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FLOC: Lead Paint to be renewed as Community Issue to be solved

By La Prensa Staff
 March 2019: Toledo's minority community will once again call for a solution to lead paint in the city's older homes, hoping to stem the health effects on children in the community's rental housing stock.



The *Brown and Black Unity Coalition* plans to demand answers from Toledo City Council as to why they fell silent on the issue following a court order blocking lead paint legislation from being implemented last year. The coalition will be led in the effort by *Baldemar Velásquez*, president/founder of the *Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)*, and *Ray Wood*, NAACP president.

"That lead in the paint causes brain damage to children, and the dust from the paint are still there," said Wood. "Every day, kids are being impacted by the effects of lead paint poisoning. Once you're contaminated, it's irreversible. You have that forever. It affects the way your mind operates."

Lead paint in the central city could become a hot-button political issue in the coming months, as six district seats on Toledo City Council will be up for grabs in September's city-wide primary and November's general election. Republican city councilman *Tom Waniewski* is term-limited

and cannot run again, while the Lucas County Democratic Party recently refused to endorse incumbent councilman *Tyrone Riley* in an upcoming three-candidate race in the city primary.

"I can't comprehend that any elected official thinks it's all right under any circumstances to damage and to poison children's minds," said Velásquez.

"Everytime we've brought this up in the past, we've not had the stamina to see it all the way through," said Wood. "This is one of those things where if you don't stay on top of it, it will get swept under the rug or everybody will forget about it, but the issue continues."

The issue is gaining political traction, making the time ripe for the Black and Brown Unity Coalition to begin raising their voices. At-large Toledo city councilman *Larry Sykes* announced he

would reintroduce lead paint legislation that covers all rental homes and apartment buildings.

"Push the elected officials, push the politicians to not allow the slum landlords who don't even live in those areas, to take our money and take our rent and poison our children," said Velásquez. "We've got to give our politicians some courage."

Sykes stated he got tired of waiting for a mayor's working group to craft a solution. The group has been meeting since last summer, when *Judge Linda Jennings* struck down a previous city ordinance as unconstitutional and discriminatory. Critics believe it could be years before that working group crafts a passable compromise, while kids continue to suffer lead poisoning.

The previous law only covered smaller rentals, not all rental housing units. The

judge also ruled city leaders don't have the authority to grant enforcement authority to the *Toledo-Lucas County Health Department*, which was originally assigned with registering properties. The amended lead-safe ordinance Sykes is pushing moves that task to Toledo's Department of Neighborhood and Business Development.

"We're not going to walk away from that. We've appealed (the case) and we're going to continue with other groups in the city to stay on top of this," said Wood. "I think they are hoping, because it was overturned in court, that we're going to walk away from it and continue to let kids be poisoned. This is going to be one of our focal targets and we will stand together and make sure that we can win this for the sake of our kids."

"Why are we being so polite about this issue?" Velásquez wondered aloud. "If it was my children living in that old house, I'd be very urgent about it. I wouldn't care about what people say or how they're using the law to stop this. We need to use FLOC tactics to go after these suckers. We need some creative non-violence."

A group of landlords known as *The Property Investor's Network* brought the lawsuit and now some of its members sit on the mayor's working group. *The Black and Brown Unity Coalition* contends some of those same landlords attended community forums to show support for a lead-safe law to clean up

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César Chávez celebration to feature lecture by renowned Chicano civil rights and educator José A. Gutiérrez

In 2003, former governor Jennifer Granholm established March 31 as César E. Chávez Day in Michigan. The date marks the birthday of the labor leader, who worked to improve the lives and livelihoods of impoverished, disenfranchised farm workers in the nation's agricultural fields. Wayne State University's Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies will commemorate the occasion with a public

lecture by José Angel Gutiérrez, a contemporary of Chávez who played a vital role in shaping the direction of the Chicano Movement.



José Angel Gutiérrez

A Texas native who holds advanced academic degrees in political science and law, Gutiérrez became an activist, community organizer and

reformer. He founded or co-founded several influential organizations that championed the democratization of social, educational and political institutions, including the Mexican American Youth Organization, the La Raza Unida Party, the National Council of La Raza, and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The founder of the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas, Austin, Gutiérrez has authored or co-authored over a dozen books on politics; history; higher education; land rights; and Chicanos in the public arena, student leadership, and aviation.

Gutiérrez's public lecture will focus on his latest book, *The Eagle Has Eyes: The FBI Surveillance of César E. Chávez and the United Farm Workers Union of America, 1965-1975*. The lecture will be held on Wednesday March 27, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Wayne State's General Lectures Hall, Room 150, located at 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive.

Autographed copies of the book will be available for purchase. Event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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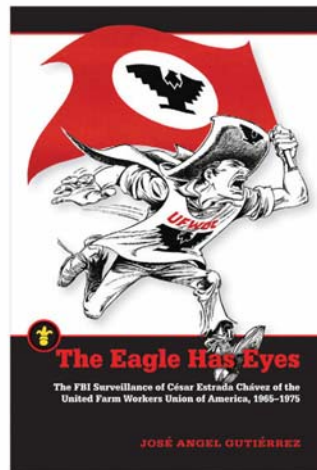
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Antonio Barrios: Lorain Latino seeking City Council seat

By La Prensa Staff

With the prospect of losing a Latino voice on Lorain City Council, a community activist is stepping forward to run for an available seat in the May 7, 2019 primary to ensure representation remains in place.

Antonio Barrios recently announced he'll seek a city council seat. The Lorain resident of Puerto Rican descent has been very active within the Lorain County Democratic Party, serving as a member of the party's central committee. As 2nd Chair of the county party, Barrios also serves on the executive committee.

Although he is running for an at-large city council seat, much of his political experience is based in his own neighborhood—serving as the 5th and 6th Ward area leader and as precinct committee person in the 5th Ward. Those roles are instrumental in grassroots get-out-the-vote campaigns for Democratic candidates. He started 15 years ago with a group known as Reclaim Lorain, after seeing some inner-city wards get neglected in favor of more affluent areas of the city.

