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PROFILE: Libraries promoting 'Good Reads' for National Reading Day, March 2nd

By La Prensa Staff

As one of many library systems in the Midwest, the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is promoting many of its early literacy and reading programs ahead of National Read Across America Day March 2 [the birthday of Dr. Seuss.]. But the strategy is to create generations of active readers who will do better in school and in their professional lives.

The Toledo Library, for example, is offering four reading challenges right now, which encourage families to read together and earn prizes. 101 Picture Books and 50 More Picture Books are reading challenges meant to start reading to toddlers and preschoolers from a list of the best picture books as selected by local librarians. Successful completion brings a book for your home library.

8 Aloud is a reading challenge meant for adults and children to read aloud eight chapter books together or listen

to audiobooks. A zipper pouch is the prize for completion.

10 to Try covers reading a book in each of ten categories and allows the reader to choose their own titles or from a list of recommendations. If completed by the end of 2022, the reader receives a backpack and entry into a grand prize drawing.

(<https://www.toledolibrary.org/readingchallenges>)

"We know that kids and families who read together create great learners and great futures," said Assistant Youth Services Coordinator Lauren Boeke. "We really, really want families to come visit us. We want adults to come visit us and stop by any of our 20 locations to learn about how we can best serve our families."

The library also offers book bundles and learning packs, where librarians choose theme-based, age-appropriate materials to supplement what kids are learning in school. Those can be picked up at any library branch.

The library system puts an extra emphasis on early

literacy programs aimed at families with toddlers and preschoolers.

"We know that young children who love to read become better readers in school," said Ms. Boeke. "So if our parents, grandparents, and caregivers that are in their lives are good readers themselves and show them that reading is fun, that's going to create a love of lifelong learning."

One of the library's more popular programs is Ready to Read, a birth to preschool program which provides support to parents and caregivers to get kids ready for kindergarten and future reading success. Two-thirds of Toledo's children are not ready to enter kindergarten. By encouraging parents to read, sing, talk, write, and play with children every day, their early literacy skills can be built in time. (www.toledolibrary.org/readytoread)

DOLLY PARTON

The Library also serves as the local hub for Dolly Parton's Imagi-

nation Library. Families who are income-eligible can sign up to receive a free book mailed to the child's home monthly until the age of five. If a child is registered at birth, they would receive up to 60 books for their home library. The program is entirely funded by community sponsors. (www.toledolibrary.org/imaginationlibrary)

Dial-a-Story allows families to listen to a children's book over the phone and doesn't require a digital device to download or a visit to the library to check out an audio book. Stories are updated every two weeks. Dial 419.745.9700 to access a variety of selections.

"There's a lot of new, additional education requirements out there. Kindergarten is the new first grade. It's not like when we went to school," explained Ms. Boeke. "Additionally, the pandemic has complicated that even further. We really want to be here as a resource for customers of all ages and let them know that reading



is a great way to instill a love of learning and lifelong learning and the library is here through every step of their lives."

Many families continue to struggle to prepare young children to meet Ohio's third grade reading guarantee. A child's promotion to fourth grade depends on their reading proficiency being good enough to meet that guarantee.

"The third grade reading guarantee is a huge step and milestone in every family's life," said Ms. Boeke, herself the mother of girls in kindergarten and

fourth grade. "It is a definite change for the kids because instead of learning to read, they change to reading to learn (from textbooks). It absolutely can put stress on families and one of the great ways to support children through that process is by building vocabulary."

According to Ms. Boeke, the more children listen to others reading aloud to them, research shows the better fluency and vocabulary that child will develop. In fact, she still reads aloud to her fourth grade daughter.

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Prevén alza en aguacates y daño a productores en México

Por MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO, 17 II 22 (AP): Los expertos consideran posible que los estadounidenses tengan que pagar más por su pan tostado con aguacate en el corto plazo, y los efectos de la prohibición temporal de Estados Unidos sobre las importaciones del fruto ya se están sintiendo entre los recolectores de México.

El país latinoamericano está negociando garantías de seguridad para los inspectores estadounidenses que trabajan en el occidente de México, certificando los aguacates para exportación.

Las inspecciones estadounidenses se suspendieron la semana pasada después de que uno de los inspectores recibiera amenazas en el estado occidental de Michoacán, donde los productores son extorsionados rutinariamente por cárteles del narcotráfico.

El Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos dio a conocer el jueves más detalles sobre la amenaza. Indicó en un comunicado que un inspector había recibido una amenaza "contra él y su familia".

El inspector había "cuestionado la integridad de cierto cargamento, y se rehusó a certificarlo basándose en problemas concretos", según el comunicado. Los inspectores se encuentran en México para certificar que los aguacates no sean portadores de plagas que puedan perjudicar los huertos de aguacates en California.

Pero sólo un estado en México, Michoacán, cuenta con certificación como productor libre de plagas y es capaz de exportar aguacate al mercado estadounidense. Han surgido reportes frecuentes de que algunos empacadores en México compran aguacates de otros estados no certificados e intentan hacerlos pasar como productos michoacanos. Pero son los agricultores honestos, y sus empleos, los que están sufriendo las consecuencias. Muchos recolectores del fruto acudieron esta semana a orillas de una

carretera en las afueras de la ciudad de Uruapan, en Michoacán, para pedir donaciones que les permitan sobrevivir. Con carteles que decían "Cooperación voluntaria" y "Nos mantenemos del corte de aguacate", esperaban a que los automovilistas les regalaran algunas monedas en los baldes que tenían.

"Desde el miércoles para acá no se ha cortado" nada, lamentó uno de los trabajadores, que se negó a dar su nombre debido a la violencia generalizada en el estado. "Mientras tanto, uno se muere de hambre", agregó.

Aunque los aguacates que ya fueron inspeccionados todavía pueden ser enviados a Estados Unidos, había indicios el jueves de que las exportaciones mexicanas de aguacate se reducirán, y que las empresas que los importan podrían tener que buscar en otros países. México suministra actualmente aproximadamente el 80% de las importaciones estadounidenses del fruto.

"Creo que van a subir los precios en Estados Unidos. No ahora, porque todavía hay aguacate en tránsito, pero anticipo que en una semana o 10 días vamos a tener un pico de precios", manifestó Miguel Gómez, profesor de Economía Aplicada y Administración en el Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, una escuela de negocios de la Universidad de Cornell, con sede en Ithaca, en el estado de Nueva York.

Jack Hartung, director financiero de la cadena estadounidense de restaurantes Chipotle, escribió en un comunicado: "Estamos trabajando en estrecha colaboración con nuestros proveedores para superar este desafío. Nuestros socios de suministros tienen actualmente inventario disponible para varias semanas, por lo que continuaremos monitoreando la situación de cerca y ajustaremos nuestros planes en consecuencia".

Gómez dijo esperar que cualquier escasez de aguacates en Estados Unidos sea de corta duración.

"Opino que la

interrupción en el mercado será muy corta ahora porque (el aguacate de) Perú llegará a fines de marzo, principios de abril, y estoy seguro de que harán todo lo necesario para comenzar a enviar aguacates antes, y tal vez a mediados de marzo", expresó Gómez.

Perú, Colombia y Chile ya envían aguacates a Estados Unidos, pero en cantidades que apenas son una pequeña fracción de la producción de México. Eso podría cambiar. "Estuve hablando con algunos compradores de aguacate a nivel nacional y hacia el futuro. Saben que necesitan diversificar proveedores", comentó Gómez. "El tema es que se dieron cuenta de que sería muy arriesgado depender de una sola fuente".

La asociación de productores de aguacate y los funcionarios de Michoacán se reunieron esta semana con funcionarios estadounidenses con el fin de establecer garantías de seguridad para los inspectores de Estados Unidos.

"Mantenemos los trabajos para restaurar la exportación de aguacate a la brevedad", escribió el gobernador de Michoacán, Alfredo Ramírez Bedolla. Mientras tanto, los productores de aguacate en Michoacán están en la incertidumbre. Los aguacates pueden quedarse en los árboles durante cierto tiempo, pero la fruta ya cosechada debe enviarse rápidamente a los mercados.

"Estamos en esta incertidumbre, de que (el aguacate de exportación) si se va al (mercado) nacional en toda la república, va a abaratar el precio", dijo el mayorista y distribuidor de aguacate José Manuel García Tovar. "Entonces, estamos en que los productores quieren o no cortar".

