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40/40 Awards honor Hispanic Roundtable Alumni Association

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

The Hispanic Roundtable, a Greater Cleveland nonprofit corporation formed to advance Latino causes, took a huge step toward enlisting the help of a new generation of Latino leaders, by hosting its first-ever *Cuarenta/Cuarenta (40/40) Alumni Engagement* event on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at The Iris S. and Bert L. Wolstein Research Building, 2103 Cornell Road, Cleveland.

The event, sponsored by University Hospitals, was an opportunity to encourage past 40/40 honorees to organize as an alumni organization, and to bring together the group for a cultural night of networking, food, and musical entertainment.

"This was an opportunity to bring together our past *Cuarenta/Cuarenta* recipients to continue their leadership in the community as an alumni group, and to honor those members who made outstanding contributions in the areas of Health, Education, Empowerment, and Economic Development," said Magda Gómez, President of Hispanic Community Programs, Hispanic Roundtable.

"The *Cuarenta/Cuarenta* alumni are the best and the brightest of our young people. I have high hopes and great expectations for their future

contributions to the development of our community," said José Feliciano, Sr., a Cleveland attorney and Hispanic Roundtable chairman. "Our event was high-energy and inspiring. I think we will look back on this occasion as a historic event, which established one of the key leadership institutions in our community to chart our future and empower our community."

Nearly 600 Greater Cleveland Latino leaders have been awarded the *Cuarenta/Cuarenta* designation over the years. Each August, *Kaleidoscope Magazine* recognizes 40 Latino-Americans ages 40 and under who are making significant professional contributions in Greater Cleveland. All of them have been invited to join the alumni association, with the hope they will become more actively involved in Latino issues across Northeast Ohio.

"My personal hope is that they will aggressively address the Hispanic agenda developed at *Convención 2013*, sponsored by the Hispanic Roundtable, and endorsed by the whole of the Hispanic community," said Feliciano.

According to Ms. Gómez, nearly 250 people attended the inaugural alumni association event, which also served as an occasion to highlight and recognize a number of key young leaders: Jonathan Rivera (education), Magistrate Judge Pablo Castro (civic empowerment), Luis Cartagena (economic development), and Dr.

Wanda Cruz-Knight (health). Those four areas comprise the *Convención* agenda over the next three years.

Rivera was recognized "for his dedication and support" working with Latino youth in Cleveland's inner city high schools "to ensure their success, including their community involvement."

Castro won "for his commitment to help increase voter registration and civic participation among Hispanics" via his leadership on the Spanish Language Advisory Committee of the board of elections and his involvement in retaining a bilingual ballot in Cuyahoga County.

Cartagena, business advisor for the Minority Business Development Agency Business Center, was lauded for his efforts at strategic planning, managing a Latino portfolio, and where he was responsible for creating more than 75 jobs and more than \$2 million of business value.

Dr. Cruz-Knight received an award "for her commitment to diversity in the medical field" and her contributions to the Hispanic community through research and presentations highlighting specific issues that affect Hispanics individually and family dynamics.

"They have set a very high bar," said Feliciano.



Magda Gómez

The Hispanic Roundtable is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to act as a catalyst to empower the Latino community to become full partners in economic, education, political, civic and social life of Greater Cleveland.

Dr. Cruz-Knight, residency director and associate professor, Dept. of Family Medicine and Community Health, University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, later took to the podium and spoke on the issue of prevention as a key to better health and wellness.

In his welcome remarks, Steven D. Standley, chief administrative officer of University Hospitals, spoke about the interest and action of the hospital system to strengthen the relationship with the Latino community. He told the crowd that "embracing diversity and inclusion efforts are at the core of the mission and long-term vision of University Hospitals."

More photos on page 9.

Cleveland groups spur Latino voter turnout effort

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

Fresh off the May primary, a coalition of Cleveland-area groups will try to enlist the help of other Latino organizations to launch an effort aimed at improving Latino voter turnout in Cuyahoga County during the 2014 election cycle.

"The *'Es Nuestro Turno, It's Our Turn'* outreach project is a continuation of efforts to register Spanish-speaking Latino voters and encourage them to head to the polls. The initiative includes a follow-up effort to see if those voters actually cast ballots in order to measure its success.

"We will continue to work closely with the Spanish Language Advisory Board and look forward to expanding our efforts to educate Hispanic voters and encourage them to take part in elections as voters and poll workers," Pat McDonald, director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections said in a recent press release.

The outreach project is a collaborative effort between

the board of elections bilingual coordinator, other elections agency staff, volunteers from Latino community groups, and faith-based leaders who work within the Hispanic community.

For example, leaders within the faith-based community would recruit a church liaison and provide voter education training to those liaisons, which would, in turn, educate and register members of their congregation. In addition, voters would sign a voter tracking pledge card.

The Spanish Language Advisory Board of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is spearheading the effort. The Latino community has had a long-standing problem of very low turnout in all elections. As a result, Latinos have minimized their influence in choosing their elected officials, especially among the Spanish-speaking community.

Organizers of the "Es Nuestro Turno" (It's Our Turn) initiative are inviting commu-

nity groups and activists to attend an informational meeting on Wed., May 21, 2014, 4 p.m., at *El Barrio! The Center for Families and Children*, 5209 Detroit Ave. in Cleveland. The group is seeking volunteers to help spread the word about the effort. [See article on *El Barrio* on page 16 of *La Prensa's* hardcopy or online at laprensa1.com.]

The board of elections will create a database registry with the pledge cards and the voter registration cards collected. The signed pledge card gives volunteers and board of elections staff permission to call, text, or email Spanish-speaking voters with voting information updates. Voter contact is expected to begin three months before the election with the follow-up phone calls and messages. After the election, voter history informa-



tion would be used to see if they actually voted.

Latino community partners will be asked to assist by scheduling educational classes on the subject of "Why you should vote"; registering voters and collecting pledge cards; motivating voters through personal contact with family and friends; inviting other groups and agencies to participate; and identifying trusted agencies that will provide volunteers to help maintain the voter database and conduct follow-up calls and e-mails to voters who have agreed to be part of the program.

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The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections will continue to make bilingual ballots and all other voting materials available in Spanish and English. A 2010 Federal consent decree between the board of elections and the U.S. Dept. of Justice (DOJ) expired on March 30. The agreement included providing bilingual ballots and other voting materials to Spanish-speaking voters.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections provided a special hotline for Spanish

speaking voters during the May 6 primary. Voting instructions and a large sample ballot were provided in English and Spanish, as well as bilingual poll workers provided in voting precincts with large numbers of Spanish-speaking voters. The board of elections already has committed to continue a Spanish version of its website, Facebook page, and retain the services of its bilingual coordinator. Any new documents created by the board of elections also will be bilingual.

ICE grants six-month reprieve to Ohio mother of three

May 7, 2014: In time for *Mother's Day*, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director *Rebecca Adducci* has granted a six month "stay of removal" to *Maria Esmeralda Comejo*—a 14 year Columbus, Ohio resident and mother of three U.S. citizen children under the age of 10.

Said *Julie Nemecek*, Ms. Esmeralda's attorney, "This is a huge sigh of relief for Esmeralda and her three children. For nearly six months, this family lived in constant fear of being separated from the only country they know, but now they have a little more time to live in peace and without the constant threat of deportation.

"But the battle is not over yet. This six month stay con-

tinues to leave this family in limbo and worried they'll have to fight the same fight all over again in a few months. And, with only six months, Esmeralda may not have time to apply for a work permit, so she can truly provide for her family. We're going to continue to fight tooth and nail until Esmeralda is granted the permanent relief she and her children need."

Patty Kupfer, director of *America's Voice Education Fund*, a national advocacy group who helped with Esmeralda's case, added, "Esmeralda and her family are the perfect example of what is wrong with the Obama Administration's current policies. Is it really a good use of taxpayer dollars to deport a mother and her 3 kids who've lived here, studied here and are productive

members of the community? If ICE really wants to follow its own stated priorities, they should grant Esmeralda more permanent relief and spend their time going after the real criminals."

As this Ohio family continues to fight to stay in the United States, Department of Homeland Security Secretary *Jeh Johnson* is reviewing current deportation processes to examine ways to enforce current law in a more "humane" way.