"I want people to understand—I'm not the Wizard of Oz," he said. "I'm not coming in with a magic wand and abracadabra and all of a sudden everything's fixed. But I'm coming in with a passion and love for this town I grew up in. I was here in its heyday. I know what it was and can be. We can retool and remodel ourselves and do other things differently. We're right on the brink of

making that leap." Barrios, 71, recently launched a Facebook page for his candidacy under a theme of "knocking down walls to unite the people," a direct reference to repeated attempts in Congress by President Trump to get funding to build a wall along the Mexican border to control immigration.

"Now is the time to create unity and I believe that all residents together, can make changes happen for the good of all citizens of this international city," Barrios wrote on his Facebook page. "In this moment of chaos and confusion, it is of dire importance that cooler minds prevail and that we focus on knocking down the walls that have been created to divide the people. We must make room for healthy dialogue which will be the best path for communication and uniting the people."

Longtime Lorain City Council President Joel Arredondo recently lost a bid to be appointed as a Lorain County Commissioner, which is considered a full-time elected office. The Lorain County Democratic Party central committee instead chose Sharon Sweda for the appointment from a six-candidate field. She recently ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the Ohio Senate.

According to Barrios, one in five Lorain residents is Latino. He believes the elected political representation should reflect the makeup of the community, so his voice is heard on issues.

There are two other Latino

Lorain city councilmen, but Angel Arroyo is not running for re-election. Barrios and another Latino candidate, Ray Carrion, if both are elected, would increase the Hispanic influence in city politics.

Barrios is running for at-large seat because he wants to see more sections of the city get attention. For example, he believes the momentum of the current downtown development should be moving at a faster pace.

"We should be putting more assets and whatever we have as resources into making that place of destination. We should be working a lot more on that," he said, while emphasizing the arts could be a catalyst for more businesses to locate there and increase tourism.

As executive director of the Lorain Arts Council, Barrios is very active in the northern Ohio arts scene. He was instrumental in the unveiling last September of a large veterans' mural in the downtown area, a five-month project designed to help veterans cope with their post-war struggles and find their purpose through art. Veterans went through instruction in painting, water colors, and drawing—then



created wooden paddles depicting various "stories."

Barrios also hosts the weekly "Sabor Latino" radio show on WDLW Kool Kat Oldies 1380 AM and 98.9 FM, a three-hour program focusing on current issues facing the Latino community. Interspersed in discussion and interviews is throwback "Jibaro" music. Barrios even finds time to be a small business owner with FrameWorks, which focuses on photography and video.

Barrios has served as president of the Puerto Rican Culture Committee and vice president of the Coalition for Hispanic/Latino Issues and Progress (CHIP), an advocacy group working to ensure there is growing Latino influence in the political and economic landscape of northern Ohio.

Barrios was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, but moved to Lorain at the age of four with his mother and siblings. His father preceded the family to northern Ohio as part of the first group of 500 Puerto Rican men brought to Lorain to work in the steel mills. He grew up in a low-income, working-class neighborhood of mostly sugar cane workers before his family settled in Lorain.

Their life stateside started in the basement of a friend's house. He worked as a young boy picking produce in the fields, while his father sent him to Catholic schools through the eighth grade. He moved to public school and graduated from Lorain Admiral King High School, then attended Lorain County Community College for an associate's degree in computer technology and Cleveland State University, where—when time permits—he is working towards obtaining a bachelor's degree in film and digital media.

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Anthony Perlatti

La Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga nombra nuevo director

CLEVELAND, 25 III 19: La Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga nombró a Anthony Perlatti como su nuevo Director.

El señor Perlatti fungió como Gerente de Recursos Humanos desde el 2007 hasta el 2013. Desde ese año comenzó sus funciones como subdirector de la Junta. Ocupó además el puesto de Director Interino desde el 23 de febrero del 2019. El nuevo director cuenta con veintitrés años en el servicio público, de los cuales doce han sido con la Junta Electoral.

Anthony Perlatti ocupa la vacante creada cuando el anterior director, Pat McDonald, fue nombrado a la posición de Director de la Comisión de la Lotería de Ohio.

La Junta también promovió a la señora Shantiel Soeder al puesto de subdirectora.

La señora Soeder laboró como la Administradora de Elecciones y Cumplimiento desde el 2015. Anteriormente, fue la Gerente del Departamento de Papeletas desde el 2010 hasta el 2015. Además, ha estado en posiciones de liderazgo en el Departamento de Oficiales Electorales como Asistente de Gerente y Gerente desde el 2006 hasta el 2015



Shantiel Soeder

Honoring César Chávez

César Chávez died near his hometown of Yuma, AZ on April 22, 1993 at the age of 66. Chávez was in San Luis, AZ to assist UFW attorneys defend the union against a lawsuit brought by Bruce Church Inc. (BCI), a giant California-based lettuce and vegetable producer.

Following two days of intense grilling by BCI lawyers, Chávez died in his sleep of natural causes. The jury awarded BCI \$2.9 million, but nearly two years later, the Arizona Court of Appeals overturned the decision. A year later, BCI and the UFW agreed on a contract for workers.

I recount this case to point out that Chávez had major victories and many setbacks in his struggles to unionize farmworkers and

obtain contracts with their employers. His efforts involved many tactics and strategies, including nonviolence, labor strikes, boycotts, marches and rallies, legal challenges, fasts, and legislative initiatives.

Today, the work lives of farmworkers are greatly improved compared to the pre-Chávez period, but there have been many setbacks since his time. Driving these setbacks has been the shift in political beliefs from social democratic principles to free market fundamentalism, the ideas of today's "conservatives."

The shift is from principles of individual freedom, equality, social justice, and solidarity to principles of radical individualism, limited government, and limits on labor rights. Chávez lived through

this shift, having faced the setbacks imposed by California Governor George Deukmejian, who sided with growers and used the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board against farmworkers by loading the Board with pro-agribusiness members. By the time that Chávez died, the free market fundamentalists had radically changed the political values of the nation, and empowered the wealthy as a ruling class.

