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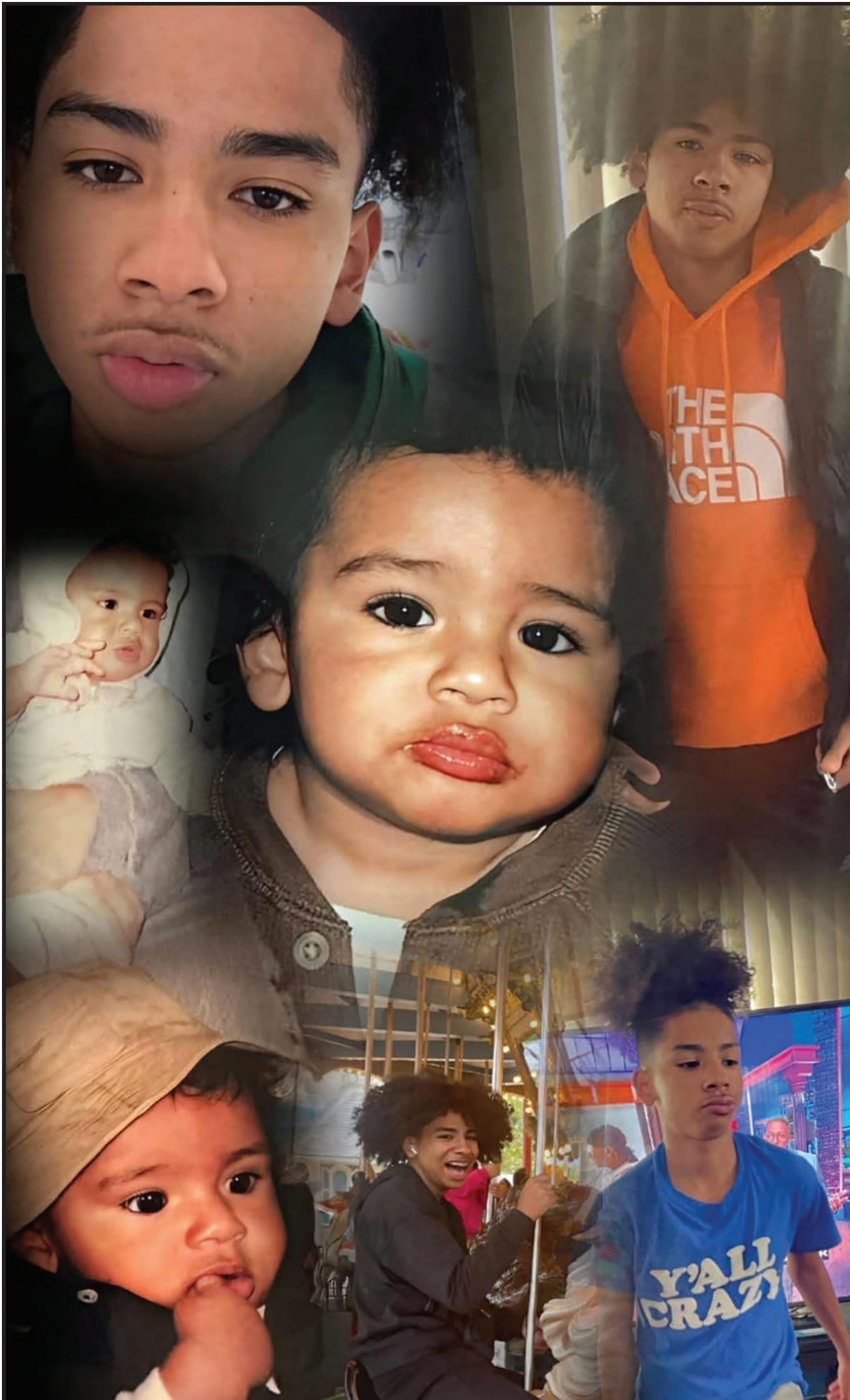


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¿Por qué tener un caso pendiente con inmigración te protege ahora más que nunca?

POR LAUREN EAGAN

En mis 15 años como abogada en derecho migratorio, he observado cómo un caso pendiente ante las autoridades de inmigración puede convertirse en un escudo protector para aquellos que buscan regularizar su estatus. En el momento tan convulso en el que vivimos, esta protección es más valiosa que nunca porque:



Lauren Eagan

1. Estás dentro del sistema legal:

Cuando un inmigrante inicia un proceso migratorio, queda registrado formalmente ante el Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración (USCIS). Esto puede brindar protección ante posibles acciones de cumplimiento migratorio, especialmente si la solicitud se está tramitando de buena fe.

Además, presentar ciertas solicitudes como el ajuste de estatus a través del formulario I-485 califica a la persona como "registrada" bajo el nuevo requisito de registro, sin necesidad de presentar una solicitud adicional de registro por separado.

2. Puedes frenar una deportación:

Un caso pendiente puede actuar como una barrera temporal contra la deportación. Aunque no todas las solicitudes detienen automáticamente una orden de remoción, existen situaciones en las que presentar una nueva petición migratoria puede ofrecer protección mientras se resuelve el caso.

Por ejemplo, una moción para reabrir un caso anterior o una solicitud bajo VAWA o Visa T, puede suspender temporalmente la ejecución de una orden de deportación.

3. Puedes obtener beneficios como un permiso de trabajo: Tener un caso activo te

puede dar acceso a una autorización de empleo, lo cual es esencial para muchas personas. Según la normativa migratoria, ciertos solicitantes pueden recibir un Documento de Autorización de Empleo (EAD). Por ejemplo:

- Quienes aplican bajo VAWA pueden solicitar el permiso de inmediato.
- Peticionarios de Visa T (para víctimas de trata de personas) reciben prioridad.
- Solicitantes de Visa U (para víctimas de ciertos crímenes) también pueden calificar para esta protección.

Estos permisos no solo permiten trabajar legalmente, sino que facilitan la obtención de un número de Seguro Social y una licencia de conducir en muchos estados, estabilizando la situación familiar.

4. Te da tiempo y opciones:

El tiempo es un factor crucial en un proceso de inmigración. Mientras un caso está pendiente, las políticas migratorias pueden cambiar. Un estudio del *Migration Policy Institute* documentó cómo, durante la transición de la administración Trump a Biden, muchos casos que parecían destinados al fracaso encontraron nuevas vías de resolución gracias a cambios en la política.

5. Previene arrestos arbitrarios por ICE: En el clima actual, donde las operaciones de

deportación han incrementado su intensidad, estar "fuera del radar" puede paradójicamente aumentar la vulnerabilidad. Según datos del *Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse*, los inmigrantes sin casos pendientes tienen una probabilidad significativamente mayor de ser detenidos durante operaciones de rutina de ICE.