Given that Esmeralda has no meaningful criminal record and has lived in the United States for 14 years, she'd likely benefit from the outcome of this review. Moreover, Esmeralda would likely qualify for citizenship under the Senate immigration bill supported by the Obama Administration.

Group wants to decriminalize marijuana in Toledo

May 10, 2014 (AP): A petition drive has begun to decriminalize the use of marijuana in Toledo.

Members of Toledo's chapter of *The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)* began collecting signatures on Tuesday to put the measure before voters; they have a store front location at 610 Adams Street in downtown Toledo.

Mary Smith, a spokeswoman for the group, said supporters have collected 2,800 signatures so far and need 3,800 more to get the ordinance on Toledo's November ballot, according to WTOL-TV, (<http://bit.ly/Or8BL1>).

"We're ready now as citizens to have a fresh, mature discussion about the pros and cons of marijuana use and how our laws reflect that," said *Sean Nestor*, who's also with the group.

The measure, known as *The Sensible Marijuana*

Ordinance, would prohibit police from citing or arresting someone for having, selling, or using marijuana. It also would prohibit city prosecutors from trying marijuana cases.

Unlike *Colorado* and *Washington*, where marijuana was recently legalized, the ordinance wouldn't allow for the taxation or regulation of pot.

Supporters say marijuana use is a nonviolent crime and that most people want to use it to relieve medical issues or stress.

Critics say marijuana is a gateway to more serious drugs and that increased access will lead to a spike in youth use.

The drive is separate from a statewide effort to legalize medical marijuana throughout Ohio.

A group called *Ohio Rights Group* is collecting signatures for a proposed constitutional amendment that calls for a commission to regulate the use of medical marijuana and



permit Ohioans to grow industrial hemp for paper or clothing.

Through March 1, the group had collected 50,000 of the needed 385,000 needed to put the measure on November's ballot.

Twenty states and the District of Columbia already have medical marijuana laws.

In 2012, Washington and Colorado passed recreational laws in 2012 to regulate the growth and sale of taxed pot at state-licensed stores. Sales began Jan. 1 in Colorado, and are due to start later this year in Washington.

Information from: WTOL-TV, <http://www.wtol.com>

Letter to the Editor

On May 2, 2014 The A.N.G.E.L.S. Outreach Program held their First Fundraiser @ the Toledo Yacht Club, with Live Wire from Detroit, Michigan. For the last 18 years we have been providing food baskets to needy families during Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

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Supreme Court decision 'not to review' could open door to state immigrant restrictions

By GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb., May 5, 2014 (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court's decision *not* to review a U.S. city's ordinance that bans renting homes to immigrants living in the country without documentation could open the door to similar state laws elsewhere, supporters said Monday, though they're likely to encounter fresh legal challenges.

Attorney Kris Kobach, who defended the ordinance, said Monday's decision gives a "bright green light" for other cities within the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals that want to adopt such laws. The circuit includes Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and the Dakotas.

Still, any city that chooses to adopt such an ordinance would almost certainly face a costly legal fight from advocacy groups that are working to stop them. Earlier this year, the justices declined attempts by two other towns—in Pennsylvania and Texas—to revive similar laws that had been struck down by lower courts. But unlike the Pennsylvania and Texas ordinances, the Fremont rules do not impose penalties on immigrants.

The Fremont ordinance requires renters to get a \$5 permit and swear that they have legal permission to live in the United States. First approved in 2010, the ordinance has survived several legal challenges and an attempt to repeal it at the ballot box in February.

The high court on Monday let stand an appeals court ruling that found the ordinance does not discriminate against Latinos or interfere with federal immigration laws.

"This is a final and complete victory for Fremont," said Kobach, who serves as Kansas' secretary of state. "It is beyond question that every city in the 8th Circuit has the ability to adopt the Fremont ordinance, word for word."

But Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDF), said Fremont could still face challenges to its ordinance. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Nebraska has said it will keep close tabs on the city and will consider a new lawsuit if tenants report discrimination. The federal appeals panel that upheld the ordinance in June left an opening for future lawsuits if people can show the rules have resulted in discrimination.

"These laws are ugly, unproductive and inconsistent with our national values," Saenz said. "There has to be a very serious opposition to these kinds of laws, because they're anti-business and anti-human rights."

The number of Latinos in Fremont jumped from 165 in 1990 to 1,085 in 2000 and 3,149 in 2010, mostly because of jobs at the nearby Hormel and Fremont Beef plants. However, supporters of the measure

insist it does not target Latinos.

Fremont Police Chief Jeff Elliott said 140 people have applied for licenses since the city began enforcing the ordinance on April 10. "It's lower than what we had expected at this point," Elliott said.

Fremont resident Virginia Meyer, who helped organize the unsuccessful repeal effort, said the ordinance has proven divisive and painted the city in a negative light. When she heard the news Monday, Meyer said she was torn between disappointment that the ordinance would stand and relief that the bitter legal fight might soon end and allow the town to heal.

"I've seen firsthand what this ordinance has done to Fremont," she said. "It seems to have distracted our town from working on other things that are really important. I wouldn't want to see this happening in other communities."

The Supreme Court has held since 2012 that immigration issues are largely a matter for federal agencies, not local governments, to regulate.

Creighton University professor David Weber, an immigration law expert who has followed the Fremont case, said it's possible the court passed on it because it didn't feel the issue was ripe for review. But he said the court might decide to address the issue later if copycats start to emerge.

Fallo pudiera impulsar leyes contra inmigrantes

Por GRANT SCHULTE, Associated Press

LINCOLN, Nebraska, 5 de mayo del 2014 (AP): La decisión de la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos de no revisar una ordenanza municipal de una ciudad de Nebraska que prohíbe alquilar viviendas a inmigrantes que viven ilegalmente en el país pudiera abrir la puerta a ordenanzas similares en otras partes, dijeron el lunes partidarios de la norma, aunque quizá encaren impugnaciones en los tribunales.

El abogado Kris Kobach, quien defendió la ordenanza, dijo que la decisión del lunes da una "luz verde brillante" a otras ciudades dentro del territorio que cubre el Tribunal Federal de Apelaciones del 8vo Circuito que deseen aprobar tales leyes. El circuito incluye a Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska y las Dakotas.

Sin embargo, cualquier gobierno municipal que decida aprobar tal ordenanza ciertamente enfrentará una costosa batalla legal con grupos que trabajan para impedirlo. Anteriormente este año,

los magistrados declinaron intentos de otros dos gobiernos municipales en Pennsylvania y Texas para revivir leyes similares anuladas por tribunales inferiores. Pero a diferencia de las ordenanzas en Pennsylvania y Texas, la regla de Fremont no castiga a los inmigrantes.

La ordenanza de Fremont exige que los que deseen alquilar una vivienda compren un permiso que vale 5 dólares y juren que tienen permiso para vivir con autorización en Estados Unidos. Aprobada en 2010, la ordenanza ha sobrevivido varias impugnaciones en los tribunales y un intento de anulación en elecciones en febrero.

El alto tribunal no modificó el lunes el fallo de una corte de apelaciones que determinó que la ordenanza no discrimina a los hispanos ni interfiere en las leyes federales de inmigración.

"Esta es una victoria total y definitiva para Fremont", dijo Kobach, secretario de Estado de Kansas. "No queda duda que todas las ciudades dentro del 8vo Circuito tienen la capacidad de aprobar la ordenanza de Fremont palabra por palabra".

Pero Thomas Saenz,

presidente y asesor jurídico del Fondo Mexicano Estadounidense para la Defensa Legal y la Educación (MALDEF), dijo que Fremont aún puede enfrentar impugnaciones a su ordenanza.

La organización de derechos civiles ACLU de Nebraska ha dicho que seguirá de cerca lo que sucede en Fremont y que estudiará presentar una nueva demanda si los inquilinos denuncian discriminación. El tribunal federal de apelaciones que ratificó la ordenanza en junio dejó la puerta abierta a demandas en el futuro si la gente puede demostrar que las normas han llevado a discriminación.

"Estas leyes son horribles, improductivas y no se apegan a nuestros valores nacionales", dijo Saenz. "Tiene que haber una fuerte oposición a estas clases de leyes porque van contra los negocios y contra los derechos humanos".

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Year-round farm market to open in Ann Arbor

By LIZZY ALFS, *The Ann Arbor News*

ANN ARBOR (AP): Husband and wife Bill Brinkerhoff and Kathy Sample have a mission: to help grow the Ann Arbor's local food ecosystem.

