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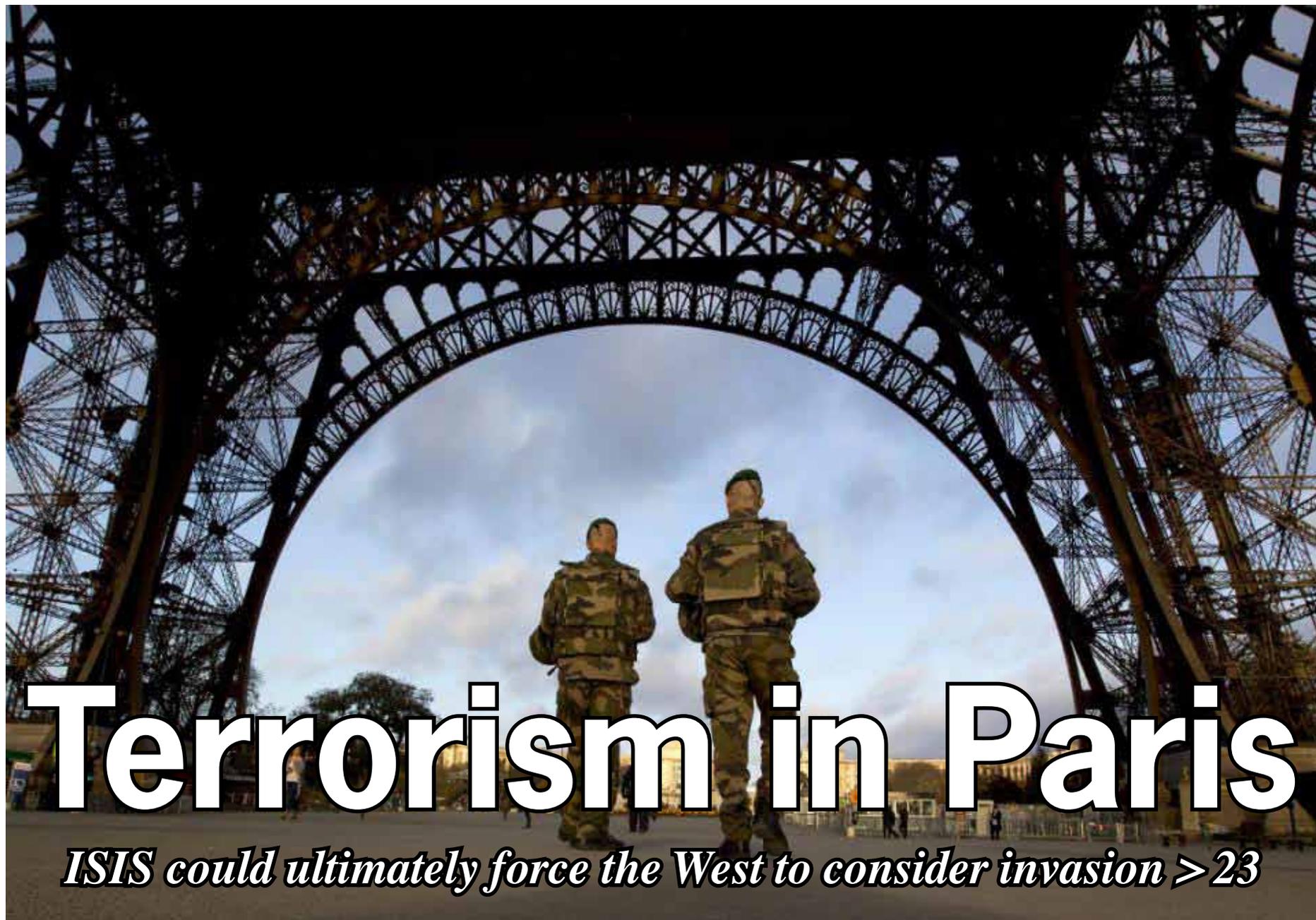
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INTERNATIONAL

ISIS could ultimately force West to consider invasion

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)

This is the fundamental contradiction, after Paris: Few in the West want to send ground troops to Syria and Iraq to battle the Islamic State group, but it may be even harder to find anyone who thinks airstrikes alone will defeat the radical extremists.

