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UT Latino Student Union to host dance with Las Fénix

By Kevin Milliken, *La Prensa* Correspondent

March 10, 2014: The *Latino Student Union* at the *University of Toledo* has a busy month ahead—hosting its annual scholarship dance and sponsoring a César Chávez blood drive.

A Houston-based, five-girl band will make its second Toledo appearance in less than a year as the featured entertainment at the LSU scholarship dance on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Las Fénix is comprised of the five Rodríguez sisters, ranging in age from 13 to 24. The band features Tejano and regional Mexican music in a repertoire that should appeal to Latinos of all ages and backgrounds.

According to the band's biography, *Las Fénix* started unofficially in 1999, when four of the sisters surprised their father *David Rodríguez*, now the group's manager, on his birthday by singing a couple of songs. The band first played Toledo last summer at *Midwest LatinoFest* held at Promenade Park downtown.

"We realized we needed to change the direction of our

organization and the scholarship dance because our numbers have been down the past five years," said *Jacob Torres*, LSU president. "We realized we needed to get a big band. They wanted to play a college for the first time, so they were all for it."

The LSU dance committee won't be surprised to see a sellout—because so many people are now familiar with *Las Fénix* and its high-energy show. The event's capacity is 500.

"I do think it will appeal to a wide variety of audience, because our scholarship dance tends to have the older Latino community there, as well as *Adrian Defiance*, *Freemont*," said *Torres*. "The university wants us to draw the younger campus students as well. I think meeting both criteria will make the dance that much better."

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the dance, to be held at the UT student union. *DJ Rene Hernández* will kick off the evening's entertainment 7-9 p.m., to be followed by a scholarship presentation. *Las Fénix* will take the stage at 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the UT student union, from LSU officers, or by credit card by phoning 419.530.2931 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets purchased by phone can be picked up the night of dance. *Torres* is hoping that will make it easier for out-of-town supporters to purchase tickets and attend the scholarship dance.

César Chávez Blood Drive

"That's the first time we've ever done something like this," said the LSU president.

On March 31, LSU volunteers will assist another campus group with UT's first-ever César Chávez blood drive, to be held in the student union's Ingman Room. Blood donations can be given from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alpha Psi Lambda, a co-educational, Latino-oriented college fraternity, is spearheading the effort. *Dylan Wee*, son of Toledo *Board of Community Relations* executive director *Linda Alvarado*, is one of the organizers.

The date of the blood drive coincides with *National Farm Worker's Awareness Week*, held the last week of March each year to recognize farmers and the rights they've fought for over the decades.

According to *Torres*, the LSU chapter at Bowling Green State University has hosted the César Chávez blood drive for several years, finishing third among the nation's participating campuses last year. This year's goal is to reach 300 U.S. college campuses.

Blood donor appointments can be made through the Red Cross or by contacting UT students *Selena Gómez* at 419.206.8829 or *Dylan Wee* at 419.789.8065.

A recent LSU meeting also featured a presentation by LSU alumnus and *Waite High School* Spanish teacher *Josh Flores*, about a new mentoring program by the UT Latino Alumni Affiliate. Those alumni will work with upperclassmen from LSU to prepare them for the professional world following graduation.



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MMS announces participants of Cinco de Mayo Little Queen

March 5, 2014: Lorain's Mexican Mutual Society (MMS) announced that three *niñitas* will be vying for the title of 2014 *Cinco de Mayo Little Queen*. According to Marie Leibas, director of MMS's Queen Pageant, they are:

- **Alessandra Flores**, who is 9 years old and she attends Larkmoor School. Her parents are Amanda Solis and Favio Flores. Her maternal grandmother is Denise Sánchez and paternal grandfather is José

Pérez. Alessandra is in Girl Scouts and softball.

- **Mileena Rivera** is 8 years old and she attends Palm Elementary. Her parents are Amanda and Javier Rivera. Her maternal grandparents are Monica Cruz and Albert Montañez; her paternal grandparents are Judith & José Rivera. Mileena likes to sing, dance, and is learning to play the drums.

- **Analisse Veliz** is 8 years old and she attends Palm Elementary. Her parents are Maricruz and Christopher Veliz. Her maternal grand-

parents are Miriam Fernández and Fernando Aponte. Her paternal grandparents are Sandra Cruz and Ventura Veliz. Analisse likes to dance and is in gymnastics and cheerleading.

The Little Queen will be determined on April 19, 2014. She will reign in MMS's 17th annual *Cinco de Mayo* parade which takes place on May 3, 2014. The parade starts at 4:15pm at St Francis Church, 2143 Homewood Drive and ends at the Mexican Mutual Club, 1820 E. 28th St., where

the celebration continues. Little Queen of 2013, Arianna Rodríguez, will be on hand to assist in the crowning of the 2014 Queen, Princess, and Duchess at 6:00pm. There will be *comida y música mexicana* con DJ Pepe Rivera, a cash bar, dancing by Alma de México, y piñatas para los niños. The public is welcome to attend.

In the photo are, L-R, Alessandra Flores, Analisse Veliz, and Mileena Rivera. Photo courtesy of MMS.

2nd Annual Cleveland Mini Maker Faire

Cleveland Mini Maker Faire is coming again to the Cleveland Public Library on Saturday, March 29, 2014, from 10 am-6 pm. The Maker Faire is being presented by Cleveland Public Library and Ingenuity Cleveland. Maker Faire is the greatest "Show and Tell" on earth. It grew out of a collaboration be-

tween the library and past IngenuityFests.

This family-friendly event showcases invention and creativity, and celebrates the DIY spirit. Makers will range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to homesteaders to scientists to garage tinkerers. Last year's faire attracted close to 2,000 people and included many types of fun

such as the Sol-dering Pavilion and Hackspace where a person could make solar flowers or learn to become a digibartender.

The event will take place throughout the Louis Stokes Wing of the Cleveland Public Library, located at the



corner of E. 6th and Superior in downtown Cleveland. Call 216-623-2921 for details for visit makerfairecleveland.com.

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Tobocman of Detroit and Linda Alvarado of Toledo: "We welcome immigrants, refugees!" Can the Midwest go from the Rust Belt to the Gold Belt?

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

Toledo-Lucas County officials are in the process of developing a strategy to make Northwest Ohio a more welcoming community for immigrants and refugees, much like Michigan and other Ohio and Wolverine cities have done over the past several years.

So they invited a former Michigan state legislator, now the executive director of *Global Detroit*, to lead a community conversation on March 4, 2014, at *Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral*, 740 N. Superior St.

"We are bringing this guest speaker in because they are doing what we would like to do," said Linda Alvarado, acting director of Toledo's *Board of Community Relations*. "The 'Toledo Concept' is sort of like a 'Welcome Dayton'." Other communities have one, *Detroit* has one."

Like Richard Herman of Cleveland, Steve Tobocman, another attorney, is recognized as a national expert on immigration and economic development initiatives. Tobocman, 43, heads *Global Detroit*, a regional economic development strategy that looks at immigrants and internationals as a means of revitalizing metro Detroit's economy.

And Mr. Tobocman came to Toledo to explain to the 150-plus in attendance as to why Toledo should join this ever expanding list of Midwest entities that are welcoming immigrants to aid in their

respective growth and revitalization.

At *Global Detroit's* web site, it is explained that: "Global Detroit is an effort to revitalize Southeast Michigan's economy by pursuing strategies that strengthen Detroit's connections to the world, and that make the region more attractive and welcoming to immigrants, internationals, and foreign trade and investment."

"Global Detroit has helped connect over \$4 million of philanthropic investments in over a half dozen ambitious initiatives since completing an initial *Global Detroit* study in 2010. These include launching innovative programs in international student retention, microenterprise training and lending, the Welcoming Michigan campaign, the *Global Detroit Welcome Mat* network of immigration and social services, and attracting foreign investment in companies that produce Michigan jobs."

"Global Detroit is one of several efforts across the Great Lakes region that capitalizes on the Midwest's (an American) experience of immigration—talent, industriousness, innovation, trade, and diversity—as an economic growth engine."

Other cities/entities around the Great Lakes and Midwest region that are recruiting immigrants include: Global Michigan, Global Lansing, Macomb County MI, Ann Arbor MI (SPARK @ Ann

Arbor USA), Cleveland OH (Global Cleveland), Dayton OH (Welcome Dayton), Cincinnati OH, Columbus OH (Columbus New Americans Initiative), Fort Wayne IN, Indianapolis IN (Immigrant Welcome Center), Buffalo NY, Louisville KY, Baltimore MD, Chicago IL (Office of New Americans, City of Chicago), St. Louis MO (St. Louis Mosaic), and Global Great Lakes.

Global Detroit's efforts recently spurred Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to announce an

initiative to attract at least 50,000 new immigrants to the Motor City over the next five years.

"We want to bring people together to tell us how to unfold the whole idea of how we make Toledo a more welcoming community for immigrants and refugees. That's important for us to bring all the people together, because we need to learn from them on how to put that out there," said Ms. Alvarado.