Inspired by a similar concept in Wooster, Ohio, Brinkerhoff and Sample, along with Scott Fleck, have signed a lease to open a year-round farm market at a former gas station site on the west edge of downtown Ann Arbor, according to The Ann Arbor News (<http://bit.ly/lmdDn8n>).

They plan to open the Argus Farm Stop in August of 2014.

"It's an everyday farmers market where farmers don't have to be there and there is a single point of checkout," Brinkerhoff said.

"There are a lot of people who want to prioritize locally and invest their food dollars in local producers and know exactly where their food is coming from. That segment of the population is really what we're focusing on," he added.

It's a concept that Brinkerhoff, Sample and Fleck feel passionately about; supporting local food producers helps drive the economy and there is a growing interest in connecting producers directly with consumers.

The number of farmers markets in the country has grown from 5,000 in 2008, to 8,144 in 2013, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Michigan had 331 farmers markets in 2013.

Ann Arbor's Argus Farm Stop is a slightly different model; the market would have employees, including Ann Arbor residents Brinkerhoff and Sample, and farmers would drop off their products about once a week. Each producer would have a designated area within the shop, with signage and information.

There would be a single point of checkout, so farmers don't need to be present at the market to sell products. Argus will pay producers twice per month at a rate of 80 percent of the sales revenue for products.

"Our social mission and our interest is to provide an attractive outlet for producers where they can keep more of that margin," Brinkerhoff said.

Fleck added: "We're going to do some signage, with a bio of the farmer and where the product comes from. That's how we bridge that connection between the producer and

the buyer." Once a gas station and most recently a medical marijuana dispensary, the 1,300-square-foot building is in need of repairs before Argus Farm Stop's slated opening in August.

Local developer Alex de Parry purchased the site in fall 2013, and has been cleaning out the building before he turns it over to Argus Farm Stop. The architect for the market is Cornerstone Design's Richard Henes.

The property is on the west edge of Ann Arbor's Downtown Development Authority's boundaries, and it has a D2 zoning designation.

"It's an everyday farmers market where farmers don't have to be there and there is a single point of checkout," De Parry said he received various inquiries from people interested in the property. He liked the idea of Argus Farm Stop, because he said it would complement the seven-unit condominium project he plans to build across the street.

"We figured it's a great addition to the Old West Side. (There's) nothing like having a market right across the street from the condos. It's a win-win for everybody," he said.

Argus Farm Stop adds to an influx of activity occurring on West Liberty Street. Along with De Parry's condominium project, the former Moveable Feast building is being renovated for a tech company and rentable office spaces, and a locally owned ice cream shop is preparing to open.

Brinkerhoff said they liked the location on West Liberty Street because the west side of Ann Arbor is highly populated with people who are passionate about local food. The name Argus Farm Stop represents the former Argus Camera Company in the Old West Side, where Brinkerhoff's father once worked.

Opening Argus Farm Stop is a career change for Brinkerhoff and Sample; the couple wanted to take on a venture together now that their kids are older, and they've always had a passion for local food.

"A big part of our family is the importance of food and local food; whenever we travel we go to farmers markets," Brinkerhoff said.

Argus Farm Stop will have about 30 producers represented in the market. There will be produce, dairy products, meats, grocery items and artisanal foods. The store will have a refrigerated and frozen section.

The market will also have a cafe with a local coffee roaster. The specific coffee shop tenant has not yet been determined.

There will be a roll-up garage door and some display stands will spill out into the parking lot when the weather is warm. There will be seating and plants to create an environment where people want to hang out.

"We're hoping it's really lush with lots of plants and picnic tables, and really an attractive place for both the consumer and for the farmers to come and drop off their stuff and hang out and chat with us," Sample said.

Argus Farm Stop will be located about a half mile from the Ann Arbor Farmers Market in Kerrytown. Sarah Dewitt, manager of the Ann Arbor Farmers Market, said Argus Farm Stop will complement the farmers market since it will be open daily.

"I see it as being a complementary effort to what we do at the farmers market. I really believe my job and our role here at the market is to support our vendors and to support local farms in having outlets to make a living selling produce to our community," Dewitt said.

She added: "It also offers our vendors an outlet for sales that doesn't necessarily require them to be there all day. They have to spend some time on the farm. It's another way for them to continue to make revenue." The goal is to open Argus Farm Stop in August once building renovations are completed.

Information from: *The Ann Arbor News*, <http://www.mlive.com/ann-arbor>

Henry Ford College offers motorcycle classes for basic riders

Dearborn, May 8, 2014: Henry Ford College will offer motorcycle classes for Basic Riders and Returning Basic Riders during the weekends, starting Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 10, respectively. The classes will meet in the Community Room of the Welcome Center on the main campus.

The Basic Rider class is for students who have nominal experience riding a motorcycle. Throughout the 16 hours of class (four hours in the classroom and 12 hours on the range), students will learn the following basic riding skills: turning, shifting and braking.

Motorcycles for the Basic Rider class will be available. Students who successfully complete this course may waive the Secretary of State riding skills test. This class takes place on Friday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the following dates:

- Friday, May 16; Saturday, May 17; Sunday, May 18;
- Friday, May 30; Saturday, May 31; Sunday, June 1;
- Friday, June 6; Saturday, June 7; Sunday, June 8;
- Friday, July 11; Saturday, July 12; Sunday, July 13; and
- Friday, July 18; Saturday, July 19; Sunday, July 20.

The Returning Basic Rider class is targeted at unlicensed but experienced riders and licensed riders who desire a skills refresher. In this class, students will learn the following skills: braking, counter steering, turning, speed judgment and other essential safety techniques.

For the Returning Basic Rider class, students must bring their own motorcycle or scooter. No sharing is permitted. Each motorcycle must be titled, registered and display a valid license plate. Proof of insurance must be provided and the bike must pass a safety inspection. Students who successfully complete the course may waive the Secretary of State riding skills test.

This class takes place on the following date:

- Saturday, May 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For both classes, students must bring the following to all classes:

- A helmet approved by the Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT);
- A long-sleeve jacket or a long-sleeve heavy shirt;
- Heavy-duty long pants;
- Eye protection – glasses or goggles (required even with a helmet with a face-shield);
- Full-fingered gloves;
- Rain and cold weather gear (as needed);
- Appropriate footwear. Ankles must be covered and the boot must have a hard sole – sandals/open-toed shoes, high heels, or high-top tennis shoes are NOT permitted; and
- Writing utensil and notebook.

To register for either motorcycle riding class, students should visit www.hfcc.edu and in the bottom left corner of page under Quick Links, click on WebAdvisor. From there, click "Workforce & Professional Dev. (Non-Credit)." Then click "Register and Pay for Continuing Education Classes."

Students can also register in person by visiting Building A of the M-TEC Building, located at 3601 Schaefer Road in Dearborn. Students can pay using cash (exact amount), money order, or major credit card. No checks accepted.

The cost for each class is \$25. Please note that these classes are non-refundable and non-transferable. For further information, contact M-TEC at 313.317.6600 or mtcc@hfcc.edu.

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Chicano art, history classes to be offered

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

The Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center (SQACC) will host a series of Chicano art and history classes to be held throughout 2014. "Homerto Homeboy" involves four, free series of classes and workshops aimed at relating culture and history to modern-day society for Latino residents and community organizations.

"This is something you don't want to miss," said Arturo Quintero, SQACC board president. "This is going to give you a great perspective of a Mexican-American's view of being Latino in the U.S."

The first set is a summer series focusing on Chicano/Latino history and culture, starting Sat., May 30, 10 a.m. to noon, meeting weekly until the end of July. The courses will begin with prehistoric Mesoamerica approximately 20,000 years ago and running through present-day life for Latinos in the United States.

A second, two-month series of courses will start in mid-August focusing on an overview of Latino literature, in general, with an emphasis on the works of Chicano/Mexicano writers. Instruction

will begin with the oral traditions and written work of indigenous peoples—Olmec, Mexica-Aztecs, and Mayans—to Chicano/Mexicano contemporary thought and writing.

A third, fall series of creative writing workshops will start Oct. 25. The weekly classes will emphasize poetry and creative non-fiction for Latinos who have never written a formal work, but have dreamed of tapping into their inner poet. The classes also are meant for intermediate writers.