So far, policy makers and experts tend to focus on incremental steps, and indeed the initial French response was more airstrikes. President Barack Obama on Monday insisted that the current strategy “is ultimately going to work,” and rejected any suggestion that American soldiers should be deployed.

Friday’s attack in Paris left at least 129 people dead and over 350 wounded. Among the dead was Nohemi Gonzalez, a 23-year-old student at California State University-Long Beach. Gonzalez was originally from El Monte, California, and was taking part in a semester abroad at State College of Design in Paris.

But if IS carries through with its threats



In this Sunday, November 15, 2015, file photo, French soldiers patrol at the Eiffel Tower which remained closed on the first of three days of national mourning in Paris.

of further attacks on the West, such an approach may soon be unsustainable, as public pressure would demand action more effective than the combination of airstrikes and ground advances by a mix of local allies.

An international ground operation could become conceivable, and would not necessarily rely on Americans — a constellation of nations, including Egypt, Iran, the Gulf, Europe and Russia, has

become increasingly enraged at the jihadis.

That prospect doesn’t faze the extremists. In official statements and online chatter, they even taunt the West to launch another doomed crusade in the Middle East.

The narrative of a “holy war” against the infidels is strong in radical Islamic circles. While losing their territorial “caliphate” in Syria and Iraq would be a setback in the short term, a costly and bloody outside intervention also fuels the group’s apocalyptic appeal and could serve to convert yet more Muslims to their cause.

And though the speedy liberation of the town of Sinjar in recent days suggests IS forces are far from invincible, a ground war against them would not be easy.

An invasion of Syria’s Raqqa and Iraq’s Mosul — IS’s main urban strongholds in Syria and Iraq, respectively — risks incurring huge losses both among ground troops and civilians in block-by-block, door-to-door, close-quarters combat like that seen in grueling earlier U.S. battles for Ramadi and Fallujah.

It is not unthinkable that truly crushing IS would take longer than the nearly nine-year effort to pacify Iraq after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

So would an invasion amount to repeating history? There are some differences.

When the United States pulled together a coalition against Iraq in 2003, world support was wobbly. Now, there is genuine global revulsion at the actions of Islamic State, a greater likelihood than before for a genuinely international coalition with full regional support.

Even before the recent global terrorism, there were mass killings of opposing Sunni tribal fighters, the enslaving and massacring of minorities like the Yazidis in Iraq, summary killings of gay men and captured enemies and random hostages, videotaped beheadings of Western aid workers and journalists, and the cruel subjugation of all who fall into their grasp. That revulsion is unreservedly shared by Russia, which does not often find itself in agreement with the West of late, and essentially all of the governments in the region — including, in a rarity, that of non-Arab Iran.

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STATE

Seattle's famed 'gum wall' gets a fresh start

SEATTLE, Washington (AP)

Crews have begun cleaning up Seattle's famed "gum wall" near Pike Place Market, where tourists and locals have been sticking their used chewing gum for the past 20 years. Here's a snapshot of the attraction:

WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND IT?

People first began sticking gum to the wall while waiting for shows at a nearby theater. Since then, the colorful "gum wall" has expanded to other brick walls in the alley, pipes and even the theater's box office window.

HOW MUCH GUM ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

It's estimated that there are about 1 million wads of gum that need to be removed.

Pike Place Market spokeswoman Emily Crawford says based on her rough calculations, that equals about 2,200 pounds of gum.

"We'll find out at the end of the week how right my guesstimate really is," she said. The cleaning began Tuesday and is expected to take three days.

WHAT ELSE DO PEOPLE LEAVE?

Some of the gum pieces plastered to the walls have been molded into messages, hearts and other shapes. People also use the gooey gobs to paste up pictures, business cards and other mementos.

WILL GUM RETURN TO THE WALL?

Following a busy summer season, market leaders decided now was as good a time as any to wipe the wall clean and start fresh, Crawford said. Market officials hope to contain where people put their gum in the future but say they aren't holding their breath.



