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In the News:

Ingrid Marie Rivera

Our reporter Ingrid Marie Rivera has crossed over into the public relations field.

Rivera has been selected as the Public Relations Associate for the Lorain Public Library System.

Meanwhile, she plans to continue freelance writing for *La Prensa* and *La Revista*.

Since Ms. Rivera joined *La Prensa* in 2008, she has covered politics, entertainment, and other issues important to the Latino community in both English and Spanish articles.

Rivera has also taken photographs and made videos for our online edition. *La Prensa* averages over 1,500 visits per day at www.laprensa1.com

Ms. Rivera earned a Bachelor's of arts degree in public affairs journalism and a minor in political science from The Ohio State University in 2008. She was also a former reporter for The Morning Journal newspaper in Lorain.



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U.S. aid factors in Arab world's democratic stalemate

By Arooj Ashraf, *La Prensa* Correspondent

Democracy in the Middle East as an ideal receives much attention and contemplation from many arenas. Scholars, analysts, politicians, foreign policy enthusiasts examine nuances of cultural, historical, and religious influences that hinder the adoption of democratic values in the region and more so in the light of 2011 political awakening: *Arab Spring*. Speaking at the *City Club of Cleveland* on Feb. 10, 2012, Amaney A. Jamal, associate professor of Political Science at Princeton University, dismissed two popular assumptions that Islamic beliefs combined with economic instability, uproot the seeds of democracy in the Middle East. Democracy flourishes in Turkey and Indonesia, both Islamic states, Jamal said and she cautions against placing sole responsibility on Arab culture as the obstacle.

The oil-rich Arab states also provide their citizens with luxurious life styles, without the burden of taxes and in return demand complacency towards the monarchy, she said. Jamal said in comparison to the evolution of democracy in U.S. and Europe, the critical element lacking is an autonomous middle class that propelled acceptance of democratic values.

"We cannot understand the lack of democracy in the Arab world without understanding international dynamics," she said.

Jamal stresses the importance of looking at the Arab world in the context of international affairs, especially through the lens of U.S. financial aid and military intervention in the region. She said the Arab world has received more than \$30 billion dollars in aid from the U.S. between 1991 and 2006, not including the amount given to Iraq; "That is more than the aid given to Africa," she said. In

correlation, the amount of military intervention in the Arab world has also exceeded more than any other nation in the world.

"The Arab world increasingly depends on U.S. economically and for its security," she said, and also creates an imperial relationship between the two. Jamal said looking while each country has unique circumstances, democracy in the region must be addressed through a macro lens encompassing all states.

U.S. economic aid plays a unique role in hindering democratic evolution in the Arab World when seen through the context of Israel's relationship with its neighbors and election of Islamist movements like Hamas or the Muslim Brotherhood.

Jamal cited Jordan as a classic study case where the local economy has flourished through U.S. aid negotiated through a peace treaty with Israel. The middle class population is reluctant to usher in

democracy in the post Arab Spring, fearful it may result in election of political movements unhappy with the status quo and anti-U.S. attitudes. She said the fear of sanctions will always serve as a stalemate toward democratization in the region.

She illustrated with a vivid example of changes in public opinion after the 2006 elections of Hamas in Gaza Strip. Palestinians polled on the eve of elections favored democracy by 70 percent, and after the elections the support fell to 45 percent.

Jamal carefully distinguishes between 'Islamists' correlating with anti-American. "There are also pro-American Islamists," she said referring to the Kuwaiti Islamic Constitutional Movement, which broke away from the Muslim Brotherhood after Saddam Hussein's attack on the nation in 1990.

She challenged the notion Islamists reflect attitudes of Arab masses, instead said their

popularity is a result of rallying against existing corruption, extravagance of the elite in contrast to hardships of the average people and aggravated by certain U.S. policies. When asked if certain ideologies of the Muslim Brotherhood are worthy of condemnation she responded with a simple "yes," and added the same can be said of many political voices surfacing in U.S. politics as well.

Jamal said allowing free speech and free choice is prerequisite of expecting democracy, and the result may not always conform to U.S. notions of democratic values. Using Kuwait's inclination towards becoming a democracy that favors gender segregation she reminded the audience the current model of democracy is a result of the nation's trials and errors; and was shaped by the struggles of the women's rights and then civil rights movements. "If we try to manipulate and control we

risk jeopardizing the movement," she said.

Jamal has written four books. Her first book, *Barriers to Democracy*, which won the Best Book Award in Comparative Democratization at the American Political Science Association (2008), explores the role of civic associations in promoting democratic effects in the Arab World. Her second book, an edited volume with Nadine Naber (University of Michigan), looks at the patterns and influences of Arab American radicalization processes. She is revising a third book on patterns of citizenship in the Arab world, tentatively entitled *Of Empires and Citizens: Authoritarian Durability in the Arab World* (under contract with Princeton University Press).

Her latest book focuses on Kuwait, Morocco, and Jordan, and features 250 open-ended interviews with the countries' citizens.

The Bilingual Ballot

Hispanics need to participate fully in this election season. Thankfully, ours is a country based on the rule of law. This principle was followed in our county when, in August of 2010, the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County entered into a consent decree with the Department of Justice to provide a bilingual ballot in Spanish.

The basis for that agreement was *Section 4(E) of the Voting Rights Act* which guarantees Puerto Ricans, United States citizens, the right to vote. The courts have consistently held that a translated ballot is integral to casting an effective vote. The Board of Elections entered into a consent decree consistent with well-established law. Since that agreement, there has been a bilingual ballot in Cuyahoga County.

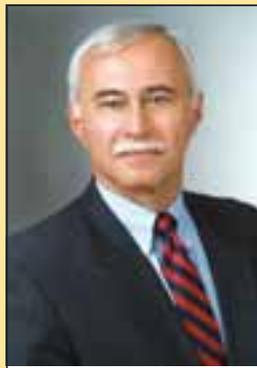
Under a different provision of the *Voting Rights Act of 1975*, states, counties and political subdivisions are required to supply versions of ballots and election materials in other languages if a Latino, Asian-American, American Indian or Alaskan minority group makes up more than 5 percent of the voting-age population or at least 10,000 citizens.

Notwithstanding many still question the bilingual ballot in Northern Ohio. What many do not know is that, according to the Census Bureau, 248 counties and political divisions in 25 states in the United States have also provided election materials in 68 different languages in order to comply with the *Voting Rights Act*. The result, surely, is a greater exercise by U.S. citizens of their sacred right to vote, not the demise of our great Republic.

In sum, the courts have consistently held that a translated ballot is integral to casting an effective vote. Cuyahoga County is meeting its legal obligations and ensuring that all U.S. citizens get their opportunity to vote. As Chairman of the *Hispanic Roundtable*, I applaud the county for taking steps to empower the Hispanic community to become part of the solution through self-help and self-determination.

As my daughter, Marisa, asked me when we were discussing these matters, "How can anyone be against voting?" To be sure, Hispanics have a historic opportunity to give voice to our community.