Michigan already is

starting to see results from such efforts. According to the US Census, while it was the only state in the U.S. to see an overall population drop between 2000 and 2010, the number of foreign-born residents actually increased. According to 2010 census figures, immigrants only made up 5.3 percent of Michigan's foreign-born population, but represented 10.4 percent of all business owners that year. Michigan also ranks 11th in the U.S. for its share of for-

foreign-born population with a bachelor's degree or more.

Immigrants bring diversity

"We want to become part of this movement that is happening everywhere else but here—bringing refugees and immigrants here who can actually provide economic means," said Ms. Alvarado. "Most of them end up opening up businesses. They're bringing diversity. They're

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Steve Tobocman and Linda Alvarado: "We welcome immigrants, refugees!"



Linda Alvarado

bringing foods, possibly different religions and languages. They're adding culture to our city that, in one aspect, we might not have."

Northwest Ohio soon will see an infusion of 30 Iraqi refugees as its first group, but the city is seeking other groups from other countries as well.

City and county leaders intend to carefully market the concept to the public to gain acceptance—especially with some of the vitriolic political rhetoric over immigration reform that has occurred in recent years in different parts of the country.

"We don't want a backlash amongst our own people," Alvarado explained. "We're bringing someone in to show us how to do this community-wide. How do we

get churches on board, because the immigrants and refugees will want to go [practice their faith]. How do we bring along the educators, because many of them will be bringing children with them. We have to bring educators to the table and help them with diverse populations."

"Toledo's story is the story of immigration, whether from Europe, the Mediterranean, Central and South America, the Middle East, Asia or Appalachia and the South, immigrants have helped build Toledo, its economy, culture and neighborhoods," wrote Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken in an email invitation to community leaders.

The federal government is sponsoring the expatriation of political refugees from other countries and helping them to settle state-side. Toledo has an ongoing partnership with U.S. Together. So far, three of the 30 Iraqi refugees have been successfully placed in the metro Toledo area.

"The refugees and immigrants are only placed if there's already a family member here or a friend here," explained Ms. Alvarado. "If they don't

have one in Columbus or Cleveland or Dayton—then that's where they get placed. U.S. Together is a clearing-house for that."

The Board of Community Relations director stated that the agency already has an office established in Cleveland, but plans to add one in Toledo as well. There will be a heavy demand for "wrap-around" services to help them assimilate to life in Northwest Ohio.

"They will need to get connected to a variety of services, one of the other reasons that we need the community involved," said Ms. Alvarado. "They may need day care, or schools, or they may be going back to college. That's all important to them. We've tried to make sure that when they do come, they're put into an area where they'll be able to find a grocery store that can service their needs, where there are bilingual services accessible for the language that they speak, or a nearby bus route."

The Board of Community Relations director stated the concept to residents as well. She stated the desire among public officials is for the discussion to happen "in a healthy way."

"First of all, we all have to remember that we first came here as immigrants," pointed out Ms. Alvarado. "We all

came here for the same reasons as the populations currently trying to come here—for economic reasons, for a better life. We all come here with the dreams of a good life. We're hoping we don't get a backlash on this. That's why we're bringing people to the table now and unveil this to the whole community. We also want to do a marketing campaign so this all comes out sensitively."

"Your involvement, feedback, and advice are critical to our efforts as we explore developing this initiative for our community," said Commissioner Gerken in the emailed invitation. "Please come with questions, ideas, concerns and advice—or just come to listen and learn."

Ms. Alvarado explained that political refugees "already are coming from trauma" in their native countries, many of them nations that "are unstable in war." She pointed out that the refugees "are looking for safety, looking for peace, to have something better than the place they are leaving."

"They're refugees for a reason. They're not coming because they want to take somebody's job or because they want to take over the city," said Ms. Alvarado. "They're coming because there is no other means for them. It's either Toledo or Chicago or New York or Cleveland. It could be any other place. They chose Toledo."

Columbus is establishing a Somali population

In a recent era of shrinking population, the effort may be a way for Northwest Ohio to sustain or even grow its regional numbers. Columbus recently has had great success with establishing a Somali population. Organizers advocate such efforts as economic development.

Likewise, St. Louis has been successful in attracting refugees from war-torn Bosnia; as Dearborn, Michigan has been successful in attracting Muslims.

"They've been able to do almost a whole enclave," said Ms. Alvarado. "They have a whole corridor of immigrants who have moved there. They're getting more because now they have grocery stores and hair places and clothing stores. They've been able to almost establish a whole community. Many other cities have done very well at it."

The Board of Community Relations director called the Iraqi repatriation effort a good fit for Toledo, because of its large, well-established Middle Eastern population—both Islamic and Christian—second in many respects only to Dearborn.

Mr. Tobocman's efforts in metro Detroit are receiving



Steve Tobocman

heavy support from the Latino community there. He once represented southwestern Detroit in the Michigan legislature in an immigrant-heavy district. Detroit councilwoman

Raquel Castañeda-López, the city's first Latina councilwoman whose district has a substantial immigrant and Latino population, is working with other public officials to create an office of immigration to support immigrants who move to the city and their entrepreneurial efforts.

The IDEAL Group, a southwest Detroit-based group of eight companies that employ 500 people, hosted a press conference last January where Michigan's governor announced the immigration initiative. The IDEAL Group was founded by Frank Venegas Jr., the grandson of Mexican immigrants.

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Gilda's LaughFest organizers claim new sunglasses record

GRAND RAPIDS, March 7, 2014 (AP): There appears to be another arcane world record in Grand Rapids, this time for the most people wearing sunglasses at night.

Gilda's LaughFest organizers in the past three years have overseen record-setting attempts for donning false mustaches, wearing chicken beaks and tossing rubber chickens.

The fourth annual festival of laughter kicked off Thursday with an effort to break the sunglasses record. Participants received official bright yellow LaughFest sunglasses.

Guinness World Records says the current mark was set in July 2012 by 1,642 people at

Chicago's Wrigley Field. LaughFest spokesman Tyler Leccedone said the group's count shows that 1,675 people wore sunglasses Thursday night.

"We had a seriously fun time at this year's world record attempt," said Wendy Wigger, president of LaughFest and of Gilda's Club Grand Rapids. "It was great to see the growing community support and excitement surrounding the fourth year of LaughFest. It was the perfect to kick off the 2014 festival. We thank all of the participants who came out and donned sunglasses to



help us break the world record."

In 2013, 1,532 people at LaughFest put on false mustaches to set the Guinness World Record for the most people wearing fake mustaches at a single venue.

Gilda's LaughFest runs through March 16. It honors the memory of comedian Gilda Radner, who died of ovarian cancer in 1989.

Online: <http://www.laughfestgr.org>

Michigan St. University to host Latino healthcare summit

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

E. Lansing: Michigan State University will play host to a day-long summit on how to improve the health and healthcare issues among Michigan's Latino population on Fri., March 21, 2014, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the university's Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

The Julian Samora Research Institute (JSRI) is partnering with MIALMA to host the summit, which will begin with a networking period set aside for participants to meet each other over coffee and a light breakfast.

"We want to create a broad awareness of the issues that Latinos face in the health arena," said Rubén Martínez, Ph.D., director of the Julian Samora Research Institute. "This is really a summit to bring people together, primarily leaders in healthcare, Latino community leaders, and so forth to learn about the issues and network with each other to establish ties to each other to see if we can move forward in some key areas."

Some Latino-oriented healthcare issues remain a problem despite decades of knowledge that such barriers exist. Language barriers and cultural competence are two of the biggest.

"There is the cultural issue that works on both sides of the equation: the biggest one is the medical providers oftentimes not having the cultural competence to be able to address the communications issues with the patient effectively. Too many times that's a barrier," he said.

Data collection about Latino health issues is another problem, according to Dr. Martínez. Little is known about the overall health of Latinos living in Michigan,

because the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) that is used by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and many state/county health departments lacks enough Latino-based data to draw conclusions and map a statewide or even local strategy. The executive director of Ann Arbor-based Casa Latina will do a presentation on Encuesta Buenos Vecinos, a health survey of Latinos conducted in Washtenaw County.

"At the statewide level here, we have an office that has to do a special study to increase the number of Latinos in their survey to be able to get a sense of what the issues are," said Dr. Martínez. "That's done every three years. At the local level, we haven't had enough Latinos included in the survey to be able to say we know what the Lansing-area Latinos have as primary health concerns and issues."

While healthcare access and affordability remain challenges, there is some movement forward in those arenas for Michigan Latinos.

"We know the status of insurance coverage is going to change among Latinos by virtue of the Affordable Care Act," said Dr. Martínez. "Michigan is one of the states that went ahead and expanded Medicare coverage."

Two presentations on the Affordable Care Act are planned, including a question-and-answer session. One other session will provide examples of how to connect Latinos to local resources in the treatment of diabetes.