Visitors check out Seattle's "gum wall" at Pike Place Market, Monday, November 9, 2015.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

Auto Refinance – When is it a good idea?

You may have noticed auto interest rates are low and are wondering if there's anything you can do to cash in on the savings. If you currently have an auto loan with a higher interest rate, consider refinancing your vehicle. Refinancing your vehicle means applying for an additional loan with a financial institution that is used to pay off your current vehicle loan. The title for your vehicle will transfer from where your originally financed to the new lender. An auto refinance may save you hundreds of dollars a year and possibly thousands over the life of your loan. If any of the situations listed below apply, refinancing may help improve your financial situation.

You're currently paying a high interest rate on your vehicle.

If you purchased a vehicle when rates were higher, it might be in your best interest to refinance at a lower rate. Refinancing your auto loan at a lower interest rate may not only lower your monthly payment, but more importantly it will decrease the overall amount of interest you have to pay on the vehicle. Even a percentage point or two will have an impact on how much you pay for the vehicle.

Your financial situation has changed.

If you have received a promotion at work or have an increase in your monthly income, refinancing to a shorter loan term is a great option to save money on the overall cost of the car. Just decreasing the length of your loan by 12 months can save you money. Your payments will likely be higher, but you will pay off your vehicle much faster and you will pay less in interest over the length of the loan.



Your credit has improved.

Credit scores typically change month-to-month and are just a snapshot of your credit worthiness when you apply for a loan or credit card. If you had a low credit score or limited credit history when you first financed your vehicle and you have been making your payments on time, you may want to investigate a refinance. Typically, a FICO score of 680-720 and above qualifies most borrowers for the best and lowest rates. If you have a score in this range, make sure you are receiving the best rate. Because your credit score can be the difference between saving hundreds or thousands a year, it's a good idea to monitor your credit report annually. You can order one report annually, from each of the three major credit bureaus for free by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com.

It's not always the best option.

Sometimes refinancing a vehicle may not make the most financial sense. You may be tempted to extend the term of your loan in order to lower the monthly minimum payment due. While this may give you more money to spend during the month, it

ing an additional year of interest to the overall cost of the loan. This can greatly add to the final cost of the vehicle. Also, make sure there are no pre-payment penalties or early termination fees attached to your loan. If you have them, do the math and see if paying those penalties is worth what you will save by refinancing.

There are many factors to consider when refinancing. Do your homework and compare interest rates on terms to make sure you have all the facts before making your decision. Visit your credit union or financial institution and talk to a representative to who can help you determine if refinancing is the best option for you.

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POLITICS

Trump touts program with dark history as deportation model

WASHINGTON (AP)

As proof that he can successfully and humanely deport the estimated 11 million people living in the country illegally, Republican presidential contender Donald Trump often touts the efforts of the Eisenhower administration in the 1950s.

He did so again in this week's Republican debate, saying "you don't get nicer, you don't get friendlier" than President Dwight D. Eisenhower. "They moved 1.5 million out," the billionaire real estate mogul said. "We have no choice. We have no choice."

But the program to which Trump refers, known as "Operation Wetback," was a complicated undertaking largely viewed by historians as a dark moment in America's past. Also lost in Trump's telling is that it coincided with a guest worker program that provided legal status to hundreds of thousands of largely Mexican farm workers.

Trump declined to refer to the program by name on Wednesday evening in an interview on "The O'Reilly Factor." "I don't like the term at all," he said.

But he nonetheless defended what host Bill O'Reilly described as brutal treatment against those who were deported.

"I've heard it both ways. I've heard good reports, I've heard bad reports," said Trump. "We would do it in a very humane way."

"He's only got part of the story," said Mae Ngai, a professor of history at Columbia University.

The operation was named after a term for Mexicans who crossed the Rio Grande that is now viewed a racial slur. The 1954 initiative was aimed at apprehending and deporting agricultural workers who had crossed the border illegally looking for work.

According to a summary of the project from the Texas State Historical Association, the United States Border Patrol "aided by municipal, county, state, and federal authorities, as well as the military, began a quasi-military operation of search and seizure of all unauthorized immigrants."