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Mexican immigrant with NYC law degree—a DREAMer—is in limbo

By *CLAUDIA TORRENS, Associated Press*

NEW YORK, March 6, 2012 (AP) — A Mexican immigrant who passed the New York bar exam last year cannot work as a lawyer because he was brought to the U.S. without documentation as a child, and his situation could soon become part of a national debate.

César Vargas was 5 years old when he arrived from Puebla, Mexico, with his mother in 1990. He's now a 28-year-old City University of New York law graduate and said he is waiting to see how courts in California and Florida decide two similar cases involving Mexican immigrants.

While in college, he knew that because of his status, he would not enjoy the high salary and prestige of a law firm. But he decided to take up law anyway.

"I always wanted to go to school; I always loved to learn," Vargas said. "In high school when I was told I could not go to college because of my status, it was something that really struck me. It made me want to fight more."

Vargas has founded *DRM Capitol Group*, a lobbying firm pushing for the approval of the *DREAM Act*, a federal bill that would pave the path to citizenship for immigrant children brought to the United States by their parents without documentation.

The California state Su-

preme Court is set to decide whether to deny an applicant, *Sergio García*, a law license solely on the basis of his immigration status. García is a Mexican immigrant who was brought to the United States without documentation by his parents when he was 17 months old.

William Chiang, a spokesman for the State Bar of California, said he couldn't comment.

In a similar case in Florida, *José Manuel Godínez-Samperio* is waiting for a court decision on whether to grant him a license that would allow him to practice law in that state.

Immigrants who live in the United States without documentation do not have access to federal grants to attend college.

Godínez-Samperio was born in Hidalgo, Mexico, and came to the United States when he was 9. He graduated from Florida State University Law School in May and has passed the bar exam.

"It is frustrating to me. On one hand, I feel an outpouring of support from a lot of people, and that is a very good feeling. But on the other hand, I am also disheartened that this issue even comes up," he said. "I am a dreamer. I was a child when I came to this country."

Vargas said he is going to wait for the outcome of the cases, which could determine his future and that of other immigrants who live in the

United States without documentation and graduate from law school.

The New York State Board of Law Examiners confirmed Vargas passed the bar exam in November.

Vargas said he was able to pay for school because CUNY helped him through a private fund. He also got a scholarship from the *Puerto Rican Bar Association* and accepted donations and his family's help. He worked part-time at a restaurant, seven days a week.

"It was very difficult. It was a challenge," said Vargas, who worked as an intern for the Brooklyn district's attorney office, the state Supreme Court and former Congressman Anthony Weiner.

Vargas is now working on his application to register as a lawyer in New York. The state's Court of Appeals asks applicants to state whether they are citizens, residents or have a visa. Vargas said he will have to mark the "other" category.

He would like to become an immigration lawyer in his own firm or work for a non-profit. In the meantime, he is organizing protests in favor of the *DREAM Act*.

"We need to step out of the shadows," Vargas said. "That's the only way we can tell our stories."

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Kaptur defeats Kucinich for NorthCoast seat, But DREAM Act advocacy work just beginning

By Kevin Milliken for La Prensa

The NorthCoast was gold for Marcy—U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-9th District) thrashed an old friend and Democratic colleague in U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-10th District) in Ohio's March 6, 2012 primary, but a staunch Kucinich supporter still claims the Latino community can be proud for bringing its issues front-and-center in a closely-watched contest.

Former Toledoan and Cleveland business consultant Robert Torres threw his support behind Kucinich early in the campaign for the newly-drawn Ninth District congressional seat. Torres and other Latinos—such as Lorain community activist Richard Romero—made the DREAM Act a major campaign issue in the race, pointing out that Kucinich voted for the bill, but Ms. Kaptur voted against HR 5281.

"This is the first time that I can recall that a major campaign, a Congressional campaign, has had a Latino agenda on its platform," said Torres. "The DREAM Act was certainly one of those, as was economic empowerment for our community. What we take away from that is we now have an opportunity to move the Latino agenda forward, with a unified effort across the district."

The DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) would have provided conditional permanent residency to certain undocumented immigrants who graduate from U.S. high schools, arrived in the U.S. as minors, and lived state-side for five continuous years. Others having served in the military or

attended a college or university in the United States, each for two years, would qualify for temporary residency for a six-year period. Some studies cited such amnesty as generating new tax revenue and reduced federal deficits as a result of the legislation.

President Barack Obama has called on Congress to pass the DREAM Act, along with sending him a comprehensive immigration reform proposal.

"This says we get the opportunity to work together, collaborate together, to come together to push a common theme," said Torres. "I think we can see the potential in that. The race gave Latinos the opportunity to be a voice in a congressional race. The feedback I'm getting after the election is that something was accomplished for our community."

However, overall low voter turnout in the March primary means that fewer Latinos actually went to the polls. Torres openly acknowledged Latinos won't be taken seriously if they sit on the sidelines.

"We still have a bunch of work to do in getting our Latino community members registered," he admitted. "Even more than that, (we need to) stay in touch with those registered so they become active voters and an actual part of the election process. We need to engage Latinos throughout the process, not necessarily when an election takes place. So I think the DREAM Act gives us an opportunity to do just that."

The two incumbent Congressional representatives crisscrossed the NorthCoast of Ohio in recent weeks, trying to keep their political hopes alive in a

district redrawn by the GOP specifically to pit the two Democrats and friends against each other in the 2012 campaign.

With her decisive victory, Ms. Kaptur will face off against Republican Samuel "Joe the Plumber" Wurzelbacher in November. The new Ninth District now stretches along the Lake Erie shoreline in a ribbon-thin line from Toledo to Cleveland. But to keep the Latino agenda in the forefront of candidates and elected officials in Ohio and elsewhere, Torres stated it will take action, not mere words.

"It will take people who are in leadership positions, whether elected or not, other Latinos in positions of authority, to be able to make sure Latinos are engaged in the process," he said. "I think we need to go into our churches, Latino associations, in order to get people registered. I don't think Latinos can afford to wait on any one person, whether it's Democrat or Republican to engage them in the process."

Toledo activist Ramón Pérez agrees.

Torres pointed out he recently traveled to Columbus for an Obama for America organizational meeting, where more than 600 political activists were in attendance.

"I could count on one hand the number of Latinos who were there," he said. "I looked at the leadership of the campaign effort, and we're not represented in either Democratic or Republican organizations. We shouldn't wait for that to happen. We need to take it upon ourselves to make sure we're a priority."

Torres essentially issued a

call to action for Latinos from Toledo to Lorain to Cleveland to spearhead such an effort to get their community more politically active and on the same page.

"The majority of people in Toledo were not in our camp and had to be persuaded, convinced that his platform was good for Latinos," said Torres of the Kucinich campaign. "Sometimes that requires you go against the grain and I think in this situation that happened."