A fourth series, a barrio arts program, is planned for dates yet to be determined. Those classes will focus on the history and socio-economic, political, religious and cultural meaning of Chicano/Mexicano/Latino art in the Americas. The series will cover all genres, from prehistoric Mesoamerica, the Mexican Revolution [starting in 1910], Chicano Liberation struggles—even the hop-hop, tagging, and graffiti of today's inner-city culture. Murals and other forms expressing resistance will be studied.

The courses will be led by retired professor and college administrator Dr. Manuel Caro.

"He, first of all, brings academia, which is where he

comes from. He brings a hands-on knowledge of our community, because this is where he grew up," explained Quintero. "He also brings his experience in the Marine Corps during Vietnam. Those all tie in together very nicely. This is a passion for him."

The SQACC board president explained that Dr. Caro has put his own time, effort, and expense into the project during his retirement, preparing the series of courses for nearly a year. To sign up for the free courses, those interested are asked to call SQACC at 419.241.1655.

"This says there is a lot of talent in the community willing to step up, like Dr. Caro has done. Hopefully we'll see more people coming forward to the center," said Quintero.

The SQACC board presi-



Dr. Manuel Caro

Toledo Chamber president to retire; successor named

May 5, 2014: After 23 years of service to the Toledo business community, and 40 years as a Chamber Executive, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce President Mark A. V'Soske, CAE has announced that he will retire on December 31, 2014. The Chamber's Board of Trustees have selected current Chamber Executive Vice President Wendy Gramza, CCE as the organization's next president, a role that she will assume July 1, 2014. During the transition period, Mr. V'Soske will continue to serve the organization as President of the Toledo Chamber Foundation.

According to Stacy Hamer, Chamber Board of Trustees Chairman for 2014, "The

board has put in place a plan that will maintain and build upon the strong foundation set for the organization through Mark V'Soske's leadership over the past two decades.

Wendy Gramza's long time service to the Chamber, her understanding of the issues facing businesses locally, and her drive to improve both the organization and the business community as a whole are why the board was confident in its choice to name her as the Toledo Chamber's next president."

For more information on the Toledo Chamber's leadership transition, please contact Christine Bailey, Communications Manager at 419-243-8191.

Ohio's casinos see revenue decrease during April

COLUMBUS, May 7, 2014 (AP): Revenue figures show profits at Ohio's four casinos took a dip in April.

The numbers released Wednesday show April revenues for each casino were down from March and compared with the same month last year.

Cincinnati's April revenues had the steepest drop, falling by 17 percent from March to \$16.7 million in April.

The casino in Columbus saw a 16 percent drop from March, to \$17.4 mil-

lion last month. The Cleveland casino's revenue dropped by 11.5 percent, to \$18.8 million.

Toledo's casino had the smallest decrease in April revenues from the previous month, dipping to \$16.1 million. That's a 7.5 percent decrease.

Each casino's April revenues were down between 2 and 6 percent from last April's numbers.

All four casinos had seen big revenue jumps in March following winter slumps.

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OBITUARIES

ERLINDA RAMOS

Erlinda L. Ramos, age 79, passed away peacefully at her home Wednesday afternoon, May 8, 2014. She was born in New Braunsfels, TX on January 3, 1935, to the late Juventino López and Juanita (née Fonseca) López. Erlinda was a member of St. Caspar Catholic Church. A few of her hobbies included traveling, especially to Las Vegas, where she enjoyed visiting the casinos and gambling with family and friends. Erlinda was a homemaker throughout her life and nothing was more special to her than her family, which she enjoyed dearly.

On March 18, 1961, Erlinda married José R. Ramos Sr., who survives and together had 5 children: Guadalupe Hovis, Joe (Gail) Ramos, John Ramos, Ronald (Heather) Ramos, and Sally Lou Urbina.

Also surviving are her siblings, Jessie (Olivia) López, Mary Serna, Juventino (Lilly) López Jr., Millie Cook, Maggie (Larry) Barrett, and John López; 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Preceding Erlinda in death was her brother Celestino López; sister, Eloisa Alvarado, and daughter, Sally Lou Urbina.

RAMONA TRUJILLO

Ramona Trujillo (née Del Rio), 77, of Toledo, OH passed away Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. Ramona was born in Laredo, TX to José and Amada Del Rio on February 12, 1937. She grew up in Erie, MI and attended Monroe High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Toledo and served in the U.S. Peace Corp in Guatemala. She worked for the Lucas County Children Services Board 17 years and retired from Toledo Public Schools (Woodward HS) as a Spanish teacher.

Throughout her life, Ramona, maintained a strong connection to the local community teaching ESL, GED, driver's ed. and helped many residents prepare for U.S. Citizenship exams. She also served as a translator and volunteered for many local organizations including: Adelante, Inc., FLOC, The International Institute, and the former Guadalupe Center. She received a Diamante Award in 2009 for philanthropic efforts in the Latino community. Her favorite pass times were reading, sewing, doing crossword puzzles, and listening to Tejano/Mexican music.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jesús Arturo Trujillo; daughter Amada Mónica Esquivel (Edwardo); three grandchildren Melina, Liliana, and Victor Esquivel; sisters Alicia Kharsa, Mary Ortiz, Enedina Del Rio and Betty Rose Lucio (deceased); brothers Vicente José Del Rio and James Del Rio (deceased); and many adoring nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

US Latinos less Catholic, more polarized on faith

By RACHEL ZOLL, AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK, May 7, 2014 (AP) — Latinos in the United States are abandoning the Roman Catholicism of their childhood in increasing numbers to become evangelical Protestants or leave organized religion altogether, according to a new survey released Wednesday.

Only 55 percent of the nation's Latinos consider themselves Catholic, a 12 percentage point drop since 2010. Of those who remain in the church, slightly more said they could imagine leaving than they have in previous years. At the same time, the share of Hispanic evangelicals rose from 12 percent to 16 percent, while Latinos with no religious affiliation increased from 10 percent to 18 percent.

The Pew Research Center report, "The Shifting Religious Identity of Latinos in the United States," is based on a 2013 survey of more than 5,100 adults and points to the challenges ahead for the U.S. church, whose fortunes are inextricably linked to the growth of the Hispanic population.

The Catholic Church remains the country's largest denomination by far, with more than 66 million members, but has been steadily losing non-immigrant parishioners. In a previous analysis, Pew found former U.S. Catholics collectively would be the third-largest faith group behind Catholics and Baptists.

Hispanics are still expected to become a majority within the U.S. church in the coming years given the overall increase in the general Latino population. Already, one-third

of U.S. Catholic adults are Latino, Pew researchers said. But Catholic leaders have been struggling to hold onto new immigrants given the shortage of priests and the competitive religious marketplace in the U.S. Nearly every American faith tradition has intensified its outreach to Latinos in recent decades.

Pew found no single reason for the changing Latino religious landscape.

Respondents most commonly said they gradually drifted away from the faith of their childhood or stopped believing the teachings. About 30 percent said they found another congregation that helps its members more. Others said they had a personal spiritual crisis or left for family reasons. While a large percentage of Latinos overall said the church should do more to address the clergy sex abuse scandal, only a tiny percentage cited the crisis as a reason they left.

The changes partly reflect religious trends in Latin America, which has also seen a steady decline in Catholics as the ranks of evangelicals and nonbelievers have grown.

Concern about the region's losses is believed to have been a factor in the election of Pope Francis, an Argentine and the first pontiff from the Southern Hemisphere. Pew found about half of U.S. Latinos who left Catholicism did so before they arrived in this country.

However, U.S. religious life has also been an influence. The share of Americans overall who say they have no religion, or "nones," has increased to about 20 percent in recent years. The trend is more pronounced among young people. Pew researchers found similar patterns among U.S. Latinos. Most of those ages 18 to 29 who left Catholicism now say they belong to no particular religious group. Hispanics ages 30 to 49 moved toward both evangelical Protestantism and no religion.

Some Latinos who became Protestants have joined mainline churches in the U.S., but most Hispanic Protestants are evangelical. Of those born-again Christians, most belong to Pentecostal groups, known for their spirit-filled worship and belief in divine healing. Overall, 22 percent of U.S.

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Latinos are Protestant. Regarding political affiliation, Latinos overall favor Democrats over Republicans, but support for Republicans is higher among evangelicals. Three in 10 evangelical Hispanics lean Republican, compared to 21 percent of Hispanic Catholics and 16 percent of the religiously unaffiliated.

