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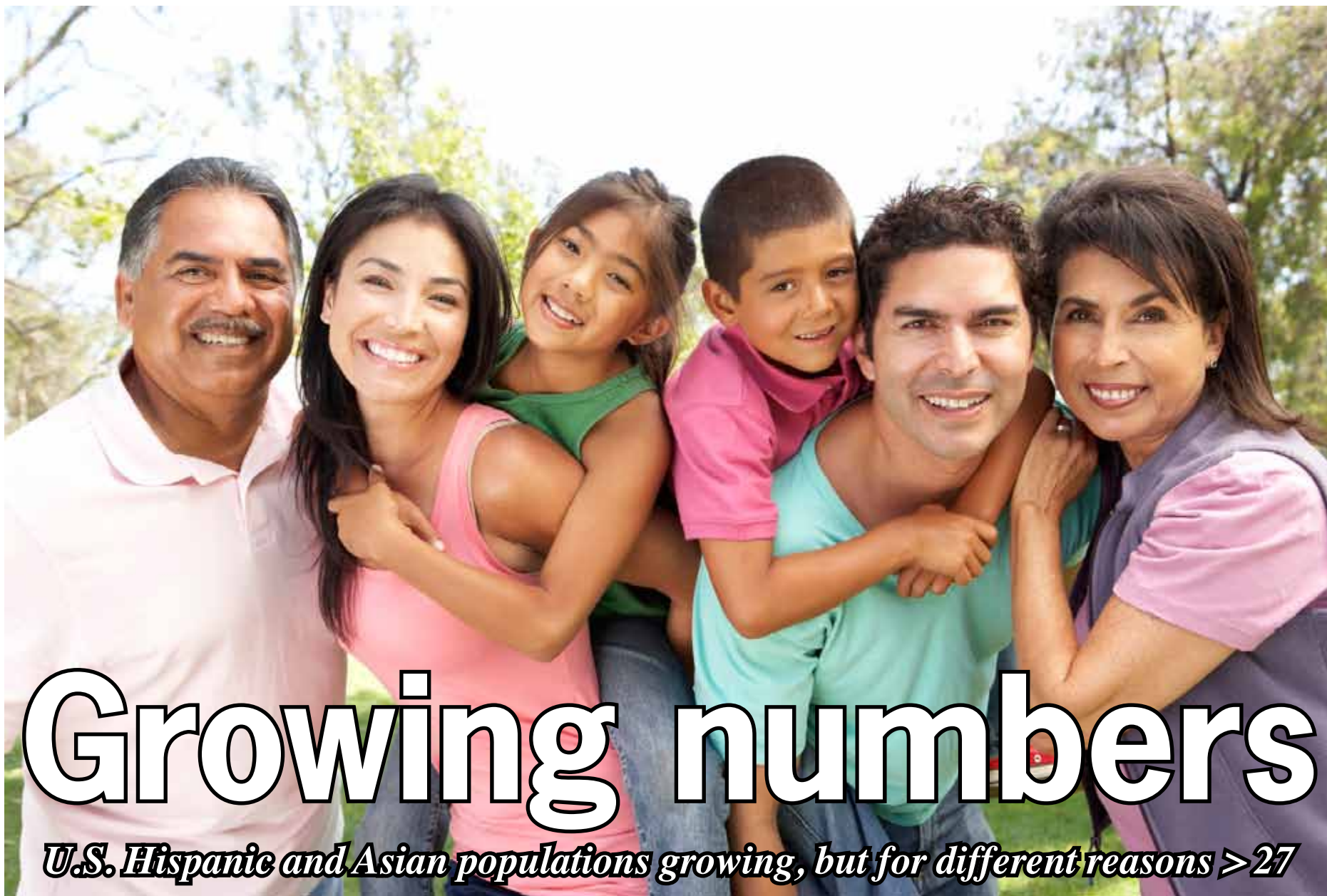
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DEMOGRAPHICS

U.S. Hispanic and Asian populations growing, but for different reasons

By Anna Brown,
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The distinction of being the fastest-growing racial/ethnic group in the United States has alternated between Asians and Hispanics in recent decades. Since 2010, though, Asians have had the edge. New Census Bureau data estimate that the U.S. Hispanic population topped 54 million as of July 1, 2013, an increase of 2.1% over 2012. Meanwhile, the Asian population grew to 19.4 million, with a growth rate of 2.9%.

