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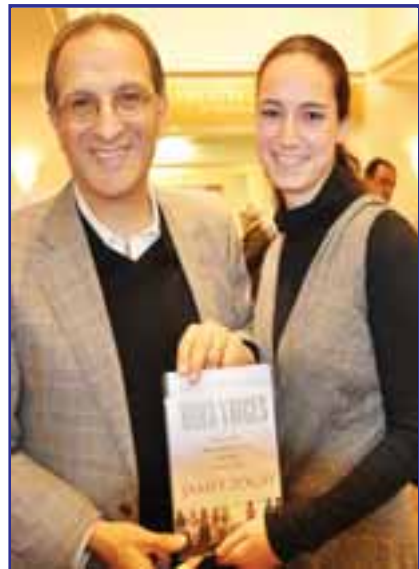


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Cuba calls immigration talks with US ‘fruitful’ but 51-year US embargo continues—when will it end?

By PAUL HAVEN, Associated Press

HAVANA, Jan. 12, 2011 (AP): Senior U.S. and Cuban diplomats met Wednesday to discuss immigration issues in an encounter described by the Cuban side as ‘fruitful’.

The two sides discussed ways to combat *people-smuggling* across the treacherous Straits of Florida, according to a statement released by the Cuban government.

“It was a fruitful exchange aimed at ... the establishment of more effective mechanisms of cooperation to combat illegal migrant smuggling,” said Deputy Cuban Foreign Minister *Dagoberto Rodríguez*, who led the Cuban delegation.

The statement said both sides recognized that the number of Cubans attempting to get to the United States illegally, often in rickety rafts or inner tubes, had dropped significantly.

There was no immediate comment from the U.S. side, which was led by *Roberta Jacobsen*, the United States’ principal deputy assistant

secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs.

The gathering focused on a 17-year-old agreement under which the United States issues 20,000 visas to Cubans a year. But diplomats from both countries also use the twice-yearly meetings to detail a long-standing list of complaints.

Chief among them, as far as Washington, DC is concerned, is the detention of *Alan Gross*, a US-American subcontractor jailed by Cuba for more than a year without charge on suspicion of spying.

The Cuban delegation never fails to voice its opposition to the 51-year-old U.S. trade embargo, which Havana says has put a stranglehold on the island’s economy.

The Cuban statement said its officials also reiterated displeasure with a U.S. policy that allows any Cuban reaching US-American soil to remain, while sending back those intercepted at sea. The Cubans have said in the past they believe the policy encour-

ages people-smuggling.

Despite the many points of contention, the Cuban statement said the meeting “developed in an atmosphere of respect.” It voiced Havana’s willingness to hold another round of talks in six months.

U.S. officials have made clear there is little hope for improved relations while Cuba holds Gross.

Relations have been sour for more than a half century, since shortly after Fidel Castro’s revolution turned the island into a Soviet ally.

Hopes that President *Barack Obama* would usher in a new era in the relationship are long gone, replaced by the usual recriminations from both sides.

According to U.S. diplomatic cables released by *WikiLeaks*, Cuban President Raul Castro—Fidel’s brother, who has been running Cuba since 2006—approached Washington, DC about opening backdoor talks with the White House, but was rebuffed.

Census: Initial checks show 2010 count as accurate

By HOPE YEN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 12, 2011 (AP): The Census Bureau is confident that official 2010 census results reflected high levels of accuracy, improving from a decade ago.

Census Bureau Director Robert Groves said Wednesday that a preliminary comparison of 2010 results with inde-

pendent measures showed good accuracy.

He acknowledged that census workers in some dense urban and low-income areas had trouble getting responses. In those cases, the government queried building managers for information.

Last month, the Census Bureau reported a 2010 tally

of 308.7 million people, with most growth in the South and West.

In 2000, the bureau’s count was 1.3 million people too many, largely because some more affluent whites were counted twice. About 4.5 million people were missed, mostly blacks and Latinos.

Ex-cops in immigrant death case stand trial

WILKES-BARRE, PA, Jan. 10, 2011 (AP): Jury selection began Monday in the trial of three former police officers who are charged with obstructing the investigation into the fatal beating of an undocumented immigrant from Mexico.

Prosecutors accuse former Shenandoah police Chief Matthew Nestor and two of his subordinates of orchestrating a cover-up that protected high school football players involved in the death of 25-year-old Luis Ramirez.

The officers have pleaded not guilty.

Ramirez was knocked unconscious and kicked in the head as he fought with

a group of white teenagers walking home from a block party late on July 12, 2008. Ramirez, a native of the small central Mexican town of Iramuco, died two days later of his injuries.

Two men who took part in the assault were convicted in October of a federal hate crime. Derrick Donchak, 20, and Brandon Piekarsky, 19, face a maximum of life in prison when they are sentenced later this month.

All three officers had close ties to the assailants.

Patrolman Jason Hayes dated Piekarsky’s mother. Lt. William Moyer’s son played with Piekarsky on the football team. Their commanding officer, Nestor, was a friend of Piekarsky’s mother

and vacationed with her, according to court documents.

The officers tried to “impede, obstruct and influence the investigation” into the beating death by tampering with evidence and witnesses or lying to the FBI, according to an indictment.

Hayes’ attorney, Frank Nocito, said Monday that Schuylkill County District Attorney James Goodman may be called as a witness, according to the Republican-Herald of Pottsville.

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1.000 millones después, EEUU cancela proyecto de valla fronteriza

Por SUZANNE GAMBOA

WASHINGTON, DC, el 14 de enero del 2011 (AP): El gobierno estadounidense canceló el jueves el dilatado proyecto de una valla de alta tecnología en la frontera con México, que ya les costó a los contribuyentes 1.000 millones de dólares.

