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Consulado de México inicia jornadas sabatinas

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

DETROIT, MI, 7/11/21: El Consulado de México inició con gran éxito sus jornadas sabatinas, el pasado sábado 6 de febrero en sus oficinas, para tramitar pasaportes, matrículas consulares y credenciales para votar. Con esto se logra atender la gran demanda de documentación que existe actualmente.

"Estamos atendiendo un promedio de 60 personas todos los días (de lunes a viernes), es una cifra muy parecida a lo que teníamos antes de la pandemia y estamos siguiendo todas las medidas sanitarias al interior de la oficina, como por ejemplo no entrar con acompañantes porque regularmente vienen con un familiar o amigo, aboritaremos que esperar afuera, tampoco pueden entrar con bolsas o mochilas para evitar el contacto con objetos que puedan contagiar el entorno."

Cada hora aproximadamente se realiza una limpieza en la sala, se desinfectan los asientos y las estaciones de trabajo para que se reduzca el riesgo de contagio", informó Claudio Uribe, Vicecónsul de Servicios Consulares.

Otra de las restricciones no atender a personas sin cita, ya que todas las citas actuales son el resultado de un cálculo realizado entre el número de personas atendidas y el tiempo promedio del trámite, lo cual es un aproximado de 15 minutos. "Es el tiempo estimado desde que el connacional pasa a la ventanilla, se realiza la entrevista, se captura su información, toman la fotografía y huellas.

Tenemos en la sala 7 personas de manera constante cada 15 minutos, por lo que si llega una persona sin cita, se altera la cadena de producción o bien, se vulnera el número de personas que pueden estar en la sala, esto afecta a las medidas sanitarias", agregó el entrevistado.

Cabe destacar que la sala de atención fue acondicionada para este tipo de servicio, se cambiaron los bancos y muchos de los asientos actuales están cancelados para evitar que los solicitantes se sienten juntos.

En caso de emergencia comprobada por un familiar enfermo o fallecimiento, obviamente se requerirá el pasaporte para realizar un trámite legal, es necesario enviar correo a [curibe@sre.gob.mx](mailto:curiбе@sre.gob.mx) o comunicarse al (248) 3360320 x 37 para solicitar una cita extraordinaria. Indispensable presentar comprobante como boleto de avión con una salida en los próximos días, una carta del abogado o citatorio de la migración.

Uribe destacó la importancia de solicitar una cita extraordinaria por los medios antes mencionados y destaca que en este momento hay una gran demanda de los servicios consulares, y no hay citas disponibles para el mes de febrero. Los interesados en ser atendidos para el mes de marzo, favor de ingresar al siguiente link para agendas su cita: <https://consulmex-deticitas.online/marzo>

Durante marzo, el proceso



de citas será mediante Google forms, por lo que una vez que se complete el formulario, el interesado recibirá un correo con los datos que ingresó. Importante mencionar que este correo puede llegar a la bandeja de correos no deseados, por lo que se sugiere buscarlo como "Google forms, o Forms de Google".

El horario de atención para pasaportes, matrículas consulares y credenciales para votar es de lunes a viernes de 8:00am a 1:00pm. En cuanto a los trámites de visas, menajes de casa, copias certificadas y OP7, es de 3:15 a 4:30pm.

Consulados Móviles 2021 - Cleveland, Ohio será la sede del primer consulado móvil de migración.

Este año se tiene contemplado realizar 10 consulados móviles, el primero de los cuales se llevará a cabo el mes de abril en Cleveland, Ohio. Por cuestiones de seguridad en esta ocasión se anunciarán las sedes de cada uno de los móviles un mes antes de la fecha indicada, a través de las redes sociales del Consulado.

Al respecto, el Vicecónsul de Servicios Consulares explicó las razones: "Estaremos realizando el anuncio de cada uno de los

consulados móviles y abriendo las citas a través de MEXITEL al mismo tiempo, es decir un mes antes de cada móvil. La razón por la que estamos haciendo esto es porque han habido algunos malos entendidos en años anteriores, alterna las fechas y sedes anticipadamente se prestaba a que en ocasiones se cobrara por apartar los lugares y se pensaba que el Consulado era quien realizaba ese cobro, por lo que preferimos tenerlo todo en igualdad de circunstancias para la gente que realmente lo necesita".

Asimismo, es importante tomar en cuenta que seguimos en contingencia y no sabemos si pueden cambiar las circunstancias o restricciones por lo que tal vez los planes se puedan ver afectados, es por ello que estamos tomando la cautela necesaria".

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Puerto Rico relaja medidas por COVID-19 ante baja de casos

SAN JUAN, 4 II 21 (AP): El gobernador de Puerto Rico anunció el jueves cambios moderados en las medidas actualmente implementadas para frenar la propagación del COVID-19 al señalar que el número de contagios y hospitalizaciones en el territorio estadounidense han disminuido ligeramente.

Un toque de queda que ha estado vigente por casi un año fue acortado y pronto será establecido solo de la medianoche a las 5:00 de la mañana, mientras que los negocios en breve podrán operar una hora adicional, hasta las 11:00 de la noche.

El gobernador Pedro Pierluisi dijo que las nuevas medidas estarán en vigor del 8 de febrero al 14 de marzo.

"Los cambios son pocos, pero justos y necesarios", sostuvo. "Seguimos siendo sumamente prudentes".

Pierluisi reiteró además que planea autorizar la apertura de docenas de escuelas públicas el próximo mes, la primera vez que ocurre en un año, pese a la crítica de algunos padres de familia y un sindicato docente a los que les preocupa que el gobierno no esté preparado.

La isla de 3,2 millones de habitantes ha reportado más de 157.500 casos confirmados y sospechosos de coronavirus y más de 1.850 muertes por COVID-19.

Puerto Rico ha vacunado a más de 250.000 personas, y las autoridades anunciaron recientemente que este mes vacunarán sólo a la población de 65 años o más. La isla recibe cerca de 41.000 dosis por semana y ha solicitado un incremento en los envíos.

Biden firma nuevas órdenes ejecutivas en materia migratoria

Por ELLIOT SPAGAT y JOSH BOAK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, 2 II 21 (AP): El presidente Joe Biden firmó el martes una segunda serie de órdenes ejecutivas para revertir las políticas migratorias de su predecesor, poniendo de relieve tanto los poderes de la Casa Blanca como sus limitaciones sin el respaldo del Congreso.

Los decretos del martes, relativos a la separación de familias, seguridad fronteriza e inmigración legal, elevan a nueve el número de acciones ejecutivas de Biden en materia migratoria en sus primeras dos semanas en la presidencia. Con una propuesta de ley para otorgarles estatus legal y una vía a la naturalización a cerca de 11 millones de personas, Biden ha apuntado a muchos de los cambios radicales que implementó el presidente Donald Trump para desalentar la inmigración, tanto legal como ilegal, y ha establecido un proyecto que posiblemente permanezca mucho después de que haya dejado el cargo, siempre que obtenga apoyo suficiente en un Congreso sumamente dividido.

Biden revirtió algunas de las medidas de Trump y estableció las bases para derogaciones de mayor alcance, dependiendo del resultado de las revisiones que se llevarán a cabo en los próximos meses.

"No estoy creando nuevas leyes. Estoy eliminando las malas políticas", dijo Biden durante la ceremonia de firma de las órdenes, en la que no respondió a preguntas de la prensa.

