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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! ¡FELIZ DIA DE LA MADRE!

**Consulado de México celebra el Día de las Madres**

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

DETROIT, 2019: El departamento de Protección a través de la Ventanilla de Atención Integral para la Mujer (VAIM) del Consulado de México en Detroit, realizará este viernes 10 de mayo la primera celebración del Día de las Madres en Southwest Detroit, de 9:30am a 1:15pm. Al cierre de esta edición ya no había lugares disponibles para atender el evento.

La entrada es gratuita, sin embargo como el evento se está realizando en un salón de Mexicantown con capacidad para 120 personas, se pidió realizar confirmación previa a través de correo electrónico o llamada telefónica. Tanto el Consulado como las organizaciones participantes realizaron la promoción con tiempo, es por ello que a una semana del evento, se agotaron los lugares.

Al respecto, Claudio Uribe García, Cónsul de Documentación del Consulado de México en Detroit, comentó: "Estamos muy contentos por la excelente respuesta ya que lo hacemos para darle un espacio a las madres, para resaltar su importancia en nuestra comunidad migrante, ya que muchas veces son los hombres quienes trabajan y las mujeres cuidan a sus hijos, pero también hay muchos casos de mujeres que asumen ambos papeles, cuidan a sus hijos y tienen de uno a dos trabajos para poder sostener a la familia".

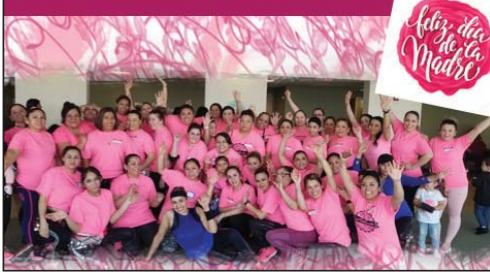
En este evento las mujeres

podrán tomarse un tiempo para ellas, apreciar el valor que tienen en el núcleo familiar y enriquecerse con excelentes talleres de empoderamiento, pláticas de autoestima, clases de zumba, información de diversas organizaciones y orientación sobre su situación migratoria, además de disfrutar de un delicioso desayuno.

Gracias a los aliados con los que cuenta el Consulado es como se logra llevar a cabo este evento, en el cual se brindará información de diferentes temas. "La directora de un grupo de zumba ofrecerá una plática motivacional y posteriormente, algunas organizaciones hablarán sobre empoderamiento, asesoría legal y tipos de abusos físicos o motivacionales que se pueden dar en una relación.

Este último tema es muy importante para que las mujeres puedan identificar si están siendo víctimas o recibiendo algún tipo de abuso por su pareja, ya que muchas veces no lo saben. Estar informadas, les permitirá tener conocimiento sobre algunas actitudes que no son adecuadas y que no son legales o que pueden ser castigadas por la ley. Es importante que las mujeres lo sepan para que puedan actuar y en algunos casos incluso se

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podrán beneficiar de algún alivio migratorio si es que realmente fueron víctimas de algún tipo de violencia o de abuso", agregó el entrevistado.

Uribe García dijo que también se contará con la participación del Centro Chass, "una organización muy importante en Detroit para atención a mujeres que han sido víctimas de violencia o agresión", destacó. "Es una clínica que además de servicios médicos a muy bajo costo, tiene servicios dentales, abogados, terapeutas, psicólogos que ayudan a mujeres y a sus hijos a salir de algún tipo de trauma que puedan haber pasado como consecuencia de la relación que tuvieron con el padre, algún hermano o alguna otra persona".

Además se contará con la asistencia de la firma legal de abogados Palmer Rey, quienes a través de su abogada Manuela Policichio

brindarán una plática general sobre aspectos legales de migración y cómo solicitar algún tipo de beneficio social por parte del gobierno. La abogada se quedará durante todo el evento para brindar asesoría personalizada. Si alguna de las asistentes tiene un caso concreto de migración, se le brindará la asistencia indicada.

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## Leopoldo López: “esta dictadura se va a acabar”

Por **FABIOLA SÁNCHEZ**, Associated Press

CARACAS, 2 V 19 (AP): Venezuela no había escuchado su voz tras el alzamiento, por lo que las palabras que dirigió a su país el jueves por la tarde podrían ser esperanzadoras y de gran valor simbólico para muchos.

En su primera aparición ante la prensa luego de la sublevación, el dirigente opositor **Leopoldo López** dijo a las afueras de la residencia del embajador de España en Caracas que el “quiebre” que se dio este martes con la rebelión militar liderada por Juan Guaidó se convertirá en una “grieta más grande” que llevará al derrocamiento del gobierno de **Nicolás Maduro**.

“Van a venir más movimientos del sector militar”, afirmó el político, quien descartó que lo ocurrido el 30 de abril haya sido un fracaso debido a que sólo implicó el levantamiento de un pequeño grupo de militares. López sostuvo que los eventos del martes representaron un “primer paso” de un proceso que es “irreversible” porque las “mujeres y hombres de la fuerza armada se dieron cuenta que no están solos”.

El dirigente de 48 años también reveló que sostuvo reuniones con generales, comandantes y representantes de las fuerzas policiales en su arresto domiciliario y se mostró confiado en el apoyo que tendría la oposición por parte de los militares y de los gobiernos extranjeros.

“Espero que sean semanas para el cese de la usurpación”, expresó el líder de Voluntad Popular al asegurar que “está dictadura se va a acabar”. López descartó que le tema al gobierno de Maduro, y aunque reconoció que “no quiero volver a la cárcel. La cárcel es un infierno”, aseguró que se mantendrá activo y “comunicándose con los venezolanos”.

Por la mañana, Maduro instó a las fuerzas armadas a mantenerse leales mientras una corte de Caracas ordenó el arresto de López. El gobierno de España se pronunció al respecto y manifestó que su residencia diplomática no tenía intención de entregar al líder opositor —quien está en calidad de “huésped” junto con su esposa e hija— y que confiaba “en que las autoridades venezolanas respetarán la inviolabilidad” del lugar.

Más temprano, organizaciones humanitarias informaron que ascendieron a cuatro los muertos durante las protestas desde la sublevación del martes y Maduro insistió en mostrar su cercanía con los militares

al participar en una caminata con el alto mando y varios miles de miembros inferiores en el fuerte Tiuna, el mayor de Caracas.

“Ha llegado la hora de combatir”, dijo el mandatario en un discurso que difundió la televisora estatal.

Maduro pidió a los uniformados demostrar que en Venezuela hay una fuerza armada “leal, cohesionada, unida como nunca antes” y exhortó que se detenga a los “golpistas” que participaron en la sublevación del 30 de abril.

Tras el anuncio del arresto de López, el máximo tribunal señaló en un comunicado la apertura de un proceso contra el primer vicepresidente de la Asamblea Nacional, diputado opositor **Edgar Zambrano**, por los delitos de traición a la patria, conspiración, instigación a la insurrección, rebelión civil, concierto para delinquir, usurpación de funciones e instigación pública.

En la decisión se señala que Zambrano, quien acompañó a Guaidó durante el alzamiento militar, habría incurrido en la “comisión flagrante de delitos comunes”. En la sentencia se ordena a la Fiscalía General que continúe la tramitación de la causa penal y se remite el caso a la oficialista Asamblea Nacional Constituyente para que determine las acciones.

El mes pasado la Constituyente retiró la inmunidad a Guaidó, quien es jefe del Congreso, y autorizó su enjuiciamiento por desacatar una orden del máximo tribunal que le prohibía salir del país.

El alzamiento del martes tuvo poca adhesión entre los integrantes de las fuerzas armadas pero fue la amenaza más seria hasta la fecha al cuestionado mandato de Maduro.

El académico **Benigno Alarcón**, director del Centro de Estudios Políticos y de Gobierno de la Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, dijo a The Associated Press que las declaraciones del mandatario evidencian un “nivel de preocupación” y la existencia de “dudas sobre la lealtad de los sectores militares” que con su apoyo le permitieron a Maduro superar las crisis que enfrentó en su primer sexenio.

“Hay muchas dudas sobre hasta dónde (los militares) lo van acompañar y sobre lo que puede estar pasando”, indicó Alarcón y agregó que dentro de los cuarteles debe haber un debate sobre “si se mantiene una lealtad incondicional a Maduro o si se retorna a la neutralidad institucional que siempre debió haber privado en la fuerza armada”.

En los últimos años han

surgido rumores sobre el descontento en los cuarteles debido a la crisis económica que golpea al país. El año pasado se reportó la detención de más de un centenar de oficiales, entre ellos algunos generales y tenientes coroneles, lo que alentó las versiones de malestar en las fuerzas armadas.

Luego de la crisis que se desató cuando Guaidó se declaró en enero presidente interino de Venezuela y denunció que Maduro estaba usurpando el cargo, resurgieron las versiones de malestar cuando más de 1.000 militares huyeron a Colombia. En ese momento el ministro de la Defensa, general en jefe **Vladimir Padrino López**, y el resto del alto mando militar expresaron su pleno apoyo al gobernante, lo que dispuso por un tiempo la incertidumbre.

Tras la fracasada sublevación, que según las autoridades fue encabezada por un pequeño grupo de miembros de la Guardia Nacional, policías y dirigentes opositores, se registraron manifestaciones antigubernamentales que culminaron en enfrentamientos entre opositores y las fuerzas de seguridad.

Las protestas de los últimos dos días han dejado cuatro muertos, 230 heridos y 205 detenciones, según registros de las organizaciones humanitarias Observatorio Venezolano de Conflictividad Social y Foro Penal.

Caracas amaneció el jueves en calma y los comercios, empresas y escuelas retornaron a sus actividades.

El ministro de Comunicación, **Jorge Rodríguez**, informó que se mantendrá el horario laboral y educativo restringido hasta las 14 horas en atención al plan de racionamiento que impuso el mes pasado el gobierno tras un apagón nacional que generó fallas en el sistema eléctrico.

A pesar de contar con unas de las mayores reservas de petróleo del mundo, Venezuela está sumida en una profunda crisis económica que se ha extendido por cinco años, una severa escasez de bienes básicos y una hiperinflación que el Fondo Monetario Internacional estima que podría alcanzar este año 10.000.000%.

Las dificultades económicas han desatado una crisis social y la migración de más del 10% de la población, unos tres millones de personas.

