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Lyndon B. Johnson linked Latinos, civil rights in 'Selma' speech

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS, Associated Press

March 7, 2015: Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson asked a joint session of Congress to respond to the brutal beatings of protesters in Selma, Alabama, by passing a federal Voting Rights Act that would "open the city of hope to all people of all races."

While today's commemorations of the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" may invoke memories of historic events in which the "real hero," as Johnson said, was "the American Negro," little is said about Johnson's call in that speech to include Mexican-Americans in the struggle for equality.

"It was a defining moment for Johnson and Mexican-Americans," Julie Leininger Pycior, a Manhattan College history professor, said. "And yet it is a moment that is almost totally forgotten."

Nationally televised images of protesters violently beaten, whipped and tear-gassed—even trampled by horses—at the hands of police during a march from Selma to the state capitol, Montgomery, triggered mass outrage and more demonstrations around the country. The incident, which became known as "Bloody Sunday," galvanized the nation's leaders and ultimately yielded passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

During his address to Congress following those broadcasts, Johnson spoke passionately about poverty and equal rights, a sensitivity influenced, he said, by discrimination against Mexican-Americans that he witnessed as a young teacher at a segregated school in Cotulla, Texas, in the 1920s.

William Bonilla, 84, a retired lawyer in Corpus Christi, Texas, was president of the League of United Latin Ameri-

can Citizens (LULAC) in 1965, then the nation's largest Latino civil rights organization. LBJ had told him privately about his Cotulla experience, Bonilla said, and hearing the president share it in a national address was an emotional moment for many Mexican-Americans.

"I could tell he never forgot those students. He was sincere," Bonilla said.

According to transcripts of the Johnson presidential recordings at the University of Virginia's Miller Center, Johnson told Martin Luther King Jr. of his desire for "equality for all" well before the first Selma march, which took place March 7, 1965.

On Jan. 15, 1965—King's 36th birthday—Johnson returned King's phone call and told him a voting rights bill would be better if "we just extend it (to everyone), whether it's a Negro, whether it's a Mexican or who it is."

"Yeah," King said. Johnson went on to say that such legislation could be the "greatest achievement of his administration," to which King replied, "That's right. That's right."

While campaigning along the U.S.-Mexico border for a U.S. Senate seat in 1948 and again in 1954, Johnson took note of the effects that poverty and discrimination had on Mexican-Americans. One of his first acts in office was to arrange burial at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Pvt. Felix Longoria, who was killed during World War II and buried in the Philippines.

Longoria's remains were returned to the U.S. a few years later, and a Texas funeral director told Longoria's widow that he could not provide

chapel services for her husband, because "the whites wouldn't like it." Johnson intervened, and Longoria was buried at Arlington in 1949.

Johnson "came to understand racism and poverty through the Mexican-American experience," said Brian Behnken, an Iowa State University history professor and author of a book about the civil rights struggle in Texas. However, Behnken added, Johnson also tread lightly on the issue so as not to incite segregationists.

That changed once Johnson became president. Appalled by the brutality in

Selma, Johnson viewed it as an opportunity to "liberate himself" by linking the voting rights struggle with the struggles, 37 years earlier, of his poorest students in Cotulla, Pycior said.

In his speech to Congress, Johnson called for full equality for black US-Americans 100 years after Emancipation "because it is not just Negroes, but really it is all of us who must overcome the crippling legacy of bigotry and injustice." He underscored that sentiment by uttering the civil rights movement's

mantra, "we shall overcome," then brought up his former students in Cotulla.

"Few of them could speak English, and I couldn't speak

much Spanish," Johnson said. The students were poor, hungry and aware that people hated them, but they didn't know why, Johnson said, and he often wished there was more he could do for them.

"Somehow you never forget what poverty and hatred

can do when you see its scars on the hopeful face of a young child," Johnson said.

He said he never thought he'd have the opportunity to help the children of those students, and others like them.

"But now I do have that chance," Johnson said. "And I'll let you in on a secret: I mean to use it."

Congress passed the Voting Rights Act on August 3 (House) and 4th (Senate), 1965, and Johnson signed it into law on Aug. 6, 1965.



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Consejo Latino seeks special prosecutor in police killing of unarmed farmworker

PASCO, Wash., March 5, 2015 (AP): A Latino group is calling for a special prosecutor in the case of an unarmed Mexican man who was killed by officers in Washington state after throwing rocks at cars and police.

KNDU reports (<http://bit.ly/LCAYGCG>) that in a letter Tuesday, the Pasco group Consejo Latino asked Franklin County Prosecutor Shawn Sant to step aside and have the state attorney general appoint a special prosecutor.

Sant wasn't in his office early Thursday and didn't im-

mediately return a message there seeking comment.

Consejo Latino says Sant has a conflict of interest because he's appeared at news briefings with the spokesman for a regional police unit investigating the shooting.

If the prosecutor rejects its request, the group says it will ask the governor to intervene.

Consejo Latino also has asked the Justice Department to investigate the Feb. 10 shooting of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, a 35-year-old migrant farmworker.

Information from: KNDU-TV, <http://www.kndu.com/>

La Migra: More immigrant deaths on Texas border

HIDALGO, Texas, March 4, 2015 (AP): U.S. Border Patrol agents say migrant deaths are on the rise in South Texas in recent months when compared to figures from last year.

Border Patrol agents reported Wednesday the bodies of 55 immigrants have been found in the Rio Grande Valley sector since October, compared to 39 from the same period last year. Border Patrol agents also rescued 164 people,

compared to 131 during the same period last year.

The 316-mile sector was the deadliest place to cross the border last year, recording 115 deaths in the 2014 fiscal year that ended September.

Agents have also reported 15 drowning deaths since October, compared to 21 during the entire 2014 fiscal year. Migrants frequently try to swim or use makeshift rafts to cross the Rio Grande to reach the U.S.

Concejo de Los Angeles apoya órdenes ejecutivas de Obama

Por E.J. TÁMARA, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, 4 III 15 (AP): El Concejo de la ciudad de Los Angeles aprobó el miércoles una resolución en apoyo a la defensa de las órdenes ejecutivas del presidente Barack Obama para inmigrantes sin autorización legal, que han sido suspendidas por un juez. El autor de la medida, el concejal Gil Cedillo dijo que aunque el decreto presidencial no ha entrado en vigor por el orden de un juez federal en Texas, lo que quiere es enviar el mensaje de que el concejo apoya cualquier esfuerzo administrativo o legislativo para rescindir la suspensión. "El mensaje es claro, este movimiento está unido. No estamos vencidos. Reconocemos que esta es una traba temporal y queremos que el presidente sepa eso. Queremos que Washington sepa que esta ciudad está en firme apoyo a (las órdenes ejecutivas)", dijo el legislador minutos antes de que el concejo aprobara su propuesta con una votación de 13-0. Dos concejales no votaron porque estuvieron ausentes. Las órdenes ejecutivas de Obama beneficiarían a más de cuatro millones de inmigrantes que viven en el país de manera ilegal. Iban a comenzar a entrar en vigor en febrero pero el juez Andrew Hanen las suspendió luego que eran anticonstitucionales y que Obama había abusado de su poder ejecutivo al decretarlas. La semana pasada, el gobierno de Obama pidió al juez que rescindiera su suspensión mientras apela su fallo en la Corte de Apelaciones del 5to Circuito pero el martes, la coalición de estados le pidió a Hanen que mantuviera su orden. En su petición, los estados alegaron que sufrirían daños irreversibles si las órdenes ejecutivas entran en vigor, puesto que tendrían que

invertir millones de dólares en beneficios públicos en los beneficiarios potenciales y que, de ganaren en corte, luego no podrían recuperar esa inversión. No hay una fecha límite para que el juez tome una decisión. Las órdenes ejecutivas de Obama beneficiarían a dos grupos, uno sería una extensión del plan para otorgar suspensión de deportación y permisos de trabajo a inmigrantes que fueron traídos al país de niños y el otro daría los mismos beneficios a padres de hijos residentes o ciudadanos. "Los inmigrantes están listos y dispuestos a seguir adelante", agregó Cedillo, conocido por su propuesta estatal para otorgar licencias de manejar a inmigrantes sin autorización. "Sabemos que la ley está de nuestro lado y la historia está claramente de nuestro lado".

