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## Mayor Collins suffers fatal cardiac arrest

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

Feb. 9, 2015: Toledoans prepared to say a final goodbye to Mayor D. Michael Collins this week.

Flags flew at half-staff by order of Ohio's governor right after Mayor Collins was removed from life support Friday afternoon on Feb. 6, 2015 at the University of Toledo Medical Center following a cardiac arrest and car crash less than a week earlier.

A communitywide memorial service was scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 11, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the University of Toledo's Savage Hall. A viewing was set to begin an hour before the service.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. the following day [Feb. 12] at Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd.

"Mayor Collins' passing has touched the hearts and minds of so many of us who cherished his legacy here in Toledo," read a public announcement. "It is only fitting for us to have a special memorial and funeral that honors his life and invites all of our residents to come out and pay their respects."

A funeral procession Thursday morning will snake its way from the Coyle Funeral Home in Perrysburg to Toledo, passing by various locations in South Toledo that held special meaning to the mayor, including up Broadway through the Old South End. City leaders are encouraging the public to gather along the route to pay homage to Mayor

Collins and hold signs if they want.

"(This is) a special way to recognize and honor a man who truly loved Toledo, who loved his district. We've put together, with the help of his family, a method, a way in which we think the city can pay its last and best respects to a man who loved so much about the city of Toledo," said Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, the former city council president who officially succeeded the late mayor upon his death.

"We want everybody to participate in this if they so desire," added Chief of Staff Bob Reinbolt. "What we're trying to do is to encourage people, if they so desire, if it works out for them, to put a sign out front, to put a note out front, to be out front, to be on the corner, whatever, just to show the man that we care."

On its way to Rosary Cathedral, the funeral procession will pass underneath an arch of crossed ladders from two city fire trucks parked along Collingwood near Scott High School, a traditional way that public safety forces honor one of their own fallen colleagues.

### Various reactions within the Latino community

"It is definitely a loss, not only for our department, but for all of the safety forces," Fire Chief Luis Santiago told La Prensa. "He's gone to great strides to support both police and fire and we certainly appreciated his efforts. I really enjoyed working with him."



Chief Santiago also called the mayor's death a loss for the Latino community, recognizing his affinity for immigrants of all backgrounds.

"He had an appreciation for that. It wasn't just the Irish heritage, but all heritages that migrated over here and sought work and prosperity," added Chief Santiago. "He had a true appreciation for that and tried to be as accommodating as he could."

Mayor Collins had been listed in critical condition since suffering the coronary episode

on Sunday Feb. 1 while returning home from checking road conditions from a snowstorm. The mayor had just left a press conference where a Level 3 snow emergency had been declared.

Other leaders within the Latino community remembered Mayor Collins as a compassionate leader who used his Irish immigrant status and childhood in the Old South End to build a bridge with the city's Latino population. In particular, the mayor had tried

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## Congress stuck on Homeland Security funding, immigration

By ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 5, 2015 (AP): A congressional stalemate over funding for the Homeland Security Department deepened Thursday as Senate Democrats blocked action on the bill for a third straight day to protest Republican language on immigration.

"This is like Groundhog Day," Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, complained on the Senate floor after the measure failed to advance. The vote was 52 to 47, eight short of the 60 needed to move ahead. Two procedural votes earlier in the week yielded similar outcomes.

Homeland Security funding will lapse Feb. 27 without action.

The legislation, passed last month by the House, funds the agency through the remainder of the budget year while reversing President Barack Obama's administrative poli-

cies protecting millions of immigrants living in this country (without documents) from deportation.

Senate Democrats say they won't agree to the bill unless all the immigration language is removed. Republicans say such a bill won't pass the House.

Republican leaders in both chambers insist they will not allow the Homeland Security agency to go without funding at a time of global terror threats. But if they have a solution, they haven't said what it is. The likeliest scenario may be a short-term funding extension.

"There is a bipartisan desire to fund the Department of Homeland Security, and I'm sure we'll resolve this sometime in the next few weeks," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

"God bless him and good

luck," House Speaker John Boehner said later of McConnell. "What else can you say?"

The logjam offered a vivid illustration of the limits on Republicans' power even now that they control both chambers of Congress for the first time in eight years. Senate rules give minority Democrats significant rights and Obama's veto pen gives him the ultimate leverage.

But having spent years passing bills only to see them bottled up in a Senate controlled by Democrats, House Republicans weren't ready to concede that the dynamic

hasn't much changed.

"Right now the ball's in the Senate's court," said Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., summing up for many House Republicans. "If the Senate can't pass anything, how is that the House's problem?"

No one seemed to know how it would all end.

"You're asking me to speculate and predict an outcome, which at this point I'm not able to do," said Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D. "What I can tell you is we can't finish a bill if they won't let us get started on it."

## Lawmakers seek to give Latinos bigger voice in Maryland

By BRIAN WITTE, Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 5, 2015 (AP): Members of a new Maryland Latino Legislative Caucus want to give Latinos a greater voice in Annapolis.

Delegate Ana Sol Gutiérrez said Thursday that Latinos have been invisible for too long in many aspects of state government. The Montgomery County Democrat says the caucus will help change that.

As an example, she says Maryland has had a language access law since 2002. But, she says, many state agencies

have yet to implement language access in Spanish. For instance, she noted a state website that described vaccination requirements for students only in English.

The members of the caucus' executive committee are all Democrats and are from either Montgomery or Prince George's counties. They include caucus chairwoman Josefine Peña-Melnyk, David Fraser-Hidalgo, Marice Morales, Will Campos, and Victor Ramirez.

## Congreso de EEUU, atorado en iniciativa sobre inmigración

Por ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, 5 de febrero (AP): Los demócratas en el Senado bloquearon por tercera vez consecutiva una iniciativa de ley para financiar al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional y que podría anular algunas de las acciones ejecutivas aprobadas por el presidente Barack Obama en inmigración.

"Es como el Día de la Marmota", dijo la senadora Mazie Hirono, demócrata de Hawái, al quejarse ante el pleno del Senado después de que la iniciativa fuera rechazada. La votación del jueves, de 52 a 47, se quedó a ocho de los 60 votos necesarios para avanzar. Dos votaciones de procedimiento realizadas a comienzos de la semana tuvieron resultados similares.

No se sabe cómo resolverá el Congreso el tema del financiamiento para Seguridad Nacional, el cual caducará el 27 de febrero si no actúan los legisladores.

La iniciativa de ley aprobada en enero por la Cámara de Representantes financia a la agencia hasta el final del año presupuestal el 30 de septiembre, y al mismo tiempo revierte las políticas aprobadas por Obama para proteger de la deportación de millones de inmigrantes que viven sin permiso legal en Estados Unidos.

Los demócratas en el Senado insisten en que no están de acuerdo con el proyecto de ley a menos que sean retirados los aspectos sobre inmigración. Los republicanos dicen que un proyecto así no pasará en la Cámara de Representantes.

Los líderes republicanos en ambas cámaras insisten en que no

permitirán que el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional se quede sin financiamiento en una época de amenazas globales. Pero si tienen alguna solución, no han dicho cuál es. El escenario más probable podría ser una extensión de financiamiento de corto plazo.

"Existe un deseo bipartidista de financiar al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, no estoy seguro si resolveremos este problema en algún momento de las siguientes semanas", declaró el líder de la mayoría en el Senado, el republicano Mitch McConnell.

"Dios lo bendiga y buena suerte", dijo momentos después el líder de la Cámara de Representantes John Boehner sobre McConnell.

El bloqueo ofreció una vívida muestra del límite al poder que tienen los republicanos pese a que ahora controlan ambas cámaras del Congreso por primera vez en ocho años. Las normas del Senado dan a la minoría demócrata derechos importantes mientras el poder de veto de Obama da la última palabra.

Pero luego de pasar años pasando iniciativas sólo para verlas detenidas en un Senado controlado por demócratas, los republicanos en la Cámara de Representantes no están listos para aceptar que esa dinámica no ha cambiado mucho.

"Justo ahora la pelota está en la cancha del Senado", dijo el senador Mick Mulvaney, republicano de Carolina del Norte, resumiendo la opinión de muchos de sus colegas en la Cámara de Representantes. "Si el Senado no puede aprobar nada, ¿cómo puede?

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# Editorial: Ohio Secretary of State Overreaching with Voter Fraud Letter?

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted recently took President Barack Obama to task in a letter questioning the effects of his recent Immigration Accountability Executive Actions would have on voting in Ohio.



Jon Husted

Husted claims that Obama's actions "increase the potential that non-citizens may illegally register and vote by granting millions more access to the valid forms of identification used to register to vote."

The Jan. 27 letter points out that "the recent executive actions enable millions of non-U.S. citizens to obtain valid Social Security numbers and driver's licenses. Under federal law, any person with a valid Social Security number or driver's license can register to vote, so long as they attest to their eligibility to do so."

Are Husted's claims well-reasoned or just political hyperbole? At worst, the secretary of state just publicly gave the very people he's concerned about the recipe to cheat.