El Congreso había encargado el sistema de tecnología avanzada en el 2006, en medio de los pedidos de aumentar la seguridad fronteriza cuando se debatió un polémico proyecto de reforma migratoria.

Pese a que se gastaron millones de dólares, el proyecto sólo cubrió 85 kilómetros (53 millas) de la frontera.

La secretaria de Seguridad Nacional, Janet Napolitano, dijo el viernes que en el futuro la tecnología que se usará en la frontera se elegirá según el terreno y la densidad poblacional de cada región.

Napolitano agregó que no hay una solución que sirva para todas las regiones y sus diferentes necesidades de seguridad fronteriza.

Aunque era bien sabido que el proyecto de la cerca virtual iba a ser suspendido, Napolitano le informó oficialmente a altos miembros del Congreso el viernes que "una revisión independiente, cuantitativa y científica dejó claro" que la cerca, conocida como SBInet, "no puede cumplir su objetivo original de proveer una solución tecnológica integrada de seguridad fronteriza".

La cerca iba a ser una red de cámaras, sensores terrestres y radares que serían usados para detectar incursiones y problemas y decidir dónde desplegar a agentes de la patrulla fronteriza. Se suponía que mantuviese vigilancia en casi toda la frontera con México para este año.

En lugar de ello, los contribuyentes terminaron con unos 85 kilómetros de

cerca virtual en Arizona a un costo de aproximadamente nueve millones de dólares por kilómetro, de acuerdo con testimonio en audiencias legislativas previas. La frontera entre México y Estados Unidos tiene una longitud de 3.326 kilómetros.

El senador independiente Joe Lieberman, jefe del panel de seguridad nacional y asuntos gubernamentales del senado, dijo que el concepto de la SBInet fue poco realista desde el inicio. La decisión anunciada por Napolitano "pone fin a un problemático programa que gastó demasiados fondos de los contribuyentes para los resultados que consiguió", dijo Lieberman.

La cerca fue desarrollada como respuesta del gobierno de George W. Bush a una demanda por mayor seguridad fronteriza en medio de un acalorado debate sobre inmigración en el Congreso.

Fiscalía: Posada Carriles podrá ser anticastrista, pero mintió

Por WILL WEISSERT

EL PASO, el 12 de enero del 2011 (AP): Luis Posada Carriles "puede hacer lo que quiera con el régimen cubano", pero el ex agente de la CIA y enemigo de Fidel Castro violó la ley federal estadounidense cuando mintió bajo juramento mientras buscaba la ciudadanía norteamericana, dijo el miércoles un fiscal federal a los jurados.

Durante los discursos de apertura en el juicio de un tribunal federal que examinará acusaciones de perjurio y fraude contra Posada Carriles en sus trámites de inmigración, un abogado de la defensa respondió que su cliente "sustancialmente dijo la verdad" durante audiencias de naturalización en 2005.

El abogado agregó que el caso del gobierno se basa en un informante pagado poco fiable.

Posada Carriles, de 82 años, considerado el enemigo público número uno de Cuba, enfrenta 11 cargos de perjurio, obstrucción de la justicia y fraude en sus trámites

migratorios.

Se le acusa de mentir en sus trámites de inmigración en El Paso en 2005 acerca de cómo ingresó a Estados Unidos y sobre su papel en una serie de ataques con bomba en 1997 contra hoteles de La Habana, que causaron la muerte de un turista italiano.

Posada Carriles se declaró inocente, aunque en entrevistas recientes con The Associated Press no rechazó la versión de los fiscales de cómo entró a Estados Unidos.

El anticastrista acérrimo se negó a responder directamente a preguntas acerca de su papel en los atentados en hoteles.

"La evidencia demostrará que mintió. Mintió repetidamente durante las entrevistas", dijo el fiscal principal Timothy Reardon, al jurado de siete mujeres y cinco hombres, la mayoría de ellos de origen hispano.

Con un estilo lento y pausado, Reardon llamó a la parte demandada "un hombre extraordinario" que ha pasado su vida oponiéndose al gobierno comunista de Cuba, pero

dijo que no está siendo juzgado por ello. Este caso "se trata de opciones y él eligió a mentir", agregó.

El abogado de Posada, Arturo Hernández, dijo que su cliente "siempre ha estado del lado" de Estados Unidos y que, si bien dijo algunas mentiras en la búsqueda de la ciudadanía norteamericana, nunca cometió perjurio. En cambio, agregó Hernández, Posada fue víctima de acusaciones falsas por un informante pagado por el gobierno, Gilberto Abascal.

Cuba y Venezuela acusan a Posada de ser el autor intelectual de un ataque con bomba a un vuelo de Cubana de Aviación en 1976, que dejó 73 muertos, así como de los atentados en La Habana. Sin embargo, Estados Unidos sólo lo enjuicia por violaciones a las leyes de inmigración.

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Utah backs out of 'Latino Day' at Capitol

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 13, 2011 (AP): Utah officials are backing off support of a Latino Day event at the state Capitol in anticipation of intense debate about immigration.

The Salt Lake Tribune reports the state's ethnic affairs office sent an e-mail Wednesday saying it also

considered budget reductions in its decision.

Organizers of the event say they are confused as to why the immigration debate would be a contributing factor, but they took the note to mean they could still schedule the event without the state contributing money.

The state was to contribute \$500. The event was to include a band performing the national anthem, food and drinks and a chance for Latino leaders to meet lawmakers.