California: Más minorías inscritas en seguro de salud

Por JUDY LIN, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, 5 III 15 (AP): Nuevos datos demuestran que California realizó un mejor trabajo para registrar a minorías y jóvenes en su cobertura de seguros de salud durante el segundo año de la expansión de dicho programa. Covered California dio a conocer el jueves datos que demuestran que el porcentaje de latinos y afroestadounidenses registrados se incrementó con relación al año pasado. El estado también reportó una mayor cantidad de registros entre la gente joven, lo que asegura un buen fondo común de riesgos para las aseguradoras. El programa Covered California reportó que los latinos conforman el 37% de los nuevos registros, en comparación con 31% del año

pasado. La relación de nuevas inscripciones entre los negros mejoró del 3% al 4%. El programa incrementó su mercadeo a través de anuncios en español luego de críticas por no poder llegar a la comunidad hispana en su primer año. Pero en general Covered California sufrió una baja en el registro total, lo que podría aumentar las tarifas en el futuro.

Ferguson debe tomar medidas para recuperar confianza pública

Por JIM SALTER, Associated Press

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, 5 III 15 (AP): El contundente reporte federal sobre el Departamento de Policía de Ferguson envió un duro mensaje a los líderes de la ciudad: reformar sus prácticas relativas a la aplicación de la ley y reconstruir sus relaciones con la comunidad negra. No será fácil ni rápido, particularmente si se mantiene en el cargo el mismo jefe de policía y muchos de los mismos oficiales en activo. Algunos residentes y líderes civiles quieren un cambio total en el liderazgo o incluso una desaparición completa del departamento. Por lo menos, de acuerdo a los expertos, Ferguson debe actuar rápido, y de manera pública, para demostrar una seria intención de recuperar la confianza pública. El Departamento de Justicia exoneró el miércoles a Darren Wilson—el ex oficial blanco de Ferguson que le disparó a Michael Brown—de cargos federales relacionados con derechos civiles por la muerte del joven de 18 años, que era negro y no estaba armado. Pero un reporte por separado dado a conocer de manera simultánea encontró patrones de discriminación racial, intolerancia y ejercicio de la ley enfocado a los ingresos monetarios en el departamento de policía y

los tribunales del suburbio del condado de San Luis que se ha vuelto un estandarte de tensión entre las minorías y la policía estadounidense. La mayoría de las policías y líderes de la ciudad son blancos, pero dos terceras partes de los 21.000 habitantes son de raza negra. Mientras tanto, los abogados de los padres de Brown anunciaron el jueves planes para una demanda por muerte imprudencial en contra de Wilson y la ciudad. No especificaron cuando interpondrán la querrela. Los padres de Brown asistieron a la conferencia de prensa para anunciar el caso pero no emitieron comentarios ni respondieron preguntas. El abogado Anthony Gray dijo que la demanda ofrecerá "una imagen más precisa" de la confrontación fatal entre Brown y la policía. "Tenía otras opciones", dijo Gray sobre Wilson. "Escogió utilizar la fuerza mortal". Gray definió esa opción como "irracional e innecesaria". El Departamento de Justicia descubrió que los conductores negros eran cateados con más frecuencia durante detenciones de tránsito de rutina. Los residentes minoritarios cargan con el peso de multas y gastos de corte que se espera generen tres millones de dólares este año fiscal. También descubrió que era más probable que los residentes negros fueran objeto de uso excesivo de la fuerza, con frecuencia durante detenciones sin una orden judicial de por medio. El jefe de policía, Tom Jackson, en respuesta a una solicitud de entrevista, comentó: "Sigo revisando el reporte". Mensajes en busca de comentarios del alcalde de Ferguson, James Knowles III, y de los abogados de Wilson, no fueron devueltos. El reporte incluía siete correos electrónicos con tintes raciales que no fueron sancionados. Knowles dijo el miércoles que tres empleados eran los responsables de esos correos. Uno fue despedido el miércoles y los otros dos quedaron suspendidos en lo que se realiza una investigación, aclaró. El reporte generó exhortos para que gente del condado de San Luis o de otras municipalidades se hiciera cargo del departamento. Otros solicitaron la renuncia de Jackson o que la ciudad lo despidiera. "El jefe no tiene credibilidad", dijo la senadora estatal, Maria Chappelle-Nadal, una demócrata que representa a Ferguson. "¿Cómo es posible que el jefe de policía no sepa que hay un trasfondo racial en su departamento de policía?" El periodista de Associated Press Jim Stuhr en San Luis contribuyó a este despacho.

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18 community colleges given \$50 million for trades

LANSING, Feb. 24, 2015 (AP): Eighteen community colleges are receiving \$50 million to train Michigan students for careers in the skilled trades, part of a program to close what Gov. Rick Snyder said Tuesday is a gap between available jobs and an undertrained workforce.

Snyder said the grants from the *Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program* will help the schools buy machines and other tools. The colleges must provide a 25 percent match to qualify.

"We are positioning Michigan to become the national leader in developing talent," Snyder said in a statement. "This serious investment—one of the largest of its kind in the country—will tap our top-notch community colleges and help new students and adults looking for new opportunities gain the skills sought by

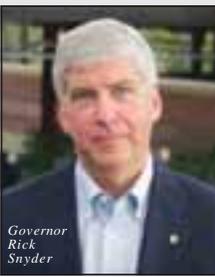
companies looking to grow and expand, creating more and better jobs in Michigan."

Lansing Community College is getting the maximum \$4.8 million allotment for manufacturing, welding, electrical, information technology and other programs. *Henry Ford College* is getting \$4.5 million for programs that include machine tool technology, electrical technology, welding, manufacturing, automotive and heating and cooling.

Snyder announced plans for the \$50 million program in the fall, releasing details Tuesday. He said it is an attempt to help companies fill jobs for which there aren't enough qualified applicants.

As Michigan's skilled trade workers get older, the state is putting a renewed emphasis on training welders, machinists, electricians and other blue-collar workers.

"Manufacturing has



Governor Rick Snyder

created more than 114,500 jobs since 2009 and employers are still searching to fill thousands of available positions," said Chuck Hadden, president and chief executive of the *Michigan Manufacturers Association*. "The Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program provides Michigan's next generation the equipment necessary to learn the skills manufacturers need."

Michael Hansen, president of the *Michigan Community College Association*, said that filling the "skills gap in today's economy is right in the sweet spot of the training activity of many community colleges."

