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## El Consulado de México en Detroit y medios de comunicación

Por Claudia Annoni, La Prensa

DETROIT: El viernes, 22 de febrero del 2019, el Consulado de Detroit invitó a medios de comunicación, que se desarrollan en Michigan y en Ohio, a una reunión con la intención actualizarlos acerca de futuras actividades.

El Cónsul de México en Detroit, Sr. *Fernando González Saiffe*, abrió la reunión con una cordial bienvenida y se expresó con palabras amables y de agradecimiento. El Sr. González Saiffe demostró un alto interés en establecer una comunidad fluida con los medios y desea reforzar los lazos de amistad.

También compartió que una de las prioridades del Consulado es tener una colaboración fuerte con la Gobernación de Michigan. Al igual que mantener una relación positiva con el

Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de Estados Unidos (ICE, por sus siglas en inglés).

Al igual, durante la jornada, otros representantes dieron un panorama de lo que vendrá. Así lo hizo el Sr. *Jesús Gutiérrez*, del Departamento de Comunidades. Él dijo que entre el 1 al 5 de abril se proveerá una educación en forma sencilla sobre cuestiones financieras, llamadas "Mas vale estar preparados." Estos talleres tienen como objetivo dar información y herramientas relacionadas a decisiones económicas personales. También, se reanudará el festejo del *Día de los Niños y de los Libros*. Este se llevará a cabo el 27 de abril en el sudeste de Detroit. Una muy interesante iniciativa y que está en planeamiento en la actualidad, es la Semana de la Gastronomía Mexicana. Este

evento le dará a quienes atiendan la oportunidad de conocer diferentes sectores de México a través de sus comidas.

Luego, *Claudio Uribe*, del Departamento de Protección, dio una perspectiva sobre los servicios otorgados. Entre ellos, las visitas a prisiones donde ofrecen más que nada un acercamiento social. "Ofrecemos apoyo para que no se sientan olvidados", dijo el Sr. Uribe. También, en algunos casos, si las personas detenidas requieren asistencia de abogacía, el departamento realiza una evaluación y en conjunto con un grupo de abogados se establece un plan de estrategia. Su departamento también se encarga de Pasaportes de Emergencia, aunque este se ejecuta con ciertas restricciones.

La Sra. *Brenda García*, del Departamento de

Documentación, dio una breve presentación de los servicios que su departamento ofrece, ya que estos son definitivamente extensos. Entre ellos se encuentra la matrícula de votar, la cartilla militar, las actas de nacimiento, matrimonio y defunción; y mucho más.

Entre otra información compartida, el Consulado está programando varios Consulados Móviles por la región para el año 2019. A través de los cuales se intenta facilitar el acceso de servicios a sus connacionales.

Para más información sobre futuras actividades o para obtener más información acerca del Consulado de México en Detroit, se puede visitar <https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/detroit> o llame al (248) 336-0320.

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## Grand Rapids Community College presentará la 20va Conferencia Anual de Jóvenes Latinos: 'El Poder de Soñar'

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

GRANDRAPIDS, MI: El Centro Bob & Aleicia Woodrick para la Equidad e Inclusión de Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) presenta la 20ª Conferencia Anual de Jóvenes Latinos El Poder De Soñar / El Poder de los Sueños, el próximo martes 5 de marzo de 2019, de 9 a.m. a 2 p.m., en Gerald R. Ford Fieldhouse de GRCC.

La Conferencia de Jóvenes Latinos fue creada para alentar y motivar a todos los jóvenes de octavo grado del Oeste de Michigan, a luchar por la excelencia educativa. El deseo es que la conferencia ayude a los estudiantes a darse cuenta de que la educación superior es un vehículo para un futuro exitoso y al graduarse de la secundaria continúen con su educación superior.

Jennifer Smith de GRCC señaló que algunos de los temas de la conferencia, este año, son: "El camino hacia la universidad, cultura e identificar, educación, lograr sus sueños y el ingreso a la universidad para estudiantes indocumentados".

La conferencia es gratuita y está abierta a todos los estudiantes interesados de 8º grado. Los participantes este año, de acuerdo con Smith son procedentes de las siguientes escuelas: Aberdeen, Alger, Burton, CA Frost, City, Crestwood, Crossroads, Dickinson Academy, East Grand Rapids, Gerald R. Ford Academic Center, Godwin, Harrison Park, Hartford Park, Hartford, Lee, Mill Creek, Northern Hills, North Park Montessori, Pinewood, Riley Street, Shawmut Hills, Sherwood Park, Southwest Community Campus, Sparta, Thornapple Kellogg, University Preparatory Acad-

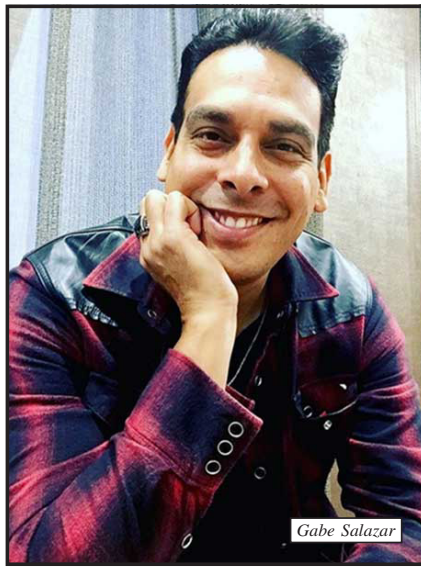
emy, Valleywood, Vista Charter Academy, Westwood and Wyoming Junior High. "En total, esperamos contar con una participación de alrededor de 730 estudiantes este año", informó la entrevistada.

El orador principal del evento es Gabe Salazar, motivador juvenil profesional conocido a nivel nacional. Su mensaje desafía a los adolescentes y los alienta a tomar decisiones positivas en sus vidas. El mensaje de Gabe inspira a la audiencia a la acción a través del uso del humor, escenas poderosas, ideas dinámicas e ilustraciones de la vida real. También habla con los padres y adultos que trabajan con jóvenes para

ayudarlos a comprender mejor lo que está pasando un adolescente en la vida.

Gabe creció sin un padre, uno que quería abortarlo. Se unió a los pandilleros porque le dieron un sentido de pertenencia. Pero costillas rotas, un labio roto y moretones en todo el cuerpo lo dejaron traicionado y rechazado nuevamente. Sin embargo, superó los obstáculos de la falta de vivienda y la desesperanza para convertirse en el primero de su familia en ir a la universidad. Ahora, viaja por el mundo haciendo reír a los adolescentes, y los inspira con su mensaje de esperanza y toma decisiones inteligentes. Les recuerda a los adolescentes que nadie nace por accidente. Todos tienen un propósito, y él quiere ayudarlos a descubrir cómo soñar en GRANDE.

Sus discursos han motivado tanto que los miembros de las pandillas dejaron esa vida, los niños se sintieron motivados y una madre adolescente que planea suicidarse cambió de opinión, diciendo que



Gabe Salazar

estaba llena de un nuevo propósito para hacer grandes cosas en la vida para ella y su hijo.

Salazar se ha presentado en más de 200 eventos para adolescentes cada año y ha llegado a millones de estudiantes. Ha sido reconocido como el orador juvenil latino número 1, de los Estados Unidos por la popular revista Hispanics Magazine.

Por otra parte, para motivar a los estudiantes a seguir estudiando, durante el evento también se entregarán cuatro Becas Juveniles Latinas de \$1000 dólares cada una a estudiantes destacados de último año de secundaria, quienes asisten activamente a la escuela, son de herencia hispana y tienen un logro académico (GPA de 3.0 y superior) o bien, un progreso académico (GPA de 2.00-2.99).

"Los ganadores de este año son estudiantes de las escuelas Grand Rapids Covenant House, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Grand Rapids Union y Godfrey

Lee", dijo Jennifer.

Finalmente, cabe destacar que cada año se realiza un concurso de arte para alentar a los estudiantes de Kent ISD desde el 8º grado en adelante a enviar su trabajo de arte unidimensional con el tema de la conferencia: El Poder de los Sueños / El Poder de Soñar. El propósito del concurso es reconocer las obras de arte de los estudiantes que se centran en la cultura y el patrimonio de los latinos y generar entusiasmo para la educación superior.

El Comité de Planificación de la Conferencia de Jóvenes Latinos selecciona a tres ganadores del grupo de participantes. Las obras de arte ganadoras se utilizan para los materiales de la conferencia como volantes, invitaciones, playeras, etc.

Los ganadores del Concurso de Arte 2019 son: Laina Delgado - CA Frost / 1er lugar, estudiante de U-Prep/2º lugar y un estudiante de - SWCC / 3er lugar.

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## Invitan a la Cuarta Edición de la cena Colores de México

### Pasarela de rebozo, huipil y quechquémitl

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

DETROIT: La Fundación CasArt invita a la cuarta edición de Colores de México que se realizará el próximo sábado 4 de mayo del 2019 en Silver Garden, Southfield, MI a partir de las 6:00pm. Habrá cena, baile, carpeta roja, barra libre, DJ, rifas, subasta, bailes, y un desfile de modas de rebozo, huipil y quechquémitl.

Leonor Floran-Garduno, Secretaria de la Fundación, comentó: "Cada año tratamos de hacer algo diferente con el objetivo principal de mostrar tanto a la comunidad latina que está viviendo aquí, como a la americana, la belleza y cultura de México, en cuanto al área textil y folklórica. El año pasado mostramos la belleza de los pueblos mágicos con una pasarela en donde se mostraron los diferentes vestidos plasmados con cada esencia del pueblo mágico que correspondía. Este año el tema principal son los rebozos, huipiles y quechquémitl".

Entre las prendas más representativas de los textiles tradicionales mexicanos, se encuentran el huipil, quechquémitl y el rebozo. El material más empleado es el algodón, pero también se utilizan lana y seda. Cada grupo indígena tiene

elementos que lo caracterizan, distinguiéndose algunos por el tejido, otros por los colores empleados o por el adorno que llevan.

El huipil está compuesto por varios lienzos que se unen entre sí con ribetes, telas de distintos colores o bordados hechos a mano. Lleva una abertura para introducir la cabeza y cuando va cerrado a los lados se le deja una para los brazos. El quechquémitl cubre la parte superior del cuerpo y consiste en dos rectángulos de tela que se unen, el lado más angosto de cada uno se cose al extremo del lado largo del otro lienzo. Una vez acomodado, muestra dos picos que caen enfrente y atrás, o sobre los hombros, dependiendo del modelo de usarlo.