Information from: The Salt Lake Tribune, <http://www.sltrib.com>

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U-M may open Big House to 50-yard-line weddings

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 23, 2010 (AP): The Big House may soon become a banquet center available to brides and grooms eager to exchange midfield vows on Michigan's fabled block "M."



Michigan athletic director Dave Brandon tells The Detroit News he plans to hire someone to market Michigan Stadium weddings and parties. He says fans and alums "would love to get married on the block 'M' in Ann Arbor."

Brandon envisions wedding procession coming out of the Michigan tunnel and under the "M Go Blue" banner, with folding chairs set up on the field. He said

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Information from: The Detroit News, <http://detnews.com/>

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into their curriculum.

The company has held numerous national appearances including: CBS Sunday Morning, Hispanics Today, Latin Access and the 1999 Hispanic Heritage Awards. In June of 1999, the company was featured in a gala birthday celebration honoring former President and First Lady Bush; the following September, they performed for 35,000 Mets fans at Shea Stadium.

Tickets are on sale now at whartoncenter.com, at the Wharton Center box office, or by calling 1-800-WHARTON.

ACLU seeks halt to enforcing panhandling ordinance

ROYAL OAK, Jan. 13, 2010 (AP): The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan has asked a Detroit suburb to stop enforcing what it calls an unconstitutional ordinance that punishes peaceful panhandling on public sidewalks.

ACLU of Michigan staff attorney Dan Korobkin says the city of Royal Oak bars individuals from peacefully asking for money on all public streets and sidewalks. He says Royal Oak police have made at least 15 arrests for begging over the past two years.

Korobkin says cities can

enforce narrowly defined laws against aggressive and threatening panhandling, but state and federal courts says panhandling is protected free speech and have struck down similar ordinances in New York, California, Massachusetts, and Florida.

City Attorney David Gillam told The Daily Tribune he received the ACLU's letter Thursday and will review its request.

Information from: The Daily Tribune, <http://www.dailytribune.com>

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OCHLA partners with OHCC to bring Latino business issues to the legislature, Feb. 16

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Legislative Visit Day brings Latino business leaders to Columbus for a full day of advocacy and networking with legislators on issues of workforce, economic, and small business development policy.

"The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission in partnership with the Ohio Chambers of Commerce is ready, able, and willing to work with elected officials to find common goals to strengthen Ohio.

We are committed to building our most valuable resource: people and to promoting small business success," said *Lilleana Cavanaugh*, OCHLA Executive Director.

According to an OCHLA press release, Ohio has experienced a 22.4 percent Latino population growth since 2,000 and they are impacting Ohio's economy in a positive way.

There are more than 7,100 Latino-owned businesses in Ohio and receipts for those businesses top \$1 billion with receipts for all Latino-run businesses approaching \$1.3 billion. Nationally, immigrants represent 12.5% of all business owners and are 30% more likely to start a business than non-immi-

grants.

The OCHLA was created in 1977 under Governor Jim Rhodes with a mandate to advise state government on issues affecting Latino Ohioans; connect the diverse Latino communities across the state; and build the capacity of community organizations so they may better serve the Latino population of Ohio.

Those interested in advocating on issues of business, economic and workforce development may register on OCHLA's website:

<http://ochla.ohio.gov/>. There is no cost for participants. Deadline to register is 5:00 P.M. on February 4, 2011. For questions, please call OCHLA at 614-466-8333.

Ohio University to allow male-female roommates

ATHENS, OH, Jan. 13, 2011 (AP): Ohio University plans to test allowing men and women to live together in the same dorm rooms.

It's an idea that was pushed on behalf of the school's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center. Center Director Mickey Hart tells the student-run

newspaper *The Post* the gender-neutral housing will be of particular benefit to students who identify as transgender.

Student Senate member Sean Martin says students in dating relationships who try to live together under the new housing option will be "frowned upon."

Administrators say a one-

year experiment with male-female roommates will begin with this year's fall term, primarily for upperclassmen. They say other Ohio schools, including Miami University, also are trying out gender-neutral housing.

Information from: *The Post*, <http://thepost.baker.ohiou.edu>

Dr. Zogby encourages U.S. to listen better

By *Arooj Ashraf*, *La Prensa* Correspondent

City Club of Cleveland welcomed *Dr. James Zogby*, an expert on Arab-American relations, on Jan. 14, 2011 to discuss his most recent book, *Arab Voices: What they are saying to us and why it matters*.

In the book, he outlines the political and economic stakes the U.S. has in the Middle East but said most problems stem from a very simple problem, "We don't listen to its people, and because we don't listen we do not understand the region."

Born in Utica, New York to Lebanese parents, Zogby was immersed in both cultures which gave him an innate ability to bridge understanding between both. His leadership accolades begin in 1970 as a founding member of the *Palestinian Human Rights Campaign*, to co-founding the *American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee*, and *Save Lebanon Inc.* in the 1980s. He founded the *Arab-American Institute* in 1985 of which he is still president. He writes weekly columns on U.S.-American politics published in 14 Arab and South Asian countries, and blogs on *Huffington Post*.

He also served as an advisor to *Zogby International*, a polling firm founded by his brother. Zogby told the audience at the *City Club* that polling is most effective in collecting data of people's perception and likened it to having a conversation with 4,000 people in each Arab country and being able to refine information based on gender, age, and affiliation.

Dr. Zogby said the approach of previous administrations has been to talk at Arab leaders versus to them.

He said the most disseminated myth in U.S. politics that the country is hated in the region for its values needs to be dismantled. "They don't hate us because of our values—those are the things they actually like; what they do not like is how we treat them," said Zogby. Certain U.S. foreign policies damage the country's reputation and collective efforts.