The project, Ngai said, began with 750 immigration officers and border control agents, who used jeeps, trucks, buses and airplanes to apprehend migrants nationwide, including in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago. They apprehended 3,000 people a day and 170,000 during its first three months.

In an interview Wednesday morning on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Trump indicated he would take a similar approach. "You're going to have a deportation force, and you're going to do it humanely," he said.

Critics of the program say the conditions for those the agents apprehended were anything but humane. Many of the apprehended migrants were transported in crowded buses and dumped on the other side of the border in a manner some at the time equated with the treatment of livestock.

In one incident, Ngai said, 88 apprehended Mexicans died of sunstroke after being subjected to 112-degree heat. The number would have been higher had the Red Cross not intervened.

Some of those apprehended were sent deep into the interior of Mexico to prevent re-entry by train or cargo ship, where conditions drew the attention of federal regulators.

One congressional investigation likened a transport ship that was the site of a riot to an "eighteenth century slave ship" and a "penal hell ship."

Trump touted the approach as a virtue of Eisenhower-era program in Tuesday night's debate.

OUR FAITH

The immigrant's remorse

By Dr. Joseph Castleberry

The people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, 11 and they said to Moses, "Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren't there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? 12 Didn't we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, 'Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It's better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!'"¹³ But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today."—Exodus 14:10-13, NLT

It has never been easy to migrate, and the challenges and problems implicit in leaving behind everything one knows to confront new difficulties convince the great majority of people to stay put. Many prefer to suffer under a known pharaoh rather than risking an escape to freedom. "Better the devil you know than the devil you don't" says the old proverb. Still, others find no devil worth serving, and many of those call themselves immigrants.

Nevertheless, the road to freedom presents dangers, and many times the scenario involves soldiers and armed police. The fear of the Israelites arose from undeniable realities. Poor Moses, as a leader, had to stand up strong against the fear of the people. The relevance of his words of faith continues, three thousand years later: "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today."

If as the leader of a family you hear the remorse of your loved ones, and if they accuse you of having acted foolishly in



the decision to immigrate—or if you yourself question such a decision—don't cave in. It may seem better to remain in slavery in Egypt than to die in the desert, but that is a false dilemma. You will not die in the desert. Listen to the counsel of Moses. The "Egyptians" you see now, you will never see again. You will solve these problems, and better days await you. The LORD will fight for you when you hold on to your faith.

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NATIONAL

Salvadoran teens reunite with parents under US program

BALTIMORE, Maryland (AP)

For years, Brian Mejia begged for his father's blessing to slip out of his village in El Salvador and make the perilous trek to the United States, away from the gang violence that drove his father across the border. For years, Gabriel Mejia said no, recalling his own days-long journey through the desert, his skin sore from the persistent pricks of cactus needles.

Gabriel Mejia could no longer stand the persistent bloodshed in his homeland, 15 years after arriving in the U.S., and was beginning to come around to the idea of sending a smuggler for his 19-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter, Wendy. Then, they got word they wouldn't need to sneak in, thanks to a State Department program aimed at helping children reunite with their families on U.S. soil.

On Thursday night, Mejia and his wife, Virginia de la Paz Marquez, anxiously waited with the U.S.-born siblings their elder children had never met: 1-year-old Elias and 8-year-old Janet, wearing a sweater emblazoned with a pink heart. Mejia made faces

at the baby; his wife fended off tears and bouts of nervousness as weary travelers streamed through the gate and down the stairs to baggage claim. Then, they were overcome as their years apart ended: Marquez alternated between laughter and tears as she embraced her son, then her daughter, both teens wearing an oversized tag identifying them as refugees.

Brian and Wendy are among the first six teenagers to travel legally to the United States under the Central American Minors program, said Ruben Chandrasekar, executive director for the Baltimore office of the International Rescue Committee. The resettlement agency is submitting hundreds of applications on behalf of parents desperate to bring their children to America. However, there are more than 5,000 children and teens just like them who have applied but are still waiting to be contacted by the Department of Homeland Security. So far, only 90 children have been



In this November 12, 2015, photo, Gabriel Mejia hugs his daughter Wendy, 16, as he holds his son Elias, 1, after her arrival from El Salvador at Baltimore-Washington International Airport in Linthicum, Maryland.

interviewed.

