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The Welcome Toledo-Lucas County, Toledo Immigrant Alliance, Indivisible Toledo, the Latino Alliance of Northwest Ohio, ABLE, and other community action and support groups are hosting the Rally against Family Separation on Saturday, June 30, 2018, 11 a.m., in front of what's been dubbed the "Love Wall" at Adams and 13th Streets in uptown Toledo. This event is followed by the FLOC Rally at noon at the 7 Eleven, 2601 W. Bancroft.

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# Immigration raid aftermath will last weeks, months, if not years

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

June 20, 2018: Latino nonprofits and legal aid groups are bracing for a long, hot summer trying to help more than 100 undocumented immigrants and 200-plus children in the weeks following this month's ICE raid on an Erie County landscaping and garden operation.

The women were shipped to a federal detention facility in Michigan, while the men were transported to a private prison near Youngstown, hours from the children they were forced to leave behind in the Norwalk and Willard areas. The detainees had their cell phones taken away, allowed only to make a limited number of phone calls each week, thus

making them only able to communicate sporadically with loved ones since the raid at Corso's Flower and Garden Center.

A team of attorneys from *Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE)* traveled to Michigan Thursday to speak with approximately 35 female detainees out of concern they don't have proper legal representation and their due process rights are in jeopardy.

"Amazingly, for everything that they've gone through, they're in good spirits," said *Patty Hernández*, ABLE senior attorney. "But, of course, it's something they're really struggling with. They've told us some heart-

breaking stories. They've been separated from their families in a way that doesn't make any of us feel any safer, doesn't do anything for this country."

Many of the detainees already have expedited deportation hearings scheduled the first week of July. Ironically, the detainees could be shipped out of the United States while U.S. freedom is celebrated during the July 4th holiday. ABLE plans to try to represent as many of the detainees as possible but has issued a call for help from pro bono attorneys. A separate team of lawyers has already gone to Youngstown to interview the men.

"We think we'll be able to put together a strong group of

attorneys comprised of ABLE, private attorneys, and other nonprofit organizations. We'll put together as strong of a legal team as we can, but the need is much greater than the resources," said Ms. Hernández.

## Downtown protests on June 15 and June 30

Several groups staged a lunchtime protest Friday, June 15th in downtown Toledo, drawing about 75 protestors, including retired priests, nuns, and nonprofit groups working directly with the Mexican-born immigrants caught up in the recent immigration raid.

The Toledo rally was organized and sponsored by the *Social Justice Subcommittee of the Toledo Chapter of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests* and *Pax Christi at Corpus Christi Parish* near the UT campus. In Ohio, similar protests were held one day before in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton. The groups contend the separation of families is a human rights issue.

*Sister Julia Hutchison of the Sisters of Notre Dame* came to the rally to seek how she could hook into helping the effort. She stated the raid and its rallying cry for assistance has left her heart a mixed bag of emotions.

"This effort—courage, Our government—depression," she said. "My heart breaks just at the thought that this could be happening in this country, that we would treat anyone, by mandate of our own government, like this. Our brothers and sisters are coming across to seek something."

At the same time, an ongoing



ing food collection has been launched across Northwest Ohio to continue to feed the children left behind, many of them infants and toddlers. Most are in the care of family, friends, and loved ones who have no access to the children's belongings and are in desperate need of basic items. The raid occurred while their parents were at work and the children staying with a babysitter or relatives. In most cases, the raid swept up one or both of their parents.

A collection held Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Toledo's Walbridge Park yielded a large truckload of relief supplies, including diapers, wipes, baby formula, food, clothes, and household items. But nonprofit groups believe their work has just begun, as the kids may be without their parents for an undetermined amount of time and, in some cases, the separation may be permanent.

"While our community may be divided on the appropriate approach to immigration reform, the well-being of children is a bi-partisan issue, read a Facebook post for the event page *Feed the Children Left Behind*. "Our work has just begun, as these children and families are only beginning the difficult and confusing journey of detainment."