They reduced government by cutting taxes, privatizing government functions, eliminating regulations that kept corporate power in check, and reducing the rights of labor. This is the political environment in which we find ourselves today. Indeed, Trump has taken free market fundamentalism to an extreme, con-

tinuing to cut taxes on corporations, making the Federal Government dysfunctional, and appointing justices that support free market fundamentalist principles.

Most Americans recognize that the nation is at a crossroads; either, go down the road in which the wealthy rule the country in their own interests, or take the road that promotes equality of opportunity, social justice, and a government that protects the rights of all and promotes social progress. Free market fundamentalist policies have created great economic suffering among Americans, which is why there is great interest in the ideas of Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and others. In response, conservatives have trotted out the "communist" and "socialist" bogeymen

seeking to frighten Americans and to mobilize hostile sentiments against social democratic principles.

As we pay tribute to César Chávez, we must remember that it is not enough to honor him for his courage and heroism; we must also *act like him*. That is, we must have the courage to stand up for basic human rights and dignity, demand competent and just government, and ensure equal opportunity for all.

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Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

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Todas las estrellas van en busca de una comida auténticamente mexicana, pozole, birria, carnitas, tacos de pastor, de cabeza, lengua, etc. “Nuestro éxito se debe a que le ponemos mucho amor a todo lo que hacemos. La comida tiene que estar siempre al 100, no al 95 ni al 99, sino al 100 para que pueda estar buena. Yo nunca pensé estar tan arriba pero las puertas

se me han ido abriendo, es por eso que le digo a mis hijos, nunca hay que quedarnos en un solo lugar, es como una escalera, tenemos que ir avanzando escalón por escalón para ir siempre arriba”, agregó el entrevistado.

Pero el éxito de El Nacimiento no llegó de la noche a la mañana, requirió de muchos años de arduo trabajo. El Sr. Padilla nos relata su historia: “Nosotros vivíamos en un rancho que se llama *El Nacimiento*, ubicado a unos 25-30 kilómetros de Arandas, Jalisco. Mi papá era agricultor, sembraba maíz y frijol, yo ordeñaba vacas, pero en febrero de 1981 cuando tenía 21 años, nos movimos a Guadalajara sin conocer a nadie; entramos a trabajar en la central de abastos haciendo tacos y luego de unos años, me fui al mercado Corona en Zapopan, cuando aprendí hacer bien los tacos, la salsa y todo, puse mi puesto que coincidió con el nacimiento de mi hijo *Álvaro*, el mayor de todos”.

Aunque el negocio funcionaba bien, el 7 de junio de 1986, Padilla decide migrar a California en donde ya había trabajado previamente cuando vivía en su rancho. “Ya conocía lo que era ganar dólares y por eso cuando tuve a mi familia quise regresar y llevarme a mi hijo *Álvaro* y mi niña que apenas tenía 30 días de nacida”, dijo

el propietario de *El Nacimiento*.

La familia Padilla trabajó en diferentes lugares en California y aunque les iba bien, el destino los llevó a Detroit el 11 de mayo de 1997, en donde ya tenían familiares que les insistían en mudarse para esta ciudad. Una vez en Michigan, el Sr. Padilla empezó a trabajar en la construcción, en fábricas y donde le dieran oportunidad, hasta que un día, el dueño de una ferretería que era su amigo, le vendió el lugar. “No tenía dinero pero como pude le compre y que me entrego en septiembre del 2000. A partir de ese momento con la ayuda de amigos y familia fui convirtiendo la ferretería en un restaurante, lo modifiqué y le construí la cocina, los baños, etc. Gracias a Dios repare todo y lo arregle a mi gusto, con las ideas que ya traía de México y lo que había visto en California, en donde tuve oportunidad de trabajar en un restaurante lavando platos”.

Mientras remodelaba el lugar, pensaba en el nombre adecuado para el restaurante. Llegaba cansado a su casa pero se daba tiempo de escribir sus propuestas, cambiarlas y rehacerlas hasta que se decidió por *El Nacimiento Restaurante Mexicano*, nombre del rancho en donde nació. En Detroit hay mucha gente de Arandas y ubican bien ese rancho, ya que ahí hay una conocida fábrica de tequila.



Don Rodrigo Padilla

El 26 de junio del 2001 se abrieron las puertas del restaurante y gracias a la experiencia en la cocina del Sr. Rodrigo, logró ganarse poco a poco la confianza de su público. “El inicio no fue fácil, pero gracias al apoyo de mi familia, unos lavaban trastes, otros picaban cebolla, otros limpiaban, etc, es decir trabajamos todos unidos y gracias a Dios ya tenemos 17 años y medio con el negocio. Mis hijos trabajan a más no poder, tenemos dos turnos, unos están en la mañana y otros en la tarde, la siguiente semana los de la mañana están en la tarde y los de la tarde en la mañana. Nos vamos tumando”, dijo.

La familia Padilla está conformada por cinco hijos: *Álvaro, Lizbeth, Deysi, Joel y Arelly*. Tres de ellos están involucrados al 100% en el negocio, mientras que Lizbeth se dedica a poner años y Deysi es policía en el barrio. Los hijos promueven mucho el negocio, participan constantemente en programas de televisión de los canales 2, 4 y 7, en donde cocinan y comparten su gran amor por la cocina mexicana.

Toda esta dedicación ha logrado abrirles muchas puertas, y la gente no solo va a comer a su restaurante, sino que también ordenan comida para sus fiestas, ya que cuentan con el servicio de banquete. Y

por si eso fuera poco, a un lado del restaurante tienen dos salones en donde se realizan bodas, XV años, bautizos, primeras comuniones, etc; todos ellos solicitan la comida de El Nacimiento y quedan completamente satisfechos.