U.S. births have been the primary driving force behind the increase in the Hispanic population since 2000 and that trend continued between 2012 and 2013. The Census Bureau estimates that natural increase (births minus deaths) accounted for 78% of the total change in the U.S. Hispanic population



from 2012 to 2013.

By comparison, growth in the Asian American population has been fueled primarily by immigration. Fully 74% of Asian adults in 2012 were foreign born according to Pew Research Center analysis of Census data, and international migration

accounted for about 61% of the total change in the Asian American population from 2012 to 2013. (Asian American figures represent the population who reported their race alone or in combination with one or more races, and includes

Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race.)

The different sources of population change are reflected in the demographic profiles of Asians and Hispanics. For example, the median age of Asians is 36.3, reflecting its larger share foreign born, compared with Hispanics at 28.1, reflecting the importance of U.S. births to populations growth.

Geographically, Asians and Hispanics are situated similarly across the country with majorities of each population concentrated in the west. For Hispanics, New Mexico still has the highest Hispanic population share at 47% while California has the largest overall Hispanic population (14.7 million). Texas, the second largest state by Hispanic population, saw the largest numeric increase in Hispanic population from 2012 to 2013, as it grew by 213,000 people. The Hispanic population increased the fastest in North Dakota—17% over 2012 to about 21,000 in 2013. (North Dakota boasted the highest population growth rates for every major racial and ethnic group except Native Americans and Alaskan Natives.)

California also has the largest Asian population (6.1 million) and Hawaii has the largest Asian population share (56%, the only state in which Asians are a majority). California was also home to the largest numeric increase between 2012 and 2013, with a net increase of 142,000 Asians. Just as with Hispanics, North Dakota saw the highest rate of Asian population increase between 2012 and 2013—up 8.4%.

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WORLD CUP

Brazil's World Cup dream shattered against Germany



Brazil players sink to their knees after the World Cup semifinal soccer match between Brazil and Germany at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil (AP)

With its defense collapsing early and nobody able to spark the attack, Brazil conceded four goals in a seven-minute span, trailed 5-0 at half time and was routed 7-1 by Germany in the World Cup semifinals on Tuesday.

"We got lost a little bit there," Brazil's stand-in captain David Luiz said. "Germany realized the game was there for the taking and scored the goals."

"It's very difficult to explain right now. The dream is over, in a way that the people didn't want."

Brazil's most heartbreaking World Cup defeat had been a 2-1 loss to Uruguay in the last match of the 1950 World Cup that it hosted. The loss to Germany ranks right up there with that painful defeat.

Fans were in shock, some leaving way before the final whistle.

The Brazilian crowd that had been supporting the national team throughout the tournament jeered loudly after the match, and again when the players raised their hands to applaud them. Luiz knelt on the ground and prayed, with his arms and index fingers pointed up. Oscar, who scored Brazil's lone goal, cried near midfield.

"The players knew from the very beginning that by playing at home our obligation was to reach the final and win the final," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said.

Home-field advantage wasn't enough for Brazil again, but not having its top two players available for the semifinal played a major part in the defeat at the Mineirao Stadium. Without suspended captain Thiago Silva and injured star striker Neymar, the Brazilian team appeared rudderless.

Although Silva's replacement, Dante, was not directly responsible for Germany's goals, the defense seemed lost from the beginning, giving up space and easy chances to the Germans, who had a 5-0 lead by the 29th minute.

Neymar was ruled out of the World Cup after fracturing a vertebra late in the 2-1 win against Colombia in the quarterfinals on Friday.

It was one of Brazil's heaviest losses in terms of goals conceded. It had lost 8-4 to Yugoslavia in a friendly in 1934. Tuesday's result equaled the margin of its previous worst defeat - the 6-0 loss to Uruguay in 1920.