Un caso activo proporciona documentación que puede presentarse durante un encuentro con oficiales de inmigración, demostrando que se está siguiendo un proceso legal.

6. Te permite ejercer tus derechos:

Contar con un caso activo te abre la posibilidad de ejercer derechos procesales fundamentales. Si enfrentas una decisión negativa, puedes:

- Presentar apelaciones ante la Junta de Apelaciones de Inmigración (BIA)
- Solicitar revisión judicial ante cortes federales
- Presentar mociones para reabrir o reconsiderar tu caso

• Volver a presentar tu solicitud, dependiendo de los motivos del rechazo

La Constitución de EEUU garantiza el derecho al debido proceso, incluso para inmigrantes. Sin un caso pendiente, estas opciones procesales simplemente no existen o son extremadamente limitadas.

* Lauren Eagan, nombrada para la edición 2025 de *Los Mejores Abogados de América® para la Ley de Inmigración, es fundadora y directora ejecutiva de Eagan Immigration.* <https://eaganimmigration.com/>



Farm Labor Organizing Committee March & Rally for Immigration Reform

By Dr. Linda Alvarado-Arce

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, people from Northwest Ohio and the University of Michigan gathered for the *Farm Labor Organizing Committee's (FLOC) peaceful March & Rally for Immigration Reform* in South Toledo. The group gathered with their poster boards, waving their red FLOC flags, and chanting in support of immigration reform and immigrants. *President of FLOC, Baldemar Velasquez* lead the march and *Father Notter* prayed over the gathering as he has many times in the past.

President Velasquez shared with me that Father Notter has been involved with the Latinx community and this movement since he (Velasquez) was first arrested during the Campbell Soup Company boycott of the late 1970s and early 1980s. El sábado 3 de mayo de 2025, personas del noroeste de Ohio y de la Universidad de Michigan se reunieron en el sur de Toledo para una *Marcha pacífica por la Reforma Migratoria del Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)*. El grupo se reunió con sus pósters, sus banderas rojas del FLOC, y coreando en

apoyo a la reforma migratoria y a los inmigrantes. El presidente del FLOC, *Baldemar Velásquez*, estaba al frente de la marcha y el *Padre Notter* oró por la reunión, como lo ha hecho en muchas ocasiones. El presidente Velásquez me contó que el Padre Notter ha estado involucrado con la comunidad latina y este movimiento desde que él (Velásquez) fue arrestado por primera vez durante el boicot de la Compañía Campbell Soup en los años setenta y ochentas.

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Del cónclave más largo a los antipapas: 10 datos curiosos sobre votación secreta para elegir al papa

Por GIADA ZAMPANO Associated Press

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO, May 2, 2025 (AP): La película “Cónclave” puede haber introducido a los cinéfilos en el espectacular ritual y el drama de un cónclave moderno, pero la votación para elegir a un nuevo papa se celebra desde hace siglos y ha dado lugar a todo un género de curiosidades históricas.

A continuación, algunos datos curiosos sobre cónclaves pasados, extraídos de estudios históricos —incluyendo “Electing the Pope in Early Modern Italy, 1450–1700”, de Miles Pattenden— y de entrevistas con expertos como Elena Cangiano, arqueóloga en el Palacio Papal de Viterbo.

El cónclave más largo de la historia

En el siglo XIII, se tardó casi tres años — 1.006 días para ser exactos— en elegir al sucesor del papa Clemente IV, convirtiéndose en el cónclave más largo en la

historia de la Iglesia católica. De ahí procede también el término cónclave, o “bajo llave”, porque los cardenales que se reunían en Viterbo, al norte de Roma, tardaron tanto que los frustrados ciudadanos los encerraron en la sala.

La votación secreta de la que salió Gregorio X duró desde noviembre de 1268 hasta septiembre de 1271. Fue el primer ejemplo de una elección papal por “compromiso”, después de una larga lucha entre los partidarios de las dos principales facciones geopolíticas medievales: los fieles al papado y quienes apoyaban al Sacro Imperio Romano.

“Una comida al día”

Gregorio X fue elegido solo después de que los residentes de Viterbo arrancaran el techo del edificio donde se alojaban los prelados y restringieran sus comidas a pan y agua para presionarlos a llegar a una conclusión. Con la esperanza de evitar que se repitiese la situación,

Gregorio X decretó en 1274 que los cardenales recibirían solo “una comida al día” si el cónclave se extendía más allá de tres días, y únicamente “pan, agua y vino” si se prolongaba más de ocho. Esa limitación ha sido eliminada.

El cónclave más corto de la historia

Antes de 1274, hubo ocasiones en que el nuevo papa era elegido el mismo día de la muerte de su predecesor. Pero a partir de entonces la Iglesia decidió esperar al menos días antes de la primera votación. Más tarde, ese plazo se extendió a 15 para dar tiempo a todos los cardenales a llegar a Roma. El cónclave más rápido bajo la norma de los diez días parece haber sido la elección de Julio II en 1503, que se decidió en unas pocas horas, según el historiador del Vaticano Ambrogio Piazzoni. Más recientemente, el papa Francisco fue elegido en 2013 en la quinta

votación, Benedicto XVI ganó en 2005 en la cuarta y el Pío XII lo hizo en la tercera en 1939.

El primer cónclave en la Capilla Sixtina

El primer cónclave celebrado bajo los frescos de Miguel Ángel que decoran el techo de la Capilla Sixtina fue en 1492. Desde 1878, la capilla de renombre mundial se ha convertido en el escenario de todos los cónclaves. “Todo contribuye a la conciencia de la presencia de Dios, ante cuya mirada cada persona será juzgada algún día”, escribió San Juan Pablo II en un documento de 1996 que regula el cónclave, “Universi Dominici Gregis”. Los cardenales se alojan cerca, en el hotel Domus Santa Marta o en una residencia próxima.

Las ubicaciones alternativas

La mayoría de los cónclaves se han celebrado en Roma, algunos de ellos fuera de los muros del Vaticano. Cuatro tuvieron lugar en la Capilla Paulina de la residencia papal, en el Palacio del Quirinal, mientras que otros 30 se llevaron a cabo en la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán, Santa María Sopra Minerva u otros lugares en Roma. En 15 ocasiones fueron lejos de Roma y del Vaticano, incluyendo Viterbo, Perugia, Arezzo y Venecia en Italia; Constanza en Alemania y Lyon en Francia.