The Toledo native stated President Obama's re-election effort affords another opportunity for Latinos to step forward and become more politically active.

"This affords a chance for us to secure our interests in the campaign," he explained. "We need to be vocal about that. We can't afford to not just assume that we can wait another four years that the administration will take up the issues of our community. I was encouraged the State of the Union addressed immigration reform, but Latinos need to make sure they're included in the process when they come to our homes and to our neighborhoods and to our community."

Some Latinos already have joined Torres by adding their voices to the debate. For example, Lorain resident José Méndez wrote a blistering opinion piece for the Huffington Post website just prior to the March primary, taking Ms. Kaptur to task for ignoring her Latino constituency in the past.

Méndez stated that should change with redistricting, as more Latinos now live in the new Ninth District. He believes Ms. Kaptur will be held account-

able for her vote denying the DREAM Act and her reasoning behind comprehensive immigration reform.

"For many undocumented youth of mixed-status families, Kaptur's explanation that it wasn't comprehensive enough, and that it doesn't encompass all those who are impacted, is a poor excuse," Méndez wrote. "These excuses have been used before, that a bill isn't 'perfect' enough, and are often little more than an effort to deflect blame as someone whose attempts to help have been drowned out by an ineffective government process, when they themselves helped to control it. In the past, Kaptur didn't need the support of Latino communities who are intimately connected to the immigration debate, and now that she does, she's trying to backpedal and rationalize a bad voting record which speaks for itself."

There also is an attempt to organize Latinos in Ohio affected by the DREAM Act and other issues through a recently-established website www.undocumentedohio.com. The website urges readers to put pressure on Congress and to aid in fighting the deportation efforts of various "dreamers" (kids who came to the U.S. at a young age).

One such blog posting relays one man's efforts to help his peers:

"My name is Marco and I am undocumented, have been for 18 years. I came to the US when I was three to reconnect with my parents after a year of separation. I am now 21 and have recently graduated from Kenyon College this past May

with BA in Sociology, cum laude, while serving as a peer-minister for three years," he wrote. "I am now an immigrant organizer for Undocumented Ohio working to empower the immigrant community in Ohio. Knowing and believing in the same faith of past freedom fighters, the hope of the present, and the immeasurable possibilities of a more loving future is why I've responded this call to action."

But the effort Torres is advocating is a more organized campaign to engage Latinos across the state, not just splintered voices who share a common bond.

Editor's Note: The March 6, 2012 Democratic primary vote for Kaptur vs. Kucinich is as follows: As expected, each candidate carried their respective bases—Marcy received 94.22 percent of the vote in Lucas County (to Kucinich's 3.68 percent) while Dennis carried Cuyahoga County (73 percent to Marcy's 24 percent). Ms. Kaptur also carried those portions of Erie County (73.28 percent to 18.43 percent) and Ottawa County (81.63 percent to 7.85 percent) that were part of the NorthCoast district. However, the division in the city of Lorain was much closer—Kaptur received 49.57 percent of the vote to Kucinich's 45.56 percent. Thereason for the tightness in Lorain?—the city of Lorain is over 25 percent Latino and many of the Latinos voting did not care for Ms. Kaptur's rejection of the DREAM Act in December of 2010.

In all, Kaptur received 56.44 percent of the vote to Kucinich's 40 percent. The remaining Democratic candidate—Graham Veysey—received 3.56 percent of the total vote.

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Henry Ford Community College to host 5th Annual Alternative Energy Summit “Renewing Michigan” March 30

Dearborn: The Henry Ford Community College (HFCC) 5th Annual Alternative Energy Summit titled “Renewing Michigan” will take place Friday, March 30, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Andrew A. Mazzara Administrative Services & Conference Center (ASCC) on the main campus at 5101 Evergreen in Dearborn.

Representatives from the Clean Energy Coalition, the United States Green Building Council, the City of Dearborn, Wayne State University, and others, will present at the Summit on how alternative energy is a vital component in renewing Michigan through economic diversity and growth. John O’Reilly, mayor of the City of Dearborn, will welcome participants to the Summit. Matt Roush, editor of the Great Lakes IT Report produced by WWJ Radio 950, will present the keynote address.

This Summit focuses on the role of alternative energy in the growth of business and industry, and the growth of communities toward renewing the economy of Michigan. Presenters will discuss how LEED for neighborhood development and intermodal transit are cornerstones of community growth.

Sessions on energy reduction and waste to en-

ergy will highlight how businesses and government can grow the bottom line with better sustainability programs. Wayne State University will present on its participation in the EcoCAR 2 competition, which challenges 16 universities across North America to reduce the environmental impact of the Chevy Malibu. The Eastern Market will present on “going local” for food purchases and the Cleveland Botanical Gardens will present on “going green” in your garden.

During the Summit, a business expo will feature cutting-edge companies demonstrating alternative energy technologies for business and the home.

“We are honored to have so many prominent guests coming to our campus to speak on this important issue. The success of green businesses and the impact of sustainability on local communities have demonstrated that alternative energy is vital to the future success of Michigan,” explained Dr. Gail Mee, president of Henry Ford Community College. “We’re also very proud that our Alternative Energy Program, one of the first in the state, has worked closely with business and industry as a strong partner in this grow-



ing field,” she added.

The highly successful Alternative/Renewable Energy degree program and certificate program at HFCC continues to earn statewide recognition. This program covers a wide range of topics including solar, wind, hydro, battery, smart home, construction, automotive, energy auditing, green principles, and green strategies. The program is taught in state-of-the-art labs with equipment used by leading companies in the industry today.

The HFCC 5th Annual Alternative Energy Summit “Renewing Michigan” is free and open to the public. For further information or to reserve a booth for your company for the Business Expo, please contact Kathy Dimitriou at (313) 845-9601. For more information about the Alternative Energy Program at HFCC, please visit <http://www.hfcc.edu/programs/>

Wayne State University researcher’s work funded by Gates Foundation will lead to better teacher quality measurements

DETROIT, March 9, 2012: A Wayne State University researcher is working on a national initiative aimed at improving ways to measure the quality of teachers. Ben Kelcey,

Ph.D., assistant professor of education, recently received a one-year, \$25,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for “Measurement Models for Understanding Teacher Quality,”

a project to develop statistical models that will help researchers understand the bias and precision of several instruments measuring teacher quality through classroom observation.

Tecumseh Teen In Need of Life-Saving Transplant

Tecumseh, March 8, 2012: With the cost of a transplant often exceeding \$500,000, many transplant families are unable to shoulder the financial burden of such a procedure.

The Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-needy patients. In Tecumseh, volunteers are raising funds for transplant patients like local teen, Brandon Rodgers.

Brandon is the son of Sean and Carol Ann Rodgers. Born on January 6, 1994, Brandon was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease. The doc-

tors at the University of Michigan’s Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan have recommended a life-saving kidney transplant. An estimated \$40,000 is being raised by Tecumseh volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to assist with fundraising activities that will help with the Rodgers family’s transplant-related expenses. Individuals and groups interested in more information can contact Community Coordinator Gloria Corbett at 517.442.9600.