Mark M. Gray, with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, said the decline is a concern, but the movement of Latinos among religious groups is more complex and less alarming to Catholics than it appears.

Amid all the religious switching by Americans, the Catholic Church overall has a higher retention rate than any single Protestant denomination, he said. He also pointed out that Catholic losses are so

much higher than other U.S. faith groups because the denomination is so much bigger than any other. Gray noted, however, that the U.S. Latino population has grown the most in areas where the church has fewer resources, in the South and West, instead of the older Catholic population centers of the Northeast and Midwest.

"More investment needs to be made toward Hispanic ministry," Gray said. "But the church doesn't really always recognize population growth where it's occurring very quickly and it's difficult to respond to it."

The Pew survey was conducted from May 24-July 28 of last year and has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.1 percentage points.

On the Internet: Link to Pew report: <http://goo.gl/noJSMp>

Feds' investigation includes Michigan district

KENTWOOD, May 8, 2014 (AP) — A western Michigan school district is among more than a dozen being investigated by federal education officials for possible violations of a requirement to enroll children brought into the U.S. illegally.

The Kentwood Public Schools near Grand Rapids was one of 14 individual schools or districts nationwide that the Education Department said Thursday was

being investigated stemming from complaints.

The Associated Press left a message after business hours Thursday with the Kentwood superintendent's office. The district says on its website that it has about 8,500 students in 16 buildings.

Children brought into the U.S. without documentation are guaranteed the right to a K-12 education under the 1982 Supreme Court decision *Plyler v. Doe*.

Immigration: US warns schools against bias

By KIMBERLY HEFLING, AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON, DC, May 8, 2014 (AP) — Despite a 32-year-old court ruling, school districts continue to raise barriers to enrollment for children brought into the U.S. without documentation, the Obama administration said Thursday, characterizing reports of hindrances as troubling.

The Justice Department (DOJ) and Education Department issued new guidance reminding schools and districts they have a legal obligation to enroll every student regardless of immigration status. The guidance says schools should be flexible in deciding which documents they will accept to prove a student's age or residency.

The guidance also reminds them not to ask about a student's immigration status or require documents such as a driver's license, if that would prevent a student from enrolling because of a parent's immigration status.

The Education Department said it is investigating 14 schools or districts for possible violations since 2011. They are in: Arizona, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, North

Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Virginia. There were four complaints against Kansas City, Kansas, Unified School District 500.

Education Secretary Arne Duncan said that in some instances, school leaders have inappropriately required information such as a child's visa status or date of entry into the United States.

Justice Department officials said they also have taken action, sometimes collaboratively with the Education Department and sometimes working separately. The Justice Department has entered into settlement agreements with school districts in states such as Georgia, Florida, and Virginia. And it said that after it contacted officials in Alabama, the state education department sent guidance to districts spelling out that they may not bar or discourage students from enrollment because they lack a Social Security number or birth certificate or because their parents don't have an Alabama driver's license.

In a settlement with the district in Palm Beach County, Florida, the district agreed to provide translation help during enrollment and to permit homeless students who lack documentation to

enroll.

In Henry County, Georgia, as part of a separate settlement, the district agreed to ensure that a parent's decision to withhold a child's Social Security number will not keep the child from enrolling.

J.D. Hardin, a spokesman for Henry County schools, said students never were barred from classes in the district, located about 20 minutes south of metro Atlanta. District officials believed they could start to withdraw a child under Georgia's enrollment rules if a parent didn't provide a Social Security number or fill out a waiver within 30 days after the student began classes, he said.

Since the settlement, students stay in class, Hardin said.

Matt Cardoza, a spokesman for Georgia's Education Department, said the state worked with federal officials while updating enrollment requirements in 2011. Cardoza said state education staff will follow up on any complaints they receive about enrollment problems.

Officials from the U.S. Education and Justice departments said they have found that states and districts are willing to work with the

federal government on the issue.

"It's a tribute to educators around the country that they recognize how important it is for kids to be able to attend school and are willing to take the steps necessary to ensure they aren't even inadvertently chilling students' willingness or families' willingness to attend them," said Jocelyn Samuels, acting assistant attorney general for civil rights in the Justice Department.

Attorney General Eric Holder told reporters his department "will do everything it can to make sure schools meet this obligation."

Children brought into the U.S. without documentation are guaranteed the right to a K-12 education under the 1982 Supreme Court decision *Plyler v. Doe*.

Noelle M. Ellerson, associate executive director for policy and advocacy at AASA: The School Superintendents Association, said in an email that the association appreciates the additional clarification.

Associated Press writer Kathleen Foody in Atlanta contributed to this report.

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COMMUNITY SHRED DAY: The Friends of the Lorain Public Library, Inc. are sponsoring a free community shred day in Lorain Public Library System Main Library's parking lot on Saturday, May 24 from 9 a.m. till noon. Personal documents, confidential papers, etc. will be shred on-site for you at no charge. Only paper is to be brought for shredding. Do not include hard covers such as three-ring binders. Please remove paper clips and rubber bands. More information is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1192 or 1-800-322-READ, ext. 450.

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CPL kicks off summer reading club; registration now open

May 5, 2014: Summer break for children means many things—trips to the local pool, playing outside with friends, summer sports, and family vacations. Summer break can also mean the "summer setback," as children can lose up to two months of reading achievement when school is not in session.

To combat the summer setback, *Cleveland Public Library (CPL)* is encouraging children to make reading a part of their summer rituals by registering for CPL's *Summer Reading Club*.

"Summer reading is a crucial tool to combat against the summer setback, and our dedicated staff will be in the local schools signing up children before summer break begins" said *Felton Thomas*, Director of CPL. "By making the summer reading club fun and full of activities and opportunities to win prizes, CPL encourages children to make reading a regular part

of their day, keep their reading levels strong, and prepare them for the next school year."

The 2014 Summer Reading Club encourages young readers to use their sleuthing skills with "Get a Clue: Read!" exercises. In addition to basic reading, other activities offer opportunities for creativity, engagement, and fun. For example, summer readers can win prizes by visiting their local library branch and solving weekly "mysteries."

After reading 10 books and completing 10 activities, participants will receive a voucher for four free tickets to the *Cleveland Metroparks Zoo* on August 9th, and be entered into the Mystery Grand Prize drawing.

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<p>What can your non-profit NOT do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Lose the Latino vote → Pass on the opportunity to get trained and engage our Latino community → Keep our Latinos uneducated about the voting system → Give up on our rights 	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>El Barrio/The Centers™ Gordon Square Campus 3209 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, 44102</p> <p>WHEN: 5/21/14 4:00 pm—5:30 pm</p> <p>Board Room</p> <p>Presented by the Spanish Language Advisory Board & Community Representatives</p> </div>	

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Toledo Community Foundation awards nearly \$370,000 in grants from the ProMedica Advocacy Fund

May 13, 2014: The Board of Trustees of Toledo Community Foundation, Inc., in conjunction with the Advocacy Committee of ProMedica, recently approved grants totaling \$369,390 from the ProMedica Advocacy Fund to 21 area nonprofit organizations.

ProMedica created a donor advised fund, the ProMedica Advocacy Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation, to be used for charitable purposes. A request for proposals was offered to nonprofit organizations located in and providing services for residents of ProMedica's 27-county service area whose programs provide food, clothing and shelter services that support the health and well-being of individuals and/or families.

The following grants have been awarded to support these organizations' programs:

- **Associated Charities of Lenawee County** – to support the holiday food distribution program in Lenawee County.
- **Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo** – in support of Eliminating Barriers to Permanent Housing for Homeless Families, a joint effort between La Posada, Aurora Project, Bethany House and Family House, to remove obstacles for those transitioning from shelters to permanent housing.
- **Catholic Club** – in support of a kitchen upgrade to prepare healthy food for children and families receiving child care and other services.