Está por verse también cómo reaccionarán los consumidores estadounidenses si empiezan a ver un alza de precios. Aunque existe preocupación por la deforestación y la violencia que han resultado del auge del aguacate en Michoacán, el fruto se ha vuelto un alimento de primera necesidad en Estados Unidos, donde su consumo per cápita se triplicó desde 2001 a 3,6 kilos (8 libras) por persona en 2018.

"En el momento en que afectan el pan tostado con aguacate de alguien en un almuerzo, es como afectar el corazón de muchas familias estadounidenses que disfrutaban del almuerzo dominical, ¿no es así? Entonces, de repente, estamos recibiendo preguntas como... ¿cuáles son las prioridades aquí?", comentó Desirée LeClercq, profesora de Derecho Laboral en la Facultad de Relaciones Industriales y Laborales de la Universidad de Cornell.

Eso plantea la cuestión de si los estadounidenses estarían dispuestos a pagar más por aguacates que no estén vinculados con la violencia, los cárteles de las drogas o la deforestación.

"Está haciendo que los estadounidenses realmente se pregunten a sí mismos: ¿Quieren pagar más por tener un producto de calidad, o quieren hacerse de la vista gorda para poder comer su pan tostado?", preguntó LeClercq. "Y creo que los consumidores están aprendiendo más sobre cómo se hacen estos productos. Pero me parece que aún está por verse si eso se reflejará o no en el comportamiento del consumidor".

Armando Solís contribuyó con este despacho desde Uruapan, México.

OPS entrega 100 millones de vacunas de COVAX a Latinoamérica

MIAMI, 15 II 22 (AP): La Organización Panamericana de la Salud dijo el martes que ha entregado 100 millones de dosis de vacunas contra el COVID-19 en los países de América Latina y el Caribe como parte de los esfuerzos conjuntos con el mecanismo COVAX creado a comienzos de la pandemia para que todo el mundo tenga acceso a la inmunización de manera equitativa.

La marca se alcanzó el martes con la entrega de 151.200 dosis de vacunas Moderna a Haití y poco más de 1,5 millón de dosis de Pfizer a Ecuador, donadas por España.

"Estas cien millones de dosis marcan un hito importante", dijo la directora de la OPS, Carissa Etienne. "Gracias a la labor de COVAX y nuestro Fondo Rotatorio y al generoso apoyo de los donantes que ayudaron a nuestra región... los países están en mejores condiciones para administrar las vacunas y proteger a su población".

El Fondo Rotatorio de la OPS es el encargado de comprar vacunas para los países de las Américas desde hace más de cuatro décadas. Durante la pandemia de coronavirus trabajó junto a COVAX para adquirir vacunas contra el COVID-19 y distribuir las en la región.

Hasta ahora 33 países han recibido esas dosis. El 30% de ellas fueron donadas por Estados Unidos, Canadá, España, Alemania, Francia, Japón, Suecia, Noruega y Dinamarca, dijo la OPS en un comunicado de prensa.

Para complementar los esfuerzos de COVAX y acelerar la entrega de vacunas contra el coronavirus, la OPS firmó acuerdos a largo plazo con tres productores.

Durante meses la región fue epicentro de la pandemia y varios de sus países han aparecido al tope de la lista de los que más casos y muertos han tenido.

El 63% de la población de América Latina y el Caribe ya ha sido vacunada contra el COVID-19, pero la cobertura continúa siendo desigual: 14 países y territorios todavía no han inmunizado al 40% de su población, meta que había fijado el Fondo Rotatorio de la OPS.

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Inflación y dolarización golpean a la economía cubana

Por ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ, Associated Press

LA HABANA, 17 febrero (AP): Tras posponerlo por al menos una década, Cuba aplicó a comienzos del año pasado un plan para reordenar sus finanzas en medio de una dura crisis económica: unificó la tasa de cambio y su sistema hasta entonces de doble moneda, aumentó los salarios, flexibilizó el acceso a las utilidades para los trabajadores y ajustó los precios.

Ahora las autoridades deben lidiar con varios enemigos que desataron aquellas medidas: una inflación galopante acompañada de un desabastecimiento generalizado; una nueva dolarización del consumo y una brecha entre el dólar oficial y el paralelo que golpea a la población.

Muchos cubanos sienten que no les alcanza el salario para cubrir necesidades básicas y otros se lamentan por las largas filas, mientras el gobierno reconoció públicamente el problema y los expertos reclamaron acción.

La inflación, la brecha cambiaria y los problemas financieros fueron en el último año una constante en varios países de América Latina, pero en Cuba el fenómeno es una novedad y puso de manifiesto una desigualdad en el consumo difícil de entender para los ciudadanos en un modelo socialista que por décadas se basó en una distribución relativamente igualitaria de los bienes.

“Con mi salario imposible mantener a mi familia, sólo con la ayuda de él (su hijo) puedo comprar un aseo (jabón y champú), el detergente, una carne que está en este momento a 200 pesos una libra (ocho dólares al cambio oficial)”, comentó a *The Associated Press* Marcia Ochoa, una trabajadora

estatal que cobra mensualmente un salario de 2.400 pesos, 100 dólares al cambio oficial.

Para completar sus gastos Ochoa, quien vive con sus padres ancianos y su esposo, cuenta con el envío de remesas de su hijo residente en Estados Unidos, una operación que se volvió complicada luego de que en noviembre de 2020 la administración del entonces presidente norteamericano Donald Trump incrementó las sanciones contra la isla afectando las transferencias.

“Mi hijo me depositaba (en Western Union). Le costaba 112 dólares y yo obtenía aquí 100 pesos convertibles o CUC (equivalentes a 100 dólares), podía ir a una tienda, compraba y resolvía muchísimos problemas... hoy es un dilema, tiene que buscar un mecanismo para mandar”, agregó Ochoa. El mes pasado, por ejemplo, recibió esas divisas por vías informales -personas que las traen- y que le dieron 70 pesos cubanos por cada unidad del billete estadounidense.

Esta semana el dólar paralelo -el único que pueden adquirir los ciudadanos dado que el Estado dejó de venderlo- subió a 100 pesos cubanos por unidad mientras la tasa oficial se mantiene en 24.

Hasta el 1 de enero de 2021 Cuba tenía dos monedas: el peso cubano y el CUC -en paridad con el dólar- que desapareció en un intento del gobierno de volver a controlar y darle más claridad a la economía, desestimar las importaciones y eliminar los subsidios a empresas ineficientes.

La unificación eliminó también varias tasas de cambio y dejó sólo una en 24 pesos cubanos por dólar. Además se aplicó un aumento de los salarios estatales -sector que emplea al 70% del

mercado laboral- y se ajustaron los precios de los servicios y las mercancías básicas que el Estado controla.

Y como la crisis ocasionada por la pandemia y las sanciones estadounidenses ya habían mostrado su impacto en el desabastecimiento generalizado, el gobierno dispuso la ampliación de una red de comercios en los que se paga en una divisa virtual llamada *Moneda Libremente Convertible (MLC)* equivalente al dólar y mediante la cual puede captar divisas.

Pero la escasez es tal que en cualquier comercio, sea de pesos cubanos o MLC, se producen largas filas cada día.

“Estuve muchas horas parada, hay que esperar que te toque el turno para poder pasar por dos botellitas, pero es algo”, dijo a AP la jubilada Julia Sardiñas, de 65 años, mientras mostraba el interior de una bolsa blanca con envases de aceite. Cada litro le costó 48 pesos cubanos, unos dos dólares.

Sardiñas llegó a las seis de la mañana y tras esperar siete horas pudo adquirir en una tienda de pesos cubanos los aceites autorizados. La entrega es controlada mediante el escaneo del carné de identidad para evitar la reventa.

Junto con las tiendas de MLC y las de pesos cubanos, adonde aparecen y desaparecen los productos cada jornada -jabones, papel sanitario, frijoles o pollo-, la población consigue mercancías en el mercado negro alimentado por personas que acaparan para luego vender más caro.

En las últimas semanas, por ejemplo, faltó la leche en polvo en los comercios legales y quienes necesitaron el producto llegaron a pagar 1.000 pesos por un kilo (41 dólares al

cambio oficial), la tercera parte de un sueldo promedio.

