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UT's Business Incubation Program announces Pitch & Pour winners

Three regional start-up companies have earned a boost for their business after successfully surviving a "shark tank" at The University of Toledo Business Incubation Program's first Pitch & Pour, a business pitch event held in association with the uHeart Digital Media Conference [In photo are Larry Burns, Amelia Acuna, and Fulter Hong from the May 10 session].

Approximately 150 people attended the inaugural event on May 10th, 2013, as new companies provided an overview of their business model and answered questions from a panel of regional and national technology start-up experts.

The event's primary sponsor is the State of Ohio's Edison Technology Incubation Program and featured representatives from five regional startup companies who pitched their business ideas to for the chance to win up to \$5,000 in cash and prizes.

The winners were:

- **MakeMeMakeUp** (1st place): MakeMeMakeUp is a customized makeup service where users design personalized cosmetics using a smartphone application;

- **Daystream** (2nd place): Daystream is a social journaling platform

that allows users to document the stories of their lives in a way that makes it easy to share and remember. Daystream was created by 11-year old Jonathan Buchanan;

- **Rootloop** (3rd place): Rootloop is a social platform where users collaborate and create music with friends and other musicians around the world.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges representing local, regional and national companies including: Google, Marshall & Melhorn, UPSO.org, and TextsFromLastNight.com. A novel competition format, attendees present were also allowed to cast their votes for best presentation via Smartphone, effectively serving as the tie-break vote and helping determine the crowd favorite.

"The University of Toledo's Edison Technology Incubation Program is an early-stage business catalyst working with the university and numerous public and private entities to accelerate job creation in the region," said Scott McIntyre, manager of Business Incubation at The University of Toledo, adding, "The event was the first in a series promoting our role in helping develop local and regional entrepreneurs and startups."

'Sesame Street' gets new Latino character with 'Mando'

By CLAUDIA TORRENS, Associated Press

NEW YORK, May 10, 2013 (AP)—As a child in Puerto Rico, Ismael Cruz was delighted by the colorful characters in "Sesame Street," who not only entertained and educated him but helped him learn "inglés." He could not have imagined that two decades later he would be playing with them in front of the cameras.

Cruz is the newest Latino addition to the popular series' cast, playing **Armando**, or "**Mando**."

The children's show wants to reflect the population changes in the U.S., where Latinos are the fastest growing minority. It also features African-American, Asian and American Indian characters.

"'Sesame Street' is a magical place. It doesn't matter if you are working there or just visiting, or if you're watching on TV, that magic is always there," Cruz, 26, told The Associated Press. "I grew up watching the show, and for me it was a place that really existed and to which as a child I aspired to go, a place so diverse that I could see myself in

the faces of the people that were there. Being on the set now is that, but with cameras."

Cruz's character is a Latino writer from Brooklyn who writes everything from short stories to essays and movie scripts. He also loves technology and social media.

The addition expands a cast of Latino characters that includes: **Maria** (Sonia Manzano) and **Luis** (Emilio Delgado), who debuted on "Sesame Street" in 1971 as human characters, as well as **Rosita**, the charming turquoise monster who joined in 1993 with Mexican puppeteer **Carmen Osbahr**, who also voices **Ovejita**.

"It's a show that's always cutting edge, that is always aware of what's going on with the population, so by including a character that is young, with new perspectives, Latino, and that brings that new generation, it is carrying on with that message," Cruz said.

Cruz grew up poor in Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico, and his mother tuned in to "Sesame Street" so his son would learn English. Cruz studied music and dreamed of being an actor, eventually attending New York



University's Tisch School of the Arts. Before "Sesame Street," he appeared on "The Good Wife" and in films "In The Blood," "White Alligator" and "Chaser."

The casting call for a new Latino character on "Sesame Street" attracted hundreds of bilingual actors last August.

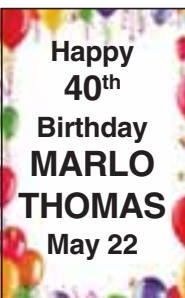
"I hadn't seen it, (but) many people who knew me and read the description of what they were looking for sent me messages through Facebook, email and phone telling me, 'You have to do

this audition, this is perfect for you.' And that's how I began this process," Cruz said.

"Mando" will make his debut on the 44th season of "Sesame Street," which starts airing Sept. 16.

Carol-Lynn Parente, executive producer of "Sesame Street," said she and her team knew immediately that Ismael was the perfect addition.

"He has a passion for creative expression and a warmth that comes right through the camera," Parente said in a statement.



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Policía migratoria es eficaz en Carolina del Sur

Por MEG KINNARD, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Carolina del Sur, 12 de mayo del 2013 (AP): Una unidad especial de la policía de Carolina del Sur ha mostrado eficacia en su primer año de funcionamiento para investigar casos penales contra inmigrantes que viven sin permiso en el país, dijo el comandante de esa agrupación.

Esta fuerza local —la única de su tipo, según su comandante, el teniente Eddie Johnson— aún enfrenta desafíos para garantizar que la ciudadanía comprenda exactamente qué es y cuál es su cometido.

“Para todos nosotros ha sido un proceso de aprendizaje”, manifestó Johnson en fecha reciente a The Associated Press. “No falta trabajo que hacer, así que los agentes están ocupados”, dijo Johnson, agente del Departamento de Seguridad Pública estatal.

Johnson, efectivo veterano de la Patrulla de Carreteras y ex policía de

la localidad de Sumter, es comandante de la Unidad Policial de Inmigración, creada como resultado de la estricta ley de inmigración decretada en 2011 en Carolina del Sur.

La normativa, similar a la de Arizona, obliga a todas las empresas a revisar la condición legal de los nuevos empleados mediante un sistema federal y además permite a los agentes verificar la de las personas a las que detengan por otras razones.

Johnson dijo que su equipo de seis miembros recaba información de la ciudadanía y se le pide que emprenda alguna investigación cuando se cree que alguien que se encuentra sin permiso legal en Estados Unidos está acusado de haber infringido la ley en Carolina del Sur, no sólo porque el único supuesto delito sea que esté sin permiso en Estados Unidos.

“Quien no esté implicado en alguna actividad delictiva en Caro-

lina del Sur no debe tener miedo a la Unidad Policial de Inmigración porque jamás nos encontraremos”, explicó Johnson.

Se necesitó tiempo para entrenar a la unidad de policía especial, que trabaja directamente con agentes del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE), organismo al que remite casos directamente para deportación.

Otros casos los remite a abogados locales para posterior juicio. Las autoridades laborales locales se ocupan de los casos civiles y de trabajo relacionados con la inmigración.

Desde julio, la agrupación policial ha dado inicio a 43 casos, 17 de los cuales resultaron en arrestos. Fueron desechados un número reducido y los afectados fueron remitidos al ICE para deportación. Un número pequeño de personas no tuvo problema alguno.

New approach to back immigration bill with ‘virtual march’

By ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, May 13, 2013 (AP): President Barack Obama's political support group is joining with a Republican pro-immigration organization and an effort run by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg to try to boost support for a comprehensive immigration bill.

Organizing for Action, a grassroots group run by Obama loyalists that grew out of his 2012 re-election campaign, will co-sponsor a “virtual march on Washington” planned for this week aimed at getting people to use social media

platforms to register their support for the immigration legislation.

Bloomberg's Partnership for a New American Economy is behind the effort, and was announcing OFA's participation Tuesday. Republicans for Immigration Reform, a group headed by former Bush administration Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutiérrez, also is co-chairing the endeavor.

“By bringing together leaders from both parties and Americans across the country, we hope to send Congress a clear message that there is broad support for smart re-

form—and the time for action is now,” Bloomberg said in a statement.

The virtual “March for Innovation,” planned for May 22-23, is designed to get people to use Twitter, Reddit, Facebook and other social media platforms to push Congress to pass the immigration bill, which may come to a vote next week in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

It's another sign of engagement by business and high-tech leaders and officials across the political spectrum to support the immigration legislation.

Vaticano abre exposición sobre gauchos argentinos

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO 17 de mayo del 2013 (AP): Si el papa Francisco está añorando su tierra en estos días, sólo tiene que bajar a la Plaza de San Pedro.

El Vaticano inauguró el viernes una exposición sobre los gauchos argentinos, los legendarios jinetes de las pampas, una muestra que se había estado preparando

desde hace años y que por coincidencia se abre tras la llegada del papa argentino.