The timing is interesting, because U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin accepting requests for expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on Feb. 18.

The Obama administration is aiming for a May rollout in its efforts to allow parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to request deferred action and employment authorization for three years, in a new Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) program.

Processing these requests will take months; then anyone registering to vote probably would not be eligible to vote until 2016, a presidential election year. So it's no wonder Husted is raising alarm bells now to give Republicans a repeatable mantra to use as an immigration scare tactic.

Husted also uses Ohio's swing-state status to make his argument. "Voter confidence is paramount in all states, but magnified in swing states where our democratic system is put under the national and world microscope," he wrote.

Ohio has no special status when it comes to concern about voting rights and voter fraud. Every state shares that concern.

Husted raises particular concern with the voter registration drives conducted by third-party individuals and groups. He raises the possibility of more potential for fraud because those drives "occur outside of the presence of election officials."

Yet the Ohio Secretary of State pared through voter registration rolls following the 2012 presidential election and found 291 non-citizens were registered to vote in Ohio. Just 17 of them had actually cast ballots. Those 17 were "referred for further investigation and potential prosecution and the rest were sent letters to cancel their Ohio voter registrations." Husted does not indicate that the outcome of any race or issue was affected by those illegal votes.

Husted's staff and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles found those voters after-the-fact. A screening process to prevent such fraudulent voter registrations in the first place may be the most prudent course of action.

"If the recent executive actions remain in force, it is imperative that state elections officials be given real-

time access to accurate, searchable, electronic databases of non-citizens who have valid Social Security numbers in order to distinguish between citizens and lawfully-present non-citizens," Husted wrote.

Husted makes that re-

quest, but even that should be limited in scope to prevent abuses by state officials who have abused their access to databases in the name of politics before. A case in point is the Ohio Job and Family Services employee who looked up confidential

information on "Joe the Plumber" to discredit his candidacy for Congress.

No election system will be perfect. However, the best one successfully balances the right to vote with the safeguards of a fair, honest, and transparent election system.

## Obama pide mil millones de dólares para reducir inmigración

Por ALICIA A. CALDWELL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, 211 (AP): El presidente Barack Obama ha pedido 1.000 millones de dólares para ayudar a reducir la inmigración ilegal desde tres países de Centroamérica. La propuesta es parte del plan de presupuesto de 4 billones de dólares del mandatario presentado el lunes al Congreso.

El gobierno propuso inicialmente el año pasado entregar ayuda financiera a Honduras, El Salvador y Guatemala, de donde salieron más de 51.000 niños que fueron detenidos al cruzar solos la frontera. Al mismo tiempo más de 69.000 que viajaban desde Centroamérica, en su mayoría madres jóvenes y niños, fueron arrestados en la frontera sur de Estados Unidos.

El aumento en la

cantidad de niños que viajaban solos tomó por sorpresa al gobierno de Barack Obama pese a que desde hacía años aumentaba el número de menores que viajaban sin compañía en busca de atravesar la frontera.

La situación forzó al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional y al Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos a enfocar sus recursos a ese tema, ya que ambas agencias son responsables de atender a los menores que son detenidos cuando cruzan la frontera sin compañías.

Obama describió la situación como una crisis humanitaria a mediados del año pasado.

La Agencia para el Desarrollo Internacional de Estados Unidos será la encargada de entregar al Congreso una estrategia para

"atender los factores clave en países de Centroamérica" de donde han salido los niños inmigrantes, de acuerdo con el presupuesto para el Departamento de Estado propuesto por el presidente. La solicitud presupuestal indica que el dinero se usará para mejorar la seguridad en la frontera, así como para el desarrollo social y para mejorar el sistema de aplicación de la ley, así como los sistemas judiciales en esos países.

Parte de los recursos también se usaría para restaurar las instalaciones de repatriación para ayudar a procesar a los inmigrantes que son deportados de Estados Unidos.

La solicitud presupuestal del Departamento de Estado también incluye un fondo de 142 millones para ayudar a México a reforzar la seguridad en su frontera sur.

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## Jeb Bush calls for expansion of immigration of skilled workers, Believes immigrants are “an engine of economic vitality.”

By THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

DETROIT, Feb. 4, 2015 (AP): In Republican presidential prospect *Jeb Bush's* first major economic speech, the former Florida governor said the U.S. economy should be growing at 4 percent annually—and called making it easier for skilled immigrants to enter the country a key to getting there.

In a speech to the *Detroit Economic Club*, Bush offered an economic vision with few specifics, saying he favored promoting two-parent families and closing the income gap by overhauling the nation's school systems to give parents more choice.

But he also called for “dramatically expanding” the number of immigrants allowed to enter the country to work in high-need jobs, while calling the prospect of overhauling the country's immigration system “a huge opportunity ... not a problem.”

“While the political fights go on, we're missing this opportunity. I view fixing a broken system as a huge opportunity to get to that four percent growth,” Bush told about 600 Detroit-area business leaders. “We can grow by 4 percent through all sorts of policies, but immigration has to be a part of it.”

Economists expect the U.S. economy to expand 3 percent this year, above the 2.2 percent annual average during the recovery from the Great Recession.

Bush, who has spent the past several weeks aggressively raising money in private ahead of a likely run for president, has long supported a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's im-

migration system. In a speech last month to auto dealers in San Francisco, he called immigrants “an engine of economic vitality.”

The nation's surging Latino population shifted sharply away from the Republican Party in the last presidential election after the party's 2012 nominee, *Mitt Romney*, alienated many Latino voters by offering “self-deportation” as a solution to the nation's immigration problem. GOP operatives insist that the party's stone on immigration must change if it hopes to reclaim the White House in 2016.

Bush's comments Wednesday addressed the desire of some industries, especially technology, to allow more immigrants with specific skills to come to the United States legally. They did not refer directly to the roughly 11 million people living in the U.S. without documentation, the source of most of the political tension over immigration.

Bush has previously said he supports allowing such people to stay, but only after taking a series of steps, such as paying unpaid taxes. The position puts him at odds with some of the Republican Party's most passionate voters, a group likely to hold great sway in the primaries, who aggressively opposes any pathway to legal status—something they call “amnesty.”

Like many other Republicans, Bush cites border security as a crucial component of any immigration overhaul and told the auto dealers the U.S. should “politely ask” those who came to the country legally but have since overstayed their visa to leave.

But Bush also supported the immigration overhaul

that passed the Senate last year before failing to advance through the House. He said Wednesday that shifting the debate “to an economic issue from a political issue will be helpful.”

Of skilled guest workers, investors and inventors seeking to immigrate legally to the U.S., he said, “All these people should be welcomed in our country, and the unwritten contract ought to be: Embrace our values and you can pursue your dreams.”

At the same time, Bush argued, such an expansion would require leaders to show greater acceptance of the racial and ethnic diversity such a change would bring to the country.

“You come, you work hard, you embrace these values, and you're as American as anyone who came on the Mayflower,” he said.

The line prompted one of the few moments of applause during Bush's 45 minute appearance, which included his speech and moderated questions from the audience.

“He knocked it out of the park,” said *Ronna Romney*, former sister-in-law to the 2012 GOP nominee and a Republican National Committeewoman from Michigan. “I thought he did really well during the Q and A.”

The speech marked the beginning of a more public chapter to Bush's consideration of the 2016 race, though he took no questions from the media covering the event and was headed to a private fundraiser Wednesday evening.

Aides said Wednesday Bush will make his first trip to Iowa as a presidential prospect next month, taking part in an agricultural policy forum hosted by Republican Gov. Terry Branstad and agribusiness leader Bruce Rastetter.

## Michigan State gets \$750,000 to help beginning farmers,

Grant also develops programs for Latino farmers

EASTLANSING, Feb. 2, 2015 (AP): Michigan State University has received a \$750,000 federal grant to help the next generation of farmers.

The East Lansing university said Monday that the grant aims to create a statewide farmer training

network that focuses on farmers' first five years. The Michigan State grant is among more than \$18 million in grants announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and authorized by the farm bill signed into law last year.

As part of the grant, the MSU Student Organic Farm

will expand its training program. The grant also will develop training programs for Hispanic farmers.

Sustainable agriculture professor Mike Hamm says the programs are designed to help beginning farmers “get to a level where success is more likely.”

## Zoo in Saginaw welcomes two-year-old kangaroo from Indiana

SAGINAW, Feb. 5, 2015 (AP): A zoo in Michigan has a new resident: A kangaroo.

The Saginaw News and WNEM-TV report the 2-year-old eastern grey kangaroo named *André* has joined a Saginaw Children's Zoo kangaroo named *Nikki*, who has been in Saginaw since 2005. Seventeen-year-

old *Nikki* is considered an elderly kangaroo.

Both kangaroos moved to Saginaw from the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo in Indiana.

The Saginaw zoo is closed for the season. The Outback Walkabout exhibit that will house *Andre* operates between Memorial Day and Labor Day.