Dependiente de los ingresos del turismo y las remesas, sectores semiparalizados por la pandemia, la economía cubana no logra autoabastecerse de productos básicos que importa.

“Hay muchos factores (para el aumento de los precios), pero el principal es la caída en la oferta de bienes y servicios. Si hoy usted no tiene aceite debe pensar que en los próximos días va a subir el precio”, indicó a AP el economista y catedrático *Omar Everleny Pérez*.

El propio gobierno reconoció que la inflación es un problema serio.

Según el ministro de Economía y Planificación, *Alejandro Gil*, el incremento de los precios alcanzó en 2021 el 70%, una cifra discutida por los expertos y la realidad.

Un cartón de huevos podía conseguirse a comienzos del año pasado por 150 pesos cubanos (seis dólares al cambio oficial) y hoy cuesta 400 pesos cubanos (16 dólares al precio oficial) en el mercado informal; un paquete de salchichas podía costar 40 pesos cubanos (un dólar y medio al cambio

oficial) y actualmente se vende a 118 (casi cinco dólares al cambio oficial) en las tiendas legales, mientras que la carne de cerdo pasó de unos 40 pesos cubanos a 200 la libra (un dólar y medio a ocho dólares al precio oficial).

“En el país es el tema de más debate y preocupación... Estamos permanentemente buscando alternativas dentro de las posibilidades que tenemos”, dijo Gil la semana pasada en una entrevista televisiva. Para el ministro la base del problema es “un déficit de oferta” dada la poca producción nacional que a su vez “trae consigo la especulación y la reventa”.

Aún así, el funcionario indicó que algunos precios como la luz, las comunicaciones o los alimentos de la libreta de abastecimiento que cada cubano tiene mensualmente garantizada -que aunque se recortó en los últimos años beneficia a los más vulnerables- se mantuvo sin incrementos desde el inicio del reordenamiento.

El malestar por la inflación, los salarios que perdieron su poder adquisitivo y el

desabastecimiento estuvieron entre las principales quejas de miles de personas que salieron a manifestarse a las calles en julio del año pasado.

Para los expertos las propuestas de soluciones irían desde la flexibilización del naciente sector privado -por ejemplo, dejarlos importar o exportar libremente-, la descentralización en las decisiones de las empresas estatales para fomentar la producción, autorizaciones para el ejercicio de los profesionales y evitar la creciente migración sobre todo de jóvenes-, hasta los permisos de operación para cadenas de tiendas internacionales minoristas dado que el Estado tiene el monopolio del comercio interior.

“Se requiere una acción enérgica y pública. Hace falta un plan. Tiene que haber un programa de reactivación de la economía. Hay muchos desequilibrios macroeconómicos de corto plazo que están estrangulando a una parte de la población y las empresas”, indicó a AP el economista y profesor de la *Universidad de La Habana*, *Oscar Fernández*.

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The event is scheduled for April 16, 2022.

In the twenty-eight years of DDLJ history, a great number of issues and concerns have been addressed through keynote presenters, forums and workshops facilitated by Latina experts on education, health, politics, community, family, history, culture, professional, and personal development areas. DDLJ is the only conference of its kind in the state of Michigan and serves as the premiere leader in enhancing the Latino community to reach new levels of success. DDLJ is organized by a planning committee consisting of MSU students, MSU Faculty, MSU Staff,

and community members from across the state.

Held at Kellogg Center of Michigan State University in the spring semester annually, DDLJ offers close to 30 workshops and many exhibit tables for agencies in the community to display their materials and services.

If you would like more information regarding: The Planning Committee, Offering a Workshop, Donations, Group Rates, Purchasing a booth for your organization, etc. contact Juan Flores, DDLJ Coordinator at floresj2@msu.edu.

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Updated measure bans required teaching of systemic racism

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Feb. 17, 2022 (AP): Neither the state nor school districts could require or compel Ohio teachers to affirm a belief in the systemic nature of racism or “the multiplicity or fluidity of gender identities,” under the latest version of a bill in the Ohio House restricting how the topic of racism and other concepts are taught in K-12 schools.

The updated legislation would also prevent teachers or administrators from using or approving curricula or materials to

promote those concepts, according to the bill, part of a conservative broadside against critical race theory.

The new version rolled out Wednesday also says that the elimination of slavery through the waging of the Civil War, fights to end racial discrimination, and public opinion opposing racism “dispels the idea that the United States and its institutions are systemically racist,” and that such topics should be at the center of education.

Two anti-critical race

theory bills introduced in May and pending before the House State and Local Government Committee are similar to legislation introduced nationwide by GOP lawmakers.

Critics including the Ohio Education Association teachers’ union call it an attempt to white-wash history.

Critical race theory is part of a scholarly movement developed in the 1970s that examines U.S. history and modern society through a focus on the legacy of slavery, racism and discrimination.

Park program receives statewide award

The Wood County Park District was awarded second place from Ohio Parks and Recreation Association for an outstanding program considered from hundreds of nominations across Ohio. The awarded program, the Masked Hero Geochase, was an engaging self-guided program. Themed to superheroes protecting nature, the open activity encouraged participants to visit parks and accomplish the

Geochase to become a Masked Hero. Videos of nature “villains” polluting or destroying nature added a dynamic aspect to the program. Once at the park, the Geochase participants solved puzzles, scanned codes leading to videos, and utilized geospatial coordinates to find specific clue locations. Similar to a combination of geocaching and a logic puzzle treasure



hunt, the Masked Hero Geochase was an engaging program open for the entire community to enjoy.

Please visit wcparks.org, or call 419-353-1897 for more park program, activity, and event information. Wood County Park District parks and preserves are open daily from 8:00 am until 30 minutes past sunset.

Biden: Infrastructure plan gives \$1B for Great Lakes cleanup

By JOHN FLESHER and ZEKE MILLER, Associated Press

LORAIN, OH, Feb. 17, 2022 (AP): President Joe Biden declared Thursday that a \$1 billion infusion from the bipartisan infrastructure deal would restore the Great Lakes harbors and tributary rivers that have been polluted by industrial toxins.

The president ventured close to the banks of Lake Erie to speak in Lorain, Ohio, a small city that once housed a ship-builder, a Ford plant and a U.S. Steel factory and is now adapting to a post-industrial economy.

Biden pledged that the investment in cleaning the waterways was as much about jobs as the environment, citing a note that Democratic Rep. Marcy Kaptur—who attended Thursday’s event—handed to him after an address last year to a joint session of Congress.

“That letter was about the Great Lakes,” the president said. “(They) support more than 1.3 million jobs in manufacturing tourism, transportation, warehousing, farming and fishing.”

Biden’s trip to northeast Ohio comes at a crucial political moment as the state’s Republican Sen. Rob Portman, Biden’s partner on the infrastructure deal, is retiring. That has left open a Senate seat this year that Democrats hope to claim, despite the state’s swing toward the GOP.

The \$1 billion for the Great Lakes from the bipartisan measure enacted in November, combined with annual funding through an ongoing recovery program, will enable agencies by 2030 to finish work on 22 sites designated a quarter-century ago as among the region’s most degraded, officials said Thursday.

The lakes provide drinking water for 40 million people and underpin the economy in eight Northeastern and Midwestern states and two Canadian provinces. They fueled a 20th century industrial boom that generated wealth and jobs but caused ecological devastation.

Notorious images from the region including flames on the surface of the Cuyahoga River, which flows into Lake Erie at Cleveland, helped inspire enactment of the Clean Water Act and other signature environmental laws.

The U.S. and Canada listed 43 sites—31 of them in the U.S.—as toxic hot spots in 1987, largely because of contaminated sediments that make the waters unsuitable for fishing, swimming and other uses.

But while cleanup plans were crafted, they languished with little funding until the Obama administration kicked off the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in 2010.

It’s been one of the few matters on which the region’s congressional Democrats and Republicans routinely agree. They thwarted President Donald Trump’s early efforts to gut the program, which GOP lawmakers from Michigan eventually persuaded him to support.

Because of progress under the initiative, which has received nearly \$4 billion, the Environmental Protection Agency has

dropped six areas of concern from the list and finished work at 11 others. They’ll also be removed after scientists determine they have recovered, depending on factors such as whether wildlife populations are thriving.