Gracias a la constancia y trabajo arduo es cómo El Nacimiento se ha mantenido en el gusto del público y se ha hecho muy popular. Cuentan con clientes fieles desde que abrieron, que los siguen recomendando. Están abiertos todos los días, hasta días festivos, desde muy temprano hasta las 11:00pm. El viernes y sábado son los únicos que están abiertos hasta las 5:00am. Le dan de comer a cientos y miles de personas año con año.

“Nunca pensé estar tan arriba, pero las puertas se me han ido abriendo. Empecé en la central de abastos y echándole muchas ganas aprendí de todo, a darle el toque de sabor y ponerle los condimentos necesarios para obtener exquisitos platillos del gusto de la gente”, finalizó *Rodrigo Padilla*. “Todos pueden salir adelante si le echan ganas, a mí me ayudaron cuando estaba empezando, es por eso que si alguien se acerca a pedir mi ayuda se la voy a dar, porque nunca sabemos el día que vamos ocupar ayuda de los demás. Siempre hay que darle la mano a los demás para que puedan salir adelante”.



OBITUARIES

JOSE E. RUIZ

José E. Ruiz, 73, of Toledo, passed away Thursday March 21, 2019 at the University of Toledo Medical Center. He was born October 1, 1945 in Weslaco, Texas to Pedro and Juana Ruiz, Sr. He was a dedicated hard worker, retiring from the Jeep Corp. in 2018 after 33 years of service. José was faithful to his Christian beliefs and was especially devoted to his family. He was a diehard Cleveland Browns fan and he loved listening to music.

José was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Pedro Jr., Pablo, and Reynaldo; grandsons Anthony and Antjuan as well as other family members.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Thaimi; daughters Lydia, Lisa (Dajuan) Wilson, Linda, María, Cynthia (Andrew) Ramírez, Enequina “Nina”, Thaimi, Teresa, and Josefina as well as 30 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Thursday March 28th. from 2-8 pm. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 29th, beginning at 11am in the funeral home with burial to follow in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

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Navarre Park to be revitalized

March 21, 2019: Toledo Councilman Peter Ujvagi, Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, and representatives from Toledo Refining Company and Mercy Health announced a partnership Thursday to improve East Toledo through the revitalization of Navarre Park.

Navarre Park was the venue for annual picnics in the 1930s and 1940s by the families from México that settled in Toledo after the Mexican Revolution. It has been popular since.

"The partnership between the Toledo Refining Company, Mercy Health, and the city of Toledo, working with the East Toledo Family Center and neighborhood leadership from One Voice, provides a unique opportunity to revitalize and reinvigorate a key park in East Toledo," Councilman Ujvagi said.

Toledo Refining Company and Mercy Health made commitments to donate \$50,000 and \$20,000, respectively, to fund much-needed improvements to the park. The city has committed to matching the donations with equally-valued improvements over several years in the park, Mayor Kapszukiewicz said.

"This is an anchor park in East Toledo and a very important part of the neighborhood," the mayor said. "I want to thank Toledo Refining Company and Mercy Health for stepping up to improve the community. This can be a model across our city on how public-private partnerships can help our community."

"Our facility has more than 120 years of history in this neighborhood. Toledo Refining Company has long enjoyed the benefits of this historic East Toledo property," said Refinery Manager Michael Gudgery. "The original park has

been a place where many of our employees and their families came to play throughout the lifetime of the refinery. Our commitment of \$50,000 and fundraising support will help ensure Navarre Park continues to serve the needs of East Toledo residents for generations to come. Our sincere hope is that others in the community will join us in lending their support to this worthy fund-raising effort to modernize this wonderful park."

"Mercy Health is proud to partner on this significant project with hopes that it will further the health and fitness of our community," said Craig Albers, president of Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital.

In the photo are: Chris Schultz [Toledo Refining], Sandy Snyder [Mercy Health Foundation], and Karen Ranney Wolkins [Toledo's Parks, Recreation, & Forestry].

The Greyhound Connection Journal #9

By/Por Linda Alvarado-Arce

According to the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 14, everyone has a right to seek asylum (www.un.org). The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) states that any foreign national that has "well-founded" fears of persecution is a refugee and not an "illegal immigrant." Neither refugees nor asylum-seekers are "illegal" (www.unhcr.org)

Why are asylum-seekers not granted refugee status upon arrival when they, like the refugees, are both fleeing persecution, fear for their life, and overall a safer place to live? What is the difference between a refugee and an asylum-seeker? These are two of the most commonly asked questions I have gotten since writing these journals.

An asylum-seeker is someone who left their native country for international protection (asylum) in another country but has yet to receive "refugee-status." A refugee is someone who has been recognized as having "refugee-status" under the 1951 Refugee Convention; a United Nations treaty relating to the Status of Refugees (www.unhcr.org). And, both refugees and asylum-seekers are people that have left their country to come to another country out of desperation and the need to survive. Both groups seek refuge and asylum.

Refugees are granted refugee-status upon arrival to the U.S. because they were able to stay in their country or protected until it was completed. Asylum-seekers, on the other hand, arrive to a U.S. port of entry under extreme circumstances, and most have walked miles through deserts, mountains, across waters and war-torn countries. Many asylum-seekers traveled inside of a semi-truck or on top of a watercraft with little or no food for weeks and months.

Once an asylum-seeker arrives to a national border they are detained, vetted, screened, and processed by U.S. Homeland Security

ticket/s. And, how do we know this? Because, this week at the station we had a Guatemalan dad who was wearing an ankle monitor. Unfortunately, however, the battery he was given was running low and he was afraid the battery would die or set off a notification to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) or the local police that it was deactivated. Dad had a two-year-old daughter in his arms as he frantically asked everyone in Spanish for a battery charge.