- **Children's Hunger Alliance** – to support the after school meal program for children in the Lucas County area.
- **Diocese of Toledo-Padua Center** – in support of the Ujima Urban Agriculture project, which will provide fresh produce and educational opportunities to adults and youth in central city Toledo.
- **FOCUS** – to obtain basic home furnishings for families transitioning to stable housing.
- **Grace Presbyterian Church** – for community gardens and enrichment activities for youth in central city Toledo.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Lenawee County** – in support of Together ReBuilding Lenawee, which will provide home renovations for low income families and vocational training opportunities for youth.
- **Habitat for Humanity - Maumee Valley** – in support of affordable housing and home repairs to low income families.
- **Lenawee Community Foundation** – to support a weekend food distribution program for children in the Lenawee County area.
- **Liberty Center of Sandusky County** – in support of the Healthy Meals Program.
- **Mobile Meals of Toledo, Inc.** – to provide nutritious meals and snacks to children over the weekends.
- **Monroe County Opportunity Program** – to support the children's summer food program and emergency assistance services.

- **Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center** – to provide capital support to La Cocina de Nana, a multi-purpose community kitchen installation at the Center.
- **Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Ohio, Inc.** – in support of healthy food for the meal program of Safe Harbor, a homeless and runaway youth shelter located in Lima, Ohio.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Wendelin Conference, Inc.** – to support the basic needs assistance program serving individuals and families in the Fostoria area.
- **Sunshine Foundation, Inc.** – to support renovations of the organization's main residential facility and family care homes, which provide housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- **Sylvania Area Family Services, Inc.** – in support of the Weekend Backpack Program, which provides low income children attending Sylvania Elementary School with nutritious weekend meals.
- **United Way of Defiance County** – to support the Backpack Buddy Program, which provides nutritious weekend meals for low income children in the Defiance area.
- **United Way of Hancock County** – to support the purchase of a box truck to transport food to organizations providing meals to residents of Hancock County through the Halt Hunger Initiative.

- **YMCA of Greater Toledo** – to support educational enrichment activities for children at summer meal sites in the community.

"As a not-for-profit, mission-driven healthcare system, it is imperative that we collaborate with our community partners to help address the social determinants of health. We believe that the programs these partners provide are truly prevention and, in keeping with our mission, will improve the health and well-being of those we serve," states Randy Oostr, DM, FACHE, president and chief executive officer, ProMedica.

Toledo Community Foundation, Inc. is a public charitable organization created to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in the Toledo area. In existence since 1973, the Foundation has more than 650 funds with assets of approximately \$200 million. The Foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses, and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs.

For more information about Toledo Community Foundation, visit www.toledocf.org or follow it on Facebook.

Roberto Torres was the keynote speaker.



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The University of Toledo's Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success hosted its 2014 Spring Latino Graduation Recognition Ceremony and Dinner at the Student Union on May 2th. According to Cecelia Rivera of the UT Latino Alumni Association, the following students were recognized: Charlye López (BS, Criminal Justice), Maricruz Yessica Vielma (Bachelor of Communication), Sirena Elena Serratos (Bachelor of Arts), Gabrielle Monique López (Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology), Britney Kay Rodríguez (Bachelor of Business Administration), Carolyn Guzmán Fitzenreiter (Masters of Public Administration), María G. Suárez Lemmo (Masters of General Engineering), Skylar House (Bachelor of Women and Gender Studies), Stephanie M. Angel (Bachelor of Biology), Elijah Jones (Masters of Social Work), Edmida D. Hintz (Masters of Special Education), and Crystal Esquin (Bachelor of Communication).



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The Hispanic Roundtable hosted its Cuarenta/Cuarenta (40/40) Alumni Engagement event at The Iris S. and Bert L. Wolstein Research Building in Cleveland on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.



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Feds: California's immigrant license needs tweaks

By AMY TAXIN, Associated Press

SANTA ANA, California, May 6, 2014 (AP) — The proposed design for a California driver's license for immigrants in the country without documentation doesn't meet national security standards, the Department of Homeland Security said.

In a letter, Homeland Security officials told California's Department of Motor Vehicles that the license would need to state on its face that it cannot be used as federal identification and should contain a unique design or color.

Otherwise, it would not meet requirements under the REAL ID Act, a federal law passed to create national identification standards after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. David Heyman, assistant secretary for policy, and Philip McNamara, assistant secretary for intergovernmental affairs, wrote in the letter obtained by The Associated Press.

While the federal government wants the new license to contain a marker easily recognizable by agents checking for identification at federal buildings or airports for security reasons, immigrant advocates in California have pushed for the licenses to be as simi-

lar as possible to those carried by others to avoid inviting discrimination.

Armando Botello, a DMV spokesman, declined to say whether the state would change how the new license would look. He said the state will still aim to issue the document by January 2015.

"While we are disappointed by this ruling, the DMV will continue to work vigorously with lawmakers, affected communities and federal officials to design a license that complies with federal law," Botello said in a statement Tuesday.

California is one of nearly a dozen states that have enacted laws to issue licenses for immigrants in the country without documentation. California passed its law last year and has been striving to make the new license an example for other states to follow.

In California, the proposed licenses would largely look the same as the state's other licenses but contain different lettering on the front and a notice that the card can't be used as federal identification on the back.

DMV Director Jean Shiomoto wrote Homeland Security last month seeking approval of the design, saying the agency believed it would meet federal standards.

Like many other states, California has been working to comply with the REAL ID Act. Some states have already complied; others have been deemed noncompliant. Federal officials plan to start enforcing the law in phases, restricting acceptance of identification cards from states that fail to meet the standards for entry to federal facilities and eventually, to board an airplane.

Tanya Broder, a senior attorney at the National Immigration Law Center, said the licenses issued by other states for immigrant drivers have more distinctive markers than California's proposed design. She said the state can decide not to comply with the federal law and see if authorities will change their mind, or make tweaks to satisfy them.

Some immigrant advocates are resisting the idea of redesigning the license. Jorge-Mario Cabrera, a spokesman for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, said advocates already rejected a proposal to create a more distinct license during last year's debate on the law.

"Right now, we're not willing to accept any changes," he said.

United States to let some high-skilled immigrant spouses work

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, May 6, 2014 (AP) — The Obama administration wants to allow some spouses of high-skilled immigrants to work in the United States, the departments of Homeland Security and Commerce announced Tuesday.

The rule change, which is set to be published in the Federal Register later this week, would affect spouses of as many as 100,000 holders of H-1B high-skilled visas.

"The proposals announced today will encourage highly skilled, specially trained individuals to remain in the United States and continue to sup-

port U.S. businesses and the growth of the U.S. economy," said Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker said the rule change would help the U.S. attract and keep "world-class talent" working in the United States.

The new rule is the latest in a series of administrative actions President Barack Obama has announced as efforts to win broad immigration reform in Congress have failed.

Immigration advocates have been pushing Obama to make substantive changes to immigration laws, including halting all deportations

until and unless Congress acts on a comprehensive immigration bill. The rule proposed Tuesday would not impact deportations, but could at least partially satisfy requests from the tech industry for the government to make it easier to attract and keep foreign workers trained in science, technology, engineering and math.

The H-1B visas for high-skilled workers are among the most sought-after by high-tech firms. Earlier this year the 85,000 H-1B visas available for 2015 were gobbled up in just a week. The same thing happened last year.



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Eva Longoria, key Democrat partner for Latinos

By PHILIP ELLIOTT, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, May 5, 2014 (AP) — Actress and activist Eva Longoria and the Democratic National Committee's finance chief on Monday announced an effort to raise millions for Latino candidates, lamenting that this group's growth has not been matched by heavier political sway.

Ms. Longoria and DNC finance chairman Henry Muñoz worked together to raise millions from Latino donors for President Barack Obama's re-election bid in 2012 and have been laying the groundwork for the Latino Victory Project since then. If the effort and its sister political action committee prove successful, they could again raise tens of millions of dollars, this time dedicated to helping Latino candidates.

"People keep talking about the power of the Latino vote. But the truth is that (2012) was just the tip of the iceberg," Ms. Longoria told The Associated Press on Monday. "We are not tapping into the full potential yet of the Latino community."

About 11 million Latinos cast ballots in 2012's presidential election, yet about 12 million stayed home.

Latinos vote at a rate lower than any other group and their numbers in Congress don't match their share of the U.S. population.

The group is close to raising its goal of \$5 million this cycle, project president Cristobal Alex said in an interview. The group also would focus on introducing chosen candidates to donors in a way Democratic groups have done for years with female and gay candidates.

"Let's consider it an investment in the nation. Let's not refer to us as 'the sleeping giant' after the midterms," Muñoz said, referring to the November elections. "We are the change we have been waiting for."