Alejandro Mayorkas, cuya nominación como secretario de Seguridad Nacional fue confirmada en el Senado el martes, encabezará a un equipo que abordará la separación de familias migrantes, enfocado en gran parte en reunir a padres y menores que siguen separados. No está claro cuántos, pero en documentos oficiales se ha identificado a casi 5.500 menores que fueron separados de sus padres en la frontera durante la presidencia de Trump, incluidos unos 600 que no han sido localizados por una comisión designada por un tribunal.

"Vamos a trabajar para enmendar la vergüenza moral y nacional del gobierno anterior", dijo Biden.

La revisión examinará la posibilidad de otorgar estatus legal en el país a los miembros de las familias que fueron separadas y brindarles servicios de salud mental.

La Unión Americana de Libertades Civiles (ACLU), que entabló una demanda para reunir a las familias, ha solicitado al gobierno estatus legal en Estados Unidos para las miles de familias migrantes que han sido separadas, así como compensación económica para éstas y que el gobierno cubra todos los gastos legales.

La revisión de la seguridad fronteriza incluirá una medida que obliga a los solicitantes de asilo a esperar en México a que llegue la fecha para sus audiencias en cortes migratorias de Estados Unidos. Es un paso hacia el cumplimiento de una promesa de campaña de poner fin a la política Permanecer en México, conocida oficialmente como Protocolos de Protección al Migrante, que registró a casi 70.000 solicitantes de asilo desde que entró en vigor en enero de 2019. Biden pidió una "estrategia gradual para el ingreso seguro y ordenado a Estados Unidos" de aquellos que ya se inscribieron pero continúan esperando en México a que un juez decida sus casos.

Biden puso fin a una medida en la que se ponía a los solicitantes de asilo bajo custodia de la Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza (CBP) por sus iniciales en inglés prácticamente sin tener acceso a abogados mientras sus casos se decidían rápidamente. Ordenó revisar una expansión nacional de la autoridad de deportación expedita y de los acuerdos con Guatemala, El Salvador y Honduras para que Estados Unidos rechace a los solicitantes de asilo y los envíe a dichas naciones centroamericanas para que soliciten protección allí.

Su orden sobre inmigración legal busca la manera de reducir los retrasos y obstáculos para obtener la ciudadanía y posiblemente revertir la "regla de carga pública" que implementó Trump, la cual hace que sea más complicado que las personas que reciben subsidios del gobierno obtengan la residencia permanente.

A diferencia de lo que algunos esperaban, Biden no tocó el tema de la congelación de muchas de las visas de trabajo temporal y green cards en lo que la economía se recupera de una pandemia.

"Es un vacío bastante grande que no hayan actuado sobre la congelación de esas visas porque su impacto es muy grande y significativo", dijo Greg Chen, director de relaciones gubernamentales para la American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Si bien los cambios inmediatos fueron limitados, el impacto de las órdenes ejecutivas que emitió Trump en su primera semana de gobierno no se hizo evidente sino hasta después de un mes, cuando el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS) por sus siglas en inglés) detalló sus prioridades de seguridad. Sus decretos sentaron las bases para muchos de los cientos de edictos de inmigración subsecuentes emitidos durante su gobierno.

Muchos de los cambios tendrán que venir de agencias como el DHS, y no de la Casa Blanca, como revocar la regla de carga pública, dijo Chen.

Los asesores de Biden han advertido que podría tomar meses revertir las políticas fronterizas de Trump que complican el obtener asilo, lo que ha provocado quejas entre algunos activistas migratorios.

Roberta Jacobson, asesora de Biden en materia fronteriza, pidió el

viernes a la prensa de habla hispana que desalentaran a sus audiencias de presentarse en la frontera de Estados Unidos. "Ahora no es el momento", dijo en español, y añadió que el viaje "es especialmente peligroso ahora en medio de una pandemia. La administración del presidente Biden está comprometida a un procedimiento de frontera justa, ordenada y humana, pero va a tomar tiempo para ocurrir".

La portavoz de la Casa Blanca, Jen Psaki, reforzó ese mensaje el martes, al señalar que "sigue siendo un viaje peligroso", y "este no es el momento para venir a Estados Unidos".

Las órdenes demuestran que, tal como Trump reformó las políticas migratorias desde la Casa Blanca, Biden puede revertirlas de un plumazo, algunas de ellas de manera más sencilla que otras. Cambios a largo plazo tendrían que ser aprobados por el Congreso, un enorme desafío que ni Trump ni sus predecesores Barack Obama y George W. Bush pudieron conseguir.

De manera similar a los fracasos legislativos de 2007 y 2013, se han formado divisiones con una marcada retórica. Stephen Miller, principal arquitecto de las políticas de Trump, dijo el domingo en Fox News Channel que las acciones de Biden representan el "fin de la seguridad migratoria en los Estados Unidos de América".

Grupos en favor de la inmigración aplaudieron en buena medida las acciones más recientes de Biden, aunque de manera más discreta en comparación con los decretos que emitió el presidente en su primer día de gobierno.

"Los pasos positivos que está dando este gobierno deben ser el principio y no el final", dijo Ali Noorani, presidente del National Immigration Forum. "El Congreso debe seguir estos pasos y encontrar soluciones permanentes para mejorar nuestro sistema de inmigración".

Kelli Garcia, asesora de políticas federales para el Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund, dijo que las órdenes más recientes son alentadoras, pero "no beneficiarán de inmediato a las comunidades inmigrantes que requieren urgentemente de acciones concretas".

Spagat reportó desde San Diego.



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Guillermo Cisneros es nombrado miembro de la Comisión Bipartidista de Protección de Michigan

Por: Isabel Flores, correspondiente La Prensa

GRAND RAPIDS, MI: Guillermo Cisneros, Director Ejecutivo de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana del Oeste de Michigan fue nombrado miembro de la Comisión Bipartidista de Protección de Michigan establecida por la gobernadora Gretchen Whitmer para ayudar a respaldar los esfuerzos estatales de educación y divulgación sobre la vacuna COVID-19.

"La pandemia ha causado un gran daño a nuestra comunidad", dijo Guillermo Cisneros. "Este nombramiento es una excelente oportunidad para llevar la voz en general de la comunidad del Oeste de Michigan a esta mesa. La Cámara Hispana de Comercio del Oeste de Michigan (WMHCC) representa a un gran número de negocios, corporaciones, organizaciones sin fines de lucro y universidades en toda la región, tanto de

Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Kalamazoo, Holland, y Muskegon, mi meta es reunir a diferentes grupos no solo latinos, sino también afroamericanos, asiáticos, nativos americanos y desarrollar redes que nos permitan llegar a cada rincón. Este es un trabajo que debe realizarse en equipo, necesitamos traer a las diferentes comunidades de color para escuchar cuáles son las barreras por las que está pasando su propia gente y brindar educación sobre la vacuna. La única forma de vencer este virus es cuidarnos y vacunarnos pero es un trabajo en conjunto".