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Ramon has been working with Washington Beef since October 18, 2007. He has been happily married for 8 years and has three children; two boys and one girl. He working on keeping active with his children and being part of their sport activities. Around this time they enjoys going out for walks to the park and spending as much time as possible as a family.

Jose G. Fernandez

Jose has been working with Washington Beef since June 16, 2010. He loves spending time with his Valentine's Baby Karina. He enjoys and works on spending as much time as possible with her. He is a fanatic of sports. From football, basketball, soccer, tennis, ect.



Jose G. Fernandez

Sports over all he enjoys watching and learning about. He also loves music; from rock, Spanish, any kind he enjoys listening too.

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Deciding how much money to put down is a major step in the home buying process and will likely be the largest up-front cost when it comes to purchasing a home. A smart down payment percentage changes based on a variety of things, including the type of loan, how long you plan to be in the house and your interest rate. Let's start with the basics.

What is a down payment?

A down payment is the amount of cash you pay for your new home at the time of purchase. For example, if your new home costs \$250,000 and you want to put 20% down, you would need \$50,000 in cash.

When should I put 20% down?

Putting 20% has been the long-standing standard of purchasing a home. 20% is a significant investment in your home and gives you a sizable amount of equity as a homeowner. This amount is often ideal for more financially established buyers or those with a larger cash or savings reserve.

Here are a few other pros to consider when debating how much to spend on your down payment:

- A smaller monthly mortgage payment
- Gives you more equity in case you need to move and sell
- No private mortgage insurance
- Less risk when selling

What about putting a smaller percentage down?

Putting 20% down on a home can be a chunk of change and is not ideal for everyone – especially for young couples or first-time home buyers. Fortunately

for those folks, many lenders offer loans that require a smaller down payment.

Here are some of the benefits to putting less than 20% down:

- More cash on reserve for emergencies
- Likely to become a homeowner faster, since you won't have to save as much cash
- Allows you to have a financial cushion for your lifestyle

Deciding how much to put down on a home is very case-by-case. You'll want to be sure to carefully evaluate your financial situation and consult with a mortgage professional before deciding what a good percentage is for you.

Things you need to apply for a home loan.

You've budgeted, you've shopped and you've likely spent a lot of time thinking about making that major purchase – a new home. So you decided you're ready to apply, but now what? You'll need to get apply for a home loan and be approved for a loan before you make an offer on that dream home. The application process usually means quite a bit of paperwork, so we've broken it down to make it a little easier. Listed below are the items most lenders will ask for when you apply for a home loan.

Paycheck stubs

Lenders will want to see verify source of income so you'll usually need to be able to provide at least one month of paycheck stubs, some lenders may require more.

W-2s

Like paycheck stubs, you'll probably be asked to provide the past one or two most recent W-2s. Can't find your W-2s? The IRS provides instructions on their website about how to track it down.

Copy of the purchase and sale agreement

This is needed for purchase transactions only.

Proof of other income

This may or may not apply to you. If you have rental agreements, copies of contracts receivables plus 12 months' payment record, and/or record of alimony or child support and child support payments received.

Outstanding loans

Be sure you include company name, address, account number, balance and monthly payment.

If self employed or commissioned sales

Last two years' tax returns, and for the business, a year-to-date income statement and balance sheet.

Rental or landlord information

Your lender will likely need you to

provide details about your current rental situation, if applicable. This could be as simple as providing a name and address or you may need to provide 12 months of canceled rent checks showing the rent was paid on time.

Employer's name and address

Be sure to give your employer or HR department a heads up, as many lenders do contact your employer to verify employment.

Past bank and brokerage statements

The number of past statements will vary depending on your lender and the type of loan you're applying for. For example, being self-employed or applying for a jumbo loan could mean you'll need to provide more statements.

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STATE

Washington state issues 24 marijuana shop licenses

SEATTLE, Washington (AP)

Washington state issued its first retail marijuana licenses Monday with a middle-of-the-night email alerting bleary-eyed pot-shop proprietors that they'll finally be able to open for business.

"We're pretty stoked," said John Evich, an investor in Bellingham's Top Shelf Cannabis, in a 2:30 a.m. Pacific time interview with The Associated Press. "We haven't had any sleep in a long time, but we're excited for the next step."