Los papas alternativos, o antipapas

Entre 1378 y 1417, en lo que los historiadores bautizaron como el Cisma de Occidente, hubo varios

rivales que reclamaban el título de papa. El cisma dio lugar a múltiples contendientes al papado, los llamados antipapas, que dividieron a la Iglesia católica durante casi 40 años. Los antipapas más destacados de ese periodo fueron Clemente VII, Benedicto XIII, Alejandro V y Juan XXIII. El cisma se resolvió en el Concilio de Constanza en 1417, lo que llevó a la elección de Martín V, un pontífice aceptado universalmente.

Un desafío a la higiene personal

La naturaleza claustal del cónclave planteaba otro desafío para los cardenales: mantenerse sanos. Antes de que se construyera la casa de huéspedes Domus Santa Marta en 1996, los cardenales electores dormían en catres en habitaciones conectadas a la Capilla Sixtina. Los cónclaves de los siglos XVI y XVII fueron descritos como “repugnantes” y “malolientes”, con preocupación por los brotes de enfermedades, particularmente en verano, según el historiador Miles Pattenden. “Los cardenales simplemente necesitaban una forma de vida más regular y cómoda porque eran hombres mayores, muchos de ellos con enfermedades bastante avanzadas”, escribió. El espacio cerrado y la falta de ventilación agravaron aún más estos problemas. Algunos de los religiosos abandonaban el cónclave enfermos, a menudo de gravedad.

Voto de secreto

Inicialmente, las elecciones papales no eran tan secretas, pero la preocupación por las interferencias política aumentaron durante el larguísimo cónclave en

Viterbo. Gregorio X decretó que los electores debían estar recluidos, “cum clave” (bajo llave), hasta que se eligiera al nuevo papa. La intención era crear un ambiente totalmente aislado donde los cardenales pudieran concentrarse en su tarea, guiados por la voluntad de Dios, sin ninguna injerencia política o distracción. A lo largo de los siglos, varios pontífices han modificado y reforzado la normativa que rige el cónclave, haciendo hincapié en la importancia del secreto.

El papa más joven y el más viejo

El papa Juan XII tenía solo 18 años cuando fue elegido en 955. Los más viejos fueron Celestino III, elegido en 1191, y Celestino V, en 1294, con casi 85 años. Benedicto XVI tenía 78 años cuando salió elegido en 2005.

Un papa no cardenal y un papa no italiano

No es necesario que el papa sea cardenal, pero ese ha sido el caso durante siglos. El último en salir elegido sin este rango fue Urbano VI en 1378, que era monje y arzobispo de Bari.

Aunque los italianos han tenido un dominio absoluto sobre el papado durante siglos, ha habido muchas excepciones además de San Juan Pablo II (polaco en 1978) y Benedicto XVI (alemán en 2005) y Francisco (argentino en 2013). Alejandro VI, elegido en 1492, era español; Gregorio III, elegido en 731, era sirio, y Adriano VI, elegido en 1522, era holandés.

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At the end of the school year, the Michigan Lottery selects one weekly winner to receive the Lottery's Educator of the Year award and a \$10,000 cash prize.

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AARP Fraud Alerts!

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Fraudulent sweepstakes often come with major red flags. If you're asked to pay upfront fees or taxes to claim a prize, it's a scam. No legitimate contest will ever require payment to receive winnings. Another warning sign: requests for sensitive information like your Social Security number or bank account details. Real sweepstakes do not need this information to award a prize.

If an unexpected "chance to win" triggers a rush of excitement or urgency, treat it as a warning. Pause. Think carefully about who is contacting you and what they're asking. A moment of reflection could save you thousands of dollars.

LOOK OUT FOR FAKE CHECKS

Checks may seem old-fashioned, but scammers still rely on them—counting on the time it takes for fake checks to bounce. During this delay, they pressure you to spend or send money. By the time the check is revealed as fake, you're on the hook for any funds you used.

Fake checks show up in many scams: bogus job offers, phony work-from-home gigs, and overpayment schemes where you're asked to return part of the money. Remember: just because a check appears to clear doesn't mean it's legitimate. Banks must make funds available within 24-48 hours, but full validation can take much longer.

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Keep your operating system updated. Sometimes those updates are provided to patch a known vulnerability; set yours – and your antivirus protection – to update automatically.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 877-908-3360 or visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.



Forward Diego Rossi scored the Black & Gold's second goal of the match from the penalty spot in the 39th minute. — Photo courtesy of Columbus Crew



Midfielder Dylan Chambost scored the opening goal for the Crew in the 24th minute of the match, his first MLS goal. — Photo courtesy of Columbus Crew

MATCH RECAP: Columbus Crew 4, Charlotte FC 2

The Crew won 4-2 against Charlotte FC at Lower.com Field on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

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Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County Recognition Ceremony

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

On Thursday, May 1, 2025, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) of Lucas County held its 11th annual Recognition Ceremony. This year the event was held at the Toledo Zoo.

The awardees were:
Dr. Tanvir Singh of the University of Toledo. He received an award for the **Alcohol & Other Drugs Professional of the Year.** He was nominated by *Stephanie Calmes of UTM.*

Afaf Doumani of NAMI of Greater Toledo. She received the **Advocate of the Year** award and was nominated by *Marriah Kornowa of NAMI of Greater Toledo*

James Rye of the Zepf Center. He received the **Peer Involvement of the Year** award. He was

nominated by *Craig Gebers of the Zepf Center.*

Debra Riley-Jackson of The Fair Housing Center. She was awarded the **Diversity & Inclusion Award for Leadership.** She was nominated by *Stacy Stubblefield of the Thomas M. Wernert Center (TMWC)* and *Michael Carter of the MHRSB of LC.*

Amy Kusner of the Thomas M. Wernert Center. She received the **Health Professional of the Year** award. She was nominated by *the Thomas M. Wernert.*

Andrea Mendoza-Loch, a Board Trustee for the MHRSB of LC. She received the **Advocate Hall of Fame** award and was nominated by *Robert Kasprzak of the MHRSB of LC.*

Two **First Responders** were awarded this year: **Officer Kelli Russell of**

the Toledo Police Department. She was nominated by *Courtney Burrow of the Zepf Center.*

Officer Mohamad-Aly Nasser of the Toledo Police Department. He was nominated by *Julie Embree of the Toledo-Lucas County Homelessness Board.*

While the **Teen Leadership Awards** went to **Michelle Johnson, Chloe Lard'e, Ava Newman, Mikayla Ramsey, and Stephanie Williams of Toledo Public Schools (TPS).** They were nominated by *Gayle Lake of TPS.*

And the other **Teen Leadership Award** went to **Drew Bensman, Olivia Colvin, Liam Kurasz, and Madison Roytek of the Swanton Area Community Coalition (SACC).** They were nominated by *Andrea Smith of SACC.*

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6:00 pm: Taller de autocuidado para la mujer: Dr. Aynette Ramos-Cardona
7:00 pm: Presentación del mariachi "Santa Cecilia"
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NAMI Walks Greater Toledo
Saturday, May 17
Walk begins 10:00AM
Middlegrounds Metropark, 111 Ottawa Street, Toledo, OH

Free, inclusive, high-energy event that supports mental health awareness and builds community around the message: "Mental Health for All."