John Hernandez of the Adrian-based Hispanics of Lenawee Alliance will lead that discussion.

"We're not going to solve them all in one day, but I think by creating awareness, the objective is to get people interested in becoming more engaged in addressing the issues that are raised," he said. "We're very excited about this. We're beginning to, as a group of concerned Latinos in the state, we're very excited about moving forward with examining key issues that were identified by some key Latino leaders in some earlier summits and we're tackling them one-by-one. We hope to have some impact in terms of policy, because policy oftentimes is the driver for improvement."

The summit's organizers hope to find Latino leaders willing to take some of those policy issues forward to the Michigan state legislature for possible action. The institute has sponsored similar summits in the past on general Latino issues and education. There are plans to hold another one next year on entrepreneurship and business ownership.

The Michigan Latino Statewide Summit on Health is free, because it is being underwritten by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required by visiting: <http://events.outreach.msu.edu/Registrations/Register/68>. The registration deadline is Friday, March 14. So far, more than 100 people are planning to attend. A waiting list will be formed if all available slots fill up from pre-registration.

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The *Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor* announces that it will present a free public history program about some of the colorful characters in regional history on March 19, 2014, at 7pm at Oberhaus Park, in Napoleon, Ohio.

The public is invited to attend this new *Layers of History* presentation, by MVHC executive director Angie Quinn, for a program

that will be enjoyed by the entire family. Using storytelling, historical photos and group participation, attendees will gain a new appreciation for the lives and exploits of our earliest residents in the valley. The *Girty Brothers*, horse thieves, a pirate, and some of the men in cahoots with *John Dillinger* will be included.

This program is made possible in part by the *Ohio Hu-*

manities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Maumee Valley Heritage Corridor is a non-profit organization serving all of Northwest Ohio and portions of Northeast Indiana and Southeast Lower Michigan.

Contact Angie Quinn, 260-450-2057 for more information.

BMV selects second winner of "What's on Your Plate?" contest

COLUMBUS, March 5, 2014: The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has selected its second "What's on Your Plate?" winner! As this quarter's winner, *Diane Grimes*, will be featured on the BMV's Web site, Facebook and Twitter pages. Diane will also receive a decorative license plate with the personalization of her choice.

Diane was selected from 25 submissions for her powerful story. Diane's son, Connor was diagnosed at birth with *biliary atresia*. Diane donated 40% of her liver to her son when he was

2 ½ years old. Diane and her son, who is now 18 years old, have *Donate Life* plates. Diane with the message "IGAVE" and her son with the message "IRECVD" on his plate.

The runner-up is *Carol Fouch*. Carol has a personalized plate with the humorous message "JUSTIX." She says after many years of frustration as a Browns fan and season ticket holder, she finally got the license plate that she wanted. Carol longs to see the Browns play in and win a Super Bowl!

The BMV still wants to hear from you! If you have a unique personalized license plate, tell



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Just send the BMV a photo of you with your personalized license plate and a brief summary of how you chose your plate's message. Email the photo and summary to Communications@dps.state.oh.us and you could be featured on BMV's Facebook page and BMV's official website. You could also win a decorative plate award with the personalization of your choice! Plates must be current and valid. Winners will be selected quarterly.

Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund increases scholarship cap

March 3, 2014: The *Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, Inc. (NOSF)* has announced that it has increased its maximum scholarship amount to \$1,500 for the 2014-2015 school year. NOSF awards need-based scholarships for students to attend nonpublic schools or be homeschooled for kindergarten through the 8th grade.

NOSF is a partner with the *Children's Scholarship Fund* and awards need-based scholarships so that parents have a choice for their child's education. The Children's Scholarship Fund was founded in 1998 by *Ted Forstmann* and the late *John Walton* who saw a need for educational alternatives for families.

Since 1999, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund

has awarded a total of \$10.2 million in scholarships to 12,200 students, part of that includes \$3.8 million in matching funds. All funds raised locally by NOSF are matched by the Children's Scholarship Fund and are used for scholarships in NW Ohio.

Andrea Puhl, principal of *St. Aloysius Catholic School*, said of the program, "NOSF is a wonderful organization that helps parents who want a private school education for their children. As a result of their scholarships, we are able to spread our tuition assistance even further. We are so grateful for the partnership with NOSF."

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is the only need-based scholarship program in northwest Ohio that awards scholarships to children who otherwise could not

afford to attend private schools for kindergarten through eighth grade and who do not qualify for an Educational Choice Voucher.

Families must reside in Lucas, Fulton, or Wood County and are required to pay a minimum of \$500 towards their tuition. Eligible families are required to demonstrate their financial need as measured by standards similar to the Federal School Lunch program.

Interested families can find more information about the program and apply online on the NOSF website at www.nosf.org. For more information please contact Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at (419) 720-7048. *Deadline to apply for the 2014-2015 school year is Friday, May 30, 2014.*

Ohio Attorney General: More than 3,000 rape kits tested for DNA

COLUMBUS, March 6, 2014 (AP): The Ohio Attorney General's Office says it has tested more than 3,000 rape kits as it searches for DNA matches that could help solve sexual assaults.

That's more than half of the 5,850 kits that law enforcement agencies have

submitted to the office since Attorney General *Mike DeWine* announced the testing initiative in December 2011.

The office offered DNA testing to any law enforcement agency with untested rape kits in which a crime was believed to have been committed. Many of the kits sub-

mitted for testing are between 10 and 20 years old.

DeWine says the testing has led to 992 hits in the state's DNA database.

In Cuyahoga County in northeast Ohio, prosecutors and investigators have generated 85 indictments as a result of the testing initiative.

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Muere pionero de la medicina deportiva

Por BETH HARRIS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, 7 de marzo de 2014 (AP): Frank Jobe, pionero en el campo de la medicina deportiva y el primero en realizar una cirugía de codo que revivió la carrera de incontables lanzadores de Grandes Ligas, falleció el jueves. Tenía 88 años.

El cirujano ortopeda falleció en Santa Mónica tras ser hospitalizado recientemente por una enfermedad no revelada, de acuerdo con un vocero de los Dodgers de Los Angeles.

El 25 de septiembre de 1974, Jobe realizó la innovadora cirugía al lanzador Tommy John, de los Dodgers, quien presentaba una ruptura de ligamento colateral medial en su codo izquierdo. La lesión era sinónimo del retiro de un lanzador antes de que Jobe extirpara un tendón del antebrazo de John y lo

injetara en su codo para repararlo.

John lanzó otros 14 años tras la operación, sumando 164 victorias más sin perderse una apertura debido a un problema de codo.

"Hoy perdí a un GRAN amigo", escribió John en su cuenta de Twitter.

El año pasado, la cirugía inicial y la relación entre John y Jobe fue el tema de un documental de ESPN.

"Cuando él volvió, yo pensé que quizás podríamos practicar esto a alguien más", dijo Jobe a The Associated Press en 2010. "Esperé dos años para intentarlo en otra persona, pero no tenía idea de que lo haríamos de nuevo".

Al comienzo, Jobe estimó en 5% las probabilidades de que John volviera a las Grandes Ligas. Luego afirmó que entre el 92 y el 95% de sus pacientes volvían a lanzar, igual o mejor que antes de la

intervención quirúrgica.

La operación se volvió común entre los lanzadores y peloteros de todos los niveles en el béisbol, incluidos Matt Harvey, de los Mets de Nueva York, Stephen Strasburg, astro de Washington, Tim Hudson, de Milwaukee, y el dominicano Francisco Liriano, de Minnesota.

Algunos lanzadores han firmado contratos por varios años apenas meses después de someterse a la cirugía, un reflejo de la confianza que ésta genera en una estúpida recuperación.

Típicamente, la plena rehabilitación requiere cerca de un año para los lanzadores y seis meses para jugadores de otras posiciones. Inicialmente se requerían cuatro horas para llevar a cabo la intervención quirúrgica que ahora se realiza apenas en 60 minutos.

After 7 OTs, Ohio ice hockey final declared a tie

COLUMBUS, March 9, 2014 (AP): Nobody lost—and two teams were declared winners—after a marathon, seven-overtime high school ice hockey state championship game in Ohio.

Cleveland St. Ignatius and Sylvania Northview fought through regulation and seven overtimes tied 1-

1 on Saturday.

Then, according to the sanctioning Ohio High School Athletic Association, both head coaches, school administrators and the OHSA decided the game at Nationwide Arena would end in a tie because of concerns about player safety for the two worn-out teams.

There is no shootout procedure in Ohio high school hockey.

David Marsh had a championship-game record 77 saves for Northview (17-13-2) in the longest title game in state history. Dylan McKeone had 31 stops for St. Ignatius (30-4-6).

Rock Hall inductions, including Linda Ronstadt, to be simulcast in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, March 9 (AP): This year's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place in New York while being simulcast on screens at the museum in Cleveland.

The Rock Hall says the ceremony at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., on April 10, 2014 will be simulcast on screens at the museum. The actual ceremony is held in Cleveland every three years, and

will return to the city next year.