The more than 6,000 projects funded under the restoration initiative also deal with some of the lakes’ other biggest problems. They include invasive species such as quagga mussels that unravel food chains; toxic algae blooms caused by agricultural runoff and sewage overflows; and loss of wetlands and other wildlife habitat.

The billion-dollar bonus from the infrastructure package will enable the EPA and other federal agencies to devote more resources to those issues from the program’s core budget. Congress voted separately in 2021 to increase the initiative’s annual funding from \$300 million to \$475 million over five years.

“The Great Lakes are

North America’s most important source of freshwater, and President Biden is delivering on his promise to restore them for the millions of people and thousands of wildlife species they support,” said Collin O’Mara, president of the National Wildlife Federation.

Critics say the program has shortchanged low-income, minority communities and its focus on fixing past damage ignores the need for tougher rules to prevent future harm.

“Why restore a lake while another degrades?” Michael Isham, executive director of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, said during a recent workshop sponsored by the nonprofit Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources.

The EPA said it will distribute the \$1 billion from the infrastructure measure in keeping with a Biden pledge to deliver at least 40% of benefits from crucial federal investments to “underserved communities.”

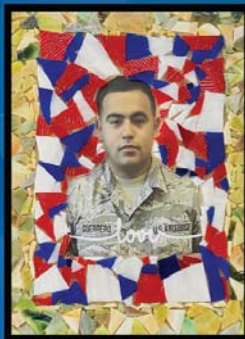
Most of the infrastructure funds will be used for the hot spot cleanups, officials said during a news briefing ahead of Biden’s Ohio trip.

Of 25 U.S. sites still on the list, only three are expected to need further work by 2030, officials said. They include the St. Lawrence River in New York and Michigan’s Kalamazoo River, as well as the Saginaw River and Bay.

Among those where work should be done by then are Waukegan, Illinois; the Grand Calumet River in Indiana; the St. Louis River in Minnesota and Wisconsin; the Black and Cuyahoga rivers and Maumee, Ohio; the Niagara and Buffalo rivers, Eighteenmile and the Rochester Ebayment in New York; Wisconsin’s Fox River, Milwaukee Estuary and Sheboygan; and Michigan’s Muskegon Lake, River Raisin and Torch Lake along with the Clinton, Detroit, Manistique, Rouge, St. Clair and St. Marys rivers.

University of Toledo Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser in honor of Sebastian (Sob Sob) Guerrero III

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Cleveland COVID-19 Vaccine Locations

Homebound Options:

People who are homebound and need a vaccine can be referred to the **Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging** by calling (216) 621-0303. When making a referral, be prepared to provide the individual's name, demographic information, DOB, phone number, and address.

Standing Clinics:

Vaccine Locations below sorted by hub zip code:

- Monday-Sunday, **Cleveland Clinic Euclid Avenue Pharmacy**, 9211 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44195. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm
- Monday-Friday, **Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills Pharmacy**, 2550 Som Center Rd, Willoughby, OH 44094. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm
- Monday-Friday, **Cleveland Clinic Strongsville Pharmacy**, 16761 South Park Center, Strongsville, OH 44136. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm
- Every Tuesday, **J. Glenn Health Center**, 11100 St. Clair Ave. from 1p - 6:30p. Walk-in or pre-register at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov; phone 216-664-2222 for assistance. 1st and 2nd dose Pfizer and Moderna and one-dose J&J. Flyer in shared folder in English and Spanish.
- Tuesdays and Fridays @ **International Community Health Center - Akron**, 370 E. Market Street, Akron, OH 44304 from 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM. To register, call 234-300-3400.
- Every Thursday, **McCafferty Health Center**, 4242 Lorain Ave, from 1p - 6:30p. Walk-in or pre-register at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov; phone 216-664-2222 for assistance. 1st and 2nd dose Pfizer and Moderna and one-dose J&J. Flyer in shared folder in English and Spanish.
- **Case Western Reserve University**, Veale Convocation, Recreation and Athletic Center at 2138 Adelbert Road. Check eligibility, then register online or

call 216-368-1964. For more information, visit CWRU website.

- **The Centers & Circle Health Services**, Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Register online or by phone at: 216-325-WELL
- **Neighborhood Family Practice**, is offering walk-in or scheduled vaccine appointments at all seven community health center locations. Register online or call 216-281-0872 for assistance.

Cleveland Clinic Standing Clinics:
You can schedule an appointment on this link: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/landing/covid-19-vaccine/ohio#> or call 216-448-4117. Our schedulers are available Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm.

- **Cleveland Clinic Business Operations Center**— 6801 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131 (Appointment only)
- **Cleveland Clinic Main Campus**, G-10— 9500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44195 (Walk-in vaccinations for Cleveland Clinic patients 18 and older available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-3pm)
- **Fairview Hospital**— 18101 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44111 (Appointment only)
- **Hillcrest North Campus**— 6777 Mayfield Rd, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124 (Appointment Only)
- **Langston Hughes Health and Education Center**— 2390 E 79th St, Suite 206, Cleveland, OH 44104 (Walk-in vaccinations available Mondays from 7:30am-3:30pm)

MetroHealth Standing Clinics:

- **Main Campus Pharmacy**, 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, OH 44109, Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm
- **Parma MetroHealth Pharmacy**, 12301 Snow Road, Parma, OH 44130, Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm
- **Cleveland Heights Pharmacy**, 10 Severance Circle, Cleveland, Heights OH 44120, Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm
- **Broadway Pharmacy**, 6835 Broadway Ave, Cleveland, OHIO,



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- **Ohio City Health Center Pharmacy**, 4757 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.
- **Old Brooklyn Pharmacy**, 4229 Pearl Rd. Cleveland, OH 44109. Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm
- **Middleburg Heights Pharmacy**, 7800 Pearl Rd. Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm
- **Brecksville Pharmacy**, 9200 Treeworth Blvd. Brecksville, OH 44141 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.
- **Buckeye Pharmacy**, 2816 E. 116th St., Cleveland, OH 44120 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.
- **Bedford Pharmacy**, 19999 Rockside Rd. Bedford OH 44146 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

Pop-Ups:

Cleveland Public Library is offering a dose of protection against COVID-19. In partnership with **Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (NEON)**, the Library will host COVID-19 vaccination clinics at select neighborhood branches.

- Clevelanders who get the shot can win bus passes, gift cards, and other prizes. Managed Plan Medicaid members aged 18 and over receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will get a \$100 gift card.
- **Cuyahoga County Public Library** is partnering with **United Healthcare** to offer mobile vaccine clinics at the branches below (Medicaid members will receive a \$100 gift card after the first shot).

SOURCE: *Mike Heuer & Maria Garcia-Olalla, HUB+Spoke Vaccine Task Force.— Gracias!*

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Toledo Health Department:

- **RITE AID:** Drive-thru testing available at the 7225 Airport Highway; Time: Starting 6/4 testing hours will be 10-8 M-F and 10-5 on the Weekend; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.riteaid.com For Questions: (419) 866-8943; Cost: Free
- **WALMART ON CENTRAL:** Drive-thru testing available at the Walmart Supercenter at 5821 Central Ave, Toledo; **Time:** Testing is available M-W-F from 7 am - 9 am; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com For Questions: (866) 697-8378; Cost: Free
- **LABCORP:** Anti-body testing available at 1565 S. Byrne Rd Suite 105, Toledo; **Time:** Testing available Monday-Friday from 7:30 am - 4 pm

Appointment: Order Required, No Appointment Needed.

How Lapcorp Works (419-381-1300); Individuals without an order may have one created at **Lapcorp COVID-19 Antibody Testing;** Cost: \$10 if order is purchased from Lapcorp website.