He likened the relationship to one of a cheating husband making rosy promises, saying all the right things to his wife; "Ultimately he will be judged by his actions."

Zogby said most people in the U.S. get their perceptions of Arabs from pop-culture or the media, and even academic books teach very little of the culture making it easier to forget they are humans too. He said in polls conducted throughout the region asking people what their top concerns and priorities are the answers were nearly unanimous through the region—jobs, healthcare, and education; "Sound familiar?"

In this era of mass information and globalization, Zogby said the U.S. lags in sending students to study Arabic in the Middle East.

Sydney Silverstein, a junior at *Brown University*, is one of 24,000 U.S. students who study abroad in the Middle East each year. She completed a semester at *American University* campus in Egypt and said she felt her



Dr. James Zogby at the City Club of Cleveland

native classmates resisted listening to how U.S.-Americans perceive themselves. Silverstein said the myths and stereotypes work both ways.

Zogby agreed that misconceptions are widespread. "The biggest myth they have about Americans is that we are all smart. They cannot believe we can do anything stupid... that is why there are so many conspiracy theories because they assume the mistakes that we made we intended to make them."

He named the Iraq war the biggest policy blunder made by the U.S. in the region; adding the cost of democracy does not outweigh the loss of innocent civilians, internal displacement of 20 percent of Iraq's population. "Loss is always greater than the triumphs," he said.

Silverstein said studying abroad exceeded her expectations and opened many perspectives to her. Most interesting she said was: "No one there knows who Sarah Palin is, and how close this woman came to being the second in command." She also discovered opinions between Arab nationalities and ethnicities also differ tremendously.

To listen to the complete speech visit: <http://cityclub.org/> On the Internet: <http://aaiusa.org/>

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Any inspiration at all would be welcome right now. You've gone as far as you can trying to keep yourself interested in the life you've created. There may be something to it. Don't lose faith in that possibility.

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The next time you decide to act without thinking things through to the end, remind yourself that a little foresight goes a long way. None of this would be going on if you had enough sense to nip it in the bud.

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Rep. Gutiérrez endorses Chico for Chicago mayor

CHICAGO, Jan. 9, 2011 (AP): Former Chicago school board president Gery Chico picked up a high-profile endorsement in the mayor's race Sunday when U.S. Rep. Luis Gutiérrez backed him to replace Mayor Richard Daley.

The endorsement is key in Chico's attempt to get support from Latinos, who make up nearly a third of the city's population, as he and other candidates vie for the job Daley is giving up because he didn't seek a seventh term. The city's Latino population has grown greatly since 1989 when Daley first took office.

Gutiérrez endorsed Chico over City Clerk Miguel del Valle, another Latino candidate, and other candidates, including former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun.

"No other candidate has built bridges across racial, ethnic and geographic lines like Gery has. Gery Chico is simply the best candidate to lead Chicago right now," Gutiérrez said in a statement. A lawyer, Chico is also the former chairman of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Gutiérrez and Chico have a history. They worked together at City Hall when Chico was Daley's chief of staff and Gutiérrez was an alderman.

Del Valle brushed off the Gutiérrez endorsement of Chico.

"I disagree with his choice in this case," del Valle said in a statement.

NY Times Zip Code data base discloses ethnicity

The *New York Times* has produced a map that enables everyone to obtain US-American Community Survey data by zip code. The information that is available includes: Race and Ethnicity, Income, Housing and Families, and Education. Simply click on the link below and enter your zip code.
<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/explorer>

Population shifts and redistricting in Ohio and beyond

Dr. Mark J. Salling is the Director of the Northern Ohio Data and Information Service Fellow at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs; Myrna Pérez serves as Counsel for the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law. Dr. Salling will address the situation in Ohio-how redistricting is done Ohio. Ms. Pérez will discuss the work done by *The Brennan Center* and what type of redistricting is happening on the national level and what it will mean for the future.

The program will take place at: 12:00 p.m., Friday, January 21, 2011 The City Club of Cleveland, 850 Euclid Avenue.

Dr. Salling manages a

team of researchers, programmers, GIS Specialists, and student employees involved in data dissemination, demographic analysis, and urban and GIS applications. He also serves as the Research Director at The Center for Community Solutions. He is the State of Ohio's Liaison to the Census Bureau for its redistricting data programs and is Chairman and Key Person for the Cleveland Census Statistical Areas Committee (CenSAC). At the national level, Dr. Salling has been active in the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA).

Myrna Pérez works on a variety of voting rights related issues, including redistricting, list maintenance, and access to the ballot box. Prior to joining the Center, Ms. Pérez was the Civil Rights

Fellow at the Center for Community Solutions. Ms. Pérez graduated from Columbia Law School in 2003, where she was a Lowenstein Public Interest Fellow.

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Rodríguez donates U-M garb to Salvation Army store

Jan. 15, 2011 (AP): Fired Michigan coach Rich Rodríguez turned out to be a Michigan Man after all, donating 12 bags of Wolverines apparel to a Detroit-area Salvation Army store aimed at helping people in need.

Maj. John Aren tells the Detroit Free Press that

Rodríguez delivered 432 items to the store in Wayne, about 15 miles west-southwest of Detroit, less than one week after his ouster. Aren said the collection includes caps, shirts and jackets. Sizes range from medium to 2XL, though most are extra large.

A Coach's Closet tent sale in Wayne successfully raised

almost \$13,000.

Aren said he thanked Rodríguez at his home in York Township near Saline, adding the former Wolverines coach seemed "pretty sensitive" that his donation would help others.