Legal services for immigrant children expanded

Grand Rapids, March 6, 2015: *Grand Rapids Community Foundation* announced today a \$50,000 grant to *Michigan Immigrant Rights Center* to provide legal representation for unaccompanied immigrant children with sponsoring families who are seeking asylum or other legal relief in the Grand Rapids area.

In the past 12 months, because of the growing violence in Central America, there has been a significant increase in the number of children immigrating to West Michigan,

particularly amongst girls and children under the age of 13. Most of these children are from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Many of the children are fleeing gang recruitment, labor or sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, and family violence.

An estimated 60 percent of unaccompanied immigrant children are believed to be eligible for asylum or some other form of humanitarian relief. However, unaccompanied children have no right to a public defender and must seek their own legal counsel, which is financially unfeasible for many of their sponsor-

soring families.

"When it comes to cases of international protection, especially for unaccompanied children, we know that legal representation is of utmost importance. In fact, children with legal representation are more than five times likely to have a successful outcome than children without that representation," said Grand Rapids Community Foundation Program Director *Kate Luckert Schmid*. "It is vital that these children gain access to the legal services they need."

MAPAAC meets March 13

The *Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC)* meets in a public session from 9 am to 10:30 am on Friday, March 13, 2015 at the Capitol Tower Building, 110 W. Michigan Avenue, Suite 800, Lansing.

As part of its regular business meeting, the Commission will hear updates from its *Strategic Initiatives Groups*. These include: Collaboration with the Michigan Office of New Americans, outcomes of the recent survey of Asian Pacific

Americans conducted by MAPAAC, and the APA Heritage Day Celebration at the Capitol on May 5. An opportunity for public comment will be offered at the end of the meeting.

Persons with matters to bring before the Commission should contact MAPAAC Chair *Jamie Hsu* at jhsu@itu.edu or 248-9538083, or *Denise Yee Grim*, MAPAAC Coordinator, at mapaac@outlook.com or 248-7667088 by March 11.

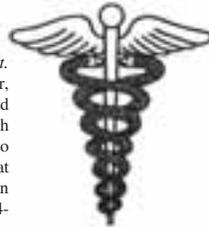
MAPAAC was established to advance the full and equal participation of Asian and Pacific Americans in the build-

ing of a greater Michigan. The Commission, made up of 21 individuals appointed by the Governor, advises the Governor and state legislature on policy matters and serves Michigan's Asian and Pacific American population by promoting their development and welfare and recognizing their achievements. Each member of the Commission has a specific interest or expertise in Asian or Pacific American concerns.

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The March 18 program includes a tour of the Zoo's historic Conservatory and Greenhouse (an area not normally open to the public), along with a talk on plant propagation. Because space is limited, registration is required at toledozoo.org/gardentours.

This is the first of several 90-minute walking tours, all free with regular Zoo admission. Visitors are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Master Gardeners

receive one hour of continuing education credit for each tour attended.

The *Watch it Grow* garden tour series is an excellent opportunity to stroll through the Toledo Zoo's beautiful gardens and see how they grow, bloom and change throughout the season. Zoo horticulturists highlight different aspects of gardening each month, along with historical information about the Zoo's gardens and grounds.

Details for upcoming tours – all on Wednesdays, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16 – are being finalized. More information



will be available at toledozoo.org/gardentours.

The Toledo Zoo & Aquarium is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, visit toledozoo.org or call 419.385.4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

Join Imagination Station for Little Scientists Week

Imagination Station invites families with children kindergarten age and younger to discover *Little Scientists Week*, March 10 – 15, 2015, for science fun specially designed for their youngest visitors. The science center welcomes little paleontologists to explore the world of dinosaurs with a wide range of prehistoric activities to complete their *Dino Passport*.

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SQACC gives thanks to the community and lists forthcoming events

By Joe Balderas, Interim Director of SQACC

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Construction of our new community event center and *Nana's Kitchen* is already underway and expected to be completed this summer. This new state-of-the-art 175-seat facility will serve as a culinary educational tool for youth, adults, and families. A broad spectrum of culinary techniques, ingredients, and foods will be taught, looking at the process of cooking beginning from the garden or farm to the dinner table. Many of the fresh ingredients used, will come from SQACC'S six community gardens that offer young children, teens, and community member's active participation in organic gardening. The adult cooking classes are slated to begin in March.

In March and April SQACC will celebrate *International Women's Recognition Month* by inviting several distinguished speakers, writers, and artists throughout the world to showcase their talent throughout the month. The public is welcome to attend these free events. The first scheduled speaker will be *Veronica Torres*, a noted Family Therapist and Social Worker from Toronto, Canada.

Our popular after school youth art classes will begin Monday March 16 at 3:30 pm at *La Galeria*, 1224 Broadway. SQACC's annual major fundraiser, *Entre Amigos* will be held on April 7 at *Cocina de Carlos*, a four star restaurant located in Perrysburg. Please call SQACC at 419-241-1655 to reserve a seating.

After a brief holiday hiatus, SQACC'S popular *Open Mic Night* has resumed. This weekly event offers the community a platform to showcase their talent and is held from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday at *La Galeria*, 1224 Broadway. This is a pot luck style event where attendees bring a dish to share and is always open to the public with no admission fee.



SQACC is proud to present a very special program that will feature the renaming of *La Galeria* after beloved local artist *José (Joe) Martínez* on April 11. Joining in the festivities will be indigenous dance performances by a professional dance troupe, *Primer Battalion*, from Indianapolis, Indiana. Graduate students enrolled in *Bowling Green State University's* Theatre and Film Department will perform a short play honoring the life of Mr. Martínez. More details to follow.

During the coming summer, SQACC will again collaborate with *Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church* to offer youth art classes. Area children are also welcomed.

SQACC is always seeking volunteers to assist in our various programs to help fulfill our mission to advance the important roles that art and education play in everyday lives.

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The theme for *Spoken* is "Beginnings and Endings." Tickets are \$5 each and on sale now at bit.ly/SpokenToledo.

The public is invited to join in for an evening of stories, a few laughs, maybe some tears, and a celebration of life in the Glass City. Guest Storytellers include *Rhonda Sewell*, *Leonard Kress*, and *Erin Keaton*. RSVP on Facebook at bit.ly/SpokenToledoFB.

"This is an exciting event for Toledo," said *Ryan A. Bunch*, one of the event organizers. "For fans of *The Moth Radio Hour* and other storytelling programs, this will be an unique local version of those types of programs."

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'Naty' Revuelta, who had daughter with Fidel Castro, dies

By ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, Associated Press

HAVANA, March 2, 2015 (AP): *Natalia Revuelta Clews*, the Cuban socialite who emptied her bank account and sold her diamond jewelry to support Fidel Castro when he was a little-known insurgent, has died. She was 89.

Revuelta, who first caught the eye of the young revolutionary in 1952, opened her home for Castro to plot a barracks assault the following year that is considered the start of the revolution. They later had an affair that produced a daughter, Alina, who as an adult became a harsh critic of the communist leader from exile in Florida.

Revuelta's caretaker, *Carmen Garcia*, told The Associated Press that Revuelta died Friday and had been cremated in a private family ceremony. Revuelta's longtime friend *Natalia Bolivar*, a renowned anthropologist, said Revuelta had been ill after a fall. Revuelta's family could not be reached for comment.

Revuelta was "one of the most exquisitely beautiful women in Cuba and a woman with an abnormally sensuous appetite for revolution and adventure," *Georgie Anne Geyer* wrote in her biography of Castro, "*Guerrilla Prince*."