The zoo last welcomed new animals in September, when two African penguins, *Bamm-Bamm* and *Robben*, came to stay.

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## Guzmán appointed by governor to OCHLA seat

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

Dr. Greg Guzmán is Northwest Ohio's latest representative on the Ohio Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs (OCHLA). His appointment was announced Monday by Gov. John Kasich, which will run through Oct. 7, 2016.

Dr. Guzmán stated a higher education colleague alerted him to the opening on the OCHLA board, then was contacted by a Northwest Ohio representative of the governor's office.

"I'm honored and excited to do this. It's a great opportunity for all of us here in Northwest Ohio for our voice to be heard," he said.

Dr. Guzmán was appointed last summer as the executive director of Central City Ministry for the Toledo Catholic Diocese. He oversees Queen of Apostles, 235 Courtland, and Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd., both K-8 elementary schools. Dr. Guzmán was a student at the now-defunct St. James Catholic elementary school during his childhood in the Old South End. He also attended Central Catholic High School.

Dr. Guzmán spent nearly four years at the helm of Herzog University's Toledo campus, coming to a smaller

university as the youngest and the first Latino university president in the Toledo area after a stint as a vice provost at Bowling Green State University.

"I'm counting on my networking to be a big part of the causes and efforts that I advance," he said. "I know many Latinos in our area and I plan to use them as a network, a sounding board to find out what's most important to them in this moment in time and where we can make an impact."

He finished his doctorate in higher education last summer at the University of Toledo. He also earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism and a master's in Public Administration focusing on economic development and planning, both from BGSU.

His background includes stints at public, private, two-year and four-year institutions, as well as the for-profit and non-profit sectors. His résumé highlights experience at virtually every college or university in Northwest Ohio: the University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Lourdes University, Owens Community College, and Tiffin University.

**Education of Latinos will be a primary focus of his work at and with Ohio's Latino affairs commission, based in Columbus.**

"I bring a unique perspective. Many of the experiences I've had have been in higher education, as well as now K through 12," he said. "I bring a new perspective on education for Latinos and Hispanics. Education has been an ongoing challenge for Latinos, but we also have a great opportunity in front of us to advance our causes and efforts we're undertaking through education. I see it as the means of advancement."

Dr. Guzmán stated part of the problem rests with Latino families being unaware of many of the educational opportunities available to their children, citing the state's EdChoice scholarship as a prime example. That school voucher allows children from failing schools to receive a private education at no cost, primarily at faith-based schools within a given community.

"There are lots of available services that just aren't taken advantage of," he said. "I can bring different perspectives to the table as to how we can get the information out there and give these families opportunities and choices."

Dr. Guzmán now lives in Monclova Twp. with his wife Jennifer, principal at St. Joan of Arc School. The couple has two children: Miranda, 17, a senior at St. Ursula High School, and Caiden, 12, a sixth-grade student at St. Joan of Arc. Dr. Guzmán's mother, Patricia, 72, lives in Perrysburg. His father, Gilbert, passed away several years ago.

Dr. Guzmán also tries to make a difference on that front through his volunteer work. He has served as the finance chairman on the board of directors at Adelante, Inc. and is a past president with Partners in Education, a non-profit organization which develops and fosters partnerships between area schools and northwest Ohio businesses, government agencies, organizations, and churches.

"I'd like to keep an eye on economic development and opportunities for minority businesses," he said, citing his experience on Toledo's economic development task force. "So I'm aware of many of the causes that Hispanics and Latinos face when trying to compete and apply for different government contracts."

Dr. Guzmán was a Diamante award winner during the organization's 25th anniversary gala last fall after



Dr. Greg Guzmán

is 'no, I don't speak Spanish. I represent a large contingent of Hispanics who don't speak the Spanish language; however have the same challenges, issues, and fights that those Spanish-speaking people do.'

But Dr. Guzmán sounded a bit of a warning to local Latino leaders about picking their battles within the myriad of challenges facing the community.

"We have to be careful with what we want to tackle. Not everything can be solved," he said. "We want to pick and

choose our causes very carefully—and I'm going to lean on these networks and organizations here locally to advance them at the state level."

Dr. Guzmán discovered much of his Mexican heritage late in life, because his father didn't talk much about his family. He explained in a past La Prensa interview that "in that day and time, you weren't proud to be a Latino or proud to be anything, for him, other than to be an American."

His father later became a legal U.S. citizen because of his military service during the Vietnam War. Dr. Guzmán learned after his death that his father had crossed into the U.S. at Hidalgo, Texas and still has several relatives living in Jalisco, Mexico.

On the Internet: <http://www.laprensa1.com/Stories/2015/01/30/15/kasich.htm>

## Kaptur elected to serve as Co-Chair of Great Lakes Task Force

WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 5, 2015: Members of the Great Lakes Congressional delegation voted to elect Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) to serve as Co-Chair of the House Great Lakes Task Force (GLTF). She joins fellow Co-Chairs Representatives Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Candice Miller (R-MI), and Sean Duffy (R-WI). The GLTF is a bipartisan working group focusing on issues impacting the economic and environmental health of the Great Lakes region.

"The Great Lakes are an ecological treasure and a major economic driver for our region," said Rep. Kaptur. "This unparalleled resource regularly faces environmental threats such as algal blooms and Asian carp as well as long-term concerns that include aging infrastructure, upgrading industrial manufacturing capacity and expanding tourism. I am eager to advance big ideas that

will safeguard this resource, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and fellow Co-Chairs to improve and promote our irreplaceable Great Lakes region."

"Representative Kaptur is a close friend and a strong ally when it comes to Great Lakes issues," said Rep. Louise Slaughter, a long-serving Co-Chair of the Great Lakes Task Force. "After algal blooms disrupted the water supply in Toledo, she sprang into action and secured extra funding to combat algae in the Great Lakes. I know she will be a strong defender of the Great Lakes, and welcome her as a co-chair of our bipartisan task force."

"I welcome Rep. Kaptur as one of our new Co-Chairs on this bipartisan, bicameral group of members dedicated to protecting the Great Lakes. Kaptur has been a fierce advocate of our Magnificent Great Lakes, and I look forward to continuing our work together on the Task Force," said Rep.

Candice Miller, a longstanding Co-Chair of the Great Lakes Task Force.

In her first speech to the Task Force as a Co-Chair, Kaptur highlighted the importance of the *Saint Lawrence Seaway*, the need for investments in transportation and infrastructure, emerging concerns regarding Nonpoint Source Pollution, and the importance of strategic initiatives that position the Great Lakes to be globally competitive.

Representing a district that includes the largest stretch of Lake Erie's coastline, Congresswoman Kaptur has long fought for Great Lakes priorities. As a Member of the House Appropriations Committee, she has helped fund key regional programs including the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. She also assumed a leading role in addressing and preventing toxic algal blooms in the lakes following a three-day water emergency in her hometown of Toledo.

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## Monument planned in Austin to salute Navarro

By MIKE WARD, *Houston Chronicle*

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 2, 2015 (AP) — Along with Stephen F. Austin, he is considered a founding father of Texas.

As a leading participant in the Texas Revolution, he was one of three Mexican signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

He was the sole Latino representative at the 1845 convention that led Texas to statehood. Alamo hero James Bowie was his nephew.

The *Houston Chronicle* (<http://bit.ly/167D7BY>) reports that yet, in the state Capitol, where monuments to Texas historical figures are as common as cowboy boots in the Legislature, for José Antonio Navarro—an early Texas statesman, legislator, rancher, merchant, and namesake of a North Texas county—such an honor is not to be found.

That will change on Feb. 27, when a cenotaph will be dedicated to Navarro at the State Cemetery.

"It will be the 220th anniversary of his birthday—a fitting tribute to his life, for a man who helped shape and determine the destiny of Texas," said Navarro's great-great-granddaughter, Sylvia Navarro Tillotson of Dallas. "This will be the first monument to him in Austin."

Will Erwin, senior historian at the State Cemetery, said Navarro was "one of those historical figures who was a part of most of the big events that you read about in the history books."

"We always appreciate an opportunity to talk about that part of Texas history, and this new monument will allow us to talk about his life and his

accomplishments," Erwin said. "It will put a face on him, so it's not just someone you read about."

Born in San Antonio in 1795, when Texas was still a part of Mexico, Navarro, whose mother descended from Spanish nobility, grew up with a rudimentary education but taught himself the law.

After becoming licensed to practice law, he represented Texas in the Legislature the early 1830s, and in the federal congress in Mexico City. Historical records show he helped Stephen F. Austin obtain his contracts from the Mexican government to bring settlers into Texas and served as a land commissioner for the Dewitt Colony between 1830-32.

As part of a longstanding friendship with Austin, Navarro was an early supporter of independence for Texas. While participating in the independence convention, he received word of the March 1836 fall of the Alamo, where Bowie died, and worked to secure the release of three relatives being held by the Mexicans.