Food and cash donations can be dropped off at three *Pathstone* locations during normal weekday business hours: *Area Office on Aging* building, 2155 Arlington Ave., Toledo; 143 S. Main St., Bowling Green; and the main office, 2453 County Road V, Liberty Center.

The group posted recommended shelf-stable food donations on its Facebook page, including pinto beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, tomato sauce, tortillas, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, potatoes, bottled water, snacks, paper plates, and bleach, among other items. The group also is encouraging people to shop a wish list posted on Amazon and have the donations shipped to the Liberty Center Pathstone office.

"After the raid, the amount of solidarity and collaboration among the different agencies is really outstanding," said *Beatriz Maya*, managing director at *La Conexión* in Bowling Green. "It's a very positive outcome in the middle of all this tragedy."

"It has galvanized a lot of people in a lot of cities because it's so necessary," said Ms. Hernández. "If we've never seen this much movement before, it's probably because

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## Fuente AP: Otro funcionario de EEUU enfermo en Cuba

Por JOSH LEDERMAN y MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC., 21 VI 18 (AP): Exámenes médicos confirmaron que otro trabajador de la embajada estadounidense en Cuba ha sido afectado por misteriosos problemas de salud en la isla, dijo el jueves el Departamento de Estado, lo que eleva a 25 la cifra total de casos.

El nuevo caso "médicamente confirmado" es de uno de dos trabajadores que fueron evacuados recientemente de Cuba tras reportar síntomas. La portavoz del Departamento de Estado Heather Nauert dijo que el otro trabajador "sigue siendo evaluado" por los médicos. Antes de este incidente, el último caso en Cuba se registró en agosto de 2017, señaló Nauert.

"Todo esto es todavía una investigación abierta", dijo Nauert.

Los pacientes confirmados en Cuba han presentado diversos síntomas, incluyendo lesión cerebral traumática moderada, conocida también como conmoción cerebral. Esos y otros casos sospechosos de Cuba y China han sido llevados a la Universidad de Pensilvania para realizarles pruebas.

Además de los 25 casos de Cuba, hay un trabajador de un consulado estadounidense en el sur de China, lo que genera preocupaciones de que los incidentes en Cuba se hayan diseminado. Decenas de otros trabajadores en consulados en China están siendo examinados ahora,

incluyendo algunos que regresaron a Estados Unidos para análisis más avanzados.

Estados Unidos ha dicho que los incidentes en Cuba comenzaron a finales del 2016. El Departamento de Estado llama "ataques específicos", pero no ha dicho qué los causó ni quién. Cuba ha negado categóricamente involucramiento o conocimiento. Las primeras conjeturas se centraron en algún tipo de ataque sónico, debido a reportes de sonidos extraños por los afectados, pero un reporte interno del FBI en enero no encontró evidencia de que ondas sonoras pudiesen causar esos daños, reportó la AP.

La nueva confirmación se produce menos de una semana después de que Washington reiteró la fuente de los "ataques" contra la salud de los diplomáticos estadounidenses. Cuba respondió de nuevo negando responsabilidad alguna en los incidentes.

En una reunión de alto nivel en Washington entre funcionarios de alto nivel de los dos países, el Departamento de Estado dijo que planteó de nuevo el asunto, que ha causado una considerable reducción del personal en la embajada estadounidense en La Habana. Reiteró "la necesidad urgente de identificar la fuente de los ataques contra diplomáticos estadounidenses y asegurarse de que cesen".

Los incidentes han enfermado a por lo menos 25 diplomáticos desde finales del 2016, dejando a algunos con

daños cerebrales. El máximo representante cubano en la reunión le dijo a la AP tras la sesión que objetaron la descripción de los incidentes como "ataques".

Apuntó que ni los expertos estadounidenses ni los cubanos habían podido determinar la causa de los síntomas. Repitió preocupaciones de que el gobierno de Trump esté usando los incidentes como excusas para reducir el acercamiento entre los dos países iniciado con el gobierno de Barack Obama.