Opera Outdoors
Wednesday, May 21
Wildwood Preserve Metropark
6:00 p.m.

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By Alicia Boes, aliciaboes1@gmail.com

Moist Strawberry Cake

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Alicia Boes

Ingredients

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 (3 oz) package strawberry-flavored Jell-O®
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 2¾ cups sifted cake flour
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup whole milk, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup strawberry puree (made from frozen sweetened strawberries, thawed and blended)

Instructions:

1. Prep the pans:
Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease and flour two 9-inch round cake pans.
2. Make the batter:
In a large bowl, cream together the butter, sugar, and dry strawberry gelatin until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

In a separate bowl, sift together the flour and baking powder. Gradually add to the butter mixture, alternating with the milk. Stir just until combined. Mix in the vanilla extract and strawberry puree until well blended.
3. Bake:
Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick or small knife inserted in the center comes out clean.
4. Cool:
Let cakes cool in the pans on a wire rack for at least 10 minutes before turning them out. Allow to cool completely before frosting.



Orejas largas, rabo cortito. Corro y salto muy ligerito.

Answer: Un conejo.

SPANISH IDIOMS



Spanish:
Hacer el mono

Literal:
To do the monkey

Meaning:
To be the clown

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La Prensa

A Mother's Voice, A Family's Love, and a Community's Loss

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

On March 29, 2025, Joaquin Romero Simmons, an 18-year-old Senior and soon-to-be graduate of Toledo Public Schools' Woodward High School, was selling a pair of shoes on Facebook Marketplace when three young men interested in the shoes reached out to him to buy them. They all agreed to meet up to see the shoes in the parking lot of the University of Toledo. And, once there, the buyers in the car told the young Joaquin that they were interested in the shoes and asked him if he had any more items for sale. He said yes, but at his house, and they all agreed to go there and buy the rest of the merchandise.

They followed Joaquin in their vehicle, parked across the street from his house in North Toledo, and waited for him. This transaction occurred during the late afternoon, when both of Joaquin's parents were in the home. According to mom, Joaquin entered the home, spoke to them, and asked for their assistance in getting all of his items together because he told his parents that the people wanting to buy the items were in the vehicle in front of the house waiting for him.

As everything was being compiled, the young Joaquin took a pair of Balenciaga's shoes out to the three in their car, with his father watching and his mom inside the house gathering the rest of the items. Once near the car, he held the shoes in his hands waiting for

them to send over the payment for all the merchandise via an online cash app. As he kept asking his parents if they had received the payment, the three in the car grabbed him by

his hair and the shoes and accelerated down the street in their vehicle dragging the young Joaquin along until they turned the corner of the neighborhood block and released him. This all happened as Joaquin's father was chasing the SUV from behind and screaming to let go of his son.

According to mom, she could hear something going on outside of the house, she looked outside and called 911 screaming that someone had just kidnapped her son. When mom and dad were finally able to catch up with their son, it was too late- he was not responding. Once at the hospital Mom was told that her son was in critical condition and "very sick," sadly, he soon passed.

Mom is now using her voice to get her story out in one of the hardest interviews I have ever had to do. According to mom, Joaquin was "a



good kid, a truly good kid, that a lot of these younger kids looked up to... he had so many friends because these kids came from all around to play basketball in my backyard... and anybody who ever met him, they got a hug every time... all his friends were his best friends. He was truly the most respectful kid I've ever known." Mom, Cynthia Garza, is now torn, her heart is broken, and her family is in pain. According to Mom, "they just don't know what they took."

They took a life of a good kid, over a pair of shoes. And now a community, the Toledo/Lucas County community, has lost not just one child but a total of four over a pair of shoes. This is also the same month and week when the City of Toledo's Police Department announced that they had also found 13-year-old Kei'Mani Latigue's body in an abandoned house in East Toledo.

La voz de una madre, el amor de una familia y la pérdida de una comunidad

Por Linda Alvarado-Arce

Joaquín Romero Simmons, un estudiante de 18 años y en su último año de la preparatoria Woodward de las Escuelas Públicas de Toledo, estaba vendiendo un par de zapatos en Facebook Marketplace cuando tres jóvenes interesados en los zapatos lo contactaron para comprarlos. Y los reunieron para verlos en el estacionamiento de la Universidad de Toledo. Una vez allí, los compradores en el auto le dijeron al joven Joaquín que estaban interesados en los zapatos y preguntaron si tenía más artículos a la venta. Él dijo que sí, pero en su casa, y todos fueron allá a comprar el resto de la mercancía.

Siguieron a Joaquín en su vehículo, se estacionaron frente de su casa en North Toledo y lo esperaron. Esta transacción ocurrió al final de la tarde, cuando los padres de Joaquín estaban en la casa. Según su madre dice, que Joaquín entró en la casa, les habló y les pidió ayuda para reunir todas sus pertenencias para venderlos.

Mientras se preparaba todo, el joven Joaquín les llevó un par de zapatos Balenciaga a los tres en el coche, con su padre observando y su madre recogiendo el resto de las cosas. Una vez cerca del

coche, sostuvo los zapatos en sus manos esperando que le enviaran el pago de toda la mercancía a través de una aplicación de pago en línea. Mientras seguía preguntando a sus padres si habían recibido el pago, los tres en el coche lo agarraron del pelo y de los zapatos y aceleraron su vehículo, arrastrándolo hasta que doblaron la esquina de la cuadra y lo soltaron. Todo esto ocurrió mientras el padre de Joaquín perseguía la camioneta y gritaba que soltara a su hijo.

Según la mamá, oyó algo afuera de la casa, miró afuera y llamó al 911 gritando que alguien acababa de secuestrar a su hijo. Cuando mamá y papá finalmente lograron alcanzar a su hijo, ya era demasiado tarde: no respondía. Y en el hospital, le dijeron que su hijo estaba en estado crítico y "muy enfermo;" lamentablemente, falleció pronto.