Los funcionarios no estaban seguros de cuándo Francisco podría visitar “El Gaucho: Tradición, Arte y Fiesta”, que fue inaugurada en un espacio para exposiciones bajo la columnata de la plaza. Cuando lo haga, encontrará

antiguas materas de plata, monturas y estribos, ponchos, documentos y una serie de obras de arte inspiradas por los gauchos.

La muestra resalta además los lazos entre Italia y Argentina, que recibió oleadas de inmigrantes italianos —incluyendo los antepasados de Francisco— a lo largo de los años.

Activists call on Obama to stop deportations but Obama declines

By ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, May 13, 2013 (AP): Immigration activists are calling on President Barack Obama to end deportations of immigrants who might be eligible for legal status under a new immigration bill.

Activists have long complained of record deportations breaking up families under the Obama administration. Officials representing labor

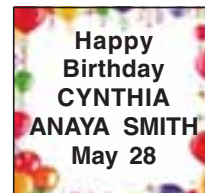
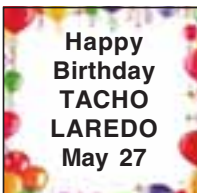
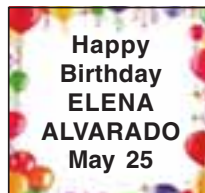
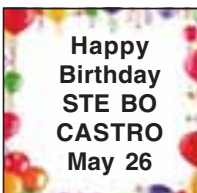
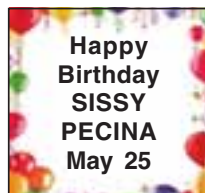
unions, day laborers and others held a conference call and released a letter Monday telling Obama it makes no sense to be deporting people that he's committed to legalizing through the immigration bill he supports.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement reports deporting close to 400,000 people annually in recent years.

When asked to address



complaints about deportations, Obama has said that until the law changes he has to enforce the law on the books.



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State Board of Education members visit Harms to celebrate school's success as a "Beating the Odds School" and "Reward School"

State Board of Education members paid a special visit to Harms Elementary School on Thursday, May 16, 2013 to celebrate the school's success as a *Beating the Odds School* and *Reward School*.

Kathleen Straus and Daniel Varner of the Michigan Department of Education attended the final Parent Meeting of the year, where they congratulated Harms' staff and students, and presented an Award for Academic Achievement to Principal Karen White. More than 150 parents attended the event.

The school also provided a translator for Spanish-speaking parents to enjoy the awards presentation.

Bates Academy, Cass Tech High School, Chrysler Elementary,

Harms Elementary, Kettering West Wing and Ludington Magnet Middle School were among the Michigan Department of Education's "Beating the Odds" Schools announced on November 20, 2012.

According to MDE, based on traditional risk factors to student achievement, BTO schools either outperform their expected ranking or outperform similarly-situated schools. The schools were also designated as Reward Schools.

The Reward School designation is part of Michigan's comprehensive, new accountability system authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Request approved by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition to being publicly recognized for their achievement, Reward Schools will have

opportunities to highlight their promising practices at state and local events for educators and the Michigan Department of Education is seeking other supports for Reward Schools such as increased flexibility in the use of federal funds and corporate or philanthropic support.

The Michigan Department of Education surveyed all BTO schools regarding which factors contributed to their success.

Top factors were:

- Highly effective and committed school staff,
- A culture of high expectations for students,
- Use of data to inform decisions,
- Strong district and school leadership,
- Implementing a system of tiered interventions,
- Additional tutoring or targeted assistance for students.

Honda to give Detroit orchestra \$150K for youth

DETROIT, May 18, 2013 (AP): Honda plans to give the *Detroit Symphony Orchestra* \$150,000 this weekend to commemorate the completion of a 5-year music education partnership.

The Japanese automobile and engine maker is expected to present the check Sunday at Orches-

tra Hall during a performance by 150 Detroit elementary and middle school students. They will perform pieces by Antonio Vivaldi, Scott Joplin, and others.

The Honda Power of Dreams String Music Project is designed for students who have little or no access to string education. The program features opportunities

to study classical violin, viola, cello and bass.

The money provides the students another year of music education.

The program is part of the Honda Power of Dreams Music Education Fund. It was started in 2008 with a \$1 million gift from Honda to the orchestra.

Thousands attend Race for the Cure in Detroit

DETROIT, May 18, 2013 (AP): Thousands have turned out for the annual *Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure* at Comerica Park in Detroit.

Saturday's event raised funds in the fight against breast cancer. It featured a 5K run/walk and a one-mile walk.

The Komen race honors those who have fought breast cancer as well as their families and friends.

Attendees gathered near the Detroit Tigers' ballpark downtown in a sea of pink. The color represents breast cancer awareness.

Mayor Dave Bing was on

hand and said he's "going to support this until we win the fight."

The Susan G. Komen organization was founded by Nancy Brinker in 1982 in memory of her sister, who died of the disease, and it grew to be the nation's largest breast cancer charity.

Remains of Native-Americans are buried in Michigan

MOUNT PLEASANT, May 18, 2013 (AP): The remains of 11 Native-Americans, including two sets that were housed at the University of Nebraska State Museum, have been buried in a Michigan cemetery.

A ceremony was held

Friday for the burial of the remains at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe reservation, which is near Mount Pleasant.

The remains in Nebraska were unearthed from a site in the Midland, Mich., area in the late 1800s and transferred

to the museum.

The remains of the other nine people were discovered during a 2012 Michigan highway project and since have been kept in Lansing.

The Nibokaan cemetery was established in 1995 as the final resting place for repatriated ancestors.

Grand Rapids club closes stairwell where three died

GRAND RAPIDS, May 18, 2013 (AP): A Grand Rapids nightclub has closed a staircase where three fatal falls have occurred since 2009.

MLive.com reports (http://bit.ly/10LDust) doors to the winding stairwell were closed at the basement, main and second levels of The B.O.B. nightclub on Friday.

A sign posted to each of the doors read: "Emergency fire exit only" with security personnel standing at each of the doors not allowing anyone through.

The stepped-up security comes on the heels of nightclub patron Kevin O'Brien

falling to his death on May 12.

On April 14, Zachary Bunting of Grand Ledge was trying to slide down a railing when he lost his balance and fell to his death in the stairwell. And Tyler Usher of Dorr

was celebrating his birthday at the club in 2009 when he died.

Information from: The Grand Rapids Press; MLive.com, http://www.mlive.com




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University of Toledo EXCEL program seeking funds

By Kevin Milliken for La Prensa

May 14, 2013: A program at the University of Toledo aimed at preparing underrepresented students, including Latinos, for college may have to be scaled back. UT Excel, a program that's been around for a quarter-century, may have a limited future without fresh funding.

As a drop in enrollment has forced UT to cut its budget over the past few years, programs such as UT Excel have seen resulting reductions in funding. So the program's administrators are seeking contributions and investments from businesses and the community-at-large to keep the program intact.

"That has placed us in a position to where we can still provide scholarships to the students in our program, but the budget is now just a bit tighter than we would like it to be," said David Young, Toledo EXCEL director. "Those things that we would like to do for our students; we can't really pay for the extra labs and things like that for students interested in engineering and nursing."

Students go through an interview and application process during their eighth grade year to get into the Toledo EXCEL program. More than 100 apply each year, but only about 50 get chosen. Administrators hope to maintain that number in future years, despite the UT budget cuts.

"It wouldn't eliminate anyone's scholarship—we're not at that point," Young said. "But we're trying to be proactive. We're unsure of exactly what is on the horizon for these economic times. So we're trying to ensure we have some support outside of that base budget. So we're working with the (UT) Foundation to get some external funding so we have that same comfort level we had before in assisting our students."

The program's 25th anniversary serves as an opportunity to showcase the success of the students, as well as reach out to Excel alumni, supporters, foundations, and other community groups to ask for continued funding.

"I want to make sure we don't end up in danger," said Young.

Toledo EXCEL will celebrate its 25th anniversary with

its annual graduation and induction ceremony on Sunday, June 9, 2013, 6 to 8 p.m. in Nitschke Auditorium. The occasion will celebrate the academic, cultural and civic achievements of Toledo EXCEL and its students, past and present. This event is free and open to the public. A dessert reception is to follow the program.