Born Dec. 6, 1925, "Naty" Revuelta was an only child whose parents divorced when she was a toddler. Her mother remarried when she was 10, to an executive at the U.S.-owned *Havana Electric Company*.

She attended the U.S.-American-run *Ruston Academy* in Havana and *Mt. St. Joseph's Academy*, a Catholic girls' school in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. She also studied business at *Marjorie Webster College* in Washington DC before returning to Cuba at 19, working first for the U.S. Embassy and later for *Standard Oil*.

Revuelta was 22 when she married heart surgeon *Orlando Fernández*, nearly 20 years her senior. She gave birth to a daughter, *Nina*, and became a fixture of Havana's social scene. She belonged to the *Havana Country Club*, played in weekly bridge and tennis tournaments and of-

ten lunched at a yacht club. "Blonde, green-eyed, buxom and always in exuberant spirits, Naty was the kind of woman who stopped eyes and tongues when she entered a room," *Geyer* wrote in "*Guerrilla Prince*."

But Revuelta was restless. Her husband worked long hours and she was tired of floating from one cocktail party to another, according to *Wendy Gimble's* 1998 biography, "*Havana Dreams*." She was also unfulfilled by motherhood.

Revuelta began attending meetings of the *Orthodox Party*, which opposed corruption in the government.

At the time, Castro was married to *Mirta Díaz-Balart*, whom he met while studying law at the *University of Havana*. He first laid eyes on Revuelta at a protest marking the anniversary of the 1871 slaying of independence-minded medical students by Spanish soldiers.

Castro dispatched a mutual friend who introduced the pair. A few days later, the same friend approached Revuelta, wanting to know if Castro could drop by her house. "Of course," she replied. "After five o'clock, I'm always home."

Castro was briefly jailed soon after for leading an underground movement against strongman *Fulgencio Batista*, and he didn't turn up at Revuelta's for months. But after he did, her home became a key planning area for the attack on the *Moncada* army barracks in eastern Cuba.

Revuelta was "one of an extraordinary contingent of beautiful and/or highly intelligent women who, in effect, dedicated their lives to (Castro) and his cause," *Tad Szulc* wrote in "Fidel: A Critical Portrait."

She handed over all of her savings of 6,000 pesos—then worth the same amount in dollars—to support his movement, and later pawned her sapphires, emeralds and diamond jewelry for his cause. She sewed fatigues for his rebels to wear, and delivered Castro's uprising manifesto to top Havana newspaper editors.

The 1953 barracks assault failed, with most of the rebels

killed and the rest captured. Revuelta wrote to Castro frequently when he was in prison, sending him scores of books and an envelope of sand to remind him of the beach.

Castro's prison love letters to Revuelta are one of the few glimpses into his closely guarded emotional side: "I am on fire. Write to me, for I cannot be without your letters," he wrote in 1954.

Castro and Díaz-Balart divorced, in part because one of his letters to Revuelta was mistakenly delivered to his wife. Castro was freed in 1955, and he and Revuelta became lovers for what she said was the first time. She became pregnant, though she didn't tell Castro until after he had fled to Mexico later that year.

Castro then asked Revuelta to come to Mexico and marry him, but she refused, convinced he would not survive. *Alina* was born in March 1956, six months before Castro returned to Cuba and took to the *Sierra Maestra* mountains.

Castro did not recognize his daughter, and Revuelta's estranged husband gave her his last name. Castro eventually told Alina at 12 she could become a Castro, but by then she didn't want to, according to her memoir.

After Castro's forces toppled Batista, Revuelta quietly began preparing for a role as Cuba's first lady—but it was not meant to be, as Castro kept his distance.

She and her husband divorced in 1959, and he took their daughter *Nina* to the United States. Revuelta never remarried, lost her home to nationalization and became active in Cuba's new civilian militias.

Alina Fernández Revuelta fled the island in 1993 disguised as a Spanish tourist—an escape Revuelta only learned about from U.S. radio



Obituaries

SYLVESTER MUÑOZ

Sylvester Muñoz, 86, died Saturday, February 28, 2015, at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, Toledo Ohio, surrounded by his loving family. Sylvester was born on December 28, 1928, in Marlin, Texas. He was a devoted husband of 60 years to Elda Muñoz, who survives him. He was a devoted father and grandfather and is also survived by his children, Sylvester (Juanita) Muñoz Jr., Sylvia Muñoz, Joseph F. (Rosemary) Muñoz, Griselda (Elias) Espinoza; John Muñoz; and James E. Muñoz; numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Maritime Academy hosts Sixth Annual Great Corrugated Boat Race

The *Maritime Academy of Toledo* will hold its *Sixth Annual Great Corrugated Boat Race* on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the school's swimming pool at 803 Water St. in Downtown Toledo. Festivities begin at 2:15 p.m.

Cadets construct their boats on Tuesday, March 10, and Wednesday, March 11, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:55 p.m. each day in the school's boat building lab.

"The race is the result of students in the Boatbuilding II class. This class is part of the (CTE) program. The CTE program is three years of intense study in Deck, Engine, & Culinary maritime careers and prepares cadets to enter the maritime workforce after graduation.

The Star Press reports (<http://tsnp.ws/1Nf0QzH>) that 14 students and three faculty members traveled to Cuba as part of a journalism project. They will take advantage of the United States' restored diplomatic relationship with the country. The group left Sunday and will return Monday.

Information from: The Star Press, <http://www.thestarpress.com>

17 from Ball State University take spring break trip to Cuba

MUNCIE, Ind., March 4, 2015 (AP): Ball State University says a group of students and faculty members are spending spring break in Cuba.

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The students will be writing stories, taking video and photos for a website project. The goal is to provide information for future visitors to Cuba.

Chemistry student Jonathan Miksanek says the trip will be one of the last opportunities to "see Cuba as it is and was." He says the Indiana students want to see Cuba "before it disappears in the luxuries of modernity."

Information from: The Star Press, <http://www.thestarpress.com>

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Grupo Fuego set for debut at TMA's Fan Fair in San Antonio

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

March 3, 2015: It could be said that *Grupo Fuego* is "en fuego."

Yvonne-Ramos Ybarra and *Grupo Fuego* spent seven hours practicing music Saturday, trying to get ready for their debut in San Antonio at the *Tejano Music Awards' Fan Fair* later this month.

"It's a great feeling, but it's also scary," said the lead singer. "We push ourselves hard anyway. But just knowing that we have to push ourselves that much harder, because we never know who will be listening."

The band will fly to Texas on March 12, 2015 and perform the next day. *Grupo Fuego* will play five concerts in three days, some of them in *San Antonio's Market Square*. During one show, the band will open for *Stampede*.

"Every band has had a bad night—where things just don't click," said Ms. Ramos-Ybarra. "Now that is unacceptable. That's why we're putting in so much practice. It's been a little tough. Our schedule's been a little grueling lately."

The band will be the opening act to perform at noon Friday, March 13 at the San Saba St. South stage in downtown San Antonio.

"(It's tougher) because we have to come up with a show. It's no longer about just practicing songs. Now it's about a show. We have to be very professional, know what song is coming next," she said. "If we want to hang with the big boys, you have to act like the big boys."

Not only will Yvonne and *Grupo Fuego* be setting the stage for their careers, they'll be setting the standard for the rest of the acts that follow that day, since they're the opening act. Fans will have their choice of catching musical acts on one of four stages.