El Director Ejecutivo ya se encuentra contactando a los diferentes líderes comunitarios para desarrollar la estrategia sobre cómo crear las redes sociales a nivel comunitario y llevar el mensaje de manera correcta. "Tenemos que ayudarnos mutuamente para brindar informar y

generar conciencia; además de abogar para que conforme sigan llegando las vacunas, nuestra comunidad sea incluida en la proporción adecuada, que no todo se vaya únicamente a ciertos grupos de personas que gozan de privilegios, que veamos una distribución equitativa y accesible en lugares a los que pueda acudir nuestra gente fácilmente", agregó el entrevistado y dijo que una de las organizaciones con las que se encuentra trabajando actualmente es el Centro Hispano del Oeste de Michigan, a quienes considera fundamentales como parte de este equipo.

Aunque hay varias teorías de conspiración con respecto a la vacuna del COVID-19, Cisneros anima para investigar, hablar con doctores, asistir a paneles de orientación y hablar con gente que ya ha sido vacunada. "La vacuna es la única forma

en la que vamos a salir de esta pandemia, la ciencia ha avanzado enormemente en los últimos 10-20 años y se ha demostrado que es importante tener este apoyo médico en nuestro organismo", destacó.

Asimismo, informó que tanto en el sitio web como en las redes sociales de WMHCC se difunde información constantemente, emitida por el departamento de salud y el Condado de Kent, quienes cuentan con información en diferentes idiomas.

Cabe destacar que la Comisión fue formada en diciembre del 2020 y el pasado mes de enero la Gobernadora nombró adicionalmente a más personas de todo el estado, entre quienes se encuentra Guillermo Cisneros.

La gobernadora seleccionó a Kerry Ebersole Singh para dirigir la Comisión de Protección de Michigan y ayudar a movilizar los esfuerzos en conjunto. "Este es un momento crítico para Michigan y, a medida que intensificamos los esfuerzos de vacunación en todo el estado, confío en que podemos aprovechar la experiencia de los comisionados para garantizar que todos los que quieran vacunarse puedan hacerlo", señaló Kerry en comunicado de prensa.

La Comisión está copresidida por: Vicegobernador Garlin Gilchrist II; Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, M.D., director médico ejecutivo y director adjunto de salud del DHHS; Blake Griffin, Detroit Pistons; Ex vicegobernador Brian N. Calley, Asociación de Pequeñas Empresas de Michigan; Eva A. Garza Dewart, SER Metro-Detroit, Jobs for Progress, Inc.; Tina Freese-Decker, Spectrum Health; Jamie Brown, Asociación de enfermeras de Michigan; Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, M.D., Iniciativa de Salud



Guillermo Cisneros

Pública Pediátrica de la Universidad Estatal de Michigan y Hurley Children's Hospital.

desempeñarán un papel vital para ayudar a reforzar la importancia de que todos reciban la vacuna de manera eficaz. Estoy segura que los miembros estarán a la altura de las circunstancias y ayudarán a Michigan a poner fin a la pandemia de COVID-19 de una vez por todas".

También se establecieron grupos de trabajo consultivos para ayudar en el desempeño de las funciones y responsabilidades, por lo que se nombraron presidentes para cada uno de esos grupos. Adicionalmente, se incluyeron a miembros de la Legislatura.

Todos ellos tienen la tarea de proporcionar liderazgo público para elevar y reforzar la importancia de una vacuna COVID-19 aprobada, identificando las barreras que pueden impedir la aceptación de la vacuna por los residentes de Michigan, lo que incluye identificar áreas o grupos dentro de este estado.

En comunicado de prensa, la gobernadora Whitmer destacó: "Michigan está trabajando día y noche para aumentar las vacunas y alcanzar nuestra meta de 50,000 inyecciones por día, y con la ayuda de la Comisión de Protección, podremos asegurarnos de que todos se vacunen una vez que tengan la oportunidad. Los miembros bipartidistas de este grupo

GDYT: Detroit seeks to provide summer jobs for teens, young adults

DETROIT, Feb. 7, 2021 (AP): An annual program is expected to provide summer jobs for 8,000 Detroit teenagers and young adults.

Applications for *Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT)* are being accepted until May 1, 2021 for residents ages 14 to 24.

This year marks the program's seventh. The city expects to have provided 50,000 summer jobs since the program started.

Last summer, more than 6,000 jobs were virtual to maintain so-

cial distancing protocols due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"We never considered canceling the program for a moment because we want our young people to know the value we place on them," Mayor Mike Duggan said. "We are always grateful to our partners but particularly so last year. Pivoting to an entirely new program at scale in only three months was a remarkable achievement.

"Whatever the status this summer, we will still make sure that our youth have the opportunity to learn new skills and earn



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Dr. Amy Acton leaves nonprofit to explore run for US Senate

By JULIE CARR SMYTH and DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Feb. 4, 2021(AP): Dr. Amy Acton, the former state health director who became the face of Ohio's early pandemic response, is stepping down from her nonprofit position to "carefully explore" running as a Democrat for the U.S. Senate, she said Thursday.

Acton would be vying for a coveted open seat being vacated by Republican U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, who cited divisive national politics in a decision not to seek reelection next year.

"Many Ohioans have shared with me their concerns and the daily challenges they face," she said in a statement. "They have expressed a need for a new approach that can help them, and their communities thrive. I am humbled by the outpouring of interest



and support. For that reason, I am stepping down from my role at The Columbus Foundation in order to carefully consider how I can best be of service at this crucial time."

Acton's leadership working with DeWine in the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic made her something of a folk hero and role model for Ohio girls. Intense backlash and concerns about safety caused her to step back from the public spotlight, but Democratic insiders say she polls well as a possible statewide contender.

Some influential Democrats are urging Acton to run in a race that's already captured the interest of veteran Congressman Tim Ryan, who represents Ohio's blue-collar Steel Valley, and a host of others.

Portman's surprise announcement Jan. 25 that he wouldn't seek a third term has triggered a dozen or so Ohio politicians to express interest in the 2022 race, and some Democrats are advocating for the party to field a candidate who is a person of color, a woman or both.

Tri-C Partners on Livestreamed Dance Performance from NYC

Gain a greater understanding of the human experience through dance and storytelling by Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE during a performance livestreamed from The Joyce Theater in New York City.

The virtual event begins at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021. It is presented by Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C), DANCECleveland, The Joyce Theater Foundation, and Northrop at the University of Minnesota.

The program will include some of EVIDENCE's most iconic pieces, including an updated version of *Mercy* and an excerpt from *Grace*. The dance company is acclaimed for its ability to integrate traditional African dance with contemporary choreography and spoken word.

The performance is part of the 35th anni-



versary celebration of EVIDENCE.

"The dancers and I are grateful for the generosity of The Joyce, Northrop, DANCECleveland and Tri-C to make this performance possible — safely — during a global pandemic," Brown said. "It is an absolute blessing and true gift for EVIDENCE to share these works with audiences around the world."

Tickets are \$25. On-demand streaming of the show will be available to all ticket holders through March 4.

This is Tri-C's first collaboration with The Joyce Theater, a New York City institution.

"While the pandemic

OBITUARIES

RICARDO DUEÑEZ GARCIA

Ricardo Dueñez García, age 61 of Toledo, OH, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at St. Vincent Medical Center. Ricardo was born on March 31, 1959 to the late Albert and Antonia (née Dueñez) García in Hereford, Texas.

Ricardo was a family man who loved every second spending time with his beloved children and grandchildren. He was a jokester and could make you laugh no matter what mood you were in. He made it a point to make you smile. He was an excellent cook and liked to watch movies. Netflix meant nothing to him; old fashioned DVD's were the real deal.