Donations may be mailed to the Children’s Organ Transplant Association, 2501 West COTA Drive, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403. Checks or money

orders should be made payable to COTA, with “In Honor of Brandon K. R.” written on the memo line of the check. Secure credit card donations are also accepted online at <http://cota.donorpages.com/PatientOnlineDonation/COTAforBrandonKR/>.

Brandon’s family has asked for assistance from the Children’s Organ Transplant Association. The organization’s priority is to assure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant or excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds. One hundred percent of all funds raised are used for patients’ transplant-related expenses.

FIU honors acclaimed author Isabel Allende

LAURA WIDES-MUÑOZ, AP Hispanic Affairs Writer

MIAMI, March 6, 2012 (AP): Author Isabel Allende is getting top honors from Florida International University. The Chilean author’s 19 books have been translated into 35 languages. On Monday, she received the Miami University’s Lawrence A. Sanders Award for fiction.

Allende won instant acclaim for her 1982 debut novel “The House of Spirits.” It followed the generations of a turbulent Latin American family. The book was also a thinly veiled commentary on the political upheaval under Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet. It was later made into a film starring Meryl Streep.

Allende has written mostly historical adventure novels, including a feminist twist on “Zorro.” Her latest book is to be released in October. “Maya’s Notebook” takes place in the present day and follows a young US-American who escapes her life of drugs off the Chilean coast.

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LSU scholarship baile set for March 31

By Kevin Milliken for La Prensa

The University of Toledo's Latino Student Union hosts its annual scholarship dance on March 31, the student organization's 39th annual event. Two regional Latino bands—La Corporación and Sonido Latino—will perform.

"This year we decided to go locally, just because they are in the area, so we want to help promote them more," said Melanie Muñoz, LSU president and a UT junior majoring in political science. "Getting a band from outside the state is really difficult. But we do want to showcase the talent we do have in the area."

La Corporación is based in Lansing, Michigan. The five-member band is unsigned, but has released some of its own recordings through its MySpace page and was part of La Prensa's recordings in the early 1990s when La Prensa and the Midwest Tejano Music Association, Inc. hosted its annual music awards. The members of Sonido Latino hail from Toledo and southeast Michigan.

The dance is scheduled to take place at the Stranahan Theatre of the Masonic Great Hall in Toledo, 7 p.m. to midnight, on Saturday, March 31. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. All of the proceeds will benefit the *Latinos del Futuro Scholarship Fund* and the *Unidos y Diversos Scholarship Fund*.

"It is our biggest event that we host every year," said Ms. Muñoz. "This dance provides us the financial side of being able to give scholarships every year for our own members. It's really important to us, because it allows us to give back to our community by getting these kids through school, so it's a really important event to us."

Eight LSU members each will receive a \$250 scholarship from proceeds raised at the dance. Eligible Latino UT students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in order to apply for the LSU scholarship.

More than 400 people typically attend the dance each year, which has raised anywhere from \$10,000 to \$25,000, according to Ms. Muñoz, who also serves as diversity co-chairwoman for the Student Government Cabinet and as a senator in UT Student Government.

"We have really grown over the years. We were really small and now we're up over 200 members," said Ms. Muñoz. "We're one of the more close-knit organizations on campus. We call ourselves a little family, a home-away-from-home for students who don't have that home base nearby or that motivation to get them through the week. We have a lot of people who look out for each other."

The LSU president explained the group has a weekly Monday meeting and regular study tables to help their peers stay on track academically and socially. She admitted some students may feel lost otherwise on such a large campus. Ms. Muñoz speaks from personal experience on that point.

"I actually didn't even sign up for LSU. My mom signed me up, because previously, I was in touch with my roots and I know my culture very well, but I didn't express it as much as she would have liked me to do," said the UT junior. "I went to the first meeting and I fell in love. I haven't missed one since. It's really helped me express myself in my own personal way, my culture and learning about other Latino cultures."

Ms. Muñoz stated the organization makes her "want to do more for my community." She explained it also has influenced her career path, now hoping to become an immigration attorney.

LSU quickly gets into gear each fall, hosting 30 events on campus during Hispanic Heritage month, which usually runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Those events also serve to draw Latino students together at the beginning of the academic year, which helps them remain close in subsequent semesters.

For tickets, call 419-530-4326.

Celebrity servers support *Entre Amigos* Dinner and Art Sale, March 20

On Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the *Sofía Quintero Art & Cultural Center (SQACC)* will hold its 6th annual *Entre Amigos* celebrity "wait-style" fundraiser. Two seatings are available: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Entre Amigos will be held at the *Lighthouse Banquet Hall*, located at 2605 Broadway St., Toledo. Guests will enjoy a Mexican buffet prepared by *O.K. Patron Fajita Bar*. Latina artists *Veronica Englert, Leandra Leroux, and Delfina Zapata* will exhibit and sell their art.

The following individuals will join Quintero Center board members as celebrity waiters or *Mozos Famosos*: Keila D. Cosme

(Lucas County Board of Elections), *Hernán Vásquez* (president, *Mandell Vásquez, Inc.*), *Anita López* (Lucas County Auditor), *Bernadette Delgado* (Field Operations Service Office Manager, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation), *Frankie Torres* (AAA of Northwest Ohio), Toledo Councilman *Mike Craig*, *Gary Johnson* (president, *American Flooring Installers*), *Mike Szuberla* (program director, Toledo GROWs), *Dee Sabo* (producer, *Martin & Martin Agency, Inc.*), *Margarita DeLeón* (The Kaleidoscope Group, Chicago), *Byron Wynn* (project coordinator, School Gardening Initiative, Toledo GROWs), *Mary Price* (director, *Adelante, Inc.*), and *Jane*

Thoma (Manager, South Branch, Toledo Lucas County Public Library).

Funds raised will be used for programs at the *Sofía Quintero Art & Cultural Center*. Current programs include: After-School Art Classes, Youth Works Programs, Boat Building Program, Community Gardens, and cultural programs such as *First Friday, Día de los Muertos* and *Aquí Se Habla Español*. A portion of funds raised will be donated to the South Toledo YMCA scholarship campaign.

For more information or tickets call the Quintero Center at 419-241-1655. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance for adults (\$25.00 at the door) and children are \$5.00.

Sister Cities International Fest is March 24

The third annual *Toledo Sister Cities International Festival* will be held Saturday, March 24, 2012 in the Civic Center Promenade at the Erie Street Market, 237 South Erie St, Toledo, from 12 noon until 8:00 pm.

International festival features a *Parade of Nations*, over 20 performance groups, a beer

hall, food vendors from local ethnic restaurants, and activities for the kids! A Language Corner will help you learn basic phrases in a wide range of languages. Performers include *El Corazón de Mexico Ballet Folklorico*.

