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EDUCATION 5 facts about Latinos and education

By Jens Manuel Krogstad. Pew Research Center

ducational attain-✓ ment among U.S. Latinos has been changing rapidly in recent years, reflecting the group's growth in the nation's public K-12 schools and colleges. Over the past decade, the Hispanic high school dropout rate has declined and college enrollment has increased, even as Hispanics trail other groups in earning a bachelor's degree.

Hispanics cited education as a top issue in 2014, ranking

alongside the economy and above health care and immigration in importance, a Pew Research Center survey found.

Economic factors remain an obstacle for enrollment, however. In a 2014 National Journal poll, 66% of Hispanics who got a job or entered the military directly after high school cited the need



to help support their family as a reason for not enrolling in college, compared with 39% of whites.

Here are five facts about Latinos and education:

1. Over the past decade, the Hispanic high school dropout rate has dropped dramatically. The rate has reached a record low, dropping from 32% in 2000 to 14%



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2. Hispanics are making big inroads in **21 HEALTH:** The Power of college enrollment. The number of Hispanics ages 18 to 24 enrolled in a two- or four-year college has more than tripled since 1993. In 2013, 2.2 million Hispanics were enrolled in college, up from 728,000 in 1993 - a 201% increase. Today, Hispanics are the largest minority group on U.S. college campuses.

3. Even though more Hispanics are getting a postsecondary education than ever before, Hispanics still lag other groups in obtaining a four-year degree. In 2013, among Hispanics ages 25 to 29, just 15% of Hispanics have a bachelor's degree or higher. By comparison, among the same age group, about 40% of whites have a bachelor's degree or higher (as do 20% of blacks and 60% of Asians). This gap is due in part to the fact that Hispanics are less likely than some other groups to enroll in a four-year college, attend an academically selective college and enroll full-time.

4. Another reason Hispanics lag in bachelor's degrees is that nearly half who go to college attend a public two-year school, the highest share of any race or ethnicity.

5. Hispanics are significantly less likely than other groups to have student debt. About 22% of young Hispanic households (those headed by someone younger than 40) have education loans. The share is nearly twice as high among young white households (42%) and young black households (40%).

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In this March 2, 2015 file photo, Rachel Dolezal, president of the Spokane chapter of the NAACP, poses for a photo in her Spokane, Wash. home.

SPOKANE, Washington (AP)

Rachel Dolezal, a civil rights advocate who became embroiled in national controversy over her racial identity, announced her resignation on Monday as leader of a local branch of the NAACP in Washington state, she said in a statement.

Dolezal, 37, who served as president of the Spokane chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, said the controversy over her race had shifted dialogue away from key social and political issues.

"It is with complete allegiance to the cause of racial and social justice and the NAACP that I step aside from the presidency and pass the baton to my vice president, Naima Quarles-Burnley," Dolezal said in a statement on the NAACP Spokane chapter's Facebook page.

Dolezal came under intense scrutiny last week after questions emerged about her racial background and a Caucasian couple who identified themselves as her biological parents said she had misrepresented her ethnic background.

Dolezal, who also holds a post in Spokane's city government, identified herself as white, African-American and Native American on her application, City Council President Ben Stuckart said last week.

He said the city had opened investi-

gation of the veracity of her application. Stuckart said Dolezal had filed police complaints of racial discrimination, most recently that she received hate mail.

In announcing her resignation from the NAACP, Dolezal said she had remained quiet through the controversy out of respect for the work of the civil rights group.

"The dialogue has unexpectedly shifted internationally to my personal identity in the context of defining race and ethnicity," she said. "I have waited in deference while others expressed their feelings, beliefs, confusions and even conclusions - absent the full story."

A Montana couple who identified themselves to media as Dolezal's parents has said the family was of European and Native American descent. They told CNN and Spokane media they had lost touch with their daughter but that she had showed an interest in diversity and black culture, especially after the couple adopted black children.

Responding to the growing controversy last week, the NAACP issued a statement saying racial identity was not a qualifying criteria for leadership. It also said it stood behind Dolezal's advocacy record.