El rebozo es de forma rectangular, alargada, angosta y de una sola pieza y terminados a cada extremo con anudados y flecos llamados rapacejos, aunque también se elaboran las terminaciones tejidas con atractivos diseños en chaquiras.

Estas prendas se siguen realizando en diversas comunidades de Michoacán, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Querétaro, Chiapas, Quintana Roo, Tabasco, Campeche, Yucatán, Puebla, Tlaxcala, Hidalgo, San Luis Potosí, Estado de México, Morelos,

Veracruz y algunas zonas de Jalisco. Sus bordados están cargados de significados: son historias en donde se relata el pasado y la identidad cultural de cada grupo.

"Los rebozos, huipiles y quechquémitles que se presentarán durante el evento, son piezas con las que ya cuenta nuestro grupo, algunos otros serán prestados y otros tantos serán adquiridos", agregó la

entrevistada. "Todavía no se tiene concretado cuáles serán los Estados a representar exactamente pero son piezas huicholes, oaxaqueñas y chiapanecas. Las modelos que portarán estos bellos textiles, son voluntarias que nos apoyarán para que podamos hacer más fluido el evento, ya que el año pasado las mismas chicas del ballet eran las modelos y anduvimos corriendo, así que ahora pedimos el apoyo de voluntarias".

Además de la pasarela, también se contará con la participación del ballet folklórico que desempeñarán estampas de los Estados de Aguascalientes, Guerrero, Sinaloa, Michoacán y Baja California Sur. "Estamos tratando de tomar un poco de la gran riqueza de México para presentar un evento de gran



calidad. Los números serán ejecutados principalmente por el ballet de Matices y el ballet juvenil Joyas de México", dijo Leonor.

También se contará con una exhibición de arte de Mauricio Montoya, espectáculo de música, barra libre, cena y mucha diversión. El boleto tiene un costo de \$80 dólares. Para mayor información y compra de boletos, enviar correo a coloresdemex@outlook.com

Este año se espera contar con una asistencia superior a 350 personas. "En años anteriores hemos tenido de 300 a 350 personas y por supuesto, ahora queremos aumentar el número; sin embargo estamos consientes que en esa fecha hay varias festividades por el Cinco de Mayo. Lo que si les puedo asegurar es que siempre

nos esforzamos por brindar una mejor calidad cada año y eso nos ha permitido la satisfacción absoluta de todos nuestros invitados", destacó la Secretaria de la Fundación.

Cabe señalar que los fondos recaudados serán a beneficio de la Fundación CasArt. "Nuestro objetivo es tener una casa de cultura para toda la gente de nuestra comunidad, queremos apoyar a los que no tienen recursos para atender una clase artística. Todo será enfocando a tener una locación y dar diversos talleres artísticos", señaló Leonor.

"La profesora Luly del Real empezó a dar clases de ballet folklórico a un grupo de niños menores de 15 años, en Pontiac, con eso dio arranque al folklor aquí en Michigan y después por la necesidad de las mamás que llevaban a sus niños a

clase, abrió el grupo de adultos en Farmington que se llama Matices. Gracias a esa experiencia que tiene con los ballets le nació la idea de extender las actividades para enriquecer culturalmente a nuestra población, ella nos invito a participar en la creación de esta Fundación y la estamos apoyando porque nos parece muy bien que se le ofrezcan estas oportunidades a la comunidad, sobre todo para que los niños tengan mejores herramientas para defenderse en el futuro, no solo las escolares; además para que conozcan otras formas de expresión, todos los niños están expuestos a muchas cosas y más los que no tienen apoyo en casa, necesitan tener una actividad extra que les abra más puertas hacia la expresión", concluyó.

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## Un tercer militar venezolano deserta a Brasil

Por MARCELO SILVA DE SOUSA, Associated Press

RÍO DE JANEIRO, 24 (AP) — Un militar de la Guardia Nacional venezolana desertó el domingo en Brasil y se unió así a otros dos sargentos que abandonaron la víspera las filas del ejército que responde a Nicolás Maduro y que pidieron refugio en la nación vecina, informaron las autoridades.

Los tres militares se encuentran en Pacaraima, una ciudad brasileña fronteriza con Venezuela, y permanecerán en un centro de abrigo destinado a refugiados venezolanos.

El coronel de la Armada brasileña, George Feres Kanaan, coordinador operacional de la fuerza de tarea logística humanitaria en Roraima, dijo que los desertores recibirán el mismo tratamiento que cualquier persona que solicita refugio en suelo brasileño.

“Estamos defendiendo a nuestras familias, a nuestros hijos y a nuestros vecinos. Todos sufrimos la escasez que se presenta en Venezuela. Que lo sepa el mundo: hacen falta medicamentos y las instituciones están por el suelo”, dijo Jean Carlos César Parra, uno de los sargentos venezolanos que desertó.

La frontera entre Brasil y Venezuela fue escenario de nuevos enfrentamientos el domingo, cuando decenas de manifestantes chocaron con elementos de la Guardia Nacional venezolana para reclamar la apertura de la frontera, cerrada por tercer día consecutivo. Se vivieron minutos de máxima tensión.

Manifestantes en la ciudad de Pacaraima en el estado brasileño de Roraima, límite con Venezuela, arrojaron

pedras a las tropas venezolanas, que respondieron con perdigones y gases lacrimógenos que llegaron a suelo brasileño.

Un militar brasileño avanzó solo hacia la línea de frontera para pedir calma a los soldados venezolanos y pidió a periodistas y manifestantes que retrocedieran y se pusieran a resguardo.

Después, un grupo de soldados brasileños improvisó un cordón para intentar aplacar los enfrentamientos cerca de la línea de frontera y mantener a los manifestantes alejados de los miembros de la guardia nacional venezolana.

Una vez que el conflicto cesó, decenas de seguidores de Maduro llegaron a la frontera venezolana e izaron la bandera de Venezuela, que había sido retirada ayer en uno de los momentos más álgidos de choques a ambos lados de la frontera. Tras gritar contra la ayuda humanitaria y el presidente norteamericano Donald Trump, los seguidores del presidente venezolano se fueron.

Por otra parte, el gobierno de Roraima anunció que el lunes decretará estado de “calamidad pública” debido al colapso en el sistema de atención a la salud, luego del ingreso en masa de venezolanos heridos en episodios de violencia en la frontera, según las autoridades.

Un total de 22 venezolanos debieron ser internados con heridas de balas de fusil y perdigones en Boa Vista, capital de Roraima, luego de un día de máxima tensión y

enfrentamientos en la frontera. De ellos, 18 debieron ser intervenidos quirúrgicamente.

“Estamos haciendo un esfuerzo para salvar la vida de esas personas. En estos momentos el sistema de atención de salud está colapsado” debido a la hospitalización en masa de decenas de venezolanos, dijo a The Associated Press un portavoz del gobernador de Roraima, Antonio Denarium. Los venezolanos llegaron heridos desde Santa Elena, una ciudad venezolana fronteriza con Brasil.

“La idea es que, decretada la calamidad pública, el gobierno pueda comprar medicamentos con carácter urgente y contratar camas en hospitales particulares para dar cuenta de la demanda. Creemos que va a aumentar el flujo de personas enfermas y heridas en los próximos días”, explicó el vocero.

Por tercer día consecutivo, el paso fronterizo entre Brasil y Venezuela amaneció cerrado. Luego de un sábado tumultuoso y mucha tensión, se registraron episodios aislados de violencia por la tarde en Pacaraima.

En una nota oficial del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores brasileño, el gobierno del presidente Jair Bolsonaro condenó los actos de violencia del gobierno de Nicolás Maduro y el bloqueo a la entrada de ayuda humanitaria.

“El uso de la fuerza contra el pueblo venezolano que ansía recibir la ayuda caracteriza, de forma definitiva, el carácter criminal del régimen de Maduro”, dijo el comunicado.

## Encuesta: Suburbios tan polarizados como el resto de EEUU

Por NICHOLAS RICCARDI y HANNAH FINGERHUT, Associated Press

DENVER, 19 (AP) — Los suburbios de Estados Unidos son hoy el gran campo de batalla político, considerados una bisagra independiente entre las ciudades a la izquierda y las pequeñas poblaciones y las zonas rurales a la derecha.

Pero no es tan sencillo. Resulta que estos lugares intermedios pueden ser los más polarizados de todos, y cuando se quiere conocer las tendencias partidistas de sus habitantes, su lugar de origen tiene mucha importancia.

Son menos los residentes suburbanos que se califican de políticamente independientes que los de las zonas urbanas y rurales, de acuerdo con una encuesta difundida el martes por la Harris School for Public Policy de la Universidad de Chicago y la Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

“En la última década y sobre todo los últimos cinco años he visto un cambio al tener vecinos liberales”, dijo Nancy Wieman, de 63 años, republicana y conservadora acerrima que ha vivido en el suburbio de Jefferson, en las afueras de Denver, toda su vida. “Los que son decididamente liberales vienen de Denver u otras ciudades”.

Los residentes suburbanos que vivieron anteriormente en una ciudad tienen la misma probabilidad de considerarse demócratas que los residentes urbanos, según la encuesta.

Asimismo, los estadounidenses de los suburbios que nunca vivieron en la ciudad tienden tanto como los residentes rurales a decir que son republicanos.

Apenas el 15% de los estadounidenses suburbanos dicen que son independientes y no se inclinan por uno u otro partido, mientras que el 25% de los ciudadanos urbanos y el 30% de los rurales se consideran políticamente independientes.

La división se extiende hasta la Casa Blanca: el 72% de los residentes suburbanos provenientes de la ciudad desaprueban el desempeño del presidente Donald Trump, como el 77% de los residentes urbanos. En cambio, el 57% de los que no han vivido anteriormente en la ciudad y el 54% de los habitantes rurales dicen que desaprueban la gestión presidencial.

El condado de Jefferson es un conglomerado de zonas residenciales y centros comerciales al pie de las estribaciones de las Rocallosas. Antes se inclinaba hacia la derecha, pero su composición política se ha visto alterada por los arribos de los estados urbanos de la costa. Ahora se inclina por los demócratas: el partido gana los puestos locales y la mayoría de las bancas estatales en 2018, y Hillary Clinton se impuso por siete puntos porcentuales en 2016.