En una declaración, la cancillería cubana dijo que llamó al gobierno estadounidense a "desistir de la continua manipulación política de los alegados casos de salud". Su delegación demandó además el levantamiento de la "arbitraria" alerta de viajes que —dijo— obstaculiza los intercambios científicos, académicos, culturales, religiosos y empresariales y las visitas de estadounidenses.

En China, el Departamento de Estado emitió una serie de alertas de salud a los estadounidenses en el país luego que un empleado del consulado en Guangzhou reportó síntomas y ruidos extraños y fue llevado a Estados Unidos. Exámenes entonces confirmaron que el empleado "sufrió un incidente médico congruente con lo que otros empleados estadounidenses experimentaron en La Habana, Cuba", dijo el departamento.

## Recta final de las elecciones en México

### Recuento del Tercer Debate Presidencial

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

Mérida, Yucatán, 23 VI 18: "Es un honor estar con Obrador" fue el coro que entonaron al unísono los seguidores de Andrés Manuel López Obrador al finalizar el tercer y último debate entre los candidatos a la presidencia de México, mientras los seguidores de Ricardo Anaya salían corriendo al encuentro de su candidato y los seguidores de José Antonio Meade y Jaime Rodríguez se dispersaban en el salón del Centro de Convenciones del Siglo XXI de esta ciudad, en donde se congregaron altos funcionarios nacionales de los diferentes partidos, así como representantes de Asociaciones Civiles y del Instituto Nacional Electoral (INE) para presenciar el debate.

El Centro de Convenciones del Siglo XXI se encuentra a un costado del Gran Museo del Mundo Maya, sede del debate presidencial, en donde el INE convocó a una reunión para presenciar en pantallas gigantes el encuentro entre los aspirantes a la presidencia de México. Los seguidores aplaudieron y vitorearon cada una de las propuestas de sus candidatos o burlaron a los oponentes, como fue el caso de José Antonio Meade cuando tomó parte de su tiempo para desecharle suerte a la selección mexicana, así como a Jaime Rodríguez cuando insistió en cortarles la mano a los rateros.

Aunque se vivió un gran entusiasmo y camaradería en las instalaciones del Siglo XXI a pesar de las horas de espera y la decepción de no poder estar de cerca con los candidatos, el debate en sí tuvo un buen formato, sin duda alguna mejoró mucho con respecto a las elecciones anteriores. Sin embargo, no hubo propuestas de fondo relevantes de los candidatos.

Lo que más se quedó del discurso de Anaya (Coalición Por México al Frente: PAN, PRD, Movimiento Ciudadano), fue su propuesta de inglés para todos, teléfonos celulares, tabletas y paneles solares, algo que en lugar de ser aplaudido como una buena propuesta, fue muy criticado por estar fuera del contexto de las necesidades de la mayoría de las regiones del país en donde hay un gran número de comunidades sin agua, sin luz y sin servicios adecuados de salud. Emilio Blanco Bosco, doctor en ciencias sociales con especialidad en sociología de la educación y profesor del Colegio de México, calificó la propuesta como una fantasía tecnocrática.



En cuanto a López Obrador (Coalición Juntos Haremos Historia: Morena, PT, PES) se sintió confiado durante todo

el debate, ya que asegura va arriba en las encuestas, al menos ahora si respondió acusaciones directas y no se quedó callado como en el primer debate, pero se vio acorralado cuando Anaya lo presionó con documentos que demostraban su corrupción: "Si te muestro los contratos, ¿renuncias a la candidatura?", insistía Anaya. Es tan relajado el papel de Obrador que de repente olvida debatir y proponer.

Es interesante su propuesta de trabajar para eliminar la corrupción pero no plantea propuestas concretas, ni la forma en cómo lo llevará a cabo, únicamente comenta que lo hará con el ejemplo, pero eso no es suficiente para un pueblo que ha hecho la corrupción parte de la cultura. ¿Cómo cambiar todo el sistema actual?