Information from: Detroit Free Press, <http://www.freep.com>

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Friend, will you marry us? Online ordinations rise

By **MONICA RHOR**, for *The Associated Press*

Dec. 2010: Jessica Alexander's wedding was everything she had envisioned: a private gathering by her summer house on an Iowa lake. There was a pink and purple color scheme, a butterfly motif, and a dessert bar rather than a full meal.

And, wearing a short periwinkle dress designed "to show off her legs," was Alexander's minister and bridesmaid, *Anna-Megan Raley*, a close friend who was ordained online specifically to perform the ceremony.

Raley, a blogger for the *Houston Chronicle*, didn't even know she had been ordained until Alexander and her mother sprang the news at the bridal shower. They had already paid a \$25 fee and filled out a form with her name and address, making her the Rev. Raley.

"I thought it was a joke. I'm sure that I put it on Facebook and Twitter," said Raley. "But I had heard about people getting ordained to perform weddings. So, I said: 'Sure, I'd love to.'"

Nontraditional? Perhaps.

A growing trend? Definitely.

More and more engaged couples are turning to friends or family members to perform their wedding ceremony. They say it is more personal, relatively stress-free and cheaper.

It is also surprisingly fast and simple.

Getting ordained requires little more than finding an online ministry that performs ordinations, and filling out a short form with your name and address. Some websites require a nominal fee for paperwork; others don't charge anything.

Prospective brides and grooms should look into the website and local marriage laws, however, to make sure the ceremony would be valid. Although online ordinations are generally recognized, laws vary widely from state to state, sometimes

from county to county. Some states require ministers to register after they are ordained. In Louisiana, parishes ask for a letter of good standing from the church, while Las Vegas requires a four-page application and background check.

Last year, about one in seven weddings were performed by a friend of the couple, according to *The Wedding Report*, a research firm.

Andre Hensley, president of the non-denominational Universal Life Church, which has been issuing ordination credentials since 1962, believes more couples are turning to friends because of the Internet, which makes the process easier, and because of many people's lack of affiliation with a church.

"I've gone to weddings where the ministers didn't know the couple or anything about them. It didn't have a special feeling," said Hensley, who estimates that his church has ordained 18 million people. About 3,000 to 5,000 are ordained every month, a number that has steadily increased over the last 10 years, Hensley said.

It takes about 24 hours for the church to process an ordination request, all of which are reviewed by a live person, he said.

Janis Jones, a 27-year-old Chicago nurse, asked her older sister to perform her wedding this June.

"Neither of us belong to a church, and we liked the idea of incorporating prayers and the religious aspect into the ceremony, but we didn't want to be married by someone we don't know at all and who didn't know us," said Jones, who has been dating her fiancé, Eric Strand, for six years.

The couple turned to Jones' sister, Vicky Rappatta, who has been happily married for 10 years, has a background in writing and had always been a motherly figure to her younger sibling.

"I was so honored and so moved that they wanted me



to be such a huge part of their wedding. Now, I'm getting terrified," joked Rappatta, who plans to write an original wedding prayer for the couple.

Rappatta said she researched the legality of the ordination process, including checking with the county where her sister will be getting her marriage license.

"The last thing I wanted to do was get a fake ordination," said Rappatta, who got her credentials from American Marriage Ministries, whose website boasts "over 10,000 marriages performed!"

Kirsten Nichols, whose October wedding was performed by her husband's cousin, asked a co-worker who is an ordained minister to be on hand at the service—just in case.

"If you find out after the fact that you are not legally married, it can definitely put a damper on things," said Nichols, who lives in Montgomery County, Md.

Nichols, who is Christian, and her husband, who was raised Muslim, wanted a spiritual ceremony that would "focus on us coming together under God, not on the fact that we are of two different faiths."

At Alexander's lakeside wedding in Iowa, her minister-bridesmaid Raley also served as personal attendant, and helped decorate for the reception—all of which lent an air of comfort and familiarity to the ceremony.

"It helped that she was the one standing up there for us," said Alexander, a fourth-grade teacher who lives in Rockwell, Texas, outside Dallas. "I wouldn't have wanted it any other way."

More brides informing guests with wedding websites

By **CARYN ROUSSEAU**, *Associated Press*

Dec. 2010: With friends and family headed to her California wedding from all over, bride-to-be Carrie Shields decided online organization was key.

"Really the wedding website was one of the first things we did," the 32-year-old public relations director from San Diego said. Shields is marrying fiancé R.J. Jones, 36, who was born and raised in Wales. Their April wedding in Napa Valley comes four years after they met through friends.

"I knew people were going to have a lot of questions about what to do and how to get there," Shields said. "I wanted to make it fun and personal. I kind of jumped right on things because people were traveling so far."

Wedding experts at TheKnot.com and its partner WeddingChannel.com say this year's annual survey found 64 percent of brides now have a website to share details with guests about ceremony and reception logistics, registry information and travel accommodations.

Web companies exist that allow couples to host wedding sites for free while others charge a fee for access to fancier templates and tools.

The page Shields created has a personal and creative flair. It features a blue and orange frame with a brown background. The happy couple smile from behind sunglasses on a beach. A counter below them lets visitors know it's "151 until our wedding!"

"A lot of the people coming over, they've never been to America," Shields said. "I'm going to add a little bit about things to do in San Francisco, trying to take the guess work out of it."

Experts at WeddingWire.com recommend that couples launch their website at least six months before the wedding date to give guests as much information as early as possible. That allows enough time to make travel arrangements. WeddingWire also offers other online tools, including a program that lets guests RSVP directly from the website.