"Everybody in the crowd is going to be looking at that stage with an expectation,"

she explained. "Within that first thirty seconds of listening to you, people are voting yeah or nay to themselves. I think it's just natural thing everybody does. So we have only one shot to capture their attention. That first 90 seconds could determine whether they stand there and listen or walk away."

Yvonne has the advantage of having watched her father's musical career develop and thrive, so she knows firsthand where *Grupo Fuego* is headed and what it takes to get there. Her husband Michael Ybarra played for several major acts, so his experience can only help them prepare.

"It is an advantage to come from a musical family



cordion player *Matt Ponce* is from Bay City MI.

"Eventually, we want to get there and show people, yeah, we have Midwest talent that is right there with the caliber of all these other big acts that are getting paid to be there," she said.

While *Grupo Fuego* has had a lot of attention from the release of the band's first CD last month, the weekend tour through San Antonio is a way to further build on that attention, as well as to prove to themselves they're worthy of hitting the big time.

"I don't think it's to prove to the public or anybody else. I think it's to prove to ourselves. We've been doing this for so long—and anybody who's in music can say they don't dream of it, but the truth is, everybody does dream of it—even us," said Yvonne. "We dream of it and that's why we're working so hard. We have a little bit of attention, now what are we going to do with it?"

The group hopes to do well enough and gain the attention of show promoters, songwriters, and other luminaries in the music business to actually tour Texas for more than just a weekend.

"This is not going to be a sightseeing, visiting-type of trip," she said. "We're going

to be very busy. We'll be able to sell our CD's and sell our merchandise."

This is the first trip to Texas for Ms. Ramos-Ybarra, even though she has some family who lives there. She admits to feeling a bit nervous while practicing her vocals or looking over her music.

"It's grueling because if we don't bring our 'A' game, then who's going to want to buy our CD?"

Ms. Ramos-Ybarra wondered aloud. "That's the only way we're going to get our name out there is to sell those CD's."

While the opportunity is a good one that could lead to bigger and better things, band members remain grounded in the notion that their everyday lives won't change right away. They'll barely have time to catch their collective breath before it's time to hop on a plane back to their homes in Toledo and parts of Michigan.

"We have our lives to get back to, our families to get back to—it's going to be fun," she said. "Our hope is it won't be our last trip to perform in Texas. This is one chance, one shot to show what we have. We really have to show that we're worth it."

Editor's Note: Additional bands from the Midwest include: *Tejano Sound Band* (Lansing MI), *Conjunto Champz* (Saginaw MI), and *DeZeo* (Toledo).



Revista Glamour celebra "50 Sombras" con edición especial

MEXICO, 4 III 15 (AP): Ni las revistas han logrado escapar a la fiebre por "Cincuenta sombras de Grey".

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"Esta edición es muy especial, pues es la primera vez que Glamour publica una portada de manera simultánea y lo haremos nada menos que en 9 países, contando, por supuesto, nuestra edición de México y Latinoamérica", dijo Lucy Lara, directora editorial de Glamour México a

The Associated Press a través de un correo electrónico.

edición de Estados Unidos, Rusia, Reino Unido, España, Alemania, Islandia, Holanda, Rumania.

"No hay duda que (hash)50sombrasdeGreys un gran fenómeno que encanta a las Glamourettes alrededor del mundo, por eso México no se podía quedar sin participar en esta portada "simultanea", escribió Lara.

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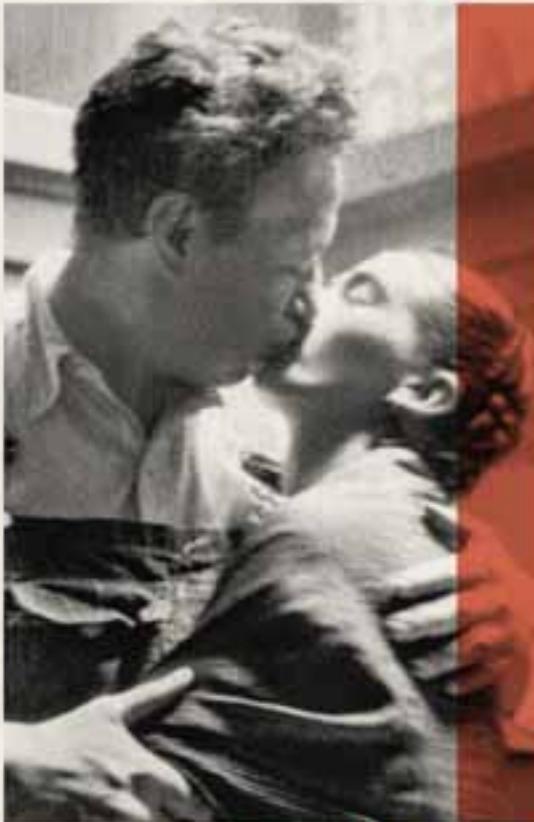
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Nurses undergo mindfulness training to cope with pressure

By DAVID TEMPLETON, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 24, 2015 (AP): Caring for patients can be “organized chaos,” nurses say. As the foot soldiers of health care, they function at the pressure point, the front lines of the war zone, where “you have to be flawless.”

“You can’t make one mistake,” said Daniel Griffiths, 47, of Greenfield, a nurse at UPMC Montefiore. “It’s physically draining. You’re on your feet for a 12-hour shift.”

It helps explain why stress levels in nursing can lead to mental and physical exhaustion, burnout, anxiety, depression, high blood pressure and sleep disorders, with occupational hazards trespassing onto one’s free time.

“When stress is high, it becomes difficult to make easy choices,” Griffiths said, noting his recent trouble deciding among loops, flakes or pops. “After work, if I go to get cereal at the grocery store, it’s hard to make a choice.”

Stress levels among its ranks have prompted the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing to sponsor training workshops in mindfulness meditation for regional nurses. About 50 participated in daylong training sessions on Jan. 16 and

Feb. 13 at the University Club. Mindfulness, with roots in Buddhism, long has been accepted psychotherapy for stress, anxiety, pain, and trauma. It allows a person to enter into the present moment by focusing on breathing and the senses, leading to insight and mindful action. The ultimate outcome can be acceptance and transformation of suffering.

The U.S. military, athletes, health-care professionals, and even corporate CEOs have adopted mindfulness meditation. And it’s no wonder. While benefiting mental and physical health, relaxation and keener focus improve decision-making, productivity, negotiating powers and conflict resolution.

Katie Hammond Holtz, a Pittsburgh-based licensed psychologist, conducts mindfulness retreats, including the recent sessions for nurses, nursing educators and leaders. Among other practices, she teaches mindful sitting, walking and movement, along with gentle yoga and deep relaxation. Participants during her retreats remain silent, with minds and senses alive to the moment.

“We come into the world with a breath and leave this world with a breath. But let’s not forget the breaths in-be-

tween,” said Hammond Holtz, a doctor of psychology and mindfulness-based stress reduction teacher.

As a starting point, she recommends putting one hand on the abdomen and the other over the heart. “We’re taking refuge in our in-breath and out-breath because it can change us, if we are fully present in our breath.”

Keep one’s appointment with the moment, she advises. Take refuge in one’s breathing. Respond to the challenge rather than react emotionally to the suggestion or assignment.