Critics say the program, which was established in December 2014 to offer a safe and legal alternative for children making the trek into the United States illegally, has so far done little to rescue children and young adults from pervasive violence in parts of Central America. They say the children who have applied otherwise have no protections in their home countries while they wait up to a year and a half for their applications to

be processed.

Only parents in the U.S. legally can file an application for their kin, who must be 21 or younger, unmarried and living in one of the qualifying countries — El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. (Gabriel Mejia had been granted legal status in the U.S.)

All three countries are plagued by gang violence; El Salvador is one of the most violent countries in the world. Over the summer, 677 people were killed in the span of one month. The country routinely sees 40 slayings in a single day. Mejia said his children often faced threats of physical violence in El Salvador, but added that they didn't share much about their experiences over the phone for fear of wiretaps.

Last summer, more than 60,000 unaccompanied children from those nations crossed the border into the United States, where some were detained and deported while others were forced to navigate a complex legal system with no guidance. Many of those children employed smugglers to help in their journey. Some children were abused along the way or sold into slavery; some did not make it to the border at all.

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SPORTS

Loss to Arizona leaves Seattle trying to find what's wrong

RENTON, Washington (AP)

On yet another Monday this season, Pete Carroll was left trying to explain what went wrong for the Seattle Seahawks.

Why there were so many penalties coming off a bye week. Why Russell Wilson barely had time to drop back, let alone setup and throw. Why Seattle's vaunted defense gave up 363 yards passing and three touchdowns to Carson Palmer.

Mostly, Carroll was left trying to explain why Seattle was unable to play its way back into the NFC West race after a 39-32 loss to Arizona that left them three games behind in the division with seven games to go.

"I don't see all the mystery to it, it's just we're not quite right," Carroll said. "So we're going to keep working really hard to keep focusing on all the stuff that we can improve, and make the adjustments that we need to make, and move on. This season is this week. It's this week."

As it stands now, Seattle (4-5) trails the Cardinals (7-2), who have a difficult schedule in the final two months with games against Cincinnati, Green Bay and return engagements with Seattle and St. Louis still on the docket. So the division race isn't over yet.

But it would take an unexpected collapse by the Cardinals to let Seattle back into contention at this point, and the wild card isn't a certainty either. Seattle is two games behind Green Bay and Atlanta.

There is no solace for the Seahawks in knowing that four of their five losses have come against teams leading their divisions or currently in playoff position.

"It's real frustrating because we know we can play and we're just not there the way we need to be yet. So the battle of this season is to find it," Carroll said. "We have plenty of good play in us, and we have to find the consistency that allows us to get the game done. When we have, we've gotten nice wins, and when we don't we have to suffer like that."

From my balcony

Sexual slavery and human dignity

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We continue being prisoners of more and more violence. It's not just armed warfare, but also child abuse and trafficking.

In 2005, the International Labour Organization (ILO) indicated that there were about 2.4 million victims of human trafficking worldwide. Women, men and children are subjected on the daily to sexual exploitation, forced labor, domestic servitude, child begging or removal of organs, and the business gives organized crime groups profits amounting to \$32 billion per year.



► Lorena Barboza

Recently, a Mexican woman, a survivor of a macabre trafficking network, shared with the media her experience in order to draw attention to the danger threatening our families. Young Karla Jacinto, who claimed to have been raped by up to 30 men a day, seven days a week, for almost four years, has sparked worldwide outrage, and has revived the investigations into the human trafficking that moves between Mexico and the United States establishing connections between cities like New York or Atlanta, with Mexican towns, especially Tenancingo. According to Susan Coppedge, Special Ambassador for the Combating Human Trafficking for the State Department, throughout the country, from Texas to Minnesota, it is known that young people are being robbed of their innocence.

We must be alert, be informed, and hope that justice and laws be applied accordingly. The US Senate should support projects that are ready to fight this ruthless crime.

Have a happy week, and God bless.