"I think it's important for the public to know investing in this program is not what we're looking for—we want people to believe and support and invest in the students who go through the program," said Marida Allen, associate director. "Each individual who sets foot on this campus has the opportunity to explore their own interests, get exposed to so many global opportunities. It's literally life-changing not only for the student, but also for our own community and our own greater society. We instill in them that they are global citizens."

Students are in the program through their high school years, attending special academic programs throughout the school year on Saturdays and a Summer Institute, which prepare them for college and make them what Young calls "scholarship ready." The focus also is on leadership and career development. Students also receive lessons in human rights and global diversity and are expected to perform 25 hours of community service each year.

"No student likes to come to school on Saturday—but to a student, they say it helped prepare them for college," Young said. "It prepares them for the pace and rigor of college coursework."

If a student completes the requirements of the program and maintains a 3.0 GPA, they are awarded a tuition scholarship to attend UT. Because students come from underrepresented communities—and some from low-income households—the scholarship money may be the difference-maker in whether they attend college or not.

"We know the UT scholarship is going to be there, but we try to prepare them to receive as many scholarships as possible," explained Young. "A large number of students receive local scholarships—from other foundations, that kind of thing. What we create is a really nice jacket."

EXCEL is also dedicated to making students into conscientious and active members of the local community. The program offers a variety of enrichment services and activities that take place on the UT campus in order to familiarize them with the university and collegiate expectations.

"The students are together for so long, they really become a family," said Young. "Students from different racial backgrounds, cultural backgrounds, and faith backgrounds never would normally hang out together. But all these students are put together and because they have to come to so many different events, they become a family unit. It's just amazing to see students who in just a high school setting would never hang out, be friends and wave to each other in the hall and become the best of friends."

"Because there's a scholarship attached as an incentive to the program, many students have aspirations of going to school here," said Ms. Allen. "To be able to retain them here, right in our own backyard at the university, it really connects them. They're urged to do community service locally at places where they have a career interest. That may give them a heads-up on some job opportunities. So we really try to plant some roots here—not necessarily to keep them here, but show them there are some opportunities here within the city."

EXCEL used to be housed at the Scott Park campus. But the university has undergone some programmatic changes—and with a move to the student services division, the program is now located at the Student Union on the main Bancroft St. campus. A student from any school located

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Owens Community College announces Gateway to College Program Fall Application Process

Area residents between the ages of 16 and 21 who are interested in receiving a second chance to realize their fullest academic and career potential are invited to apply for the upcoming 2013 Gateway to College program student class at Owens Community College as the academic institution is now accepting applications for the Fall Semester.

Interested applicants can also receive additional details about the program by attending one of several informational sessions taking place Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at the College's Learning Center at The Source through June 28. The Learning Center is located on Monroe Street in downtown Toledo. Each one-hour session will provide additional information about the program and the application process.

In 2011, Owens, in partnership with Toledo Public Schools, was awarded a \$325,000 start-up grant from Gateway to College National Network to implement Gateway to College, a nationally recognized dropout recovery program.

Gateway to College is designed for young adults ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of high school or are significantly behind in credits and unlikely to graduate. The

program enables them to complete their high school diploma requirements while simultaneously earning college credit toward an associate degree or certificate.

Upto 150 students from Toledo Public Schools will be served through the program over the three-year period. Students must meet specific criteria for entrance into the program and will be dually enrolled at Toledo Public Schools and Owens Community College until they complete their high school diploma. The program is free to students and covers tuition, fees and books, as well as lunch and transportation to the College's Learning Center at The Source in downtown Toledo.

Students are placed into small learning communities during their first (Foundation) term, and together they take classes in reading, writing, math and college skills. After completing the Foundation term, students transition to the comprehensive campus, taking classes with the general student population. Throughout their enrollment in the program, students receive one-on-one advising and support from resource specialists who act as coaches, mentors and

advisors. The wrap-around support of the resource specialist keeps students on the right track for success.

Students graduate from Gateway to College once they have completed their high school diploma requirements. Nationally, Gateway to College students accrue an average of 35 college credits by the time they graduate from the program, putting them well on their way to earning a college credential. Owens is one of over 30 community and technical colleges across the country currently offering the Gateway to College program.

Prospective students must reside in the Toledo Public Schools district. Applications are available at www.owens.edu/gateway or at the Learning Center at The Source and must be returned to the College's Gateway to College Office by June 28. Fall classes begin Aug. 19, 2013.

For more information about the Gateway to College program or the informational sessions, call (567) 661-2850 or 1-800-GO-OWENS, Ext. 2850, or email at gateway@owens.edu.

New president for Ohio's largest community college, Tri-C

CLEVELAND, May 18, 2013 (AP): A new president has been selected for Ohio's largest community college, and he's already familiar with the territory.

Trustees of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in Cleveland selected Alex

Johnson to succeed Jerry Sue Thornton as president.

Johnson led the college's Metropolitan campus from 1993 to 2003. He is currently president of the Community College of Allegheny County, which has nine campuses and centers in the Pittsburgh area.

Since leaving Tri-C in 2003, he also served as chancellor of Delgado Community College in New Orleans.

The outgoing president served 21 years in Tri-C's top job. Thornton's retirement is effective June 30.

Una Iniciativa de Paternidad, R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc.

La organización R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. es una corporación sin fines de lucro de base religiosa que tiene como visión unir a padres en sus esfuerzos como hombres, esposos, y padres. E incluye que los padres estarán activamente envueltos en el desarrollo de sus niños a nivel espiritual, emocional, psicológico, mental, académico y de comportamiento.

Mark Robinson, su fundador y director, tiene una larga trayectoria en el tema de paternidad; y ha dedicado una gran parte de su carrera a este tema. Graduado con una maestría en Trabajo Social de la Universidad de Syracuse, en New York, donde también implementó un exitoso programa de paternidad. Actualmente, él también es el director de Campo Educativo e Instructor en el Departamento de Servicio Social en la Universidad de Lourdes en Sylvania, Ohio.

En el año 2006, ya en Toledo, Ohio, a donde se mudó en el 2004, estableció

R.E.S.T.O.R.E., Inc. En su misión se proclama "restaurar a los padres nuevamente como cabeza de familia a través del Evangelio de Jesucristo". Y basado en esta creencia, el Sr. Robinson desarrolló el currículo para lograr dicha meta, llamado "Restauración de Padres: Restaurando Padres a su propósito y posición original (por su traducción de inglés).

En la actualidad, Robinson desarrolla este currículo en varios lugares y establecimientos que lo requieran; tales como el Instituto Correccional de Toledo, donde lo ofrece a grupos de presidiarios con el fin de darles más alternativas para el futuro. "No importa donde uno esté, uno sigue siendo padre de sus hijos", comentó Robinson.

Cada año, la organización lleva a cabo ciertos eventos que marcan la dedicación de su fundador y de muchos que se identifican con sus esfuerzos.

El "Campamento de Padres e Hijos" es uno de ellos. Este les da la oportunidad a padres e hijos a participar de

una actividad al aire libre, dedicada exclusivamente a la interacción y la diversión en conjunto. Un espacio único y solo para ellos.

También, y por tercer año consecutivo, se hará la "Caminata de la Paternidad" el 15 de junio, con inscripción a las 9 de la mañana. La caminata comenzará en la escuela Central Catholic High School. Un programa para toda la familia que incluye entretenimiento, música, comida y juegos inflables para niños. Cabe destacar que el fin de esta caminata es crear e incrementar conciencia acerca de la importancia del rol que los padres tienen en la vida de sus hijos.

Para más información acerca del programa o de los eventos mencionados se puede llamar al 419 377-1488.

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Argentina: Por Videla, la muerte me sobrevoló

Por VICENTE L. PANETTA, Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, 17 de mayo del 2013 (AP): Pude haber sido el primero o uno de los primeros muertos o desaparecidos de la sangrienta dictadura militar que encabezó Jorge Rafael Videla.

Y pudo haber ocurrido horas después de que Videla, al mando de un triunvirato militar, derrocará a la presidenta constitucional María Estela Martínez de Perón, el 24 de marzo de 1976. Era la tercera esposa de Juan Domingo Perón.

Todo empezó cuando una voz hurafía y marcial me penetró como un puñal helado: "¿Qué hace aquí? ¿Quién es usted?"