Mamá ahora usa su voz para contar su historia en una de las entrevistas más difíciles que he tenido que hacer. Según mamá, Joaquín era "un buen chico, un chico verdaderamente bueno, al



que muchos de estos niños pequeños admiraban... tenía muchísimos amigos porque estos chicos venían de todas partes a jugar baloncesto en mi patio trasero... y cualquiera que lo conociera recibía un abrazo cada vez... todos sus amigos eran sus mejores amigos. Era realmente el chico más respetuoso que he conocido." Mamá, Cynthia Garza, ahora está destrozada, con el corazón roto, y su familia está sufriendo. Según mamá, "simplemente no saben lo que se llevaron." Le quitaron la vida a un buen niño por un par de zapatos. Y ahora, una comunidad, Toledo/Lucas County, ha perdido no solo a un niño, sino a cuatro en total por un par de zapatos. Este mismo mes y semana, el Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Toledo anunció que encontraron el cuerpo de Kei'Mani Latigue, de 13 años, en una casa abandonada en el este de Toledo.

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Tuesday, May 13; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Tuesdays, May 13, 20, 27; 3 to 5 p.m.
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Latin Grammy winner Eliades Ochoa to perform at the Cleveland Museum of Art

Friday, May 9, 2025
7:30, 9:00 p.m.

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www.clevelandart.org/events/eliades-ochoa

Eliades Ochoa, legendary Latin Grammy-winning musician of Buena Vista Social Club and Septeto Típico Oriental fame, makes his Cleveland Museum of Art debut with his sextet.

Eliades is considered one of the most renowned Cuban *soneros* of all time, a notable celebrator of traditional Cuban music, and one of the best guitarists of his generation. The rugged features, the signature hat, the cowboy boots and the iconic “man in black” image, and the songs from the school of life imbued with the sort of hard-earned, country-tinged wisdom that cant be bought you dont have to look or listen too hard to understand why he is often called “Cubas Johnny Cash.” Yet if parallels abound, his new album, *Guajiro*, also shows him to be a singular voice with his own unique style and sound, rooted deep in Cuban tradition but with an appeal that is as timeless as it is universal.

Eliades joined Septeto Típico Oriental in 1969 and officially entered the Casa de la Trova in 1970, where he began to perform regularly. In 1982, he became part of the Cuarteto Patria as director, arranger, vocalist, and lead guitarist.

He influenced the groups repertoire, keeping alive the tradition of Cuban folk music.

In the 1980s, Eliades participated in multiple tours with Compay Segundo and Cuarteto Patria. During this time, he recorded the first version of “Chan Chan.” Eliades unique style of playing the preludes on the guitar left a long-lasting impression, influencing the way other musicians performed the song.

He is one of the stars and founders of Buena Vista Social Club. With this album, he won his first Grammy for Best Tropical Latin Performance in 1997 and was nominated for an Oscar as part of the 1999 documentary film *Buena Vista Social Club*. In this album, Eliades performs some of the most iconic songs of Buena Vista, including “Chan Chan,” “El Cuarto de Tula,” “Candela,” and “El Carretero.”

After his time at Buena Vista, Eliades signed with Virgin Records Spain, with whom he recorded *Sublime Ilusión*, *Tributo al Cuarteto Patria*, and *Un Guajiro sin Fronteras*. These albums, two of which were nominated for Grammy Awards, marked a significant point in his artistic career.

In 2012, his album *Un Bolero para Ti* won four Latin Grammy Awards. Additionally, he was one of the most notable figures on World Circuits album *AfroCubism*, which was nominated for a Grammy in 2010 and recognized by National Geographic as one of the

best albums in the world that year.

He has collaborated with a number of stars, including Enrique Bunbury, Luis Eduardo Aute, Manu Dibango, Jarabe de Palo, BLØF, Charlie Musselwhite, Moncho, Armando Manzanero, Descemer Bueno, and Pablo Milanés, among others. In 2013, he was selected to participate in a tribute to Bob Dylan.

Eliades was the first Cuban to receive the Latin Award Canada in 2018 for his music career. In the same year, a documentary called *Eliades Ochoa: From Cuba to the World* was released, highlighting his career in music. The documentary received several awards at major film festivals worldwide.

More recently, Eliades reissued his 2020 album *Vamos a Bailar un Son* and collaborated with Spanish rapper C. Tangana on the song “Muriendo de Envidia” and with Los Ángeles Azules on “Nací en un Pueblo de Latinoamérica.”

Now, with the release of *Guajiro*, he adds a new and revealing chapter that weaves together all the threads and strands of his storied life and career into a definitive and compelling personal testament that honors his past while ambitiously taking his music into new pastures.

Tickets required. For more information visit www.clevelandart.org/events/eliades-ochoa

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Reminder for Boaters: Life jackets and engine cut-off switches save lives

COLUMBUS, Ohio: As Ohioans prepare to head to the water this spring and summer, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) urges boaters to prioritize safety this National Water Safety Month by being aware of two key pieces of boating safety gear: life jackets and engine cut-off switches.

“Every time you head out to paddle or enjoy a day on a boat, safety needs to come first,” said ODNR Director Mary Mertz. “Wearing a life jacket and using an engine cut-off switch are two simple steps that can prevent tragedies and save lives. We want everyone to enjoy Ohio’s waterways — and that means making smart choices before your adventure begins.”

Life Jackets: Always in Style

Wherever your water adventures take you, wearing a life jacket is essential. Regardless of age or experience level, life jackets save lives.

Before you launch, check that your life

jacket is U.S. Coast Guard approved, fits properly, and is in good condition. Seasons may change, but one look never goes out of style — a life jacket!

Engine Cut-Off Switches: Plan for the Unexpected

No one plans on falling overboard, but accidents can happen fast. In addition to wearing a life jacket, always use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS). Most powerboats and PWC (personal watercraft) come equipped by the manufacturer with an emergency engine cut-off switch (ECOS). If properly worn, this safety device can shut off the engine if the operator falls off the vessel or is thrown from the proper operating position. This simple, proven lifesaving device stops the boat’s engine if the operator is thrown from the controls, preventing runaway boats and serious propeller injuries.

Most propeller-related injuries and fatalities are preventable by using an ECOS. Plan for the unexpected: use an engine cut-off switch every ride, every time.

Before You Go: The Safe Boater’s Checklist

- Life jacket: secured and fitted properly
- Engine cut-off switch: attached and ready
- Fun day on the water: just ahead

Throughout National Water Safety Month, and the entire boating season, ODNR encourages everyone to remember: a fun day on the water includes all the right gear, especially your life jacket and engine cut-off switch.

For more information about boating safety, helpful resources and seasonal tips, visit ohiodnr.gov/boating.

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On Saturday, May 3, 2025, FLOC held a *March & Rally for Immigration Reform* in South Toledo. Pictured Above: *Mary Jane Flores, Jose Trevino, and Judy Kehrle*. See article on Page 2.