Carley Roney, editor and founder of TheKnot.com, said her site and WeddingChannel.com together host more than

500,000 wedding websites for couples.

"It's a simple, easy way of communication," Roney said. "It's really like going to the website for a restaurant or a concert event. Everything is in one place."

That's why more wedding website addresses are appearing in fancy fonts on the bottom of printed invitations.

"You're going to want to give the same information you always needed to have on an invitation: the name, location, time of event," Roney said. But things like dress code or babysitting services can be saved for the website.

Some sites let couples upload music or an audio track of their voices, video, animated graphics, or polls asking guests what songs to play or which appetizers to serve.

To personalize her website, Shields added a "glossary" of Welsh and American words, and photos of the 20-member wedding party.

Couples who choose WeddingChannel.com to host their websites can choose from templates by high-fashion designers like Oscar de la Renta, Monique Lhuillier and Vera Wang.

"You still want to make the investment in it to make it uniquely you," Roney said. "Just like you do on the wedding day."

Roney offers three tips for

setting up a wedding website: 1 — Don't assume your audience is only younger friends, and remember your etiquette. "You want to keep things 'wedding and older people friendly,'" Roney said. "You don't want to go on and on forever. You don't want to put things like, 'please ship our gifts to.' Some of the etiquette that is wrong for wedding invitations is wrong for this too. To be making specific demands of your guests isn't appropriate."

2 — Include your registry information. According to TheKnot.com and WeddingChannel.com survey, about 61 percent of guests find out where a couple is registered from their wedding website — a figure that has grown from 47 percent in 2008. "It really is becoming the absolute de facto way that guests are going to find out where you're registered," Roney said. "It used to be that brides were worried it was tacky, but it's simply not tacky. It's how it's done now."

3 — Get the word out. Don't just create and publish the website and assume everyone knows it exists. "Send the information directly to your guests," sometimes more than once, Roney said. "You can't assume that something you put on your website was acknowledged by all."

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Modelo de Nuestros Sueños first successful fashion show

By Arooj Ashraf,
La Prensa Correspondent

Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center's Reinberger Auditorium transformed into a glitzy red carpet fashion runway on Jan. 16, 2011 attracting more than 200 people. Enforcing positive self-image in young ladies is a difficult task; one that Yasin Cuevas undertook with exceptional grace. A model and teacher from Puerto Rico, Cuevas saw a void in Cleveland and sought to make a difference. She reached out to Julia De Burgos Cultural Arts Center and created a curriculum to teach girls 11 to 17 years old the skills of refinement, etiquette, style, and fashion sense, for free!

Modelo de Nuestros Sueños is a comprehensive program that teaches girls skills as simple as applying appropriate makeup to picking out outfits and organizing their closets, but Cuevas said the skills and confidence translates into better relationships in practical life.

"Modeling is the least important aspect of this course," said Cuevas, but "it is a wonderful finale to celebrate their transformations. Over the past six months the girls met weekly after school and had the opportunity to work with local designers, photographers, and makeup artists."

Cuevas said the greatest transformation has been in the girl's attitudes; "This has helped boost

their confidence - they love themselves more."

She said back in Puerto Rico there are literally centers on every block teaching girls re-

finement but in Cleveland they are either too expensive or too far for most young Latinas. Cuevas is committed to improving the program and is already planning an advanced curriculum. She hopes the community will recognize the needs and step forward to assist in providing sponsorships or partnerships to enhance the program. Ivelisse Roig, coordinates the program with Cuevas and said the curriculum also focuses on building leadership skills and reinforcing the refinement that is becoming rare.

The fashion showcased four runways with outfits donated by Dillard's, designers Lisa Malanij and Dru Thompson, and the formal dresses chosen by the young models themselves. Professional hairstylist Rachel Nicole and makeup artist Milka Javeth prepared the girls for their runway debut.

Gabriela Flores, 13, felt nervous and excited before stepping on the runway and said her excitement grew as the cheers grew louder. She said her favorite lesson was learning to apply makeup; "Because it is something I can use daily." Flores added it helps her put her best face



Yasin Cuevas

forward. She also enjoyed learning proper etiquette of ordering in a restaurant— "Now I don't have to be embarrassed or embarrass my parents."

Canuka Acuña, 13, also enjoyed the makeup lessons but appreciates meeting and making friends with girls who share her interests. Her aunt, Veronica Montero, beamed with pride and was stunned at the change in her young niece. "She has learned she can get anything she wants if she works hard," said Montero. She applauded Cuevas for creating a marvelous program. "She is a great teacher, very friendly." Montero said the program accomplished two great tasks, give the young girls self confidence and keeps them off the streets.

The next class will begin in April, 2011. Those interested in becoming sponsors or supporting the program are encouraged to contact Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center: <http://www.juliadeburgos.org/> Join the facebook fan page at: www.facebook.com/people/Modelo-De-Nuestros-Suenos/100001586250089



Sara Flores of Toledo celebrated her *Quinceañera* on Saturday, January 15, 2011, with Mass at *Immaculate Conception Parish* and dinner/dance at the Marcy Kaptur Readiness Center.

Sara's escort was Divino Flores. And her court included: Marina Esparaza/Derrick Chandler, Mireya López/Ramón Parraz, Desiree García/Richard Ruiz, Jasmine Ponce/Ricardo Escobar, Sandra Santiago/Ricardo Aguilar, Christina Jagodzinski/Emilliano Avelar, Victor Muñiz/Marcus McGovern, and Alisha Tobián/Mark Phillips.

Sara is the daughter of Priscilla Flores and José Gonzáles. Entertainment was by DJ Able Ramos.