"Soy periodista", le contesté a ese militar al mando de una patrulla y que me sorprendió cuando caminaba por un sendero a la vera del gigantesco lago Nahuel Huapi, protegido por la cordillera de los Andes, en las afueras de Villa La Angostura, al sur de la provincia de Neuquén.

"No queremos ni periodistas ni peronistas; deme su documento", me respondió el militar de jerarquía para mí desconocida, robusto como un mundo, y que al igual que sus colegas estaba vestido de verde oliva.

Hasta ese momento, yo era el amo y señor del lugar: el sol doraba las montañas pero no derretía las nieves eternas; el agua del lago se movía inquieta y la figura de una mansión de ensueño se iba agigantando.

Pero hasta ahí había llegado.

Delante mío los militares y detrás de ellos el castillo El Messorio, donde firmes versiones decían que su ilustre huésped era la señora de Perón.

Uno o dos días después del golpe militar, no recuerdo bien, The Associated Press me envió al lugar para hablar con ella, con ellos, con cualquiera, o con todos. Había que hacer una nota y por lo menos confirmar que "Isabelita", como se le apodaba por entonces, estaba allí.

Había una férrea censura sobre la situación de la señora de Perón en los medios nacionales. Pero no recuerdo un caso de censura en la AP, que vaya a saber cómo, obtuvo la pista de que la viuda del extinto caudillo estaba arrestada en El Messorio por orden de Videla.

Recuerdo que fui el único periodista en llegar al lugar enviado por la agencia de noticias. No sé bien por qué, pero era el único.

Hubiese preferido estar con mil colegas y no tener ninguna exclusiva. Pero enfrente tenía a una decena de militares armados, y mis únicas "armas" eran mi lapicero y mi libreta. Por esas épocas el celular no existía.

En ese entonces, aun en la democracia del gobierno peronista, ya se sabía de millares de muertos, detenidos o desaparecidos, por una lucha entre lo que por entonces se simplificaba como ideologías "de derecha" y "de izquierda".

La prensa estaba acosada, y en mi caso sufrí amenazas de muerte por, según me enteré después, adherir claramente al estilo de AP que era usar

"presuntos guerrilleros (o terroristas)" cuando la Junta Militar enviaba comunicados a las redacciones informando sobre enfrentamientos armados.

A Videla, la palabra "presunto" o "supuesto" no le gustaba para nada. Para el régimen militar, las víctimas eran de guerrilleros o terroristas, sin aditamentos.

Mi nombre y apellido aparecieron en un libro editado por el régimen militar, junto con el de otros periodistas también considerados indeseables. Varios de esos colegas luego fueron muertos o figuraron como desaparecidos.

Peor le fue a mi entonces compañero de la AP, Oscar J. Serrat, quien estuvo un día secuestrado por los militares y que fue liberado y reapareció gracias a la gestión de diversos sectores.

Los muertos y desaparecidos no sólo involucraban a los que estaban directamente en la acción armada, sino también a periodistas, disidentes políticos y sindicales o simples ciudadanos.

Además de cubrir decenas de atentados terroristas, mi vida por aquellas épocas implicaba recorrer casi todos los baños céntricos de la capital argentina. Y no por necesidad fisiológica, sino porque las guerrillas urbanas de los Montoneros y Ejército Revolucionario del Pueblo escondían allí sus comunicados, detrás de una letrina, de un espejo o envueltos en algún caño semiculto.

Un portavoz de ese grupo llamaba a las redacciones, alertaba en cuál baño se escondía el comunicado, y en el caso de AP el "mensajero" usualmente era quien escribe estas líneas.

Pero volviendo al episodio con los militares y mi búsqueda de la señora de Perón ocurrió que el oficial acabó por perder la paciencia cuando a todas las preguntas yo contestaba que era periodista y que el motivo de mi viaje era saber si la mandataria derrocada se encontraba allí.

"Bueeeeno, buuuueno", dijo, estrinando primero la letra "e" y luego la "u", el comandante de la tropa, quien con tono un poco más amigable agregó: "Le devuelvo su documento y puede irse".

Me despierta un recuerdo ambiguo si estaba yo feliz o con más miedo que nunca, cuando el voluptuoso militar siguió con la palabra.

"Vaya, camine con los brazos en alto, pero no se dé vuelta, ¿me entendió?", gritó el militar, cambiando el tono amistoso de su voz y ahora sí, apuntándome con su arma larga, que para el caso, era lo mismo que un cañón.

No caminé, no alcé los brazos, no pedí clemencia. No podía moverme. Me quedé petrificado, maldiciendo mi mala suerte, con mis zapatos que parecían hundirse en un fango heredado de alguna noche lluviosa. ¿O del desbordamiento de las aguas del lago, quizás?

"Lo puedo matar, tirarlo al lago y nadie lo encontraría", me dijo el militar con un tim-

bre de voz que me sonó al de un buey.

Pero, de inmediato, dibujó una mueca en su rostro, algo parecido a una sonrisa, bajó su arma, se fue alejando junto con su tropa y me pidió, en verdad me "ordenó", que me tomase el primer avión y volviese a casa.

Me quedé dos noches en el lugar, y aunque me alejé de la zona de peligro, al menos para mí, logré recoger datos que volqué en mis notas que certificaban que "Isabelita" estaba detenida en ese castillo, además de otras cuestiones que hacían al caso.

Logré la exclusiva a base de testimonios y aún recuerdo los diarios de la época que nos publicaron la historia.

También atesoré otros recuerdos de la época de la dictadura militar y de Videla, a quien muchos le decían la "Pantera", al parecer porque caminaba con un aire al popular personaje de cine, la "Pantera Rosa".

A la "Pantera", no a la rosa, también lo vi saludando y gritando goles en el estadio de River Plate, en Buenos Aires, en la final del Mundial de fútbol que Argentina le ganó a Holanda.

Para mejorar su imagen tanto a nivel nacional como internacional, se le atribuye a Videla una gran influencia en la conquista del título argentino.

Una goleada previa de Argentina 6-0 sobre Perú aún hoy está bajo sospecha de haber sido arreglada y entre otras versiones se dice que los peruanos fueron amenazados en los vestuarios para dejarse ganar.

Mientras Videla y sus compañeros de la Junta Militar se solazaban con el triunfo argentino en River, a menos de mil metros de allí funcionaba una escuela de suboficiales de la armada, conocida como ESMA, y que fue un centro de tortura, desapariciones y muerte y por el que pasaron unos 5.000 detenidos por cuestiones políticas.

Cada vez que me tocó ir o venir de la cancha de River, pasaba por la ESMA. Se la veía como un lugar bien cuidado y plácido, al menos de puertas para afuera.

Ni siquiera sospechas tenía al menos yo que el lugar también funcionaba como centro de maternidad clandestina, según se denunció en varios juicios.

Algunos de los muertos o desaparecidos, que se comprobó que estuvieron cautivos allí, fueron las religiosas francesas Alice Dumon y Leonie Duquet, así como el periodista y escritor argentino Rodolfo Walsh y una de las fundadoras de las Madres de Plaza de Mayo, Azucena Villaflor.

Además de militares, hubo civiles enjuiciados, entre ellos el ex secretario de Hacienda Juan Alemann y el abogado Gonzalo Torres de Tolosa. El primero está acusado de haber hablado con un detenido encapuchado y esposado en una sala de torturas y el segundo de haber participado en los vuelos en los que se arrojaba a los secuestrados al mar.

OBITUARIES

CARMEN D. LÓPEZ

Carmen D. López, 88, of Park Ridge, Illinois, formerly of Toledo, OH, passed away Friday, May 17, 2013. Carmen was born in Paulding, Ohio on January 28, 1925, to Florencio and Jueventina (née Reyes) Sierra. On May 11, 1946, she married Hugo López. Carmen was employed with Owens Illinois, Ohio Bell, and Walgreen's Pharmacy for many years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tucson, Arizona, where she and Hugo spent their retirement years.

Carmen is survived by her children: Rebecca (John) Large, Robert (Sharlene), and Michael; grandchildren, John Jr. (Jill), Michael (Kristen), Jacqueline, Robert Jr., Victor (Stephanie), Brett Michael, Darlene (Douglas), Brandon (Deandra); 13 great-grandchildren, and sister, Amelia Sierra. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hugo, and sisters, Mary Navarro, Erma Cowell, and Virginia Dominiak.