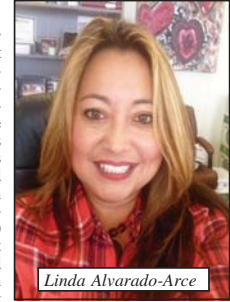
Según la Declaración Universal de Derechos Humanos de 1948, artículo 14, todos tienen derecho a buscar asilo (www.un.org). El Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Refugiados (ACNUR) declara que cualquier ciudadano extranjero que tenga temores de persecución es un refugiado y no un "inmigrante ilegal." Niños refugiados, ni los solicitantes de asilo son "ilegales" (www.unhcr.org)

¿Por qué a los solicitantes de asilo no se les otorga el estatus de refugiado cuando llegan, cuando ellos, como los refugiados, huyen de la persecución, temen por su vida y, en general, también están buscando un lugar más seguro para vivir? ¿Cuál es la diferencia entre un refugiado y un solicitante de asilo? Estas son dos (2) de las preguntas más frecuentes que he recibido desde que escribo estas columnas.

Un solicitante de asilo es alguien que dejó su país de origen para la protección internacional (asilo) en otro país, pero aún no ha recibido el "estatus de refugiado." Un refugiado es alguien que ha sido reconocido como "refugiado" en el marco de la Convención de Refugio de 1951; un tratado de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Estatuto de los Refugiados (www.unhcr.org). Y, tanto los refugiados como los solicitantes de asilo son personas que han dejado su país para ir a otro país por desesperación y necesidad de sobrevivir. Ambos grupos buscan refugio y asilo.

A los refugiados se les otorga el estatus de refugiado al llegar a los Estados Unidos porque pudieron permanecer en su país o estar protegidos hasta que se completó. Los solicitantes de asilo, por otro lado, llegan a los EE. UU. con circunstancias extremas, y la mayoría han caminado millas a través de desiertos, montañas, por las aguas y países devastados por la guerra. Muchos solicitantes de asilo viajaron dentro de un semirremolque o sobre una embarcación acuática con poca o sin comida durante semanas y meses.

Una vez que un solicitante de asilo llega a una frontera nacional, el personal de Seguridad Nacional de los EE. UU. lo detiene y hace exámenes de proceso. Cuando se completa el proceso de selección, a algunos solicitantes de asilo no se les permitirá entrar a los EE. UU., mientras que otros obtendrán el Estatus de Protección Temporal (TPS) que les autoriza a vivir en los EE. UU. mientras se procesa y completa su solicitud



Linda Alvarado-Arce

de estatus de refugiado. Este proceso puede llevar años.

Los solicitantes de asilo además necesitan tener a alguien que pueda apoyarlos financieramente durante sus procedimientos judiciales para el estatus de refugiado. Esta persona también tendrá que comprarles su boleto de autobús de Greyhound para viajar a través de los EE. UU. a su nuevo hogar. Si un solicitante de asilo no tiene una persona en los EE. UU. que pueda comprar su(s) boleto(s) del autobús, el individuo recibe un "monitor de tobillo" para usar hasta que pueda devolverle al gobierno el dinero prestado para su autobús.

¿Y cómo sabemos esto? Porque, esta semana en la estación, tuvimos un padre guatemalteco que llevaba puesto un monitor de tobillo. Desafortunadamente, la batería que le dieron estaba agotada y temía que la batería se agotara o provocara una notificación a Inmigración y aduanas (I.C.E.) o a la policía local de que estaba desactivada. El papá tenía a su hija de dos años en sus brazos mientras frenéticamente le pedía a todos en español por una carga de batería.

La eliminación o desactivación de un monitor de tobillo es un delito federal y una violación de su TPS, que puede terminar en su arresto y deportación.

Si estás interesado en asistir y dar la bienvenida a los solicitantes de asilo, que pasan por la estación de autobuses de Toledo Greyhound, envíe un correo electrónico a José Treviño a jtreveno0056@gmail.com

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The removing or deactivating of an ankle monitor is a federal crime and a violation of their TPS, which is subject to arrest and deportation.

If you are interested in assisting and welcoming asylum-seekers passing through the Toledo Greyhound Bus Station, please email José Treviño at jtreveno0056@gmail.com.



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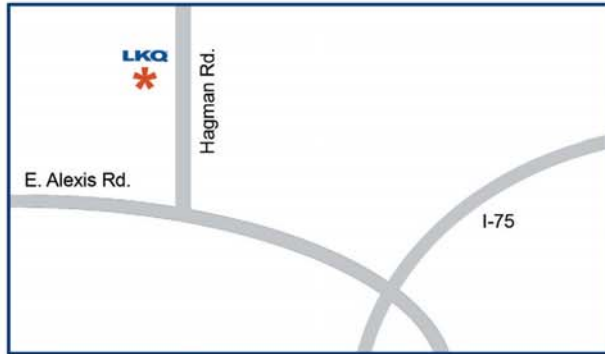
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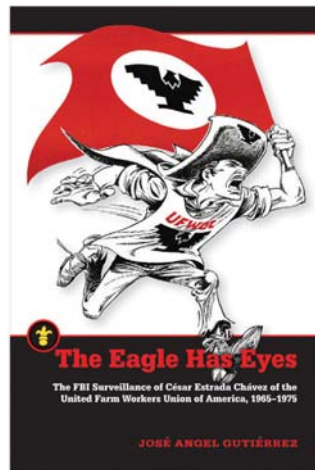
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Tri-C student wins National Landscape Competition

HIGHLAND HILLS: The top landscape and horticulture student in the country attends *Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)*. *Frank Vareska* won the *2019 National Collegiate Landscape Competition*, finishing with the leading score among nearly 800 competitors at the annual event held March 20-23, 2019 at *Colorado State University*.

His performance led Tri-C's team to a third-place overall finish at the event, which attracted more than 60 of the nation's top horticulture and landscape programs from two- and four-year schools. Tri-C placed first among community colleges.

The annual competition challenges students in 29 individual or group events

that require the expertise needed to work in the industry. It is organized by the National Association of Landscape Professionals.

Vareska, of Mentor-on-the-Lake, competed in five events. He paired with teammates to place second in landscape maintenance operations and third in both landscape plant installation and maintenance cost estimating.

He becomes the second Tri-C student to win the competition, following *Hayden Angelotta* in 2014.