Meade (Coalición Todos por México: PRI, PVEM, PANAL) realizó propuestas pero con un discurso priista muy poco creíble, lleno de promesas y muy pocas realidades. Rodríguez (Independiente) es quien le pone sabor a los debates por

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## Bags to Butterflies: Reducing Recidivism in Style

DETROIT, June 20, 2018: *Bags to Butterflies*, L3C is a social enterprise located at 20301 James Couzens St. Detroit. The mission of Bags to Butterflies, L3C is to empower formerly incarcerated women with transitional employment immediately upon their return to the community from incarceration.

The organization also provides support, resources and a caring network to help empower them to re-define their life's purpose, with hopes to reduce or eliminate recidivism. Recidivism refers to a person's relapse into criminal behavior and is measured by criminal acts that result in re-arrest, reconviction or return to prison. (NIJ)

*Bags to Butterflies* is taking an innovative approach to create jobs using a very common women's accessory — a handbag! While fulfilling their mission, Bags to Butterflies handcrafts exceptional and gorgeous handbags and clutches made from repurposed wood, leather, and high-quality textiles. Their programming em-



ploys female returning citizens, allowing them to showcase their creative abilities to design and craft these uniquely stylish handbags.

Founded in 2015 by Detroit native, *Michelle Smart*, her founding purpose was to empower formerly incarcerated women with employment in a creative environment. "The ladies are encouraged to be creative without boundaries," said Smart.

To support its mission, the ladies are provided with the materials to design and market a collection of handbags and clutches. The handbag collections function as a reminder to the women to "let go" of their past, "live life" with a sense of purpose, and "fly" towards their dreams. Bags to Butterflies' smaller handbags symbolize downsizing personal baggage while focusing on mental and emotional stability, a value the organization holds near and dear.

*Bags to Butterflies* employs an innovative approach using common accessories that can be worn as a handbag, kept as a keepsake, or as a decorative piece.

Each handbag comes with a gift inside with a message about the designer creating an emotional connection between the creator and purchaser. Each bag is handmade using repurposed wood symbolizing the character of old materials that have been given a new life, just like the designers.

Despite past experiences, *Bags to Butterflies* L3C provides an opportunity for returning citizens to become reinvigorated through the program. Through commitment, perseverance, and with the help of Bags to Beautiful, returning citizens are creating a new, successful life for themselves by creating beautiful work they are proud of.

## Judge tells US: Stop meddling with detained Iraqi nationals

DETROIT, June 20, 2018 (AP): A judge has ordered U.S. immigration officers to stop talking to detained Iraqi-Americans about their cases after lawyers claimed staff members were trying to pressure them to agree to deportation.

The *American Civil Liberties Union* says Iraqi na-

tives who were arrested last year have been told they'll spend years in custody if they don't voluntarily return to Iraq. *Detroit federal Judge Mark Goldsmith* on Wednesday ordered the government to stop engaging the detainees.

The case stems from a roundup of mostly Detroit-area Iraqis. They were facing

removal for years for immigration violations, such as overstaying their visas, or for committing crimes in the U.S., but the cases mostly had been suspended until 2017.

Goldsmith has stopped any deportations so immigration judges can hear their cases. His earlier decisions are being appealed.

## Business leaders speak out against child separation policy

DETROIT, June 19, 2018 (AP): Despite Trump's semi-reversal of separation of children from their parents, business leaders condemned the Trump administration's decision to separate children from parents who are accused of crossing the border without documentation.

The *Business Roundtable*, a lobbying group that includes the

CEOs of Walmart Inc., General Motors Co., Boeing Co. and Mastercard Inc., released a statement Tuesday that had urged the immediate end to the policy.

"This practice is cruel and contrary to American values," said *Chuck Robbins*, the chairman and CEO of Cisco Systems Inc. and the head of the Business Roundtable's immigration committee.

The group called for *comprehensive immigration reform* that protects DACA recipients who arrived in the U.S. as children. The group also doesn't want to curb legal immigration, which it says helps U.S. businesses.

The Business Roundtable joined several other companies, including Microsoft and Airbnb, who have spoken out against child separations.