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Report: Minority students face harsher punishments

By **KIMBERLY HEFLING**, AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON, DC, March 6, 2012 (AP)—Latino or African-American students may be more likely to be suspended, expelled—or even arrested—than their white peers. *What's not clear is why?*

Is it discrimination, as some civil rights groups contend, or are minority students committing more infractions? Or are minority students receiving tougher punishments than whites for similar incidents?

What is known, from an Education Department civil rights report released Tuesday is that Latino and African-American students comprise nearly three quarters of students involved in school-related arrests or cases handed over to police. The report also found that black students are more than three times as likely as their white peers to be suspended or expelled. And, that a disproportionate number of black students with disabilities are strapped down or subjected to other restraints.

"The sad fact is that minority students across America face much harsher discipline than non-minorities, even within the same school," said Education Secretary **Arne Duncan**.

Neither Duncan nor the report provided the details behind the numbers.

Civil rights activists said they weren't surprised by the results. They blamed get tough, "zero tolerance" policies that they say contribute to a "schools-to-prisons" pipeline. The problem, they say, is that zero tolerance applies more to minorities than white children. They say it's time for a dialogue on appropriate and fair discipline.

Duncan said some school officials might not have been aware of inconsistencies in how they handle discipline, and he, too, hoped the report would be an eye-

opener. "We're not alleging overt discrimination in some or all of these cases," he said.

Judith Browne Dianis, co-director of the *Advancement Project*, a think tank that specializes in social issues affecting minority communities, said research shows that Latino and black children are punished more harshly for the same offenses than white kids. Some think it's necessary to crack down on minority children for small infractions. "There's bias in classrooms. There's also this perception of children of color as being criminals," Dianis said.

Raúl González, legislative director at the *National Council of La Raza* who taught school in New York, said zero tolerance policies in both schools and courtrooms have created a system that takes children out of school and ultimately leads them into prison where they become hardened criminals. He said more moderate responses are needed in schools, and he hopes that the report will lead not just to a change in policies in schools, but to state laws.

"We've lost control of all judgment here, and it's almost always a black kid

or a Hispanic kid" affected, González said.

Dianne M. Piché, senior counsel and director of education program at the *Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights*, said school discipline codes that include subjective offenses like "insubordination" have contributed to the problem. She said there's no evidence that get-tough policies work, and "they often make things worse by reinforcing a child's disengagement from school and low self-esteem."

A first step, said **Kwame Morton**, a black principal at **Joyce Kilmer Elementary School** in **Cherry Hill, N.J.**, is a greater understanding of the cultural background of students and how they communicate.

"Unless people in the school have the mindset where they are going to love the students and be willing to work with the kids and nurture them and guide them and rehabilitate them and when they mess up continue to teach them...I think it's going to be a continual cycle of just coming in, kids will do things, there will be harsh consequences and penalties, they'll be gone for a while, come back and do the same thing," Morton said. "It will never stop

unless somebody breaks that cycle."

The Education Department findings come from a national collection of civil rights data from 2009-10 of more than 72,000 schools serving 85 percent of the nation.

According to the report, 42 percent of the referrals to law enforcement involve black students and 29 percent involved Latino, while 35 percent of students involved in school-related arrests were black and 37 percent were Latino. Black students made up 18 percent of the students in the sample, but they were 35 percent of students suspended once and 39 percent of students expelled, the report said.

Students with disabilities represent 12 percent of students in the sample, but nearly 70 percent of students physically restrained by adults. Black students represent 21 percent of students with disabilities, but 44 percent of students with disabilities are subjected to mechanical restraints.

Online: Education Department: <http://www.ed.gov/CivilRightsDataCollection>: <http://ocrdata.ed.gov/>

Work on Toledo Zoo's Tembo Trail progresses

The Toledo Zoo's innovative new elephant exhibit, *Tembo Trail*, is slated to open on May 18, 2012. It offers a dynamic exhibit that blends extraordinary animal care with extraordinary visitor experiences.



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Smart design and engineering are clear throughout *Tembo Trail*:

- The new *indoor viewing area* features a "dayroom," elephant "bedrooms" and a heated "porch" for all-weather access. The elephants are getting acclimated to these areas now.

- Work continues on the *outdoor areas*, primarily grading the sloping sur-

faces and naturalistic ridges which mimic the variations elephants would find in the wild. Of particular interest are the exhibit's enrichment walls and many enrichment trees, making clever use of vertical space to encourage the elephants to reach, stretch and explore.

Tembo Trail has generated business for more than 64 companies, directly putting more than 145 people to work (not including Zoo staff). This represents 36,000+ hours over the last 14 months of construction. The \$15 million project was made possible by Lucas County's voters who supported the Zoo's 2006 levy and by generous capital campaign donors, including **Eaton Corporation** and **Jonathan F. Orser** in memory of his mother, **Grace Ford Orser**.

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USA Wrestling All-Star Dual Meet set for March 15 alongside NCAA Wrestling Championships

St. Louis: USA Wrestling and the NCAA have announced that there will be another USA Wrestling National Team All-Star Dual Meet held as part of the festivities at the 2012 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships in St. Louis (March 15-17).

This is the third straight year that a USA Wrestling exhibition will be provided free of charge to wrestling fans who are attending the championships. The event will be held the first day of the championships, on Thursday, March 15, 2012 between the first and second competition sessions. It will be located at the *Peabody Opera House*, which is adjacent to *Scottrade Center*. The approximate start time will be at 3 p.m.

Last year at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships in Philadelphia, the format was a USA vs. International Team match. Team USA won the dual by a 12-10 margin, capturing four of the six bouts. Brent Metcalf clinched the USA victory with a win over Heinrich Barnes of South Africa in the final match at 145 pounds.

At the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Champion-

ships in Omaha, Neb., USA Wrestling hosted a *Big Ten vs. Big 12 Challenge*, featuring Freestyle Team USA athletes who had competed in those conferences. The athletes put on an entertaining show for thousands of fans, with the Big Ten earning bragging rights in the friendly competition.

The format this year will include between 5-6 men's freestyle matches and one Greco-Roman match. The U.S. Women's National team will be training in China at the time and will not be available to participate.

The lineup is currently being finalized. Fans will recognize many of the competitors from their college wrestling careers, because of a connection to a number of Division I wrestling programs. The USA Wrestling All-Star Dual has become a traditional part of the NCAA Championships each year.

This event will serve as a tune-up competition for the athletes prior to the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling, which will be hosted at Carver-Hawkeye Arena at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, April 21-22.

"This allows us to showcase international wrestling



and our national team athletes in a community which appreciates wrestling but doesn't get the opportunity to see the Olympic rules often," said *Mitch Hull*, USA Wrestling National Teams Director and one of the organizers of the event.

In the Division I championships, in the *Big 10*, *Penn State* captured its second consecutive Big 10 title, running away from *Minnesota* and *Iowa* in the team title race. In the *Big 12*, *Missouri* captured its first wrestling championship, edging out *Oklahoma State*. *Cornell* won its sixth consecutive *EWAA* team title on Sunday night after crowning three individual champions.