Another member of the College's team, *Drew Krueger* of Dayton, finished sixth overall with strong showings in five events. He teamed with *Jake Barber* (Chester Township) to win the hardscape installation challenge.

Tri-C claimed two other event championships. *Lauren*

Linden of Rocky River posted the top score in computer-aided landscape design for the second consecutive year, while *Cole Jacobs* (Bay Village) and *JC Mazzurco* (Chester Township) placed first in irrigation assembly.

Tri-C has emerged as a powerhouse in the competition, with a handful of Top 5 finishes in the past six years. This year's placing matched the 2016 effort for the College's top ranking.

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Understanding eligibility requirements and completing and submitting benefit applications can be challenging for many older adults – especially those who are homebound. Working with our community partners, Council on Aging provides information and assistance to older adults and people with disabilities who wish to apply for the program. In-home assistance is also available. Last year, COA and our community partners provided information or assistance with HEAP applications to almost 1,000 older and disabled adults in southwest Ohio.

Older adults and people with disabilities who wish to apply for the program should call the **Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624**.



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Para aquellas personas de 60 años o más que estén preocupados por los pagos de calefacción, HEAP puede ayudar.

Para las personas con ingresos bajos o modestos - incluidos muchos adultos mayores y personas con discapacidades- los altos precios de la energía crean una perspectiva aterradora a medida que nos acercamos a la temporada de frío.

Pero la ayuda está disponible a través del Programa de Asistencia de Energía para el Hogar (HEAP). HEAP es un programa financiado por el gobierno federal administrado por la Agencia de Servicios de Desarrollo de Ohio. Está diseñado para ayudar a los residentes de Ohio de bajos ingresos a ser elegibles a poder cubrir los altos costos de la calefacción en el hogar.

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Las solicitudes están disponibles en línea y a través de varias organizaciones comunitarias. Las solicitudes pueden presentarse en cualquier momento a partir de ahora hasta el 30 de junio de 2019.

Comprender los requisitos de elegibilidad, completar y enviar las solicitudes de beneficios puede ser un desafío para muchos adultos mayores, especialmente aquellos que están confinados en su hogar. En conjunto con nuestros socios comunitarios, el Consejo sobre el Envejecimiento proporciona información y asistencia a los adultos mayores y las personas con discapacidades que desean solicitar la ayuda. También está disponible la asistencia a domicilio. El año pasado, COA y nuestros socios comunitarios proporcionaron información o asistencia con las solicitudes de HEAP a casi 1,000 adultos mayores y discapacitados en el suroeste de Ohio.

Los adultos mayores y las personas con discapacidades que desean solicitar el programa deben llamar a la **Oficina de Área para Adultos Mayores al 419-382-0624**

El Centro invita a sus clases de ciudadanía

Una agencia de servicios sociales con 44 años que le gusta colaborar con los demás

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

LORAIN, 29 III 19: El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Inc. [agencia de servicios sociales] invita a todos aquellos interesados en presentar su examen de naturalización a prepararse con las clases de ciudadanía que ofrece para hispanos. Las clases son impartidas por estudiantes del Colegio Oberlin y la mayoría de los que toman este curso pasan la prueba. Los interesados en inscribirse pueden comunicarse al teléfono: (440) 2778235 x 7022 con Anabel Barrón.

Este programa tiene ya cuatro años, las clases se imparten cada sábado durante tres meses, en un horario de 10:00am a 12:00pm. "Son dos horas de clases en español pero los preparan para contestar en inglés. Aunque las clases son en grupo, se brinda apoyo especial por separado a quien lo requiera. Tenemos un promedio de que el 95% de nuestros participantes pasan el examen, el otro 5% no lo han pasado por el record criminal ya que hay muchas cosas que ver antes de someter una aplicación", informó Anabel encargada del programa.

Un profesor del prestigioso Colegio Oberlin fue quien preparó las clases para satisfacer las necesidades de la comunidad y un grupo de estudiantes tienen el liderazgo de capacitar adecuadamente a sus compañeros para que impartan las clases tanto en español como en inglés. El objetivo es que los participantes entiendan las

preguntas en inglés y se familiaricen con las respuestas, para que estén bien preparados cuando presenten el examen. Los estudiantes de Oberlin son de diferentes departamentos que forman parte de un programa en donde realizan trabajo comunitario.

"Los que vienen son chicos que tienen interés en el sistema de migración y en ayudar a nuestra comunidad. Hemos sido bendecidos con los estudiantes que nos han enviado, todos muy bien preparados y con un gran don de servir. Ya tenemos planes a futuro con el Colegio para hacer actividades en beneficio de los migrantes", destacó Víctor Leandry, Director Ejecutivo de El Centro.

En la última clase del curso de capacitación, un representante del Departamento de Ciudadanía y Servicios de Inmigración (USCIS) acude para realizar una entrevista de práctica con todos los estudiantes, eso les ayuda a perder el miedo y trabajar en los puntos que sea necesario reforzar.

"Es importante mencionar que cuando te presentas al examen, lo primero que hace el oficial es realizar preguntas personales y hay que estar relajados, mirarlo a los ojos y responder claramente. Altmor el curso pierdes el miedo, practicas con compañeros y te preparas correctamente", agregó Anabel.

Cabe destacar que en caso de requerirse, El Centro también ofrece

adicionalmente, el servicio gratuito de interpretación y transporte para el examen. Por si eso fuera poco, los cursos de ciudadanía son acompañados por el servicio legal de abogados pro-bono de Cleveland. "Hace dos años cambiaron las aplicaciones, antes eran 3 páginas y ahora son 20, es complicado poder llenarlas y los abogados ofrecen ese servicio de apoyo; lo que pedimos únicamente son \$25 dólares para brindar algún refrigerio o comida a los abogados y sus asistentes mientras están aquí ya que tardan de dos a tres horas en llenar una solicitud", dijo la entrevistada.