He was one of the original signers of Texas' Declaration of Independence from Mexico, along with his uncle José Francisco Ruiz, the only native Texan among the 59 men who put their names to the document. Historical records show he was the only native-born Texan on the committee that wrote both that constitution and the one that was drawn up when Texas became a state in 1845, an accomplishment that historians say gives him special distinction.

In 1841, he participated in the ill-fated Santa Fe Expedi-

tion that was intended to persuade New Mexico to secede from Mexico and join with the new nation of Texas. Captured, tried and sentenced to death, Navarro refused to renounce his allegiance to Texas and remained a prisoner in Mexico for several years before he escaped and returned home in 1844.

Tillotson said that it was during that period, when the Mexican government tried to get him to renounce his support of Texas, that Navarro gave the quote for which he, perhaps, is most famous: "I will never forsake Texas for her cause; I am her son."

Returning to Texas a hero, Navarro participated in the government he had helped establish. A steadfast defender of Tejano rights, he served in the first session of the Texas House and in the state Senate between 1846 and 1849. He worked closely with noted state Sen. Juan Seguin to promote legislation supporting the Tejano citizenry, a group that was becoming a political minority.

"His place in Texas history is significant," said Emiliano Calderón, site educator at San Antonio's Casa Navarro State Historical Site, Navarro's one-time homestead that has been restored. "He's definitely someone historians can look to understand Tejano viewpoints during this period because of the amount of writing he did and the legislation he produced."

Navarro County near Dallas was named for him in 1846, with its county seat designated as Corsicana, in honor of his father's birthplace of Corsica, an island in the Mediterranean.

In his later years, Navarro was a successful rancher near Seguin and became an outspoken advocate of state's rights, although he did not support Texas' secession from the Union in 1861. Nonetheless, his four sons fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Navarro also was a successful merchant who often was called upon to supply goods and merchandise to the military. He died in 1871.

"What makes his story more impressive is that he did not speak English. He had a translator with him," Tillotson said. "Imagine trying to do what he did through all those years if you didn't speak English."

As a girl, Tillotson said she was always told she was related to "a very famous man," but she knew little about

Navarro's accomplishments until later in her life. Several years ago, she became involved in the restoration of Casa Navarro in downtown San Antonio and realized there was no statue of him in Austin.

"He is buried in San Antonio, but the next best thing to have him buried there would be to have a monument to him in Austin," she said. "So, that's what we did."

In 2012, as a board member of the Texas Historical Foundation that supports Texas heritage preservation and awareness, she began work to recognize Navarro's achievements in Austin at a place visited by tens of thousands of tourists annually. The volunteer-led effort eventually raised funds to cover the approximately \$50,000 cost of the project.

Instead of a traditional monument, a bronze bust of Navarro will sit atop a marble pillar, its sides featuring inscriptions highlighting his accomplishments and place in history. Noted Texas sculptor Gilbert Beall was commissioned to craft the bust, she said.

"This is important for my children and grandchildren to understand his accomplishments and his place in Texas history, but also for other Texans to understand that, as well," she said. "If I inherited anything from him, it was his love of Texas."

At the cemetery, Navarro's bust will be sited on Republic Hill where 15 other signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence are buried, including his old confidant, Stephen F. Austin.

## Muere Carl Djerassi, el padre de la píldora anticonceptiva

SAN FRANCISCO, California, 1 II 15 (AP): Carl Djerassi, famoso por liderar junto al químico mexicano Luis Ernesto Miramontes un equipo de investigadores en la Ciudad de México que en 1951 desarrolló la noretindrona, una molécula sintética que se convirtió en un componente clave de la primera píldora anticonceptiva, murió a los 91 años.

Djerassi, profesor emérito de Química en Stanford, falleció de complicaciones de cáncer el viernes en su hogar en San Francisco, informó el vocero de la universidad, Dan Stober.

"La píldora", como llegó a conocerse, transformó radicalmente las prácticas sexuales y las vidas de las mujeres. La píldora dio a la mujer más control sobre su fertilidad que el que haya tenido antes y puso a los médicos permanentemente en el panorama del control natal, pese a que anteriormente no aceptaban los anticonceptivos como parte de su labor.

En su libro "This Man's Pill", Djerassi afirma que la invención de la píldora cambió su vida al hacerlo

interesarse más en la manera en que la ciencia afecta a la sociedad.

En 1969, publicó un artículo sobre política pública respecto a las implicaciones mundiales de la investigación anticonceptiva que se llevaba a cabo en Estados Unidos, de acuerdo con el Servicio de Noticias de Stanford. Y en 1970, publicó otro artículo sobre la posibilidad de una píldora anticonceptiva para los hombres.

Posteriormente, Djerassi, un austriaco que llegó a Estados Unidos en 1939 con su madre, escribió poemas, relatos y obras de teatro.

"Carl Djerassi es probablemente el máximo químico que nuestro departamento haya tenido", declaró Richard N. Zare, profesor en Ciencias Naturales en Stanford, en un obituario publicado por la universidad. "No conozco a otra persona en el mundo que combinara el dominio de la ciencia con el talento literario como Carl Djerassi".

A Djerassi le sobreviven un hijo, Dale Djerassi; una hijastra, Leah Middlebrook; y un nieto, Alexander M. Djerassi.

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ences," said *Sloan Eberly Mann*, *Imagination Station's* Assistant Director of STEM Education. "Everyone eats, but not many people understand how much science goes into making our food. Chemistry, physics and biology all affect the taste of the food that we eat. Using candy to explore those properties can get anyone with a sweet tooth excited about science."

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**Película de Al Pacino hace brillar teatro**

Por BETH J. HARPAZ, Associated Press

NEUVA YORK, 4 II 15 (AP): La nueva película de *Al Pacino*, en la que interpreta a un actor viejo en una crisis existencial, fue filmada en un viejo teatro de Staten Island con una historia interesante.

Pacino tiene varias escenas de "The Humbling" en el escenario del Teatro St. George, que se encuentra a unos 800 metros (media milla) de donde parten los famosos trasbordadores de Staten Island rumbo a la estatua de la libertad y Manhattan.

En una escena filmada en el St. George, Pacino salta del escenario al público, en otra tiene una confrontación con una vieja amiga, Dianne Wiest, en la orquesta.

El teatro ha sido usado para otras películas como "The School of Rock" y programas de televisión como "Gossip Girl", "Gotham" y "Smash".

"A los equipos de filmación le gusta nuestra locación porque no es muy conocida pero está en Nueva York", dijo Wayne Miller, el director ejecutivo del teatro. "Un actor del renombre de Al Pacino no

podría hacer una escena en exteriores cerca de una calle muy transitada sin que se juntara una multitud, pero filmó una escena en la puerta de nuestro teatro sin que hubiera paparazzi".

*Chellsey Cruz*, vocera de la película, dijo que St. George fue elegido porque "es suficientemente grande como para sentirse como si fuera Broadway" pero sin la dificultad y el costo de filmar en Broadway. Agregó que al director Barry Levinson "le encantó su estilo en lo visual".

El Teatro St. George se inauguró en 1929 como un recinto para cine y teatro de vodevil en el que se presentaron artistas como Al Jolson, Kate Smith y Guy Lombardo. Su gran interior tiene un estilo barroco español e italiano con candelabros elaborados, balcones de hierro forjado, techos y paredes cubiertas con intrincados acabados de yeso y murales con motivos de tauromaquia.

A los encargados de encontrar locaciones les gusta el teatro porque "tiene un factor sorprendente que tiene una historia detrás, es único y magnífico", dijo Doreen Cugno, presidenta de la

organización St. George Theatre Restoration.

El teatro siguió presentando películas hasta 1977. En las décadas siguientes se intentó que fuera una pista de patinaje, un club nocturno y una sala de antigüedades. Finalmente en 2004 fue comprado por una organización no lucrativa fundada por la madre de Cugno, Rosemary Cappelzo. Ahora recibe a artistas como *Tony Bennett* y *Jerry Seinfeld* y también sirve para realizar galas como graduaciones. El teatro está temporalmente cerrado por sus remodelaciones, pero se abrirá en los meses siguientes.

Se espera que el barrio donde está el teatro se vuelva más prominente cuando se inaugure una enorme rueda de la fortuna en la orilla del río Hudson, como parte de un conjunto de tiendas y otras atracciones con las que se espera atraer turistas. La inauguración de la rueda de la fortuna de Nueva York está prevista para el próximo año.

En internet: <http://www.stgeorgetheatre.com/>

**Partial list of winners at the 57th annual Grammy Awards held on Feb. 8, 2015 in Los Angeles:**

- 41. BEST LATIN POP ALBUM  
"Tangos," Rubén Blades
- 42. BEST LATIN ROCK, URBAN OR ALTERNATIVE ALBUM  
"Multiviral," Calle 13
- 43. BEST REGIONAL MEXICAN MUSIC ALBUM (INCLUDING TEJANO)  
"Mano A Mano - Tangos A La Manera De Vicente Fernández," Vicente Fernández
- 44. BEST TROPICAL LATIN ALBUM  
"Más + Corazón Profundo," Carlos Vives

**Cuba sufre segundo revés en Serie del Caribe, México avanza**

Por OCTAVIO BENITEZ, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, 3 II 15 (AP): Cuba y Puerto Rico quedaron en situación precaria en la Serie del Caribe, luego de perder el martes sus respectivos partidos en la segunda fecha del torneo.