## López Obrador promete justicia en caso de periodista muerto

CIUDADDE MÉXICO, 2 V 19 (AP): El presidente **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** afirmó el jueves que los homicidios de periodistas en México no quedarán impunes, y le dijo al hijo de un reportero asesinado que le coordinó un encuentro con el fiscal general de la República, **Alejandro Gertz Manero**.

**Carlos Domínguez** le pidió ayuda a López Obrador durante la conferencia de prensa matutina que el presidente da todos los días. El padre de Domínguez, del mismo nombre, era un periodista de larga trayectoria que fue asesinado a puñaladas a plena luz del día en enero de 2018 en el centro de la ciudad de Nuevo Laredo, frontera con Estados Unidos.

Domínguez dice que el

autor intelectual del homicidio fue el exalcalde de Nuevo Laredo, **Carlos Canturosas**, a quien el periodista ahora asesinado investigaba por presunta malversación de fondos. Canturosas rechaza estar implicado en el crimen.

“Estoy desesperado. Tengo miedo”, dijo Domínguez hijo. “Ayúdeme, señor presidente, a encontrar justicia para mí papá”.

Seis hombres fueron arrestados el año pasado en relación al caso, entre ellos un tío de Canturosas. Uno de los acusados falleció en la cárcel el mes pasado, aparentemente de un ataque cardíaco.

López Obrador dijo que su gobierno solicitaría a la Fiscalía General de la República que atraiga el caso, el cual está actualmente en la fiscalía del estado de

Tamaulipas. La Fiscalía Especial para la Atención de Delitos cometidos contra la Libertad de Expresión, que da seguimiento a homicidios contra periodistas y pertenece a la Fiscalía General de la República, participa en el caso, pero la Procuraduría (fiscalía) General de Justicia de Tamaulipas encabezaba las investigaciones.

“Tiene que terminarse la impunidad”, declaró López Obrador.

Domínguez hijo también solicitó la intervención del presidente, porque una hermana de Canturosas se ha postulado a un cargo legislativo estatal como candidata del partido Morena de López Obrador. El presidente respondió que no podía meterse en asuntos electorales en Tamaulipas.

## Alarmed states work to avoid vast undercount in 2020 census

By **MICHAEL R. BLOOD** and **GEOFF MULVIHILL**, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, May 2, 2019 (AP): Many states are spending millions to make sure their residents fill out next year’s census form.

One main reason is that activists and others fear that a question about citizenship that the Trump administration wants to add to the

form could scare off Hispanics and other immigrants.

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## EEUU revisa junta que supervisa las finanzas de Puerto Rico

Por DANICA COTO, Associated Press

SANJUAN, 2V 19 (AP): Los legisladores de Estados Unidos revisan a conciencia el trabajo de una junta federal de control que fue creada por el Congreso para supervisar las finanzas de Puerto Rico, entre quejas de algunos funcionarios de que es ineficaz y le ha costado al gobierno de la isla millones de dólares en gastos operativos.

El Comité de Recursos Naturales de la Cámara de Representantes de Estados Unidos en Washington escuchó el jueves el testimonio de varias personas, entre ellas el gobernador de Puerto Rico, Ricardo Rosselló, quien pidió que la junta ya no estuviera involucrada en los procedimientos para reestructurar la deuda en instancias en las que su gobierno puede llegar a acuerdos con los acreedores.

El gobernador acusó a la junta de excederse en sus atribuciones, diciendo que estaba en "una cruzada" para recortar las pensiones públicas y negaba peticiones para ciertos recursos en plena recesión de la isla, que ya lleva 12 años. Criticó varias medidas de austeridad impuestas por la junta, diciendo que obstaculizarían el crecimiento económico.

"Hay una narrativa ingenua y problemática de que el gobierno no está haciendo su trabajo, de que nos negamos a efectuar reformas estructurales, y que la junta de supervisión es la solución para administrar la mala gestión", dijo el gobernador.

Rosselló también criticó a la junta por presentar 230 demandas esta semana contra diversas compañías que han ofrecido servicios al gobierno

de Puerto Rico. En las demandas se afirma que los pagos fueron ilegales según un código de bancarrota y la ley puertorriqueña.

"¿Cómo se supone que el gobierno de Puerto Rico reciba bienes y servicios si todo el mundo debetemer un acoso con litigios?", dijo Rosselló.

Habló pocas horas después de que la junta anunciara que también había demandado a más de 20 bancos, despachos legales y otros, en un intento por recuperar las cuotas que éstos ganaron al ayudar a emitir casi 9.000 millones de dólares en bonos de Puerto Rico. La junta dijo que sus objetivos son recuperar más de 1.000 millones de dólares de los tenedores de bonos emitidos por arriba del límite de la deuda de Puerto Rico.

La directora ejecutiva de la junta de supervisión, Natalie Jaresko, dijo durante la audiencia que la junta ha reestructurado aproximadamente 30% de la deuda pública de más de 70.000 millones de dólares de la isla. Añadió que el trabajo de la junta sólo se concluirá cuando el gobierno logre presupuestos equilibrados durante cuatro años y recupere el acceso a los mercados de capital.

Criticó al gobierno de Rosselló por no implementar reformas cruciales incluidas en un plan fiscal cuyo objetivo es reanimar la economía de la isla.

"Los planes fiscales no son un menú selectivo del que se pueden elegir, rechazar o ignorar opciones", dijo.

"Entiendo que muchos en el Congreso esperaban que la mala gestión de Puerto Rico fuera arreglada y que la isla fuese enderezada inmediatamente,

pero 40 años de mala gestión fiscal no se pueden corregir en tres años", dijo después Jaresko.

Martín Guzmán, un economista en la Universidad de Columbia, testificó que las políticas de la junta han estado más alineadas con los grupos de bonistas que con los puertorriqueños.

"Deja un legado de deuda y riesgo que podría socavar el futuro de la economía de Puerto Rico", agregó.

Guzmán dijo que los inversionistas que compraron bonos en Puerto Rico respaldados por un impuesto local al valor agregado en los meses posteriores al paso del huracán María han obtenido "enormes ganancias".

La audiencia fue conducida por el representante demócrata Raúl Grijalva, quien dijo que el Congreso no ha hecho lo suficiente para ayudar a que Puerto Rico supere su crisis económica y se recupere del huracán María.

"Esta administración actual ha estado oculta de la vista y de la mente", dijo.

A principios de esta semana, la mayoría republicana del Senado ofreció una nueva propuesta para un proyecto de ley de recuperación de desastres que lleva tiempo estancado, con el cual Puerto Rico obtendría 304 millones de dólares adicionales de un total de 431 millones de dólares para paliar los daños causados por las tormentas de 2017.

Los demócratas han estado exigiendo más fondos para ayudar a reparar el sistema de aguas de Puerto Rico y proporcionar apoyo a la isla para recuperación de desastres con términos más generosos.

## Antonio Meza al frente de la Comisión Nacional de Libros de Texto Gratuito en México

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

CIUDADEMEXICO: Antonio Meza Estrada, ex Cónsul de México en Detroit (marzo 2002 a febrero de 2006), es ahora el Director General de la Comisión Nacional de Libros de Texto Gratuito (Conaliteg), la cual cumplió el pasado mes de febrero 60 años de haberse creado.

Cabe destacar que el Dr. Meza ocupó la misma posición de 1994 a 1999 y regresar a la Conaliteg después de 20 años, representa un reto muy grande. "Haber estado aquí previamente me permitió hacer cambios importantes en su momento como por ejemplo, modificamos la planta que se encontraba ubicada en la Ciudad de México y creamos un almacén nuevo en un parque industrial de Querétaro. También modernizamos el almacén en Tlalneantla, Estado de México, con capacidad para 100 millones de libros.

Modernizamos toda el área de educación indígena y braille, la cual no existía en ese entonces. Creamos el libro de secundaria porque no había y en 1997 nos tocó implementar ese programa. Con todos esos retos que se hicieron en ese entonces, ahora es más fácil entender cómo funciona esta Comisión pero todavía no sabemos exactamente el rumbo que tendrán los libros de texto el próximo año, estamos en proceso de revisión", declaró en entrevista exclusiva para La Prensa.

Fue en el mes de diciembre de 2018 que Antonio Meza asumió nuevamente la posición de Director General de la Conaliteg y en este momento se encuentran en fase de preparación para el próximo ciclo escolar que inicia el mes de Agosto.

Todo el material educativo se encuentra en revisión. Se espera que en un par de semanas se tenga una visión más clara de las actualizaciones que tendrán los libros de texto para los próximos ciclos escolares.

Cabe destacar que una vez que estén listos los libros, comenzará su distribución tanto en México como en Estados Unidos, a través de la red de Consulados Mexicanos, ya que Meza Estrada inició en 1995 el programa de libros de texto gratuito en Estados Unidos. Gracias a eso las comunidades mexicanas en el exterior pueden apoyar a sus hijos con la educación en casa en su propio idioma, e incrementar el uso correcto del español.

"Normalmente la distribución de los libros

se hace al mismo tiempo en ambos países; se mandan los libros a la frontera y cada Consulado envía por ellos. Los de California llegan por Tijuana-Mexicali; los Estados del Centro se abastecen por Juárez y los Estados de la Costa Este por Laredo o Matamoros. México manda los libros a esos puntos y cada Consulado se encarga de recogerlos", agregó el funcionario mexicano. "De acuerdo a los programas educativos de cada representación, se realizan convenios para la entrega de libros a diferentes distritos escolares y centros culturales mexicanos".

Cabe destacar que cuando el Dr. Meza asumió la dirección de la Conaliteg en 1994, se imprimían 113 millones de libros al año y en 1999 cuando concluyó su mandato, eran 168 millones de libros por año; ahora se están repartiendo 180 millones de libros cada año. Es importante señalar que actualmente se reparten libros de texto para preescolar, primaria, secundaria, bachillerato; así como de inglés, educación indígena (con la intención de garantizar una educación con equidad se producen libros en 64 lenguas indígenas), libros en formato microtipo -para estudiantes con baja visión-, y libros en Braille. Incluso han aumentado mucho los libros de apoyo para los maestros.

Entre otras cosas, la Conaliteg brinda atención a los Estados en la adquisición de libros para secundaria y genera nuevas ideas para modernizar la inclusión de los libros.

Trayectoria Meza Estrada es Doctor en Sociología por la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México 1989-1993. Cuenta con Maestría en Administración Educativa por San Diego State University; Diplomado por El Banco Mundial; programa de Becas Robert S. McNamara. Licenciado en Sociología por la Universidad Autónoma de Baja California. Maestro especializado en Matemáticas y Profesor de Educación Primaria.