- **NHA: NEXUS HEALTHCARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Nexus Healthcare Center at 1415 Jefferson Ave; **Time:** Beginning 4/27; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free
- **NHA: NAVARRE PARK FAMILY CARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Navarre Park Family Care Center at 1020 Varland Ave (Spanish Speakers Available); **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free
- **CVS:** Drive-thru testing available at the CVS Pharmacy at 2104 S. Byrne Road, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 9 am - 6 pm, on Sat 9 am - 5 pm, and on Sun 10 am - 5 pm; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.CVS.com For Questions: 419-389-9112 **Cost:** Free

- **Health Partners of Western Ohio:** Drive-thru and walk-up Drive-thru testing available at the Old West End Site (former Girl Scout Building) at 2244 Collingwood Blvd Toledo; **Time:** Testing is available M-F from 8:15 am - 4 pm (All Ages); **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 567-318-3900; **Cost:** Free
- **NEW LOCATION- Toledo Family Pharmacy:** Drive-thru testing available at 324 Main Street, Toledo; **Time:** Testing is available M/TR: 10am -1 pm, W/F: 1 pm-6 pm, Sat : 11 am-3 pm; **Appointment: Must have an appointment;** Visit DoINeedaCOVID19test.com or call 800-635-8611 to schedule an appointment; **Cost:** Free

Testing locations for Cleveland:

- **Cleveland Clinic - Main campus**, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Drive-thru. • **Walgreens**, 4281 W. 130th St., Cleveland; drive-thru, 9am to 5pm. Cleveland

Ohio Dept of Health: If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/ COVID-19 call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Michigan Dept of Human and Health Services

Questions About COVID-19? Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136. Email COVID19@michigan.gov. **Don't Bring COVID-19 Home. Get Tested Today At No Cost.** Are you or is someone close to you sick or has symptoms? Do you work outside the home? You should get tested for coronavirus. There are many locations where you can get tested at no charge to you. Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, press 1.

Testing sites in Detroit:

- **CVS Pharmacy at**

Wayne County Community College: Drive-thru, 1001 W Fort St, Detroit, MI 48226; (313) 412-2160; **Appointment Required** Features

- No-cost
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals Guidelines
- Insurance accepted.
- Call to make an appointment for a self-swab test. Testing available to individuals meeting CDC, state, and age guidelines.
- Tests some asymptomatic depending on risk and occupation.
- **Health Centers Detroit Medical Group FQHC**, 7633 E. Jefferson Ave., Suite 340, Detroit, MI 48214; (313) 822-9801 **Appointment Required** **Hours:** Mo,Tu,We,Th,Fr - 08:30AM-05:00PM **Features**
- Tests people without symptoms (asymptomatic)
- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals Guidelines
- Insurance accepted.
- Please call the site to schedule a testing appointment.

Grand Rapids, MI

- **AFC Urgent Care Grand Rapids TeleCare:** In an effort to minimize the spread of infection, we are now able to provide you with an opportunity to hold a telemedicine video visit with one of our providers. This will allow our providers to facilitate health care virtually without an in-person visit. TeleCare will be available from 8:00am to 8:00pm, 7 days a week. Patients requiring further care will be directed to our clinic or other appropriate health resources, as needed. Most insurance companies have agreed to cover the telemedicine visits for the cost of your typical copay. For those patients who do not have insurance coverage, we are offering the telemedicine visit for \$65.
- **AFC URGENT CARE GRAND RAPIDS** **Appointment is Required for COVID Testing.** PHONE: 616-288-2980; 1740 28th Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508
- **CVS:** Drug store - Grand Rapids, MI - (616) 514-5602; **COVID-19** testing center
- Appointment required
- Referral not required
- Tests limited to certain patients
- Drive-through

Familia de fotógrafa muerta en set demanda a Alec Baldwin

Por ANDREW DALTON, Associated Press

LOS ÁNGELES, 15 II 22 (AP): La familia de la directora de fotografía que murió baleada en el set de la película "Rust" demandó a Alec Baldwin y los productores del filme por homicidio por negligencia.

Los abogados de la familia de Halyna Hutchins anunciaron la demanda presentada en Nuevo México a nombre del esposo de Hutchins, Matthew Hutchins, y su hijo, Andros, en una conferencia de prensa en Los Ángeles el martes.

Al menos otras tres demandas se han presentado por el tiroteo, pero esta es la primera directamente relacionada con una de las dos personas baleadas.

La "conducta imprudente y las medidas de reducción de costos" de Baldwin y los productores de la película "condujeron a la muerte de Halyna Hutchins", dijo el abogado Brian Panish.

Un video creado por los abogados mostró una recreación animada del tiroteo.

Baldwin estaba apuntando un arma hacia Hutchins durante la preparación para la filmación de una escena del western en Nuevo México el 21 de octubre cuando el arma se disparó, matando a Hutchins e hiriendo al director Joel Souza.

Baldwin ha dicho que le apuntó a Hutchins siguiendo sus instrucciones y que la pistola se disparó sin que él apretara el gatillo.

Los abogados dijeron en el video que Baldwin había rechazado el entrenamiento para el tipo

de desenfundado de armas que estaba practicando cuando le disparó a Hutchins.

Dijeron que los estándares de la industria exigen el uso de una pistola de goma o de utería similar para ese tipo de escenas, y que no se justificaba la presencia de un arma real.

El mes pasado, casi tres meses después del tiroteo, Baldwin entregó su teléfono celular a las autoridades en su estado natal de Nueva York. La información recopilada del teléfono fue proporcionada a los investigadores del condado de Santa Fe, quienes habían obtenido una orden judicial.

Los investigadores han descrito "cierta complacencia" en el modo en que se manejaron las armas en el plató de "Rust". Han dicho que es demasiado pronto para determinar si se presentarán cargos.

Baldwin dijo que no cree que enfrente cargos penales. El supervisor de guion de la película y su operador de cámara principal, quienes estaban parados a unos metros de Hutchins, presentaron una demanda por el trauma por el que pasaron.

Y la armera de la película, Hannah Gutiérrez Reed, nombrada como una acusada en esas demandas y culpada por algunos por el tiroteo, presentó su propia demanda diciendo que un proveedor de municiones creó condiciones peligrosas al incluir balas reales en una caja que se suponía que debía incluir solo balas de fuego.

En una entrevista con

ABC News en diciembre, Baldwin dijo que sentía una tristeza increíble por el incidente, pero no culpa.

"Alguien es responsable de lo que pasó, y no puedo decir quién es, pero no soy yo", dijo el actor y productor.

Dijo que Hutchins le había pedido que apuntara el arma justo a un lado de la cámara, hacia su axila, antes de que se disparara.

"Yo no apreté el gatillo", dijo Baldwin. "Nunca apuntaría con un arma a nadie y apretaría el gatillo. Nunca".

Agregó que Hutchins era "querida y admirada por todos los que trabajaron con ella".

Hutchins, de 42 años, creció en una remota base militar soviética y trabajó en documentales en Europa del Este antes de estudiar cine en Los Ángeles y embarcarse en una prometedora carrera cinematográfica.

En su página de Instagram, se identificó como una "soñadora inquieta" y "adicta a la adrenalina".

En una entrevista de 2019 con American Cinematographer, que la nombró una de las estrellas en ascenso del año, se describió a sí misma como una "mocosa del ejército" atraída por el cine porque "no había mucho que hacer afuera". Se documentaba saltando en paracaídas y explorando cuevas, entre otras aventuras, y a través de su trabajo con cineastas británicos quedó "fascinada con la narración basada en personajes reales".

TelevisaUnivision presenta su servicio de streaming ViX

MIAMI, 16 II 22 (AP): Tras su reciente consolidación, TelevisaUnivision Inc. presenta su servicio de streaming ViX, que ofrecerá más de 50.000 horas de contenido en español de entretenimiento, deportes y noticias en su primer año.

La plataforma ofrecerá éxitos actuales de Televisa y Univision y acceso a una extensa biblioteca. Estará disponible en dos versiones: ViX, un producto gratuito con publicidad que se lanzará el 31 de marzo con 100 canales y contenido de video on demand; y ViX+, una opción bajo modelo de suscripción prevista para el segundo semestre del año, con contenido premium que incluirá producciones originales y cobertura exclusiva de fútbol.

"Con el contenido y la capacidad de TelevisaUnivision integradas, estamos perfectamente capacitados para ofrecer un revolucionario servicio de streaming a los casi 600 millones de

hispanohablantes alrededor del mundo", dijo Wade Davis, director general de TelevisaUnivision, en un comunicado emitido el miércoles.

ViX será lanzado en Estados Unidos, México y múltiples países hispanohablantes de Latinoamérica. Estará disponible en las principales plataformas de descarga de aplicaciones y en el portal vix.com. ViX toma su nombre del servicio de streaming VIX, adquirido por TelevisaUnivision en 2021. A él se sumarán PrendeTV y Blim TV, los cuales se incorporarán a la nueva plataforma ViX en los próximos meses.