Ambos equipos, ahora con foja de 0-2, se medirán el miércoles con la imperiosa necesidad de la victoria si pretenden mantenerse vivos en el torneo que se disputa en la capital de Puerto Rico.

Mientras, los Tomateros de Culiacán aseguraron su participación en la ronda semifinal del clásico caribeño, que este año celebra su edición número 57, al sumar dos victorias en igual número de salidas. Culiacán descansa en la próxima jornada.

En la primera tanda, los debutantes *Gigantes del Cibao*, de República Dominicana, despacharon con marcador de 6-1 a Pinar del Río de Cuba, que ahora tendrá cuesta arriba la

superar su actuación anterior.

Cuba, que retornó al circuito caribeño en 2014 tras 53 años de ausencia, solo ganó un partido en cuatro presentaciones el año pasado en Isla Margarita, Venezuela.

El guardabosque Willy García conectó un cuadrangular de dos carreras en la sexta entrada, como parte de un racimo de cuatro carreras que inclinó la balanza del lado de los dominicanos. Además, agregó un doble y un sencillo.

"Fue un juego muy nivelado hasta el sexto episodio", indicó el dirigente cubano Alfonso Urquiola. "Yo creo que fue un gran juego hasta ese episodio ya después de eso el juego se fue de un lado solamente".

En tanto, un elevado de sacrificio de Maxwell León remolcó la carrera que disolvió un empate y le dio la victoria 3-2 a los Tomateros contra los anfitriones Cangrejeros de Santurce. León se fue de 3-1 con dos

remolques y una carrera anotada, en un desafío en el que la defensiva puertorriqueña falló y México capitalizó.

"Hicimos dos errores hoy y ellos pudieron anotar", admitió el dirigente de los Cangrejeros, Eduardo Pérez. "Hicieron lo que tenían que hacer, buena defensa. Hicieron los sacrificios y ejecutaron. Este es un juego de quién ejecuta mejor", recaló.

Por su parte, el manager mexicano Benjamín Gil, elogió la labor monticular del abridor boricua Joel Piñeiro, que en seis entradas permitió seis hits y dos carreras, aunque no tomó parte de la decisión. También destacó que las pifias de su rival le permitieron llevarse el resultado.

"Cerrando la séptima (entrada) pudimos formar un rally y aprovechar allí una equivocación defensiva del equipo de Puerto Rico", dijo.

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## Tessera ayuda a las familias latinas en la preparación de impuestos

Por: Kevin Milliken, Corresponsal La Prensa (Translation by Isabel Flores)

27 de enero 2015: Las familias latinas no tienen que ir muy lejos para obtener respuestas a sus preguntas durante la temporada de impuestos. De hecho, sólo tienen que ir a la iglesia el día domingo.

Tessera Asociados brinda los servicios de preparación de impuestos en *San Pedro y Paul Hall* [a un lado de la iglesia en el 738 de la calle S. St. Clair], los domingos de 9 am a 2 pm o bien por medio de una cita previa. María Guel es bilingüe y trabajará con las familias latinas en temas como el Crédito Tributario por Ingreso del Trabajo (EITC, por sus siglas en inglés), la Ley de Asistencia Asequible, y otros programas de impuestos especiales.

“Si las personas no tienen tiempo de ir a las oficinas de la Avenida Sylvania, yo puedo realizar el trámite de sus impuestos y llevárselos el siguiente domingo”, dijo. “Creo que es una buena opción para muchos — porque van a la iglesia y yo estoy ahí, de esa manera no tienen que ir hasta To-

ledo.” Si la Sra. Guel tiene preguntas durante la preparación de los documentos para la declaración de impuestos, ella puede ponerse en contacto con la familia durante la semana para obtener mayor información. Tessera contó el año pasado con estos servicios de asistencia fuera de su oficina en el Centro Cultural y de Arte Sofía Quintero, en donde pudo reunirse con las familias latinas.

La Sra. Guel afirmó que estará disponible antes, durante y después de la misa para responder preguntas, recoger el papeleo, y agendar citas para clientes de Tessera. Durante la semana, ella se encargará de trabajar en la preparación de impuestos en las oficinas de la compañía en el oeste de Toledo. Esta es su primera temporada de preparación de impuestos, pero ha trabajado en Tessera desde hace un par de años como asistente administrativa. María Guel sabe de



María Guel

primera mano lo difícil que puede ser para las familias que hablan español presentar sus impuestos o entender la terminología, ya que su familia es de México y se mudó a Toledo cuando ella tenía 15 años.

“La única palabra que conocía en inglés cuando llegue a este país, era ‘manzana’”, menciona la entrevistada con una risa. “Mis padres no sabían

tampoco inglés, así que me inscribieron en la secundaria Libbey. Fui allí sin saber qué hacer ni qué esperar”.

Pero ella luchó desde el principio, como no hablaba inglés, únicamente pudo tomar dos clases: español y matemáticas. Su tutor de las escuelas pública de Toledo era canadiense, lo cual no ayudó en lo más mínimo. Posteriormente, se cambió a *Waite High School*, en donde

se ofrecen clases de inglés como segundo lenguaje. Finalmente, atendió la Universidad de Toledo, donde estudió Relaciones Internacionales.

Es por eso que ella sabe lo difícil que puede ser assimilar el idioma, y realizar responsabilidades tan grandes como el pago de impuestos.

“Yo sé que puede ser difícil ayudar a tanta gente, pero estoy muy feliz de tener este trabajo”, señaló. “Siempre doy todo lo que puedo para ayudar.

Es como una tranquilidad en tu mente el ir con alguien que hable tu idioma, entienda y responda tus preguntas; de lo contrario, es algo aterrador”.

María Guel, de 45 años, tiene cuatro hijos de 21, 19, 14, y 10 años de edad.

Cabe destacar que la firma está invitando a las familias latinas a que presenten sus impuestos federales lo más pronto posible, para que puedan

obtener su reembolso rápidamente, especialmente si califican para el EITC. Cuanto más tiempo se tarde una familia en presentar su declaración de impuestos, más tiempo demorará el proceso de reembolso, aunque se realice el trámite electrónicamente. Debido a que al final del viejo sur se encuentran los dos códigos postales más afectados por la pobreza en Toledo, muchas familias dependen de la devolución de impuestos para hacer compras necesarias que normalmente no pueden permitirse, por eso la importancia de realizar su trámite cuanto antes.

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plications submitted for funding.


Walker will be available for a limited number of individual appointments with regional faculty during the afternoons of Feb. 24 and 25. Reservations are required.

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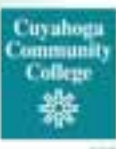
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# Immigrants could wait until 2019 to have cases resolved

By SETH ROBBINS, Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 1, 2015 (AP): Thousands of immigrants seeking legalization through the U.S. court system have had their hearing canceled and are being told by the government that it may be 2019 or later before their futures are resolved.

Some immigration lawyers fear the delay will leave their clients at risk of deportation as evidence becomes dated, witnesses disappear, sponsoring relatives die and dependent children become adults.

The increase in cancellations began late last summer after the Justice Department prioritized the tens of thousands of Central American migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, most of them mothers with children and unaccompanied minors.

Immigration lawyers in cities that absorbed a large share of those cases, including New York, San Antonio, Los Angeles and Denver, say they've had hearings canceled with little notice and received no new court dates. Work permits, green cards granting permanent residency status, asylum claims, and family reunifications hang in the balance.

Denver immigration lawyer David Simmons said he's never seen such a standstill in nearly 30 years of practice. "There is no maneuverability," he said. "It's as if we have no court at all."

One of Simmons' clients, Maximiano Vazquez-Guevarra, 34, recently won his appeal to become a legal permanent resident. But his case still needs to go in front of an immigration judge one last time, and it has been pulled from the docket.

Vazquez, who is from the Mexican state of Guanajuato, entered the U.S. without documentation in 1998. He has been fighting deportation since 2011, when he came to authorities' attention after his second driving under the in-

fluence charge. He lives in suburban Denver with his American wife, Ashley Bowen, and their 6-year-old daughter, and they are expecting their second child in August.

Meanwhile Vazquez's brother in Mexico is dying of kidney failure, and Vazquez can't leave the country. "It's sad," Vazquez said in a telephone interview. "I feel bad not seeing him, to say one last goodbye."

Before July, only immigrants in detention were considered a priority for the courts. Under the new policies, unaccompanied minors and families facing deportation also have priority status, regardless of whether they're in detention.

The Executive Office for Immigration Review, the Justice Department body that oversees the nation's immigration courts, could not say precisely how many hearings had been canceled. But it said more than 415,000 immigrants who are not in detention have cases pending.