Como amante de la educación, ha forjado una extraordinaria carrera profesional dejando un gran legado en cada puesto que ocupa. Previo al Conaliteg fue Director del Instituto Ortega Vasconcelos en México del 2008 a 2018, donde se impartieron programas educativos a nivel maestría, enfocados en las ciencias



políticas y sociales.

Del 2002 al 2006 fue Cónsul de México en Detroit. Durante los años 2000 y 2002, se desempeñó como Cónsul General en El Paso Texas. Sobre sus vivencias en el cargo, escribe el libro "Política Exterior de Facto: experiencias en el Consulado General de México en El Paso, Texas". Ha escrito en los diarios; El Financiero, Síntesis de Puebla y Tlaxcala; el El Paso Times en Texas y Semanario Zeta de Tijuana.

Fue profesor de la cátedra "Organismos Internacionales de la Educación" en la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras de la UNAM; entre 1998 y 2000. Como Presidente de la Asociación de Bajacalifornianos en el DF inicia el programa de "Salud escolar", el cual consistente en detectar problemas de visión en niños que cursan educación básica y corregirlos, a través del donativo de lentes. (1995-1999)

Fue Secretario Particular del Dr. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, Secretario de Educación Pública (1992 y 1993). En este tiempo se establece el Acuerdo Nacional para la Modernización de la Educación Básica; se actualizan los planes y programas de estudio, así como los libros de texto de educación básica. Se publica la Ley General de Educación, vigente a la fecha.

A principios de la década de los ochenta, coordina la integración del "Plan Maestro de Educación", el cual asume la creación del Colegio de la Frontera Norte y el Colegio de Bachilleres de Baja California, el Instituto Tecnológico de Mexicali y el Centro de Tecnología Digital del Instituto Politécnico Nacional. En 1976 establece XHBA-FM, la radio de la Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, la cual dirigió durante cuatro años. En sus inicios como educador, fue Fundador y Director de la Escuela Secundaria Estatal # 50.

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**Progress Michigan names Senator Mallory McMorrow ‘Legislator of the Month’ for April**

LANSING, May 1, 2019: *Progress Michigan* has named *Senator Mallory McMorrow* its ‘Legislator of the Month’ for April. McMorrow was named for introducing *Senate Bill 284*, which would protect the rights of LGBTQ youth by prohibiting treatments that seek to force changes to sexual orientation or gender identity in individuals under the age of 18.

“Conversion therapy is a form of child abuse that seeks to manipulate children to force them to conform to the dominate cul-

ture and strip them of the ability to be who they are. This legislation should be given a hearing and vote as soon as possible. Michigan should join a growing list of states that have put these protections in place,” said *Lonnie Scott*, executive director of *Progress Michigan*.

“We applaud Senator McMorrow for introducing this important piece of legislation and proud to name her our legislator of the month.”

The Legislator of the



Month award is given to an elected official who demonstrates a commitment to a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

**Veteran Detained-Immigration - Advocacy groups file civil rights complaint against police**

GRAND RAPIDS, MI, 30 April 19 (AP): Immigrant and civil liberties advocacy groups have filed complaints against Grand Rapids police with the *Michigan Department of Civil Rights* in cases involving people of Latino descent.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan and the *Michigan Immigrant Rights Center* announced the actions on Tuesday. They allege the police department discriminated against a mentally ill war veteran in November and a 15-year-old boy last month.

The groups say in a release the department “can’t be trusted to police itself.”

They allege an officer violated the man’s rights by contacting immigration officials even though he’s a U.S. citizen. They add another officer did the same by drawing a gun on the teen, who jaywalked and pulled away when grabbed.

A spokeswoman for the city says its attorneys will review the complaints once they are received.

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## Escuela SMART Academy to join Toledo Public Schools

By La Prensa Staff

Toledo's only bilingual elementary charter school is about to become a public-school district academy. The Toledo Public Schools board of education formally agreed to take over Toledo SMART Bilingual School at a meeting held on Tuesday evening, April 23, 2019.

The charter school recently had begun marketing itself as *Escuela SMART Elementary*, a name change made over the winter. At the same time, school officials began looking for a new building to house the growing school, which was about to reach its maximum capacity of 250 students. But talks began in earnest with TPS officials in early March about a merger.

"This is definitely a win-win. When we first started, the whole purpose behind our school is because we knew Toledo needed this," said principal *Jessica Molina Kuhlman*. "Toledo needed a school that served Spanish-speaking families. When we realized we weren't going to be able to do that with the public-school system, we started our own school."

"We've been doing a great job the past five years—so much so that they've recognized the great work we're doing with this population. They recognize they didn't serve them that well. We needed a new building and TPS gets more resources than the typical charter school does. It's a win-win."

*Principal Jessica Molina Kuhlman* will remain in place, as will the administrative staff and teachers. But the charter school will become a magnet school, allowing TPS to recruit new students from outside the district. The school also will expand to include the sixth grade and a preschool. The school's capacity also will increase by more than 100 students when classes resume in the fall. TPS will gain back some of the student population it had lost recently.

"We can move up to the sixth grade, which is some-

thing we've always wanted to do. We will be able to have two classes per grade level, which is exciting," said Ms. Molina Kuhlman. "We will be able to have a preschool, which is something we haven't been able to have in our building. We even have the potential of moving up to the seventh and eighth grade in the future."

The bilingual school will relocate to what is now *Westfield School, 617 Western Ave.* That location currently services TPS special education students, who will move as district officials work on a separate partnership with a mental health agency. The official name of the new bilingual school will be *Escuela SMART Academy at Westfield*.

"There were a couple of other buildings out there, but this was the best option," she said.



Principal Jessica Molina Kuhlman

"The only question was how do we make it work? But we made it work. We'll continue to recruit just as we do now. We'll just have more space for more kids if they want to come."

Parents of current students will have to re-enroll them because of the move to TPS, but that likely won't be a problem. The staff ran out of more than 100 enrollment packets during a recent informational meeting held at Westfield School. The move to a new building also brings the school closer to the Broadway Corridor where most of its students and families currently reside.

There had been the potential for competition between two schools serving a similar population.

Latino leaders took it upon themselves to form what became Toledo SMART Bilingual School after failing to convince a prior TPS administrative team of the need. But since TPS adopted a transformation plan and Superinten-



*dent Romules Durant* took the helm, school district officials have talked about the possibility of forming a bilingual school over the past few years.

"We thought 'Why would you do that?' Dr. Durant talked a little bit about how this is the best option for taxpayer dollars," recalled Ms. Molina Kuhlman. "Why would you have two schools serving the same purpose. Why not just join forces and have one?"

According to Ms. Molina Kuhlman, the school takeover will occur rather rapidly. The TPS board of education officially will decide next steps at a special meeting Monday, April 29. The following day, the current school board will vote to relinquish the charter of Toledo SMART Bilingual School effective June 30, when the transition will be complete. A memorandum of understanding approved by both sides will seal the deal.

"I know that ODE's (Ohio Dept. of Education) five-year plan talked about ESL (English as a Second Language) students and better serving ESL students. So with that coming out, TPS realized that they needed to do a better job of it," said Ms. Molina Kuhlman. "So, it's just all of these things coming together and people deciding to work together. We still get to maintain some autonomy and independence while joining TPS."

Toledo is essentially the cradle of the charter school movement in Ohio, and, over time, many were set up to meet a need or fill an educational niche. The earliest—and now oldest—served the artistic community and autistic students. Public and charter school supporters have been at loggerheads for more than two decades—educationally, politically, and financially. Several such controversies over the years have made their way to the Ohio Statehouse

seeking solutions.

So, this merger, in the long run, may be viewed as groundbreaking, perhaps revolutionary.

"This is the first example we can find of this, where a charter school would collaborate with a traditional public school in such a way," noted Ms. Molina Kuhlman. "We believe we're paving the way for some charter schools and some traditional public schools to collaborate just as we did. It is innovative, because normally charter schools and public schools are adversar-

ies. "They don't work together. Charter schools are usually brought in for a specific purpose that didn't favor the public schools. I think we're really paving the way, making people realize that we're in it for the kids and if it's the best solution for the kids, that's all that matters."

Growth at the school won't happen immediately. The principal emphasized the need "to grow responsibly" according to the school's original plan, by adding one fifth and one sixth grade classroom each in the fall. That plan focuses on growing as the original students get older, because the school already has the oldest sibling in most of its Spanish-speaking families.

"I'm so excited. I think we've been working very hard just to prove how great of a school we are. We have the best families. They deserve it. We're out of space where we are currently," lamented Ms. Molina Kuhlman. "We don't have a playground. We don't have a gym. So that's what really sparked our interest, especially in Westfield Elementary. It's where we want to be."

## Headlines echo old master paintings in special curator-led tour at the Toledo Museum of Art

Curator *Larry Nichols* to explain connections in May 16 gallery tour

TOLEDO: Ohio - Centuries later, concepts and topics encountered in European old master paintings in the galleries of the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) often echo across today's headlines.



consider themes that are found both in today's news stories as well as in works of art.

"The talk will consider issues today's newspaper headlines and how they echo issues from centuries past," Nichols said. "Taking contemporary topics of that week, we will see how they relate to works of art from the TMA collection, examples of which have themes of warfare, love, right and wrong, and political discord and propaganda. It will be an engaging and thought-provoking tour, and I think it will give participants a new perspective on both the past and the present"

The tour is free. For more information, visit [toledomuseum.org](http://toledomuseum.org)

## Learn about Apollo 11 moon landing at Ritter Planetarium

The University of Toledo Ritter Planetarium is showing a new program in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.



"CAPCOM GO! The Apollo Story" is featured on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. from May 3 through July 26, 2019.

The program is an immersive historical documentary in full dome that showcases the achievement of the Apollo program and what it took to put the first human on the moon and return him safely to Earth. It introduces a new generation to the immense challenges they overcame and will inspire them to become the explorers, designers, engineers, thinkers and dreamers of the future.

This epic event on July 20, 1969, was a marvel of technology and human ingenuity," *Alex Mak*, associate director of UToledo

Ritter Planetarium, said. "This is an incredible opportunity for adults to relive the wonder, awe and excitement, but also for children to discover how we did it."

Admission to the program is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, senior citizens and UToledo community members. All children younger than four are free. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the show.