ISABEL ORTIZ SANTIAGO

Isabel Ortiz Santiago, age 90, of Lorain, OH died on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at her residence, while under the care of Western Reserve Hospice. Isabel was born in Coamo, Puerto Rico on August 1, 1922. She dedicated her life to raising her family. Isabel enjoyed being a homemaker and devoted her life to caring for her daughter. She also enjoyed listening to Spanish music, singing, and dancing. She was a member of Sacred Heart Chapel.

She is survived by her sons: Luis A. (Blanca) Ortiz, William (Teresa) Marrero, both of Lorain; daughters: Justina López, Lucilla Ortiz, with whom she made her home with, of Lorain, Concepción (María) (Hector) Rodríguez, of Huron, daughter in law: Elizabeth Ortiz of Coamo, PR; sisters: Soles and Petronila, both of Puerto Rico; brothers: Elizer and Ismael both of Puerto Rico; 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Higinio C. Ortiz in 1989, son: José C. Ortiz in 2007 and many brothers and sisters.

SISTER CARMEN TORRES

Sister Carmen Torres, MSW, LSW, Sisters of Divine Providence, 70, of Lorain, OH, died Thursday, May 16, 2013 in Metrohealth Medical Center in Cleveland. Sister Carmen was born on December 23, 1942 in Lares, Puerto Rico. Sister Carmen entered religious life on August 1, 1978. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Catholic University of Puerto Rico. She came to Pittsburg in 1980 and received her Master of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. Sister Carmen sojourned to Lorain in 1984 to work as a Counselor/Therapist for the Nord Center for 15 years then Lorain Manor Nursing Home, Lincoln Counseling Center of Lorain for Children then most recently for Bellfair JCB of Elyria, also counseling children.

Sister Carmen was an active member of Sacred Heart Chapel. She enjoyed landscaping, flowers, plants and cooking and taking food to those in need. She also enjoyed playing her Maracas in the church choir and whenever Spanish music was played. Sister Carmen was a true servant of the Lord. She was a kind, generous person and consistent in her love of God. In spite of her recent illness she remained persevering and happy in spirit.

Sister Carmen will be dearly missed by her sisters Olga Castillo of Manhattan, New York, Francisca Torres Arroyo of Hatillo Puerto Rico and Nereida Torres de González of Arecibo, Puerto Rico; brothers Antonio and Anibal Torres Arroyo both of Hatillo and Reynaldo Torres Arroyo of Arecibo; many nieces and nephews and a good friend Sister Theresa Stegman of Lorain.

She was preceded in death by her parents Roque Torres and Ruperta Arroyo; Ramona, Placida, Georgina Torres Arroyo and Juana Lucia; and her brothers Artemio and Herman Torres Arroyo.



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Film mexicano de narcoviolencia sacude a Cannes

Por JILL LAWLESS, Associated Press

CANNES, Francia, 16 de mayo del 2013 (AP): La violencia representada en "Heli" es tan brutal, que tras su estreno en el Festival de Cine de Cannes una periodista le dijo al director Amat Escalante que canceló un viaje previsto a México y varios espectadores se salieron de la sala.

El crudo y sombrío drama mexicano sobre la guerra contra las drogas sacudió el jueves al magno evento cinematográfico de la riviéra francesa.

"No es una película antiturismo para México, para nada", dijo Escalante a los reporteros en Cannes, donde "Heli" es una de las 20 cintas que compiten por el máximo premio del festival, la Palma de Oro. "Es un drama que es bastante extremo porque creo que de hecho es peor, la realidad en México, pero no la realidad del día a día".

"Es un país maravilloso, un país hermoso que tiene este virus que invade ciertas partes, y mucha gente está sufriendo", añadió el realizador, a sus 34 años el director más joven y el único latinoamericano en la contienda.

"Sería socialmente muy irresponsable no hablar de esas cosas malas que están pasando en nuestro país", expresó Gabriel Reyes, quien escribió el guion con Escalante. "Creo que si nunca hablamos de las cosas malas entonces los problemas nunca se solventarán".

Filmada en los oscuros y

hermosos paisajes alrededor de la ciudad de Guanajuato, en el centro de México, el filme se enfoca en Heli (interpretado por Armando Espitia), un joven que trabaja en una planta automotriz y vive con su esposa, su bebé, su padre y su hermana de 12 años, Estella (Andrea Vergara).

Cuando Estella se enamora de un policía, la familia es arrastrada al mundo de las narcoguerras del país.

Con una impactante rapidez, la violencia estalla sobre ellos, dejando a los sobrevivientes afectados rehaciendo sus vidas lo mejor que pueden.

Dos escenas le arrancaron gritos ahogados al público de Cannes. Una muestra un acto de maldad contra un cachorro, la otra la brutal tortura a un adolescente por parte de niños que incluye lo que un crítico describió delicadamente como "inmolación genital".

Para algunos miembros de la audiencia fue simplemente demasiado, y se salieron de la sala. La publicación The Hollywood Reporter calificó la cinta como "un austero banquete melancólico de sadismo que revuelve el estómago y de miseria pornográfica en los bajos fondos", mientras que Variety la describió como "consumada pero particularmente desagradable".

Otros, en tanto, la



compararon con filmes como "Ciudad de Dios" y "Amores perros", descripciones artísticas y poderosas de la violencia en Latinoamérica.

"Heli" llega a Cannes un año después que la contendiente mexicana "Post Tenebras Lux" de Carlos Reygadas, una respuesta más surrealista pero temáticamente similar a la narcoviolencia que ha causado al menos 70.000 muertes desde el 2006.

Escalante, quien ha trabajado como asistente de dirección de Reygadas, defendió la representación de la violencia en su filme. Su estilo cinematográfico es la antítesis de Hollywood, con escenas imperturbables que crean una sensación de desapego pero no ofrecen escape del horror en la pantalla.

"Si voy a mostrar violencia, le voy a dar el peso que debe tener", dijo el director. "Moralmente, creo que la responsabilidad es mostrar la violencia como debe ser: triste y desagradable, muy sucia, una pesadilla".

"Podríamos mostrarla a medias", añadió. "Hitchcock dijo que es más poderoso no mostrarla. Siempre he recordado eso, pero he tratado de hacer lo contrario".

Lydia Mendoza es reconocida con estampilla

Por HECTOR SALDAÑA, San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO 16 de mayo del 2013 (AP): La conmovedora voz de Lydia Mendoza y su guitarra de 12 cuerdas podían sonar, según el acordeonista Flaco Jiménez, como "las estrellas cuando descienden del cielo".

Muchos consideran a Mendoza como la mayor intérprete mexicana estadounidense del siglo XX. "Mal Hombre", grabada en 1934, marcó el inicio de su carrera.

La memoria de la legendaria cantante fue reconocida con un sello del Servicio Postal Federal. En la estampilla aparece Mendoza en la cúspide de su carrera, rasgando una cuerda de su adorada guitarra.

El sello postal "Lydia Mendoza Para Siempre" es el primero de una serie inspirada en estrellas musicales, que también incluirá a Johnny Cash y Ray Charles. Fue develado en una ceremonia especial en el Teatro Guadalupe el miércoles, en la que también se celebró el arranque del Festival de Música de Conjunto Tejano del Centro de Artes y Cultura de Guadalupe en San Antonio.

El organizador del festival, Juan Tejeda, dijo que Mendoza es un verdadero ícono, una artista folclórica con una belleza impactante, con un talento comparable al de Lead Belly u Odetta y Rosetta Tharpe.



Mendoza, quien murió en San Antonio en diciembre de 2007 a los 91 años, dejó su huella en la música estilo conjunto (conjunto music).

"Es la primera texana emblemática", dijo Tejeda.

Las grabaciones de la artista originaria de Houston se realizaron en San Antonio. "Sus primeras grabaciones, dos o tres, tienen bastantes toques de blues y están en español", dijo Tejeda.

Objetos relacionados con la carrera de Mendoza, incluida una guitarra, fotografías y un recuento histórico de la misma se pueden observar en el Teatro Guadalupe.

"Estamos muy orgullosos de ella", dijo Patty Ortiz, directora ejecutiva del centro cultural. "Cambió el paradigma de la música estilo conjunto".

El sonido minimalista de Mendoza era similar al de los primeros artistas de blues, folk y gypsy. Su estilo era atrevido y directo.