The Cleveland Museum of Art’s Solstice event

CLEVELAND, April 21, 2025: Celebrate long summer days and hot summer nights at the Cleveland Museum of Art’s (CMA) 14th annual Summer Solstice festival on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Solstice, Cleveland’s most anticipated summer spectacular, which combines music, art, dance, and projections, features performances by international bands on the museum’s outdoor south terrace and nationally recognized DJs in the Ames Family Atrium. All-inclusive tickets—covering admission as well as unlimited appetizers and beverages, including beer, wine, and canned cocktails—go on sale for members at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 28, followed by



Image courtesy of Bob Perkoski

the public sale at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29. This event is for guests 21 or older. Early ticket purchasing is recommended as this event is expected to sell out.

This year, Solstice’s main stage features live music sets with a lot of brass instruments and horn sections. Audiences can sonically travel the globe visiting New Orleans, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, and more. The evening kicks off with a second line march by Cleveland’s own Da Land Brass Band followed by

performances by Balkan Paradise Orchestra (Spain), El Laberinto del Coco (Puerto Rico), and Mexican Institute of Sound (Mexico). Kevin Jackson, renowned for his innovative and captivating VJ sets, projects original, vibrant content onto the museum’s facade. Projection mapping, lighting displays, and additional decorations electrify the CMA on this energy-filled night.

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Departamento de Defensa de EEUU designa una segunda zona militar en la frontera con México

EL PASO, Texas, EE.UU., May 1, 2025 (AP): El Departamento de Defensa informó el jueves sobre la designación de un segundo tramo ubicado en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México como zona militar para la aplicación de las leyes de inmigración.

La nueva zona se ubica en Texas y está adjunta a la base Fort Bliss del Ejército en El Paso. Al igual que la primera zona que se estableció el mes pasado en Nuevo México, el personal militar estará autorizado para detener a los inmigrantes que crucen ilegalmente la frontera hasta que sean transferidos a las autoridades civiles del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de Estados Unidos.

“La creación de una segunda Área de Defensa Nacional aumenta nuestro alcance operativo y nuestra efectividad para

impedir las actividades ilegales a lo largo de la frontera sur”, señaló el general Gregory Guillot, comandante del Mando Norte de Estados Unidos.

Personas que ingresaron ilegalmente a Estados Unidos fueron acusadas formalmente el lunes en Nuevo México de cargos de violar un área de defensa nacional, después de que el Ejército asumió la supervisión de una franja de 274 kilómetros (170 millas) que recibe trato como una extensión de la Guarnición del Ejército de Estados Unidos en Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Un comunicado de prensa del ejército no especificó el tamaño de la segunda zona militar establecida en Texas y el jueves por la noche no hubo funcionarios disponibles para comentar sobre sus dimensiones.

Quienes crucen la frontera por las zonas militares enfrentan posibles procesos por dos delitos federales: ingresar ilegalmente a Estados

Unidos e invasión de propiedad militar. Estas medidas se producen en momentos en que el gobierno del presidente Donald Trump ha desplegado a miles de soldados hacia la frontera y las detenciones han caído a su nivel más bajo desde mediados de la década de 1960.

La designación de zonas militares le permite al gobierno federal eludir el alcance de una ley de 1878 que prohíbe la participación militar en la aplicación de las leyes civiles.

“Cualquier persona que intente ingresar a esa zona está entrando a una base militar, un área protegida a nivel federal”, dijo el secretario de Defensa, Pete Hegseth, durante una visita reciente a Nuevo México. “Será interceptado por tropas estadounidenses y la Patrulla Fronteriza”.

Esta historia fue traducida del inglés por

México considera un “avance” las reducciones en los aranceles de EEUU al sector automotriz

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO, Apr 30, 2025 (AP): La presidenta mexicana Claudia Sheinbaum consideró el miércoles un “avance” las últimas decisiones de Estados Unidos que rebajan los aranceles al sector automotriz y dijo que gracias a los cambios decretados la víspera “hay una ventaja competitiva adicional” para México.

El gobierno todavía analiza los detalles de la orden pero la mandataria adelantó que es “algo benéfico para nuestro país”. “Todavía, obviamente, nosotros buscamos mayores beneficios y mayor claridad”, agregó.

Donald Trump firmó el martes una orden que ajusta sus aranceles previos del 25% sobre automóviles, facilitando que los vehículos ensamblados en

Estados Unidos con piezas extranjeras no enfrenten impuestos de importación prohibitivamente altos. Además estableció las pautas para ciertos reembolsos.

Según explicó Sheinbaum, a algunos exportadores se les estaba cobrando doble el arancel porque se les cobraba por vehículo y también por el acero y aluminio, entonces en realidad no era 25% sino 50%. “Ahí ayer sí hubo un reconocimiento de que no se puede cobrar doble”, indicó.

Además, con las modificaciones no solo quedan excluidas de los gravámenes las autopartes hechas en Estados Unidos sino las fabricadas en toda Norteamérica. “Eso es muy importante porque nuevamente hay un reconocimiento del valor del tratado comercial México, Estados Unidos, Canadá”, agregó la presidenta.

Este sector es clave

porque las autopartes son los productos que más compra Estados Unidos a México y porque algunas piezas de automóviles pueden cruzar la frontera varias veces según se van ensamblando en uno y otro país.

Fabricantes y analistas independientes han insistido en que los aranceles podrían aumentar los precios de los coches, reducir las ventas y hacer que la producción en Estados Unidos sea menos competitiva a nivel mundial. Trump describió el cambio como un puente para que los fabricantes de automóviles trasladen más producción a Estados Unidos.

El comercio automotriz anual de Estados Unidos con sus dos vecinos supera los 300.000 millones de dólares.

26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference

On May 24, 2025 the Coalition for Hispanic Issues & Progress (CHIP) will host the 26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference at Lorain County Community College’s Spitzer Conference Center from 8:00am – 3:00pm. The Hispanic Leadership Conference serves as a forum where civic leaders, educators, students, social workers, non-profit organizations, union and corporate representatives, Hispanic/Latino advocacy groups and concerned citizens, can exchange views, network, and review information provided, enabling us all to better understand major issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino and greater community. The theme selected for this year’s conference is Unidos Podemos (United We Can). The Lorain County Commissioners Visitor’s Bureau is serving as this year’s Conference and Gala Title Sponsor.

