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Maryland Undocumented Immigrant Awaits Government Action

By LAUREN SAGL
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON—As he stood outside the White House last November, Miguel A. Guzman listened as President Barack Obama announced immigration policy changes that would protect an estimated 4.4 million undocumented immigrants from deportation and allow Guzman to legally stay in the U.S. with his wife and two young children.

Now, after a federal judge in Texas halted the implementation of the program this past April, Guzman said it feels like “an ice bucket has been dumped on my head.”

“You want to be there to provide for your family but you always live with the fear that one day you go to work and get pulled over by police, they ask for your green card or national security card, and you don’t have it,” said Guzman.

There has been a lot of pain and confusion about the status of Guzman, a 32-year-old member from Prince George’s County, who has been undocumented in the United States for 17 years. Now he stands to gain temporary permission to stay in the U.S. through the president’s proposed Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program.

The program’s immigration changes include the start of the DAPA program, which would make Guzman eligible for a work permit for his two young children. The DAPA program must be approved by Congress before the start. Meanwhile, Guzman worries his two children will face the possibility of deportation.

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Making Summer More Energy Efficient

By Nathaniel Sims

It’s expected to be a hotter summer this year, but don’t let that deter your money-saving efforts to the thermostat. It’s never too late to start testing it during the summer. The additional walking costs annually.

specific replacements and energy-saving improvements (http://www.irs.gov/uac/Form-5695,-Residential-Energy-Credits) may consider setting your thermostat significantly higher than 78 before you leave for work.

The triple goals of Net-Zero, Energy Star and LEED communities,” said Anne Stringer, DHCD’s assistant director of community development.

With an estimated 11 million U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPR) temporary permission to remain in the country, called “deferred action,” the Department of Homeland Security has considered a lawful resident for as long as his or her permit. The president also announced that he has expanded the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to give deferred action to older immigrants who were 16 years old and younger when they came to the United States undocumented.

Immigrant from A1

grant undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPR) temporary permission to remain in the United States, called “deferred action.” Deferred action allows non-U.S. citizens to remain in the country temporarily and apply for a work permit. Under this program, Guzman can remain in the United States as a lawful resident for as long as he remains in the country.

Amanda Loevy

Miguel Guzman, 32, who came to the United States from Mexico when he was 17, poses for a picture in front of the Casa de Virginia office in Arlington, Va., on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Guzman supports immigration reform and was over the favorable conditions of DACA program. President Obama has argued that they are not, in fact, illegal tax credits, but rather statements of policy, under which the states can structure tax credits and incentives to fund renewable-energy projects.

This Net-Zero home in Suitland, MD features 20 solar panels on the roof, a rain barrel irrigation system, low maintenance vinyl fencing and non-invasive plants in the front yard.

Prince George’s County’s Completes First Net Zero Home in Suitland

By Dennis P. Russell

Prince George’s County’s Comprehensive First Net Zero Home

The new home generating as much energy as the home consumes over the course of a year. The home features solar panels as a practical, reliable, energy source, an HVAC man-in-peat system, energy efficient windows and doors and a solar hot water heater.

In addition to its efficiency, the house is located within walking distance to the Suitland Metro Station and the Suitland Federal Court, said Howard Ways, executive director of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George’s County in a press release.

R&B works to decrease the number of big-ticket residential shifts in a household by 50 percent of testing controls and community engagement and education. The project is part of a broader effort to test

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CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Van Hollen and Esty: FBI Must Fix Systemic Breakdown in Background Check System

Representatives: Requiring Permits for Handgun Purchasers Would Strengthen System

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The full letter to Director Comey is below:

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The good news? We’re living longer. Lifestyle changes and improved health care are helping us see greater longevity. The not-so-good news is that many families now have one or more aging relatives to care for and with their needs for assistance.

This is a difficult situation. While we may feel a strong sense of responsibility for our elderly relatives, we also have real obligations to our spouses and children. Balancing these competing demands may prove a challenge.

It’s important to evaluate what the needs for assistance are. Health issues mean the greatest demands and the ones that we want and need to meet first.

But in some cases elderly parents are simply demanding. They may feel that their adult children “owe” them and the result can be a never-ending list of “important” needs they expect help with.

Giving in to such demands, usually only ends up causing, help can leave us feeling angry and isolated, and even lead to some cases of elder abuse.

Friends and neighbors can also be sources of help. A neighbor, for example, might be happy to help the company of your elderly parent for a shopping trip or lunch out.

Let an aging parent understand that you and yourself. Understand why others, those who love and are willing and actively helping someone you love.

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The gay son, Benny (James Franco), returns to the town where he was kicked out, the ranch hand he’d blamed for all the trouble, and perhaps something to hide. And here’s where we see the boys regarded as a sister daughter (Angie Cepeda), whom Briggs must find a way to either silence the law for good, or come to terms with the relationship between Ben and the boy who tried to tear down all these years ago.