Muñoz and Ms. Longoria led the Obama campaign's Futuro Fund, which raised \$32 million—much of which was from first-time donors. Neither has forgotten their allies and both have worked to keep those donors engaged.

"A lot of the Latino donors that we spoke to had never been asked before," Ms. Longoria said.

Among the group's first designed candidates: Amanda Renteria, a California Democrat who is running

for the House; Nevada Assemblywoman Lucy Flores, who is running for lieutenant governor; Texas state Sen. Leticia Van De Putte, who is trying to become lieutenant governor; and Angel Taveras, the mayor of Providence, Rhode Island, who is running for governor.

Taveras said the group's endorsement would help him "extend my reach nationally" to donors around the country.

Charlie Crist, who is running for his old job as governor of Latino-rich Florida, also won the group's backing.

"Latinos will decide that race," Alex said.

Added Rep. Joaquin Castro, a Democrat, "This is going to be a big year for Latino candidates across the country."

The group is non-partisan but its first slate of candidate endorsements does not include any Republicans.

Longoria said the group eventually could back Republican candidates. "I don't think the solutions to issues of the Latinos lie within one particular party," she said.

Associated Press writer Ken Thomas in Washington contributed to this report.

Claire's Day at the Maumee branch on May 17th

MAUMEE: Claire's Day, Northwest Ohio's Children's Book Festival comes to Maumee, Ohio on May 17, 2014, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, for what might be one of the largest for the 13-year-old event. Nine authors, illustrators, and storytellers will embark on our community to share their love of literacy, children, and family.



Held annually in honor of Claire Rubini, who passed away from a heart condition in 2000 when she was just ten years old, the event embraces her favorite activities making crafts, dancing, and above all, reading.

Claire's Day will feature friends from the Toledo Zoo, YMCA parachute games, hands-on children and family activity areas and visits from the Toledo Lucas County Public Libraries Ready to Read van, WGTE's Raising Readers van and so much more!

All activities are FREE and the public is welcome to join in the fun to experience how reading helps children succeed in life. It is also a

time to learn more about literacy programs for the summer and to make reading part of your daily life.

According to Board Chair Brenda Lee, "Claire's Day is not only an opportunity to enjoy a day of literacy, but it is also a great way to spend the day as a family. When children read, it makes all the difference in their ability to succeed. The C.A.R.E. Awards are proof that all things are possible. Because of very generous donors, we are able to bring this amazing festival to the Maumee Library and our community."

The highlight of this year's Claire's Day will be the Claire Awards for Reading Excellence (C.A.R.E. Awards) honoring close to 700 children who have increased their literacy skills. Sponsored by Lockrey Manufacturing, The Anderson's, Toledo Spring, The Blade, and O-I, the children will be honored in a ceremony with all of the pomp and circumstance of graduation.

Each child will be given

the opportunity to meet with their favorite author to receive an autographed book for their at-home libraries.

Over 10 area school districts are participating including: Maumee, Sylvania, Springfield, Defiance, Swanton, Genoa, Toledo Catholic Dioceses, Bennett Venture, Northwood, and Washington Local Schools.

In addition, Toledo Public Schools will be honoring over 300 children and because of the generosity of our donors, bus transportation is also included for families who otherwise would not have been able to attend.

All 9 authors/illustrators will be on hand with their books for sale. The public can come meet the authors, spend time with them during "sit a spell," and take photos, and get signed autographs. We will also have culinary arts students from Washington Local Schools grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and other fun festival foods.

Complaints against Border Patrol seldom acted on

McALLEN, Texas, May 6, 2014 (AP) — An immigrant advocacy group says its analysis of 809 complaints filed against the U.S. Border Patrol over a three-year period shows that disciplinary action has only been taken in 13 cases.

The American Immigration Council says the

complaints it received through litigation involving the Freedom of Information Act were limited to incidents within 100 miles of the Southwest border with Mexico. Of the 809 cases, 324 were still under investigation when the data were released. On average, it took the agency 122 days

to arrive at a decision on a complaint.

The group found that 78 percent of the complaints against Border Patrol agents concerned physical abuse or excessive use of force. The complaints reviewed were filed from January 2009 to January 2012.

House approves bill for US women's history museum

By BRETT ZONGKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, May 8, 2014 (AP): Citing history textbooks, national parks and landmarks that mostly leave women out, lawmakers on Wednesday revived a long-stalled effort to create a National Women's History Museum in the nation's capital.

The House voted 383-33 to create a bipartisan commission to study the feasibility of a museum on or near the National Mall and recommend whether it should be part of the Smithsonian. The vote came just before Mother's Day, which several lawmakers noted. A similar measure is pending in the Senate.

Congress has allowed previous legislation calling for a women's museum to die at least twice since 2005. The new bill would follow a process that was used for African-American and Latino-American museum proposals.

The measure prohibits any federal funding for the museum's creation in order to draw more Republican support.

Republican Rep. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee and Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York, who have championed the effort, said the contributions of women have been mostly left out of museums, statues and national landmarks. Not enough is taught about women's history, they said, including details about how women gained the right to vote less than 100 years ago.

"It is a story that everyone should know, how the process of the suffragists and their work that carried them from Seneca Falls, New York, to Nashville where you finally saw the ratification of the 19th Amendment," Blackburn said. "These suffragists, they were conserva-

tive women who led this fight for women's equality."

A women's museum foundation in Alexandria, Virginia, has raised about \$14 million and estimates it would cost about \$400 million to build. An advisory board for the museum includes women ranging from Jenna Bush to Gloria Steinem.

In a survey of today's history textbooks, only one in 10 people in the texts are women, said Joan Wages, the president and CEO of the museum group. In national parks, less than 8 percent of the statues are women. Of more than 200 statues in the U.S. Capitol, only 15 women leaders are depicted.

"Women have essentially

been left out of the telling of our nation's history," Wages said.

Republican Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota spoke against the museum bill. She said the museum concept "will enshrine the radical feminist movement" and that there are no assurances it won't become "an ideological shrine to abortion." She urged lawmakers to vote against it and in favor of families and "traditional marriage." No other lawmakers spoke against it.

For decades, women's history was banished to the Capitol basement. A statue of suffragists commissioned in 1920 originally included the inscription "Women, first denied a soul, then called

mindless, now arisen, declared herself an entity to be reckoned." But an all-male Congress in the 1920s had the letters scraped off and sent the statue to the basement.

In 1997, the statue depicting Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott was moved upstairs to the rotunda.

Women now represent more than half the U.S. population and are a key voting bloc. Maloney, who has worked on the museum effort for years, said she doesn't know why anyone in Congress would vote against it. Washington already has

museums about the media, spy agencies, the postal service and other topics.

"Surely there's room for women as well," she said, noting women led national movements for vaccinations, better schools, health care and more. "It's my hope and dream that by 2020, which is the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, we will have a museum on the mall."

On the Internet: National Women's History Museum: <http://www.nwhm.org/>



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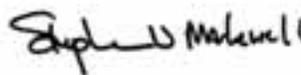
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El Barrio seeks to empower Cleveland-area Latinos

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

El Barrio is nearing its 25th anniversary as a nonprofit organization aiming to assist and empower many of the Cleveland area's unemployed and underemployed—particularly its Latino population.

The organization has evolved over time and merged with other nonprofits—now a part of a larger workforce development effort in the Greater Cleveland area. In fact, El Barrio has become the job training arm of *The Centers for Families and Children*, which has 18 neighborhood locations across the metro Cleveland.

"We do focus primarily on minorities and we have a specialized program for Hispanics," said Ingrid Angel, El Barrio executive director. "It's a program for monolinguals held in Spanish that no one else in the state of Ohio has."

El Barrio is located in the main Center for Families and Children on the west side of Cleveland, also the site of highest concentration of Latinos in the state of Ohio.

El Barrio offers case-workers, instructors, career coaches, and retention specialists—many of whom are bilingual. 55 percent of El Barrio's client base is Hispanic, including those who participate in English as a Second Language (ESL) programs. The free English classes are aimed at acclu-

ration and social inclusion. The program addresses reading, writing, comprehension, listening, and speaking. 559 participants studied ESL in 2012.

"The agency's mission is to deliver 'disenfranchised populations with culturally-sensitive supportive services and employment training, to ensure a smooth transition into the workforce, and attain personal and family stability.' Immigrant and refugee populations are also clients.