The 26th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference will feature multi-media presenta-

tions on Opening Digital Doors: harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) for empowerment & progress (Dr. Vince Granito,, Professor), discerning Fact from Fiction within Social Media (Scot Allyn, Librarian/Journalist), Surviving Domestic Violence (Mari Colon, Riveon Mental Health & Recovery), understanding the Legislature and how to utilize its processes (Representative Joe Miller), locating Resources for Older Adults (Nicole Bellmore-Pierce, Lorain County Office on Aging), accessing Counseling Services for newcomers and Migrant Communities (Daniel Aguado Orneloas, Deputy Consul of Mexico), Social Determinants of Health (Erin Murphy, Lorain County Public Health), Empowering Your Future (Attorney Robert Cabrera), Keeping “Cool” during Turbulent Times (Rebecca Jones, MHARS) and how to utilize Chair Yoga to enhance one’s health (Marie Contreras Deshuk, Certified Instructor),

During the morning plenary sessions Sheriff Jack Hall will share with area communities the Lorain County Sheriff’s Office policies, processes and considerations when interacting with undocumented individuals. This will be followed by a panel discussion on “Defamation, opinion, or free speech” featuring Lorain County Commissioner David J. Moore, Chief Editor for La Prensa Newspaper Linda Alvarado-Arce and well-known Attorney Robert Cabrera. This panel will be moderated by Rey Carrion, Safety Service Director for the City of Lorain.

CHIP will continue to feature a free Medical Corner where medical professionals and organizations dedicated to providing medical expertise to the community offer free health screenings, supplies and information, Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services offers anxiety and depression testing and advice to participants, and Dr. Robert Thomas MD and Mercy

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The Youth Leadership tract will provide students with hands-on strategies to help verify whether internet material is fact based or mostly fiction and Riveon Mental Health & Recovery Services Mari Colon will provide her much needed “Basta Ya”

(Enough is Enough) workshop on Domestic & Sexual Violence.

The conference will be followed by a Saturday evening Gala at the Emerald Event Center from 6:00pm-11:00pm. Comedian Dennis Gaxiola will headline the evening’s entertainment followed by award winning band Son Gitano. The evening’s featured DJ is Abner “Gozadora” Santiago.

Cost for the Conference and Gala is \$100 (which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner), \$50 for the Conference (breakfast/lunch included) or Gala (dinner

included). College student registrations are half priced and registered high school students can attend the conference at no cost. High school students participating in the conference receive a no cost Gala registration.

If interested in serving as a Co-Sponsor, or in placing an ad in the conference program booklet, or securing a display table at the conference, call 440-336-1501 or via email at mf777df@msn.com.

For updated information prior to the conference please visit the CHIP website at www.chiplorain.org.



Toledo May Day makes demands of Toledo/Lucas County

La Prensa Editorial

Flags blew frantically in the wind, reflecting the trembling concerns of the hundreds who gathered at the 1 Government Center on May 1st. There were some USA flags, some Palestinian flags, flags representing the range of queer sexual identities, a flag saying, "I stand with..." and pictures of the flags of Canada, Greenland, Mexico, Ukraine, and other countries bullied over the last months by the Trump administration. Beyond the aggressive wind, the people were clearly united in their dissatisfaction with the Trump administration and with their hopes that the City of Toledo and Lucas County might take positive local actions to rectify, if only symbolically, some of the destructive Federal actions.

May Days across the country were well-attended this year. The uptick in numbers clearly reflects passionate dissatisfaction with the agenda of the Trump administration's actions during his first 100 days in office. May Day was established in 1889 as a world-wide day to commemorate labor struggles and agitate for the rights of workers. (September's Labor Day holiday was instituted to counter these radical energies.)

Toledo/Lucas County was no exception. Hundreds of protesters braved high winds to hold signs denouncing various policies of the Trump administration. Signs mocked billionaires in general and Elon Musk in particular; signs called for the rule of law, and respect for science and medicine.

The Toledo May Day event was organized by the Northwest Ohio Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). The national DSA has been around since the early 1980s and was founded by older non-communist socialists committed to working inside of the Democratic Party. Since the Bernie Sanders campaign for president in 2016, its membership rolls have grown, its chapters multiplied, and its politics has trended to the left of the Democratic Party. This spirit was evident at their May Day rally.

The two co-chairs of the NWO DSA, both people of color, were surrounded by their comrades—mostly white activists in the teachers' unions, in gay and trans rights, immigrant rights, and other causes. The rally was co-sponsored by Mockingjay—an LGBT group, Students for Justice in Palestine, and Toledo against Oppression.

Speakers denounced Trump's deportation actions—against activists and green card holders alike, legal resident and the undocumented, the criminal and the law-abiding alike. Northwest Ohio corrections facilities recently signed agreements with ICE to hold detainees there. The crowd loudly booed these arrangements.

The rally made three (3) demands on the City of Toledo and Lucas County:

1) That they become a sanctuary city for immigrants.

2) That they become a sanctuary city for trans people.

3) That Toledo and Lucas county divest itself from the State of Israel.

Perhaps that last demand seemed out of place, but the most stirring speech of the day was by a student leader in The University of Toledo's (UToledo) Students for Justice in Palestine who asserted that Palestinian rights was a workers' issue, a union issue, and a central concern for all, maintaining that the support that the US gives to the State of Israel has been used to devastate the people of Gaza: over 50,000 killed, whole towns and cities flattened, and civilian infrastructure devastated.

Israel is currently engaged in a war in Gaza that has taken more than 50,000 lives, most of them civilians, women and children. Lucas County apparently holds at least five million dollars in Israel bonds.

While most in the crowd were older, the organizers and speakers were mostly younger. The ferocious assault on immigrants' rights, due process, and the attack on trans rights are important domestic issues for this generation. The United States' support of Israel as it wages a devastating war on the Palestinians of Gaza is, however, the defining issue of radical youth.

To paraphrase one speaker, attacks on migrants, on LGBT people, and on Palestinians is an attack on working people everywhere. Solidarity may not be "forever" but was clearly present in the words and signs of the people of Toledo/Lucas County.



El Primero de Mayo en Toledo Tiene Demandas de Toledo/Condado de Lucas

Por Editorial de La Prensa

Las banderas ondeaban frenéticamente al viento, reflejando la profunda preocupación de los cientos de personas que se congregaron en el Centro de Gobierno el 1 de mayo. Había banderas estadounidenses, palestinas, banderas que representaban la diversidad de identidades sexuales queer, una bandera que decía "Apoyo..." y fotos de las banderas de Canadá, Groenlandia, México, Ucrania y otros países hostigados en los últimos meses por la administración Trump. Más allá del viento agresivo, la gente estaba claramente unida en su descontento con la administración Trump y con la esperanza de que la ciudad de Toledo y el condado de Lucas tomaran medidas locales positivas para rectificar, aunque solo fuera simbólicamente, algunas de las destructivas acciones federales.

Los Primeros de Mayo en todo el país fueron bien atendidos este año. El aumento refleja claramente la profunda insatisfacción con la agenda de acciones de la administración Trump durante sus primeros 100 días. El Primero de Mayo se estableció en 1889 como un día mundial para conmemorar las luchas laborales y promover los derechos de los trabajadores. (El feriado del Día del Trabajo en septiembre se instituyó para contrarrestar estas energías radicales.)