Sin embargo, los resultados electorales de 2016 revelan que es un lugar extremadamente polarizado. En 118 distritos, uno de los candidatos gana por más de 10 puntos, Clinton gana 60 distritos y Trump 58.

“El abismo entre los

bandos es mayor que nunca”, dijo Libby Szabo, una funcionaria municipal republicana. “A esta altura, cuando los ideales son tan distintos, es más difícil incluso cambiar de partido”.

La encuesta revela como la división entre el país urbano y el rural repercute a través de los suburbios.

Dos de cada tres habitantes urbanos dicen que la inmigración legal trae beneficios netos a Estados Unidos, y lo mismo dicen siete de cada 10 residentes suburbanos provenientes de las ciudades. Pero solo el 58% de residentes suburbanos que nunca han vivido en las ciudades y la mitad de los residentes rurales piensan que los beneficios de la inmigración legal superan los riesgos.

Los residentes urbanos tienen mayor probabilidad que los rurales de pensar que Estados Unidos debe cumplir un papel activo en los asuntos mundiales, 37% a 24%. Es similar a la división entre los residentes suburbanos provenientes de las ciudades y los que nunca han vivido en ellas: 32% contra 23%.

Fingerhut informó desde Washington.

La encuesta AP-NORC de 1.010 adultos fue realizada entre el 16 y 20 de enero con una muestra tomada del panel probabilístico AmeriSpeak de NORC, diseñado para ser representativo de la población estadounidense. El margen de error de muestreo es de más o menos 4,3 puntos porcentuales.

Online: AP-NORC Center: <http://www.apnorc.org/>

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### Governor Whitmer blocks plans for immigration detention center

IONIA, Mich., Feb. 19, 2019 (AP): *Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer* has blocked the sale of a former Michigan prison that was proposed as the site of a privately-operated federal immigration detention center. *Immigration Centers of America* was the sole bidder for the former Deerfield Correctional Facility in Ionia, which closed in 2009.

A spokeswoman for the Democratic governor says concerns included whether adults who had been separated from their children might be held there. Plans for the facility had moved forward last year under then-Gov. Rick Snyder, a Republican.

The \$35 million facility was proposed to house adult immigrants detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement who hadn't been charged with or convicted of criminal offenses. Immigration Centers of America had planned to house 500 to 600 detainees and employ more than 250 workers.

### Michigan joins lawsuit challenging border wall declaration

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 18, 2019 (AP): Attorney General *Dana Nessel* says Michigan has joined a lawsuit filed against President Donald Trump's emergency declaration to fund a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. *California Attorney General Xavier Becerra* filed the lawsuit Monday and says 16 states allege the Trump administration's action violates the Constitution.

Also joining the lawsuit are the attorneys general of Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, and Virginia.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel says in a statement that Trump's "fake emergency is a publicity stunt that will raid our federal funding and cost us millions."

Trump declared a national emergency to fulfill his promise of completing the wall.

The move allows the president to bypass Congress to use money from the Pentagon and other budgets.

### Cámara de Comercio Hispana del Oeste de Michigan invita a la Gala Anual de Premios 2019

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

GRAND RAPIDS, MI: La Cámara de Comercio Hispana del Oeste de Michigan invita a la *Gala Anual de Premios 2019*, que se llevará a cabo el próximo *martes 26 de marzo* de 18:00 a 21 horas, en el *hotel JW Marriott*, ubicado en el 235 de la calle Louis NW de esta ciudad.

Durante el evento la Cámara reconocerá el arduo trabajo y logros de sus miembros y de la comunidad hispana en general al ofrecer seis premios en las siguientes categorías:

- Negocio hispano del año,
- Persona de negocios del año,
- Negocio hispano más prometedor,
- Joven profesional del año,
- Construyendo puentes,
- Premio para la mejor organización no lucrativa.

La comunidad es quien envía información de las personas que consideran adecuadas para cada uno de los rubros y este año se recibieron alrededor de 80 nominaciones.

"Acabamos de cerrar el periodo de recepción de documentos, ahora le tocará al jurado evaluar cada una de ellas y elegir a los candidatos indicados. Posteriormente, preguntamos a los seleccionados si aceptan recibir el premio y una vez que nos confirman, entonces lo hacemos público", informó Guillermo Cisneros, Director Ejecutivo de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana del Oeste de Michigan (WMHCC por sus siglas en inglés).

El jurado está conformado por nueve personas de la comunidad que cuentan con gran ética y respeto, representan tanto a dueños de negocios, organizaciones sin fines de lucro, corporaciones y universidades. Es un grupo heterogéneo que varía cada año dependiendo de la cantidad de nominados.

Cisneros comentó que este año se cambió un poco el proceso de envío de la información para darle una mejor estructura. "Hicimos prácticamente todo electrónico, de tal forma que las nominaciones las recibamos en formato electrónico y limitamos a un máximo de 250 palabras la descripción de la postulación para que sea más fácil y tenga sentido el análisis de la información. En años anteriores cada persona enviaba los documentos en formatos diferentes", destacó.

Aparte del reconocimiento de la comunidad, los nominados recibirán como premio una obra de arte personalizada, elaborada por el artista local Erick Picardo. "El

año pasado entregamos por primera vez este tipo de premios. Erick nos ayudó con cada uno ellos y eso impactó a la comunidad porque prácticamente los premios estaban personalizados", agregó en entrevistado.

Este año, la conducción del evento correrá a cargo de *Eva Aguirre Cooper*, líder comunitaria y Directora de Asuntos Comunitarios en WOOD TV8. Ha recibido muchos premios de la comunidad, incluido un Emmy regional.

Se espera que asistan al evento más de 600 personas, entre quienes se incorporará por primera vez a estudiantes. Al respecto el Director Ejecutivo, comentó: "Por primera vez tenemos la oportunidad de patrocinar mesas para estudiantes. Uno de los programas que estamos impulsando es el de Construyendo Puentes a través de la comunicación, con la idea de desarrollar un conducto entre los jóvenes latinos universitarios que tenemos actualmente en el Oeste de Michigan y las organizaciones locales. Realizamos una conexión y estamos procurando darles más acceso a los jóvenes latinos a estos eventos".

Cabe destacar que el programa Construyendo Puentes es muy importante para la Cámara ya que les llevo prácticamente año y medio realizar la planeación y alinearlo, pero finalmente se concretó. Cisneros está consciente que la mayor parte de las compañías en el Oeste de



Michigan están buscando empleados y hay más de 6000 jóvenes latinos que se están graduando en los próximos años y no van a tener trabajo. "Hay una desconexión entre los jóvenes y las compañías, sino le creamos espacios a nuestros talentos para que entren al mercado laboral, nadie lo va hacer y no podemos permitirnos perder una generación de esa manera", dijo Guillermo. "Todos los jóvenes interesados pueden acercarse a nosotros. Tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a estudiantes de otras universidades, tomar cursos de liderazgo y realizar trabajo voluntario, entre otras cosas".

Por otra parte, la Cámara también se encuentra trabajando arduamente en el Programa Transformando el Oeste de Michigan a través del cual se realizan talleres empresariales con diferentes temas. Gracias a la alianza con Literacy Center of West Michigan se ofrecen clases de inglés a propietarios de negocios y

sus equipos, con el objetivo de que puedan aprender un poco más y entiendan la terminología que emplean los abogados, banqueros, etc para hacer crecer sus negocios.

Todos los fondos recaudados en la Gala Anual de Premios 2019 se usarán para continuar con las operaciones de WMHCC, la cual se mantiene por los subsidios de las membresías y eventos que realizan durante el año, siendo éste el más importante de todos. Si desea patrocinar el evento puede visitar el siguiente link: <https://files.constantcontact.com/cbc9c61d0015efb1498-9475-4d59-9885-96f9014cc2d8.pdf>

Finalmente, el Director Ejecutivo, destacó: "Yasomos más de 600 socios en la Cámara. Estamos muy contentos y llenos de energía por seguir creciendo. Hay muchas oportunidades para nuestra comunidad hispana en el Oeste de Michigan".

Para adquirir boletos para la Gala, favor de comunicarse al (616) 452-3960.

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## Thomas M. Wernert Center to celebrate completion of its building expansion and recovery campus with a grand reopening on February 28

TOLEDO: A grand reopening is scheduled at the newly renovated and expanded *Thomas M. Wernert Center (TMWC)*, 208 W. Woodruff Avenue (at Ashland) in Toledo, Ohio for Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. Press and public are invited to attend.

This open house style event will celebrate TMWC's completed building expansion and recovery campus project. Guests will enjoy tours, light refreshments and music.

The project included an expansion that added 8,843 square feet of main floor space to the existing facility of 4,700 square feet. A basement was added for safety during inclement weather, to provide a safe space away from threat in the event of a facility lockdown as well as storage. A large covered porch and attic were added resulting in a total of 11,425 square feet of expansion. The existing facility was renovated adding office space, an expanded art studio, a new fitness room and staff lounge as well as expanding the kitchen.

The expansion includes a larger computer lab, with 15 stations, made of concrete block to serve as safe space for occupants that cannot navigate the steps to the basement during inclement weather. There is also a large multi-purpose room, class-

rooms, reception area, offices, serenity room, restrooms, member lounge, and recreation room. The outdoor space includes covered picnic pavilions to hold support groups, musical events and cookouts as well as a waterfall/pond and a basketball hoop. Future plans for the outdoor space include shuffleboard, elevated vegetable and flower gardens, hydroponics and a small greenhouse.

The project budget was \$2.7 million, with \$2.2 million coming from the *Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County*, \$500,000 from the *Department of Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services*, and \$18,000 from the *Andersons Fund Supporting Organization of the Toledo Community Foundation*. The project groundbreaking was held in July 2017.

The Thomas M. Wernert Center (TMWC) is a Peer Recovery Center. TMWC offers advocacy, education and peer support to Lucas County residents 18 years and older who have a mental illness diagnosis. TMWC is certified as a Consumer Operated Service (COS) by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. This means that the majority of employees, as well as Board of Trustees, are in recovery for mental illness. These employees, certified as peer supporters, offer hope and serve as role models to TMWC



members and demonstrate that one can not only survive living with mental illness but thrive in spite of it and that members too could be employed and live independently.