Ricardo loved life and all the things he got to do while living it, like going camping and just "going out" to do something. He was an avid Facebooker and liked keeping up with his family and friends, no matter where they were.

Ricardo is survived by his children, Raquel and Regina; grandchildren Ciana, Analicia, Coreon, Carlito, Michael, Paul, Anthony, Riley, Eli, Aleah, Leland, Thalia, and Vicente; son-in-law, Matt; daughter-in-law Amanda; six siblings, Lisa, Marty, Cecil, Mary, Delia, and Danny, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Antonia García; and son, Ricardo Alfonzo García; sister, Juanita; and brother, Rubén.

ANGELO CORTEZ

Angelo Cortez, 32, was called home unexpectedly on Sunday, January 31, 2021. He was born in Toledo, OH to Michael Cortez, Sr. and Bernadette (née Johnson) Medrano on July 23, 1988.

Angelo had a love for sports especially his Dallas Cowboys, Michigan Wolverines, and New York Yankees. In his spare time, Angelo enjoyed golfing, playing cornhole, and living life to the fullest with family and friends. Angelo loved spending time with his three beautiful children and love of his life, whom he cherished dearly.

Angelo is survived by his wife, Angela (Cásares) Cortez; son, Angelo Cortez, Jr.; daughters, Ayla and Amya Cortez; family protector, Lola; father, Michael Cortez Sr.; mother, Bernadette (step-father Chris) Medrano; brother, Michael Cortez, Jr.; sisters, Alicia Cortez and Corrina Medrano; step-brother, Anthony Medrano; step-sister, Cierra Medrano; mother-in-law, Dawn Cásares; along with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and lifelong friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Benjamin and Rebecca (Vásquez) Johnson; grandmother, Lucille Barrera; and great grandparents and extended family.

SOURCE: *The Freck Funeral Chapel, Oregon, OH.*

UToledo hosts Dialogue on Diversity to discuss COVID-19 Vaccines and the Black Community

The University of Toledo discontinuing its *Dialogues on Diversity* series with the next virtual town hall in the series titled "COVID-19 Vaccines and the Black Community" taking place 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 on Webex.

"There are clear and well-documented historical reasons that Black folks may be apprehensive about vaccines and healthcare in general," said David Young, director of Toledo Excel and Special Projects at UT Toledo. "At the same time, COVID-19 has ravaged our com-

munities, and we need to find the most expedient way to eradicate it. Our intent is not to convince or persuade anyone, but rather to provide facts and a transparent dialogue."

Participants include:

- Dr. Joan Duggan, infectious disease specialist and professor of medicine at UT Toledo;

- Dr. Kimberly Jenkins, associate dean of diversity and inclusion in the UT Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences;

- Dr. Anthony Pattin, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at UT Toledo;

- Dr. Rachel Dudley, assistant professor of women's and gender stud-

ies at UT Toledo;

- Gwendolynn Gregory, director of nursing, clinical and community wellness services at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and program director of the Reproductive Health and Wellness Center; and

- Rev. Willie Perryman, president of the Toledo chapter of the NAACP and pastor of Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

The UT Toledo Office of Diversity and Inclusion collaborated with Brothers on the Rise, Sister Circle and the UT Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences to organize the event.

LCCAA releases Annual Report

LORAIN, Feb. 2021: LCCAA (Lorain County Community Action Agency) has released its 2020 Annual Report to the Community, highlighting the achievements of a truly unique year.

"The details in this report show our staff adapting and persevering in creative ways to serve people," said President and CEO Jackie

Boehlein. "The year 2020 was like no other and I'm proud of the way our agency stepped up and stepped in to help."

Highlights of the report include:

- Spending an allocation of \$1.1 million in rent and water assistance in just seven weeks.

- Launching a virtual component of Head Start.

- Providing hundreds of hours in youth services

work to Second Harvest Foodbank.

- Adapting classes like Getting Ahead to an online environment.

- Distributing almost 2,000 children's coats.

Many of the innovations necessitated by COVID-19 continue in 2021, Boehlein added. View or download the complete report at www.lccaa.net.

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Toledo Health Department:

• **RITE AID:**
Drive-thru testing available at the 7225 Airport Highway; Time: Starting 6/4 testing hours will be 10-8 M-F and 10-5 on the Weekend;

Appointment: Must have an appointment. Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.riteaid.com For Questions: (419) 866-8943; Cost: Free

• WALMART ON CENTRAL:

Drive-thru testing available at the Walmart Supercenter at 5821 Central Ave, Toledo; Time: Testing is available M-W-F from 7 am – 9 am;

Appointment: Must have an appointment. Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com For Questions: (866) 697-8378; Cost: Free

• LABCORP:

Anti-body testing available at 1565 S. Byrne Rd Suite 105, Toledo; Time: Testing available Monday-Friday from 7:30 am – 4 pm **Appointment: Order Required, No Appointment Needed.**

How Lapcorp Works (419-381-1300);

Individuals without an order may have one created at Labcorp COVID-19 Antibody Testing; Cost: \$10 if order is purchased from Labcorp website.

• NHA: NEXUS HEALTHCARE CENTER:

Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Nexus Healthcare Center at 1415 Jefferson Ave; Time: Beginning 4/27; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free

• NHA: NAVARRE PARK FAMILY CARE CENTER:

Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Navarre Park Family Care Center at 1020 Varland Ave (**Spanish Speakers Available**); **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free

• CVS: Drive-thru testing available at the CVS Pharmacy at 2104 S. Byrne Road, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 9 am – 6 pm, on Sat 9 am – 5 pm, and on Sun 10 am – 5 pm;

• Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at www.CVS.com For Questions: 419-389-9112 Cost: Free

• Health Partners of Western Ohio:

Drive-thru and walk-up Drive-thru testing available at the Old West End Site (former Girl Scout Building) at 2244 Collingwood Blvd Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 8:15 am – 4 pm (All Ages);

• Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 567-318-3900;

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• NEW LOCATION-

Toledo Family Pharmacy: Drive-thru testing available at 324 Main Street, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M/TR: 10am-1 pm, W/F: 1 pm-6 pm, Sat : 11 am-3 pm;

• Appointment: Must have an appointment:

Visit DolNeeadaCOVID19test.com or call 800-635-8611 to schedule an appointment;

Cost: Free

Testing locations for Cleveland:

• **Cleveland Clinic** - Main campus, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Drive-thru. • **Walgreens**, 4281 W. 130th St., Cleveland; drive-thru, 9am to 5pm. Cleveland

Ohio Dept of Health: If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Michigan Dept of Human and Health Services

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Testing sites in Detroit:

• CVS Pharmacy at

Wayne County Community College: Drive-thru, 1001 W Fort St, Detroit, MI 48226; (313) 412-2160; Appointment Required Features

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COVID-19 Update: New ODJFS Public-Private Partnership Team

Pat Tiberi, President and

CEO of the *Ohio Business Roundtable*, worked with business leaders to identify the best talent for the partnership team who have experience in large organizations' call centers, claims processes, and fraud detection.

VACCINE UPDATE:

Ohio is among the top five states for delivering COVID-19 vaccine doses to long-term care facility residents. As a result of this aggressive effort to vaccinate those in long-term care, Ohio is beginning to see a drop in cases.

Pfizer has notified Ohio that they believe they will increase their shipment of vaccine by 40 percent around mid-to-late February. Shipments could additionally increase even more by the end of March. Pfizer is currently shipping approximately 73,000 doses to Ohio per week.