UN rebuts Communist China for its "cult" stigmatization of Falun Gong

Shen Yun Performing Arts, through dance and song, illustrates China's repression, Jan. 20-23

On October 21, 2010, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Prof. Heiner Bielefeldt drew the world's attention to China's persecution of Falun Gong. He specifically denounced China's stigmatization of Falun Gong and some other "small communities" as "cults," during his presentation at the 65th U.N. General Assembly, held in New York.

Shen Yun Performing Arts will be at the *Detroit Opera House* Jan. 20-23, 2011, to present Chinese folkloric dance, opera, and other performances that also criticize Communist China for its oppression of Falun Gong and other religious groups.

Special Rapporteur Bielefeldt said, "Small communities, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Baha'is, Ahmadis, Falun Gong, and others are sometimes stigmatized as 'cults' and frequently meet with societal prejudices which may escalate into fully fledged conspiracy theories."

This is Prof. Bielefeldt's first report to the U.N. General Assembly since he took the position as Special Rapporteur in August 2010. Asma Jahangir previously held the position. In his 15-minute presentation to the 192 member states, he criticized the government of China for its systematic persecution of Falun Gong and view it as a crime that will threaten the nation's stability.

His speech was reported to have "irritated" the delegation of China. The delegate responded with their usual demanding tone and repeated the Communist Party's position that the "correct response" is to eradicate Falun Gong.

The international media described China as being "irritated" yet again. This reaction accords with former reports of this kind. For example, after the U.N. Committee against Torture (CAT) published their China torture report on November 21, 2008, news media including the New York Times, BBC, VOA, and RFI unanimously described the government of China as being "irritated." Through this, the raspy and aggressive nature of the Communist party has been well exposed to the international community.

The U.N. Special Rapporteurs' reports are among the most highly regarded documents on the status of human rights in concerned countries. The annual reports are based on case investigations carried out over the years and the responses by the governments in question. They often generate heated debate during U.N. human rights sessions.

Bielefeldt's findings might also be largely based on the mandate's previous investigation on Falun Gong allegations, which China itself often declared that they are jailing its own citizens for practicing Falun Gong and view it as a crime that will threaten the nation's stability.

Jahangir, former Special Rapporteur on *Freedom of Religion or Belief*, has raised the concerns of the persecution of Falun Gong since 2001. She called on the government of China to comply with international law and U.N. conventions.

In Jahangir's 2010 report, "While the circumstances under which the deaths occurred differ, all the victims were Falun Gong practitioners and they all died under the supervision of law enforcement officers or soon after their release from custody."

The former Special Rapporteur also noted, Human Rights Committee member Rosalyn Higgins "resolutely opposed the idea that States could have complete latitude to decide what was and what was not a genuine religious belief. The contents of a religion should be defined by the worshippers themselves."

The German human rights and law professor, Special Rapporteur Bielefeldt, has done extensive studies on religions and was the director of the German Institute for Human Rights for a number of years. His debut at the General Assembly notified the world that he has already begun his monitoring on the countries such as China.

On the Internet: <http://www.laprensatoledo.com/Stories/2010/052110/un.htm>

Argentine singer and poet María Elena Walsh dies

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan. 10, 2011 (AP): *María Elena Walsh*, an Argentine writer, poet, and singer, who entertained generations of children with whimsical songs and books, died Monday of heart failure. She was 80.

Walsh had been suffering from several chronic diseases before she died at a clinic in the capital, Ricardo Pereira, spokesman of the Argentine Society of Writers and Composers, told The Associated Press.

After being mourned at the society's headquarters, she will be buried in Buenos Aires' Chacarita cemetery.

The adventurous little turtle Manuelita and the goofy monkey Mono Liso were among the more well-known of Walsh's characters. Her songs, celebrated by folk singer Mercedes Sosa and Spanish crooner Joan Manuel Serrat, traveled across the Spanish-speaking world, inspiring children to sing along.

Born on Feb. 1, 1930, Walsh published her first poem when she was 15, and soon traveled to the U.S. and Europe, writing and perform-

ing. She returned to Argentina in 1970 as a famous personality, and she was one of the few to openly challenge the 1976-83 military dictatorship, with songs such as "Oracion a la Justicia" (Prayer for Justice) and "Venceremos," a Spanish version of the U.S. civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome."

By 1979, she wrote an open letter published in the newspaper *Clarín* that directly criticized the military regime's censorship, comparing Argentina to a preschool of cowering children with broken pencils. It was republished in 1993 in "Desventuras en el Pais-Jardin-de-Infantes" (Misadventures in the Preschool Country).

Walsh wrote more than 40 books in all, including works for adults, TV scripts and plays.

Even among themes apparently intended for children, Argentines found political messages, such as in the song



"El Pais del Nomeacuerdo" (The Country of Idontremember), which was later used as the theme song for "The Official Story," the Argentine film that won the 1985 Academy Award for best foreign language film.

In a rare 2008 interview with the newspaper *Página 12*, Walsh said she hoped to be remembered as someone who tried to bring joy to others.

"I never thought it was necessary to add a moral to the end of a song, nor tell the children to behave themselves. I was never interested in taking on the job of a mother," she said.



OBITUARIES

MARCELLA ROSE BELCH

Marcella Rose Belch (née Domínguez), 84, passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at her home in Lorain, OH. She was born in Lorain, OH on September 6, 1926 and was a lifelong resident of Lorain. She was a past member of St. Cyril Methodius Church. She attended Lorain High School and worked at U.S. Steel and Winko-Matic. She loved her family, especially her two granddaughters and she loved to read.