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## First Latino judge appointed since Judge Joseph Flores' death in NW Ohio

By La Prensa Staff

TOLEDO: When Alfonso J. "Jess" González of Maumee OH took the oath of judicial office on Friday, May 3, 2019, at 3PM, in Lucas County Common Pleas Court Room #5, he left the distinction of becoming the first Latino to sit on the bench in a Lucas County courtroom in well over a decade. He also will be only the second Latino judge in county history.

"It's a blessing and an honor to be considered by the governor for this role," he said.

Former Magistrate González described the appointment and its whirlwind aftermath as "exhilarating and daunting," especially considering he'll have to run for public office for the first time next year to retain the seat during a presidential election year.

González is replacing Judge Gene Zmuda, who was elected to the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals. He already had a court docket scheduled the same day he was sworn in as a judge, in front of his fellow judges, family, friends, and associates.

Domestic Relations Judge David Lewandowski administered the oath, with Mary Jane Flores holding the bible. The new Lucas County Common Pleas judge [General Division] used to clerk for Judge Lewandowski and then he became a magistrate. Mrs. Flores is the widow of Judge Joseph Flores, the first Latino on the bench in Lucas County [Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division].

He admitted he will have to get up to speed quickly on criminal law, an area he has not touched in several years—but one he'll face most often from the bench, "whether it's a murder case or some other felony."

"It's going to be a challenge. I welcome the challenge," he said. "I especially welcome the weight,

as a Hispanic, of something that rarely happens."

The distinction of becoming just the second Latino judge in Lucas County history is not lost on González. He recently went through an online roster listing all of Ohio's current judges at every level—all 721 of them—and only came up with three Latino-sounding surnames.

"When you talk about minority underrepresentation in professional fields, that's the very definition of it" he said. "I'm not saying they should put people in positions just because of the color of their skin. There's got to be qualified folks out there that are just not getting a shot. That just makes it more pleasurable for me to get the appointment, because it is so rare."

González also knows it has been nearly two decades since his Latino predecessor last served on the bench. Judge Joseph Flores was first elected to a seat on the Toledo Municipal Court bench and moved to Lucas County Juvenile Court about a decade later. He died in October of 2003 at age 69, after a year-long battle with liver cancer.

Both González and Flores are the sons of Mexican immigrants who trace their roots to migrant farm work. Beloved by the entire community, the late judge still casts a long shadow in both the legal and Latino community.

"I actually welcome the challenge of feeling that weight. I love it. It's exciting," he said. "I've had folks communicate to me that they're proud there's a Hispanic on the bench and long overdue. When he was on the bench, I didn't know a single Democrat or Republican who didn't like the man. Everybody loved him. I think he transcended politics. If I can be half the judge he was, I'll consider myself a success."

González was previ-

ously in private practice as an attorney when he was sworn in as a magistrate. He spent 12 of his 15-year law career as a lawyer, much of that handling family law and juvenile court cases. The other time he spent as a staff attorney for Judge Lewandowski. He also spent a year as an attorney at Sandusky County Job and Family Services.

The Findlay native is one of five siblings, the son of Mexican-American migrant farmworkers who met in Laredo, Texas and relocated to Northwest Ohio. His father later worked at Cooper Tire as a millwright for more than 30 years. His mom worked as a surgical assistant for a time, but spent most of her life as a homemaker.

González received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and masters of public administration from Bowling Green State University. He earned a law degree from the University of Toledo.

González, 50, has lived in Lucas County since 2001. He is married and has a 14-year old daughter. The former guardian ad litem will see a big change in his courtroom role when he becomes a county judge—impartiality. He openly admits he would advocate for solutions that best served the interests of children as a magistrate, especially during nasty custody battles and contentious divorce proceedings.

"I want to be patient and understanding. That's a big part to being an impartial judge," he said, pointing out he'd be adopting a similar style to the rest of the judges in Lucas County Common Pleas Court.

Judge Gary Cook was the master of ceremonies; Father Juan Francisco Molina of SS. Peter and Paul Parish gave the invocation. At the reception that followed, La Paloma served the pastries.



## OBITUARIES

Carlos Mancha

Carlos Mancha, 40, of Fostoria, OH passed away Thursday, Apr. 25, 2019 at the Toledo Hospital. Born in Fremont, OH on May 15, 1978, he is a son of Reyes Roberto and Petra (née Obregon) Mancha.

As a 1996 graduate of Gibsonburg High School, Carlos worked as a tool and die machinist, most recently at Filmtec Fabrications in Fostoria. Carlos enjoyed golfing, playing card games of chance and fishing. He was a Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Tigers fan. Carlos appreciated finding humor in things, making people laugh and having a joyful spirit. He'll be remembered for the love he had for his family and friends, especially his nieces and nephews.

Carlos leaves behind his mother Petra Hernández, of Gibsonburg; children Carlos II and Jorja; siblings Jaime (Rose) Mancha, Ida (Gerardo) Limon, all of Gibsonburg, Norma (PJ Shaw) Mancha of Toledo, and Ben (Dawn Chesnutte) Mancha of Fremont; nieces and nephews, Jaime (Nichole and her son Miguel) Mancha II, Elena, Nina, Benjamin II, Daniel his Godson and Israel; special friend, Angela; and her children, Sonia, Kaitlin, Emilio and Miranda, whom he loved as his own.

He is preceded in death by his father, Reyes; and infant son Robert. Burial is at St. Lawrence/St. Michael Cemetery, Gibsonburg.

Source: Herman-Veh Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Gibsonburg.

## Fallece el músico venezolano Juan Vicente Torrealba

CARACAS, 2V19 (AP): Juan Vicente Torrealba, arpista y compositor cuyo distintivo sonido le dio a la música llanera venezolana tradicional un estilizado toque sinfónico que influyó a generaciones de folkloristas, falleció el jueves, anunciaron sus familiares. Tenía 102 años. "En nombre de la familia Torrealba cumplimos con el penoso deber de informarles el fallecimiento del Maestro Don Juan Vicente Torrealba. Rodeado de sus hijos y nietos en la paz de su hermoso

hogar", dijeron sus familiares a través de la cuenta en Twitter del músico, sin dar otros detalles.

Nacido el 20 de febrero de 1917 en una populosa barriada del centro de Caracas y criado desde los ocho meses en las llanuras del estado central de Guárico, Torrealba grabó 130 álbumes y compuso más de 300 canciones.

La experimentación fue su marca personal. Piezas como "Concierto en la Llanura" demostraron las posibilidades de los ritmos tradicionales venezolanos para mezclarse

con otros sonidos e instrumentos, como los teclados, sin perder su carácter.

Entre sus otras composiciones destacan "Sinfonía en el palmar", "Mujer Guayanesa", "Barquisimeto" y "La potra zaina".

En 2014 recibió un Premio Especial de la Academia Latina de la Grabación, otorgado a personalidades que han realizado importantes contribuciones en el campo de la grabación durante sus carreras.

## Día de las Madres

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Si se diera la situación que un caso requiere seguimiento, la persona interesada debe hablar con nosotros para hacerle una valoración socioeconómica y determinar su grado de vulnerabilidad porque hay personas que tienen una situación apretada pero hay otras que pueden estar peor y nosotros destinamos el recurso exclusivamente a quienes no tienen tanta solvencia económica".

Para concluir, el funcionario destacó la importancia de este evento para celebrar el día de las madres, ya que en México el festejo es el 10 de mayo. "Las madres deben estar bien informadas para identificar una situación de violencia y saber qué autoridades u organismos les puedan ayudar de manera gratuita para poder obtener un beneficio migratorio o bien, que reciban respaldo de la policía en caso de golpes, maltrato psicológico, o abuso sexual".

Fernando González Saiffe.

Cónsul titular, será quién de la bienvenida a todas las asistentes. También Brenda García Reséndiz, Cónsul de documentación y Rubén Millán Mayorga, Administrador, estarán presentes para dar un mensaje. Entre las asociaciones participantes se encuentran: Ellas, Centro Multicultural La Familia, Palmer Rey, Matrix, Zumba, Pepe Styles, Chass, La Vida, Mi Pueblo, Strong, Brilliant Detroit.

## Progress Michigan grows, moves west

MICHIGAN, May 6, 2019: To expand both coverage of the Great Lakes Beacon, and Progress Michigan's presence on the west side of the state, Progress Michigan announced today two new hires: Cayley Winters, a West Michigan Communications Organizer, and Evan Kutz, a Multimedia Reporter for Great Lakes Beacon.

The hires are examples of how Progress Michigan has grown over the last several years. The progressive advocacy and communications hub already has offices in Lansing and Detroit and the expansion to West Michigan represents a commitment to reaching the entire state.

Cayley Winters is a Michigan State University alumna, with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science; she has six years of experience in political organizing, starting her political career as a volunteer with Planned Parenthood

of Michigan. Her biggest passions lie in reproductive justice and healthcare reform. Originally from Battle Creek, she now resides in Kalamazoo.

"I can't wait to take the lessons I gained while organizing in Lansing the last few years and bring it home to my old stomping grounds on the westside," Ms. Winters said. "Progress Michigan's goal of lifting up progressive voices and empowering grassroots organizations is needed in West Michigan and I'm excited to get to work in the community."

The hiring of a multimedia reporter for the Great Lakes Beacon, an independent news outlet, which is a project of Progress Michigan, will take the publication in a new direction focused more on video storytelling.

Evan Kutz recently graduated from Michigan State University's School of Journalism, where he studied environmental reporting and documentary filmmaking. Kutz's



favorite stories to tell feature folks acting as agents for change in their communities.

"At the Great Lakes Beacon, I'm excited to share the stories of real, everyday Michiganders who are doing the hard work to change their communities and push for progressive change," Kutz said. "There are stories across this state that aren't being told and I look forward to lifting up those voices."

"Progress Michigan continues to grow in both staff size and influence and I am proud to welcome Cayley and Evan to our team," said Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan. "They bring passion for progressive causes and a skillset that will make our organization that much better."



## Minorities named Miss USA and runners-up in pageant

By SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev., May 2, 2019 (AP) — Cheslie Kryst, a 27-year-old lawyer from North Carolina who represents prison inmates for free, won the 2019 Miss USA title Thursday night in a diverse field that included teachers, nurses, and members of the military.

Alejandra González of New Mexico was the first-runner up, and Oklahoma's Triana Browne the second-runner up during the competition in Reno, Nevada.