El condado de Toledo/Lucas no fue la excepción. Cientos de manifestantes desafiaron fuertes vientos para sostener cartas que denunciaban diversas políticas de la administración Trump. Las cartas se burlaban de los multimillonarios en general y de Elon Musk en particular; las cartas exigían el estado de derecho y el respeto por la ciencia y la medicina.

El evento del Primero

de Mayo en Toledo fue organizado por los Socialistas Demócratas de América (DSA) del Noroeste de Ohio. La DSA nacional existe desde la década de 1980 y fue fundada por socialistas no-comunistas comprometidos con trabajar dentro del Partido Demócrata. Desde la campaña presidencial de Bernie Sanders en 2016, su número de miembros ha crecido, sus secciones se han multiplicado, y su política se ha inclinado hacia la izquierda del Partido Demócrata. Este espíritu fue evidente este Primero de Mayo.

Los dos copresidentes del DSA del NWO, ambas personas de color, estaban rodeados de sus camaradas—la mayoría de las activistas son blancos y de los sindicatos de maestros, defensores de los derechos de las personas homosexuales y trans, de los derechos de los inmigrantes, y de otras causas. La reunión fue copatrocinada por Mockingjay—un grupo LGBT, Estudiantes por la Justicia en Palestina, y Toledo contra la Opresión.

Los oradores denunciaron las medidas de deportación de Trump, tanto contra activistas como contra residentes legales e indocumentados, delincuentes y respetuosos de la ley. Los centros penitenciarios del noroeste de Ohio firmaron recientemente acuerdos con ICE para mantener allí a detenidos. La multitud abucheó ruidosamente estos acuerdos.

La tres (3) demandas para la Ciudad de Toledo y al Condado de Lucas son:

1) Que se conviertan en una ciudad santuario para inmigrantes.

2) Que se conviertan en una ciudad santuario para personas trans.

3) Que Toledo y el Condado de Lucas se desprendan al Estado de Israel.

Quizás esa última

exigencia parecía fuera de lugar, pero el discurso más conmovedor del día fue de un líder estudiantil de Estudiantes por la Justicia en Palestina de la Universidad de Toledo (UToledo), quien afirmó que los derechos palestinos era un problema laboral, un problema sindical, y una preocupación central para todos, sosteniendo que el apoyo que Estados Unidos brinda al Estado de Israel se ha utilizado para devastar a la población de Gaza: más de 50,000 muertos, pueblos y ciudades arrasadas enteramente infraestructura civil devastada.

Israel está actualmente involucrado en una guerra en Gaza que ha cobrado más de 50,000 vidas, la mayoría de ellas civiles, mujeres y niños. Al parecer, el Condado de Lucas posee al menos cinco millones de dólares en bonos israelíes.

Si bien la mayoría de los asistentes eran mayores, los organizadores y oradores eran en su mayoría jóvenes. El feroz ataque a los derechos de los inmigrantes, el debido proceso y el ataque a los derechos de las personas trans son problemas internos e importantes para esta generación. Sin embargo, el apoyo de Estados Unidos a Israel en su guerra devastadora contra los palestinos de Gaza es el problema que define a la juventud radical.

Parafraseando a un orador, los ataques contra migrantes, personas LGBT y palestinos son un ataque contra la clase trabajadora de todo el mundo. La solidaridad puede no ser eterna, pero estuvo claramente presente en las palabras y gestos de los habitantes de Toledo/Condado de Lucas.

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Cinco de Mayo in Toledo's Frontera: Sabores de México

By Linda Alvarado-Arce

Cinco de Mayo was highly celebrated in Toledo. Frontera, at 5375 Airport Highway, had a packed house and a line out the door with people trying to get in to celebrate the Battle of Puebla in 1862, or just maybe they were just there to party, dance, sing along with the DJ, or eat some delicious authentic Mexican food. Here are some pictures of the event.

Cinco de Mayo en Toledo's Frontera: Sabores de México

Por Linda Alvarado-Arce

El Cinco de Mayo fue una gran celebración en Toledo. Frontera, en el 5375 Airport Highway, tenía una fila de gente que intentaba entrar para celebrar la Batalla de Puebla de 1862, o quizás simplemente estaban allí para festejar, bailar, cantar con el DJ, o disfrutar de la deliciosa y auténtica comida mexicana. Aquí les dejo algunas fotos del evento.



Letter to the Editor:

I just got arrested for praying in our nation's capitol. I joined with faith leaders from Repairers of the Breach, the Poor People's Campaign, and Red Letter Christians entered the U.S. Capitol rotunda and started praying for a moral budget. "You're causing a disturbance," the police officers said. We replied that the real disturbance is a budget that guts Medicaid and housing for the poor while raising the Pentagon budget to a whopping \$1 trillion.



The most central tenant of Judaism is B'tselem Elohim, the concept that all people are created in the divine likeness of G-d. Regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, citizenship or economic circumstances, each of us is unique and irreplaceable. B'tselem Elohim is the core of Jewish ethics and social teachings, compelling us to show compassion, kindness, and pursue justice, to ensure the dignity of every single human being.

It was thanks to Section 8 housing, Medicaid, afterschool programs, and stretching SNAP (food stamp) benefits that I was able to obtain a masters degree in social work as a single mother of two elementary school age children. To means-test or attach work requirements to such basic human rights as healthcare, food, and housing, as Trump's proposed budget outlines, is an abomination in the eyes of G-d. As people of faith and conscientious, we must refuse to stand idly by as this sinful budget passes —and so I went to pray inside the U.S. Capitol.

The proposed budget includes:

- \$880 billion in cuts to Medicaid, resulting in losses of coverage for 36 million people and the closure of medical facilities, especially in rural areas.
- Reducing food assistance (SNAP) by \$230 billion through 2034, rolling back decades of progress. Nearly 15 million children—40% of all SNAP recipients—face the specter of hunger. These cuts will hit Black and Latino children hardest and deepen racial health disparities.
- The elimination of tens of thousands of Section 8 rental vouchers, devastating communities already reeling from rising rents and homelessness.

Some ways you can help:

In the coming days, I will share a letter that you can bring to your Congressional representatives, asking them to meet with Repairers of the Breach, FOR, Red Letter Christians, Sojourners, and others to talk about the need for a moral budget.

Make a donation at <https://forusa.org/support-for-usa/> to support FOR's work with coalitions like these committed to a world where all people are valued and cared for.

These are dark and scary times. It's only by sticking together and staying grounded in our morals that we can protect the most vulnerable and affected those among us. We must remain firm in our belief that another world is possible.

Towards peace,
Ariel Gold
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