Dolezal holds a master's degree from Howard University, a historically black university, and is a professor in the Africana Studies Program at Eastern Washington University, according to the university website.

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Your family's savings could vary greatly in this category as well. According to CNN, the average household spent \$368 a month on gas in 2011. If you're a two-car household, consider carpooling to work, biking or using public transportation.

Save your pocket change: \$60

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—— LATIN AMERICA ——— Wife of ex-Mexican president announces run for presidency



Mexico's former first lady Margarita Zavala.

MEXICO (AP)

The wife of former Mexican President Felipe Calderon, Margarita Zavala, said on Sunday she would seek to emulate her husband by running for the presidency in 2018, and left open the prospect of staging an independent bid.

A former congresswoman for the center-right National Action Party (PAN), Zavala made a broad appeal across the political spectrum in a spartan twominute video, saying she would work to improve the economy and the rule of law in Mexico.

Public anger over impunity, political corruption and sluggish economic growth have created widespread discontent with the government of Calderon's successor, President Enrique Pena Nieto of the centrist Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

The 47-year-old Zavala was a popular first lady during her husband's 2006-2012 PAN administration, which became increasingly bogged down in a bloody struggle against violent drug gangs, culminating in the party's fall from power.

Zavala's bid also appeared to be a challenge to the PAN, whose leadership was criticized by her supporters when she sought and was denied a spot on the list of safe seats on offer in lower house legislative elections held last weekend.

Though Pena Nieto's approval ratings have hit multi-year lows, the PAN has been riven by infighting and finished a distant second in the vote to the PRI.

Formal campaigning will only begin a few months before the presidential elections scheduled for mid-2018 and no clear PAN front-runner has yet emerged.

Zavala, wearing black and standing against a white screen, did not say whether she would be seeking the PAN nomination, instead hinting at the option of an independent candidacy.

"I will put together, hand in hand with the people, a national campaign that of course includes PAN supporters, but also those who have voted for other political alternatives and those who have stopped believing in parties," she said.

Federico Berrueto, director general of polling firm GCE, said Zavala's best hope of winning was with the PAN because she seemed too closely associated with Calderon to be truly independent.

"The mood in Mexico at the moment favors candidates or parties who are basically against everything," he said.

OUR FAITH — Pray for our community

By Pastor Ovidio De La Fuente

Bessing our city with the message of love, peace and hope is a great experience. Saturday, June 6th, a group of children, youth and adults took to the streets to pray and get in touch with the citizens of Pasco, showing that God has the power to change the course of their lives.

Blessing our authorities, it is a necessity that reigns in the children of God. United, a public prayer was raised to Jesus Christ, to keep all levels of authority with peace and wisdom. Early on, families arrived in the main streets praying for each person, and for the families of the Tri-Cities. We want peace; we want God to heal all hearts that are broken, and to restore the ties between parents and children. We know that only God can close a wound, and that peace comes when we receive the miracle of divine forgiveness. Only God is just and his justice is perfect.

That's why Templo Betania of the Assemblies of God from Pasco, along with the OneWorld movement, came together to mobilize in our city bringing the message of love, of moral values that strengthen the family and therefore our society. Biblical values and principles are prevailing and immutable; bless these families and the different levels of authority. The sacred book, the Bible, still has the power to touch and change every life.

Let us pray that God blesses America, that He blesses our great state of Washington, and that our communities of the Tri-Cities be covered by His glory.



SEATTLE, Washington (AP)

amar Neagle, O b a f e m i Martins, and Leo Gonzalez scored in the second half, and the Seattle Sounders beat FC Dallas 3-0 on Saturday night to move back atop the MLS standings.

Late in the 55th minute, Neagle took a pass from Brad Evans, went to the left side of the penalty area and drilled a 20-yard shot into the far right corner past goalkeeper Dan

Kennedy for his third goal of the year.

Martins, who entered in the 61st minute and wore a facemask to protect his surgically repaired broken nose, made it 2-0 midway through the 73rd minute. Gonzalez scored in second-half stoppage time for his first of the season.