Approximately 40 percent who participate in workforce-related programs are Latino. The nonprofit organization's budget comes from a combination of government contracts, *United Way* funding, private foundations, fund-raising, and donations.

"What is important is to be able to identify and address barriers to employment," said Ms. Angel. "In-house, we have the ability to address all of those issues, from behavioral health, general health and wellness, youth-early learning programming (daycare), food centers, crisis management, family programming—all of that here on site."

El Barrio tries to be "culturally relevant" in its job readiness programming, offering four separate components: general job readiness, job readiness in Spanish, and certificate programs in hospitality and customer service.

"We know that people who are looking for employment have a reason why they are

unemployed," said Ms. Angel. "We want to identify and attack that reason, so that when they can find employment, they can also retain their employment."

More than 35 employers partner with the agency to provide training and recruit its trainees for jobs. Marriott, Home Depot, banks, MetroHealth hospital, and other partners use their hiring managers to teach classes of less than 20 people. It also serves as a good way to screen potential hires right in the classroom, saving employers time, effort, and money—many of whom single out "star pupils" and encourage them to apply online for available openings.

"We're bringing them closer to opportunity and we're bringing employers close to qualified, diverse candidates," explained Ms. Angel.

El Barrio has operated primarily on government contracts with Cuyahoga County for about a decade, which Ms. Angel stated gives its programs stability and its clients much better opportunity.

El Barrio was founded in 1990 by Dr. Nelson Bardecio as a stand-alone, non-profit corporation after numerous discussions with Hispanic community leaders, mainstream political and religious leaders, and social service providers. But the organization, soon after opening, became associated with the

larger and better-established *West Side Ecumenical Ministries (WSEM)*. The two groups merged in 2004, with El Barrio refocusing its efforts on workforce development. WSEM provided an array of services, which allowed the combined nonprofit to offer a holistic approach to helping Latinos.

In 2011, El Barrio and WSEM were absorbed into *The Centers for Families and Children*.

"We do not send people out with a bunch of referral papers—we can handle all their needs in-house," said Ms. Angel. "We co-located with health and behavioral services, with early learning services. Our food center is just down the street. We have the capacity here to address many of those barriers we identify in our clients. Ultimately, those are the same barriers that keep people losing their jobs or not finding the correct job."

El Barrio doesn't have to advertise its services; word-of-mouth brings clients to its doors every day, especially after hearing the success story of a friend or relative. Ms. Angel even calls the agency "the best kept secret in Cleveland."

The agency won't even refer a client to a job unless they've spent at least two weeks in its programming. Follow-up to see how they're doing can last as long as six months. Work ethics and good



alone—more than a person

work habits are emphasized; clients even have to clock in and clock out every day. Absences won't be tolerated without a written excuse. The training day runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes workshops, computer labs, and classroom speakers from the likes of *Dominion East Ohio Gas*, *The Cleveland Clinic*, *TJ Maxx*, or the construction trades.

"We do not want to refer them to jobs simply by polishing their résumé," said Ms. Angel. "We want to provide them with knowledge and resources to impact them and help them to find the right fit and retain those jobs. We provide services that *Ohio Means Jobs* doesn't."

If a recent job loss has left a client dealing with depression, there are even therapists on site who provide free counseling. Clients are checked on at least monthly over a six-month period "to ensure their stability and on the road to self-sufficiency," she said.

The rest of the agency's clientele she described as "a wonderful, diverse mix of Clevelanders": veterans, unskilled labor, as well as "skilled and educated people who hit a bump in the road," among others.

The success of the agency lies in "what its clients get to know" as well as who El Barrio's staff gets to know in the employer community. In fact, El Barrio placed some 253 people in jobs in 2013

employed per week day. "One of the highlights of who we are is our employer community network," said Ms. Angel. "We have 35 to 50 employers who we work with on a regular basis for instructional purposes. There are 80 to 100 companies who contact us on a daily basis. From those calls we develop wonderful relationships."

El Barrio's executive director explained that it's not uncommon for clients to take a field trip to visit a call center as far away as Solon to learn the life of a call center rep in person through the Marriott Global Reservation Center or to don an orange apron and walking the aisles of Home Depot "in search of a teachable moment in customer service."

El Barrio takes an active role in Latino causes, such as the *National Council of La Raza (NCLR)*, the largest Latino advocacy and workforce development organization in the country, which recognized El Barrio as the *2012 Midwest Affiliate of the Year* and as a best practice model in training. El Barrio also is an active member of the *League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)*, which named the agency one of its national technology centers and awarded it with two computer labs.

May Centennial Gift: Cleveland Foundation Day on Wade Oval;

May 24 will be free Saturday for Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and Western Reserve Historical Society

May 5, 2014: Following record-breaking attendance at *Cleveland Metroparks Zoo* as part of its April centennial gift, the *Cleveland Foundation* has announced that its May gift to the community – *Cleveland Foundation Day on Wade Oval* – will celebrate the longtime support the foundation has provided to four cultural institutions in University Circle: *Cleveland Botanical Garden*, *Cleveland Museum of Art*, *Cleveland Museum of Natural History*, and *Western Reserve Historical Society*. May 24 will be the first free Saturday ever for all four Wade Oval institutions, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are pleased that our May centennial gift to the community will make the first-class institutions on Wade Oval available to all Greater Clevelanders," said Robert E. Eckardt, executive vice president of the Cleveland Foundation. "This concentration of cultural institutions is unmatched anywhere in

the world. As part of Memorial Day weekend festivities, we invite the community to take advantage of this cultural heart of our city."

Each institution is offering something unique to visitors on Cleveland Foundation Day on Wade Oval, in recognition of the nearly \$50 million in collective support the foundation has provided them throughout the past 100 years.

Because the *Cleveland Museum of Art* always offers free admission, the Cleveland Foundation has made it possible for the museum to offer a special gift on May 24: all available public tickets to the *Van Gogh Repetitions* exhibition will be free for the first 500 visitors. The special exhibition is scheduled to close on May 25.

"The Cleveland Museum of Art is delighted to be among the great institutions included in Cleveland Foundation Day on Wade Oval," said Fred Bidwell, interim director of the Cleveland Museum of Art. "The Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Foundation have a long and rich history of collaboration,



working to give back to the community. The museum is committed to meaningful community engagement, and we are grateful to the Cleveland Foundation for its significant support of our efforts."

Cleveland Botanical Garden will debut its highly anticipated *Nature Connects* exhibit, which will feature 14 LEGO brick sculptures depicting plants and animals.

"This will be the first time the Botanical Garden is able to offer free admission on the opening day of a major attraction, and it's thanks to our longtime partner, the Cleveland Foundation," said President Natalie Ronayne. "We celebrate the foundation's generosity to the Garden and the impact its support enables us to achieve in our community."

As part of the Cleveland Foundation gift, free admission to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History will include free entry to *Shafraan Planetarium* for the first time ever.

"The Cleveland Foundation has been a longtime supporter of the Museum, especially our education and science initiatives, and we are honored and delighted to be part of this historic celebration of Cleveland's legendary cultural district on Wade Oval," said Dr. Evalyn Gates, executive director and CEO. "The Cleveland Foundation's gift to the community has allowed us to open a window into the universe through free admission to the Shafraan Planetarium, and to invite the community to explore science and nature – past,

present and future!"

For Cleveland Foundation Day, the Western Reserve Historical Society has extended its popular *Dior & More—For the Love of Fashion* exhibit through May 25. WRHS will have curators and experts available in the Crawford Auto Aviation Collection, as well as in other exhibits. Tour guides in the Hay-McKinney House and the Research Library will answer questions from visitors.

"Our mission includes sharing the history of Northeast Ohio with the public. This wonderful opportunity provided by the Cleveland Foundation means we will be sharing with many more people than we normally see in a day," said Kelly Falcone-Hall, interim CEO. "We hold in our archives the papers of the Cleveland

Foundation, so we will select a number of beautiful examples from the early days of the foundation for the public to view in our Research Library."

On May 24, University Circle Inc. will offer free shuttle service between the *Wade Oval* institutions and to/from both Louis Stokes VA Medical Center garages (the patient garage on Magnolia Drive and the employee garage on E. 105th Street), which will be free to Cleveland Foundation Day visitors. Traffic will be rerouted in one direction around the Oval to help with flow. Visitors are being encouraged to carpool or take the RTA's HealthLine to the Adelbert Road or Ford Road station.

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