As of Feb. 28, 2012, we had the following wrestling rankings: Minnesota, Penn State, Oklahoma State, Iowa, Illinois, Cornell, Ohio State, Nebraska, Pittsburgh, and Missouri.

For more information on the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, visit: www.NCAA.com/wrestling

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W.A.V.E. originated as a way to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of women throughout the local community. Proceeds from this year's

event will benefit Second Chance, a social service program in Toledo assisting victims of domestic sex trafficking and prostitution.

The 2012 W.A.V.E. Festival will be held in the Franciscan Center on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit www.lourdes.edu/wave for more information or e-mail wave@lourdes.edu.

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March 7, 2012: *IBC Beat The Streets*, home of the *International Boxing Club* (IBC) and *Beat The Streets Wrestling*, announces the grand opening of their new location. The new building, located at 525 Earlwood in Oregon, Ohio, will be the permanent home of the nonprofit dedicated to helping the young people of

the metropolitan Toledo area become champions in education and in life. The increase in space will make it possible for IBC Beat The Streets to expand their programs to offer wrestling and new programs featuring softball and volleyball for girls.

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The Cuyahoga Land Bank has surpassed 1500 property acquisitions since opening its doors in 2009. The Cuyahoga Land Bank acquires distressed properties from a variety of sources, including banks, government sponsored enterprises such as Fannie Mae, federal and state agencies, such as HUD, as well as real estate lost to tax foreclosure and donated properties. Once acquired, the Cuyahoga Land Bank assesses the

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Cities in Cuyahoga County are major partners regarding decisions about the future of Cuyahoga Land Bank owned properties within their borders. For example, the Cuyahoga Land Bank's partnership with the City of Cleveland, which has its own land bank, includes strategically handing over title to all vacant land after completing demolition and helping target demolition activity. The goal of the Cuyahoga Land Bank's partnerships with local municipalities is to promote collaboration, spread risk and to make joint code enforcement and nuisance abatement operations possible.

Most properties acquired by the Cuyahoga Land Bank are nuisance properties beyond rehabilitation. Once

strated for demolition - based on physical condition, local input and other criteria - the Cuyahoga Land Bank acts swiftly to remove the nuisance property in order to speed the recovery and stability of the community in which that property is located. This week, The Cuyahoga Land Bank successfully completed its 750th demolition since starting operations in 2009.

"We are happy to make progress in the battle against blight in our neighborhoods," said Cuyahoga Land Bank President and General Counsel Gus Frangos. "There is still much work to be done and we will continue to work diligently with our board and city partners so that our community can make strides toward recovery."

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Arts Midwest World Fest Tarim, Uygur Song and Dance Ensemble (China) 10 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012

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students in grades 2 and up.

Arts Midwest World Fest presents international musical ensembles in intensive weeklong residencies and they have chosen Stocker Arts Center as the Ohio site for the next two years. Tarim Uygur Song and Dance Ensemble is the second of four groups we will be presenting as part of this wonderful opportunity.

• Theatreworks USA Henry and Mudge, 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012

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When Henry's cousin Annie comes for a visit, Mudge is so charmed by her that he finally rolls over at her command! Henry thinks Mudge must love Annie more than him, because the dog only does the trick for her. Very upset, Henry runs

away into the cold dark woods to find adventures on his own. Mudge follows the boy's scent into the forest - he really does love Henry and doesn't want to be without him. Will the two friends be reunited? Find out in this musical, based on the best-selling series of books by Cynthia Rylant. The play is recommended for students in grades pre-k through third grade.



Henry and Mudge

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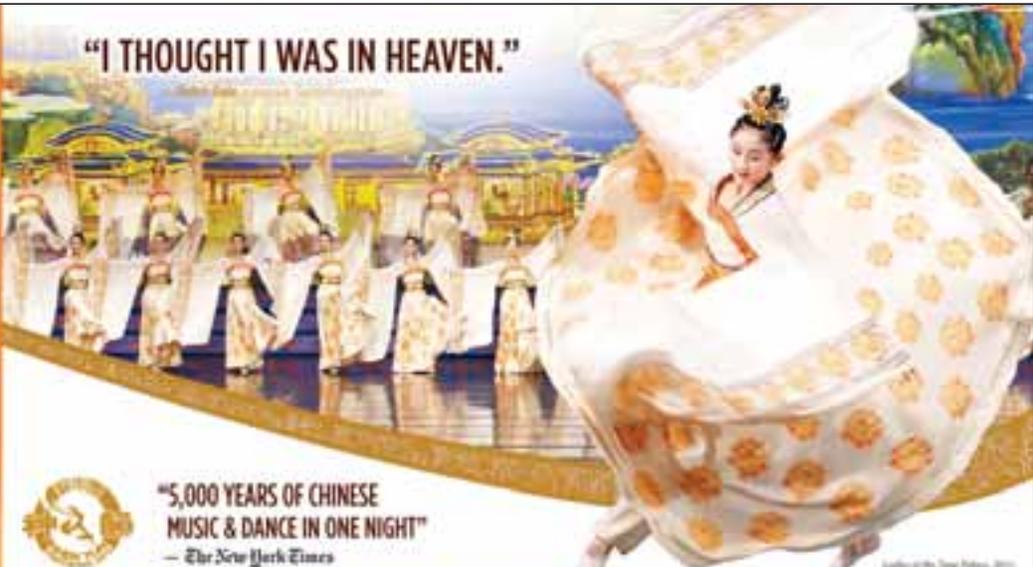
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CARLOS B. CASTANEDA

Carlos B. Castaneda, age 83, of Toledo, OH went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 4, 2012, with the sun, gently upon his face, surrounded by his loving family at St. Charles Hospital, Oregon, Ohio. Carlos was born on Tuesday, February 19, 1929, to Baltasar and Rosa Castaneda in Durango, Mexico. He resided in Toledo where he was employed Toledo Rubber, as a foreman with Hunts, Kellermeyer, and the Chrysler Co. for over 20 years, retiring in 1991 as a Fork Lift Operator. Carlos was an active member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church where he served with the Food Bank. Carlos loved his wife and family more than life itself. He was known for his strong work ethic and devotion to the Lady of Guadalupe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers. Carlos is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Anita "Ann" Castaneda; children, Charles (Lourdes) Castaneda, Roseann (John) Ruskinoff, Linda (Chris) McCabe, and Ed (Amy) Castaneda; grandchildren, Matthew, Stephanie, Adam, Maria, and future granddaughter; 2 brothers; 4 sisters, and other relatives and friends.