"Con la integración de Televisa y Univision, nuestra historia colectiva nos da una experiencia increíble a la hora de llegar a la audiencia de habla hispana, y usaremos estos aprendizajes para ofrecer un servicio de streaming de primera calidad", dijo Pierluigi Gazzolo, presidente y director general de transformación de TelevisaUnivision. "Tenemos acceso a la más extensa videoteca de éxitos en español... e invertiremos cada vez

más en contenido". TelevisaUnivision anunció el miércoles una alianza con Ventanarosa Productions de Salma Hayek Pinault para un acuerdo de acceso preferencial de dos años, para producir películas exclusivas en español. Previamente anunció un acuerdo de acceso preferencial con 3Pas Studios, de Eugenio Derbez y Ben Odell, así como una nueva serie documental original producida por Selena Gomez. Por su parte, la distribuidora cinematográfica Videocine estrenará muchas producciones originales exclusivamente en ViX+ en México durante el primer año del servicio.

ViX+ también apostará fuerte por el fútbol en español, con más de 3.000 partidos en vivo al año, incluyendo campeonatos y ligas del mundo. ViX y ViX+ planean una amplia cobertura de la Copa Mundial en Qatar con acceso a 40 partidos en vivo, incluidos 10 exclusivamente en ViX+.



OBITUARIES



BERNADETTE MARIE PEREZ

Bernadette Marie Pérez, 44, of Toledo's Point Place community passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022. She was born at Riverside Hospital in Toledo to Guadalupe and Theresa Pérez on June 25, 1977. She was a graduate of Cherry Elementary School and Waite High School.

Bernadette loved Sundays, spending time with family. She was a tremendous cook, and wonderful mother, daughter, sister, and grandmother. She was a very hard worker. She loved the Cleveland Browns and Michigan Wolverines. She was a former parishioner of Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral.

She is survived by her parents, Guadalupe and Theresa Pérez; grandmother, María Canales; children, Andrés (Lena) Pérez, Alejandro (María) Pérez, Avianna Ibarra, and Astrella (Taylor Richardson) Ibarra; brothers, Guadalupe (Andreanna) Pérez III and Fernando (Rebecca) Pérez; special niece, Marianna Beltrán; 7 grandchildren; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews; and life partner, Randy Killen.

Bernadette was preceded in death by her grandfather, Enrique Canales; grandparents, Guadalupe and Juanita Pérez; cousin, Heather Raption; and uncle, Jim Raption.

Special thanks to the St. Vincent Cardiology Center, especially to her nurse Courtney. Condolences and memories may be shared online.

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Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day to Inspire STEM Careers

Feb. 21, 2022: Returning for the fifth year, *The University of Toledo College of Engineering's award-winning Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day* will welcome 750 seventh and eighth grade girls to campus.

Traditionally a one-day event during *National Engineers Week*, this year organizers switched it to three days to better manage the growth in 2022 and inspire the next generation of women in engineering.

Girls will work with women engineers from local companies and engineering students on a variety of hands-on activities to better understand water treatment, transportation network designs, basic coding and programming, structural design principles, mechanics of pro-

pulsion, genetic engineering and cyber security.

UToledo's Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day has twice won the National Women in Engineering Action Committee's Girls Day Event of the Year award.

Since the program began, more than 2,500 girls from 32 school districts across northern Ohio have participated in the event at UToledo along with more than 30 companies, 10 student organizations and individuals from multiple professional leadership groups throughout the region.

Studies have found that girls tend to lose confidence in math and science and lose interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in early adolescence, so the event targets girls in middle school and connects them with role models.

"By creating programs that show individuals that they are not alone in their interest in science and technology, while also giving them examples of individuals who have succeeded in their own careers in the industry, we believe we can help reinforce that interest in the STEM fields during a stage in their lives that studies have shown it to wane," said *Bryan Bosch*, manager of diversity, inclusion and community engagement initiatives in the UToledo College of Engineering.


"Our goal is to create an environment where we can build interest in the field for any young person, while developing programs that can nurture and grow that interest into a career for anyone."

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Lorain Public Library System to launch Maker-In-Residence Initiative

LORAIN, Feb. 22, 2022: Thanks in part to a grant from *The Nord Family Foundation*, the Lorain Public Library System is launching a *Maker-in-Residence* program this March.

Two residencies will run concurrently, each at the LPLS branch best suited for the artist or maker. Each residency will last for a period of three months and consist of six specific hands-on public workshops as well as two blocks of studio hours per week wherein the maker is available to meet informally with patrons to discuss and demonstrate their craft.

"We want each residency to be unique and include exhibits, programs or performances," Coordinator and Avon Branch Manager *Donna Kelly-Sprinkle* said. "Ideally we will have various art forms represented such as theater and performing arts, visual arts, technology arts, media arts, written arts and music."

The inaugural residents will be local children's author *Raquel M. Ortiz* at the South Lorain Branch and local Glowforge 3D laser printer artisan *Carida Diaz* at the Main Library.



Raquel Ortiz

Raquel Ortiz is an Emmy-nominated award-winning writer, anthropologist, storyteller, educator, lyricist and children's book author. She was born and raised in Lorain and teaches at *Lorain County Community College*. Ortiz creates educational materials and conducts author visits, writing workshops, professional development training and family literacy programs for the New York City Department of Education, Chicago Public

Schools, behind the Book, Brooklyn Public Library, Literacy INC, Arte Publico Press, the Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network and Cleveland Public Library. She

wrote a song and the script for "*Cucarachita Martina's Musical Adventure*" which was shown at the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival and nominated for a 2021 Emmy.

Ortiz says her programming will include theatre and production demonstrations using what she learned after one of her books, "*Sofi and the Magic, Musical Mural*," was turned in to a puppet show. She is also planning a workshop around *Kamishibai*, a Japanese storytelling technique.

"There's so many things to be excited about," says Ortiz. "This program gives a stage for other people to help in my process and learn themselves."

Patrons can visit Ortiz during open studio hours on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *March 2, 9, 16, 23; April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18 and 25.*

Her hands-on workshops will be held Thursdays and Saturdays, *March 12, 24; April 2, 28; May 19, and 21.* Registration is required for the workshops at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events.

Carida Diaz is originally from Chicago and studied fashion design at Rhode Island School of Design. She now works at *Lorain Community College Campana Center for Ideation*. Diaz is involved in the



Carida Diaz

FireFish Arts organization and painted the "*Waterfront Blooms*" mural by Black River Landing last summer.

Besides being a talented designer, painter and jewelry artis, she is recently creating art with the Glowforge and will be sharing her techniques and methods as she designs, engraves and cuts in the Create Space inside the Main Library.

Patrons can visit Diaz during open studio hours on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *March 1, 15, 29; April 5, 19; May 3, 17 and 31* and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. *March 8, 22; April 12, 26; May 10 and 24.*

Her hands-on workshops will be held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. *March 8, 22; April 12, 26; May 10 and 24.* Registration is required for the workshops at LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events.

The *Create Space* is free and open to the public. To see full list of available equipment, visit www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/locations-hours/main-library/create-space. Reservations for the equipment are required and can be made by calling 440-244-1192.

For more information on the *Maker-In-Residence* program, contact makerinresidenceinfo@lpls.info.



Diverse Representation hosts sports industry brunch during NBA All-Star Weekend.

CLEVELAND: For NBA All-Star Weekend, *Diverse Representation*, cohosted a discussion on the roles, representation and collective trajectory of Black advisors in the sports industry. Speakers included *Fred Nance*, Global Managing Partner of *Squire Patton Boggs*. The event was at the Union Club of Cleveland.

Diverse Representation seeks to increase the exposure and hiring of Black agents, attorneys, managers, publicists, and financial advisors in the sports and entertainment industries.

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Drop-In Book Tasting

Tuesday, March 1; 9 a.m.
Avon Branch
Stop in during regular library hours all week for a fun activity exploring family-friendly books hand-picked by your favorite librarian. Intended for ages 5 to 12.

Maker-in-Residence

Open Studio Hours
Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Main Library
Stop in and visit with our current Maker-in-Residence, Carida Diaz, and learn about her techniques and methods as she designs, engraves, and cuts with the Glowforge in our Create Space.

Mardi Gras Craft:

Painted Glass Goblet
Tuesday, March 1; 6 p.m.
South Lorain Branch
"Laissez les bons temps rouler" and celebrate Mardi Gras by painting a personalized glass goblet. All supplies will be provided. Preregistration required.