TMWC ends the isolation often experienced by persons living with mental illness by creating a safe, welcoming, home-like environment. Members can socialize, receive support from TMWC employees or their peers, and attend daily support groups on recovery and wellness like Depressive Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA), DARC (Drug and Alcohol Recovery for Consumers), Diabetes Support and Morning Stretches. Many courses are offered such as Leadership Training, Understanding Mental Health, Peer Support and Creating a Wellness Recovery Action Plan. Members also attend outings, share a meal on Fridays, attend cooking classes, create art, participate in music and drama appreciation and use the computer lab and other meaningful activities that facilitate their recovery from mental illness. There is a free van transportation program that transports members from their homes to TMWC.

For more information about TMWC, please visit [wernertcenter.org](http://wernertcenter.org)

## University of Toledo LSU scholarship baile

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual *University of Toledo Latino Student Union (LSU) scholarship baile* is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16, 2019, 7 to 11:30 p.m.**, at the *UT student union*. "Una Noche Bajo de Las Estrellas" will feature musical performances by *Izaya Burciaga* and *Motivo*. Advance tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Admission will be \$15 per person at the door. Tickets and information can be obtained by calling *419.530.2931*.

Some deadlines are fast approaching for the *University of Toledo's annual Latino Youth Summit (LYS)*, set for **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14 and 15, 2019** at the UT student union. The LYS registration deadline is **Monday, April 1**. UT is ex-

pecting about 500 middle and high school students from across the region to attend the summit, which annually provides college planning and career path information through sessions about pre-high school and pre-college coursework and information about various occupational fields. Emphasis is placed on the importance of skills in science, math and technology in the current job market. The summit also includes hands-on activities in nursing and pharmacy, engineering, health professions, health and wellness, and real-world personal finances. The students also are given a mini-preview of the UT campus. Adult and college-age volunteers are being sought to help with the summit.

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high school seniors who plan to attend UT in the fall are facing a Feb. 28, 2019 deadline to apply for a *President's Summit Award* scholarship, which provides \$2,000 and first-year housing, for a total of \$10,000 in aid. Students must attend the summit and maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible. There are ten such scholarships available.

UT's *LSU executive board* includes: *Isabela Guel* - President; *Emilia Ruiz* - Vice President; *Gabrielle O'Donnell* - Treasurer; *Mareccia Rivera* - Secretary; *Giselle Zelaya* - Community Service; and *Bianca Vitela* - Public Relations. [Isabela, Bianca and Mareccia are all juniors; Emilia, Giselle and I are all sophomores].

## March into Spring Science at Imagination Station

TOLEDO: Visitors to *Imagination Station* in March of 2019 can compete in over-sized board games, explore the surface of the moon, investigate the connection between pop culture and science and create toys to enjoy this spring. From the littlest learner to the seasoned scientist, there's something for everyone this month at Toledo's science center.

Imagination Station hosts the following events:

**Giant Twister and Pixel Play, Saturday and Sunday, March 2 - 3:** Stretch and reach your way to a win in an over-sized version of the classic board game, Twister and create a masterpiece using the smallest unit of a digital image, the pixel. Visitors who wear polka dots will receive free admission to Popnology.

**Little Scientists Week, Tuesday - Sunday, March 12 - 17:** Your budding scientist will explore the wonders of space during this special week dedicated to the littlest learners. With their eyes on the stars, young astronomers-in-training will explore how moon craters are made, construct a paper rocket, make a cloud in a bottle and experiment with gravity.

**Rewind to the 80's, Saturday - Sunday, March 26 - 31:** 1980's pop culture and science collide in one totally radical week! Meet the Ghostbusters and have a photo taken with Star Wars characters, challenge friends

in a super-sized game of Twister and pry apart a Rubik's Cube to see what's inside. Visitors can explore how gears work as they create a Spirograph work of art. Plus, those born in the 1980's or dress in the decade's most fashionable styles can visit the temporary exhibit, *Popnology* for free!

**Mini Explorers Club, March 12 and 26, 2-3:30pm:** Preschool children and their families are invited to learn about force, motion and simple machines as they build and test ramps. Investigate textured ramp surfaces and experiment to determine how far a car can jump by building unique ramps. Free with admission.

**Little Scientist Workshops, Thursdays, 11:30am:** *Little Scientist Workshops* are a series of nine programs that encourage families with young children to investigate the world around them. This spring, explore solids, liquids and gases, investigate the food chain and learn about how the day turns to night. Registration required.

**Think Tank Workshops - Kites, Saturdays at 2pm:** Let's go fly a kite! Visitors will learn about the science of flight and aerodynamic forces through the design and construction of a kite, then put their project and their piloting skills to the test in Festival Park. Registration required.

**Tinkering Space - Balance Toys, All month:** Pri-

son is the name of the game as visitors design their own spinning top and other balancing toys in this free tinkering workshop. Kids and adults will investigate the physics behind various designs as they work to keep their toys from toppling! Tinkering Space activities are free with science center admission.

**Popnology, sponsored by Pepsi Beverage Companies, Extended to April 28:** Visit Imagination Station's temporary exhibition before it departs the science center! Discover how pop culture and sci-fi inspired today's technology and science. Popnology tickets are \$4 for non-members and free for members, and are sold separately from admission to the science center.

*Imagination Station* provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It's with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio. All Lucas County residents receive a \$1.50 discount and FREE Saturday admission for kids, 12 and under, with paid adult admission.

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## As Trump prepares to raid military construction projects to pay for the Trump Border Wall, Rep. Kaptur cosponsors legislation to immediately terminate his 'national emergency'

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 22, 2019: *Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur* (OH-09), the longest serving woman in the United States Congress and member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, has released the following statement after she cosponsored legislation to immediately terminate President Trump's national emergency concerning the southern border of the United States. The legislation was introduced by *Rep. Joaquín Castro* (TX-20) and currently has 222 cosponsors.

Last week, President Trump announced he would raid \$3.5 billion in appropriated funds from the Department of Defense, funding which would otherwise go toward important military construction projects such as upgrading military hospitals, improving training facilities for troops, removing lead from military family housing, and making overseas bases more secure.

Military construction projects in Ohio are at risk, specifically Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's ADAL Intelligence Production Complex (NASIC) (\$61,000,000), Camp

Ravenna's Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range (\$7,400,000), Youngstown Air Reserve Station's main gate relocation (\$8,800,000), and upgrades to the Mansfield Lahm Airport fire station (\$13,000,000). President Trump has yet to announce which military construction projects will be gutted.

"I'm not surprised President Trump would gut important military construction projects in order to circumvent Congress and build his ineffective border wall," said Rep. Kaptur. "Throughout his campaign for the Presidency, and during his time in office, President Trump has promised time and again that Mexico would pay for the wall. Before he rushes to fulfill an ill-advised campaign promise few think will even work, the President should answer the question of just how it is we went from Mexico paying for his monument to depriving our military of its



operational priorities to fund it. At best, this careless action to divert funds will leave thousands of military men and women in the lurch, at worst our national security and readiness of our troops will be put at risk."

"Today, I am cosponsoring legislation that would immediately terminate this so-called national emergency. This entire political exercise by President Trump is not only a blatant attempt to ignore the Constitution and usurp Congress' power of the purse, it is also the latest example of President Trump's disregard for good advice and of regular disrespect for the day to day work of our armed forces."

"The states and Congress are correct to challenge President Trump in court regarding his fake national emergency. I am confident the judiciary will find that President Trump lacks the authority to divert funds for a wall because it is Congress that controls such spending."

## New Report Shows Ohio Lawmakers Undermine Criminal Sentencing Reform Year after Year

ACLU of Ohio Publishes Latest "Statehouse-to-Prison Pipeline"

COLUMBUS, Feb. 22, 2019: A new *ACLU of Ohio* report, issued today, finds that Ohio legislators introduced 137 bills in the last legislative session to send more people to the state's already overcrowded prisons and jails. The report, *Ohio's Statehouse-to-Prison Pipeline: 132nd General Assembly 2017-2018*, reveals that our elected officials are damaging their own "multi-year effort" to simplify the criminal code by lengthening sentences and proposing new criminal offenses.

"Mass incarceration begins at the statehouse," said *Gary Daniels*, chief lobbyist for the ACLU of Ohio. "The effects of continually doing what *doesn't* work are well-

documented, and the purpose of this report is to highlight the role and responsibility of the Ohio General Assembly in maintaining our state's ongoing, dangerously crowded prison system." The report identifies that 12% of all bills would put more people in prison or jail.

A similar report was issued in 2017, analyzing the 131st legislative session, and the ACLU found that while the Senate introduced 28 fewer bills in total, it included 19 more bills with mass incarceration implications when compared to the prior session, jumping from 6.4% to 12.3% of all bills introduced in the Senate. "We cannot arrest,



convict, and incarcerate our way out of this crisis, and while our legislature remains paralyzed by inaction, our communities are suffering; especially communities of Color," added Daniels.

The report, *Ohio's Statehouse-to-Prison Pipeline 2019 edition*, calls for a series of reforms, and the ACLU of Ohio urges legislative leaders to: stop introducing bills that create new crimes, instruct caucuses not to advance legislation already introduced that create new crimes or criminal penalties, and to freeze sentencing enhancements permanently.

Read the full report at [www.acluohio.org/pipeline](http://www.acluohio.org/pipeline)



## OBITUARIES



### JOSE GARCIA ROMO

José G. Romo, 87 of Maumee, OH passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. He was born in Taylor, Texas on March 18, 1931 to Francisco and María Romo. He moved to Toledo when he was 16 years old as a migrant worker and later was employed by the Jeep Corporation, where he retired after 30 years. He met the love of his life, Nancy Durán. They dedicated their lives to one another in marriage for 65 years.

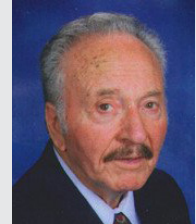
After attending a Crusillo in Texas, Jose eventually brought the Crusillo Movement to Toledo, where it flourished and led to other ministries such as Marriage Encounter, Bible studies, Prison Ministry Crusillo, and Ministering at Migrant Camps. José also ministered through the love of his music, especially Tejano music. José and Jimmy Campos were ordained the first permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Toledo, on September 17, 1973.