"Para ella lo más importante era la historia", dijo el acordeonista Joel Guzmán, ganador del Grammy y quien tenía 8 años cuando se presentó junto con Mendoza en Pharr en 1964.

Al comienzo, Guzmán estaba sobre el hombro de su padre, y "un minuto después estaba en el escenario".

Guzmán recuerda la sensación que le causó la faldita de Mendoza, adornada con joyas, al rozarle la mejilla, así como el olor de su perfume.

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BELIZE CITY, May 13, 2013 (AP): A construction company has essentially destroyed one of Belize's largest Mayan pyramids with backhoes and bulldozers to extract rock for a road-building project.

The head of the Belize Institute of Archaeology says the destruction was detected late last week.

Only a small portion of center of the pyramid mound was left standing.

Dr. Jaime Awe says he was sickened by the destruction of the Nohmul pyramid and temple platform, which

date back about 2,300 years.

Photos of the portion that remained showed what appeared to be classic Mayan-arched chamber dangling above one



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High-tech pushes for more in immigration bill

By ERICA WERNER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, May 14, 2013 (AP): High-tech companies looking to bring more skilled workers to the U.S. pushed Monday for more concessions in an immigration bill pending in the Senate. Labor unions said these companies had already obtained enough in the legislation and further changes risked chipping away at protections for U.S. workers.

The clash is set to play out in a congressional hearing room this week as the Senate Judiciary Committee resumes consideration of amendments to sweeping legislation remaking the nation's immigration system.

At issue are the highly sought-after H-1B visas that allow companies like Google and Microsoft to bring workers to the U.S. to fill job openings for engineers, computer software experts, and other positions where employers say there's a shortage of U.S. workers. The legislation increases the number of these visas that are available, but also adds in a number of restrictions designed to ensure U.S. workers get a first shot at jobs.

Those protections were championed by Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat and a Judiciary Committee member who is also part of the bipartisan "Gang of Eight" senators who authored the immigration legislation.

But high-tech companies have their own champion on the Judiciary Committee: Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch, who's prepared a slew of amendments to help their cause.

Hatch is seen as a potential swing vote on the immigration bill so backers of the legislation, who are working assiduously to ensure their bill passes the Senate with as many votes as possible, would like to court his support. But Durbin opposes Hatch's efforts and he and other Democrats are under pressure from organized labor not to go along.

"We deeded the current language in the bill to be the compromise. After all, high tech got an awful lot of what it wanted, includ-

ing the visa limit going up nearly threefold," said Tom Snyder, immigration campaign manager for the AFL-CIO labor federation. "Now they want to compromise the compromise."

Robert Hoffman, senior vice president for government affairs at the Information Technology Industry Council, disagreed. He said that the changes sought by Hatch, whose state is increasingly becoming a major high-tech employer, mostly amount to mechanical fixes to ensure the high-tech provisions work to boost economic growth and job creation in the U.S.

"It's very important that the H-1B be workable and I think that's what we're trying to fix," Hoffman said. "Because the reality is the legislation as drafted in our view runs the risk of pushing work and investment that could come through temporary visas outside the United States."

The Information Technology Industry Council joined dozens of other business groups and state and local chambers of commerce and technology councils in sending a letter to Judiciary Committee members Monday outlining their concerns about the high-tech language in the bill.

The bill would raise the cap on H-1B visas from the current 65,000 annually to 110,000, with the potential to adjust upward to 180,000 depending on how many visa applications are received and what the unemployment rate is. High-tech companies said the unemployment rate shouldn't be a factor because it might not reflect actual demand for skilled workers. Hatch has an amendment to make that change.

High-tech companies also are concerned about a new provision requiring them to show they have tried to recruit U.S. workers before hiring anyone on an H-1B visa. Hatch would limit the requirement only to companies that are more heavily dependent on H-1B visas, so that it wouldn't apply to a number of U.S. tech companies.

Hatch also has an amendment to change a requirement in the bill seeking to

ensure that U.S. workers are not displaced by the hiring of foreigners.

The Judiciary Committee meets Tuesday, but the consideration of the bulk of Hatch's amendments looked likely to be put off until Thursday to give senators time to see if they could reach a resolution.

Durbin and the three other Gang of Eight members on the Judiciary Committee—Sens. Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, Lindsey Graham, and Jeff Flake, both Republicans—have resolved to vote together to defeat changes that would strike at core provisions of the bill and threaten the coalition backing it. But it was unclear Monday whether the lawmakers would be able to reach a compromise that could accommodate Hatch in a way Durbin could go along with. There was also no indication that Hatch would commit to supporting the bill even if his amendments on high-tech issues were accepted, because he's raised a number of other concerns as well.

In the latest sign of involvement by the high-tech and business communities, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Partnership for a New American Economy, a group made up of business leaders and mayors, was to announce plans Tuesday for a "virtual march on Washington" to get people to use social media platforms to push Congress to support the immigration bill. The effort, set for next week, is to be co-chaired by Organizing for Action, a group headed by loyalists to President Barack Obama, and Republicans for Immigration Reform, led by former Bush administration Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez.

Overall, the legislation would aim to boost border security, require all employers to verify the legal status of their workers, allow tens of thousands of new high- and low-skilled workers into the U.S., and create an eventual path to citizenship for the approximately 11 million people already here without documentation. It is a top second-term priority for Obama.

University of Toledo EXCEL program seeking funds

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in Toledo—public, charter, or parochial—is eligible to apply for the program.

"When you're talking about students from these populations, I really don't think there's a program in the country that can touch the success that we've had," said Young, when considering graduation and retention rates of Excel students.

To date, approximately 1,300 Toledo-area high school-age teens have gone through the long-term program, which is aimed at student success over a number of years. The program boasts a 99 percent high school graduation rate, 96 percent college enrollment rate, and 86 percent become college graduates or students matriculating towards graduation.

In addition, administrators guesstimate that nearly 70 percent of the students have stayed in Northwest Ohio and still call it home.

"With the evolution of society, I guess that's reflected within the program," said Ms. Allen.

"The generations of students we're dealing with are very much reflective of what our community looks like and I think that's part of the beauty of this program. Our students are so diverse in their backgrounds and it's really refreshing for us to work with such students and for them to work with each other. They really learn so much from each other, as well as from our academic instruction."

Ms. Allen herself is a product of the UT Excel program, part of the fifth group of students nearly two decades ago.

"I really have a perspective as a student, some of the things I've done and the program has prepared me for," she said. "I try to instill those in the students. But I also have to be cognizant that the students have different needs than we did 20 years ago. It's an ever-changing process and they keep me young."

Ms. Allen started working with the program during the summer when she was still in high school, as a peer mentor. She "stayed connected" even during her college years. The 34-year old now has spent more than a decade working with EXCEL

as a student and as a professional.

"I was a shy student, went to St. Ursula Academy. I was used to staying in my own lane—and this program gave me the opportunity to meet people from all over the city that I never would have met," she said. "Or to travel—I traveled to Africa twice before I was 16 years old. Those types of once-in-a-lifetime experiences really broadened my whole perspective on life and the opportunities that were out there."

Spring is a busy time of year for the UT Excel program. While dozens of students are preparing to graduate, another group of students will be inducted into the program. As soon as one group of students finishes, another one begins the program.

"This is always a time of rebirth and reflection through their eyes," said Ms. Allen.

Anyone who wants to inquire about how to contribute to the Toledo EXCEL program can call the office at 419.530.3820. All contributions would be tax-deductible.

Mercy College Provides Honor Flight Guardians

May 21, 2013: Seven Mercy College students, one recent graduate and two faculty and staff members have completed Honor Flight Northwest Ohio guardian training to fully prepare them for the privilege of assisting 71 heroes, veterans from WWII and Korea on the 30th Honor Flight Northwest Ohio trip to Washington, DC to visit the memorials built to honor their service. The Honor Flight will depart and return Wednesday, May 22, 2013. There are two Marine veterans and one Army veteran among the Mercy College volunteers.

"This is not a sight-seeing trip for us. We will be there for the sole purpose of making the experience for our assigned veterans the best it can possibly be. This is our opportunity to say thank you to those who have defended our freedom," said Sister Sally Marie Bohnett, SND, Campus Minister and Coordinator of Service Learning. "We hope this will become an annual opportunity for our students," said John F. Hayward, Mercy College President. "With our healthcare focus and mission of compassion Honor Flight service is an incredible opportunity for our students," he added.