Ms. Kryst earned a law degree and an M.B.A. at Wake Forest University before becoming a civil litigation attorney

who does pro bono work to reduce sentences for inmates. She said during the final round that she was glad to be competing in Nevada partly because it's the first and only state in the nation with female majorities in both houses of the state legislature.

Earlier, she told a story of how she'll never forget the time a judge at a law conference told her to wear a skirt instead of pants because judges prefer skirts. She said her colleagues at her law firm back home in North Carolina were having a watch-party Thurs-

day night to see how she did on television.

"Glass ceilings can be broken wearing either a skirt or pants," Ms. Kryst said.

She and Ms. González faced each other holding hands during the moments

before the winner was announced, then embraced with the news.

Ms. Browne helped underscore the wide diversity among the 51 contestants, saying she's a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation whose father is white and mother is African American. She's in a partnership with Nike to promote a brand that celebrates Native American heritage.

Ms. González, whose mother immigrated to the United States from Mexico, has a master's degree in accounting and founded a non-profit that teaches

children the importance of being literate.

Nevada's Tianna Tuamoheloa, who made it to the final five, was the first woman of Samoan descent to ever compete in the event that dates to 1952. Savannah Skidmore, a former state basketball champion from Arkansas who has a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo and is pursuing a law degree, also made the final five.

Ms. Kryst, who advances to the Miss Universe competition, was crowned by 2018 Miss USA Sarah Rose Summers of Nebraska.



Cheslie Kryst



Alejandra González



Triana Browne

## WGTEFM 91 celebrates 30 Years of Jazz Spectrum with Fritz Byers, May 8

TOLEDO, May 6, 2019: WGTEFM 91's Jazz Spectrum is celebrating its 30th year on air. In honor of the show's success, WGTE will be hosting a celebratory event with live Jazz music, food, drinks, and more.

The event will be held at Firepit Grille on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. Along with a brief tribute to the show's host, there will be a performance from the Scott Potter Band starting at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Hosted by Fritz Byers, Jazz Spectrum is a loose and flowing tour through



the history of the music, showcasing the wondrous diversity of jazz and the virtuosity of the musicians who play it.

The program encourages listeners to find new music from the show itself but also in the unexpected places Jazz occurs. "Jazz shows up in all

sorts of unexpected places in the broader culture and you can find it almost anywhere," Byers said.

This event and other WGTE Public Media events can be found online at: [www.wgte.org/events](http://www.wgte.org/events).

## Latino Youth Summit to be held at University of Toledo

By La Prensa Staff

The annual Latino Youth Summit (LYS) will draw more than 500 Northwest Ohio middle and high school students to the University of Toledo over two days in mid-May. The 17th annual event is considered the largest gathering of Latino students in the region.

The LYS registration deadline has been extended to Tuesday, April 24, 2019. The summit annually provides college planning and career path information through sessions about pre-high school and pre-college coursework and information about various occupational fields. Emphasis is placed on the importance of skills in science, math and technology in the current job market.

The summit also includes hands-on activities in nursing and pharmacy, engineering, health professions, health and wellness, and real-world personal finance. The students also are given a mini-preview of the UT campus.

Middle school students will attend the first day of the Latino Youth Summit on Tuesday, May 14. Those sixth through eighth grade students from Toledo Public Schools and elsewhere are bused directly to campus and spend most of their time in the student union. But campus tours are part of

the day's hands-on activities.

High school students then head to the UT campus for the summit's second day on Wednesday, May 15. Those students will have access to a college fair, as well as the usual activities where they explore various career and educational pathways. Students also receive a free T-shirt.

Results of studies show that preparation for college success needs to begin early and must be sustained throughout a student's academic career. One goal of the Summit is to address the Latino achievement gap in northwest Ohio, and the reality of a growing Latino population.

The summit's first goal is to get Latino students to even consider college, by showing them all of their options after high school. Volunteers also will talk to students about the Latino-oriented supports on the UT campus once there, such as mentoring by other Latino students and successful adults attached to the UT alumni affiliate. Retention and completion activities are just as important as recruitment these days for the overall success of Latino students.

The summit each year features a keynote speaker with

ties to the Latino community who share their story of success in overcoming adversity. The speech includes a message of hope to inspire the student audience to reach higher. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. German Garcia-Fresco, otherwise known as Dr. Fresco. He is a neuroscientist and entrepreneur from California, who will speak to students about "10 Things I Didn't Learn in School."

LYS also will welcome new partners from UT's Biology Department, the College of Health and Human Services, and Huntington Bank.

Students are bussed to the UT campus from their home school districts. Those attending the summit are held to a code of conduct. The same behavioral rules apply as the ones at their home school. A three-strike system is in place, up to and including dismissal from the summit.

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

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## Sybrina Fulton [‘Saving Our Sons, Saving Our Lives’] to speak at the SeaGate Centre on May 25

TOLEDO: As part of NHA’s Sister Care Series, Ms. Sybrina Fulton will be the keynote speaker at the Seagate Center on Saturday, May 25, 2019. The speaking engagement titled “Saving Our Sons, Saving Our Lives” is set to begin at 1:00 pm with a Q&A session immediately following.

Ms. Fulton is dedicating her life to transforming family tragedy into improving opportunities for children. After the death of her 17 yr. old son, Trayvon Martin in 2012, Fulton has become an inspiring spokesperson for parents and concerned citizens across the country.

Ms. Fulton’s message not only appeals to people’s hearts as it relates to children, but it is also one of hope and change, exemplified by her personal endeavors. By sharing her personal and powerful

story, she has encouraged diverse audiences – from colleges and legal professionals to community and family organizations – to become more educated on ways to keep their loved ones safe and empower themselves to become catalysts for social change. Come hear her message of peace, hope, and moving forward.

Ms. Fulton is a Miami native and a graduate of Florida Memorial University. She is the founder of Circle of Mothers, a support group for mothers who have lost a child to gun violence. An inspiring and honest speaker, Ms. Fulton looks forward to sharing her message with the Toledo community and all supporters of social justice.

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## Message delivered to legislators: ‘Home Is Where the Health Is’

At the Area Office on Aging’s April 29, 2019 Legislative Breakfast, the agency and its partners shined a spotlight on how they are helping older adults live healthy and long lives one home at a time. Over 200 elected officials, community leaders and organizations serving older adults were joined together at the Area Office on Aging’s Legislative Breakfast at Parkway Place in Maumee, Ohio.

Area Office on Aging President/CEO, Billie Johnson said, “The Area Office on Aging and its partners have focused for decades on social determinants of health like nutrition, socialization, economic stability and housing.”

“Research shows that these social determinants have a greater impact on an individual’s health and longevity than the healthcare provided at a doctor’s office or hospital or even their own genetics. Health systems, public officials and others are becoming increasingly aware of this as well.”

A few of the older adults whose health and lives have been positively impacted by the work of the Area Office on Aging and its partners in providing safe, affordable and accessible housing shared their stories in a video that was shown at the event and can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/toledoaging](http://www.youtube.com/toledoaging)

Included in the video were older adults who were homeless before having a subsidized apartment to call their home. Edith Coltrane from

Toledo also shared her story about how the Area Office on Aging’s home repair program helped improve her life.

After receiving help from the home repair program, Edith said, “I can take showers now and I can wash dishes. Everything is great now, you know. It’s not like living in a home where you can’t do things. I would have to go to my daughter’s house and take a shower, because it was that bad, you know and I feel like I am whole again and I feel great.”

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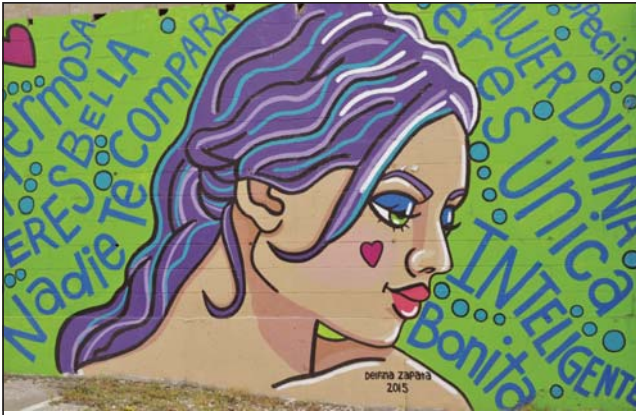


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### Artful Mother's Day at the Cleveland Museum of Art

CLEVELAND, May 6, 2019: The Cleveland Museum of Art hosts a day of programs to celebrate Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 2019. Highlights include free admission for mom to the special exhibition *Shinto: Discovery of the Divine in Japanese Art*.

A special *Mother's Day brunch* will be available for purchase at Provenance, the museum's fine dining restaurant. Visitors can also enjoy guided tours of the collection, a curated and dynamic view of works celebrating mom in ARTLENS Gallery and art-making activities for the entire family.

Stroll through the tree-lined walkways of the *Fine Arts Garden*—masterfully designed by the firm of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, the designer of Central Park in New York City—to view sculptural highlights including Edith Barretto Stevens Parsons' *Turtle*



*Baby*, Malvina Hoffman's *Boy and Panther Cub* and Chester A. Beach's *Twelve Signs of the Zodiac and Fountain of the Waters*.

Hayet's *Banks of the Oise at Dawn*, one of the CMA's most recently acquired works.

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### LCCAA will dedicate bike shop building to Ronald Nabakowski

Lorain County Community Action Agency will hold a June 22, 2019 dedication of the 1902 Modern Building (101 W. 10th St.) at its new bike shop in memory of an agency champion.

The Ronald Nabakowski Youth Center will house the LCCAA Bike Shop as well as space for youth development programming, announced LCCAA President and CEO Jackie Boehlein.

"Ron's life was truly one of service to others," Boehlein said. "He wanted to make lives and communities better and he did that while teaching others how to do it too. Ron loved learning and sharing his knowledge. I was fortunate to have him as a mentor."

Nabakowski served on the LCCAA Board of Directors from 2005 to 2016, including two years as its chair. He also served 14 years as Clerk of Courts, then became Lorain city auditor in 1972.

Nabakowski was appointed to the Ohio Senate in 1977, serving there until becoming a Lorain County Commissioner in 1982. Three years later, he resigned to become director of the Ohio State Lottery.

From 1990 to 2000, he ran a private consulting business while also privately battling Lou Gehrig's Disease (or ALS) which confined him to a wheelchair. He died June 10, 2016, at age 74.

The shop, to be named simply the *LCCAA Bike Shop*, will be operated by participants in LCCAA's youth services program,

men and women ages 16 to 24. As part of the program, they will gain valuable work experience and practical skills repairing bikes. The shop will become operational over the summer months.