Seattle Sounders' Zach Scott, left, competes for the ball with FC Dallas' Fabian Castillo during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Saturday, June 13. 2015, in Seattle, Washington,

The Sounders (9-4-2, 29 points) moved one point in front of D.C. United atop the table, after D.C. lost to Orlando City on Sunday.

Seattle goalkeeper Stefan Frei earned his league-leading eighth shutout.

Dallas (6-5-4, 22 points) is winless in its last five games (0-3-2).

- LATIN AMERICA —

Non-violence art features guns with knotted barrels

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)

Replicas of a sculpture of a knotted pistol that was designed in honor of the late musician John Lennon are being displayed this month in Monterrey, a northern industrial city that knows about gun violence.

The 13 pieces in a variety of colors and designs were made by individuals and organizations. They include a soccer ball motif by the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football, as well as a 1960s-style pop art design by Lennon's fellow Beatle Paul McCartney.

"The presentation is very eloquent,

the gun barrel obstructed to promote nonviolence ... it's a good idea," said visitor Lorenzo Zamarron.

The original sculpture, called "Non-Violence," was created by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reutersward as a tribute to Lennon, who preached non-violence but was shot to death outside his New York home in 1980.



A knotted gun sculpture painted by Mexican artist Paola Delfin is displayed at a park in the city of Monterrey, Mexico, Thursday April 2, 2015.

It was part of the Strawberry Fields memorial in New York's Central Park and later given to the United Nations, according to the website for the Non-Violence Project.

Monterrey and other parts of the state of Nuevo Leon fell victim to drug violence from warring cartels during former President Felipe Calderon's stepped-up assault on organized crime.



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The Power of Prevention & Early Detection – The Story of Mr. Al Cordova

By Tom Galioto, TCCC Volunteer Foreword by Chuck DeGooyer, CEO, Tri-Cities Cancer Center

The Tri-Cities Cancer Center has proudly partnered with Tri-Cities Community Health and the American Cancer Society to decrease the incidence of colorectal cancer in our community. As you will learn by reading the story of my colleague and fellow health care professional, Al Cordova, the threat of colorectal cancer is very real. However, it is also very preventable. Our three organizations invite you to connect with us to learn about the no-cost screening options we each offer. Be healthy Tri-Cities. Get screened. ~ Chuck DeGooyer

On the surface Mr. Al Cordova, CEO of Tri-Cities Community Health, is a lowkey, soft-spoken gentleman. However, hidden within are the scars of many personal and professional battles fought and won over the years. One of the most impactful was his battle to prevent colorectal cancer.

During his career, Al had great professional success with some of the leading health care organizations in the U.S. Several years ago he decided to retire, but the relaxing, slower paced life was shortlived. In 2011, he came out of retirement and accepted the position of CEO at Tri-Cities Community Health.

While Al's professional accomplishments are impressive, one of his primary achievements is less obvious. He fought a very personal and aggressive battle to prevent colon cancer. Approximately 10 years ago, he scheduled himself for a routine colonoscopy exam. The results proved to be anything but routine, with over 100 polyps identified which were considered to be pre-cancerous growths. His doctor had never seen anywhere near this number of polyps from an exam, and recommended that Al undergo imme-



Al Cordova, CEO of Tri-Cities Community Health

diate surgery to remove his colon. The next several weeks were a blur of activity, ultimately leading to a complete colon removal. That was followed by an extensive healing and rehabilitation period, and becoming accustomed to life that was somewhat different than it had been. Despite this life-changing event, Al con-

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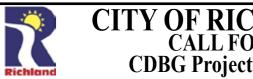
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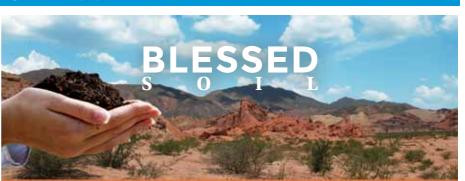
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Dave Says

— IMMIGRATION — Deportation of immigrants continue to decline under Obama

WASHINGTON (AP)

The Obama administration is on pace to deport the fewest number of immigrants in nearly a decade, according to internal government data obtained by The Associated Press.