Moderna doses have increased from 73,200 two weeks ago to 105,600 doses that are expected next week.

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Ohio was one of the first states to draw unused doses from the long-term care program, and those 77,000 extra doses are being delivered this week to select CVS and Walgreens pharmacies.

ODJFS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TEAM:

DeWine has announced the formation of a new *Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Public-Private Partnership Team* to improve Ohioans' experiences with the unemployment system.

Members of the team will include highly-skilled experts, most of whom are on loan from some of Ohio's top banking and insurance companies:

- Fifth Third Bank
- Nationwide
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- Encova Insurance
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These experts will provide recommendations and solutions to improve the call center, claims process, and fraud detection efforts in the state unemployment system," said DeWine.

"They'll examine short-

term and long-term improvements. Our goal is quick action while keeping an eye on the long-term best processes going forward, and we will continue working to improve the unemployment system so that eligible Ohioans in need can receive the financial assistance they are counting on during this pandemic."

The team currently has around 16 members but is expected to grow.

UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE:

This week, Ohio has paid out nearly \$100 million to more than 110,000 Ohioans receiving traditional unemployment. This represents some extended weeks of benefits plus an additional \$300 a week, which were included with the new federal aid.

Starting this Saturday, more than 155,000 Ohioans will also start seeing benefits from this new federal aid package. This includes Ohioans who recently lost a job as a result of the pandemic as well as Ohioans who continue to be impacted due to the pandemic.

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By the last week in February, all Ohioans impacted by unemployment will have the ability to claim all the weeks and supplements available under the law and receive the benefits they are owed.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT:

DeWine also commented on Ohio's \$24.7 million settlement with McKinsey & Co. for its role in fueling the opioid crisis. The settlement is part of a \$573 million national settlement encompassing 47 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories.

Settlement funds will be distributed as part of the *One Ohio* plan which focuses funding to programs that address prevention, treatment, and long-term recovery as well as criminal justice and public awareness costs that promote the overall health and well-being of Ohioans.

Ohio was one of the first states to file lawsuits against the opioid manufacturers and distributors that pushed millions of addictive pills into Ohio. Last year, the state developed the OneOhio partnership with Ohio townships, villages, cities, and counties that filed suit against these same companies.

CURRENT CASE DATA:

In total, there are 910,847 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 11,509 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 47,110 people have been hospitalized throughout the pandemic, including 6,800 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Video of today's full update, including versions with foreign language translation, can be viewed on the [Ohio Channel's YouTube page](https://www.youtube.com/c/OhioChannel).

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

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CLEVELAND, FEBRUARY 8: 2021 is a year of new beginnings for many and it's no different for *Cleveland Public Library*. On February 17, the Library will its *Founder's Day* with a renewed plan to provide spaces and places for Clevelanders in the pursuit of self-advancement and self-improvement.

"Cleveland Public Library recognizes our city is changing and we want to be a catalyst for that change," remarks *Felton Thomas, Jr.*, Executive Director and CEO of Cleveland Public Library. "Our strategic focus goes be-

yond inspiring discovery and nurturing a life-long love of reading and learning. We are actively working to build an equitable society."

Thomas will unveil the Library's strategic plan and refreshed vision to create a city where opportunity is available to all at *The City Club's virtual forum* on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. He will be joined by *Marsha Mockabee*, president and CEO of the *Urban League of Cleveland*, and *Danielle Sydnor*, president of the *Cleveland Branch of the NAACP*, to discuss the historical and racial inequities in Cleveland and how their re-

spective institutions are working to usher in a new era of justice.

"We're excited to share our new direction with the community," adds Thomas. To learn more about *The City Club Forum*, visit cpl.org/forums.

Also, on the Library's Founders Day, all Library locations will be closed to the public until 2 p.m. to allow for staff development. Patrons are encouraged to use its digital collection to find their next great read, movie, or audiobook. Visit cpl.org to learn about our *Homebound Service* and *Words on Wheels* programs.

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Tri-C's Westshore Campus earns second LEED certification

WESTLAKE: Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) earned a LEED® Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for the new Liberal Arts and Technology building at Westshore Campus.

LEED certification is a nationally recognized benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. This is the College's seventh building with a LEED designation.

Westshore's Health Careers and Sciences building previously earned a LEED Gold designation after opening a decade ago. Development of the campus along Clemens Road in Westlake coincided with the College's creation of a sustainability plan.

"The notion of 'building green' has guided Westshore Campus since Day One," said David November, the College's sustainability manager. "In many ways, this campus represents the robust sustainability standards that Tri-C now brings to every project."



The Liberal Arts and Technology building opened in September 2019 along Clemens Road in Westlake. The new building added more than 90,000 square feet of academic space to campus, including 30 classrooms and labs and numerous student support services.

Sustainability highlights of the new building include:

- A more than 36% reduction in typical energy use due to LED lighting and efficient heating and cooling systems, bringing an estimated annual savings of \$30,000
- Equipment and plumbing fixtures designed to save more than 650,000 gallons of water per year — the equivalent of 16,000 filled bathtubs
- A stormwater plan that reduces the quantity and improves the quality of runoff
- An emphasis on using local and recycled materials during construction
- Establishment of a "green cleaning" policy and program

The College also diverted 89% of construction waste from landfills through sorting and recycling during the 18-month project. Tri-C collaborated with Moody Nolan architects and Donley's construction on the building.

The new building at Westshore joins a growing list of Tri-C sites awarded LEED certification. Green buildings and grounds serve as key components of the College's efforts to reduce its environmental impact.

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Tuesday, March 2; 6:30 p.m. Learn tips and work-arounds for technology issues with audio, video quality, internet, Zoom and more.

Zoom Cookbook Discussion - Fix-It and Forget-It Healthy 5-Ingredient Cookbook: 150 Easy And Nutritious Slow Cooker Recipes by Hope Comerford

Tuesday, Feb. 16; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you love to read, cook and learn and share recipes, this group is for you. Join us via Zoom to discuss and feel free to virtually "share" a dish from the month's selected cookbook. Hosts will be logging in from the beautiful new Culinary Literacy Center at the Main Library. Preregistration required.

Meet your Neighbor on Facebook Live

Wednesday, Feb. 17; 7 p.m. Tune in to meet one of your Lorain County neighbors as they share their talents and skills and answer your questions. Meet Tori and Steven from My Wood Loft in North Ridgeville and learn how they got started making furniture and other custom pieces for the home with recycled and reclaimed materials.

Toni Morrison Day

Thursday, Feb. 18 Free Toni Morrison Day bookmarks at the Main Library while supplies last as we celebrate the award-winning author from Lorain.

Virtual African Drum and Dance (on Facebook)

Saturday, Feb. 20; 2 to 3 p.m.

Enjoy an engaging afternoon with an interactive performance by West African

Mobile Hot Spots Available

The Avon, North Ridgeville and Columbia branches have a limited number of mobile hot spots for 21-day loan periods. Call ahead for availability.

To join any of our Facebook programs, visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/LorainPublicLibrarySystem>.

Patrons can register for programs offered on Zoom at www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/events. Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so that Zoom invitations can be sent for the event.

Free Tax Prep and Filing Available Throughout Lorain County

Families and individuals can avoid paying filing fees on returns by using one of the coalition's four tax preparation sites located throughout Lorain County or by utilizing MyFreeTaxes.com.