"We are beyond excited to start building inventory and get the bike shop fully running," said Director of Planning and Community Services, Frank Prihoda. "The youth have been working at the Elyria Bicycle Education Center to learn how to use tools and help customers. Now that we will have the building, we will be able to bring everything together."

"When we relocated our administrative and utility assistance offices to 936 Broadway, the bike shop building was part of the property deal," Boehlein added. "It was a derelict little structure crying out to be saved. Because Ron always believed Broadway would bustle again, his legacy provided the inspiration for this endeavor. He taught me that you fix things one thing at a time and let all those things add up. Our youth are now getting to be part of that something bigger."

Donations are being accepted to the bike shop's tool fund via a GoFundMe

campaign. The link can be found at [www.lccaa.net/donate](http://www.lccaa.net/donate). An announcement will be made that used bicycles are being accepted once construction is complete.

The LCCAA Bike Shop will partner with the *Go Lorain bike share initiative* with the Lorain County Public Health Department, Lorain Public Library System, and the Lorain County Metro Parks. The youth-operated shop will repair and maintain bicycles available for library patrons to check out.

The upper level of the *Ronald Nabakowski Youth Center* will be used for group mentoring sessions, meetings featuring guest speakers and more. The youth-operated Care Cupboard, which provides food and personal care items to area residents in need, will also move to the building.

The June 22 public event, schedule from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will include a ribbon cutting, building tours, giveaways, light refreshments, and more.

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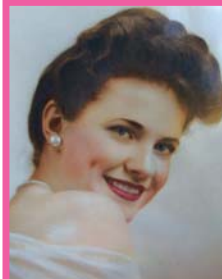
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**Spanish American Committee luncheon focuses on hurricane help**

By La Prensa Staff

On May 3, 2019, the Spanish American Committee of Cleveland (SAC) hosted its first fundraiser luncheon, focusing on life after Hurricane María, which devastated Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, 2017, and sent almost 200,000 people scurrying for the U.S. mainland in its aftermath.

“Nuestra Comunidad Hispana” held at Tremont Cityside Ballroom, 2187 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, raised about \$21,000, according to organizers.

Its agenda included: luncheon, welcoming remarks by its executive director Ramonita Várgas, a Lincoln West Global Studies presentation by Board Chair José Meléndez, testimonials from Hurricane María survivors, and keynote remarks by Magda Gómez.

Guests had the opportunity to hear firsthand experiences from survivors Hermindy González, Yamilka Montilla, Daniel Vásquez, and Nancy Vásquez.

Proceeds from the event will help the Spanish American Committee replenish its accounts, which suffered a huge financial drain from the sheer number of Puerto Rican hurricane refugees who needed help.

Magda Gómez, director of diversity and inclusion at Cuyahoga Community College [Tri-C], focused her remarks on the efforts of

¡Bienvenidos a Cleveland!, an initiative that includes 25 community-based agencies to coordinate services for hurricane victims. Tri-C, SAC, Esperanza Inc., and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District initially joined together to align efforts and facilitate access to resources for Puerto Rican individuals and families who resettled in metro Cleveland following the Hurricane in September 2017.

“We, as a community, were rallying to help support the islands by doing all types of water and food drives here and, as you might imagine, there were a lot of fundraising efforts. Even the Cleveland Foundation stepped up and donated funds to the islands,” said Ms. Magda Gómez. “What we did not see immediately was an influx of individuals coming here to resettle or just to escape the devastation.”

“People do follow families and that’s how a lot of Puerto Ricans, a lot of people in general from the Hispanic culture, follow their families,” Ms. Gómez explained. Cleveland has a large Puerto Rican population.

The president of Tri-C had been president of Allegheny College in New Orleans when that community in New Orleans was devastated by its hurricane and the destructive forces that followed. So Tri-C became “the convener of all the supporting agencies and

resources, bringing them together to form a collaboration,” according to Ms. Gómez. That collaboration would become known as ¡Bienvenidos a Cleveland!

“Cleveland is a welcoming community,” Alex Johnson, Tri-C president said at the time. “We are coming together to provide whatever these families need to bring a sense of normalcy back to their lives.”

The challenges facing those families have been enormous—securing housing, as many of the displaced families have little or no income, along with employment, transportation, medical assistance, enrolling children in school, food, household items, and other needs.

A checklist of those needs was formed, while agencies pledged to meet specific needs. A website went up with all of the available help and contacts listed. A lot of networking resulted among agencies.

“At one point we identified mental health issues had surfaced post-hurricane, six to eight months afterward and brought together mental health providers,” said Ms. Gómez. “We had to figure out how best to support families and individuals of all ages, because what we found out was young children were experiencing PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder].”

Since then, support groups

of hurricane victims have been formed, so they can lean on each other for emotional support and share how they’re coping with a new home in northern Ohio.

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Cleveland City Council member Jasmin Santana also have convened a housing resettlement committee, which brings housing advocates together to find out where the housing concerns continue to be for hurricane victims and identify an inventory of housing that’s available for Puerto Rican families—from rental units to homes that can be purchased as a permanent residence.

“We had one family announce they were able to buy their first home and everyone applauded, responding with resounding joy, because they were actually able to be resilient and remain here and start a life with their family,” recalled Ms. Gómez. “Now they’re also homeowners.”

Agencies found that some of the hurricane victims didn’t just come to the Cleveland metro area straight from the islands. Some relocated there after first going to another community, finding the cost of living in Northeast Ohio more to their liking after barely surviving elsewhere.

“These are the types of things that have resulted from a rallying together, the Spanish American Committee having most of the people come to them, because they are, in fact, the oldest and largest social service agency,” said Ms. Gómez. “But everyone has had a role to play with helping these families become established and feel welcome and a part of this community.”

Community donors covered the cost of caseworkers and student interns to track and help families with a wide array of needs. RTA donated bus tickets so Puerto Rico natives could travel to appointments, job interviews, and other obligations.

“It really truly was, back then and still today, remains a huge effort,” said Ms. Gómez. “People constantly still share



Magda Gómez, Jorge Ramos Pantoja, and Ramonita Várgas. More photos at [www.laprensa1.com](http://www.laprensa1.com)

information on our Facebook group—job fairs, food and clothing drives, and opportunities for people to get the services that they need.”

Hurricane María ranks as one of the worst natural disasters on record after killing 64 people and causing more than \$95 billion in damage to the United States territory. [Puerto Rico officials originally set the hurricane’s death toll at 64, but a more recent assessment of the data yielded an estimate closer to 3,000.]

An estimated 200,000 families eventually left the island to escape the ongoing humanitarian crisis that resulted after the hurricane itself. In a guest column published last year, Ms. Gómez estimated as many as 13,000 of those would resettle in Ohio, most of them in the northern part of the state and in Columbus where family is located, large populations of Puerto Ricans, and an existence of necessary support services.

SAC estimates it has helped 3,000 families from Puerto Rico since Hurricane María struck. But no one knows for certain how many families have resettled in Northeast Ohio and elsewhere.

“Knowing that there’s this huge population shift and it’s a historical shift for our Hispanic community, how do we figure out a way to be able to count people and know truly how many people are settled at least in the Greater Cleveland area?” asked Ms. Gómez?

The answer may lie with a

MetroHealth clinical psychologist who is working on a grant that will help do just that—hone in on the number of Puerto Ricans who have arrived, work with agency partners to identify numbers, and what their specific needs are, and try to do some sort of study where they all settled and the key areas where the collaboration was able to serve.

The website — [www.tri-c.edu/bienvenidosacle](http://www.tri-c.edu/bienvenidosacle) — continues to provide an online directory of agencies and organizations offering resources to arriving families. The goal is to ease their transition to Northeast Ohio. The website also features a half-dozen stories of individuals and families who have successfully resettled, labeled “Faces of Inspiration and Hope.”

The community partners involved with ¡Bienvenidos a Cleveland! continues to meet, with new challenges on the agenda. In addition to continued efforts to provide support for behavioral and mental health issues and ESL services, the next targets include increasing efforts for voter registration and ensuring Puerto Rican refugees get counted during the 2020 U.S. Census.

On the Internet: <https://www.spanishamerican.org/>  
[www.tri-c.edu/bienvenidosacle](http://www.tri-c.edu/bienvenidosacle)  
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## Affirmative action initiative passes Washington Legislature

By TOM JAMES, *The Associated Press*

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 28, 2019 (AP): An initiative to bring back a form of affirmative action in Washington has cleared final votes in the state House and Senate and is set to become law.

Initiative 1000 will allow minority candidates in state jobs, education and contracting, significantly loosening existing restrictions on targeted outreach and other forms of affirmative action. The measure passed the Senate on a 26-22 vote Sunday night after the House passed it 56-42.

Affirmative action has been illegal in Washington since a 1998 initiative overturned an earlier version of the policy.

The measure will allow consideration of factors like race, sex, ethnicity, and disability—but not as the sole qualifier for an otherwise less-qualified applicant.

The measure exposed deep divides, with advocates characterizing the under-representation of minorities in schools and state jobs as the ripple effect of historic discrimination, even as opponents charged that explicit inclusion goals for individual groups would amount to unfair exclusion of others.

Freshman Sen. Joe Nguyen, a Democrat from White Center who noted he was the son of refugees, said the bill leveled the playing field for people

from disadvantaged backgrounds.

"We want to be able to be successful, just like anybody else," Nguyen said. His own position as a state legislator, Nguyen added, wasn't only a factor of his own effort.

"It didn't just take hard work, it took opportunity as well," he said.

Critics of the measure, however, challenged the distinction between a hiring or recruitment goal and a quota. They said it would be impossible for such efforts to avoid privileging some groups over others.

"This initiative divides us," said Rep. Brandon Vick, a Vancouver Republican who spoke against the measure ahead of the House vote.

"With this change, we're saying that race matters more than merit. This is diversity through discrimination, plain and simple."

Debate also spilled over into vocal protest, with opponents—dressed in matching white shirts that had become ubiquitous around the state Capitol—chanting loudly outside the state Senate chambers as the final vote was held.

Immediately after the vote total was displayed, opponents seated in the adjacent gallery also broke into shouts and jeers, loudly condemning legislators and leading Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib, who presides over the Senate, to order them removed by Senate security. The group then marched around the rotunda chanting "vote them out!"

before gathering outside the main Senate doors shouting "shame on you!"