As of April 20, federal immigration officials sent home 127,378 people in the United States illegally. That puts immigrant removals on track to be among the lowest since the middle of President George W. Bush's second term.

The internal statistics reveal a continuing decline in deportations even as the Obama administration fights a legal challenge to a plan it announced late last year to shield millions of immigrants from deportations.

"With the resources we have ... I'm interested in focusing on criminals and recent illegal arrivals at the border," Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson told members of the Senate Judiciary Committee during an oversight hearing Tuesday.

The new figures, contained in weekly internal reports not publicly reported, showed that the government sent home an average of about 19,730 removals a month for the first six months of the government's fiscal year that began in October.

If that trend continues, the government will remove about 236,000 by September — the lowest figure since 2006, when 207,776 were sent home.

Removals have been declining for nearly three years after Immigration and Customs Enforcement recorded a record 409,849 removals in 2012. That federal agency, known as ICE, is responsible for finding and removing immigrants living in the country illegally.

President Barack Obama announced a plan in November that would protect millions of immigrants living in the country illegally, but that effort is on hold after a federal judge in Texas blocked its implementation.

Meanwhile, the Homeland Security Department has continued to slow

In this April 28, 2015, photo, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Judiciary Committee on oversight of the department.

removals, and a program launched in 2012 to protect young immigrants from deportation remains in place.

Johnson has directed immigration authorities anew to focus on finding and deporting immigrants who pose a national security or public safety threat, those who have serious criminal records and those who have recently crossed the Mexican border. Roughly 11 million immigrants are thought to be living in the country illegally.

Johnson confirmed Tuesday that removals have decreased but did not provide the committee with specific numbers. He said a variety of factors, including a corresponding drop in arrests of immigrants caught crossing the border, have led to the drop.

Last week, Johnson said the Border Patrol had arrested about 151,800 people trying to cross the Mexican border illegally, the fewest number of people caught at the border during the same period over the last four years.

"There's lower intake, lower apprehensions," Johnson said Tuesday. "There are fewer people attempting to cross the southern border, and there are fewer people apprehended."

Since Obama first took office in 2009, the number of immigrants arrested and deported from the interior of the country has steadily declined. That year, nearly two thirds of the 389,834 immigrants removed were found in the interior of the country. By 2014, roughly a third of the 315,943 people removed were living in the country, according to internal ICE figures.

From my balcony

Dr. Lorena Barboza lorena.barboza@gmail.com

It's been almost five years of living in this state and working at Columbia Basin College (CBC.) I feel joy and satisfaction to witness its growth and its constant readiness to meet the community's needs of looking for better job opportunities and academic adaptation.

I recently had the opportunity to take part in a meeting with colleagues and officials; I was finally able to attend because it did not conflict with any of my

classes! Spending the afternoon

in the open and in good company, it was just what I expected thanks to a great initiative of our community college. We participated in outdoor games; we were delighted with a tasty lunch and chatted pleasantly, in the midst of our diversity.

Every day I feel more satisfied in this institution and I see renewed growth. We are like a big family where we all do our part because we believe in what we do. I see CBC meeting the needs of our community, and offering a place to prepare our students to meet the current socioeconomic challenges is the road map for this institution. That to me, as one of its components, fills me with pride.

That rewarding meeting provided an opportunity to start celebrating the progress and achievements of CBC. This Friday, we will gather again but this time to celebrate and applaud the players of the year: our graduates culminating in joy their efforts, and climbing one stepping stone towards success.

Have a happy week, and God Bless!

Dr. Barboza invites you to visit her blog: hablandonosentedemos.podbeam.com

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If they call you at work again, simply remind them of the terms of the payment agreement already in place and demand that they never call you at your office again. Also, send them a certified letter, return receipt requested, so that you'll have proof you sent the letter and they received it. In the letter, let them know that according to guidelines set forth in the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are formally demanding that they not call you at your office again.

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