Dr. Barboza invites you to visit her blog: hablandonosentendemos.podbeam.com, and to listen to "Creciendo con CBC" every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. on "Mi Favorita" 92.5FM

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Dave Says

Minor car repairs should be in the budget

Dear Dave,

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Dear Ryan,

Sorry, you're both wrong. Cars break. And since no one will invent one that lasts forever and doesn't break down, standard car repairs shouldn't be viewed as an emergency. Maintenance and repair of your vehicles are an ongoing expense. It's just part of owning them. That means you should have a category in your monthly budget for this sort of thing.

Now, an engine blowing up or the transmission going out would be an emergency. Hopefully, you're not talking about something of this magnitude. But you've got to rework your budget to where you have something designated each month for car maintenance and repair. That way, you won't be dipping into your emergency fund just to cover the basic wear and tear that comes with owning a car.

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— Dave

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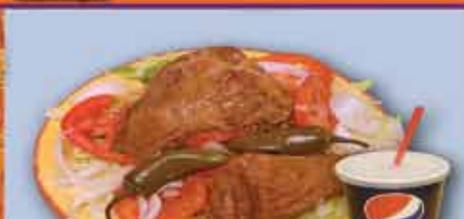
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Salvadoran teens reunite with parents under US program

BALTIMORE, Maryland (AP)

For years, Brian Mejia begged for his father's blessing to slip out of his village in El Salvador and make the perilous trek to the United States, away from the gang violence that drove his father across the border. For years, Gabriel Mejia said no, recalling his own days-long journey through the desert, his skin sore from the persistent pricks of cactus needles.

Gabriel Mejia could no longer stand the persistent bloodshed in his homeland, 15 years after arriving in the U.S., and was beginning to come around to the idea of sending a smuggler for his 19-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter, Wendy. Then, they got word they wouldn't need to sneak in, thanks to a State Department program aimed at helping children reunite with their families on U.S. soil.

On Thursday night, Mejia and his wife, Virginia de la Paz Marquez, anxiously waited with the U.S.-born siblings their elder children had never met: 1-year-old Elias and 8-year-old Janet, wearing a sweater emblazoned with a pink heart. Mejia made faces

at the baby; his wife fended off tears and bouts of nervousness as weary travelers streamed through the gate and down the stairs to baggage claim. Then, they were overcome as their years apart ended: Marquez alternated between laughter and tears as she embraced her son, then her daughter, both teens wearing an oversized tag identifying them as refugees.

Brian and Wendy are among the first six teenagers to travel legally to the United States under the Central American Minors program, said Ruben Chandrasekar, executive director for the Baltimore office of the International Rescue Committee. The resettlement agency is submitting hundreds of applications on behalf of parents desperate to bring their children to America. However, there are more than 5,000 children and teens just like them who have applied but are still waiting to be contacted by the Department of Homeland Security. So far, only 90 children have been



In this November 12, 2015, photo, Gabriel Mejia hugs his daughter Wendy, 16, as he holds his son Elias, 1, after her arrival from El Salvador at Baltimore-Washington International Airport in Linthicum, Maryland.

interviewed.

Critics say the program, which was established in December 2014 to offer a safe and legal alternative for children making the trek into the United States illegally, has so far done little to rescue children and young adults from pervasive violence in parts of Central America. They say the children who have applied otherwise have no protections in their home countries while they wait up to a year and a half for their applications to

be processed.

Only parents in the U.S. legally can file an application for their kin, who must be 21 or younger, unmarried and living in one of the qualifying countries — El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. (Gabriel Mejia had been granted legal status in the U.S.)

All three countries are plagued by gang violence; El Salvador is one of the most violent countries in the world. Over the summer, 677 people were killed in the span of one month. The country routinely sees 40 slayings in a single day. Mejia said his children often faced threats of physical violence in El Salvador, but added that they didn't share much about their experiences over the phone for fear of wiretaps.

Last summer, more than 60,000 unaccompanied children from those nations crossed the border into the United States, where some were detained and deported while others were forced to navigate a complex legal system with no guidance. Many of those children employed smugglers to help in their journey. Some children were abused along the way or sold into slavery; some did not make it to the border at all.



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