“Nursing is stressful,” stated Mary Rodgers Schubert, the nursing school director of continuing education, in promotional material for the workshops. “There are too many patients, not enough time, and swiftly changing environments. The nursing profession can do more to help nurses take better care of themselves, and therefore, their patients.”

Hammond Holtz said research shows that the key issue for nurses is their ability to focus, with mindfulness helping to improve concentration. Stopping and pausing regularly to take mindful breaths fosters continuous awareness of your breath. In time, you become “your own vibrant



portable mindfulness sanctuary,” with any activity involving mindfulness, states her website, www.katherineholtz.com.

Studies show that nurses who practice mindfulness cope better with stress, reduce exhaustion, decrease rumination, enhance relaxation and improve life satisfaction, with measured improvements in patient care and satisfaction, she said.

Nursing school Associate Dean Susan A. Albrecht, who participated in the retreat, said it was extremely helpful in teaching her how to pause, focus and care for herself before trying to care for others.

“My stress levels dropped,” she said. “After the first half, I felt like a rag doll.”

Last month, a Time magazine story described how fourth- and fifth-graders who underwent mindfulness training improved their math scores by 15 percent.

UPMC and Allegheny Health Network psychologists have long used mindfulness to treat people with post-traumatic stress syndrome, attention deficit disorder, chronic pain and concussions.

When using it, “a whole lot drops away, including judgment and commentary as you focus attention on your breath,” said Carol M. Greco,

assistant professor of psychiatry and a licensed psychologist at the UPMC Center for Integrative Medicine. “The body just says ‘thank you’ and lets go of muscle tension. When muscle tension generally resolves, you have a sense of greater calm and relaxation.”

She teaches an eight-week mindfulness meditation course that includes homework. The center also offers a mindfulness yoga class and other programs. “Individually, I’m blessed to get to hear from patients and class participants about how it’s helping them,” Greco said, describing one patient who said mindfulness helped her withstand cancer treatments.

The Center for Traumatic Stress in Children and Adolescents at Allegheny General Hospital uses mindfulness meditation to treat children, from grade-school age through 20, who’ve experienced trauma, domestic violence, sexual abuse and other problems.

“They are stuck in the past and are worried and scared about the future. They are afraid it will happen again,” said the center’s director Anthony Mannarino. “When

they connect with mindfulness, they disconnect their focus on the past and future. The focus is the here and now.

“We don’t tell them the bad stuff won’t come in, but we tell them to let it pass and try to focus on the present. If you try to get it out of the way, you’ve lost the moment. Let it pass through the mind.”

Laura Schubert, 23, of Crafton Heights, took the Feb. 13 class. The maternity ward nurse at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, described the time she was caring for two pregnant women who delivered their babies simultaneously. “I was like a ping-pong ball,” she said. “You can’t be at two places at one time as your patients progress through labor at the same rate.”

Such situations, she said, emphasize the benefits of the techniques she learned to preserve her mental and physical well-being.

“Mindful moments slow you down so you can breathe and check in with yourself and hopefully prevent future burnout,” she said.

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Mary Torres was one of the speakers featured at SQACC's First Friday on March 6th. Ms. Torres is the secretary for SS. Peter & Paul Church. She is pictured with her husband Chris.

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OCHLA and Univ. of Akron host annual Latino Education Summit

By Kevin Miliken, La Prensa Correspondent

March 6, 2015: Educators and advocates shared best practices and new approaches to helping young students succeed in school during the third *Ohio Latino Education Summit* at the University of Akron Student Union on Friday, March 6. The summit was a joint project between the university and the *Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs* (OCHLA).

Presentations ranged from ensuring equal opportunity in education for Latino students from Spanish-speaking families to the effects of parental deportation on Latino students who aspire to attain a post-secondary education.

Ohio State University researcher *Luis Fernando Macias* presented a unique study of Northwest Ohio teens that saw one or both of their parents deported in the last several years and how it impacted their educational goals. The study found that the abrupt parental removal affected an adolescent's perception of safety and stability within their home and school environments.

Where such instability was not countered with emotional, economic, and institutional support, the *deportation* served to severely hinder a child's emotional and development wellbeing, as well as their scholastic performance and educational attainment.

Cleveland-based Esperanza, Inc., led a session on strategies to engage

families to support education. *Zulayka Ruiz* and *Carlos Alvarado* went through some of the agency's programs and practices, such as Saturday Academy and family engagement, which support its overall goal of linking parents of Esperanza student participants to teachers and administrators in order to help the student succeed, graduate, and go on to college.

Guiselle Mendoza, *Adelante, Inc.* executive director, was among the Latinos from Northwest Ohio to attend the conference. Newly-appointed OCHLA board member *Greg Guzmán* of the Toledo Catholic Diocese also attended, along with retired Waite High School teacher *Mary Morales*. *Adelante* staff members *Wendy Avina*, and *Meyling Ruiz*, *Andrea de la Roca*, *David Young* from the University of Toledo, *Robert Cole* from *Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE)*, and the interim director of the English Language Learning (ELL) from Toledo Public



Greg Guzmán

Schools.

Next year's summit is scheduled to be held at the *University of Toledo*.

Approximately 300 summit participants heard from two keynote speakers during the day-long conference—*Rep. Dan Ramos* and *Dr. Victor B. Sáenz*. The group was comprised of educators, counselors, administrators, and community leaders.

State representative *Dan Ramos* (D-Lorain) served as the opening keynote speaker and told participants about ongoing efforts in Ohio to make college more attainable for Latino and other youths. He has worked to increase need-based college funding to increase college completion rates in Ohio. *Rep. Ramos* serves on the House Education Committee and is the ranking member of the House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Dr. Victor B. Sáenz, an associate professor in the Department of Educational Administration at the *University of Texas at Austin* was the luncheon keynote speaker. *Dr. Sáenz* spoke of his research examining males of color in higher education. He has two book projects underway, including one on Latino males in higher education, examining their experiences at both two-year and four-year insti-



Rep. Dan Ramos

tutions as they navigate their college pathways.

Dr. Sáenz also started a successful initiative called *Project MALES* (Mentoring to Achieve Latino Educational Success) which includes an innovative intergenerational approach to mentoring young Latino males.

The scheduled closing session speaker was to be *Dr. Luis Ponjuan*, an associate professor of higher education administration at *Texas A&M University*, but he was unable to attend due to inclement weather that kept flights in his area from taking off. *Dr. Ponjuan* has focused his research on access and equity in higher education for underrepresented students and faculty members of color. He co-authored one of the

most popular journal articles in 2010, *The Vanishing Latino Male in Higher Education*.

John Alvarez-Turner, M.A.Ed., an associate director of the *University of Akron's Multicultural Center* and a summit organizer, told the *Akron Beacon Journal* that the lack of Latino males on many college campuses is a cultural issue.

"If your mom or dad get sick or laid off, the kid who is in college is usually the one who is called back home so they can work and help out the family, which is why the Latino male often doesn't complete college," he said.

Mr. Alvarez-Turner told *La Prensa* that: "The Ohio Latino Education Summit at the University of Akron accomplished its goal to bring to the forefront best practices not only to assist Latino stu-

dents in the arena of education, but to assist the greater community in the realm of Healthcare, Law or just understanding the cultural dynamics of Latinos.

"The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission along with the Administrative Leadership of the University of Akron partnered together to shed light on the positive tools used in other areas of Ohio that have encouraged Latino students to bust through barriers, to achieve a every milestone from early childhood education through higher education, and finally to a successful career attainment; which are pivotal and important goals as espoused by the Ohio Department of Education."