Randy Simmons, the state Liquor Control Board's project manager for legal marijuana, said Sunday night that the first two dozen stores were being notified so early to give them an extra few hours to get cannabis on their shelves before they are allowed to open their doors at 8 a.m. Tuesday. The store openings are expected to be accompanied by high prices, shortages and celebration.

The state licensed 14 stores in western Washington and 10 in eastern Washington.



In this photo taken July 1, 2014, a one-gram packet of a variety of recreational marijuana named "Space Needle" is shown during packaging operations at Sea of Green Farms in Seattle.

Spokane has three stores. Vancouver, Tacoma and Bellingham each have two. Seattle and the other cities on the list have one each.

The issuance of the retail licenses marked a major step that's been 20 months in the making. Washington and Colorado stunned much of the world by voting in November 2012 to legalize marijuana for

adults over 21, and to create state-licensed systems for growing, selling and taxing the pot.

Sales began in Colorado on Jan. 1.

It remained unclear how many of the pot-shops being licensed in Washington planned to open on Tuesday. Officials eventually expect to have more than 300 recreational pot shops across the state.

At Cannabis City, which will be the first and, for now, only recreational marijuana shop in Seattle, owner James Lathrop worked into the night Sunday placing no-parking signs in front of his building, hoisting a grand-opening banner and hanging artwork before he turned his

attention to his email — and the official notification that he was a licensed marijuana dealer.

"I've had a long day. It really hasn't sunk in yet," he said early Monday.

He planned to hold off on opening his store until noon on Tuesday.

With the emailed notifications in hand, the shops immediately worked to place their orders with some of the state's first licensed growers. As soon as the orders were received, via state-approved software for tracking the bar-coded pot, the growers could place the product in a required 24-hour "quarantine" before shipping it early Tuesday morning.

Pot prices were expected to reach \$25 a gram or higher on the first day of sales — twice what people pay in the state's unregulated medical marijuana dispensaries. That was largely due to the short supply of legally produced pot in the state. Although more than 2,600 people applied to become licensed growers, fewer than 100 have been approved — and only about a dozen were ready to harvest by early this month.

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LATIN AMERICA

Strong quake hits Mexico, Guatemala; 4 dead

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP)

A magnitude-6.9 earthquake on the Pacific Coast jolted a wide area of southern Mexico and Central America Monday, killing at least four people and damaging dozens of homes.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit at 6:23 a.m. (7:23 a.m. EDT; 11:23 GMT) on the Pacific Coast 1 mile (2 kilometers) north-northeast of Puerto Madero, near the Guatemala border. It initially calculated the magnitude at 7.1 but later lowered the figure to 6.9.

Firefighters spokesman Raul Hernandez said at least two people died in their homes from collapsed walls in the Guatemalan town of Pati, in the border province of San Marcos. Another woman in Quetzaltenango died from a heart attack.

Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina spoke on radio Emisores Unidos of a fifth case, a newborn hit by a collapsing wall in a San Marcos hospital.

The civil defense office in the Mexican state of Chiapas reported on its Twitter account that one man had been killed in Huixtla by a collapsed wall.

Hernandez reported damage in at least 30 homes in Guatemala, as well as landslides and toppled utility poles.

There were reports of power outages and rock slides on some roadways in Guatemala. Photos posted on social media sites and published by the Guatemalan newspaper Prensa Libre showed buildings with huge cracks across their



Municipal firefighters stand outside a damaged building in the San Marcos region, in the northwest of Guatemala, in this July 7, 2014.

facades in San Marcos, and one which apparently suffered a partial collapse.

Classes were suspended in at least three western states bordering Mexico.

In Chiapas, where the quake was centered, panicked people poured into the streets and the Red Cross said it was treating some frightened adults and children.

"I thought the house was going to collapse," said Claudia Gonzales, 32, who ran to the street in the town of Comitán with her 1-year-old daughter.

The quake was felt across a broad swath of southern Mexico and as far away as Mexico City, but officials had no immediate reports of damage.

The quake was centered 37 miles (60 kilometers) below the surface.