Nolen was able to secure comment on this state of affairs from the head of women’s soccer for the Confederation of Brazilian Football, Marco Aurelio Cunha, and his analysis was infuriating in its predictability. Cunha said that he was hopeful for the future of the sport in Brazil because “Now the women’s game is getting better, better. They go in the field in an elegant manner. Women’s football used to play in the same fields, even in the same shoes. We’re now more masculine. We used to dress the girls as boys. So the boys lacked a spirit of elegance. Sometimes their hair is a bit shorter, the hairstyles are more done up. It’s not a woman’s soccer.”

Cunha’s scrutinizing sexism and subtle-as-a-blowtorch homophobia is a topic of ongoing concern. Scott Szymanski’s column comments from a decade ago that the women’s game would be more successful if they played in more feminine clothes like they do in volleyball, they could. For example, they could wear knee-length skirts. “Even responding to these comments feels nauseating, but it has to be said. It’s a recipe for warping, if not destroying, the future of the sport. As proven in field hockey by the Tucker Center for Women’s Sports, sexualizing women athletes is a road to neither attention nor respect. In fact, it is the opposite. As Mary Jo Kane of the University of Minnesota’s Tucker Center said to me, “If a female athlete, stepping down right now, could be analyzed as a woman, but it won’t sell your sport.”

Women’s soccer will only achieve greater growth when we have a FIFA that not only understands, but it won’t sell your sport.”

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EARTH TALK ... How is the United States Postal Service Greening Snail Mail?

What’s the latest with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to re-duce its environmental footprint? Starting delivery of some mail already won’t take a step in the right direction.

— Kerry Kawada, Albany, NY

As recent TV ads have been touting the United States Postal Service (USPS) has recently started delivering some mail on Sunday in Washington, D.C. to use one step ahead of United Parcel Service (UPS) and FedEx (FedEx). But while Sunday delivery may be convenient for consumers, environmental leaders warn that adding an extra day causes an unnecessary waste of fuel and carbon emissions. Though this service has been implemented recently for any concrete statistics on its increase of greenhouse gases emissions, USPS has several other initiatives already in process that can, at the very least, help to offset the incremental impact of this new increase.

Recycling, one of the familiar poster-childs of the green movement, has Note: USPS is true present in average 290,000 tons of paper, cans and plastic waste. In the lobby of local post offices are over 22,000 recycling bins to provide consumers with the opportunity to dispose of any paper products. These same offices also offer consumers envelopes made from recycled materials, and stamps that promote and biodegradable adhesive.

Another important environmental initiative of USPS is in Describing for its program which facilitates recycling of used envelopes. Used the program, USPS collects and repurposes domestic, small electronic waste, and toner and fluorescent lamps. This program received approximat-ely 75,000 pounds of electronic and chemical recyclables in 2012. Recy cling bins can help to improve the need to purchase new electronic devices.

There are also efforts to re-duce the impact of the large fleet of delivery trucks According to the article, “Green Deliveries” was enacted in 2011. The USPS has begun to purchase electric trucks for use in trucks with more eco-friendly alternative fuels. The biodegradable mail bags seem to be a thing of the past. A recent proposal suggested several of these efforts to enhance effici ency and sustainability, a result from the current cost of 9.9 million in less for every gallon of biodegradable fuel and carbon emissions.

The new program, established during the audience, has been a true success: since the 2014 Farm Bill and 2015. The enrollment has been over 4,800 program participants. This means more farmers have enrolled under previously covered commodities. While the 2014 Farm Bill builds on the success of the 2008 Farm Bill, the new legislation includes several new programs that were not in the previous bill. One of these new programs is the Risk Management Programs (RMPs) which are designed to provide financial assistance to producers who face losses due to natural disasters or market conditions. These programs are available to farmers who have experienced a reduction in revenue due to the effects of drought, disease, or other adverse conditions.

To learn more about these programs and how to apply for them, visit the following website: https://www.fmcs.gov/economic-risk-management.

Two other important programs can help reduce con somers’ environmental footprint if you are going out of town, go to USPS.com and put your mail on hold until you return, eliminating unnecessary deliveries to your home. And starting USPS when you move will keep the unwanted deliv eries to your old days.

While USPS is never able to be as green as the heart that is selling it, it’s true that it is making efforts in the right direction. As the result of these efforts, we can expect to see changes in the traditional methods of mailing and delivering packages.

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Safe Summer: Campfire Night

Description: K ick back, relax and join fellow teens by the camp -fire for s'm ores and good m usic. Cost: Free with M-NCPYC Youth ID

Location: Blackburn Community Center
4500 75th Avenue, Bladensburg 20701
Contact: 301-225-2461; TTY 301-435-0452

Safe Summer: Campfire Night

June 6

Seasonal Events: Skate Night

Title: Skate Night

Date and Time: Friday, July 31, 2015 5:30-9 pm

Contact: For M-NCPYC Youth ID

Location: Blackburn Community Center
13000 Lannix-Rowlee Road, Landover 20708
Contact: 301-445-0572

Safe Summer: Campfire Night

June 7

Seasonal Events: Skate Night

Title: Skate Night

Date and Time: Friday, July 31, 2015 5:30-9 pm

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June 8

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Title: Skate Night

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June 9

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June 11

Seasonal Events: Skate Night

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June 13

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June 14

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June 15

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June 16

Seasonal Events: Skate Night

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June 17

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Title: Skate Night

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