His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of his life with whom he enjoyed traveling, boating, camping, and fishing.

He is survived by his loving wife Nancy; children Elias Romo, Diana (Rafael) Angel, Susan (Eduardo) Belmares, Michael (Chris) Romo, and Ana (Robert) Modrowski; grandchildren Maricela, Rafael II, Nichole, Ellaina, Liza, Viviana, Sara, Hunter and Faith; great-grandchildren, Paulo, Alan, Rafael III, Diana, Emily, Emiliano and Camila. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Maricela, brothers Jesús, Aurelio and Elias and sisters Eloisa and Amalia.

Visitation held at the Coyle Funeral Home. Funeral services held at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral with the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, as the principal celebrant. Interment followed at Lake Township Cemetery. Memorials may take the form of contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Source: *Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd.*



## Armando Rodríguez, WWII vet who served 4 US presidents, dies

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS, Associated Press

Feb. 20, 2019 (AP): Armando Rodríguez, a Mexican immigrant and World War II veteran who went on to serve under four U.S. presidents while pressing for civil rights, has died.

Christy Rodríguez, his daughter, said Wednesday her father died early Sunday morning at their San Diego CA home from complications of a stroke. He was 97.

Rodríguez was born in Gómez Palacio, México, and came to the San Diego with his family as a 6-year-old boy.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Rodríguez graduated from San Diego State University and worked as a teacher before joining the Mexican-American civil rights movement.

He led Southern California's Viva Kennedy campaign—the effort to increase Latino voter support for John F. Kennedy in 1960.

Rodríguez later held a number of positions under presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan.

## Utah man charged with hate crimes in attack on Mexicans

By BRADY McCOMBS, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 20, 2019 (AP): A Utah man who authorities say shouted that he wanted to "kill Mexicans" before attacking three Latinos at a tire shop in Salt Lake City was charged Wednesday with a hate crime by U.S. Department of Justice.

Alan Dale Covington, 50, attacked the victims with a 3-foot metal pole last November, leaving 18-year-old Luis Lopez with serious head wounds after he tried to defend his father, who was hit in the shoulder as he ran away.

The incident on Nov. 27, 2018, triggered renewed criticism of the Utah's state hate crimes law, which doesn't protect specific groups. County prosecutors have said the law is essentially unusable. Covington was charged with assault in state court but not a hate crime because Salt Lake County Attorney District Attorney Sim Gill said the law doesn't apply to

felony crimes.

A legislative proposal to strengthen the hate-crimes law is under consideration this session.

Covington, indicted on three counts of hate crimes, doesn't have an attorney listed in court records. His public legal defender representing him on state charges didn't immediately return a phone message.

The FBI investigated the case with help from the Salt Lake City police department.

Covington told Utah investigators the "Mexican Mafia" had been after him for years and that he went to Lopez Tires on Nov. 27 because "they all know each other." Salt Lake City police said last year. The department helped the FBI with the investigation.

Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski applauded the charges, noting that the attack sowed fear in the community.

"It is time Utah adopt comprehensive hate crime legislation to give law en-

forcement and investigators the tools they need to prosecute these types of crime," Biskupski said in a statement.

The hate crime charges come days after a video emerged showing a man in Salt Lake City allegedly punching a stranger because he was gay. Police are investigating the incident.

A previous attempt to strengthen Utah's hate crime law stalled out in 2016 after supporters said its chances were hurt when the Mormon church released a statement urging legislators not to upset a balance between religious and LGBT rights. Most lawmakers are members of the faith.

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### “Roma” y Cuarón triunfan en los BAFTA

Por JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

LONDRES, 10 III 19 (AP): La tragicomedia real “The Favourite” y la película mexicana “Roma” se dividieron honores con múltiples victorias cada una el domingo en los Premios BAFTA del cine británico, lo que sugiere vientos de cambio en la industria cinematográfica.

“The Favourite” ganó siete trofeos, incluyendo a mejor película británica y mejor actriz para Olivia Colman, quien encarna a la reina Ana de Gran Bretaña del siglo XVIII en este filme centrado en mujeres.

“Roma” de Alfonso Cuarón, sobre una familia mexicana de clase media y su empleada doméstica, obtuvo cuatro: mejor película, mejor película en lengua no inglesa, dirección y cinematografía, también del realizador.

Los ganadores se deleitaron con el simbolismo de sus victorias.

“Gracias por celebrar nuestra película dominada por mujeres sobre mujeres en el poder”, dijo la escritora de “The Favourite” Deborah Davis, quien obtuvo el premio al mejor guion original junto a Tony McNamara.

Cuarón le agradeció a Netflix por tener el valor de apoyar “una película en blanco y negro sobre una trabajadora doméstica” que

no es en inglés.

Dijo que el modo en que la película ha sido recibida “en una era en que el miedo y la ira se proponen a dividirnos significa todo para mí”.

“The Favourite” también recibió galardones a mejor actriz de reparto, para Rachel Weisz, así como de diseño de producción, diseño de vestuario, maquillaje y peinado.

Las diseñadoras de producción Fiona Crombie y Alice Felton le dedicaron su premio a “toda mujer y madre trabajadora que sobreviven y lo logran”.

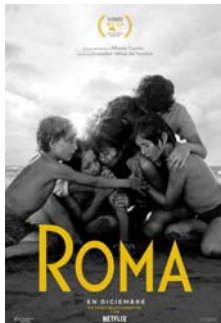
El premio al mejor actor fue para Rami Malek por su eléctrica interpretación del vocalista de Queen Freddie Mercury en “Bohemian Rhapsody”.

Mahershala Ali fue nombrado mejor actor de reparto por su papel de un pianista concertista en el drama sureño de los 60 “Green Book”.

Entre otros ganadores, “BlacKkKlansman” de Spike Lee obtuvo el premio al mejor guion adaptado y “A Star Is Born” de Bradley Cooper el de mejor música.

Los BAFTA podrían arrojar pistas sobre quién triunfará el 24 de febrero en los Oscar en una temporada que ha hasta ahora ha sido bastante impredecible.

La principal diferencia en-



tre los Oscar y los premios del cine británico es que en este último las estrellas de Hollywood se codean con la realeza.

El príncipe Guillermo y su esposa Kate, duquesa de Cambridge—con un vestido blanco de Alexander McQueen—se unieron a Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper, Cate Blanchett, Viola Davis, Timothee Chalamet y otras estrellas de cine para el evento formal en el Royal Albert Hall.

La actriz de “Absolutely Fabulous” Joanna Lumley fue la maestra de ceremonias.

Guillermo, quien preside la academia de cine británica, presentó el premio a la trayectoria a la editora de cine Thelma Schoonmaker, por años colaboradora de Martin Scorsese.

### La 9na es la vencida: México gana su Oscar con “Roma”

Por SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, 24 II 19 (AP): “Roma” de Alfonso Cuarón ganó el Oscar a la mejor película en lengua extranjera, dándole a México por primera vez la codiciada estatuilla luego de ocho intentos previos.

“Crecí viendo películas en lengua extranjera, aprendo tanto de ellas”, dijo el director mexicano, quien mencionó como inspiración películas que incluyen “El ciudadano Kane”, “El padrino” y “Sin aliento”.

Les agradeció a las estrellas del filme, Yalitza Aparicio y Marina de Tavira, así como a sus productores y equipo, y a Netflix, la distribuidora del filme.

El emotivo drama basado en los recuerdos de infancia de Cuarón con su niñera Libo se impuso sobre “Capernaum” de Libano, “Guerra fría” de Polonia; “Never Look Away” de Alemania y “Shoplifters” de Japón.

El domingo llegó a los Oscar con 10 nominaciones, entre ellas a mejor película y dirección, además de mejor actriz, para la debutante Aparicio, y mejor actriz de reparto para la veterana De Tavira.

“Roma” sigue a la empleada doméstica Cleo (Aparicio, con algunos diálogos en lengua mixteca), que trabaja devotamente para una familia que vive en el

barrio de la Roma, en la capital mexicana. La vida familiar, aunque inmaculada, se está resquebrajando: el padre deja a su esposa (De Tavira).

La historia transcurre en medio del tumulto del México de principios de los 70, incluidas las manifestaciones estudiantiles que en 1971 derivaron en una masacre por parte de un grupo de choque respaldado por las autoridades. La sociedad se está deshinchando y las mujeres de la casa, Cleo entre ellas, parecen llevarse la peor parte mientras intentan sacar a flote a la familia de cuatro hijos.

La cinta había sido una favorita de la crítica desde que se estrenó el año pasado en el Festival de Cine de Venecia, donde se alzó con el León de Oro, el máximo premio del evento.

La Junta Nacional de Resenistas de Estados Unidos la incluyó entre las 10 mejores películas del 2018 y el Círculo de Críticos de Nueva York le otorgó los premios a mejor película, mejor dirección y mejor cinematografía (también de Cuarón). Más recientemente había ganado el Globo de Oro a la mejor cinta en lengua extranjera y el BAFTA del cine británico tanto a mejor película como inglesa.

“Roma” representó el regreso de Cuarón a México como director desde que se

dio a conocer internacionalmente con “Y tu mamá también” de 2001, que le mereció nominaciones a los Globos y los Oscar. Sus créditos desde entonces incluyeron, entre otros, “Great Expectations”, “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”, “Children of Men” y “Gravity”, esta última galardonada en 2014 en ambas ceremonias de Hollywood.

Múltiples mexicanos han ganado premios Oscar a lo largo de los años—más recientemente Guillermo del Toro, Alejandro González Iñárritu y el propio Cuarón—pero México no había conseguido el Premio de la Academia a la mejor película extranjera hasta ahora.

Sus candidatas previas fueron:

2011: “Biutiful”, de Alejandro González Iñárritu,

2007: “El laberinto del fauno”, de Guillermo del Toro,

2002: “El crimen del padre amaro”, de Carlos Carrera,

2000: “Amores perros”, de Alejandro González Iñárritu,

1975: “Actas de Marusia”, de Miguel Littin,

1962: “Tlayucan”, de Luis Alcoriza,

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According to promoters, women from all walks of life have gathered to join this event because it is "the exclusive empowerment event for women." The expo has

evolved, launching in Chicago, Columbus, and L.A. This year, the expo will launch in Texas, North Carolina, and Ohio. Attendees experience interactive workshops, prizes, fashion showcase, appetizers, exclusive exhibitors, woman of the year awards, and more.