Dr. Luis Proenza, who served 15 years as the University of Akron president, received the "Premio La Cumbre" (Summit) Award, established by the *Ohio Latino Education Summit* to recognize Latinos who have inspired the state's Latino population in education.



Dr. Victor B. Sáenz

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Cleveland Foundation accepting scholarship applications for 2015-2016 academic year

CLEVELAND, March 6, 2015: The Cleveland Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2015-2016 academic year now through March 31. Most of the scholarship funds are designated for graduating high school seniors attending colleges and universities, but some of the foundation's 75 awards enable recipients to pursue other professional, personal and vocational development opportunities. On av-

erage, the awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, and many are renewable for up to four years. While not a universal requirement, many of the scholarships require residence in Cuyahoga, Lake or Geauga counties.

Interested individuals should explore available scholarships and apply via www.clevelandfoundation.org/scholarships. Candidates may complete a single application



to be considered for multiple awards.

Through the generosity of its donors, the Cleveland Foundation has provided more than \$47.6 million in scholarships since 1987. The awards are always in the form of grants that do not have to be repaid. To be considered, applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

Cleveland Foundation announces \$3.4 million in February grants

Feb. 26, 2015: The Cleveland Foundation board of directors has approved \$3.4 million in grants for the month of February. Among the grants approved, \$175,000 will specifically support events for the general public during Induction Week at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

"The Cleveland Foundation originally helped with efforts to bring the Rock Hall induction ceremonies to Cleveland and, as the community's foundation, it's always been important to us that a broad segment of our community has access to the high caliber performances and programming that this exciting week brings to our city every three years," said Robert E. Eckardt, executive vice president of the Cleveland Foundation.

The Cleveland Foundation grant includes support of a free day at the museum on Saturday, Apr. 11, which will kick off the opening of the museum's 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee exhibit and the weeklong celebrations leading up to the April 18 inductions. The grant will also help fund a free gospel concert at the State Theatre on Sunday, Apr. 12, and special adult and youth educational lectures and classes throughout the week.

This is not the first time the Cleveland Foundation has partnered with the Rock Hall to open its doors free to the public. Last year, as part of the foundation's centennial year celebration, more than 8,000 visitors attended the free day at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum; more than half of those surveyed said they were first-time visitors.

And this year, in addition to the Induction Week free day event and in honor of the foundation's 2014 centennial gifts, the Rock Hall is providing a free membership to the 100th visitor every day for 100 days, starting June 1.

Other grants approved this month highlight the Cleveland Foundation's focus on strengthening Greater Cleveland's nonprofit community and helping local

agencies to provide broad human services support:

- \$96,500 to

Cleveland Leadership Center to fund strategic projects, including a report on the social and economic impact of its programs and the creation and launch of the "Nonprofit Navigators" program. By providing leadership development and mentorship opportunities for emerging and existing leaders, the Navigators program seeks to build and retain talent to shape the future of the local nonprofit sector. The Cleveland Foundation supported the launch of Cleveland Leadership Center in 2006, which was a result of a merger of four civic leadership development groups.

- \$55,000 to Merrick House for projects including the development of a 5-year strategic plan to help guide the Tremont neighborhood organization into its centennial year in 2019. Merrick House is one of the city's remaining settlement houses, a neighborhood-based social service agency which provides a variety of broad services including childcare, youth and adult educational and recreational programming, and community outreach.

- \$7,500 to Metanoia Project Inc., a hospitality shelter program which focuses on serving homeless residents who resist traditional shelters. The Metanoia Hospitality Center is open from mid-November through April on weekends, holidays and emergency weather days when the temperatures fall below 20 degrees. This winter's extreme weather conditions have resulted in several emergency open days and a larger than usual population, resulting in the need for additional funding support. The Cleveland Foundation provided \$15,000 of support last year, to help cover expenses tied to a 25 percent increase in services due to extreme weather conditions.

- \$20,000 to Shoes and Clothes for Kids Inc. to support a strategic plan to guide the organization, which partners with 35 social service agencies in the community to

distribute \$2.4 million in shoes and clothing to disadvantaged

youth each year.

- \$200,000 to United Way of Greater Cleveland for its community wraparound strategy to bolster the academic achievement and overall success of Cleveland Metropolitan School District students. The program partners more than two dozen district schools with lead agencies in the community to provide direct, comprehensive services to students and their families. This funding will help the program's recent expansion into eight additional schools. A \$100,000 Cleveland Foundation grant helped United Way of Greater Cleveland to launch this program in 2013.

And two separate grants were approved to promote literacy efforts in our community:

- \$5,000 to Daily Dose of Reading, which was founded 16 years ago by a pediatrician who offered patients "prescriptions to read" to encourage families to engage in reading and language development activities with their children. This grant will support monthly "Play and Learn" literacy activities for 400 Head Start preschoolers in the Lee-Harvard and Shaker Square neighborhoods. Early data shows children who participated in this program demonstrated up to 42% greater development in language and literacy skills than Head Start students not involved with this program.

- \$150,000 to Seeds of Literacy to help with staffing and programming at the adult literacy agency's recently opened second site in Cleveland's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood. Seeds of Literacy is one of only two nationally-accredited adult literacy agencies in Ohio and focuses on helping adult learners improve their basic education and obtain their GED. The Cleveland Foundation provided more than \$200,000 over the past two years to the agency to help it implement recent changes to GED testing requirements.

Students and parents invited to learn about College Credit Plus Program at LCCC

Local students and their families can learn more about earning free college credit while still in high school and junior high at a College Credit Plus information session presented by Lorain County Community College.

Additional College Credit Plus information sessions will be held:

- 6:30-8 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2015 at the LCCC University Partnership Ridge Campus, 32121 Lorain Road, North Ridgeville;

- 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 18 at the LCCC College Wellington Center,

151 Commerce Drive, Wellington;

- 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, March 19 at the Midpoint Campus Center, 50 Pearl Road, Suite 300, Brunswick.

Students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2015 are encouraged to attend one session.

College Credit Plus, formerly known as Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) or College Opportunity Partnership Program (COPP), allows students in grades 7-12 to earn college credit while in high school for free. Students can enroll in courses offered at LCCC or at their home school and receive dual credit for high school re-

quirements and for college credit. These credits may be used at LCCC or for transfer to the college or university of choice after high school graduation. This state-funded program covers tuition, books and fees.

The College Credit Plus information sessions are open to local students and their parents and will discuss program benefits and cautions, admission procedures and participation criteria.

To learn more about College Credit Plus, visit www.lorainccc.edu/ccp or call the LCCC Marketing and Outreach Initiatives office at (440) 366-4012.

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CONTAINER GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS: Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about a garden. Learn the ins and outs of container gardening at Lorain Public Library System's South Lorain Branch on Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. Katie O'Keefe will share information that will give you the green thumb you need to grow your own vegetables and flowers throughout the summer. Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the South Lorain Branch at 440-277-5672.

BOOK DISCUSSION: Pick up a copy of *The Child Who* by Simon Lelic at Lorain Public Library System's South Lorain Branch. This probing psychological thriller asks the question: Who is truly responsible when one child kills another? Discuss this novel on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. For more information, call the South Lorain Branch at 440-277-5672.