Anabel tiene cinco años trabajando en El Centro como encargada del departamento de Servicios para Apoyo a los Adultos. "En El Centro tenemos servicios para la comunidad en general ya sea hispana o no, pero este departamento está enfocado específicamente a los hispanos y a la razón por la que tenemos a Anabel, es porque ella tiene un gran corazón y misión para ayudar a la gente indocumentada", compartió Víctor. "En Lorain la mayoría de la gente es puertorriqueña y los atendemos muy bien pero no teníamos quien tuviera la destreza de trabajar con la comunidad indocumentada".

Anabel Barrón Sánchez es originaria de Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, México, fue voluntaria para la iglesia El Sagrado Corazón, a la que pertenece desde hace 20 años,



se encargaba de llevar personas a sus citas médicas e interpretaba. Una vez que se incorporó a El Centro, recibió entrenamiento de Unidos/US, anteriormente conocido como Consejo Nacional de La Raza (NCLR por sus siglas en inglés). "Ha desarrollado una gran colaboración con el Consulado de México así como con senadores y congresistas. Traemos el consulado móvil aquí; ella hace talleres de educación con el consulado mexicano en diferentes partes de Ohio hablando de los derechos de los inmigrantes, aprendiendo de finanzas y de diferentes tópicos. Ha desarrollado esa destreza de abrirle las puertas a la comunidad, se sienten en confianza de venir a El Centro para pedir ayuda", señaló Leandry.

El Centro es una de las agencias de servicios sociales más estables en Ohio, tiene 44

años de haberse fundado y cuenta con los mejores estándares de atención. Se encuentra ubicada en el 2800 de la Avenida Pearl en Lorain, Ohio. "Tenemos un sinnúmero de servicios, tanto de salud, migración, distribución de comida, atención para personas de la tercera edad, niños, etc. Contamos con el servicio de llamadas 211 para ofrecer ayuda en español, también tenemos una línea de la Navegadora de Salud Mental en donde se pueden contestar preguntas sobre las agencias de salud mental y hacer una cita. Es decir, estamos desarrollando muy buenos avances para atender a la comunidad del Condado de Lorain y somos la única agencia que ofrece clases de ciudadanía para todos los interesados, sin importar el lugar de residencia", añadió el director ejecutivo.

Víctor tiene 14 años trabajando en El Centro y gracias a su trabajo, recibió un reconocimiento del Condado de Lorain por su liderazgo. "Para mí ha sido un honor, siempre me ha gustado colaborar y ayudar a los demás. En todo este tiempo, hemos transformado esta agencia que ahora tiene un estándar super alto, tenemos muchos programas de gran calidad. Hemos recibido tres reconocimientos, como la Agencia del Año, Premio de Distinción por parte de la Comisión Hispana de Ohio y Unidos/US nos distinguieron como la Agencia Nacional del Año en el 2018. En Ohio nos conocen como la agencia que le gusta colaborar. Nuestro éxito se debe a que trabajamos como equipo y todos son excelentes. Aparte de nuestro personal, también tenemos un gran número de voluntarios que nos apoyan constantemente", concluyó. www.lorainelcentro.com/



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Parker Hannifin Announces \$5 Million Gift for Living and Learning Community at CSU

CLEVELAND: Parker Hannifin announced on March 6, 2019 a \$5 million gift, part of an existing financial commitment from the Parker Hannifin Foundation, to establish the Parker Hannifin Living and Learning Community at Cleveland State University [CSU], which will provide Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) graduates studying at CSU with two years of free on-campus housing and student support services.

Providing financial support for on-campus housing reduces a significant economic barrier many students face when pursuing a college degree and enhances student progression and graduation rates. Studies have shown that students who live on campus, particularly as freshmen and sophomores, progress and graduate at higher rates and become more integrated and engaged students across campus. The Parker Hannifin Living and Learning Community will also offer mentoring services that match students with faculty and peer mentors and directed career preparation activities such as job analysis support, internships, co-ops and hands-on research projects.

This investment is aligned with a broader community effort to support the Say Yes to Education initiative, for which local businesses and community organizations have already raised more than \$85 million. Cleveland was recently designated as the fourth Say Yes to Education city, a national initiative that seeks to revitalize

communities by helping to provide every public high school graduate access to college or other post-secondary scholarships, with local support of additional services to develop the gifts and talents of each individual.

"Parker is proud to support Cleveland State University and Say Yes to Education by strategically investing an existing commitment that will have a great impact on the future success of Cleveland public school students," said Tom Williams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Parker Hannifin. "This initiative further strengthens our longstanding relationship with Cleveland State University and is aligned with our broader commitment to help improve education."

"Creating a unique living and learning community for CMSD graduates is a game-changer that will advance our ability to deliver the kind of on-campus experience that drives successful retention and graduation rates for Cleveland students in the program. We are grateful to our long-time partners at Parker for making this investment," said Harlan Sands, President, Cleveland State University.

The program builds on CSU's nationally recognized student success initiatives, which seek to assist all students in graduating on time with less debt. It also builds on the University's comprehensive education and research partnership with CMSD, including the housing of two public schools on campus.

"The Parker Hannifin Living and Learning Community is a great example of how the Cleveland area has

come together around Say Yes to Education and the promise it holds for our students," CMSD Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon said. "District graduates who receive Say Yes tuition scholarships can now have access to campus housing, if they choose that option, and the mentoring support we know is critical to success in postsecondary education."

The gift from Parker Hannifin is a component of a broader commitment to CSU, which has funded the construction of the Parker Hannifin Administrative Center and Parker Hannifin Hall on campus, as well as the creation of the Parker Hannifin Scholars Program to provide academic scholarships to students.

Editor's Note: Founded in 1964, Cleveland State University is a public research institution that provides a dynamic setting for Engaged Learning. With 17,000-plus students, 10 colleges and schools and more than 175 academic programs, CSU was again chosen for 2019 as one of America's best universities by U.S. News & World Report. Find more information at www.csuohio.edu.

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Lead Paint to be renewed as Community Issue

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problem properties.