Native Detroit, *EXCITE* Award winner, entrepreneur and event professional *LaTonya Spearman*, established a presence for this national, signature event. The proud owner of *Eloquets Event Enterprise* launched the *I'm*

*Every Woman Expo National Tour*, in 2008. "Women work really hard for their business, their family, their education and more. I'm so excited to create an event where we can feel valued, supported and appreciated. The positive energy creates synergy for all of us." - *LaTonya Spearman*.

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## Town Hall provides details on changes coming to Lorain City Schools

LORAIN, February 21, 2019: "There is excellence in every school, but we do not yet have a system of excellent schools," was a point of inflection during tonight's Lorain City Schools Town Hall meeting, held in the Lorain High School Auditorium. CEO David Hardy Jr. began his presentation re-orienting the audience with *The Lorain Promise*—the strategic plan created, based on the feedback of over 3,000 touchpoints with stakeholders.

As evidenced in state report cards and more up-to-date data measures, *Lorain High School (LHS)* is in need of the utmost, immediate intervention. Lorain High School will become the first "Empowerment School" in the district. Empowerment Schools will receive an extra level of focused support from our central office to help improve everything from the learning environment to operations—all designed to break patterns of low aca-

demical achievement stretching back many years.

School leaders at Empowerment Schools will have the autonomy to choose their staff. In a letter to teachers sent out at the conclusion of the town hall meeting CEO Hardy added, "We know transformations this large can only happen with a completely unified and committed team." All teachers and staff members who wish to remain at LHS next school year will need to participate in a selection process to determine whether their skills and experience are the right fit for the school going forward. No LHS teachers who have earned tenure will lose their jobs during this process, although some may be placed in open positions elsewhere within the district.

CEO Hardy also outlined the other school performance categories and the criteria for evaluation. To read the presentation from tonight's meeting click this link: <http://bit.ly/2U104jV>

### In Other News:

The town hall meeting began with the recognition of LHS Dean of Scholar and Family Engagement, *Bradley Stokes*, for his heroism on Jan. 25 when he performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a scholar who was choking during a lunch period in the cafeteria.

The Parent Advisory Council will be reinitiated in the very near future with the goal of increased two-way communication between families and district leadership in the interest of providing what is best for scholars.

It was also announced that Lorain High School Graduation will be held in the Lorain Community College Field House on *May 21, 2019*. It was previously communicated that graduation would take place at the Wolstein Center arena in Cleveland, Ohio. The location shift was made as many voiced their concerns regarding the long commute and lack of transportation to and from the event.

## El Centro de Servicios Sociales Upcoming Events



**February 26** – El Centro and the *Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (Legal Aid)* have started a partnership that will be hosting quarterly community-based outreach clinics to clients who live, work, or go to school in Lorain County. These clinics will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Legal Aid will only provide legal services to civil matters to include problems related to money, housing, health, work, and children and family (not criminal). If you are interested in attending this clinic, you will need to contact El Centro at 440-277-8235 to schedule an appointment.

**February 2019: Bilingual Financial Education Classes.** Classes help improve financial literacy to the residents of the Greater Lorain area. *El Centro* will offer future homebuyers two financial literacy courses (three hours per class) focused on: *Financial Recovery (Credit Repair)* and *Money Matters (Budgeting & Saving)*. Classes will be held at El Centro. For additional information, contact *Maria Carrion* at [mcarrion@lorainelcentro.org](mailto:mcarrion@lorainelcentro.org).  
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## LCCC Hosts Black Balloon Day Event

Lorain County Community College's Care Center and Care Club will hold a memorial program in honor of national Black Balloon Day at noon on Wednesday, *March 6, 2019* near the fountain in the college courtyard. The program will honor those whose loved ones have died due to opioid overdose.

Guest speaker Elaine Georgas, executive director of Lorain County ADAS Board, will speak on the opioid crisis in Lorain County and beyond. Attendees will be able to take home black balloons to display outside their homes. Those who have lost a loved one are encouraged to bring a photo.

For more information, contact Al Christian at (440) 366-4848.

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## LCCC's NEO LaunchNET Hosts ideaLabs Business Competition:

NEO LaunchNET, Lorain County Community College's entrepreneurial-launching program will host their annual business competition, *ideaLabs* from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, *March 6* in room 122 of The Nord Advanced Technologies Center (AT122).

"All LCCC students, regardless of major, are invited to participate in this event," said NEO LaunchNET program director *Janice Lapina*. "Students can present a business idea by themselves or as part of a team (up to five people) before a panel of judges for the opportunity to win cash prizes of \$1000 (first place), \$500 (second place) and \$250 (third place)."

The winning team will then advance to the *ideaLabs* regional business competition, where they will have the opportunity to win almost \$6000 in cash prizes.

For more information, visit [www.lcccLaunch.com](http://www.lcccLaunch.com). To participate in *ideaLabs*, fill out the information requested on the "ideaLabs Competition Sign Up" tab.

NEO LaunchNET at LCCC opened its doors to students November 17, 2015. NEO LaunchNET is located in PC113 of The Patsie C. and Dolores Jeneé Campana Center for Ideation and Invention. Since 2012, out of more than 1000 students, 500 explored their venture and created more than 50 companies in Lorain County. NEO LaunchNET is supported by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

## LCCC Holds College for Kids and Teens Classes:

Registration is open for Lorain County Community College's College for Kids and Teens spring classes beginning *March 16*. This year-round program gives students the opportunity to learn new skills and to explore their interests in an exciting, hands-on environment. College for Kids and Teens can also develop specialized programs to meet the needs of a community group or organization.

For more information or to register, call (440) 366-4093 or visit [www.lorainccc.edu/kids](http://www.lorainccc.edu/kids).

## LCCC Hosts Bridal Show:

Lorain County Community College's Conferencing Services and the Lorain County Commissioner's Office will host the Happily Ever After Bridal Show from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday *March 10* at the Spitzer Conference Center.

The event will feature dozens of vendors geared to help brides and grooms find resources and get new ideas to plan the weddings of their dreams. There will also be prizes and giveaways for attendees, a fashion show and food samples. Register by *March 1* to guarantee a free tote filled with wedding swag.

For more information contact Amber Cabassa at (440) 366-4100 or visit [www.lorainccc.edu/bridalshow](http://www.lorainccc.edu/bridalshow).

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*Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 11 a.m. to noon*

### Food and Fun

Children and teens age 18 and under are invited to join us for a fun lunch, games, crafts, and other activities as we explore cooking, new foods, and fun ways to get moving on the weekend. Participants will also bring home a packaged set of ingredients and a recipe to share with their family. Only those who have registered may attend the program. Preregistration required.

*Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 14, 21, 28; 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.*

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**United Way of Greater Lorain County**

### Tri-C Honored for Excellence in Student Success

**Achieving the Dream awards Tri-C 'Leader College of Distinction' status**  
 CLEVELAND, Feb. 22, 2019: *Achieving the Dream (ATD)* has announced that *Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®)* has earned *Leader College of Distinction* status for achieving higher student outcomes and narrowing equity gaps. Tri-C is one of only 11 community colleges across the nation to receive the award, which recognizes colleges that excelled while striving to meet challenging student success goals.



**Achieving the Dream**

"The metrics ATD established for Leader College of Distinction are meant to encourage colleges to sustain aggressive efforts that result in far greater student success and

equity," said *Karen A. Stout*, president and CEO of *Achieving the Dream*. "The honor recognizes Network colleges that have stayed focused on the change process and seen real improvements in student achievement across the institution."

Tri-C is dedicated to narrowing the achievement gap for all students while closing equity gaps for specific groups, such as African-Americans, first-generation students, and veterans.

Programs developed over the past several years put renewed focus on student success and degree completion.

The initiatives brought immediate results and increased graduation rates to historic highs. "As a Leader College of Distinction, Tri-C will continue its work to improve success rates for all students — both here and at community colleges across the country," College President *Alex Johnson* said. "Our work is just beginning."

Leader Colleges of Distinction will have their own identity as part of the ATD Network and receive priority to participate in ATD's innovation initiatives. They will be asked to present and facilitate more sessions at ATD events and institutes and to serve as mentor colleges.

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### A Discussion on Women and the Future of Leadership

**March 5 program at Tri-C's Metropolitan Campus features local leaders**

CLEVELAND: Women and the future of leadership will be the focus of a panel discussion taking place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Metropolitan Campus of *Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®)*.

The free program will feature *Carmen Twillie Ambar*, president of *Oberlin College*, and *Robyn Minter Smyers*, partner at *Thompson Hine*. The conversation will be moderated by *Marianne Crosley*, president and CEO of *Cleveland Leadership Center*.

The program will examine how society continues

to work through a complicated history while redefining what it means to be a woman in power. It is meant to empower and embolden women looking for a seat in the board room.

"This is a candid discussion we need to have at Metropolitan Campus and beyond to advance as a community," Campus President *Michael Schoop* said. "We look forward to this conversation and more like it."

The program will be held in the Metropolitan Room of



*Robyn Minter Smyers*

Metro Campus Center, located along East 30th Street near Community College Avenue.

The event is part of a series of Metro Campus programs designed to foster community discussion and connection. It is co-sponsored by the College's Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Humanities Center.

Registration is requested and can be done online at [www.tri-c.edu/women-leadership](http://www.tri-c.edu/women-leadership). A reception will follow the program. Metropolitan Campus is located at 2900 Community College Ave. in Cleveland. Free parking is available in lots 4 and 5.



*Carmen Twillie Ambar*

### Clevelanders commingle in faith at seder

More than 100 friends and neighbors from across Greater Cleveland joined together on February 12, 2019 to celebrate their shared earth at the *Interfaith Tu B'Shevat Seder*. This annual event, hosted by the *Jewish Federation of Cleveland and Holden Forests & Gardens*, was a chance to integrate tradi-

tions, connect with friends, and enjoy a delicious feast of "the fruits of the land."

"When the Latino community and Jewish community work together, we are able to share best practices," said *William Rodriguez* of the *Esperanza Alumni Association*. "We have a strong partnership, where we understand one another's successes and

struggles. For example, when disasters happen, many people come to Cleveland not knowing any English — we are their family. We can talk to the Federation about how to combat these types of challenges and create successes."