In the city of Tapachula, near the epicenter, city employee Omar Santos said "buildings were moving, windows broke in some houses and businesses, and people ran through the streets in the dark."



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OUR FAITH

A Caveman's Worldview: Part 2, The Contrast

By Dr. Joseph Castleberry

As a result, both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their own father. When the older daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Moab. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Moabites. When the younger daughter gave birth to a son, she named him Ben-ammi. He became the ancestor of the nation now known as the Ammonites.— Genesis 19:36-38 (NLT)

Lot's daughters permanently dishonored the name of their family with their desperate childbearing, but the root of their legacy was the caved-in worldview they adopted in Sodom. Abraham, with all of his faults, presents a dramatic contrast in his concept of the world.

- While the daughters of Lot saw God as a vengeful judge, Abraham understood God as a source of blessing, believing God's promise of a new life and an abundant future.

- Although the world of Lot's daughters was reduced to a cave from which they imagined no eventual escape, Abraham obeyed the voice of God that called him to leave his father and mother to occupy the land God would show him. By faith he could see from far away a new home in a distant land.

- The daughters of Lot did not believe in the possibility that God would provide an opportunity for them to meet people outside their immediate family circle. In contrast, Abraham obeyed God's command to offer Isaac, his only legitimate son, as a sacrifice to God, believing that God could raise him from the dead or provide other sons (Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:18-19). In fact, God did provide another son, His Own Son Jesus, but Abraham's son would not have to die. By faith Abraham children as numerous as the sands of the sea, and by God's grace his children became a real and powerful race.

- Seeing themselves in desperate terms and completely lacking in self-esteem, Lot's self-absorbed daughters respected



no one's needs but their own. Abraham had faith to call himself "Exalted Father" when he had no children and "Father of Many" on the basis of nothing more than God's promise. His high self-esteem helped him to achieve God's promise to provide all of his needs, and he became a blessing to all the families of the earth.

- In spite of their youth, the daughters of Lot held no hope for a better future. Abraham, on the other hand, lived in old age as though he were young, always believing that his future was better than his past.

Today's immigrants have two examples to guide them in the spiritual formation of their children. May they teach them a Biblical worldview, full of faith, hope, and abundance in God.

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IMMIGRATION

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WASHINGTON (AP)

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Activists hopeful about delayed deportation

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP)

Activists are pointing to the delayed deportation of a mother and her children as the kind of compassion they hope President Barack Obama will pursue in the wake of his announcement that he'll act on his own to address immigration problems.

Garland resident Ana Cañenquez and four of her seven children were originally ordered to leave the United States and return to El Salvador by March 21. That date was pushed back, and now there's no specific deadline for them to leave.

The extra time allows her to save money to afford a home back in El Salvador, both she and immigration officials say.

Advocates hope that kind of discretion is something Obama will expand.

"Many in the community hope that the president will use more prosecutorial discretion," Proyecto Latino de Utah director Tony Yapias said. "It makes more sense for ICE (the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency) to focus on the serious criminals rather than to separate families or target people who keep out of trouble here. That is a wiser use of resources."

Cañenquez said her family would face a life of extreme poverty in her native El Salvador, and she fears gangs in that country could mean death for her four sons should they be sent there.

Before she first entered the U.S. illegally in 2003, Cañenquez lived in a two-room shack in El Salvador with her children and an alcoholic spouse. She earned \$6 a day by selling treats in a marketplace, struggling to afford food for her family.

After one son died of malnutrition, she came to the U.S. hoping to earn enough



In this April 16, 2014 photo, Ana Cañenquez, left, and her sons Geovanny Ramirez, right, 17, and Mario Ramirez 15, talk about the possibility of being deported at her home in Garland, Utah.

for her family.

She spent some time in the U.S. Then, four years ago, Cañenquez and four of her children from El Salvador were caught by Border Patrol agents as they tried to enter the country.

Her partner in Utah, a Mexican national with whom she has two children, won't have permission to go back to El Salvador with her, and she doesn't have permission to go to Mexico. If she returns, he will stay in the U.S. with their two children.

"They told me they are giving us time to save money to afford a home in El Salvador," she told The Salt Lake Tribune (<http://bit.ly/1mO0QHO>) in Spanish. "We would have nothing there if we return now."