GENRE BOOK DISCUSSION: Read a title that strays from the mainstream. Pick up *Mayhem* by Sarah Pinborough at Lorain Public Library System's South Lorain Branch. In the beginning, this book appears to be a conventional murder mystery, but it turns into a supernatural thriller. Discuss with other adults at the library on Wednesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the South Lorain Branch at 440-277-5672.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS: Receive a hands-on introduction to computer basics at Lorain Public Library System's South Lorain Branch

on Saturday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m. Identify computer parts and learn how to use a mouse. Also receive an introduction to the Windows operating system. Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the South Lorain Branch at 440-277-5672.

WRITERS GROUP: Join other fiction writers at Lorain Public Library System's South Lorain Branch on Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. The group shares their writing to receive helpful feedback. Come check it out! Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the South Lorain Branch at 440-277-5672.

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Cleveland spending \$500,000 as host of rock hall induction

March 3, 2015 (AP): Cleveland will spend \$500,000 toward the cost of hosting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 30th annual induction ceremony on April 18.

The Northeast Ohio Media Group (<http://bit.ly/1BQTYHN>) reports the subsidy was approved by Cleveland City Council on Monday. The city paid the same amount in 2012 when it last hosted the ceremony, which also

rotates to New York and Los Angeles.

The city's chief of government and international affairs told the council that the local contribution for future induction ceremonies will be paid through an approved tax on hotel rooms in Cleveland and area suburbs.



The ceremony also will have a corporate sponsor.

This year's event is at Cleveland's Public Hall. Inductees include the punk trio Green Day, ex-Beatle Ringo Starr, and "Lean on Me" singer Bill Withers.

**MEXICAN MUTUAL SOCIETY
March 2015 Fundraiser Events**

Continuing the "SAVE THE CLUB!" Campaign by family and friends of the Mexican Mutual Society, 1820 East 28th Street, Lorain OH, the following fundraiser events are planned for March 2015 to support the Club's operation:

CELEBRITY BARTENDERNIGHT. Every Friday night from 6-9 pm. Join in the fun on Friday nights with the Celebrity Bartenders when the crowd goes wild and the big bell rings as the tip donations role in for the Mexican Mutual Society! The public is welcome to come in and support the Club and your favorite bartender. March celebrity bartenders are:

March 13, 2015. Birthday Girl, **Anna Irrizary** joined by her friends and DJ playing her favorite tunes.

March 20, 2015. Daughter and Father team, **María and Mike Ferrer.**

March 27, 2015. Husband and Wife Team, **Larissa and Richard Reidy** of Richard Reidy Funeral Home accompanied by **Santo Leibas**, Community Activist.

Delicious Mexican food will be available from Hector's Kitchen.

Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Preparation is presently underway for the **Cinco de Mayo** Celebration on May 2, 2015. Advertising space is available in the Commemorative Celebration Program Booklet. E-mail: flores0078@yahoo.com for information.

2015 Membership Drive. Help sustain the Mexican Mutual Society through a Social Membership open to the public for **only \$10.** Membership forms are available at the Club.

March Club Hours: Club opens at 3 pm on Wednesday through Sunday. Hector's Kitchen will be open and serving Mexican food and other offerings. Call the Club at 440-277-7375 for the daily menu.

Hall rentals available. Call 440-277-7375 for information. All fundraisers are open to the public!

Cleveland International Film Festival offering free movie screening – and special ticket discount code – in honor of Cleveland Foundation's centennial gift and longtime support of the event

The 39th Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) will include a free movie screening on Monday, Mar. 23, 2015 in honor of last year's record-breaking Cleveland Foundation Day at the Cleveland International Film Festival. The foundation's March centennial gift to the community attracted 7,885 filmgoers, the largest Monday crowd and the first free day in CIFF's history.

A free screening of the film, "The Homestretch," will be offered at 4:10 p.m.

on March 23 at the Festival's main venue, Tower City Cinemas. The documentary chronicles the lives of homeless students in Chicago's public school system and highlights the teachers devoted to the students' success, against all odds.

While tickets are free, online reservations are required at www.clevelandfilm.org.

In addition to the free film screening, the Film Festival is offering a special ticket



discount code, also in honor of the Cleveland Foundation's ongoing support. The code CLEFOUN will provide a \$2 discount off tickets to all other movies during this year's Festival, which runs March 18-29. The Cleveland Foundation has provided more than \$2 million in support to the Cleveland International Film Festival since 1981, helping to make it a marquee event in Northeast Ohio. A \$95,000 grant awarded to the Festival in January will help expand this year's Festival footprint by supporting new movie screening locations at Chagrin Cinemas and Cleveland Museum of Art's Gartner Auditorium.

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Learn about admission requirements, curriculum, and job outlook for these degrees: Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care Technology and the Bachelor of Applied Health Science in Respiratory Care Specialist. Learn more or register for an information session at: www.lorainccc.edu/upevents.

LCCC presents 36th Annual Masterworks Concert on March 14

Lorain County Community College's 36th Annual Masterworks Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14, 2015 in the Stocker Arts Center Hoke Theatre. The concert will feature the newly composed major work "Requiem for the Living" by Dan Forrest. The concert will be performed by the Civic Chorale, Collegiate Chorale and Civic Orchestra and conducted by Nancy Davis, director of choral music performance.

The second movement is entitled "Vanity of Vanities" and resembles the rhythmic percussive style of Orff's "Carmina Burana." Photos from the Hubble Telescope – which Forrest described as "images of God" – were the inspiration for the Sanctus (Holy) movement.

The concert program includes: "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" - John Rutter; "Lacrymosa" - Mozart, Requiem; "Wondrous Love" - arr. Parker/Shaw; and "Hark, I Hear the Harp Eternal" - arr. Parker

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased online: www.stockerartscenter.com or at the Stocker Arts Center box office by calling (440) 366-4040.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2015 - As part of the EITC Collation El Centro will be providing **free** tax preparation every Saturday in February from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dial 211 to schedule an appointment today! Other dates and times are available through other EITC Coalition agencies.



March 2015 - El Centro will be assisting in completing online HEAP applications. Monday - Thursday's from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. call 440-277-8235 to schedule your appointment today.

March 19 - El Centro Food Pantry - In collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio - from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at El Centro 2800 Pearl Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44055. Families are given one box of food on a first come first served basis-FREE-Photo ID required. (This event occurs every third Thursday of each month at the same time)

March 20 - GED Prep Orientation will be held at Ohio Means Jobs 42495 Northridge Rd Elyria, Ohio 44055 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Orientation is required in order to attend GED classes provided by Lorain County Community College ABLE Consortium at El Centro.

March 25 - ESOL Orientation will be held at El Centro 2800 Pearl Ave. Lorain Ohio 44055 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Orientation is required in order to attend ESOL classes provided by Lorain County Community College ABLE Consortium at El Centro.

Other Events and Activities:

March 12 - Cornerstone Mobile Unit will be at El Centro from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free pregnancy test and limited ultrasound available. No appointment necessary but you may prearrange an appointment by calling 855-877-2229.

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The CIFF39 will take place March 18 - 29, 2015 at Tower City Cinemas and select neighborhood screening locations. The Festival will showcase 193 feature films and 234 short films representing 60 countries. Be sure to check clevelandfilm.org for program updates between now and March 29th. You can also download our free iPhone and Android apps for all the latest CIFF39 info.



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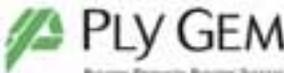


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