Along with race, sex, ethnicity and disability, the measure would allow consideration of national origin, age and honorably discharged veteran status, provided other qualifications were considered. A commission including the state attorney general and lieutenant governor would oversee implementation of the rules.

While the measure returns a form of affirmative action to the state, it stops short of the affirmative action policies that were repealed by I-200, which passed in 1998.

Earlier policies included a "plus three" system, which directed state agencies to first select the seven top scoring candidates for a job, then at least three applicants from a minority group who wouldn't have otherwise scored high enough to make it into the finalist pool. Agencies were then allowed to choose freely from the ten candidates.

As an initiative to the Legislature, lawmakers had the option to send I-1000 to a popular vote. With approval in both chambers, however, it now heads directly to the Secretary of State to be entered into law, unless opponents can gather enough signatures within 90 days to force it to a popular vote via the state's referendum process.

## 'La Llorona' movie promotion with Mexican healers draws fire

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS, *Associated Press*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., April 19, 2019 (AP): A promotion around the movie "The Curse of La Llorona" using traditional Mexican healers for "spiritual cleansings" before screenings of the horror film is drawing strong criticism from healers and scholars who say the stunts are offensive and demeaning.

Leading up to the Friday release of the movie based on a Mexican folktale, Warner Bros. invited healers known as curanderos to give audience cleanings called "limpias." The studio also dispatched Cuban-born, Los Angeles-based healer Salvador Gata to "bless" an audience before the March 15 premiere at SXSW at The Paramount Theatre in Austin, Texas.

In addition, photos posted on social media show images of supposed healers providing ceremonial cleansings in front of posters of "The Curse of La Llorona," then celebrating as if attending a party.

"I'm working on the movie La Llorona and am looking for a curandero to do limpias before my movie screenings," publicist Nahir Wold wrote San Diego-based curandera Grace Sesma in an email. "Let me know if this is something you would be interested in doing!"

Sesma said she ignored the invite until she started seeing photos of purported limpias at screenings online. That angered her and she posted the email on her Facebook page.

"I found it quite shameful," Sesma said. "It heightens the fear factor around a traditional practice and commodifies and exploits our culture just to get

people to see their movie."

But Miguel Franco, a curandero based in Los Angeles, said Warner Bros. wasn't looking for stereotypes when the studio invited him several times at various events for the movie.

"Working at press junkets, offering my services to people from all walks of life, including several well-known people, influencers, and media has allowed me to share my gift with people who normally would not have sought me out," Franco said. He called the experience "overwhelmingly positive."

Wold did not immediately return emails and phone messages left by The Associated Press.

Tonita Gonzales, an internationally known curandera based in Albuquerque, called the promotion an "outrage and an appropriation" of Mexican American culture.

"The limpia is a cleansing that helps people see the holy that's within them," Gonzales said. "To us this to promote a movie, especially during (Easter Weekend), is disturbing."

The production hired curanderos as consultants to make sure the curandero in the film was portrayed accurately and with sensitivity, Warner Bros. officials said. The studio declined further comment.

"The Curse of La Llorona," starring Linda Cardellini and Raymond Cruz, centers on the Mexican folklore of La Llorona, a crying female spirit who takes children. Cruz, who plays a curandero and protector in the movie, is one of many Latino actors featured in a cast that includes comedian Paul Rodriguez and Marisol Ramirez, who plays La Llorona.

Curanderismo is the art of using traditional healing methods like herbs and

plants to treat various ailments. Long practiced in Native American villages of Mexico and other parts of Latin America, curanderos also are found in New Mexico, south Texas, Arizona and California.

Anthropologists believe curanderismo remained popular among poor Latinos because they didn't have access to health care. But they say the field is gaining traction among those who seek to use alternative medicine.

A limpia is something performed for those suffering from trauma like sexual abuse, Sesma said. "It's not supposed to protect you from being scared at the movies."

University of New Mexico professor Eliseo "Cheo" Torres, who hosts an annual conference in Albuquerque on curanderismo, said the tale of La Llorona has nothing to do with curanderos, even if there are curanderos in the film. "I don't see the connection and this probably will be offensive to those practicing traditional healing," Torres said. "Whoever put this promotion together likely has no idea what they are doing."

Andrew Chesnut, the Bishop Walter F. Sullivan Chair in Catholic Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University and a scholar who has studied spiritual practices in Mexico, called the movie promotion "reprehensible" and harmful.

"It will only serve to further stigmatize curanderismo as something to be feared" since it's associated with a scary movie, Chesnut said. "That's dangerous, especially because of the climate that Mexican immigrants face right now."

## Medical parole measures approved by Michigan Legislature

By DAVID EGGERT, *Associated Press*

LANSING, May 2, 2019 (AP): Michigan lawmakers gave final approval Thursday to legislation that would let the state release seriously ill and incapacitated prisoners early by having them treated at nursing homes or hospitals instead.

Those eligible would remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, but they could be paroled before their earliest release dates if cared for in non-prison facilities. The state could save some money because the treatment of "medically frail" inmates could be fully or partly covered by Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance.

About 20 to 30 of the state's 38,000-plus inmates may meet the criteria for being deemed frail and eligible for an early parole, according to legis-

lative analyses. An additional 450 to 500 prisoners would not yet qualify but could sometime in the future based on their chronic care needs.

"Inmates that are older and medically frail by definition are not a threat. They can get better care and help save us tax dollars in the long run," said Rep. Beth Griffin, a Mattawan Republican and a sponsor of the bipartisan bills that cleared the GOP-controlled Senate on 35-3 votes.

Supporters of the legislation say some prisoners are in comas or on ventilators, while others are bedridden with terminal illnesses. The measures, they say, would give them an alternative to the lengthy medical commutation process in a state with the country's highest percentage of inmates over age 50.

Prisoners sentenced to life without parole or those convicted of first-degree sexual

conduct would be ineligible for a medical parole. To be considered "medically frail," an inmate would have to have:

- a permanent or terminal physical disability or a serious and complex medical condition that makes him or her unable to walk, stand or sit without assistance; or
- a permanent or terminal disabling mental disorder that requires a nursing-home level of care, and a significantly impaired ability to perform activities of daily living.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office said the bills were under review. The Corrections Department, a part of her administration, testified in support of the legislation previously.

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## Con Trump, empresas en Cuba podrán ser demandadas en EEUU

Por GISELA SALOMON y MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN, Associated Press

MIAMI, 2 V 19 (AP): En 1958 el padre de José Ramón López era el propietario del principal aeropuerto de Cuba, la aerolínea nacional y tres pequeños hoteles. La familia de Conchita Beltrán tenía unas 874 hectáreas de campos de tabaco. Y los familiares de Mickael Behn y Javier García Bengochea tenían muelles en La Habana y Santiago de Cuba.

Todas esas propiedades fueron expropiadas tras la revolución socialista.

Las familias se mudaron a Estados Unidos y perdieron la esperanza de ser compensadas por las propiedades que les quitaron mientras Washington y La Habana cortaron relaciones y se enfrentaron durante décadas de Guerra Fría.

Sin embargo, el jueves, Behn y García Bengochea presentaron lo que se cree son las primeras demandas contra empresas europeas y estadounidenses que hacen negocios en propiedades que fueron confiscadas en Cuba, después de que el gobierno del presidente Donald Trump activara una disposición del embargo a Cuba.

Conocida como Título III de la ley Helms Burton de 1996, esta sección permite que estadounidenses y cubanos que se naturalizaron estadounidenses denuncien a cualquier empresa que "trafique" en propiedades confiscadas por el gobierno cubano.

Desde su aprobación, todos

los presidentes estadounidenses habían suspendido el Título III por objeciones de los aliados de Washington con negocios en Cuba y sus posibles efectos en futuras negociaciones de acuerdos entre Estados Unidos y Cuba.

La ley contiene excepciones para propiedades residenciales, propiedades valoradas en menos de 50.000 dólares y propiedades relacionadas con viajes a Cuba considerados legales bajo la normativa estadounidense. Su activación, sin embargo, podría generar decenas e incluso cientos de demandas además de batallas comerciales entre Washington y países como España, Francia y Gran Bretaña.

Behn y García Bengochea, que presentaron sus demandas en una corte federal de Miami, son los herederos de familias propietarias de puertos a donde ahora llegan cruceros que comenzaron a viajar a Cuba en 2016, bajo la flexibilización de la política hacia Cuba alentada por el entonces presidente Barack Obama.

El abuelo de Behn, el estadounidense William C. Behn, era presidente de la compañía Havana Docks, que tenía tres muelles en la capital que fueron confiscados en 1960. Mickael Behn, un ejecutivo de la industria televisiva que vive entre Londres y Miami, dijo que está demandando a la

corporación Carnival Cruise por un valor equivalente al triple de lo que sería el valor actual de la propiedad, tal como lo permite la ley.

García Bengochea, un neurocirujano que vive en el noreste de la Florida, tiene el 80% de las acciones de la empresa cubana confiscada La Marítima, que operaba el puerto de Santiago de Cuba. Su demanda es por unos 20 millones de dólares.

"Queremos justicia", dijo a la AP Bob Martínez, uno de los dos abogados que representa a Behn y García Bengochea. "Fue un robo y lo que estamos tratando de recuperar es que se les pague porque han usado las propiedades de manera ilegal", expresó.

No obstante, para George Fowler, un abogado que ha asesorado a Carnival en asuntos de Cuba, la ley ofrece excepciones para empresas que viajan legalmente a la isla, como las compañías de cruceros. Por esa razón, explicó, la ley Helms-Burton no se aplica a ellos.

"No creo que las demandas vayan a llegar lejos", expresó Fowler, que también es vicepresidente de la Fundación Cubano-Americana, una organización del exilio cubano. "Solo se trata de dinero", dijo tras explicar que Carnival acuerda con su posición.

Durante el gobierno de Obama, las compañías de cruceros recibieron licencias

del Departamento del Tesoro para poder llevar pasajeros estadounidenses a Cuba.

Otras empresas que podrían ser demandadas incluyen también a cadenas hoteleras españolas como Meliá e Iberostar, la firma francesa Pernod Ricard y líneas de crucero estadounidenses que atracan en puertos confiscados a ciudadanos estadounidenses.

Abogados y posibles demandantes señalaron que al principio sólo se verían un puñado de denuncias debido al alto costo y a las complejidades de un proceso judicial basado en una ley que acaba de entrar en vigencia y abarca asuntos de comercio internacional y soberanía.