New inductees will include: Peter Gabriel, Daryl Hall and John Oates, KISS, Nirvana, Linda Ronstadt, and Cat Stevens, who now goes by the name Yusuf Islam.

Nonperformer inductees will be the Beatles' late manager, Brian Epstein, and the Rolling Stones' original man-



ager. Andrew Loog Oldham.

The E Street Band will be inducted with the hall's Award for Musical Excellence.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD RODRÍGUEZ

Richard "Papi" Rodríguez, age 51, of Toledo OH passed away February 26, 2014. He was born July 12, 1962, in Toledo to Santos and Dolores (née Garay) Rodríguez Jr. Richie will be remembered by his family as a wonderful father, grandfather, son, brother, and uncle. He enjoyed playing cards, dancing, music, fishing, swimming, and coaching basketball, baseball, and football and many other activities for St. Hedwig School.

Many will remember Richie as the Manager of Little Caesars Pizza on Lagrange St. in the 1980s. He worked as a welder at Bock Industries and later was a self-employed auto glass installer. Surviving are his children, Cecelia, Richard (Jenna) and Rubén (Amanda); the mother of his children and lifetime friend, Catherine; his brothers, Santos (Beth Ann), Robert (Annie), Ricky (Heather), Paulie; his sisters, RoseMary (Jack), Ramona (Kyle) and Rebecca (Mark).

Also surviving are 5 grandchildren, Kennidee, Cameron, Isabella, Emilio, Kashton, who are the love of his life, as well as many nieces and nephews and his very special friend Mary Hurst. Preceding Richard in death is his father Santos Rodríguez Jr.; grandmother, Ramona Garay; uncle, Tiodolo Garay; aunt, Rita; uncle, Jared Juregui; his nieces, Marissa and Jamie; nephew, Rudy Villanueva; father-in-law, Ronald Burzynski and mother-in-law, Darlene Owens.

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Cleveland's natural history museum plans face-lift

CLEVELAND, March 9, 2014 (AP): The Cleveland Museum of Natural History is moving toward a major renovation project. Museum officials say they'll break ground on the \$125 million project in two years.

Plans call for the mu-

seum to tear down about half of its existing space and then add new construction. The Plain Dealer in Cleveland reports (<http://bit.ly/1oxlw8D>) that the area that houses the museum's collection of dinosaurs and prehistoric life will be rebuilt.

Museum Director Evalyn

Gates says the final designs are still evolving. She says one goal is to change the museum drab appearance on the outside. One other change will be the addition of a parking garage.

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Diversidad es la gran ganadora en los Oscar

Por JESSICA HERNDON y JAKE COYLE, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, 3 de marzo de 2014 (AP) — La diversidad fue quizá la mayor ganadora de la 86ª entrega de los Premios de la Academia.

Por primera vez, una película dirigida por un cineasta negro, Steve McQueen de "12 Years a Slave", ganó el premio a la mejor película y un latinoamericano, Alfonso Cuarón con "Gravity", se llevó el premio al mejor director en una ceremonia presidida por una lesbiana y supervisada por la primera presidenta de raza negra de la academia. Además sólo dos de los seis premios mayores de la noche fueron para estadounidenses.

El crudo drama histórico de McQueen "12 Years a Slave" se llevó el Oscar a la mejor película, haciendo que su serio director brincara de la emoción tras su discurso de agradecimiento.

El director británico dedicó su premio a "toda la gente que sufrió esclavitud y a los 21 millones de personas que todavía sufren por la esclavitud en la actualidad".

La aventura espacial de Cuarón "Gravity" fue la más premiada de los Oscar con siete galardones, incluyendo mejor cinematografía, edición,

música original, efectos visuales, mezcla de sonido y edición de sonido.

Algunos en México han criticado que la película no sea producto del cine nacional, pero Cuarón dejó en claro que no se ha olvidado de su país.

"Soy mexicano así que espero que los mexicanos estén apoyándome", dijo a unos reporteros tras bambalinas.

La ceremonia de los Oscar entera daba la imagen de ser una reconciliación de la Academia de las Artes y Ciencias Cinematográficas, una institución que por momentos ha parecido chapada a la antigua. Después de que un reportaje de Los Angeles Times revelara que la academia estaba constituida casi en su mayoría por hombres de raza blanca mayores de 50 años, la nueva presidenta Cheryl Boone ha luchado por que haya miembros más variados. La industria cinematográfica, que reflejan los Oscar, también ha sido reacia a contar historias diferentes.

"Dallas Buyers Club", el drama nominado a la mejor película sobre el sida en Texas de la década de 1980



12 Years a Slave

se tardó dos décadas en hacer después de que numerosos ejecutivos se negaran a financiarla por su trama. Matthew McConaughey y Jared Leto, los únicos dos estadounidenses que se llevaron alguno de los seis principales premios de la noche, fueron premiados como mejor actor y mejor actor de reparto por sus papeles como un mujeriego heterosexual aficionado al rodeo (McConaughey) y un drogadicto transgénero (Leto) a quienes los une el VIH.

"A los 36 millones de personas que han perdido la batalla contra el sida y a aquellos que han sufrido una injusticia por ser quienes son o por amar a quien aman, esta noche estoy ante al mundo con ustedes y por ustedes", dijo Leto en su discurso de agradecimiento.

Cate Blanchett, la actriz australiana ganadora del Oscar por su papel como

(Continúa en la p. 10)

Diversity the big winner at the Academy Awards, A Latino—Alfonso Cuarón of "Gravity"—took home best director

By JESSICA HERNDON and JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writers

LOS ANGELES, March 3, 2014 (AP) — Diversity was perhaps the biggest winner at the 86th annual Academy Awards.

For the first time, a film directed by a black filmmaker—Steve McQueen of "12 Years a Slave"—won best picture and a Latino—Alfonso Cuarón of "Gravity"—took home best director in a ceremony presided over by a lesbian host and overseen by the academy's first black president. And only two of the top six awards went to Americans.

McQueen's grimly historical drama "12 Years a Slave" took best picture, leading the usually sedate filmmaker to jump up and down in celebration after his acceptance speech.

The British director dedicated his award to "all of the people who endured slavery and the 21 million people who still suffer slavery today."

Cuarón's lost-in-space thriller "Gravity" led the Oscars with seven awards, including cinematography, editing, score, visual effects, sound mixing and sound editing. Some in his native Mexico have been critical that since the attention came for a Hollywood release and not a Mexican-themed film, his win didn't have the same kind of importance.

"I'm Mexican so I hope some Mexicans were rooting for me," he told reporters backstage.

The entire Oscar ceremony had the feel of a makeover for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences—an institution that has sometimes seemed stuck in the past. After a Los Angeles Times report revealed the academy was overwhelming older white men, new president Cheryl Boone Isaacs has pushed for a more varied membership.

The movie industry that the Oscars reflect has also been reluctant to tell a wider

range of stories.

"Dallas Buyers Club," the best picture-nominated drama about AIDS in 1980s Texas, took two decades to get made after countless executives balked at financing such a tale. Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto, the two Americans in the top six awards, took best actor and best supporting actor titles for their roles in the film as a heterosexual rodeo rat (McConaughey) and a transgender drug addict (Leto) united by HIV.

"Thirty-six million people who have lost the battle to AIDS and to those of you out there who have ever felt injustice because of who you are or who you love, tonight I stand here in front of the world with you and for you," said Leto in his acceptance speech.

Cate Blanchett, the Australian best-actress winner for her bitter, ruined socialite in Woody Allen's "Blue Jasmine," used her acceptance speech to trumpet the need to make films with female leads—films like her own and like "Gravity," starring Sandra Bullock. A study by analyst Kevin B. Lee found that last year's lead actors averaged 100 minutes on screen, but lead actresses averaged only 49 minutes.

"To the audiences who went to see the film and perhaps those of us in the industry who are still foolishly clinging to the idea that female films, with women at the center, are niche experiences, they are not," said Blanchett. "Audiences want to see them and, in fact, they earn money."

"12 Years a Slave" also won awards in the writing and acting categories. John Ridley picked up the trophy for best adapted screenplay, which was based on the 1853 memoir by Solomon Northup. The screenwriter is only the second black writer (Geoffrey Fletcher won for "Precious" in 2009) to win in the category. Backstage, the "12 Years" team mentioned their efforts to include Solomon Northup's memoirs

part of high school study. The National School Boards Association announced in February that the book is now mandatory reading.

"It's important that we understand our history so we can understand who we were and who we are now and most importantly who we're going to be," said Brad Pitt, who produced "12 Years." "We hope that this film remains a gentle reminder that we're all equal. We all want the same: Dignity and opportunity."

Lupita Nyong'o was a first-time Oscar winner for her supporting role as field slave Patsey in "12 Years." "I'm a little dazed," said Nyong'o backstage. "I can't believe this is real life."