For more information, visit [www.jewish-cleveland.org](http://www.jewish-cleveland.org).

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Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT) y el Teatro Público de Cleveland (TPC) presentan *La Gringa* una obra de *Carmen Rivera*, dirigida por *Ernesto Luna Camargo*. La obra se presentará en español, con subtítulos en inglés, por los miembros de la compañía de TPC, del 14 de febrero al 2 de marzo del 2019, en el *James Levin Theatre* de CPT.

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## California lawmakers seek soda tax, other limits on sugary drinks

By DON THOMPSON, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 20, 2019 (AP): State lawmakers are trying again to discourage the consumption of sugary beverages, proposing a tax, warning labels, and a ban on soda displays near checkout lines among other measures on Wednesday.

The five bills address what the Democratic lawmakers call a public health crisis leading to an increase in obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other ills.

"The soda industry is the new tobacco industry," said Assemblyman David Chiu of San Francisco as he promoted his measure that would bar restaurants from selling soda in cups larger than 16 ounces (.5 liters). "This is an industry that has used marketing and sales tactics to victimize low income communities, communities of color throughout our country."

One of four California adults is now obese, he said, a 40-percent increase over two decades. More than half of Californians are overweight and more than half have either diabetes or pre-diabetes. The average US-American drinks nearly 50 gallons (190 liters) of sugary beverages a year, he said, consuming 39 pounds (17.5 kilograms) of extra sugar.

Another bill would ban soda discount coupons that Assemblyman Rob Bonta

of Oakland said can result in "soda actually being cheaper than bottled water."

Assembly Republicans suggested the proposals are Democrats' latest attempt at nanny government. "What's next—criminalizing pizzas over 18 inches?" they said in a statement.

The proposals include a fee on sugary beverages that would take a two-thirds vote to approve. Health groups also are circulating petitions to put a tax of 2 cents per ounce on the 2020 ballot.

Several measures have failed repeatedly in previous years, including the tax proposed by Assemblyman Richard Bloom of Santa Monica. He said details of his proposal are still being worked out, but a 2 cents per ounce tax would raise a projected \$2 billion annually for prevention efforts.

The beverage industry says such a tax would fall harder on those with lower incomes and would have uncertain health benefits, citing comments from the state's nonpartisan legislative analyst.

California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Julian Canete criticized the package on behalf of the beverage industry, saying that soda makers have already done much to discourage over-consumption. He promoted better health education over a tax.

The American Beverage Association, which repre-

sents Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, and others, said it is engaged in an "unprecedented commitment to fight obesity" by offering more choices and smaller portion sizes with less or no sugar.

Aside from soda, lawmakers said they are targeting sports drinks, sweetened coffee and tea, and other sugary beverages.

Last month, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocked a San Francisco city ordinance requiring health warnings on soda advertisements, saying it violates constitutionally protected commercial speech.

The justices also said the soda warnings aren't based on established fact, citing Food and Drug Administration statements that sugar is "generally recognized as safe" when not consumed to excess.

Sen. Bill Monning of Carmel equated his proposed warning label to those required for cigarettes, and said he would welcome a court challenge.

Meanwhile, the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, American Heart Association, and other tobacco opponents announced their support for bills restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and candy and fruit flavored e-cigarettes.

## The Greyhound Connection Journal #5

Por Linda Alvarado-Arce

According to the American Immigration Council, "Asylum seekers include some of the most vulnerable members of society—children, single mothers, victims of domestic violence or torture, and other individuals who have suffered persecution and trauma."

On a nightly basis, a group of volunteers at local Greyhound stations gather, assist, and listen to the experiences of asylum seekers who witnessed atrocities or experienced torture, and who have fled violence, poverty, gangs, and drug cartels (www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org).

Journal #5 is dedicated to the Mothers who made the excruciating decision to leave everything and everyone, including some of their own children, in some cases, behind in order to seek refuge under current U.S. immigration policy.

Every day, a Mother somewhere in this world is contemplating whether or not to leave the only place she has ever known—her country, city, family, friends, and at times her child/ren. Why? For safety, and to pursue the dream of a new and better life for herself and her family.

This decision is never taken lightly; many people are consulted, and multiple factors considered, such as the cost of taking one or all of her children with her? Or, to leave a younger child with an older child or a family member because realistically she can only afford to take one child to the U.S.? Who in the U.S. will sponsor her and her child/ren while their petition for asylum is pending? And, who will purchase their bus ticket for their release from the immigration detention center?

For a Mother to make this decision, she must consider the financial and emotional impact it will have on her and her family. This includes the cost of paying, or taking out a personal loan to pay "coyotes," human traffickers, to smuggle her and her child/ren safely through war torn countries, violence, poverty, gangs, and drug cartels.

According to the Mothers we spoke with, depression, heart-brokenness, and profound sadness sets in soon after they leave their country for the U.S. If they left a child/ren behind, they always share how difficult it is to not be able to talk or see them, and how hard they want to work so they can bring their child/ren one day to the U.S. with them.

The saddest stories, however, are those of Mothers deeply grateful they were not separated from their child/

ren along the way. One Mother said she "prayed all day, every day, that God would not separate me from my 20-year old daughter, like many other mothers whose children were separated from them."

Another Mother shared how difficult it was for her to hold her 2-year-old child asleep in her arms, while at the same time watching her 8-year old child's lips turn blue to purple from being in the "hielera," i.e. the ice box, at the immigrant detention center for 10 consecutive hours.

While, many other Mothers have told us that after 15-plus years, they were finally going to be reunited with their loved ones.

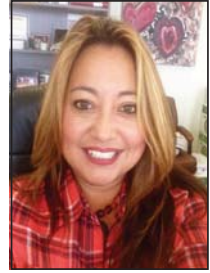
• De acuerdo con el American Immigration Council, "los solicitantes de asilo incluyen a algunos de los miembros más vulnerables de la sociedad: niños, madres solteras, víctimas de violencia doméstica o tortura y otras personas que han sufrido persecución y trauma."

Cada noche, un grupo de voluntarios de las estaciones locales de Greyhound se reúnen, asisten y escuchan las experiencias de los solicitantes de asilo que fueron testigos de atrocidades o torturas experimentadas, y que han huido de la violencia, la pobreza, las pandillas y los cárteles (www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org).

Este diario #5 es dedicado a las madres que tomaron la decisión de dejar todo y todos, incluso algunos de sus propios hijos, en algunos casos, para buscar refugio en los Estados Unidos.

Todos los días, una madre en algún lugar del mundo está considerando abandonar los únicos y el único lugar que ha conocido: su país, ciudad, familia, amigos y, a veces, sus hijos. ¿Por qué? Por seguridad y para perseguir el sueño de una vida nueva y mejor para ella y su familia.

Esta decisión nunca se toma a la ligera; se consulta a muchas personas y se consideran múltiples factores, como ¿el costo de llevar a uno o todos de sus hijos con ella? o, ¿dejar a un niño más pequeño con un niño mayor o un miembro de la familia porque, de manera realista, solo puede permitirse el lujo de llevar a un niño a los EE. UU.? ¿quién en los EE. UU. va a patrocinarla a ella y a sus hijos mientras su petición de asilo esté pendiente? y, ¿quién comprará su boleto de autobús para cuando sale del centro de detención de



inmigración?

Para que una madre tome esta decisión, debe considerar el impacto financiero y emocional que tendrá en ella y su familia. Esto incluye el costo de pagar o sacar un préstamo personal para pagar a los "coyotes", los traficantes de personas, para contrabandearlos a ella y a sus hijos a través de países en guerra, violencia, pobreza, pandillas y cárteles de drogas.

Las madres con las que hablamos dicen que sienten, depresión, angustia y una profunda tristeza después de que dejan su país. Si dejan atrás a un/a niño/a, siempre comparten lo difícil que es no poder hablar o véalos, y cuánto quieren trabajar para poder traer a sus hijo/as un día a los Estados Unidos con ellos.

Las historias más tristes, sin embargo, son las de las madres profundamente agradecidas por no haber estado separadas de sus hijos/as en el camino. Una madre dijo que "oraba todos los días para que Dios no me separara de mi hija de 20 años, como muchas otras madres estaban separadas."

Otra madre compartió lo difícil que era para ella abrazar su niña de 2 años durmiéndose en sus brazos, en la "hielera" por 10 horas consecutivas, mientras que su niña de 8 años, tenía sus labios de color azul en el centro de detención de inmigrantes.

Muchas otras madres nos han dicho, también, que después de más de 15 años, finalmente se reunirían con sus seres queridos que viven en los EE. UU.

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## ACLU files lawsuit challenging 'National Emergency Declaration'

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19, 2019: The American Civil Liberties Union, Sierra Club, ACLU of Texas, and ACLU of Northern California have filed a lawsuit challenging Donald Trump's emergency powers declaration to secure funds to build a wall along the southern border. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the Sierra Club and the Southern Border Communities Coalition and was filed in the Northern District of California.

"The president is using a bogus declaration of a non-existent emergency to undermine our constitutional system of checks and balances, in the process deeply harming communities living and working at the border," said Cecilia Wang, ACLU deputy legal director. "We're filing suit to stop the administration from moving forward with this patently illegal attempt to steal taxpayer money for a border wall that Congress, security experts, and Americans have said is unnecessary and harmful."

The lawsuit argues that Trump's use of emergency powers to evade congressional funding restrictions is unprecedented, unconstitutional, and unauthorized under 10 U.S.C. § 2808, the statute Trump invoked. Congress restricted the use of that statute to military construction projects, like overseas military airfields in wartime, that "are necessary to support the emergency use of armed forces."

The organizations further maintain that the border wall project, if carried out as directed under the president's emergency proclamation, would hurt communities living at the border, endanger wildlife, and have damaging impacts on the environment.

The Sierra Club is a national organization with 67 chapters and more than 3.5 million members and supporters dedicated to protecting and restoring the quality of the natural and human environment.

"Just ask people in border communities — this is a manufactured emergency to build an unnecessary, unwanted, and environmentally-destructive border wall," said Gloria Smith, managing attorney at the Sierra Club. "The wall would bulldoze through border communities that are rich in historic, cultural, and environmental resources, destroying wildlife habitats and migration corridors for animals. This is yet another illegal and dangerous power grab by the president to further his anti-immigrant and anti-environment agenda."