The Lorain County Free Tax Prep Coalition specifically helps low and moderate-income families and individuals who, in general, made about \$60,000 or less in 2019.

Appointments are available at the following locations:

- **Elyria Public Library West River Branch**
Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Lorain Public Library**
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Ohio Means Jobs Lorain County**
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **United Way of Greater Lorain County**
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Individuals can call

2-1-1 or (800) 275-6106

to schedule appointments and obtain information about sites and required documents.



United Way of Greater Lorain County

El Centro de Servicios Sociales Upcoming Events February 2021 / Febrero 2021



Debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, las oficinas de El Centro están ofreciendo servicios por teléfono a la comunidad con una cantidad limitada de personal. Si necesitas servicios y necesitas venir a la oficina, le recomendamos que llame primero a la oficina (440-277-8235) para recibir instrucciones del nuevo procedimiento para visitas. Los siguientes son servicios que aún estamos ofreciendo:

- Servicios de administración de dinero / representante del beneficiario para personas con enfermedades de salud mental severa y discapacidades físicas
- Línea telefónica de información y de referidos en español 211
- Línea de navegación de salud mental y adicción (440-240-7025)
- Interpretación médica y de salud mental (por teléfono) para agencias con contratos
- Difundir información a la comunidad sobre COVID-19
- Distribución de Comida
- Seminarios para compradores de vivienda por primera vez

Tutoría gratuita - 231Go! El programa colaborativo de escuelas intermedia de El Centro está ofreciendo tutoría y sesiones de ayuda con la tarea con cita previa. Contamos con tres tutores bilingües disponibles durante todo el año escolar. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Verónica González al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7014.

10, 11, 17, 18, 24 y 25 de febrero - Clases de participación de los padres / Padres Comprometidos. Estas clases virtuales son en colaboración con Lorain County Community College y UnidosUS. Las clases serán todos los miércoles y jueves a partir de las 5:00 p.m. a las 6:30 p.m. a través de Zoom y los padres aprenderán habilidades de alfabetización digital, cómo trabajar con sus escuelas para preparar a su hijo para la universidad y más allá, así como otras herramientas importantes. Los talleres se ofrecen en español y terminarán con una celebración familiar. Los padres pueden unirse en cualquier momento durante el período de 4 semanas. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Verónica González al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7014 (folleto adjunto).

11 de febrero - La despensa (distribución) móvil de alimentos "Drive Thru" de El Centro, en colaboración con Second Harvest Food Bank de North Central Ohio, **se ha mudado al Oakwood Park**. El horario de la despensa (distribución) de alimentos es de **2:00 pm a 4:00 pm (NOTA - NUEVO CAMBIO DE HORA)** o hasta que se acaben los alimentos. Los hogares elegibles por ingresos (por debajo del 200% del nivel de pobreza) reciben una caja de comida y varias bolsas de verduras frescas por orden de llegada: GRATIS. Se requiere identificación con foto y comprobante de residencia. Los voluntarios colocarán los artículos en su baúl (asegúrese de tener su baúl vacío).

20 y 27 de febrero: talleres bilingües de educación para compradores de vivienda certificados por HUD: estas clases ayudarán a mejorar la educación financiera de los residentes del condado de Lorain. El Centro está ofreciendo a los compradores de vivienda dos cursos (cuatro horas por clase) enfocados en: Conocimientos financieros (presupuestación y ahorro) y el proceso de propiedad de vivienda para preparar a los participantes en el proceso de compra de vivienda. Las clases se llevarán a cabo a través de Zoom. Para registrarse o para obtener más información, llame a *Maria Carrion* al 440-277-8235.

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Tri-C receives Two Grants from National Endowment for the Arts

CLEVELAND: The National Endowment for the Arts this week announced a pair of grants totaling \$35,000 to support music and dance projects by Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) in 2021.



\$27.5 million in grants for organizations across the nation.

The Grants for Art Projects (GAP) awards to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation were included in the NEA's first major funding announcement for next year. The federal agency approved more than

class jazz to the city while giving local talent an opportunity to showcase their skills.

• A Feb. 18 online performance and other virtual outreach activities by Ronald K.

Brown/EVIDENCE, a dance company acclaimed for its ability to integrate traditional African dance with contemporary choreography and spoken word.

Visit arts.gov for more information on the NEA grant announcement and a full list of awards.



Tri-C hosts three days of COVID-19 Testing, week of Feb. 8

CLEVELAND: Drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be offered three days this week at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) campuses through a partnership with Care Alliance Health Center.

Free testing will take place at **MetroCampus** in Cleveland on Monday, Feb. 8; Wednesday, Feb. 10; and Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021. Metro Campus is located at 2900 Community College Ave. in Cleveland.

Testing begins at 11 a.m. each day. No testing will be done after 2 p.m. It is recommended that individuals arrive at least an hour before the site closes in order to get through the line. Testing is completed on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary.

The testing service is available to area residents as well as Tri-C students, faculty and staff. The program offers testing to individuals regardless of their symptom status, insurance status or ability to pay. Individuals will not be charged for the test.

A government-issued ID with name and address is required for testing. Those with health coverage are asked to bring their insurance card.

Visit tri-c.edu/covidtest or call 216-317-1250 for more information.

Individuals can also call the above number to schedule testing appointments at the Care Alliance Central Clinic, located at 2916 Central Ave. in Cleveland. No appointment is necessary.

Test results are com-

municated to individuals by phone within approximately one week. Reporting could take longer during periods of high-volume testing.

The opportunities for testing come amidst the continued spread of COVID-19 in Northeast Ohio, the state and the nation. The collaboration with Care Alliance reflects Tri-C's commitment to meeting community needs during the pandemic.

Care Alliance is a nonprofit community health center providing primary and preventative medical services to residents regardless of their ability to pay. It serves the unique needs of patients at two downtown health centers and a mobile unit, as well as through outreach programming.

Supporters' words may haunt Trump at impeachment trial

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER and COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 23, 2021 (AP): The words of Donald Trump supporters who are accused of participating in the deadly U.S. Capitol riot may end up being used against him in his Senate impeachment trial as he faces the charge of inciting a violent insurrection.

At least five supporters facing federal charges have suggested they were taking orders from the then-president when they marched on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6 to challenge the certification of Joe Biden's election win. But now those comments, captured in interviews with reporters and federal agents, are likely to take center stage as Democrats lay out their case. It's the first time a former president will face such charges after leaving office.

"I feel like I was basically following my president. I was following what we were called to do. He asked us to fly there. He asked us to be there," Jenna Ryan, a Texas real estate agent who posted a photo on Twitter of herself flashing a peace sign next to a broken Capitol window, told a Dallas-Fort

Worth TV station.

Jacob Chansley, the Arizona man photographed on the dais in the Senate who was shirtless and wore face paint and a furry hat with horns, has similarly pointed a finger at Trump.

Chansley called the FBI the day after the insurrection and told agents he traveled "at the request of the president that all 'patriots' come to D.C. on January 6, 2021," authorities wrote in court papers.

Chanley's lawyer unsuccessfully lobbied for a pardon for his client before Trump's term ended, saying Chansley "felt like he was answering the call of our president." Authorities say that while up on the dais in the Senate chamber, Chansley wrote a threatening note to then-Vice President Mike Pence

that said: "It's only a matter of time, justice is coming."