Nyong'o is the sixth black actress to win in the supporting actress category—and the first major Oscar win for Kenya (the president of Kenya congratulated her in a tweet)—following Hattie McDaniel ("Gone with the Wind"), Whoopi Goldberg ("Ghost"), Jennifer Hudson ("Dreamgirls"), Mo'Nique ("Precious") and Octavia Spencer ("The Help").

Foreign language film nominees included "The Missing Picture," the first-ever Oscar-nominated film from Cambodia. "The Act of Killing," a dark look into the mass killings of communists and ethnic Chinese in Indonesia in the 1960s, was nominated for best documentary feature.

In her second time hosting, openly gay Ellen DeGeneres sought to make celebrities more like plain folk. She passed out slices of pizza to the front rows at the Dolby Theatre, then passed the hat to pay for it. She also tweeted a "selfie" with such stars as Meryl Streep, Julie Roberts, Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper, Pitt and Nyong'o. The shot "made history," DeGeneres told the audience later. It's since been retweeted more than 2 million times.

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Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

El próximo 7 de abril, esta ciudad se vestirá de gala para inaugurar la exposición "Cinco de Mayo. Uriarte Talavera" propiedad del Taller Uriarte Talavera de la ciudad de Puebla, México. Dicha presentación se llevará a cabo en la galería del Centro Cultural Sofía Quintero, la galería de la escuela Maumee Valley Country Day School y la librería del Condado de Lucas.

"Las piezas llegarán a Toledo el 14 de marzo [2014] y serán distribuidas entre las tres locaciones para realizar la inauguración oficial el día 7 de abril", informó María Rodríguez-Winter, directora de Sofía Quintero Art and Cultural Center at La Galería, ubicada en el 1224 de la calle Broadway en Toledo.

Los organizadores comentaron que dividieron la obra para montarse simultáneamente en los tres

recintos, a fin de que pueda ser apreciada por más cantidad de personas. 36 piezas son las que integrarán la exposición en Toledo.

De acuerdo con María Rodríguez-Winter, integrantes de Sofía Quintero realizaron un viaje a Puebla para hacer intercambio de hermandad y ahí fue donde encontraron la obra de Talavera Uriarte.

"Más de 30 artistas participaron en la promoción del arte en talavera, realizando diseños diversos durante un año. De ahí se seleccionaron las mejores para armar esta exposición. Uriarte quería hacer algo que representará el Cinco de Mayo y lo logró", agregó la entrevistada. Cabe destacar que los artistas fueron convocados por la tradicional empresa ceramista Uriarte Talavera, en coordinación con la Universidad de las

Américas de Puebla.

En esta exposición se pueden apreciar escenas e interpretaciones diversas de la histórica Batalla de Puebla. De manera tal que cañones, soldados, fusiles, banderas, iglesias, mapas, uniformes, machetes, rifles y otros motivos sobre talavera alusivos al 5 de mayo de 1862, pueblan las distintas piezas que componen la peculiar exposición.

Las obras fueron elaboradas en la fábrica Uriarte Talavera de Puebla, fundada en 1824. En ese año Don Ygnacio Uriarte (nombre de la empresa) compra una fábrica de loza blanca llamada La Guadalupeana, ubicada en la antigua casa de Mesón de Sosa número 13, que conservaba la práctica ceramista desde el Siglo XVI. Desde entonces la cerámica en talavera es una tradición no solo de Puebla, sino de México, y la exposición es una oportunidad para apreciar el arte que viene de muchos siglos.

Esta muestra itinerante ha recorrido diversas sedes en la República Mexicana, Estados Unidos y Canadá entre 2012 y 2014.

María Rodríguez-Winter comentó que se prepara un evento especial para la inauguración de la

exposición, y por supuesto, para la conmemoración del Cinco de Mayo. "Tendremos como invitado especial el Cinco de Mayo, al historiador Raúl Bringas Nosti", dijo.

Raúl Bringas Nosti

El Dr. Raúl Bringas Nosti nació en la ciudad de México y es profesor-investigador de tiempo completo del Departamento de Administración de Negocios Internacionales de la Universidad de las Américas, Puebla (UDLAP). Ha laborado por más de una década en la institución.

Es miembro de la American Historical Association y del Sistema Nacional de Investigadores. El Dr. Bringas estudió una licenciatura en Antropología Social y una maestría en Estudios sobre Estados Unidos en la propia UDLAP. Posteriormente, realizó un doctorado en Historia, con especialidad en relaciones México-Estados Unidos, en la Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla. Su asesor de tesis doctoral fue el reconocido historiador David LaFrance, en ese entonces profesor en Oregon State University.

Al mismo tiempo, estudió una licenciatura en Derecho Internacional. Con el deseo de



profundizar en el análisis histórico de la relación entre México y Estados Unidos, el Dr. Bringas realizó un posdoctorado en Historia en la Universidad de Harvard. Su asesor de proyecto fue el Dr. John Womack, uno de los más grandes historiadores a nivel mundial.

Afirma que la función prioritaria del profesor universitario debe ser la atención al estudiante. Por lo tanto, dirige sus esfuerzos hacia la docencia de excelencia y el servicio al estudiantado. El Dr. Bringas ha publicado artículos en revistas especializadas y libros. Cuenta con cuatro libros, La regeneración de un pueblo pestilente. La anexión de México a Estados Unidos, 1846-1848 (2008), Historia de Tehuacán de tiempos prehispánicos a la modernidad, con tres ediciones (2010) (2013), Historia de las instituciones

jurídicas (2010), éste último en coautoría con Peter Reich de Whittier Law School, y Anti Historia de México (2013).

La exposición Talavera Uriarte permanecerá en Toledo del 7 de abril al 24 de mayo en el Centro Cultural Sofía Quintero; la galería de la escuela Maumee Valley Country Day School, ubicada en el 1715 S Reynolds Rd y la librería del Condado de Lucas en Toledo, ubicada en el 325 de la calle Michigan.

"Me siento muy contente de tener la oportunidad de compartir la gran riqueza cultural de México a través de esta exposición", comentó María Rodríguez, quien a través del Centro Cultural Sofía Quintero trata, en colaboración con todo el equipo de trabajo, de promover el arte de todos los países para que "nuestros hijos sepan la riqueza de nuestra cultura", concluyó.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM'S MAIN LIBRARY

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Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ, ext. 450. The Main Library is located at 351 W. Sixth St., Lorain.

MONDAY MADNESS

Teens, mark your calendars for March 10 for *Monday Madness*. Starting at 5:30 p.m., sixth through 12th graders are welcome to play games, enjoy snacks and more. Don't miss the ridiculousness. Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ, ext. 449.

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U of M leaders backing immigrant tuition program

MEMPHIS, March 6, 2014 (AP): The top two officials at the University of Memphis are backing a plan to allow people without legal U.S. residency to pay in-state tuition rates at the school.

Interim President Brad Martin told The Commercial Appeal (<http://bit.ly/1mYsM27>) that many successful high school graduates lack access to higher education.

Martin and Provost David Rudd are backing plans to bolster U of M enrollment and retention by abolishing out-of-state tuition, and by enabling successful students without legal U.S. residency who live in Tennessee to pay in-state tuition rates.

"We think there are a lot of successful, hard-working high school graduates who do not have access to higher education," Martin said. "We

have been thinking about what we can do to serve that population, and we think it is very important."

Two bills working their way through legislative committees in Nashville would give students without legal U.S. residency who have lived in Tennessee five years access to in-state tuition.

Martin sent a letter to members of the legislature Wednesday where the bills are pending review.

Martin, who was a state representative from 1973 through 1982, also wrote that he's prepared to dig into his own pocket to assist students without legal U.S. residency who are not eligible for student loans and Hope scholarships. Martin pledged to fund 25 scholarships which will mirror the Hope requirements.

"My sense is that there are others who would be willing to join me in such a scholarship plan," Martin said.

It's unclear exactly how many local students without legal U.S. residency might qualify for in-state tuition. The Brookings Institution reported that 4,799 young people in Tennessee applied for deferred action between Aug. 15, 2012, and March 22, 2013. Of those, 78 percent were from Mexico.

President Barack Obama created the *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* program to allow immigrants without legal U.S. residency who were brought unlawfully as children or who are now on an expired visa to remain in the U.S. to attend school and to work without prosecution for two years. The program does not provide lawful status or a permanent path to citizenship.

Information from: The Commercial Appeal, www.commercialappeal.com

KC group asks ICE to return deported man

By MARIA SUDEKUM, Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 6, 2014 (AP): The 12-year-old daughter of a man recently deported from Kansas City tried to meet with immigration officials Thursday to plead for her father's return from Mexico, but she and an advocacy group helping the family said they were turned away after being told no one was available after showing up unannounced.

Her father, Josue Noe Sandoval-Pérez, was arrested on Jan. 16 on accusations that he was trying to cash in fake coins at a local grocery store. Local police notified U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement after discovering he was using a fake social security number and had been deported in the past. He was taken into ICE custody on Jan. 22 and deported nine days later.