She is survived by her son, Frederic Belch; daughters, Rita Ann Belch and Bernadette (Jeff) Harned; granddaughters, Erica (Ed) Nicole Kelly; Marissa Christine Harned; her great granddaughter, Mia Rose Kelly; and sister, Eleanor González. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Fred Belch; sisters, Frances "Margie" Maloy and Laura Espitia; and brothers, Frank, Joseph, Lupe, Martín, and Manuel Domínguez.

HERMINIA R. BERLINGERI

Herminia R. "Minnie" Berlingeri (née Rivera) 88, of Lorain entered her eternal reward Saturday, January 8, 2011 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born December 25, 1922 in Coamo, Puerto Rico. She made Lorain her home in 1966. She worked as a Nursing Assistant for Avon Oaks Caring Community and retired from Lorain Community Hospital in 1981. Minnie was a member of Templo Emmanuel Assembly of God in Lorain, and currently a member of Freedom House Church in Amherst. She loved to read her Bible. She also enjoyed sewing, embroidering, quilting and traveling to spend time with her family. She had an extensive doll collection.

She will be dearly missed by her sons Angel M. Berlingeri of Florida, Robert (Marie) Berlingeri of Richmond, Virginia, Dominic Berlingeri of Lorain and Walter Berlingeri of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; daughters Hilda M. Walker, Carmen L. (Emie) Garza, Gloria M. Gonzalez and Lourdes Berlingeri all of Lorain; step son Miguel A. (Carmin) Berlingeri, Jr. of Coamo, Puerto Rico; brother Maximino Rivera Luquis of Caguas; sisters Cristina Rivera Santos of Lorain and Josefina Rivera Luquis of Caguas; 27 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Maximino and Francisca (née Luquis) Rivera; a sister María Nieves; brothers Candido, Monserrate, Miguel and Ramón Rivera Luquis; brother in law Augustin Nieves; son in law Tony "Duyo" Stevens

CLIFFORD F. BROWN

Clifford F. Brown, former Ohio Supreme Court Justice, age 94, of Norwalk, OH, passed away peacefully Friday, January 14, 2011 at the Stein Hospice Care Center in Sandusky. He was born January 21, 1916 and raised on an 80 acre farm in Bronson Township until he commenced the practice of law. His parents were Ignatius A. Brown and Philomena "Minnie" (née Ott) Brown. He attended a two-room country school, St. Alphonsus Elementary in Peru Township. Clifford evidenced superior intelligence and was advanced a grade before entering St. Paul High School, graduating as Valedictorian and youngest in the class at age 16 in 1932. He received his Bachelors degree in Arts and Letters from the University of Notre Dame, 1937, and obtained his Doctorate of Law degree as the youngest member of the class at the age of 22. Clifford passed the Michigan and Ohio Bar Examinations in 1938. He married Katharine M. Ruffing of Bellevue, whom he met at a Fireman's Ball in 1939, and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946 during World War II.

He practiced law in Norwalk and was publicly elected as Huron County Court Judge in 1958 and the 6th District Court of Appeals in 1964, where he faithfully served 16 years. While sitting on the Appellate Bench in Toledo, he often ate at Athens Village Restaurant and was well-liked by his legal peers. He often joked that he was an appellate judge because of his last name being Brown.

He was sworn into office in 1981 as a Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court through 1986. After retirement he served as a legal consultant, stayed active in the Norwalk community, enjoyed going to the law library, posting editorials in the newspapers, and shared his philosophy in discussion and in his writings. In 2000, he became a resident of the Carriage House and enjoyed the camaraderie of others. He enjoyed playing rummy and watching the Notre Dame Football games, continued to be an avid reader, and one of his favorite authors was John Grisham.

He was an avid handball player, loved to swim, and was a member of VFW Post 2743, American Legion Post 41 and Norwalk Kiwanis, St. Paul Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus Council 626, FCEDO and was instrumental in raising funds for the new pipe organ in church. He was a generous contributor to the University of Notre Dame and College of Mt. St. Joseph. He collected and donated food and fruit for years to the poor kitchens, and was also active with Meals on Wheels. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanity from the College of Mount St. Joseph, and was also a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and Huron County Bar Association.

He is survived by his children, Ann K. (Leonard E.) Playko of Norwalk, Margaret (Roy) Mason of Norwalk, Sheila (James) Knittle of Deer Park, Texas, and Charles E. (Mary Ellin) Brown of Norwalk; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katharine M. (Ruffing) Brown in 1992; son, Stephen C. Brown in 1961; a brother, Edwin Brown; and sisters, Marian (Brown) Lonz and Alice (Brown) Myers.

RAMON REYES

Ramón Reyes 86, of Lorain went home to his savior, Friday, January 07, 2011 in New Life Hospice Center, Lorain. He was born July 26, 1924 in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico. He came to Lorain in 1961. He retired from Nordson Corporation in 1977. He also worked for Thompson Greenhouse in Westlake for 15 years. Ramón was a member of Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain where he was a member of the *Grupo Carismáticas*. He enjoyed gardening and working and especially his dog Lennox.

He will be deeply missed by his son Miguel (Sharon) Reyes of Columbia Station; daughter Nilda (Luis) Morales of Lorain; brother Esteban Reyes of Barceloneta; sister Mariana Reyes of New Port Richie, Florida and a grandson Israel (Tress) Morales of Elyria.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years Julia (née Ayala) Reyes in 2006; parents Martin and Juana (née Meléndez) Reyes; brothers Martín and Pedro Reyes; sisters Elisa and Isabel Reyes.



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