"What they said about being concerned about lead poisoning and children didn't mean anything, because at the end of the day, their total concern was with their pocketbook and how much they would have to spend to make sure that these dwellings and these units were up-to-code," said Wood. "This ordinance was to let landlords know they were going to be held accountable if they didn't take care of their property. You won't eliminate it, but you try to make it lead-safe."

The issue also is getting attention at the state level. Governor Mike DeWine announced a plan March 13 to invest millions more over the next two years to address lead poisoning in Ohio's housing stock and test children.

"It is unconscionable to me that in 2019, there are still children whose opportunities are stifled because they live in homes where they are exposed to lead paint. Every year, thousands

of Ohio children under the age of six test positive for unsafe lead levels. Undoubtedly, there are countless more who have never been tested," said Governor DeWine. "No child should be poisoned in their own home."

Just 60 percent of Medicaid-eligible children are tested each year. The governor's plan would force providers and managed care organizations to test all eligible children. An additional \$24 million would go to the Department of Developmental Disabilities' Early Intervention Program, among other things, help provide physical, speech, and occupational therapy services to children who have dangerously high levels of lead in their blood.

Ohio Department of Health data shows that since 2016, 933 children age 6 and younger in Toledo have had confirmed blood-lead levels above CDC levels of concern. Another 391 kids had unconfirmed elevated levels, but did not get a confirmatory second test.

Under the governor's plan,

The Ohio Department of Health will provide \$10 million from the State Child Health Insurance Program to fund investigations and lead abatement. The state health department also would set aside \$450,000 to reimburse individuals the costs of becoming licensed lead workers and contractors in order to increase the lead hazard control workforce.

Landlords would be eligible for an income tax credit of up to \$10,000 if they incurred expenses to make their homes lead-safe. The new Ohio Director of Children's Initiatives is being tasked to convene an internal working group of experts from four state agencies to streamline and improve the state's lead detection, abatement, and early intervention services. The funding proposals are outlined in the governor's two-year budget proposal, which must be passed by state lawmakers.

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Broadway Corridor roadwork forum set, March 27

By La Prensa Staff

Toledo and Ohio Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) engineers have yet to reach any sort of consensus on how best to resolve the public's demand for better access to an Old South End neighborhood, but some answers may be forthcoming. A community forum is set for Wed., March 27, 2019, 6 p.m., at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 705 S. St. Clair St.

Initial complaints from church leaders and Latins United members has led to new detour signs pointing the way into the neighborhood via Erie St. from downtown Toledo, the only access point to the church and private club at the moment. Bright orange signs popped up along the Broadway Corridor late last week.

"It's awesome to see that they're actually working with us, can't believe how quickly they made those signs," said Chevo Torres, Latins United president. "They just popped up. It makes it a lot easier to actually get here now. But we still have people who can't find this place."

Torres lamented that Nueva Esperanza Community Credit Union held its annual meeting at the Lat-

ins United Hall on Wed., March 20 and people called the social club questioning how to find the location with at three access points to the neighborhood shut down due to separate road and bridge construction projects. Now Torres hopes the forum will help spread the word.

"We just want to invite the community and people who are interested and want information or just want to hear what we've been doing to make it easier," said Torres. "(We want to) tell them that they have everything under control as far as emergency vehicles getting in here without going through all the detours like we do. That was the main concern."

Latino leaders want to make sure Old South End residents get accurate information. The initial lack of communication from city and ODOT transportation officials has led to a wild series of rumors about how long projects will take to complete, inflated emergency response times—all causing quite a bit of worry, especially among older residents.

"They're actually working with us now, when this should have happened months before they started working on it and everything would have worked out great," said Torres.

"It's too bad now we're doing this when most of the roads are closed. Sometimes that's the way it works with the city and state. Now they're asking 'what do you guys want, what do you guys need.'"

Church and club leaders now understand the projects had to move forward when the funding was available so it would be lost. Delays due to railroad shipping schedules further squeezed the timetables together—meaning City Park, Emerald Ave., and Maumee St. are all shut down at the same time.

But the Latins United president is optimistic that once the communication problems are worked out and solutions are found, some short-term pain will result in plenty of long-term gain for the neighborhood, specifically, and the Broadway Corridor, in general.

"Our community in the Old South End is going to open up, get more people here, get more people who travel to actually stop by," said Torres. "Once it's all finished, it's going to be awesome. Until then, you're going to hear the people complain, complain, complain."

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19-LHSC003 Group 2 Properties

Lucas Housing Service Corporation (LHSC) will receive sealed bids for **2 Lawn Care Services solicitations for properties in Toledo**. Received in accordance with law until **April 4, 2019 at 3:00 PM ET**. See **submittal requirements pursuant to the documents:** www.lucasmha.org; 435 Nebraska Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). Resident owned businesses are encouraged to reply.



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For information about help available to individuals in our community living with mental health and/or addiction disorders, call or visit our website at www.lcmhrsb.oh.gov

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Visit QualitySchoolsforCLEkids.org and attend one of the regional planning meetings led by Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric S. Gordon.

Join us at a regional meeting near you.



● EAST	Tuesday, April 2	6:00 PM	East Technical High School, 2439 E. 55th St., 44104
● SOUTHEAST	Thursday, April 4	4:00 PM	Third Federal Savings, 7007 Broadway Ave., 44105
● WEST	Saturday, April 6	1:30 PM	Max S. Hayes High School, 2211 W. 65th St., 44102
● NORTHEAST	Saturday, April 13	1:30 PM	Collinwood Recreation Center, 16300 Lake Shore Blvd., 44110
● SOUTHWEST	Wednesday, April 17	6:00 PM	New Tech West School, 11801 Worthington Ave., 44111
● NEAR WEST	Thursday, April 11*	6:00 PM	Garrett Morgan High School, 4016 Woodbine Ave., 44113
	Thursday, April 18	6:00 PM	Garrett Morgan High School, 4016 Woodbine Ave., 44113

*This meeting has been added to accommodate members of our community who observe Holy Thursday.

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