The organizations call on the court to block the Department of Defense, Homeland Security, and Treasury from taking action to build a border wall using funds from the Defense Department or Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund pursuant to the president's unlawful emergency declaration. They also urge the courts to block the agencies from implementing the border wall project unless the

agencies comply with the necessary environmental regulations.

The Southern Border Communities Coalition brings together 60 organizations from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, to promote policies and solutions that improve quality of life in border communities.

"The walls and hyper-militarization that President Trump is trying to strong-arm through will not make us safer, but will degrade the quality of life of the 15 million people who call the southern border region home," said Vicki B. Gaubeca, director of the Southern Border Communities Coalition. "Trump's sham national emergency will tear apart the binational and multi-cultural fabric of our region, shred our way of life, and promote hostility towards immigrants and communities of color in border communities. We are suing to ensure that border communities are consulted in decisions that impact our quality of life and put a stop to this harmful, deadly, and wasteful wall."

The lawsuit argues the president's declaration and diversion of funds violates core constitutional principles and multiple laws and statutes, including:

- The 2019 Appropriations Act, which the president signed into law last week;

- The US Constitution's Presentment Clause, which requires the president to either sign an appropriations bill presented to him by Congress, or return it with his objections;

- The constitutional principle of separation of powers because it usurps Congress's power over spending and ignores Congress's decision to provide only limited funding for construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border;

- The National Environmental Policy Act, which requires agencies to conduct environmental assessments and consider the harm to wildlife before proceeding with construction.

As the organizations note in their complaint, the 2019 Appropriations Act passed by Congress explicitly rejected Trump's \$5.7 billion demand for a border wall, and forbade construction in certain areas, including carve-outs for wildlife areas. Further, the president violated the Presentment Clause by signing the 2019 Appropriations Act but then rejecting it by declaring a national emergency to build more of a border wall than Congress permitted, faster than Congress allowed. In direct violation of the National Environmental Policy Act, the president's proclamation directs DHS and DOD to undertake border wall construction without necessarily considering the environmental harms.

The complaint can be found at: <https://www.aclu.org/sierra-club-v-trump-complaint-declaratory-and-injunctive-relief>.

## Honran memoria de César E. Chávez con marcha denominada "We Are The World", 14 de marzo

### 19va Marcha Anual por la Justicia Social

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

GRANDRAPIDS, MI: El Comité para Honrar a César E. Chávez invita a la 19va Marcha Anual de Justicia Social para celebrar el cumpleaños número 92 del líder sindical estadounidense. La marcha se llevará a cabo el próximo 14 de marzo de 2019 a las 11:00am. El punto de partida será el Cook Library Center, ubicado en el 1100 de la avenida Grandville de esta ciudad.

César nació el 31 de marzo de 1927 en Yuma, Arizona, y falleció pacíficamente el 23 de abril de 1993 en San Luis, Arizona.

Lupe Ramos-Montigny, Presidenta del Comité, informó: "El tema fundamental es la unidad en la comunidad pero este año nos enfocaremos en el lema We Are The World porque la comunidad está compuesta por inmigrantes de todas partes del mundo. Cuando decimos somos el mundo estamos incluyendo a todos los migrantes, es por eso que estoy trabajando muy fuerte para animar a participar a diversas organizaciones con el objetivo de que se vea nuestra unión. Estoy invitando a pastores de diferentes iglesias, así como a líderes afroamericanos, nativoamericanos, entre otros. Es una marcha de la diversidad para mostrar que todos somos el mundo".

Asimismo, Montigny adelantó que se contará con la participación de un coro para entonar diversas melodías, entre ellas We Are The World y por supuesto, la ya tradicional De Colores. Este año, se honrará a dos grandes líderes de la comunidad que se jubilan el próximo mes de junio: Thomas J. Haas, Presidente de Grand Valley State University (GVSU) y Teresa Weatherall-Neal, Superintendente de Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS). "Los dos han sido parte muy importante de la marcha y del Comité para Honrar a César E. Chávez, han ayudado tremendamente y por eso van a caminar conmigo al frente. Serán nuestros invitados de honor", destacó la entrevistada.

Weatherall-Neal y Haas serán los encargados de dirigir unas palabras durante la reunión comunitaria que se llevará a cabo al concluir la marcha, en The Potter's House Chapel, ubicada en el 810 de la Van Raalte Dr. SW, Grand Rapids. "Estoy haciendo lo posible para que la reunión comunitaria no dure más de una hora porque la gente se tiene que regresar a sus trabajos y/o escuelas", dijo Lupe Ramos.

Posteriormente, a la 1:00pm se llevará a cabo un Almuerzo de la Unidad en el restaurante Maya Mexican Grill, en donde los asistentes podrán degustar exquisitos platillos mexicanos. El boleto de entrada tiene un



costo de \$50 dólares por persona o \$500 para una mesa de 10 personas, y pueden adquirirse a través del siguiente link: [gvsu.edu/inclusion/2019unityluncheon](https://gvsu.edu/inclusion/2019unityluncheon)

Cabe destacar que todos los fondos recaudados van directamente a la Beca Lupe Ramos-Montigny "SI SE PUEDE" Legado en Grand Valley State University.

El Comité de Unidad para Honrar a César E. Chávez está compuesto por: Kevin Quinn, Presidente de Aquinas College; Eric Delong, Asistente del Gerente de la ciudad de Grand Rapids; Carlos Sánchez de Ferris State University; Jack Woller, ex director de la iglesia Fountain Street; Bill Pink, Presidente de Grand Rapids Community College; Dale Robertson, Presidente de Grand Rapids Public Museum; Jesse Bernal, Vicepresidente de GVSU; Directora Connie Dang, Director Juan Olivarez y Presidenta del Comité, Lupe Ramos.

### Teresa Weatherall Neal

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durante siete años.

Tiene un profundo amor por los estudiantes de Grand Rapids y por la ciudad en sí. Proviene de una familia grande con raíces profundas en la ciudad, estudio en South Middle School y se graduó de Creston High School. Cuenta con un título de Asociada en Artes en Grand Rapids Community College, una licenciatura en Ciencias en Administración Pública de GVSU y una maestría en Liderazgo Educativo de Western Michigan University.

En su búsqueda ininterrumpida de ayudar a los niños y eliminar las barreras para el aprendizaje, ha sido fundamental en el desarrollo e implementación de algunos de los programas y servicios de apoyo que todavía se utilizan. Por ejemplo, creó The Wheel of Support, el programa Youth Advocate, el programa Family Support Specialist y muchas otras actividades más para apoyar a los estudiantes necesitados. Su jubilación tomará efecto a partir del 1 de julio.

### Thomas Joseph Haas

Actualmente es presidente de Grand Valley State University (GVSU) y profesor de química. Antes de eso, fue presidente de la Universidad Estatal de Nueva York en Cobleskill de 2003 a 2006. En 2018, Haas anunció su próximo retiro de la Presidencia. El Consejo de Administración de GVSU

seleccionó a Philomena Mantella como la próxima presidenta de la universidad, a partir del 1 de julio de 2019.

Haas se graduó en la Academia de la Guardia Costera de los Estados Unidos y obtuvo un doctorado en química de la Universidad de Connecticut. Es un experto reconocido en transporte de materiales peligrosos, planificación estratégica y liderazgo en educación superior.

Desde que Haas asumió la Presidencia en 2006, Grand Valley ha agregado 30 programas de pregrado y 16 programas de posgrado. Abrió el Detroit Center y agregó 2.5 millones de pies cuadrados en edificios. Haas ha posicionado a la universidad como líder en sostenibilidad con 21 edificios LEED de plata, oro o platino. Más de 25,000 estudiantes están matriculados en Grand Valley.

Haas y su esposa, Marcia, atienden presentaciones de bellas artes y conferencias académicas, así como competencias atléticas y constantemente se le ve al presidente tomarse "selfies" con estudiantes y padres. Ha aparecido en muchos videos que se han vuelto virales en las redes sociales. Ama a los estudiantes y le encanta enseñar. Luego de su retiro, tomará un descanso y regresará al aula, compartiendo su experiencia en química con los estudiantes de GVSU como profesor en el Colegio de Artes y Ciencias Liberales.

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- Call Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or submit using the mobile app.
- Call the HRC Mediation Office at 419-245-1518.
- Fill out a form online at <https://toledo.oh.gov/services/human-relations-commission/>.
- Download a form online <https://toledo.oh.gov/services/human-relations-commission/>, print, and mail to One Government Center, HRC Mediations, Suite 2200, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**Next Step:** Once your mediation application is submitted, you will be contacted by a member of HRC's mediation staff for a follow-up. You will be scheduled to attend mediation within 30 days after your follow-up.

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**Notification:** Winners will be notified by telephone after April 15.

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**Reception:** A reception honoring the winners will be held on May 14, 6 p.m. at Sanger Branch.

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**New Director of Human Resources**

Tyrome Alexander, a certified human resources professional with 20 years of experience in the health care, higher education, and non-profit sectors, has been named director of human resources for the city of Toledo, effective Feb. 25, 2019.

Alexander is currently the human resources director for IMPACT Community Action in Columbus. Mr. Alexander was previously human resources manager for the Columbus Metropolitan Library system, where he was responsible for the library's benefits and compensation programs, employee relations, performance, talent management, and human resources technology strategy. He also managed the library system's self-insurance fund.

Mr. Alexander has held various human resources positions at The Ohio State University, including generalist, consultant, administrative manager, and regional campus human resources director.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from The Ohio State University and a Masters of Business Administration from Ohio Dominican University. He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and currently serves as executive director of Alpha Phi Alpha, District of Ohio; regional trainer for the fraternity's Initial Membership Development Program, and previously served as chairman of the Alpha Rho Lambda Education Foundation.

Mr. Alexander is a senior certified human resources professional (SHRM-SCCP) through the Society of Human Resources Management and holds Professional in Human Resources (PHR) credentials through the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI). He is also a 2018 fellow of the Columbus-based African American Leadership Academy (AALA). His professional memberships include the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) and the Human Resources Association of Central Ohio (HRACO). He also serves as an HR Advisory Committee member for HandsOn Central Ohio.



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