Nayelly Sandoval, a middle school student and U.S. citizen, and her older brother and mother have been working with *Communities Creating Opportunity*, a Kansas City faith-based organization, to help their father. The group ar-

gues that Sandoval-Pérez was a longstanding member of the community, had not been convicted of any crimes and should have been granted some leniency.

The group also says the family's case draws attention to struggles immigrants face if they're in the U.S. without documentation and want to stay.

"I wanted to see why they did that to my dad," said Nayelly, whose family has lived in the area since 1998. "These people don't even care. They just wanted to get us out of there because they don't know what to do with us."

ICE has said Sandoval-Pérez was considered a priority for removal from the U.S. because he had been deported once before and came back to the U.S. without documentation.

When asked for comment Thursday, ICE said in a statement that Sandoval-Pérez was removed "under a reinstatement of his prior order by an immigration judge," and that ICE continues "to work with Congress to enact commonsense immigration reform."

Police spokesman Capt. Tye Grant said Sandoval-

Pérez, who worked in a local metal scrap yard, first came to the attention of police in April 2013 when a grocery store became suspicious about "damaged" quarters Sandoval-Pérez had been trying to cash in. Grant said police tracked Sandoval-Pérez, then arrested him in January.

Sandoval-Pérez denies trying to pass fake coins, said Communities Creating Opportunity spokesman Andrew Kling, who joined Nayelly and her 17-year-old brother at the Kansas City ICE office Thursday. Kling said immigration laws didn't provide a clear pathway for Sandoval-Pérez to apply for legal status.

CCO has also raised concerns that Sandoval-Pérez was held in the Kansas City detention center for about a week and wasn't allowed to shower or change clothes, and was denied medical attention for "an infection." Grant acknowledged the center wasn't built for extended stays, but said its staff will accommodate the needs of anyone in the jail "no matter how long they are there."

Diversidad es la gran ganadora en los Oscar

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una rica amargada y arruinada en "Blue Jasmine" de Woody Allen usó su discurso para pedir más películas con protagonistas femeninas — como la suya y "Gravity", protagonizada por Sandra Bullock. Un estudio del analista Kevin B. Lee llegó a la conclusión de que los actores principales del año pasado tuvieron en promedio 100 minutos en pantalla, mientras que las actrices principales sólo 49 minutos.

"Para aquellos entre el público que fueron a ver la película y para aquellos de nosotros en la industria que todavía nos aferramos a la idea de que las películas femeninas, con mujeres en el centro de atención, son experiencias de nicho, les quiero decir que no lo son", dijo Blanchett. "El público quiere verlas y, de hecho, ganan dinero".

"12 Years a Slave" también ganó premios en las categorías de guion y actuación. John Ridley se llevó el trofeo al mejor guion adaptado, que se basó en las memorias de 1853 de Solomon Northup. Ridley es el segundo guionista de raza negra en ganar en la categoría (Geoffrey Fletcher fue el primero por "Precious" en 2009). Tras bambalinas el equipo de "12 Years" mencionó sus esfuerzos por incluir las memorias de Northup como parte del programa educativo de secundaria. La Asociación Nacional de Juntas Directivas de Escuelas anunció en febrero que el libro es ahora una lectura obligatoria.

"Es importante que entendamos nuestra historia para que podamos comprender quiénes fuimos y quienes somos ahora y lo más

importante, quiénes vamos a ser", dijo Brad Pitt, quien produjo "12 Years". "Esperamos que esta película siga siendo un recordatorio de que todos somos iguales, todos queremos lo mismo: igualdad y oportunidades".

Lupita Nyong'o quien ganó por primera vez un Oscar por su papel de reparto como la esclava Patsy en "12 Years" no podía creer su hazaña. "Estoy un poco aturdida", dijo Nyong'o tras bambalinas. "No puedo creer que esto sea de verdad".

Nyong'o es la sexta actriz de raza negra en ganar en la categoría de actriz de reparto y la primera en darle un Oscar a Kenia tras Hattie McDaniel ("Lo que el viento se llevó"), Whoopi Goldberg ("Ghost"), Jennifer Hudson ("Dreamgirls"), Mo'Nique ("Precious") y Octavia Spencer ("The Help").

Las cintas nominadas al Oscar a la mejor película de lengua extranjera incluyeron a "The Missing Picture" la primera película camboyana nominada al Oscar. "The Act of Killing", un retrato oscuro sobre los asesinatos de comunistas y chinos en Indonesia en la década de 1960 fue nominada como mejor documental.

En su segunda participación como presentadora la conductora gay de televisión Ellen DeGeneres trató de que las celebridades parecieran más



Cate Blanchett in "Blue Jasmine"

bien personas normales. Les repartió trozos de pizza entre las primeras filas del Teatro Dolby, y luego les pasó un sombrero para que pagaran por ellas. También tuiteó una "selfie" con estrellas como Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper, Pitt y Nyong'o. La fotografía "hizo historia", dijo DeGeneres al público. Desde entonces ha sido retransmitida más de 2 millones de veces.

Focus back on Latino voters in Texas governor's race

EDINBURG, Texas, March 6, 2014 (AP): Republican Greg Abbott is bringing the governor's race back to the Texas border, where Democrat Wendy Davis is on the defensive after losing heavily Latino counties in this week's primary election.

Abbott on Thursday is making a rally in Edinburg

the first stop in his general election campaign. The Texas attorney general said this week that Republicans this election will reach out to Latinos like never before.

Davis finished behind Ray Madrigal, a largely unknown Democrat, in several border counties in Tuesday's primary.

The Fort Worth state sena-

tor still performed better than Abbott in those counties, but faced questions about her second-place showing among Democrat voters.

Davis hasn't directly addressed her results in the Rio Grande Valley but says she's excited about opportunities there and plans to return.

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Reyna Grande is an award-winning novelist and memoirist. Her first novel, *Hunger*, was named the Best First Novel by the National Book Award. Her second novel, *The Distance Between Us*, was named the Best First Novel by the National Book Award. Her third novel, *The Distance Between Us*, was named the Best First Novel by the National Book Award. Her fourth novel, *The Distance Between Us*, was named the Best First Novel by the National Book Award.

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La Prensa

Professor, 87, working on 'Chicano Renaissance'

By ABE VILLAREAL, Silver City Sun-News

SILVER CITY, N.M., March 1, 2014 (AP): "By and large, US-American Latinos are a mixed group of people," is how *Felipe Ortego* opens his 22-paragraph entry into what is expected to become the most comprehensive encyclopedia on Latino issues. A seemingly simple sentence, it is the lead into a detailed and informative piece on the impact Latinos have had in American literature through the last four centuries.

"There is a theme in my writings," Ortego explains. "And it came to me now, it is that I am a literary inquirer." Ortego has been questioning the status quo for 50 years, in academia, in politics, and in what most consider the accepted history of the Latino in America.

Now, Ortego, often referred to as the father of the *Chicano Renaissance*, is set to rock the boat with an exhaustive encyclopedic effort that will provide opinion and thought from leading experts across the country on Latino issues.

"Four years ago I saw an announcement looking for an editor and I responded," Ortego said. He has asked several colleagues at WNMU, where he teaches and serves as the institution's Scholar-In-Residence, to be co-editors, creating a team of local experts who will help bring together the more than 100 pieces that will eventually be included in the publication.

Ortego expects the published work to be controversial and thought provoking. "Every single entry has the author's point of view," Ortego explained. "We do not want it to be just a thesaurus of information."

The Renaissance man is known for not shying away from an intellectual challenge. Considered the founder of Chicano literary history, he conducted the first study in the field of Mexican-American Literature. His essay on The Chicano Renaissance is known as a landmark text in the Chicano literary movement.

When Ortego was asked to organize a course on Mexican-American Literature for the University of New Mexico in 1969, he faced a blank slate. "There was nothing extant in print at the time available for a class in Mexican-American Literature," Ortego recalls. The world was his canvas and he was ready to open its eyes to the colorful history of the Latino American.

The consummate writer, in the last half-century Ortego has authored numerous books, monographs and studies, an addition to hundreds of scholarly and creative pieces that have appeared in national and international publications. He has even acted in a movie or two.

The upcoming publication of the encyclopedia brings Ortego full circle. His career in higher education is seeing its 50th year in 2014 and somehow the "Encyclopedia of

Latino Issues Today" brings him back to the beginning.

"If the reader has a preconceived notion of who Latinos are, we want to support or dispel those misconceptions," Ortego said. "I want my readers to know that everything which is written is not gospel."

The encyclopedia will be published by Greenwood/ABC-CLIO, a national publisher, and it will cover Latino issues on themes such as arts, media, civil rights, culture, demography, health, gender and religion.

Ortego and his team where not the first choice by Greenwood. They are the third group of editors who have been tasked to complete the project.

"I have learned a lot," Ortego adds about his editing of the writers' submissions. "Every article will provide readers with information about Latinos."

