in Mexico during the Mexican Revolution. He weaves the tale of two families and two countries—a time when families had to abandon their beloved country because of the violence and danger of the Mexican Revolution.

As part of his research for the book, Villaseñor interviewed his parents for almost two decades.

"I interviewed my parents, then I would write, then I would go back and interview them again. I wrote it over and over before it got published. I don't claim to be a good writer, but I am a re-writer. To me being a writer is a gift, like being a teacher is a gift. A writer has a chance to lift people's spirit and make them feel better about themselves," he said.

His parents' stories revealed a huge reservoir of family history.

"I wasn't looking for a family tree. My advice is to interview your parents and grandparents and great-grandparents and dig for your richest stories. You want depth, you want a story that makes your heart pump and makes you inspired about what your grandmother did," he explained.

Villaseñor admits that he struggled as a child with reading, a struggle that continued into middle age with an untreated learning disability. He did not discover until he was 44 years old that he suffered from extreme dyslexia. Despite his reading disability, he clung to his dream of one day becoming a writer.

Como parte de su investigación para el libro, Villaseñor entrevistó a sus padres por casi dos décadas.

"Entrevistaba a mis padres, a continuación, me gustaba escribir, después regresaba y los entrevistaba de nuevo. Lo escribí una y otra vez antes de que lo publicaran. Yo no pretendo ser un buen escritor, pero soy un re-escritor. Para mí, ser un escritor es un regalo, como ser maestro es un regalo. Un escritor tiene la oportunidad de levantar el espíritu de la gente y hacer que se sientan mejor consigo mismos", dijo.

Las historias de sus padres revelaron una enorme mina de la historia familiar.

"Yo no estaba buscando un árbol genealógico. Mi consejo es entrevistar a tus padres, abuelos y bisabuelos, y excavar en busca de sus historias más ricas. Tú quieres profundidad, tú quieres una historia que haga que tu corazón bombee y que lo inspire acerca de lo que hizo tu abuela", explicó.

Villaseñor admite que él luchó con la lectura cuando era niño, una lucha que se prolongó hasta la edad media con una dificultad de aprendizaje que no se trató. Él no descubrió hasta que tuvo 44 años de edad que sufría de dislexia extrema. A pesar de su incapacidad para leer, se aferró a su sueño de algún día convertirse en escritor.

Villaseñor se sorprendió al descubrir que las escuelas preparatorias estaban usando su libro, Lluvia de Oro, en sus estudios. Los estudiantes estaban leyéndolo en clase, durante su descanso para el almuerzo, en las fuentes de agua. Ella dijo que había escrito acerca de su familia, aunque mi libro es acerca de mi familia. Pero al contar estas historias, uno entiende que sólo hay una raza, la raza humana", dijo.

"Yo estaba en Texas, en una librería para dar una charla. Estaba lleno de gente cuando una mujer mayor se levantó de un salto en medio de la charla y me abrazó. Ella dijo que había escrito acerca de su familia, aunque mi libro es acerca de mi familia. Pero al contar estas historias, uno entiende que sólo hay una raza, la raza humana", dijo.

Lluvia de Oro es uno de los libros favoritos de Valdivia-Alcalá. Después de leer el libro, animó a los miembros de la familia a leerlo también.

"Así que mucha gente leyó ese libro y lo disfrutamos inmensamente. Fue la primera literatura que leen que resonó con ellos y habló del pasaje a los Estados Unidos desde México. Esperemos que el traer aquí a Víctor sea para alentar a las familias a que documenten su

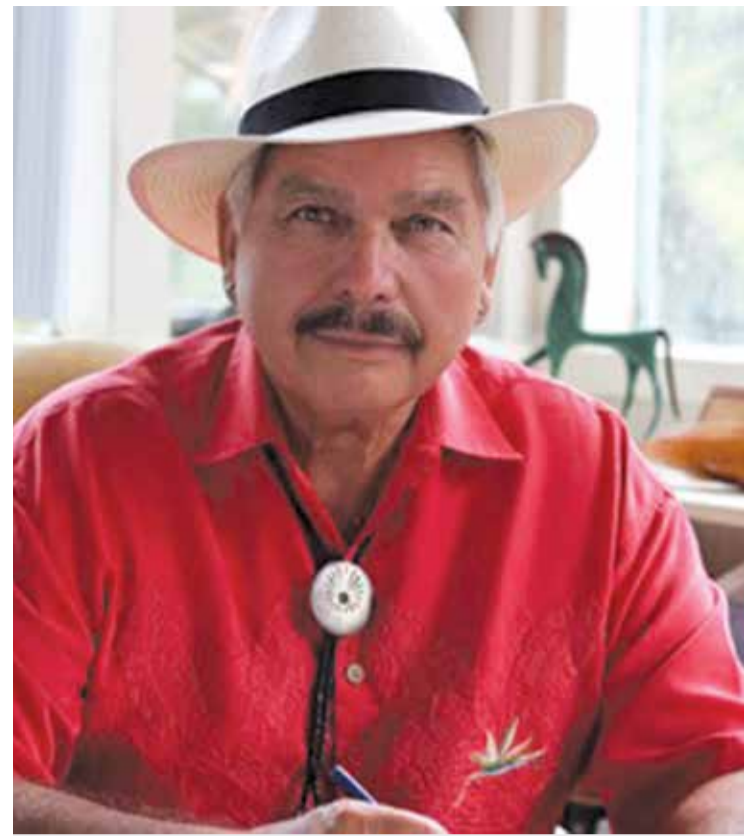
historia méxico-americana", dijo.

En preparación para el taller, la Sociedad Tonantzin a través de patrocinios pudo comprar 100 libros de Lluvia de Oro para los estudiantes de la Escuela Preparatoria Highland Park y la Preparatoria Topeka. Ellos leerán los libros en clase durante el Mes de la Herencia Hispana.

Villaseñor, en una entrevista con Hispanic News, compartió algunos de los consejos de redacción de los que hará hincapié en el taller.

Su primer consejo es, no se preocupe de que usted no sea un escritor. Comience la entrevista y la grabación de cada integrante de la familia a la vez. Haga preguntas acerca de donde crecieron, cómo conocieron a su cónyuge y qué era la vida para ellos, mientras iban a la escuela. ¿Sirvieron en el ejército? Es importante comenzar una conversación con el integrante de la familia.

Otro consejo para los futuros narradores de la familia es empezar con el presente. Entreviste a sus padres, tías y tíos, abuelos; no comience con el árbol genealógico de hace mucho tiempo.



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Para obtener más información sobre el taller y otros próximos eventos patrocinados por la Sociedad Tonantzin de Topeka, visite www.tonantzinsociety.com. La conferencia y los talleres son gratuitos y abiertos al público.

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