JOYCE O. GAYTAN

Joyce O. Gaytan, 73 years of Toledo, OH, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning March 7, 2012 in the Hospice of Northwest Ohio Inpatient Center in Toledo. Joyce was born in Fostoria Ohio on October 11, 1938 to Camilo M. and Frances L. Ortega. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Joyce was the matriarch of her family. She loved cooking, crocheting and spending time with her family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband's David R. Gaytan Jr., and Juan Herrera Sr.; parents; sisters, Betty Jane Ortega and Maryanne Martínez. Joyce is survived by her children Linda Herrera, Janie (Ezequiel) Delgado, Annie Herrera Sharp, Patricia (Joe Martínez) Herrera, John Herrera Jr., Reynaldo (Mary) Herrera, Ricardo (Regina) Herrera Sr., Michelle (Celeste Bates) Gaytan, Victoria Gaytan, Pete Cunningham; 24 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings Carmen Martínez, Constance Pecina, Elaine Ogle, Camille Ortega, Sandra Bernal, Andrew Bernal Jr., and David Bernal.



LUPE PETE GUTIÉRREZ JR.

Lupe Gutiérrez, Jr. age 53, of Toledo, OH passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at his home. He was born on April 10, 1958 in Toledo to Guadalupe and Estella Gutiérrez. Lupe has been employed with Toledo Alfalfa Mills for the past 17 years as a machine operator. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and although he did not have children of his own he treated all of his nieces and nephews as his own. He will be dearly missed by everyone.

Surviving is his mother, Estella; brothers, Jesse Gutiérrez and Robert DeLagarza; sisters, Blanca Sanmiguel, Mary Hernández and Rosie García. Also surviving is his loving companion Esmeralda Avelar and many nieces and nephews. Lupe was preceded in death by his father.

MIGUEL A. RAMOS

Miguel A. Ramos, age 79, of Lorain, OH passed away on Monday, March 5, 2012, at his home, while under the care of Grace Hospice. He was born on October 5, 1932, in Puerto Rico, and moved to Lorain in 1951. He was employed at US Steel for many years, before retiring in 1997. Miguel was a member of Sacred Heart Chapel and was also a member of the Local Steel Workers Union #1104. He enjoyed gardening and sports, especially watching the Cleveland Indians play.

Miguel is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carmen J. (née Cordero), his children; Melvin (Nilda) Ramos, of Lorain, Miguel (Francine) Ramos, Jr., of Sheff. Twp., Orlando Ramos, of Lorain, Emerida López, of Lorain, William (Olga) Ramos, of Lorain, Ivette Feliciano, of Amherst Twp., Nelida Ramos, of Lorain, and Pedro (Amy) Ramos, of New York. He is also survived by his 21 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 5 brothers, and 5 sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents; Pedro and Lucia Ramos, 1 brother, and 2 sisters.

Stan Lee to Appear! – Sept. 27

The Blade and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library have announced that a rescheduled date of Thursday, September 27, 2012 has been confirmed for *Marvel Comics and Marvel Films Chairman Stan Lee* to make his appearance here for the seasonal *Authors! Authors!* series, which is now in its 18th year.

Due to a conflict in Lee's calendar, the iconic figure was forced to reschedule his original *Authors! Authors!* date of April 18. All tickets previously purchased for Lee's April appearance will be honored at his rescheduled Sep-

tember 27 date. New Stan Lee tickets will be available beginning Friday, March 16 at all Library locations. General tickets are \$10 and \$8 for students.

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sion presented by the featured author. *Authors! Authors!* welcomes bestselling authors to Toledo as they discuss their books and careers, answer questions, and sign books. Books provided by Barnes & Noble will be available for purchase at each program. Past *Authors! Authors!* presenters have included Isabel Allende, Mary Higgins Clark, Robert Kennedy, Jr., Terry McMillan, David Gergen, and John Updike.

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The Top 10 Things You Should Know About Ohio's Demographic Changes and Immigration Politics

By Angela Maria Kelley, Vanessa Cárdenas

Washington, DC, March 5, 2012: Ahead of the busiest primary day of 2012, Super Tuesday, the *Center for American Progress* released the top 10 things you should know about the demographic changes and immigration politics in Ohio, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Georgia. All of these states have emerging communities of color as a result of significant population changes that is representative of what many say will be our nation's future by 2042. As a result, the data in these facts offer an important context of the economic, cultural, and electoral power that communities of color have in these states.

Ohio experienced slow population growth over the past decade, with a growth rate of 1.6 percent from 2000 to 2010—far below the nationwide average of 9.7 percent. Yet this minimal growth rate concealed striking demographic changes. While Ohio's white population has declined since 2000, Latino and African-American populations in the state increased.

How Ohio's emerging communities of color significantly impact the state's electoral landscape, and the economic obstacles they face are summarized as follows:

1. *Latinos and African Americans propel Ohio's population growth.* From

2000 to 2010 the percent of Latinos in the state increased by 1.2 percent to a total of 355,000 residents, and the percent of African-Americans in the state grew by 0.7 percent. During these years, the percent of non-Latino white residents in the state declined by 2.9 percent. Latinos accounted for an astonishing 55.9 percent of the state's total growth from 2000 to 2009.

2. *People of color now make up a substantial portion of Ohio's population.* In 2010 close to 20 percent of the state's population was nonwhite. In that year 12.2 percent of the state's population was African-American, 3.1 percent was Hispanic or Latino, 2.1 percent was of mixed race, and 1.7 percent was Asian-American.

3. *One-quarter of Ohio's children is nonwhite.* In 2008, 23.2 percent of all children in the state were nonwhite. By 2010 nonwhite children were 25.7 percent of Ohio's children.

4. *In 2008, the support of Ohio's nonwhite voters helped then-Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) to narrowly defeat Arizona Sen. John McCain (R).* Though only 46 percent of Ohio's white voters cast their ballots for Sen. Obama in 2008, an overwhelming 97 percent of African-American voters supported Obama.

5. *In such a competitive*

swing state, every vote counts. According to the Pew Research Center, there are 140,000 eligible Latino voters in Ohio, the 18th-largest Latino eligible-voter population nationally. In 2010 there were 897,000 eligible African-American voters and 55,000 eligible Asian-American voters in Ohio.

6. *Anti-immigrant bills are emerging in the state.* In 2011 Butler County Sheriff Richard K. Jones, State Sen. Tim Grendell, and State Rep. Courtney Combs—all Republicans—fought to place an Arizona-style anti-immigrant law on the ballot. Though support for the law polled at 45 percent while opposition polled at 35 percent, the law failed to meet the requirements needed to be placed on the ballot.

7. *One city in Ohio is actively recruiting Latino immigrants.* Dayton, Ohio, which has been struck by decades of economic decline, started the "Welcome Dayton" campaign in 2011 that encourages immigrants to come and feel like a part of the community while they help pull the city out of its economic malaise by growing small business and building up neighborhoods that have been ignored for years.