Hearings are being rescheduled for Nov. 29, 2019, as a way to keep cases on the docket, said Lauren Alder Reid, legislative and public affairs counsel for EOIR. Most, however, are likely to receive other dates — either earlier or later, as docket times become available, she said. Many fear that these cases will linger indefinitely at the bottom of the pile if there is another wave of Central American migrants.

Simmons said thousands of non-priority cases in Denver alone have had hearings canceled.

When the Central American surge hit last summer, immigration courts there were already short two judges because of retirements. Two of the three remaining Denver immigration judges are hearing, via videoconference, cases of families detained in a new detention center in South Texas. The third Denver judge

is hearing cases involving unaccompanied minors who've been placed with relatives.

David Martin, a law professor at the University of Virginia who worked for two Democratic presidents, criticized Congress and the Obama administration for not funding more immigration judges.

"You fund more investigators, more detention space, more border patrol, almost all of these are going to produce some kind of immigration court case," he said. "You are putting a lot more people into the system. It's just going to be a big bottleneck unless you increase the size of that pipeline."

San Antonio's immigration courts, which like Denver's are handling a large number of unaccompanied children and detained families, also have seen the cancellations of all non-detainee hearings, which are not considered priority.

Lance Curtright, a San Antonio lawyer, said hearings have been postponed for hundreds of cases his firm is handling. Longtime green card holders facing deportation over minor crimes or procedural issues are going to suffer needlessly, along with their families, he said.

Limbo does not jeopardize all immigrants facing deportation as many are still able to work under existing permits until their cases can be heard. The delays might even provide some immigrants with weaker petitions more time to build a stronger case.

Asylum seekers, who often have had to leave behind families in countries ravaged by war and violence, are among the hardest hit, said Bryan Johnson Xenitelis, an immigration lawyer in New York. His firm has had eight case hearing cancellations so far, including that of a severely disabled young man from Ukraine with an asylum petition.

# Paula Hicks-Hudson Takes Over as Mayor

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

When Paula Hicks-Hudson was sworn in as acting Toledo mayor just hours after then-mayor D. Michael Collins suffered cardiac arrest while driving, she hoped it only would be a temporary assignment. But she also knew she could be stepping in to lead the Glass City if the condition of Collins did not improve significantly.

Less than a week later, Ms. Hicks-Hudson, 63, automatically went from Toledo City Council president to Toledo Mayor following the death of Collins, who was removed from life support on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015. "What I want people to know about me is that I will be accessible and that I will work hard to represent everyone and do a good job," Ms. Hicks-Hudson told La Prensa. "To me, that's the bottom line: to do the best I can each and every day. We've got a lot on our plate to work through and we're going to make sure we do that."

Now Ms. Hicks-Hudson will lead her adopted hometown through the grieving process for Mayor Collins and a crucial nine-month period that could define Toledo for generations to come. There's a development deal to finalize with ProMedica on its downtown corporate campus, the fight to keep future Jeep Wrangler production in Toledo, a balanced budget to pass by the end of March, and other political battles.

"I'm making those necessary changes in order to accommodate this new role," she said, admitting she was accustomed to spending quiet Saturdays with her husband and grandkids. "My family has always known that I have a public side and a personal side and they were just getting used to that."

Ms. Hicks-Hudson had given herself two weeks to shut down her juvenile law practice, but is working to make that happen faster now that she'll be a full-time mayor through at least November. She had slowed down her schedule in recent months significantly while

she recovered from back surgery. She admitted the whole thing had finally hit home Monday morning and what a daunting task lies ahead.

"I finally recognized that the mayor is gone, the recognition of the role that I have to play," she said. "As president of council, you have to do many of the same things. The magnitude is different, of course. Council was part-time. This is full-time. That's sinking in."

A special election for mayor will be held in November, with no limit on the number of candidates who can be on the ballot. At some point, the lawyer and Democrat herself may choose to run for the unexpired mayoral term. The possibility exists that Toledo could have three different mayors in less than one year's time.

Ms. Hicks-Hudson is making city history in the process as Toledo's first African-American female mayor. She was quick to credit "a very professional staff" that is helping her to make the transition, despite grieving for her former boss. She stated "we stand together" on the Jeep and ProMedica projects, as well as getting a balanced budget passed.

She stated the only immediate change she was considering was to find funding in the city budget for recreation and the operation of city pools, which Mayor Collins had cut from the budget he presented to city council last November. But Ms. Hicks-Hudson emphasized "those conversations had already started" about finding a middle ground on the issue with the late mayor.

While Ms. Hicks-Hudson may be relatively unknown to most of Toledo's citizenry, she has spent the better part of her career—nearly 30 years—working within city and county government.

Ms. Hicks-Hudson first joined Toledo City Council as the District 4 representative when she was appointed to the seat following Michael Ashford's election as state representative. She since has won a special election, then an election to a second term. She was selected by her col-



Paula Hicks-Hudson Photo courtesy The Sojourner's Truth.

leagues as city council president in 2013.

Prior to that, the juvenile defense attorney has served as Toledo City Council's legislative director, both the director and deputy director of the Lucas County Board of Elections, and chief legal counsel at Ohio's Office of Budget and Management—a post to which she was appointed by then-Gov. Ted Strickland.

During her legal career, Ms. Hicks-Hudson has worked at Toledo Legal Aid, as an assistant Lucas County prosecutor, as an assistant public defender, and as an assistant state attorney general. She lives in the Old West End with her husband of many years, Freeman Hudson.

Ms. Hicks-Hudson was born near Cincinnati, but has lived in Toledo for the better part of three decades. She has two grown daughters and earned bachelor's, master's and law degrees out-of-state before coming to the Glass City.

She called it "too soon" to deal with whether she has aspirations to continue as mayor beyond November. Her focus now is to keep the city moving forward and help its residents grieve the loss of Mayor Collins. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press time.

The departure of Ms. Hicks-Hudson for the mayor's office also creates a vacancy on Toledo City Council. Her fourth district seat must be filled by council within 30 days. A special election for a permanent replacement also will be held later this year.

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## Mayor Collins suffers fatal cardiac arrest

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to make inroads with undocumented families who feared cooperating with local police could lead to deportation and the breakup of families.

"I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to the Collins family. May God be with us all and watch over the citizens of Toledo as we all have suffered a great loss. Mayor Collins was a genuine spirit who led by example – embodying Toledo's core values of hard work, dedication, kindness and love for others. He was a true gentleman on and off the campaign trail. He pursued and achieved his dreams and goals by doing what he believed to be right, never wavering. The City of Toledo and Northwest Ohio is a better place because of his service to our beloved community," said Lucas County Auditor Anita López in a prepared statement.

Ms. López ran against Collins for mayor in 2012, recalling on Facebook that he "was such a gentleman after the campaign. 'He gave me a big hug in the parking lot after I was reelected (as auditor last year). I am praying for his family and his wife Sandy,'" she wrote.

"With a heavy heart, my thoughts are with Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins' family, the people of Toledo, and the Northwest Ohio region," wrote Roberto Torres on Facebook shortly after learning of the mayor's death. "Heaven's Gate will be well protected. Semper Paratus!"

Mayor Collins developed a particularly close friendship in recent years with Baldemar Velásquez, founder and president of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC). In recognition of that, the mayor's funeral procession will pass through the Old South End where he grew up and proceed up Broadway past FLOC headquarters on its way to Rosary Cathedral.

As a city councilman, Collins helped Velásquez in 2010 to redraft an immigration-related resolution that denounced actions in Arizona and discouraged similar anti-immigration laws in Ohio and elsewhere. An earlier version of the resolution resulted in a 6-to-6 council tie, leading then-Mayor Mike Bell to cast a 'no' vote. The redrafted version passed by a 10-to-2 vote.

Those actions prompted Velásquez to endorse Collins in his bid for Toledo mayor in the closing days of the 2012 election. The two leaders had since been working to steady relations between Latino families and the police, after a handful of teens were arrested last year while attending a program to help young Latinos to avoid

gangs and gain employment. Collins had promised specialized training for new police recruits on Latino culture and other issues. Police Chief George Kral, who attended a signing ceremony for that agreement late last year, vowed to continue the mayor's legacy in that direction.

"If anything, it makes it stronger, because with the passing of the mayor, it just makes it more important to get a quality training and build on that promise," Chief Kral told *La Prensa*. "It's going to be here forever. As long as I'm here it's going to be here."

Rico Neller, editor of *La Prensa*, fondly remembers working with TPD Officer Collins when he was a member of Toledo's Vice Metro Dept. "Then-Officer Collins was a man of integrity. You could always count on him to tell the truth and to act with total professionalism. I have deep respect for the man."

Collins, the son of Irish immigrants, made public his belief that the city's diversity, racial and cultural differences could — and should — be a source of strength for the city's future. The mayor quietly supported efforts by local groups to make Toledo a welcoming community for immigrants as a means to grow the regional economy and the city's population.