Healthy Basic Cooking Series Featuring Second Harvest

Tuesday, March 1; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Main Library
This series, presented with the help of a holistic nutritionist from Second Harvest, features recipes and tips for creating healthy, delicious and affordable meals. Preregistration required.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, March 1; 6:30 p.m. at the Domanakas Branch – Cookbook Book Club – call for title
Wednesday, March 2; 6:30 p.m. at the Columbia Branch "Under the Whispering Door" by T.J. Klune
Saturday, March 5; 2 p.m. Women's History Month Teen Book Discussion at the Main Library
Wednesday, March 9;

6:30 p.m. at the Main Library: "Tu Casa Mi Casa: Mexican Recipes For The Home Cook" by Enrique Olvera
Wednesday, March 9; 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: "1000 White Women" by Jim Fergus
Tuesdays, March 15; 6 p.m. at the South Lorain Branch "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict
Spend an evening each month discussing a great book and making new friends. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome. Preregistration required. Hybrid

Seuss-a-Palooza at the Library

Wednesday, March 2; at the Columbia Branch
Saturday, March 5; 2 to 3 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with crafts and activities.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
South Lorain Branch
Rescheduled for March. This class allows you to perform postures and breathing exercises with the aid of a chair and gentle yoga poses. You can experience the many benefits of yoga without having to get up or down from the floor. Benefits of this class include increased balance, strength, flexibility, range of motion and stress reduction. Preregistration required.

Chess Club

Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 4 p.m.
South Lorain Branch
Open play sessions are for all levels from beginner to expert. Preregistration required.

Maker-in-Residence: Open Studio Hours

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
South Lorain Branch
Stop in and visit with our current Maker-in-Residence, author Raquel M. Ortiz, and

learn about her techniques and methods as she works on multimedia storytelling, Kamishibai and more.

Book Tastings

Wednesday, March 2; 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library
Wednesday, March 9; 6 p.m. at the South Lorain Branch
Thursday, March 10; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Domanakas Branch
Join us to explore family-friendly books hand-picked by your favorite librarians. Enjoy interactive activities and book talks that expand your palate as you explore different genres, authors and newer titles. Intended for ages 5 to 12. Preregistration required.

Soap Making for Teens and Tweens

Wednesday, March 2; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
North Ridgeville Branch
Make your own custom soap to take home. Intended for tweens and teens ages 9 and up. Preregistration required.

Pajama Story Time

Wednesdays, March 2, 16; 7 p.m.
South Lorain Branch
Put on your PJs, grab your favorite stuffed animal and meet us for a bedtime storytime. We'll share books, rhymes, and songs to help you settle down for the night so you're ready to drift off to sleep. Pajamas are encouraged, but not required. Preregistration required. Hybrid

Columbia Fiber Arts Group

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 31; Noon to 4 p.m.
Columbia Branch
Come if you want to learn or are already a knitter or crocheter. If you have a "UFO" (an Unfinished Object) that you would like to work on with us, bring it or start something new!

El Centro de Servicios Sociales Próximos Eventos Febrero 2022 / febrero 2022



Debido al aumento de casos de COVID-19, la puerta principal de El Centro permanecerá cerrada hasta nuevo aviso. Les agradecemos a todos por el apoyo y la comprensión durante el tiempo que hemos estado obligados a ofrecer los servicios de formas poco tradicionales.

Durante el mes de febrero, continuaremos brindando servicios de manera virtual, telefónica y con cita previa.

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El Centro, Clínica Ambulatoria de Cleveland Clinic ya está abierta al público (solo con cita previa) los martes y jueves de 9:00 am a 4:00 pm. Algunos de los servicios que se brindan son exámenes generales preventivos anuales para adultos, salud de la mujer, examen de bienestar de Medicare, manejo de enfermedades crónicas, atención aguda, etc. Llame al 440-204-7400 para programar una cita.

Tutoría gratuita - 231Go! El programa colaborativo de escuelas intermedia de El Centro está ofreciendo tutoría y sesiones de ayuda con la tarea con cita previa. Contamos con tutores bilingües disponibles durante todo el año escolar. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Verónica González al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7014.

PROFILE: Libraries promoting 'Good Reads' for National Reading Day

(Continued from Page 1)

"She has not asked me to stop and I don't plan to stop anytime soon," she said with a laugh. "She also listens to audio books, which means she's getting vocabulary and expressive reading and getting that deeper plot. My children can read at a certain level, but they can listen at a level that is much higher than what they can read themselves, which is why they're getting deeper plot and making deeper connections when they're doing any audio books."

Ms. Boeke even encourages families to consider comic books or graphic novels, which she contends "contain very strategic reading."

For example, her kids enjoy a series of books called *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. But she'll check out the actual book so they can follow along with the audio book for greater understanding. Her kindergartener is reading one of that book series alongside the recording, which she stated "that's not something I would give a six-year-old otherwise." But the two in tandem are giving such a young child a lot of foundational learning and reading skills at an early age.



COVID - 19

Unfortunately for many other families, COVID-19 has created a disconnect in the ability of many families to engage the library as a resource to help their children's reading skills. As the cases of COVID-19 start to wane for the second time, the library is trying to reach more families to assist them in helping their kids.

"We are really excited that we are open. The pandemic has been long. We want customers to come visit us," she said. "You can call or visit us online, but we want people to pop into our buildings, get to talking with us and we'll help you find a reading challenge or a book that is just right for you and your family. We're missing our people. We're missing our com-

munity members. We're glad it's safe enough for everyone to come see us."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Cleveland Public Library is celebrating National Read Across America Day on Monday, March 2 by encouraging everyone to pick up a favorite book at their local library. In honor of this special day, Cleveland Public Library Executive Director & CEO Felton Thomas, Jr. will read to school children at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library in the Youth Services Department, 4 th Floor.
<https://cpl.org/cleveland-public-library-celebrates-the-love-of-literacy>

Likewise, the library system in Lorain will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and this national day. See library schedule.

Judge is first Latina nominated to California's high court

By BRIAN MELLEY, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15, 2022 (AP): An appeals court judge who is the daughter of Mexican immigrants was nominated Tuesday by Gov. Gavin Newsom as the first Latina to serve on the California Supreme Court.

Justice Patricia Guerrero, 50, of San Diego, grew up in the agricultural Imperial Valley and has worked as a federal prosecutor, law firm partner, Superior Court judge and now sits on the 4th District Court of Appeal.

"Her extraordinary journey and nomination to serve as the first Latina justice on the bench of our state's highest court is an inspiration to all of us and a testament to the California Dream's promise of opportunity for all to thrive, regardless of background or ZIP code," Newsom said in a statement.

If confirmed, Guerrero would fill the vacancy left in October when Associate Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar stepped down to become president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Cuellar was nominated to the court by former Gov. Jerry Brown, also a Democrat.

The seven member court is currently made up of four justices nominated by Democrats and two by Republicans. Another Brown nominee, Justice Leandra Kruger, is being considered by President Joe Biden to replace retiring Justice Stephen Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The nomination was praised by advocacy groups who pushed Newsom to appoint a Latina when Cuellar announced he would step down in September. Guerrero's name was mentioned at the time as a possible candidate for the opening.

Newsom has made diversity on the bench a priority. In 2020, he nominated the first openly gay justice, Martin Jenkins, who is the third Black person to serve on the court.

Guerrero said in a statement she was "deeply honored" to be selected and if confirmed would "make a positive impact on the lives of Californians across the state."

"I didn't get here alone," Guerrero said in a video. "I stand on the shoulders of my parents and my grandparents who came to this country for better opportunities for their children. I think it's important for people to see that they can achieve whatever dreams they want with opportunity and hard work."

Guerrero's grandfather came to the U.S. from the Mexican state of Sonora and got residency through a sponsor, she said. When her father arrived, he initially worked picking crops. Her mother, who recently died from breast cancer, emphasized the importance of reading and education and said there were no limitations on what her children could accomplish.

Guerrero worked at a grocery store as a teen and was co-valedictorian at her high school. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford Law School.

Newsom said Guerrero is well-regarded with a "keen legal mind" and a wide range of experiences. She has written opinions protecting consumer and individual rights, while upholding the constitutional rights of criminal defendants.