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Andrew Muñoz said the family's case has been reviewed by multiple immigration courts and there's no legal basis for her to remain in

the country.

She's now in violation of an order to leave by March 21, but there's no firm date by which she must leave or be forcibly removed.

The federal agency is using its discretion to delay the removal "to permit a rea-

sonable amount of time for Ms. Cañenquez to save money in order to secure housing for her and her family in El Salvador," Muñoz said.

That discretion is something Yapias said many immigrants hope Obama will expand.

"We hope they will look at the threat posed by people on a case-by-case basis and target criminals who have done truly bad things — but not those who maybe didn't pay a traffic ticket, or whose families would be separated," he said.

Obama has not outlined specific plans he has in mind since announcing Monday that he would act on his own to address immigration because the U.S. House of Representatives wouldn't take up an immigration overhaul this year.

Possible actions could include trying to focus deportations on those with serious criminal records, something the administration has seen mixed results with in the past.

Two Cabinet secretaries are expected to present recommendations to Obama by the end of summer.



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SPORTS

Sounders lose to Whitecaps



Seattle Sounders' Marco Pappa, right, moves the ball as Vancouver Whitecaps' Steven Beitashour defends during the first half of an MLS soccer game in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Saturday, July 5, 2014.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)

Sebastian Fernandez scored on a long shot in the 12th minute in the Vancouver Whitecaps' 1-0 victory over the Seattle Sounders on Saturday night.

Fernandez took a pass from Pedro Morales and launched a shot about 30 yards out that sailed past goalkeeper Stefan Frei. It was Vancouver's first goal since June 7, ending a two-game scoring drought.

Major League Soccer-leading Seattle dropped to a record of 11-3-3 with the loss that snapped its winning streak at three games. Vancouver improved to 6-3-7.

The Whitecaps pressed for most of the first half and created several good scoring chances.

In the 19th minute, Morales lofted a free kick from a sharp angle that landed in the box. The ball sat tantalizing for a few seconds, but was cleared before a

Whitecap could touch it.

One of the prettiest plays came in the 33rd minute when defender Steven Beitashour sent a perfect cross to a charging Erik Hurtado, but the forward sent the shot high and wide.

In extra time of the first half, Morales struck a curling shot that Frei stopped.

Seattle's best scoring chance in the first half came in the 19th minute when a header floated over top of the Whitecaps' net.

The Sounders began to press in the second half. Midfielder Lamar Neagle came close in the 52nd minute, firing a shot that drifted just wide of the Vancouver net.

Seattle's Tristan Bowen, a second-half substitution, fired a shot in the 60th minute that took a dangerous bounce before being gobbled up by goalkeeper David Ousted.

Seattle midfielders Osvaldo Alonso and Gonzalo Pineda sat out because an accumulation of yellow cards.

From my balcony

It's not enough knowing another language

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How many times have we been in another country and found ourselves in an embarrassing situation because we didn't speak the local language? Sometimes, things can be quickly resolved by acting out certain things, making hand gestures, etc., and those situations can eventually become quite humorous. However, there are serious situations where one's health, freedom or security are at risk, and that's where interpreters can come into play. Interpreters: those trained professionals capable of becoming middlemen in establishing proper communication. Of course, as humans, these people are fallible, and hence the importance of taking into account crucial aspects and knowledge of their native language, be neutral, communicate with fidelity and confidentiality. To have the destiny of another person in your hands, requires that an interpreter educate and prepare themselves to the highest level to ensure that they translate every detail, because there are always situations where cultural differences or the way certain words are said can make a big difference in the outcome of things.



► Lorena Barboza

Interpreting, like any other activity, has a series of consequences and legal responsibilities, because as an interpreter, there are things that must be translated, such as sentences, declarations, or others, that can lead to or avoid prison time, or lead to the curing of somebody's illness. Being an interpreter isn't a hobby; it is a profession that requires a high level of ethics, study of vocabulary, cultural aspects, and the different ways that things are said and how your message can be taken at an emotional level.