Trump is the first president to be twice impeached and the first to face a trial after leaving office. The charge this time is "inciting violence against the government of the United States." His impeachment lawyer, Butch Bowers, did

not respond to call for comment.

Opening arguments in the trial will begin the week of Feb. 8. House Democrats who voted to impeach Trump last week for inciting the storming of the Capitol say a full reckoning is necessary before the country—and the Congress—can move on.

For weeks, Trump rallied his supporters against the election outcome and urged them to come to the Capitol on Jan. 6 to rage against Biden's win. Trump spoke to the crowd near the White House shortly before they marched along Pennsylvania Avenue to Capitol Hill.

"We will never give up. We will never concede. It doesn't happen," Trump said. "You don't concede when there's theft involved. Our country has had enough. We will not take it anymore."

Later he said: "If you don't fight like hell you're not going to have a country anymore." He told supporters to walk to the Capitol to "peacefully and patriotically" make your voices heard.

Trump has taken no responsibility for his part in

fomenting the violence, saying days after the attack: "People thought that what I said was totally appropriate."

Unlike a criminal trial, where there are strict rules about what is and isn't evidence, the Senate can consider anything it wishes. And if they can show that Trump's words made a real impact, all the better, and scholars expect it in the trial.

"Bringing in those people's statements is part of proving that it would be at a minimum reasonable for a rational person to expect that if you said and did the things that Trump said and did, then they would be understood in precisely the way these people understood them," said Frank Bowman, a Constitutional law expert and law professor at University of Missouri.

A retired firefighter from Pennsylvania told a friend that he traveled to Washington with a group of people and the group listened to Trump's speech and then "followed the President's instructions" and went to the Capitol, an agent wrote in court papers. That man, Robert

Sanford, is accused of throwing a fire extinguisher that hit three Capitol Police officers.

Another man, Robert Bauer of Kentucky, told FBI agents that "he marched to the U.S. Capitol because President Trump said to do so," authorities wrote. His cousin, Edward Hemenway, from Virginia, told the FBI that he and Bauer headed toward the Capitol after Trump said "something about taking Pennsylvania Avenue."

"More than 130 people as of Friday were facing federal charges; prosecutors have promised that more cases — and more serious charges — are coming.

Most of those arrested so far are accused of crimes like unlawful entry and disorderly conduct, but prosecutors this week filed conspiracy charges against three self-described members of a paramilitary group who authorities say plotted the attack. A special group of prosecutors is examining whether to bring sedition charges, which

carry up to 20 years in prison, against any of the rioters.

Two-thirds of the Senate is needed to convict. And while many Republicans — including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky — have condemned Trump's words, it remains unclear how many would vote to convict him.

"While the statements of those people kind of bolsters the House manager's case, I think that President Trump has benefited from a Republican Party that has not been willing to look at evidence," said Michael Gerhardt, a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law who testified before the House Judiciary Committee during Trump's first impeachment hearings in 2019.

"They stood by him for the entire first impeachment proceeding, thinking that the phone call with the president of the Ukraine was perfect and I'm sure they will think that was a perfect speech too. There is nothing yet to suggest that they would think otherwise," Gerhardt said.

Richer reported from Boston.

El Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Lorain brinda una oportunidad de recuperación

Los familiares, amigos y compañeros de trabajo de alguien que usa drogas opioides deben tener a la mano un kit de rescate Narcan, al igual que cualquier persona que se esté recuperando de un problema de opioides. Narcan (naloxona) es un medicamento que detiene y revierte una sobredosis de opioides.

"Salvar la vida de alguien con Narcan brinda una oportunidad para que esa persona busque la recuperación", dijo David Covell, MPH, RS, Comisionado de Salud de Lorain County Public Health (LCPH). "Obtener el apoyo de otras personas ayuda a alguien con adicción a buscar y alcanzar la recuperación". En 2020, LCPH distribuyó 932 kits de rescate de Narcan a los residentes del condado de Lorain para prevenir las sobredosis de opioides. Los informes muestran que esos kits de rescate de Narcan salvaron a 140 personas de morir por una sobredosis. Estos kits salvaron la vida de la hija, la madre, el padre, el hijo o el amigo de alguien. En 2020, 120 seres queridos perdieron la vida como resultado de una sobredosis de opioides.

La pandemia de COVID-19 deja vulnerables a las personas con trastornos por abuso de sustancias. LCPH mantiene su compromiso de frenar la propagación de COVID-19 en el condado de Lorain mientras continúa sirviendo de manera segura a las personas más vulnerables. Para seguir brindando oportunidades de recuperación, LCPH ahora ofrece capacitación Narcan virtualmente y kits de rescate Narcan disponibles por correo.

Quienes deseen prevenir una muerte por sobredosis de opioides pueden solicitar un kit de rescate Narcan sin costo en LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids. Recibirás entrenamiento de Narcan en línea y deberás enviar una solicitud para obtener por correo un kit de rescate de Narcan. O visita LCPH para recibir entrenamiento Narcan y recoger un kit de rescate Narcan. Acude a 9880 Murray Ridge Road en Elyria de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 4 p.m. Comunicate al 440-322-6367 para programar una cita fuera del horario de atención.

Otro recurso durante este tiempo de interacciones sociales limitadas incluye la línea de llamada "Never Use Alone". Si tienes un ser querido que usa drogas, infórmale sobre la línea telefónica "Never Use Alone" al marcar 800-484-3731. Un operador permanece en la línea y se comunica con los servicios de emergencia si la persona que llama no responde. Este recurso proporciona otra forma de salvar vidas y brindar oportunidades de recuperación.

En este momento, más personas se quedan en casa y trabajan desde ahí. Protege a tus seres queridos y compañeros de casa, guarda los analgésicos recetados de forma segura. Guarda los medicamentos en el envase original y fuera de la vista. Mantén el medicamento en un recipiente con llave, en un armario o cajón seguro para medicamentos, fuera del alcance de los niños y las mascotas. Si tienes medicamentos sobrantes, desecha de manera segura las píldoras restantes. Consulta con la comisaría de policía local para encontrar un lugar para dejar los medicamentos no utilizados.

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Lorain County Public Health provides a chance for recovery

Family members, friends and coworkers of someone who uses opioid drugs should have a Narcan rescue kit on hand, as should anyone in recovery from an opioid problem. Narcan (naloxone) is a medication that stops and reverses an opioid overdose.

"Saving someone's life with Narcan provides a chance for that person to seek recovery," said David Covell, MPH, RS, health commissioner at Lorain County Public Health (LCPH). "Getting support from others helps a person with addiction seek and reach recovery." In 2020, LCPH distributed 932 Narcan rescue kits to Lorain County residents to prevent opioid overdoses. Reports shows that those Narcan rescue kits saved 140 individuals from dying from an opioid overdose. These kits saved the life of someone's daughter, mother, father, son or friend. In 2020, 120 loved ones lost their lives as a result of an opioid overdose.

The COVID-19 pandemic leaves people with substance abuse disorders especially vulnerable. LCPH remains committed to slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Lorain County while continuing to safely serve people that are most vulnerable. To continue providing chances for recovery, LCPH now offers Narcan training virtually and Narcan rescue kits available by mail.