Collins spent 27 years as a Toledo police officer, the last ten as president of the *Toledo Police Patrolman's Association* before he retired. During his time on the force, Collins earned a bachelor's degree and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA), both from The University of Toledo.

Following his retirement, Collins began teaching as a visiting criminal justice professor at UT and also served the university as the director of the Ohio Police Corps, an Ohio police academy funded by the

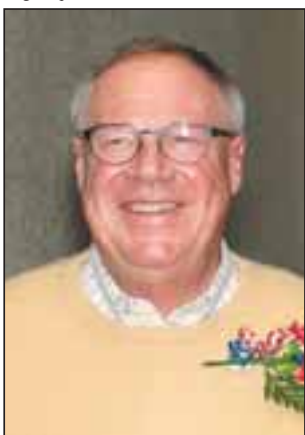
U.S. Department of Justice.

Collins, the son of Irish immigrants, grew up in the Old South End, attending St. James elementary school and graduating from Libbey High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps out of high school, achieving the rank of corporal before an honorable discharge. Collins continued to live in South Toledo with his wife Sandy Drabik.

Collins was first elected to



Mayor Collins and wife Sandy Drabik

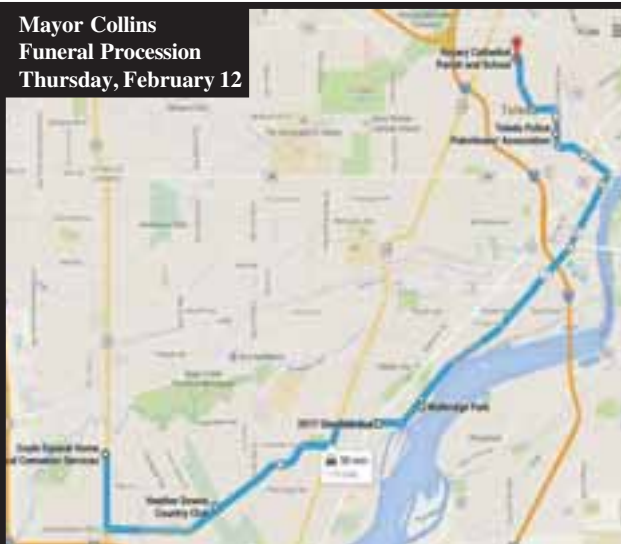


Toledo City Council representing District 2 in 2007. He ran an unsuccessful campaign for mayor in 2009. He was elected to a second term on council in 2011, but gave up the seat when the political independent was elected mayor in 2013, defeating another political independent, incumbent Mike Bell.

Collins had his fair share of challenges during his first year as Toledo's mayor. Two city firefighters died in a North Toledo apartment blaze just a couple of weeks after he was sworn in. Toledo then endured the worst winter in recent memory, with record snowfall.

Toxic algae blooms caused a toxic water crisis last summer, causing the city to turn off the taps to nearly half a million households for two days. The Collins administration then learned last fall that Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) was considering the relocation of production of the Jeep Wrangler elsewhere when a redesign of the vehicle in two years would also necessitate an expensive plant modernization.

## Mayor Collins Funeral Procession Thursday, February 12



The funeral procession for Mayor Mike Collins will snake its way from the Coyle Funeral Home in Perrysburg to The Rosary Cathedral in Toledo on Thursday, February 12.

Starting location:

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Head south on S Reynolds Rd toward Southwyck Blvd  
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Turn right onto Glendale Ave  
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- Anthony Wayne Trail and Glendale – The mayor faced challenges of last year with a major water main break
- Wixey's Bakery – One of the Mayor's favorite places to stop for baked items before going into the office.
- Walbridge Park and the Toledo Zoo – He's been very supportive of both
- Broadway to Old South End – Where he was born and raised, he went to school at St. James
- We will also be passing the second major water main break of 2014.
- Passing Orchard St. – where he was raised
- FLOC Headquarters – Mayor was instrumental in putting training together for the police class
- Passing Future Home of ProMedica
- Downtown past One Gov. Center, Safety Building and Police Memorial
- TPPA Hall on Franklin – No matter which direction the mayor heading, he made it a point to always drive past the TPPA Hall.
- Fire Station # 7
- Passing several Union Halls on Ashland – Mayor was a major supporter of Unions
- Ladder truck Arch – pass underneath by Scott High School – The Mayor was a supporter of education and TPS.
- Rosary Cathedral - hearse and cars will be parked along Collingwood.

After services the Mayor will be traveling Central Ave to Monroe St. through Sylvania, OH to the cemetery.

Will be parking at UAW Hall (2300 Ashland Ave.) and shuttle services will be provided.

## Study: College completion gap between rich, poor widens

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3, 2015 (AP): The gap in bachelor-degree attainment between the nation's richest and poorest students by age 24 has doubled during the last four decades, according to a report released Tuesday.

The percent of students from the lowest-income families—those making \$34,160 a year or less—earning a bachelor's degree has inched up just 3 points since 1970, rising from 6 to 9 percent by 2013.

Meanwhile, college completion for students from the wealthiest families has risen dramatically, climbing from 44 to 77 percent.

"It's really quite amazing how big the differences have become between those from the highest and lowest family incomes," said *Laura Perna*, a University of Pennsylvania professor and executive director of the Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy, one of the two organizations that published the study examining college costs and degree attainment.

The study comes amid renewed debate on college affordability spurred by President Barack Obama's proposal to make two years of college free. If adopted in every state, the proposal would benefit a projected 9 million students each year. It would cost taxpayers an estimated \$60 billion over 10 years—a price the Republican-controlled Congress is likely to be hesitant to embrace.

Among the report's other findings: The percent of students from all income levels enrolling in college has increased, shrinking the gap in enrollment between rich and poor "somewhat" during the last four decades. There was a

46-point gap between the two groups in 1970 compared with a 36-point gap in 2012.

Yet completion gaps are growing: While 99 percent of students entering college from the highest income families—those making \$108,650 or more a year—graduate by 24, just 21 percent of student from the lowest income families finish by that age.

Perna said there are a number of factors contributing to the widening divide, including access to the information and support needed to enter college and graduate; college readiness; and the availability of higher education that meets people's needs, particularly for students who might have children, limited access to transportation and full-time jobs.

She also noted that the likelihood of finishing a degree varies dramatically by type of institution. Students from the poorest families are overrepresented in public two-year institutions, which tend to have lower completion rates, while those from higher income families are abundant in doctoral-granting institutions.

The Obama administration has expanded the availability of Pell grants and supported a tax credit for tuition costs, yet the study finds that the amount of the maximum Pell grant award has not kept up with the rising cost of college. College costs were more than two times higher in 2012 than in 1975 at the start of the Pell grant program, which provides aid to low-income students based on need.

Pell grants covered 67 percent of college costs in 1975 but only 27 percent in

2012.

"We sometimes think that low-income students are taken care of because of the federal program. But you can see it covers so much less than it was first established," said Margaret Cahalan, director of the *Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education*, the second institution involved in the report.

The study shows the burden of paying for college has increasingly shifted from state and local governments to students and families. That, Perna said, should prompt an important question: Who should pay for college given the individual and societal benefits?

"Students only have so many resources they can use to pay the costs," Perna said.

Michael Kramer, 29, is the first in his family to attend college. The son of a country club maintenance supervisor and a factory worker, he went straight to jobs in retail and plumbing after graduating high school, unable to afford college. He eventually enrolled in a community college while working full time and is now taking out loans to help finish his bachelor's degree at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"We're a country that says everybody should be getting higher education, and nowadays, to get any decent job, you need a bachelor's degree," Kramer said.

Yet for low-income students like him, Kramer said the high cost of college often means making a difficult choice between fulfilling basic food and housing needs and obtaining a post-secondary education. "It's a continuous cycle that they get stuck in," he said.

## Nardy Baeza es la encargada de la comunicación en español de la Universidad de Michigan

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

Ann Arbor, 9 II 15: La Universidad de Michigan es una de las más renombradas a nivel mundial por su gran prestigio académico, alto nivel de investigaciones y avances científicos, tecnológicos, humanidades y artes, los cuales da a conocer a través de un grupo global de comunicación que produce historias relevantes en cuatro idiomas, además del inglés: *Mandarin, Hindi, Portugués y Español*. *Nardy Baeza Bickel* se encuentra en el departamento de comunicación en español desde diciembre del 2014.

"Mi trabajo es mantener las Relaciones Públicas con Latinoamérica y con los medios hispanos en el país para darle a conocer a nuestra comunidad, los diferentes aspectos por los que la Universidad es relevante para el público en general. Tenemos muchos especialistas que están haciendo investigación de gran relevancia para el mundo entero, en cuanto a nueva tecnología, energía, entre otras. Queremos que los hispanos en Estados Unidos nos conozcan más", dijo Nardy Baeza en entrevista exclusiva para *La Prensa*.