If you know more than one language and have ever thought of becoming an interpreter, then please properly prepare yourself. I invite you to visit my blog at <http://hablandonosentendemos.podbean.com>, and see an interview with a professional interpreter specializing in the medical field. She talks about all of the pros and cons about this important profession.

Have a happy week, and God Bless!

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Dave Says

Who do you want to hang out with?

Dear Dave,

I have job offers from two tech companies. One is in San Antonio and pays \$55,000 a year, while the other is in Silicon Valley making \$100,000 a year. My friends are advising me to move to California, but I feel like I'd have more money in my budget if I moved to San Antonio. What do you think?



Dave Ramsey

Aaron

Dear Aaron,

The good news about Silicon Valley is you'd be around a ton of really smart people in your industry. I mean, it's the epicenter of the tech world, right? You'll learn a ton and have lots of opportunities, so there's definitely an upside.

The problem is that the Silicon Valley area is one of the most expensive places to live in the entire country. The real estate prices and cost of living are ridiculous! Still, if it weren't for the cost of living argument, it would be a no-brainer for me. Then, it wouldn't really be so much about the income and prices as it would be about the career opportunity.

Still, you have to consider the economic factors involved here. With that in mind, it's not an exaggeration to say you might actually put more money in your pocket at \$55,000 in San Antonio than you would \$100,000 in Silicon Valley. That's entirely possible!

I think things are going to come out pretty even — economically speaking — once you adjust for the cost of living. I'm a huge fan of Texas. It's a great business market and tax situation down there. But really, in my mind the question comes down to your personal comfort level and quality of life. And that's something you'll have to answer for yourself!

—Dave

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Washington state issues 24 marijuana shop licenses

SEATTLE, Washington (AP)

Washington state issued its first retail marijuana licenses Monday with a middle-of-the-night email alerting bleary-eyed pot-shop proprietors that they'll finally be able to open for business.

"We're pretty stoked," said John Evich, an investor in Bellingham's Top Shelf Cannabis, in a 2:30 a.m. Pacific time interview with The Associated Press. "We haven't had any sleep in a long time, but we're excited for the next step."

Randy Simmons, the state Liquor Control Board's project manager for legal marijuana, said Sunday night that the first two dozen stores were being notified so early to give them an extra few hours to get cannabis on their shelves before they are allowed to open their doors at 8 a.m. Tuesday. The store openings are expected to be accompanied by high prices, shortages and celebration.

The state licensed 14 stores in western Washington and 10 in eastern Washington.



In this photo taken July 1, 2014, a one-gram packet of a variety of recreational marijuana named "Space Needle" is shown during packaging operations at Sea of Green Farms in Seattle.

Spokane has three stores. Vancouver, Tacoma and Bellingham each have two. Seattle and the other cities on the list have one each.

The issuance of the retail licenses marked a major step that's been 20 months in the making. Washington and Colorado stunned much of the world by voting in November 2012 to legalize marijuana for

adults over 21, and to create state-licensed systems for growing, selling and taxing the pot.

Sales began in Colorado on Jan. 1.

It remained unclear how many of the pot-shops being licensed in Washington planned to open on Tuesday. Officials eventually expect to have more than 300 recreational pot shops across the state.

At Cannabis City, which will be the first and, for now, only recreational marijuana shop in Seattle, owner James Lathrop worked into the night Sunday placing no-parking signs in front of his building, hoisting a grand-opening banner and hanging artwork before he turned his

attention to his email — and the official notification that he was a licensed marijuana dealer.

"I've had a long day. It really hasn't sunk in yet," he said early Monday.

He planned to hold off on opening his store until noon on Tuesday.

With the emailed notifications in hand, the shops immediately worked to place their orders with some of the state's first licensed growers. As soon as the orders were received, via state-approved software for tracking the bar-coded pot, the growers could place the product in a required 24-hour "quarantine" before shipping it early Tuesday morning.

Pot prices were expected to reach \$25 a gram or higher on the first day of sales — twice what people pay in the state's unregulated medical marijuana dispensaries. That was largely due to the short supply of legally produced pot in the state. Although more than 2,600 people applied to become licensed growers, fewer than 100 have been approved — and only about a dozen were ready to harvest by early this month.

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