## US Census notes Asian, Latino population growth in Michigan

DETROIT, June 21, 2018 (AP): U.S. Census Bureau population estimates show that the Asian and Latino populations grew faster in Michigan than nationwide last year.

The Detroit News reports the numbers released Thursday show that Michigan's Hispanic population surpassed half a million for the first time, reach-

ing 504,857 as of July 2017. The estimates show the number of white and black residents edging lower.

*Kurt Metzger*, a demographer and director emeritus of DataDriven Detroit, tells The Detroit News: "The future of Michigan is Asian and Latino." He says that as the white, non-Hispanic population drops "Michigan's growth is going to be contin-

gent on national immigration policy."

Wayne County, which includes Detroit, saw the state's largest increase in Hispanic residents. Oakland County, which includes Detroit suburbs, saw the biggest increase in Asian residents.

Information from: The Detroit News, <http://detnews.com/>

## Fiesta Latina fosters creativity with free youth workshops

WINDSOR, CANADA: Taking place on Saturday June 30, 2018, the *Downtown Windsor Business Improvement Association's (DWBIA)* annual Latin-American festival, *Fiesta Latina*, presents a slew of programming for youth aged 5-10.

Designed to inspire children to explore their creativity, the hands-on activities are educational, exciting and interactive and best of all, they're FREE. Youth will explore arts and crafts that celebrate the Latino, Central and South American cultures.

"Youth will be able to unleash their creative energy in ways that are symbolic of Latin-American heritage," said *Larry Horwitz*, DWBIA Chair. "Fiesta Latina fosters an awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity in a warm and welcoming educational environment."

Youth workshops and programming include:

4:00PM: *Worry Dolls Workshop*, originating in *Guatemala*; worry dolls were traditionally used to prevent worry from keeping people awake at night. One would tell their worry to the doll, and then place the doll under a pillow or in



a pouch before going to sleep. The doll would then take over the worry. This workshop will give children the opportunity to be a part of this tradition as they learn to craft these dolls made of wood and yarn.

5:00PM: *Piñata Making Workshop*; piñata making workshop with instructor *Sorelia Donis*. Youth design and decorate their own tissue paper adornments under the guidance of our teaching expert.

6:00PM: *Ojos de Dios Workshop*; also called "God's Eye," *Ojos de Dios* is an ancient symbol made from yam woven onto two crossed sticks. The ends of the sticks represent the four basic elements (earth, water, wind, fire), and the center of

the eye stands for the power of seeing and understanding things we normally cannot see. It often acts a symbol of protection for children and loved ones.

7:00PM: *Sugar Skulls Workshop*; part of the *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) remembrances, sugar skulls traditionally represent the souls of departed loved ones. They are made of a molded white sugar mixture brightly decorated with sequins and colored sugar paste.

For more information, visit [www.fiestalatina.ca](http://www.fiestalatina.ca).

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## ALOHA: Michael Marsh departing Fair Housing Center; a hui hou kakou!

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent

One of the Latino community's biggest supporters is leaving the Toledo area after decades as a fair housing advocate, bound for a new challenge in Hawaii.

Michael Marsh officially announced his departure as president and CEO of the Toledo Fair Housing Center on Friday, June 15, 2018. He will take the same position with another nonprofit, *Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii*. He will begin his new duties on August 1.

"It will be difficult to replace Michael and his depth and breadth of knowledge of fair housing and our community," said *Louis Escobar*, Fair Housing Center board of director's chairman. "We wish him well in his new endeavors and believe that engaging in a thoughtful strategic planning process will provide a framework to identify the skill set we need in a new

leader to carry out the board's vision and the agency's mission."

The Fair Housing Center is hiring a consultant to assist in the strategic planning process and launch a national search to replace Marsh, who will continue to assist the agency through the transition process to ensure seamless continuity of operations.

"During my tenure in fair housing, I witnessed a shift in demographics from race-based complaints to disability," said Marsh. "I worked over the past five years to more closely align The Fair Housing Center with other agencies, such as the *Ability Center of Greater Toledo* and the *Toledo-Lucas County*



*Commission on Disabilities*. The work I've done in fair housing and the disability services community in Toledo will serve me well in my new role."