De acuerdo con Nardy, la Universidad de Michigan cuenta con un portal en español desde hace 10 años (<http://espanol.umich.edu/>) y este año están planeando el rediseño de la página para incorporar mejor los medios sociales ([Youtube](#),

Facebook; Twitter).

"Somos pioneros en tener un portal en español y espero ayudar a la universidad a ser más reconocida en el mundo hispanoparlante", agregó. "No solo recibimos estudiantes de todo mundo, sino que enviamos estudiantes al mundo entero. Tenemos investigadores en todas partes. Es decir, no solo traemos el mundo a Ann Arbor, sino que vamos hacia el mundo, es un intercambio".

Nardy brinda a la Universidad más de 10 años de experiencia en periodismo y comunicaciones. Estudió periodismo en Chile, su país natal, se casó con un americano y en 1997 se mudó a Colorado a cuidar del hermano de su esposo, quien se encontraba enfermo. Posteriormente se mudó a Chicago con su esposo en donde trabajó como maestra en *Cristo Rey High School*.

Luego de dos años, decidió estudiar su Maestría en periodismo en la *Universidad Northwestern* en Chicago. Al concluir sus estudios, se mudó a Holland, Michigan para trabajar primero medio tiempo y luego tiempo completo en el periódico *Holland Sentinel*.

De ahí, se fue al *Grand Rapids Press* en donde trabajó por alrededor de siete años cubriendo los temas de educación e inmigración. "Todos los periódicos de Michigan, son 8 los más grandes, hicieron muchos despidos entre 2010 y 2011,



Nardy Baeza Bickel

por lo que me vi obligada a cambiar de giro y entré a relaciones públicas en AMWAY. Era la encargada de trabajar con los medios hispanos y también ayudando a Latinoamérica y Norteamérica", comentó la entrevistada. "Adquirí mucha experiencia durante los poco meses de dos años que estuve ahí."

Su salida, se debió a que la ciudad de Holland la contrató como Coordinadora de Asuntos Internacionales. "Estuve un año porque de ahí me cambie a la Universidad de Michigan".

La experiencia de la entrevistada es en mayor parte periodismo, comunicación corporativa, relaciones públicas, y un poco de relaciones internacionales. "Mi trabajo en la universidad consiste en relaciones públicas. Personalmente, me encanta la ciencia y aprender algo nuevo todos los días, es algo que me enriquece bastante, por lo que estoy muy agradecida con esta gran oportunidad y dispuesta a dar lo mejor para dar a conocer a la universidad en el mundo hispanohablante".

## MEXICAN MUTUAL SOCIETY (MMS)

### February 2015 Fundraiser Events

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

**ENTERTAINMENT: February 13, 2015.** "The Jazz, Funk and Blues Band" featuring the music of *Jaime Flores* on trumpet, *Dominic Cataldo* on piano, *Rob Hill* on bass, *Louie Morales* on drums, *Dave Millen* on sax, and *Ralphie Alvarado* on percussion with guest singer will perform from 9- 12 pm, following the Celebrity Bartender Event. Admission is \$5 at the door. Mexican food will be available.

**CELEBRITY BARTENDER NIGHT. Every Friday night from 6-9 pm.** Join in the fun on Friday nights with the *Celebrity Bartenders* when the crowd goes wild and the big bell rings as the tip donations role in for the Mexican Mutual Society! Mexican food will be available.

February celeb bartenders are: *February 6 2015*. The real estate team of **Andrea and Jeff Neal**. "Make a Deal with Neal!"

*February 13, 2015*. Lorain's own **James Brown, Richard McGee and Friends**.  
*February 20, 2015*. Lorain Port Authority, **Rick Novak**, Director and **Ralph Bruening**, Facilities Manager.

*February 27, 2015*. **Becky Rodríguez, CHIP Events Chairperson** joined by members of the Coalition of Hispanics in Progress (CHIP).

**2015 Membership Drive.** Help sustain the Mexican Mutual Society through a Social Membership open to the public for **only \$10**. Membership forms are available at the Club. Call 440-277-7375 for information.

**Call For Little Queen Contestants for 2015 Cinco de Mayo Celebration!**  
Mexican Mutual Society (MMS) is continuing an over 40 year tradition of a Queen reigning over the annual Cinco de Mayo festivities. It is looking for little girls to run for the **Cinco de Mayo LITTLE QUEEN OF 2015**. The little girl **MUST** be of Mexican descent, between the ages of 5 to 9 yrs. old, and live in Lorain County.

The LITTLE QUEEN will reign over the Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festivities which take place on May 2, 2015. **Deadline** to register your child is **February 7, 2014**. Contest begins February 14, 2015. For further details and to register your child, call the Pageant Director, **Marie Leibas** at 440-288-1044

**February Winter Club Hours:** Club opens at 3 pm on Wednesday through Sunday, except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month on which the Club will be closed. Hecto's Kitchen will be open and serving Mexican food and other offerings. Call the Club at 440-277-7375 for the daily menu. **Hall rentals available.**

Fundraiser events are open to the public. Call the Club at 440-277-7375 for further information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**February 9 & 11** - *GED Prep Orientation* will be held at LCCC Lorain Learning Center 201 West Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio 44055 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. You must attend both days of orientation in order to attend GED classes provided by *Lorain County Community College ABLE Consortium* at *El Centro*.

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

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

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





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**Senior Communications Manager**

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

SEALED PROPOSALS for bidding on **Exterior Restoration for Toledo Metroparks Belt House, 5602 Swan Creek Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43614** will be received; opened; and read aloud at the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area, Fallen Timbers Field Office, 6101 Fallen Timbers Lane, Maumee, Ohio 43537 **Friday, February 20, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** local time.

**THE SCOPE OF WORK** consists of exterior restoration of an existing residence. General construction includes select demolition, asphalt roofing, aluminum gutters & downspouts, fiber cement siding & trims, fiberglass shutters, window & door replacement, electrical service, and misc. carpentry & masonry.

**Bidders may obtain copies** of plans, specifications, contract documents and plan-holder's list through Newfax Corporation, 333 West Woodruff, Toledo, Ohio 43604 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (check made payable to Newfax Corporation) or via the Newfax Digital Plan Room at [www.newfaxcorp.com](http://www.newfaxcorp.com). Newfax can be contacted at 419-241-5157 or 800-877-5157. A non-refundable fee of \$15 is required for each set of documents obtained. For additional information, please contact Jon Zvanovec @ 419-360-9184, [jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:jon.zvanovec@metroparkstoledo.com).

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USE OF DREDGED MATERIALS**

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority ("TLCPA") is requesting qualification statements from professional full-service environmental and/or geotechnical consulting firms to provide design and construction management services in connection with the subject project. The project involves building a facility that will be ready to accept a portion of material dredged from Federal Shipping Channel in Toledo Harbor that would otherwise be deposited in the open lake placement area. The facility would function as a location used to accept sediments and prepare blended beneficial use products in the future. An agricultural field improvement demonstration project will be constructed at the location to serve as a model for beneficial use of dredged materials on agricultural fields in northwest Ohio. The project is funded by the Healthy Lake Erie Fund and will be monitored and administered by the TLCPA with oversight from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The total project budget for the project as described below is approximately \$2.5 million. The targeted project completion date is June 30, 2016.

The required format for the proposal to be submitted to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority is described in detail in the full copy of the Request for Qualifications, and is available by either (1) emailing Gilda Mitchell, Property Development Administrator, at [gmitchell@toledoportauthority.org](mailto:gmitchell@toledoportauthority.org) or (2) visiting the Port Authority's website at <http://www.toledoportauthority.org/PublicNotices.aspx>. Proposals are due no later than 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2015.

**HVAC/R Technician**

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), located in Toledo, OH is seeking experienced applicants for HVAC/R Technician. For details and to apply, visit [www.lucasma.org](http://www.lucasma.org). **Only online applications will be accepted at the above website until the deadline of 02/20/15.** Please note on your application if you are a LMHA Public Housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. This is a Section 3 covered position and HUD recipients are encouraged to apply. **NO PHONE CALLS**

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It is important to know the warning signs of a heart attack as about 47% of sudden cardiac deaths occur outside a hospital, sug-

gesting that many people with heart disease don't act on early warning signs.

Warning signs of a heart attack include chest discomfort; discomfort in other areas of the upper body, including one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach; shortness of breath, breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness, unusual or unexplained fatigue.

Women are more likely to show the other symptoms beyond the classic chest discomfort symptom, which people most often associate with a heart attack. If you have any of these symptoms, don't drive yourself to the hospital - it is important to call 9-1-1 within minutes in order to speed treatment.

It's never too late to improve your heart health. The good news is that about 80% of heart disease is prevent-

able - only family history and age are beyond your control. Heart disease can be prevented or controlled by making lifestyle changes and, if needed, taking medication.

Small steps can make a big difference towards having a healthy heart. Make heart-healthy changes to your eating habits, maintain a healthy weight, stop smoking, manage diabetes, and take medications if prescribed.

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