The encyclopedia is in its final stages and is expected to be published this year. Even then, Ortego is already moving on to his next efforts. No surprise to those who are awed by the stamina of the 87-year-old professor.

"I have three manuscripts that I want to peddle," Ortego said. "One is titled 'La Leyenda Negra' about the Hispanic experience in the United States."

Information from: Las Cruces Sun-News, <http://www.lcsun-news.com>

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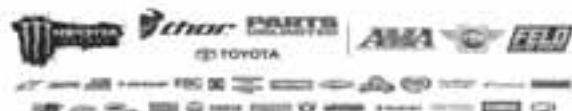
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Las 10 canciones más populares

6 de marzo de 2014 (AP): Las 10 canciones más populares de la semana en algunos países de las Américas y España.

ARGENTINA

- 1.- "La nueva y la ex" - Daddy Yankee
- 2.- "Hey Brother" - Avicii
- 3.- "Busy Bumaye" - Daddy Yankee
- 4.- "S.O.S." - Maxi Trusso
- 5.- "City of Dreams" - Katy Perry
- 6.- "La botella" - Zion y Lennox
- 7.- "Project T" - Sander Van Door
- 8.- "You Make Me" - Avicii
- 9.- "Under Control" - Calvin Harris
- 10.- "Can't Remember to Forget You" - Shakira con Rihanna

(Fuente: Los 40 principales)

COLOMBIA

- 1.- "Story of my life" - One Direction
- 2.- "The monster" - Eminem con Rihanna
- 3.- "Animals" - Martin Garrix
- 4.- "Señal de vida" - Neio y Dalmata
- 5.- "Te encontré" - Lil Silvio y El Vega
- 6.- "Besar el cielo" - Naela
- 7.- "Espina de rosa" - Andy Rivera con Dalmata
- 8.- "6 am" - J. Balvin
- 9.- "El serrucho" - Mr. Black
- 10.- "La luz" - Juanes

(Fuente: Los 40 Principales)

CHILE

- 1.- "Animals" - Martin Garrix
- 2.- "Can't Remember to Forget You" - Shakira con Rihanna
- 3.- "Timber" - Pitbull con Ke\$ha
- 4.- "You Make Me" - Avicii
- 5.- "Come With Me" -

Ricky Martin

6.- "Candy" - Plan B

7.- "Kangaroo Court" - Capital Cities

8.- "La nueva y la ex" - Daddy Yankee

9.- "Do What U Want" - Lady Gaga con Christina Aguilera

10.- "The Monster" - Eminem con Rihanna

(Fuente: Los 40 Principales)

ESPAÑA

1.- "Happy" - Pharrell Williams

2.- "Hey Brother" - Avicii

3.- "Can't Remember to Forget You" - Shakira con Rihanna

4.- "Royals" - Lorde

5.- "Radioactive" - Imagine Dragons

6.- "Tremblement cruel" - Leiva

7.- "Animals" - Martin Garrix

8.- "Talk Dirty" - Jason Derulo

9.- "Llegará" - Antonio Orozco

10.- "Money On My Mind" - Sam Smith

(Fuente: Los 40 Principales)

ESTADOS UNIDOS

1.- "Odio" - Romeo Santos con Drake

2.- "El perdedor" - Enrique Iglesias con Marco Antonio Solís

3.- "Propuesta indecente" -

Romeo Santos

4.- "Vivir mi vida" - Marc Anthony

5.- "Darte un beso" - Prince

6.- "Nunca me acuerdo de olvidarte" - Shakira

7.- "Hermosa experiencia" - Banda Sinaloense de Sergio Lizárraga

8.- "Mujer de piedra" - Gerardo Ortiz

9.- "Loco" - Enrique Iglesias con Romeo Santos

10.- "Te robaré" - Prince



Daddy Yankee

Royce (Fuente: Revista Billboard)

MEXICO

1.- "Let Her Go" - Passenger

2.- "Happy" - Pharrell Williams

3.- "Talk Dirty" - Jason Derulo

4.- "Dark Horse" - Katy Perry

5.- "Pompeii" - Bastille

6.- "Bum" - Ellie Goulding

7.- "I'm a Freak" - Enrique Iglesias

8.- "Counting Stars" - OneRepublic

9.- "Arrullo de estrellas" - Zoé

10.- "Do What You Want" - Lady Gaga

(Fuente: Los 40 Principales)

VENEZUELA

1.- "Sobrenatural" - Omar Enrique

2.- "Mi chica ideal" - Chino y Nacho

3.- "Propuesta indecente" - Romeo Santos

4.- "Te doy mi voz" - Ronald Borjas

5.- "El psicólogo" - Sebastián Yatra

6.- "Te pienso sin querer" - Franco de Vita con Gloria Trevi

7.- "Dame un besito" - Tecupae y Fanny Lu

8.- "Piensa en mí" - Jonathan Moly

9.- "Candela" - Los Cadillac

10.- "Amor sincero" - Aviadores e Ilegales

(Fuente: Record Report)



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Mundial: México saca conclusiones tras empate

Por CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, Associated Press

MEXICO, 6 de marzo de 2014 (AP): México disputó ante Nigeria su primer partido con jugadores que militan en ligas europeas desde que el técnico Miguel Herrera asumió el cargo, y sólo le queda otro amistoso el 2 de abril ante Estados Unidos antes de dar la lista definitiva de su plantel para la Copa del Mundo.

A menos de tres meses de que el "Tri" debute en Brasil, algunos puntos a tomar en cuenta tras el empate sin goles del miércoles con el equipo africano:

LA COMPETENCIA EN EL ARCO: Guillermo Ochoa

realizó suficientes atajadas frente a Nigeria como para llevarse uno de los tres cupos para porteros en la lista final para Brasil. Sin embargo, con toda su calidad, Ochoa está lejos de tener asegurada la titularidad.

Desde que estaba con Atlante, Moisés Muñoz es un hombre de confianza del 'Piojo' Herrera, quien no habría ganado un título sin el gol del arquero en la final del torneo mexicano ante Cruz Azul.

Ellos se suma Jesús Corona, precisamente de la "Máquina" cementera, que fue titular en casi toda la eliminatoria y tampoco es desconocido para Herrera. Todos tienen motivos para albergar esperanzas de ser el portero titular cuando el "Tri" se enfrente el 13 de junio a Camerún.

"CHICHARO" SECO:

Esta temporada, David

Moyes, el técnico del Manchester United, ha contado poco con Javier Hernández, y el otrora determinante goleador apenas ha marcado dos tantos en 16 apariciones en la liga Premier. Su falta de forma y ritmo fue evidente ante los nigerianos. Tras 45 minutos, Herrera vio suficiente y lo mandó al banquillo, un sitio cada vez más familiar para el "Chicharito", quien es el tercer mejor anotador de todos los tiempos con el "Tri" con 35 goles en 53 partidos.

El olfato de gol seguramente le dará un boleto a Brasil 2014, pero es claro que Hernández no es el de otros tiempos.

GUARDADO IRRUMPE:

El puesto de lateral izquierdo de México en el Mundial parecía tener propietario desde que Herrera asumió el cargo. Miguel Layún lució por ese costado con América y no desentonó en los partidos de repechaje y en los amistosos de la selección. Pero ante Nigeria, Andrés Guardado, del Bayern Leverkusen, hizo suficiente para generar dudas en el "Piojo".

Aunque era evidente que le faltaba entendimiento con sus compañeros, Guardado no dejó de insistir por ese costado. En la segunda parte se asoció bien con Carlos Peña y llegó hasta la línea de fondo para darle al "Tri" una profundidad que ahora genera intriga sobre el dueño de esa posición.

"RAFA" SE CONFIRMA:

Aunque no hizo nada espectacular, el capitán Rafael Márquez volvió a darle

sobriedad y orden a la zaga mexicana y confirmó por qué Herrera ha dicho que es el único con el puesto asegurado en el Mundial. Haber reciclado para la selección al ex jugador del Barcelona de 35 años fue un acierto.

La defensa mexicana se vio mal por momentos, especialmente en la primera mitad, pero fue más debido a los desajustes de Diego Reyes, quien sigue siendo el eslabón más débil.

Aunque Reyes cometió errores graves en la derrota de México ante Honduras en el estadio Azteca durante las eliminatorias, el jugador del Porto es un consentido de Herrera.

PULIDO, COMO LA ESPUMA:

En los últimos Mundiales, México ha tenido un par de jugadores que jugaron poco o nada en eliminatorias y acudieron a la justa. Andrés Guardado lo hizo en Alemania 2006 y Javier Hernández en Sudáfrica 2010. En esta ocasión, ese lugar para un joven talento parece llevarse el delantero Alan Pulido, quien debutó con tres goles ante Corea del Sur el mes pasado, y ante Nigeria volvió a ser punzante en el ataque.

La negativa de Carlos Vela, más el bajonazo en el juego de Raúl Jiménez, Aldo De Nigris y Javier Hernández abren la puerta para cualquier delantero en buen momento, y Pulido pasa por uno. ¿Le alcanzará para llegar a Brasil?