8. *Ohio's restrictive voting law creates new hurdles for voters, threatening to reduce*

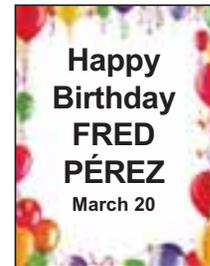
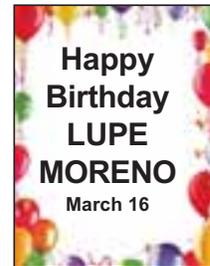
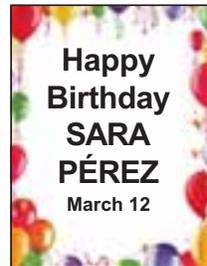
already low voting levels among individuals of color. The omnibus elections law passed in 2011 makes voter registration more difficult by eliminating Ohio's weeklong period of same-day voter registration, reducing the state's in-person early voting period by two-thirds to 11 days from 35 days, and forbidding county election boards from sending out absentee ballots or return-paid absentee ballot applications. In 2010, 43.4 percent of adult African-American citizens, 29.3 percent of adult Latino citizens, and 38.5 percent of adult Asian-American citizens voted in the 2010 election, compared to 45.9 percent of whites.

9. *Individuals of color in*

Ohio (particularly Latinos and African-Americans) face extreme economic hardship. In 2010 the median income levels of Latinos and African-Americans in Ohio were substantially lower than those of Asian-Americans and non-Latino whites. The median income of African-Americans in that year was \$27,172, and the median income of Latinos was \$33,178. These levels are less than 70 percent of the median income in that year for non-Latino whites—\$48,334—and slightly more than 50 percent of the median income of Asian-Americans—\$62,426. In 2007, a year when 11.9 percent of Ohio's population was black, only 5.8 percent of firms in Ohio were black-owned.

10. *African-Americans and Latinos in Ohio are hit hard by unemployment.* While Asian-Americans in Ohio had an unemployment rate of only 4.1 percent in 2010—lower even than the 6.5 percent unemployment rate of whites—the Latino unemployment rate in that year was 9.2 percent. Unemployment rates for African-Americans and individuals of mixed race were nearly twice as high as those of non-Latino whites in that year, at 12.7 percent and 12.2 percent respectively.

Note: Vanessa Cárdenas is the Director for Progress 2050 and Angela Maria Kelley is Vice President for Immigration Policy and Advocacy at the Center for American Progress.




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For more information on the March 6th Presidential Primary Election visit the Board of Elections website: www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us.

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Various TARTA route and schedule adjustments to begin March 18.

As TARTA continually evaluates its services, the following routes and/or schedules have been adjusted to better serve the community; effective Sunday, March 18, 2012.

- **2C Centennial-Sylvania/Westfield Franklin Park** – Routing adjusted near Acres & Alexis and within downtown Sylvania; stops by request at The Ability Center of Greater Toledo.
- **28/30 Lincoln/Indiana & 30 Lincoln/Oakwood** – Stops at the new TARP5 facility adjacent to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza.
- **32H South/Southwyck & 32R UT Health Science Campus/Southwyck** – 6:30 a.m. weekday outbound lineup run changed from "R" to "H," therefore affecting its schedule and routing.
- **34 Detroit/Byrne/Western** – Weekday afternoon run time adjustments: inbound trip from UTHSC begins at 3:05 p.m. instead of 3:10 p.m.; outbound trip from Perry Station leaves at 3:25 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.
- **34H Holland Road/Maumee-Arrowhead** – Timetable adjustments.

Details are provided in updated timetables and maps at TARTA.com, area public library branches, and at 419.243.7433.

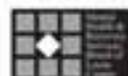


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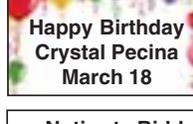
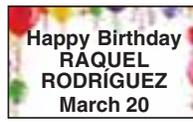
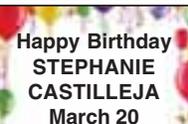
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Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-090, (Project # 0001-12-784) for University Hall Classroom Upgrades - 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Floors for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-384-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Jim Price of Buehrer Group Architect & Engr., Inc. at 419-893-9021. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$245,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$200,000.00 & Electrical: \$45,000.00.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-093, (Project # 1020-12-715) for Parking Garage Repair for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-384-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$50.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Tom Stuckey of Poggemeyer at 419-352-7537. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$440,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$440,000.00.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-094, (Project # 5003-12-1692) for the Health Education Building Interior Entrance & Lecture Halls for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 3:00 p.m., **Wednesday, March 28, 2012 Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 3:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000.** Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Thomas F. Sens of BDHP Architecture at 614-486-1960. **One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 105, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614.** Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$225,000.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$225,000.00.

Notice to Bidders: Inquiry # FY12-091, (Project # 0069-12-783) for Rocket Hall Renovations for the University of Toledo. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations, Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 3:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-384-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$45.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Brent Buehrer of Buehrer Group Architects & Engineers at 419-893-9021. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000, at the University of Toledo, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, Toledo, OH 43606. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 10%. Project Estimate: \$205,025.00; Breakdown: General Const: \$134,525.00 & Electrical: \$70,500.00.

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NOTICE: *William J. Carroll*, chair, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, has called a Meeting of the Board of Directors for **Thursday, March 22, 2012, 8:00 AM** at One Maritime Plaza, 3rd floor conference room, Toledo, Ohio—Angela T. Bailey, Assistant to the President/ CEO & Diversity Coordinator, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.

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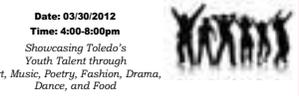


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The Board of Community Relations, A Renewed Mind, City of Toledo Youth Services, and SQ'air would like to invite you to the "Taste of Diversity"

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 Thursday March 29, 2012
 Lorain County Community College
 Spitzer Conference Center
 Room SC107-208
 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Join us in 2012 for a series of interactive programs on the Middle East and how longstanding political, religious and racial tensions shape populations in the United States and not just for Jews and Arabs. March features popular lectures, Mark Strawn Fox of Facing History and Ourselves.

What does it mean to be a member of a "community?" Join Facing History and Ourselves' Cleveland regional staff as we discuss issues of civic participation and responsibility using excerpts of the documentary film "Light in the Darkness: Not in Our Town". The film explores steps taken by a town after anti-immigrant violence devastated the community. The discussion after the film will provide an opportunity for participants to address issues of violence in our own communities.

The Community Anti-hate Taskforce (C.A.T.) is a collaboration between the Elyria and Lorain YWCA, Lorain County Community College, the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office and the Lorain County Sheriff's Department, with the support of the U.S. Attorney (OUSA), the FBI and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.

RSVP Using This Form

Monday March 26, 2012 C.A.T. MEETING: RSVP FORM
 (RSVP is appreciated but not mandatory.)

Organization: _____
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Return this form by Monday March 26, 2012 via postal service 318 West Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035, fax 440-513-4077 attention to Tim W. Glavin, or call 440-513-4208 for reservations. Email: RSVPcorrespondence@toyouthservices.org.

C.A.T. Membership is open to Lorain County citizens from civic, educational, religious, governmental organizations and the general public.

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