Marsh has been associated with The Fair Housing Center for more than two decades, starting as a volunteer in 1996. He is regarded as a civil rights champion in both the Latino and African-

cal role in our community long after my departure. We're lucky to have a passionate and dedicated team of board and staff who will continue to fight every day to keep Dr. King's dream alive."

As president/CEO of the Fair Housing Center, Marsh oversaw an annual budget of more than \$1 million and ten staff members. He is

credited with raising more than \$10 million for the agency during his career there through grant writing, annual giving, and special events.

Marsh extended his role as a community advocate into his volunteerism, serving as board chairman for the *Ability Center of Greater Toledo* and as an auxiliary board member for the *Beach House family shelter*. Marsh also belongs to the *Rotary Club of Toledo*, serving as the chair of the group's *Disability Services Committee*. Marsh received the *Leadership Award* from the *Ohio Diversity Council* in 2016, the *Equality Award* from *Equality Toledo* in 2015, and the *20 Under 40 Leadership Award* in 2005.

Marsh is a certified fundraising executive (CFRE) who also holds a professional certificate in nonprofit executive leadership from *Indiana University*. Marsh earned a bachelors and

master's degree from *Bowling Green State University*, where he taught in the ethnic studies department.

*Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii* (RCH) is a nonprofit group devoted to empowering self-directed choices and expanding opportunities for adults with development disabilities and others with special needs. RCH aims to expand opportunities for people to fully participate in community life, discover their talents, cultivate their interests, nurture their skills, actualize their joy and the fullness of their lives. RCH also strives to facilitate opportunities for families, caregivers, and natural supports—as a community—to learn, share, and experience together to fully support each person's needs.

"My life has been devoted to issues of equity, opportunity and diversity. My academic, personal, and professional experiences have prepared me for my new role in Hawaii," said Marsh.

An avid traveler, Marsh has visited 55 countries and 39 states. *La Prensa* chronicled one trip a few years ago on a cruise around the southern tip of South America, where Marsh visited several countries at various ports of call. His departure for Hawaii is not surprising, considering the islands are listed as one of his three favorite destinations. The others are New York City and New Orleans.

## ODNR to host Paddle Palooza Festival at Maumee Bay State Park

MAUMEE, June 26, 2018: The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will host the Paddle Palooza Festival at Maumee Bay State Park for the third year in a row on Sunday July 9 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

This free, family-friendly event is a great opportunity to try a variety of different canoes and kayaks, as well as learn stand-up paddleboarding (SUP). Experts will also be on hand to share information about local paddling activities and resources.

A number of partners from Lucas, Ottawa and Wood counties will be available to assist with these free paddling demonstrations.

**WHO:** ODNR divisions of Parks & Watercraft and Wildlife, Ohio Clean Marinas, Northwest Ohio River Runners, River Lures, Riverside Kayak Connection, Partners for Clean Streams, Metro Parks of the Toledo Area, Wood County Park District, US Coast Guard



Auxiliary and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

**WHAT:** ODNR Paddle Palooza Festival

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 9 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Maumee Bay State Park Inland Lake area, 1400 State Park Road, Oregon, Ohio.

Canoeing and kayaking remain among the fastest growing of all outdoors recreation activities. Ohio ranked among the top ten states nationally in 2016 with a record 495,975 registered recreational watercraft. Among this total are the number of Ohio-registered canoes and kayaks, which has more than doubled from 70,279 in 2007 to 181,203 in 2016 – an increase of 158%.

Those numbers are expected to grow as the state continues to invest in the paddling community. From

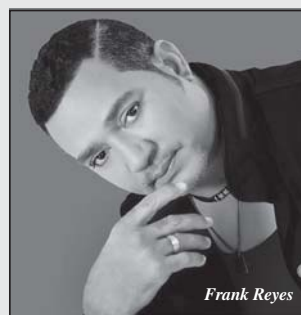
2006 to 2016, more than \$7 million was provided through community grant programs and publications. This support provided carry-in and small boat access, as well as hands-on skill development through local education and recreation programs, including Paddle Palooza festivals and the Paddle Ohio program. It also funded publications detailing stream access and paddling opportunities.

The ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft is responsible for managing Ohio's 74 state parks and providing the finest outdoor recreational opportunities, including first-class boating services, facilities and law enforcement for users of Ohio's waterways and public lands.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at [ohiodnr.gov](http://ohiodnr.gov).

## CAPA announces headliners for Festival Latino 2018

COLUMBUS: CAPA has announced the lineup of national and international artists which will be headlining *Festival Latino 2018* presented by Honda. The two-day, family-friendly, free event will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2018, from 11 am-8 pm each day in Genoa Park downtown.



Frank Reyes

Known as "The Prince of Bachata," singer *Frank Reyes* is one of the most recognized champions of the genre worldwide with hits such as "Noche de Pasion," "A m o r Desperdiado," "Se Me Olvido Que Te Amaba," and "Como Sanar" among many others.

Chávez's original take on traditional folk blends her dynamic vocals with hints of cumbia, bossa nova, vintage pop, and reggaeton.

**Lupillo Rivera**  
**Mexican – Banda**

Perhaps best known for his album *Desperdiado*, Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Lupillo Rivera has netted 15 Top 50 singles on the *Billboard* Hot Latin Songs chart and is currently touring in support of his 2017 album, *El Malo*.

**Sunday, August 12**  
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**Dominican – Bachata**

**Gina Chávez**  
**Mexican – Folk**

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A detailed schedule will be released at a later date and will include the full lineup of entertainment and activities to be featured at Festival Latino 2018.

Note: All programs and artists are subject to change. On the Internet: [www.FestivalLatino.net](http://www.FestivalLatino.net)

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## Trump's immigration order sparks confusion, deep concern

By NOMAAN MERCHANT and COLLEEN LONG, Associated Press

EDINBURG, Texas, June 21, 2018 (AP): Donald Trump's reversal of a policy separating migrant families at the Mexico border sparked confusion over how the new guidelines will play out and deep concern that the changes don't go far enough, allowing children to still be held in detention even if they remain with their families.

"We are pleased that the president is calling a halt to his inhumane and heartless policy of separating parents from their children," said Peter Schey, the lawyer in a lawsuit that resulted in a key agreement governing the treatment of migrant children in detention called the Flores settlement.

Despite the president's order, Schey said he was concerned that several thousand children have already been separated from their parents "without the Trump administration having any effective procedures in place to reunite children with their parents, many of whom have already been deported."

Trump said Wednesday he didn't like seeing children being removed from their families, a recent practice that has sparked worldwide outrage. But he also said "zero tolerance" on undocumented immigration continues, and children will be held with their parents while the adults are prosecuted.

It remains unclear what will happen with the more than 2,300 children separated from their parents at the border in recent weeks. Officials have said they are working to reunite families as soon as possible but have provided no clear answers on how that will happen.

"This is a stopgap measure," said Gene Hamilton, counsel to the U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Justice Department lawyers were planning to file a challenge to the Flores settlement, which requires the government to release children from custody and to

their parents, adult relatives or other caretakers, in order of preference.

If those options are exhausted, authorities must find the "least restrictive" setting for a child who arrived without parents.

Justice Department lawyers will seek permission to allow for the detention of families until criminal and removal proceedings are completed.

Delaware Sen. Tom Carper said he was concerned about whether parents can track down their kids. "I am also deeply troubled to hear reports that the administration, in its haste to hold innocent children hostage in order to demand funds for a border wall, failed to plan appropriately to reunite these families following their separation," the Democrat said.

Kay Bellor, vice president for programs at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, among the largest refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S., said: "While children will no longer be ripped from the arms of their parents for the sole purpose of deterring immigration, they will go to jail with their parents. Jail is never an appropriate place for a child."

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio on Wednesday went to a center in Manhattan that is caring for 239 migrant children separated from their parents.