Someone who wants to prevent an opioid overdose death can place an order for a no-cost Narcan rescue kit at LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids. Then, you'll get online Narcan training and submit a request to get a Narcan rescue kit mailed to you. Or, visit LCPH to get Narcan training and pick up a Narcan rescue kit. Come to 9880 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria on weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 440-322-6367 to make an appointment after hours.

Another resource during this time of limited social interactions includes the "Never Use Alone" call line. If you have a loved one that uses drugs, tell them about the "Never Use Alone" call line, available at 800-484-3731. An operator stays on the line and contacts emergency services if the caller becomes unresponsive. This resource provides another way to save lives and provide chances for recovery.

At this time, more people are staying home and working from home. Protect loved ones and housemates - store prescription pain medications safely. Store medications in the original container and out of sight. Keep medication in a locked container, drug-safe cabinet or drawer — out of reach of children and pets. If you have leftover medication, safely dispose of the remaining pills. Check with your local police station to find a drop-off location for unused medication.

A glance at Marjorie Taylor Greene's incendiary words

By BRIAN SLODKO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, 4 II 21 (AP): Freshman Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgia Republican, was stripped of her committee assignments by the House Democratic majority Thursday over racist remarks, her embrace of conspiracy theories and her past endorsement of violence against leading Democratic officials.

Greene, 46, is a newcomer to politics, and previously worked for her family's construction business in Georgia. She was labeled a "future Republican Star" by Donald Trump, whose political style she emulates.

Here's a look at some of Greene's past statements and social media posts, many of which were deleted after the liberal group Media Matters unearthed them online.

LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTING: In 2017, Stephen Paddock opened fire from a hotel room window overlooking an outdoor country music festival in Las Vegas, killing 58 people. Afterward, Greene suggested that the shooting might have been staged.

"How do you get avid gun owners and people that support the Second Amendment to give up their guns and go along with anti-gun legislation?" Greene asked in an online video. "You make them scared, you make them victims and you change their mindset and then possibly you can pass anti-gun legislation. Is that what happened in Las Vegas?"

"I don't believe (Paddock) pulled this off all by himself, and I know most of you don't either," Greene said.

SPACE LASERS: In 2018, a poorly maintained



electrical grid sparked a California wildfire that killed 84 people. In a Facebook post in November of that year, Greene falsely speculated that darker forces were at work.

Connecting a series of scattershot points, Greene suggested a bank controlled by the *Rothschild* family, who are Jewish, a utility company responsible for the fire and then-Gov. *Jerry Brown* had a compelling motive to spark the blaze: clearing the path for a high speed rail project Brown wanted. She also floated the possibility that the fires could have been started by "lasers or blue beams of light" shot down from space by allies of Brown who were said to be in the solar energy industry.

"There are too many coincidences to ignore," she wrote.

OMAR AND TLAIB: In February 2019, Greene appeared in an online video filmed at the U.S. Capitol, arguing that Democratic Reps. *Illhan Omar* of Minnesota and *Rashida Tlaib* of Michigan weren't "really official" members of Congress because they didn't take the oath of office on the Bible. Both women are Muslim.

"I really want to go talk to these ladies and ask them what they are thinking, and why they are serving in our American government," Greene said. "They really should go back to the Middle East."

Tlaib was born in Detroit. Omar was born in Somalia and came to the U.S. when she was 12,

becoming a U.S. citizen five years later.

HILLARY CLINTON: In May 2018, a Facebook user

purporting to be the mother of a New York police officer falsely claimed that the officer had seen a video taken from the laptop of disgraced former Rep. *Anthony Weiner* that showed *Hillary Clinton* and a top aide cutting off a child's face. Greene "liked" the comment and replied, "Most people honestly don't know so much. The (mainstream media) disinformation warfare has won for too long!"

NANCY PELOSI: Greene once suggested in an online video that Pelosi could be executed for treason.

"She's a traitor to our country, she's guilty of treason," Greene says in the video, which CNN first reported. "And it's, uh, it's a crime punishable by death is what treason is. Nancy Pelosi is guilty of treason."

She also "liked" a January 2019 Facebook post that called for "a bullet to the head" of Pelosi.

9/11 ATTACKS: In November 2018, Greene shot a video in which she talked about the 9/11 terrorist attacks, referring to a "so-called" plane that crashed into the Pentagon. She added, "It's odd, there's never any evidence shown for a plane in the Pentagon."

She also "liked" a comment posted by a Facebook user in 2018 who falsely argued that 9/11 was "done by our own Gov." Greene responded: "That is all true."



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Police Officer Sylvania Township, Ohio Entrance Examination Announcement

Sylvania Township is testing to establish a pre-eligibility list for the position of Police Officer. The Township will be using National Testing Network to administer this test. Starting salary \$30.07 per hour. To review the requirements, qualifications and to schedule a test, go to www.nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs

Testing centers are located around the country; you can choose a date, time, and testing center of your choice. Home/virtual testing is also available. You must complete the test and have your scores sent to Sylvania Township Police by March 19, 2021.

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La Prensa

Greater Columbus Arts Council opens #ArtUnitesCbus Film & Photography Exhibition in Community Gallery

COLUMBUS, Ohio—
The Greater Columbus Arts Council (Arts Council) opens the #ArtUnitesCbus Film & Photography exhibition in its community meeting room and gallery on *Thursday, Feb. 4*. The exhibition will be on view through *May 7, 2021*.

The exhibition features the 12 award recipients of the #ArtUnitesCbus Film & Photography awards announced last October. The awards are a partnership between the Arts Council and Film Columbus, providing cash awards to Black photographers and filmmakers for documenting and exploring the story of the Black Lives Matter protests in Columbus and/or the art created in response to the protests.

Artists selected for the film awards are: Carter Sterling (43215), Cristyn Steward (43205) and Donte Woods-Spikes (43206).

Artists selected for the photography awards are: Kendel Boone (43004), Jamie Ceasar (43219), Teri Dashfield (43035), Asia Glenn (43147), Rashunda Holloway (43214), John Landry (43219), Ngabo Mutenda (43035), Brittony Roane (44907) and Benjamin Willis (43201).



The Wexner Center for the Arts is screening the films online for free, Feb. 5-19.

More information can be found at columbusmakesart.com.

Jurors for the awards included curator and cultural organizer La Tanya Autry; photographer Vandell Cobb; American Electric Power Executive Vice President, External Affairs, Charles Patton; visual artist, researcher and educator Dawit L. Petros; and freelance writer, producer and director Gabriel Tolliver.

#ArtUnitesCbus is made possible through the generous support of the American Electric Power Foundation, Engie/The Ohio State University Energy Partners, Huntington, Cardinal Health, Grange Insurance and PNC.

The Greater Columbus Arts Council Gallery exhibition can be viewed by appointment only, Mon.-Fri., until further notice. Visitors must wear masks and comply with social distancing guidelines; there will be a limit of four people

The Arts Council offices and gallery are located at 182 E. Long St. in downtown Columbus. The Arts Council moved into the historic building in May of 2020 after searching for a space more accessible to the community for more than six years. Its gallery space is dedicated to showing work by artists from historically marginalized communities.

Mission of the Greater Columbus Arts Council: To support and advance the arts and cultural fabric of Columbus. www.gcac.org

The Greater Columbus Arts Council receives major financial support from the City of Columbus, Franklin County Commissioners and the Ohio Arts Council.



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