Participation in the Honor Flight was made possible through support from the Sisters of the Precious Blood and the Mercy College of Ohio Foundation. Sister Karen Elliott, C.P.P.S., Associate Professor of Religious Studies, will serve as a guardian on this trip and worked with Sister Sally Bohnett coordinating the student guardians.

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NYC weighs allowing people who are in US legally, but not citizens, to vote in local elections

By JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press

NEW YORK, May 14, 2013 (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of immigrants could get the right to vote in New York City elections under a proposal that would mark the biggest expansion yet of efforts to enfranchise them.

The measure, aired at a City Council hearing Thursday, would make New York the biggest locale to let non-citizens cast ballots. Advocates estimate that more than 800,000 green card and visa holders would be able to help choose the mayor, council members and other city officials.

The proposal, which is in play amid a fractious debate in Washington DC over overhauling immigration laws, may amplify a decades-long debate over whether voting rights should be reserved for citizenship or embrace newcomers on the premise that they also have a stake in the society.

"We're all involved

in politics since we're born. And the people who look for government to work for them have to be involved in the political process," Dominican immigrant José Torrero said through a translator in an interview.

Torrero, 70, left Santo Domingo to join his daughter in New York four years ago and has a green card. He's preparing to apply for citizenship, but it's likely years away. He was active in politics in his homeland, and he'd like to vote for New York candidates who share his views on immigration, job creation and other issues.

While immigrant and voting-rights advocates see non-citizen suffrage as a matter of taxpayer fairness and civic engagement, some officeholders and others view the vote as a fundamental province of citizenship, a privilege to hold out as a goal for new arrivals.

"Voting is the most important right we are granted as citizens, and you should have to go through the process of becoming a citizen and declaring allegiance to this country before being given that right," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said through a spokeswoman.

No vote has been scheduled

on the measure, which faces legal as well as political questions.

In a country that describes itself as a nation of immigrants, many states once let non-citizens vote. Those policies changed by the 1930s, amid anti-immigrant sentiment and other political currents of the time, said Ron Hayduk, a Queens College political science professor who wrote a book on immigrant voting.

The idea has had something of a renaissance in recent decades. A half-dozen Maryland cities now allow it, four Massachusetts towns have OK'd it but are awaiting state approval. But immigrant suffrage initiatives were defeated at the polls in San Francisco and Portland, Maine, in 2010.

In New York City, non-citizens were able to vote for the school board for three decades, until the board was disbanded soon after Bloomberg took office in 2002.

Councilman Daniel Dromm's proposal would open all city elections to foreigners who are in the country legally and have lived in New York City for at least six

months. They would register as a separate category of "municipal voters" but would vote alongside citizens.

The idea has been floated in the council for years, but it now has more than enough sponsors to pass. Dromm says he believes there would be enough to override a mayoral veto, should it come to that.

Backers invoke a most US-American complaint—taxation without representation—and they note that citizenship can take a decade or more to acquire. And to some, the issue strikes at the heart of democratic ideals.

For the eight years it took Agha Saleh to get U.S. citizenship after he left Lahore, Pakistan, he felt saddened that the US-American "government of the people, by the people" didn't apply to him.

"It was a dream, perhaps, this democracy of the United States," Saleh, who helps lead a Queens community group, said at Thursday's hearing.

Advocates also say the vote would help immigrants engage with their political leaders, and vice versa.

"I think that their voices

will be heard louder and clearer," City Councilman Ydanis Rodríguez said in an interview. After immigrating from Licey al Medio, Dominican Republic, as a teenager in 1983, he taught in a public school and campaigned for local officials but couldn't vote for them before becoming a U.S. citizen in 2000.

New York state election law prohibits immigrants from voting, and advocates and the mayor's office dispute whether the City Council has the authority to allow it in the city. In any event, it would require federal authorities' review for compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

City Board of Elections lawyers expressed concerns in a letter this week about the potential costs and logistics of implementing the plan, but they didn't opine on the underlying idea.

Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who exercises considerable control over what measures come to a vote, hasn't taken a position on the proposal.

Associated Press researcher Rhonda Shafner contributed to this report.

NEXT WEEK IN LA PRENSA:

New Summer School Academy to offer Pre-K Transitions Program, weekly field trips, Extended Year Program, social studies and science curriculum to target low MEAP scores y más.

May 21, 2013: Aligning with the district's strategic plan, Detroit Public Schools today announced bold new goals for its 2013 Summer School Academy to be held June 17-July 26, 2013 with programs targeted to attract students from outside of the district in need of credit recovery courses and a pre-kindergarten transitions program to provide enrichment activities to students prior to entering kindergarten.

A K-8 program will be offered with a focus on social studies and science—areas where students received low-ranking MEAP scores—integrated with language arts and mathematics. This program will be mandatory for under-performing students in grades 4-8 at 37 schools. A total of 35 schools that are on the state's priority list will provide Extended Year programs from June 17-July 12 based on each school's normal business hours.

In addition to these strategic programs aimed at raising academic achievement among low-performing students, the Summer School Academy will also offer weekly educational/experiential learning field trips for PreK-8 students focused on science and social studies to institutions including the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Rouge Factory, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Finance Park, and the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

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Problems surface over Ariz.'s 2007 immigration law

By JACQUES BILLEAUD, Associated Press

PHOENIX, May 17, 2013 (AP)—The immigration debate in Arizona reached a boiling point in 2007 when the state passed a groundbreaking law targeting those often blamed with fueling the nation's border woes: Employers who hire immigrants living in the U.S. without documentation.

The law marked a bold step by a state into an area that had long been the domain of the federal government, and it paved the way for Arizona's landmark 2010 immigration law. It also represented a key moment in the immigration battles that continue today as Congress mulls a proposed overhaul of the immigration system.

But an examination of the law by The Associated Press found that it has done little to crack down on problematic employers. Only three of the state's 147,000 employers have been brought to civil court on illegal hiring allegations, while several hundred employees who are living in the U.S. without documentation have been arrested under a section of the law that made it a felony to use fake or stolen IDs to get jobs.

While the law has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, it has faced several problems:

- Hundreds of immigrant workers arrested under the law have spent months in jail on ID theft charges, while only two businesses—a sandwich shop and now-defunct amusement park—had their business licenses suspended for several days. The case against the third business, a custom furniture maker, is still pending.

- A high legal standard for proving violations by businesses and a lack of subpoena power in getting employment records are almost insurmountable barriers to making cases against employers.

- Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office is the only police agency in the state that has raided businesses in enforcement of the employment law. It has arrested hundreds of workers in 72 business raids since 2008. The office has since

been accused by the U.S. Justice Department of discriminating against Latino workers, allegations the sheriff denies.

- Despite the small number of cases against employers, the county prosecutor's office in metropolitan Phoenix has spent \$4.5 million since 2008 investigating businesses suspected of hiring workers who aren't in the country legally and to pursue criminal ID theft cases against employees. Nearly a third of the money—\$1.4 million—was given by the prosecutor's office to Arpaio's agency to investigate such cases.

Backers contend the enforcement numbers tell only a piece of the story. They say the law has helped combat identity theft and prompted immigrants living in the country without documentation to leave Arizona. They also believe that the fear of business raids has caused employers to follow the rules.

"We are never going to get 100 percent compliance, but we have made a difference," said former Arizona Senate President Russell Pearce, the driving force behind the employment law and the state's 2010 immigration law that requires police officers, while enforcing other laws, to question people's immigration status if they are suspected of being in the country illegally.

The number of immigrants living in Arizona without permission to be in the U.S. declined by 200,000 from 2008 to January 2011, when the total estimated number stood at 360,000, according to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security report. While the law's backers say the decrease shows the state's immigration laws are working, other factors contributed to immigrants leaving the state, such as a construction industry that hemorrhaged jobs during that period.

Democratic state Sen. Steve Gallardo of Phoenix, an opponent of the law, said the imbalance in the number of cases against employers versus workers is a reflection of legislators who wanted to appear tough on illegal immigration but gave employers plenty of wiggle room.

"You have an employer sanctions law that doesn't go

after the employers," Gallardo said. "We should call it the employee sanctions law."

More than 500 immigrants who weren't authorized to be in the country have been arrested on charges of using forged documents or stolen identities to get jobs at businesses raided by Arpaio's office since 2008. An unknown number of additional ID theft arrests were made by other police agencies, which don't raid businesses in enforcing the law but make cases when people complain that their identity has been stolen.