Uno de los primeros obstáculos que enfrentan algunos de los interesados es el precio de interponer una demanda en los tribunales: más de 6.500 dólares, una cifra muy superior al promedio de 400 de otras acciones judiciales. Además, tienen que pagar abogados, identificar a las empresas que están lucrando con las propiedades y estar seguros de que tengan negocios en Estados Unidos y conseguir el título de propiedad o documentos que certifiquen que eran los dueños, entre otras cosas.

La activación del Título III ya provocó protestas de la Unión Europea, Canadá y Cuba y generó temores de que los ya deprimidos niveles de inversión extranjera puedan verse mutilados de manera permanente.

En una marcha organizada por el gobierno cubano el miércoles en La Habana, en el Día del Trabajo, los manifestantes llevaban carteles y gritaban cánticos denunciando la ley Helms Burton.

La ley "constituía un

esfuerzo para atar las manos de cualquier presidente que intentara mejorar las relaciones con Cuba", dijo Carlos Fernández de Cossío, director general cubano de asuntos estadounidenses.

"Sin duda habrá un efecto de amenaza que inhibirá a algunos de los inversionistas de ir a Cuba. No podemos ignorar que eso sucederá", dijo a The Associated Press en Washington. "Tal vez afectará los niveles de vida, las condiciones de vida, del común de los cubanos... Tal vez dañará la relación de Estados Unidos con Cuba más de lo que está hoy".

La Unión Europea dijo que podría presentar una demanda ante la Organización Mundial de Comercio o sancionar a las entidades estadounidenses que recurran a la ley Helms-Burton.

"La UE considera que la aplicación extraterritorial de medidas restrictivas unilaterales es una violación del derecho internacional y tomará las medidas apropiadas", dijo el bloque europeo en un comunicado.

Otros, sin embargo, celebraron las primeras demandas.

Orlando Gutiérrez Boronat, de la organización Directorio Democrático Cubano, dijo que las demandas tenían un claro mensaje.

"Todo el que quiere invertir en Cuba va a tener que ir a una Corte Federal", expresó al término de una rueda de prensa frente al tribunal donde se presentaron las demandas.

Beltrán dijo que su familia tenía unas 348 hectáreas (860 acres) de campos de caña de azúcar y 526 (1.300 acres) de tabaco en la provincia de Pinar del Río, en el oeste del país.

Aunque aún no puede demandar porque no ha

podido determinar qué compañías extranjeras operan allí, está esperanzada.

"Si Dios quiere pienso ver la restitución o compensación antes de morirme", expresó Beltrán, una contadora jubilada de 76 años que huyó a Miami en 1961. Su esposo murió hace 35 años soñando con algún tipo de compensación, explicó.

"Para mí es un acto de justicia que se está haciendo", dijo refiriéndose a la nueva política estadounidense.

El departamento de Justicia de Estados Unidos ha certificado unos 6.000 reclamos como meritorios, con un valor calculado en unos 8.000 millones de dólares, pero además hay otras 200.000 peticiones sin certificar que ascenderían a decenas de miles de millones más, la mayoría de ellas de cubanos-estadounidenses.

Una de esas reclamaciones sin certificar es la de José Ramón López, cuya familia era propietaria del aeropuerto de La Habana, de la aerolínea Cubana de Aviación y de tres hoteles en la capital y en la ciudad de Cienfuegos, al sur de la isla, desde 1952. Además de demandar a las aerolíneas Aeroméxico, LATAM de Chile y Copa de Panamá, López dijo que está preparando documentos para hacer lo mismo con el gobierno cubano y Meliá, que opera el hotel en Cienfuegos.

"Al final del camino le van a reconocer lo que es de uno", expresó López, un jubilado de 65 años que divide sus días entre Madrid y Miami. "Ahora ha llegado el momento", dijo refiriéndose a la posibilidad de demandar en las próximas semanas.

Salomon reportó desde Miami y Weissenstein desde La Habana.

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## Outdoor Stage Lineup announced for Tri-C JazzFest

### Eighteen bands selected to perform June 28-29 at Playhouse Square

CLEVELAND, April 30, 2019: Nearly 24 hours of live music showcasing the best of Northeast Ohio will take place at this summer's hottest downtown music festival, the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank.

Eighteen exciting acts promise to keep the music pumping from the Strassman Insurance Stage on Euclid Avenue at East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The free outdoor performances run 3 p.m. to midnight June 28-29 when Tri-C JazzFest overtakes Playhouse Square.

A jury of music industry professionals vetted more than 100 bands while putting together the lineup. The chosen bands represent a variety of genres, including jazz, funk, blues, reggae and swamp pop.

"We love this component of the festival because it showcases the incredible talent here in Northeast Ohio," said Terri Pontremoli, director of Tri-C JazzFest. "These artists bring a true passion and love of music to the stage."

Look for the following acts, listed by day of performance. A full schedule with performance times will be posted at [www.tri-cjazzfest.com](http://www.tri-cjazzfest.com) closer to the event. Schedule subject to change.

#### Friday, June 28

• **Dan Bruce's :beta collective:** This modern jazz ensemble led by guitarist/composer Dan Bruce performs original compositions with a flair for musical improvisation.

• **Cleveland Jazz Orchestra (CJO):** For 35 years, CJO has been one of Northeast Ohio's premier jazz orchestras with outstanding arrangers, writers and soloists.

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• **Rachel Brown & The Beatnik Playboys:** Vocalist Rachel Brown and the group consistently wow audiences with powerful imagery and strong musical stylings.

• **Dave McMurray Trio:** Best known as a tenor saxophonist, Detroit native McMurray has played with the likes of Bob Dylan, Bonnie Raitt and Gladys Knight, to name a few.

• **Collin Miller & the Brother Nature:** This neo-soul and funk group delivers high-energy performances full of booming horns, keen vocal harmonies and sure-fire rhythm.

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• **Carlos Jones & the P.L.U.S. Band:** Jones and his eight-piece band deliver authentic roots reggae with occasional turns into light-hearted soca and calypso numbers.

#### Saturday, June 29

• **Tri-C JazzFest Academy Summer Camp:** Students from the JazzFest summer camp show off what they've learned over two weeks of intensive training.

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• **Bobby Selvaggio Quartet:** Alto saxophonist Bobby Selvaggio's high-energy

group features pianist Theron Brown, bassist Paul Thompson and drummer Zaire Darden.

• **Nathan-Paul & The Admirables:** This band embarks on performances full of bold earth tones, dynamic twists and hypnotic grooves.

• **Orlando Watson:** Spoken-word poet Orlando Watson's soulful baritone voice weaves through words accompanied by acoustic and digital instrumentation.

• **Herb Wilborn Jr. Band:** This six-piece contemporary/smooth jazz group conjures comparisons to artists such as Dave

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• **Sammy DeLeon y su Orquesta Percussionista S a m m y DeLeon**—recipient of the 2016 Cleveland Jazz Legends Award—has performed with some of the world's greatest Latin musicians and always rocks

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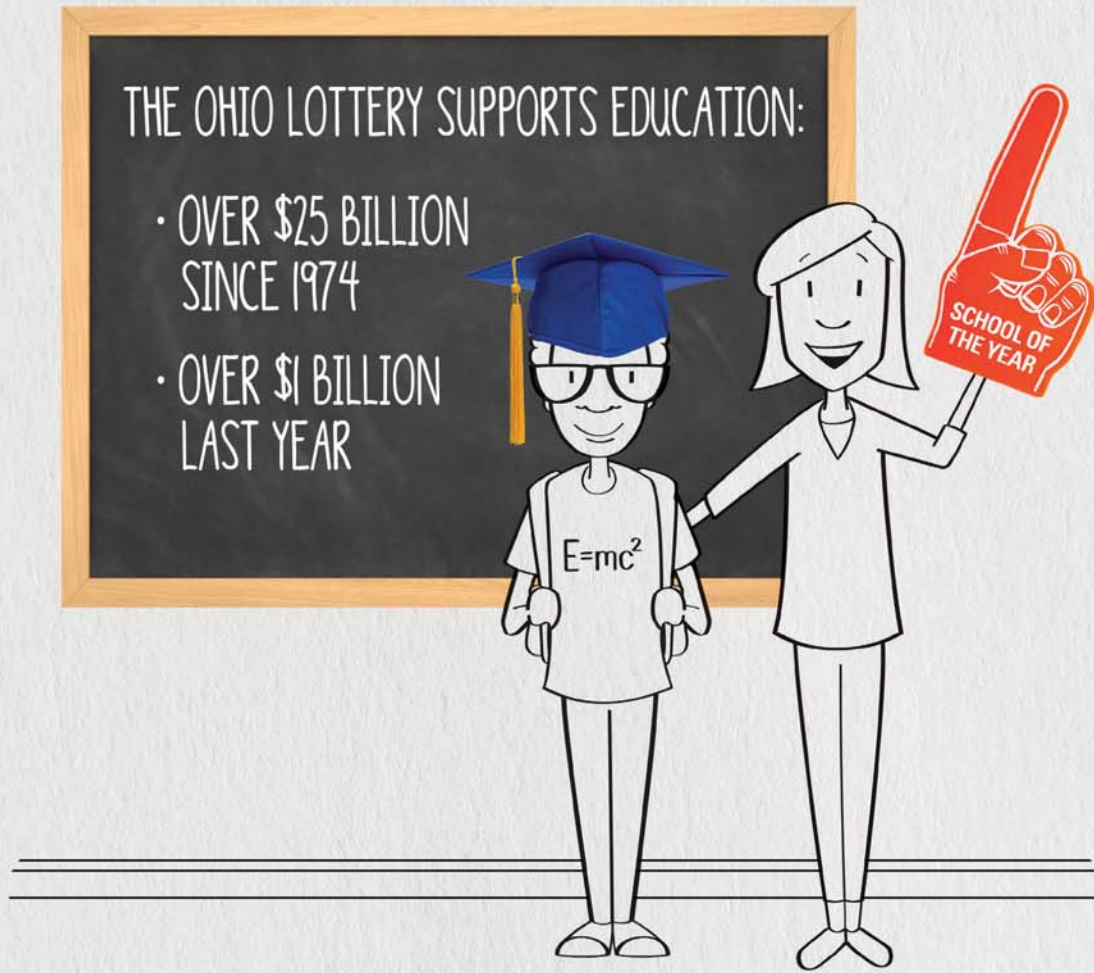

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