Despite the growing influence of Latinos, who make up the largest racial or ethnic group of California's nearly 40 million residents, no Latina has served in a statewide constitutional office or as U.S. senator, said Sonja Diaz, founding director of UCLA's Latino Policy and Politics Initiative.

Latinas sit on high courts in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, New York and Texas, Diaz said.



Justice Patricia Guerrero

"Latinas make up nearly 20 percent of California's population, but we are underrepresented in nearly every industry, including the California judiciary," said Sen. Maria Elena Durazo, chair of California Latino Legislative Caucus. "When Latinas are absent from this critical branch of government, our experiences and perspectives are excluded, and this ripples throughout our communities in so many other ways."

Retired California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno noted that Guerrero would also bring some geographical diversity to the court. The Imperial Valley, an impoverished agricultural region that borders Mexico and Arizona is an often forgotten part of the state.

"With her extensive experience handling complex litigation matters, intellectual rigor and commitment to fairness and equality, Justice Guerrero is well-equipped to navigate the most complex legal issues in our court system and will make an excellent addition to our state's highest court," Moreno said.

Guerrero's nomination will be submitted to the State Bar's Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation and must be confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments. The Commission is made up of Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Attorney General Rob Bonta and Senior Presiding Justice of the state Court of Appeal Manuel A. Ramirez.

Las 10 canciones más escuchadas de la semana en Spotify

Por The Associated Press

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- 10.- "Otra noche" - Los Ángeles Azules, Nicki Nicole

CHILE

- 1.- "Una noche en Medellín" - Cris Mj
- 2.- "Pégate" - Standly
- 3.- "Desesperados" - Raw Alejandro y Chencho Corleone
- 4.- "Mamiii" - Becky G, Karol G
- 5.- "Mi gata" - Standly con El Barto
- 6.- "Los Malvekes" -

Marcianeke, Cris Mj, Simon La Letra, Stars Music Chile

- 7.- "Dime tú" - Pailita con Cris Mj, Bigvyu
- 8.- "Lo siento BB:/" - Tainy, Bad Bunny y Julieta Venegas
- 9.- "Cayó la noche (remix)" - La Pantera, Quevedo y Juseph con Bejo, Abhir Hathi, Cruz Cafuné y El Ima
- 10.- "Anti rana" - El Jordan 23

COLOMBIA

- 1.- "Mamiii" - Becky G, Karol G
- 2.- "Monastery" - Ryan Castro y Feid
- 3.- "Medallo" - Blessd, Justin Quiles, Lenny Tavárez
- 4.- "Desesperados" - Raw Alejandro y Chencho Corleone
- 5.- "Lo siento BB:/" - Tainy, Bad Bunny y Julieta Venegas
- 6.- "Quien TV" - Blessd
- 7.- "Jordan" - Ryan Castro
- 8.- "Wasa Wasa" - Ryan Castro
- 9.- "Yonaguni" - Bad Bunny
- 10.- "Mujeriego" - Ryan Castro

ESPAÑA

- 1.- "Cayó la noche (remix)" - La Pantera, Quevedo y Juseph con Bejo, Abhir Hathi, Cruz Cafuné y El Ima
- 2.- "Mamiii" - Becky G, Karol G
- 3.- "Desesperados" - Raw Alejandro y Chencho Corleone
- 4.- "Yonaguni" - Bad Bunny
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- 8.- "A la antigüita" - Calibre 50
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- Cúbrase la nariz y la boca cuando tosa y estornude.
- Limpie todos los días las superficies que se tocan con frecuencia.



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- Permanezca en una habitación específica tanto como sea posible.
- Manténgase lejos de las otras personas y de las mascotas en su casa.
- De ser posible, debería usar un baño aparte.
- Si es necesario que esté cerca de otras personas o animales dentro o fuera de la casa, póngase una mascarilla.



Lawmakers OK bill to expand driver's licenses for immigrants

By STEVE LEBLANC, *Associated Press*

BOSTON, Feb. 16, 2022 (AP): *The Massachusetts House* approved a bill Wednesday that would let immigrants in the country illegally obtain state driver's licenses.

If passed into law, Massachusetts would join 16 other states and the District of Columbia which already have similar laws.

The legislation, approved on a 120-36 vote, would require individuals provide documentation to obtain a license including proof of their identity, residency in the state and date of birth. The new rules would apply to those who do not have proof they are in the country legally, including those not eligible for a Social Security number.

Those seeking a license must present at least two documents. The first must be either a valid unexpired foreign passport or a valid unexpired consular identification.

A second kind of identification could include an unexpired driver's license from any US state or territory, a birth certificate, a valid unexpired foreign national identification card or foreign driver's license, or a marriage certificate issued in Massachusetts.

At least one document must contain a photograph.

The bill also states that immigrants eligible for the driver's licenses would not be registered to vote as a result.

Under the legislation, the Registry of Motor Vehicles would be required to come up with

regulations about what specific kinds of documentation are acceptable.

The licenses would not become available until July 1, 2023.

Immigration activists have long lobbied for the measure, saying it will help improve public safety—including for those who already have driver's licenses—by requiring that immigrants demonstrate they can properly operate a car and that they have obtained the needed insurance in the event of an accident.

The bill would also make it less likely for immigrants to leave the scene of an accident because they would face less of a threat of deportation with a driver's license, backers said.

The bill has won support from many of the state's sheriffs and district attorneys and the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police.

Critics of the measure have argued that driver's licenses are a privilege that should not be offered to those not in the country legally.

"The bill may look simple, but the issue, as we know, is complicated," said Democratic state Rep. William Straus, co-chair of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation.

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker has expressed opposition to similar efforts in the past. An aide to Baker said he supports existing state laws that allow those in the country legally to obtain drivers licenses.

Skeptics and opponents of the bill should look to the experience of the 16 states that have already adopted similar measures, said Rep.

Carlos González, a Springfield Democrat and son of immigrants.

"All the fears and the arguments and the objections have fallen short," said González.

While some in law enforcement have backed the bill, many have declined to take a position, according to Republican state Rep. Timothy Whelan, of Brewster.

Whelan said the new rules would put too heavy a burden on those issuing licenses.

"Are we demanding too much of our Registry of Motor Vehicle clerks? Are we asking them to become experts in foreign documentation and forgery detection?" Whelan said. "This isn't a slam dunk in the world of law enforcement by any reasonable measure."

The bill could also act as a lure to those in the country illegally knowing they could get a driver's license in Massachusetts, said Republican Rep. Paul Frost, of Auburn.

"It sends the wrong message," he said.

The 120-36 vote means the bill won the support of more than two-thirds of lawmakers in the Democratic-controlled House—enough to override a potential veto by Baker.

The bill still must be approved by the Massachusetts Senate, also controlled by Democrats, before heading to Baker. Senate Democrats are also hoping for a two-thirds majority vote.

The formal legislative session ends July 31.



¡La Mesa Directiva de MHARS del Condado de Lorain, está contratando!

The Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County seeks to hire a full-time Public Relations and Communications Director. The professional in this role:

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Candidate must have a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Communication, Journalism, Public Relations or a closely related field with 3 to 5 years progressively responsible public relations, marketing and/or communications experience.

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Send résumés to Patrice McKinney at pmckinney@MHARSLC.org or at 1173 North Ridge Rd. East, Suite 101, Lorain, Ohio 44055. The deadline to apply is February 25, 2022.

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Governor DeWine Issues Reprieves

COLUMBUS, Feb. 18, 2022: Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued the following three reprieves of execution:

- Percy Hutton, who was scheduled to be executed on June 22, 2022. The new date of execution has been moved to June 18, 2025.
- Douglas Coley,

who was scheduled to be executed on July 20, 2022. The new date of execution has been moved to September 24, 2025.

- Cedric Carter, who was scheduled to be executed on August 24, 2022. The new date of execution has been moved to August 27, 2025.
- Governor DeWine is

issuing these reprieves due to ongoing problems involving the willingness of pharmaceutical suppliers to provide drugs to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC), pursuant to DRC protocol, without endangering other Ohioans.



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Lucas County extends deadline for dog registration

On February 1, 2022, the Lucas County Commissioners voted to extend the deadline for dog registration from *January 31, 2022 until February 28, 2022* [per authority under ORC 955.01 (A)]. Citizens who purchase dog licenses during this extended time will not be assessed a late fee.

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