Lawyers for immigrants accused of ID theft say their clients used fake or stolen identities to get jobs, not to rack up debt under another person's name. Their clients spend months in jail without the chance of getting a bond set, because a voter-approved law denies bail to people who aren't in the country legally and are charged with serious felonies, such as murder, sexual assault and aggravated identity theft.

Immigrants desperate to earn money to support their families often plead guilty to felony charges to get out of jail, walking away with time served but often facing deportation and unable to ever again enter the U.S. legally, their lawyers said.

Law's backers

The law's backers say undocumented immigrants who steal identities to get jobs are still committing a crime. Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, the top prosecutor for the state's most populous county, said identity theft victims may get a letter saying they owe back taxes for jobs they've never held, could have problems getting loans and face hassle in untangling the mess.

While most of the ID theft cases end in guilty pleas, one case that went to trial last year ended with an acquittal, even though the man from Costa Rica told jurors he used someone else's Social Security number to get a job.

Walter Flores-García, a 47-year-old concrete company worker, told jurors that he didn't return to Costa Rica after he overstayed his visa because his daughter wouldn't get the same type of treatment for her cerebral palsy back home. He

also told jurors he used someone else's information on work documents to get a job and had no intention to defraud the true Social Security number holder.

Jury forewoman Marilee Avina said jurors concluded Flores-García wasn't leeching off others and took all possible steps to be legitimate. "One specific juror said, 'This could have been me,'" Avina said.

The chief difficulty in making cases against employers is that it's not enough to prove a business hired an undocumented immigrant. To prove a case, prosecutors say they need a confession from an owner or hiring manager, or a recording of an owner admitting to breaking the law—all of which are difficult to come by.

Another barrier is the law doesn't give prosecutors civil subpoena power to make suspected violators hand over records while the case is being investigated.

Business owners say the law puts them in a tight spot. They note they aren't document experts, and insist they would open themselves up to civil rights lawsuits if they were to inquire too deeply into whether a prospective employee is in the country legally.

"It's not the employer's job to be the Border Patrol," said Marion "Mac" Magruder, an opponent of the law who runs a human resource business and grew so frustrated with Arpaio raids that he resigned as a volunteer in one of the sheriff's posses.

The sheriff stands by his raids and fake ID arrests, saying there's no rationalization for stealing a person's identity and that his officers aren't raiding businesses with the goal of seeing if workers are here illegally.

"I am going in there to lock these people up. They just happen to be here [without documentation]. That doesn't change that they are violating the law with fake IDs," Arpaio said.

The sheriff said he's bothered that so few employers have been brought to court and called the law's penalties for employers weak. "I would love to catch the employers," Arpaio said.

Justices more diverse than lawyers before court

By MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, May 13, 2013 (AP)—In roughly 75 hours of arguments at the Supreme Court since October, only one African-American lawyer appeared before the justices, and for just over 11 minutes.

The numbers were marginally better for Latino lawyers. Four of them argued for a total of 1 hour, 45 minutes.

Women were better represented, accounting for just over 17 percent of the arguments before the justices.

In an era when three women, a Latina and an African-American sit on the court and white men constitute a bare majority of the nine justices, the court is more diverse than the lawyers who argue before it.

The arguments that took place from October to April were presented overwhelmingly by white men. Women and minority lawyers whose clients' cases were heard by the court were far more likely to represent governments or be part of public-interest law firms than in private practice, where paychecks are much larger.

The numbers generally reflect the largely white and male upper reaches of the biggest and richest private law firms, where there have been small gains by women and minorities in the past 20 years. A recent survey by the Association for Legal Career Professionals found that more than 93 percent of partners in law firms are white and nearly 80 percent are men.

The statistics from the court term, though, also reveal a lack of African-American and Latino lawyers in the elite Justice Department unit that represents the federal government at the Supreme Court.

The top supervisory positions in the Office of the Solicitor General all are held by men, though there are six women in the office who ar-

gued high court cases this term.

The office serves as a pipeline to the big firms that dominate the argument calendar at the court. Lawyers in the office make several arguments a term and acquire the experience and ease of standing before the justices that make them attractive to private firms.

The first woman on the court, Sandra Day O'Connor, touched on the importance of diversity at the court in a tribute to the first African-American justice, Thurgood Marshall. O'Connor said Marshall "imparted not only his legal acumen but also his life experiences, constantly pushing and prodding us to respond not only to the persuasiveness of legal argument but also to the power of moral truth."

The justices also benefit from seeing lawyers who don't all look and sound the same, said Alan Jenkins, an African-American former Justice Department lawyer who argued four cases at the Supreme Court. "It's especially true of people who appear before the Supreme Court because the court, as an institution, is intentionally set apart from the day-to-day life of the nation," said Jenkins, executive director of the not-for-profit The Opportunity Agenda in New York.

The only minority group that could be said to be over-represented was lawyers of Asian heritage. Seven men—three in private practice, Deputy Solicitor General Sri Srinivasan and two others at the Justice Department and a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union—made 17 arguments to the court. There has never been an Asian-American justice.

In cases before the Supreme Court, there are at least two and sometimes more parties who are granted time to argue their positions. In the current term, the justices heard 193 separate presentations.

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When *Debo Adegbile* stepped to the lectern in defense of a landmark voting rights law in February, he was the first—pand as it turned out, the only—African-American to make a high court argument this term.

Adegbile until recently worked for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the famed public-interest law firm that mounted generations of civil rights challenges, including the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* case that outlawed official segregation in public schools.

Before he became a justice, Marshall was the organization's top lawyer and argued several high court cases.

Adegbile represented six African-American residents of Shelby County, Ala., which is challenging a key provision of federal voting rights law. Following Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli Jr.'s more legalistic presentation, Adegbile pointed to recent

examples of intentional voting discrimination in the South to highlight the ongoing need for the measure.

"This statute is in part about our march through history to keep promises that our Constitution says for too long were unmet," he said.

Voting rights was the second of two high-profile cases about race at the court this term.

In the first, three white men made the arguments when the justices considered the fate of the University of Texas program that takes account of race in admissions.

Civil rights cases have historically given minority lawyers the greatest chance to argue before the court, but those cases have been in decline for some time at the Supreme Court.

"The more problematic question is, why is civil rights litigation one of the few pathways available to African-American litigators when clearly they have distinguished themselves?"

Jenkins said.

Women in the legal profession have faced a similar problem, but lately have had more opportunities.

Lisa Blatt of the Arnold and Porter law firm in Washington has written that over the years most women arguing at the court have been public-interest lawyers, public defenders or government attorneys. "Translation: women are doing the same work but for less pay," she wrote in the *Green Bag*, a legal journal.

This term, Blatt made three arguments, the only woman in private practice to make more than one. There were 10 men in private practice with multiple arguments.

"This is a problem of today but not tomorrow," Blatt said, referring to the many women who are gaining experience representing the government at the court. She said some of them will enter private practice, as she did after many years in the Justice Department.



Central Ars. defeats Dep. Holanda, 5 to 0.

Liga Las Americas

Segunda Vuelta, Temporada 2012

	Juegos Jugados	Juegos Ganados	Juegos Perdidos	Juegos Empatados	Goles a Favor	Goles en Contra	Puntos	Diferencia
Central	18	14	1	3	75	22	45	+53
D. Holanda	18	13	3	2	74	16	41	+58
Young Guns	18	12	4	2	71	34	38	+37
Fremont	18	10	7	1	49	42	31	+7
Guadalupe	18	9	6	3	72	45	30	+27
Corre Caminos	18	7	8	3	32	60	24	-28
Potros Neza	18	4	11	3	28	52	18	-24
D. Weston	18	4	12	2	39	65	14	-26
Michigan	18	3	12	3	32	54	12	-22
D. Las Lajas	18	3	13	2	14	96	11	-82

La Liga de las Américas

Soccer Scores, May 19, 2013

Potros Neza	5	vs.	Guadalupe	1
D. Las Lajas	1	vs.	Young Guns	7
D. Holanda	0	vs.	Central Ars.	5
Corre Caminos	0	vs.	Michigan	1



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Primera Vuelta, Temporada 2013

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Central Ars.	vs.	Corre Caminos	C.3/11:00
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