Mundial: EEUU define amistosos de cara a Brasil

CHICAGO, 6 de marzo de 2014 (AP): La selección de Estados Unidos se preparará para la Copa del Mundo de Brasil con partidos amistosos contra México, Azerbaiyán, Turquía y Nigeria.

La federación estadounidense de fútbol informó que su selección, en el 13er lugar del ranking de la FIFA, se medirá el 27 de mayo a Azerbaiyán en el Candlestick Park de San Francisco; el 1 de junio a Turquía en el Red Bull Arena en Harrison, Nueva

Jersey; y el 7 de junio a Nigeria en el EverBank Field en Jacksonville, Florida, antes de partir a su sede de entrenamiento en Sao Paulo.

La federación había informado previamente que disputará el 2 de abril un amistoso con México, su tradicional rival de la CONCACAF, en el estadio de la Universidad de Phoenix en Glendale, Arizona.

De los cuatro oponentes, solo Nigeria y México clasificaron al Mundial.

El equipo dirigido por Jurgen Klinsmann enfrenta

uno de los calendarios más duros de la primera ronda del torneo en lo que a desplazamientos se refiere. Debuta el 16 de junio contra Ghana en Recife, cuatro días después enfrenta al Portugal de Cristiano Ronaldo en la ciudad amazónica de Manaus y cierra la primera fase con Alemania el 26 de junio en Recife. Entre partido y partido regresará a Sao Paulo.

El miércoles, Estados Unidos perdió 2-0 frente a Ucrania en un amistoso que se jugó en Chipre.

Mundial: Uruguay no se achica, dice Suárez

ROMA, 7 de marzo de 2014 (AP): El atacante uruguayo Luis Suárez reconoce que su país no está entre los favoritos para el Mundial de Fútbol de Brasil, pero tiene condiciones para enfrentar de igual a igual a cualquier adversario, en una entrevista publicada el viernes por la Gazzetta dello Sport.

"Me doy cuenta que Uruguay no está entre los favoritos, pero cuando nos encontramos de frente a cualquiera, once contra once a mirarnos a los ojos, no somos jamás nosotros los que bajamos primero la mirada", puntualizó.

Uruguay jugará en el

Grupo D con Costa Rica, Inglaterra e Italia.

El jugador del Liverpool calificó como un encuentro particular el que afrontará con la selección inglesa, "donde me encontraré con algunos de mis compañeros, pero en el fútbol modernos son cosas normalísimas".

Sostuvo que Italia "tiene una tradición en el Mundial, con una dinámica que es casi siempre la misma, llega sin mayor consideración y después del grupo de eliminación, está en la boca de todos como la sorpresa más positiva".

"Al final, quien quiera conquistar el título deberá tener en cuenta a Italia", manifestó.

"Nosotros y ustedes somos iguales en una característica muy importante: quizás la más importante: sabemos competir en un torneo breve y terriblemente intenso", señaló al periódico italiano.

Dijo que con Edinson Cavani "a lo mejor formamos el mejor ataque del mundo: ambos vivimos para el gol, pero sabemos pasárselo el balón a otro jugador que esté mejor ubicado: es el secreto de Uruguay, nuestra unión".

Se declaró seguro que Diego Forlán disputará un buen mundial y que Abel Hernández tendrá también su espacio.

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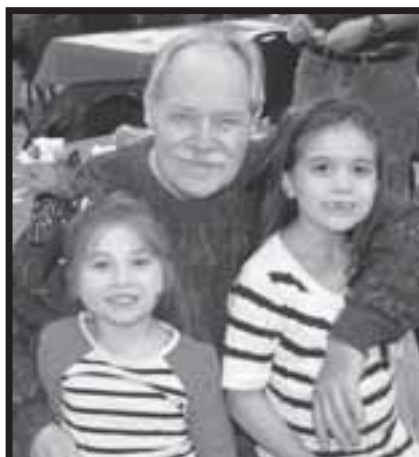
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Cónsul de México en Detroit realiza primera visita Regional al norte de Ohio

Establece Kioskos Informativos y la posibilidad de crear diversos programas de apoyo a los mexicanos

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

Con una apretada agenda de 48 horas, Juan Manuel Solana, Cónsul de México en Detroit, realizó su primera visita regional a Ohio del 3 al 4 de marzo. Sostuvo reuniones con Chase Ritenauer, Alcalde de Lorain; William J. Healy II, Alcalde de Canton y líderes comunitarios de organizaciones diversas. Con el Alcalde Healy II se exploró la posibilidad de establecer una Ciudad Hermana ya sea con Coahuila o Saltillo.

"Se sembraron muchas semillas y estoy seguro que de alguna tendrá que salir un árbol, por eso es importante no dejar de plantar", dijo el Cónsul Solana en entrevista exclusiva para La Prensa, al referirse a los diversos temas que se abordaron durante sus reuniones.

El comité de bienvenida, estuvo conformado por: Frank Krajenke, abogado y ex Consejero del Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior; Joel Arredondo, Presidente de Lorain City Council; Celestino Rivera, Chief of Police; y Mary Santiago, Vicechairman de la Comisión de Asuntos Hispánicos de Ohio.

Entre los acuerdos logrados, se acordó la creación de tres "Kioskos informativos" en Lorain. "Son lugares en donde podremos distribuir libros e información importante para los mexicanos. Bajo este concepto, lo que queremos hacer es empoderar a los mexicanos, con trípticos que expliquen desde algo tan sencillo como sacar un pasaporte, hasta conocer la importancia de vacunarse para prevenir el flu. Información reciente sobre la reforma migratoria, para que ellos puedan tener una vida más fácil en Estados Unidos, entre otras cosas", explicó el diplomático mexicano.

Actualmente, en Michigan ya hay algunas agencias que cuentan con "Kioskos informativos" con 25 trípticos de 20 diferentes temas y la idea es ir expandiendo este servicio. "Estamos trabajando también en la creación de trípticos preventivos para que nuestros paisanos sepan que no deben aumentar el número de dependientes económicos al realizar su declaración de impuestos, como muchas personas lo recomiendan. Eso les traerá problemas tarde o temprano. En cuanto a los jóvenes beneficiados con

DACA, queremos informarles sobre los requisitos para obtener su licencia de manejo en Michigan. Es decir, hay muchos temas y estamos tratando de establecer un mejor mecanismo de información", agregó el entrevistado.

Cabe destacar que las oficinas de La Prensa, ubicadas en el 616 Adams Street en el centro de Toledo, Ohio, en breve contarán con un Kiosko informativo.

Por otra parte, durante los encuentros del Cónsul con los líderes comunitarios, se habló de la posibilidad de aumentar los consulados móviles en el norte de Ohio para atender a la mayor cantidad posible de mexicanos. También se explora la idea de que algunas agencias usen sus propias camionetas para llevar a los mexicanos a las oficinas del Consulado al menos una vez al mes para el trámite de matrículas y opasaportes; con una revisión previa de los documentos por parte del personal del Consulado para asegurar el trámite.

Jeff Stewart, director de Centro San José en Cantón dijo sentirse complacido con la visita del Cónsul Solana, a quien conocía desde su representación anterior en Indianapolis.



"Nos ofreció información importante para la comunidad y los líderes aprovecharon para llevarse folletos para los connacionales de la región. Durante la reunión abordamos los diferentes temas que aquejan a los mexicanos en esta región, como la violación a los derechos humanos, la patrulla fronteriza, entre otros".

Posteriormente, el Cónsul Solana se reunió con John Grabowski Ph.D de Western Reserve Historical Society en Cleveland, Ohio, para exponer un proyecto desarrollado por la Cámara de Comercio Hispana en Cincinnati, el cual consistió en la creación de un documento que contemple la influencia de la comunidad hispana en

el crecimiento de dicha ciudad. "Me encantaría que este documento se pudiera replicar en Cleveland para distribuirlo en las escuelas y crear sensibilidad en los niños", comentó Juan Manuel Solana.

Luego de esa reunión, David Flesher, Associate Provost for International Affairs, de Western Reserve University Center for International Affairs, abrió las puertas de la Universidad para conocer un nuevo programa en el que trabaja el gobierno de México para incrementar los intercambios estudiantiles entre México y Estados Unidos, mostrando un gran interés.

Entre los programas de intercambio, también se

explora la posibilidad de hacerlo con médicos y policías. "Estamos trabajando con la Clínica Metro Health para realizar un intercambio de médicos por dos o tres semanas; así como la creación de una Ventanilla de Salud, en donde los connacionales tengan información para inscribir a sus hijos en el seguro social de México", informó el diplomático mexicano.

El Cónsul Solana también fue invitado al programa de radio "Going Global with David Delgado" y disfrutó de una deliciosa cena ofrecida por la familia Galindo del restaurante Mi Casita; en donde compartió con algunos miembros de la comunidad.

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