De Blasio told reporters the children at Harlem's Cuyahoga Center included a 9-year-old Honduran boy sent to the center 2,000 miles by bus after being detained at the border. He said the youngest child there is 9 months old.

The center is operated under a federal contract that



Donald Trump

places unaccompanied migrant children in short-term foster care. De Blasio said staff members reported seeing about 350 children since the launch of the "zero tolerance" policy.

"It looked like the kids were being treated very well," the mayor said, but added several arrived with lice, bed bugs or chicken pox.

On South Texas' border with Mexico, Manuel Padilla, chief of the U.S. Border Patrol's Rio Grande sector, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the current situation for migrant children in the U.S. "is not ideal," but the children are treated "very well."

"The ideal situation is for these children and family units to be in their home country in a stable situation," he said.

The lines of asylum seekers at some locations on the border seem to have waned in recent days as the U.S. government's treatment of migrants has come under scrutiny.

Two Guatemalan sisters, ages 20 and 24, nevertheless continued waiting Wednesday on a bridge connecting the Mexican city of Matamoros with Brownsville, Texas.

Josseline García, the younger sister, told the AP she knew that ICE could detain them indefinitely. But, she said, "we are waiting our turn, and hoping."

Long reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Anita Snow in Phoenix, Amy Taxin in Riverside, California, and Martha Mendoza in Santa Cruz, California contributed to this report. See AP's complete coverage of the debate over the Trump administration's policy of family separation at the border: <https://apnews.com/tag/Immigration>

## Terra State welcomes Workforce Demand Scholarship recipients

FREMONT, Ohio, June 15, 2018: Terra State Community College welcomed thirty Workforce Demand Scholarship recipients to the Fremont campus with Fast Track Friday on June 15. The future Titans were able to register for classes with an advisor, meet with financial aid and The Landings at Terra Village representatives and enjoy lunch on campus.

This is the first year Terra State has offered the Workforce Demand Scholarship. 2018 high school graduates who are major-

ing in a high-demand major are able to attend Terra State tuition-free and earn up to an associate's degree.

Akron St. Vincent/St. Mary's graduate Matthew White who will be majoring in music technology and recording arts learned about the scholarship at a college fair. "Terra State came to my school and after I told them I wanted to study music technology, the representatives immediately told me about the Workforce Demand Scholarship and that I would also receive assistance in finding a job." White will also

be one of the first students to reside at The Landings at Terra Village student residence hall.

Alex Larick from Tiffin Columbian will be studying business management in the fall. "The scholarship really helps out and the fact Terra State is close made it an easy choice. I plan to go to Tiffin University and earn my bachelor's after getting my degree from Terra State."

The Terra State Admissions Office held a total of three Fast Track Fridays with over fifty students attending.

## Holcomb voices concern to Pence over Trump tariffs

WASHINGTON, DC, June 20, 2018 (AP): Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb discussed trade and immigration with Vice President Mike Pence during a trip to Washington.

The Republican governor said in a statement Wednesday that he voiced concern over President Donald Trump's support for trade tariffs. Any foreign retaliation could economically hurt Indiana, which is a

major manufacturing state and agricultural exporter.

Holcomb also said he was "heartened" by Trump's signature of an executive order intended to stop his administration's practice of separating migrant children from their parents after crossing the U.S. border without docu-



Gov. Eric Holcomb

mentation.

Holcomb was in Washington for an economic summit. He formerly served as lieutenant governor when Pence was Indiana's governor. He

took Pence's place on the ballot after Trump tapped him as his running mate in 2016.

## Prosecutor: DNA clears man imprisoned since 2002 for rape

CLEVELAND, June 19, 2018 (AP): Prosecutors in Cleveland say newly tested DNA evidence appears to clear a man in prison since 2002 on rape and kidnapping charges.

Cleveland.com reports Cuyahoga County prosecutors have filed a motion saying it won't oppose the Ohio Innocence Project's efforts to vacate 41-year-old Christopher Miller's conviction. A hearing was June 21st.

Miller received 40 years for a 2001 attack of a woman in Cleveland Heights. He was arrested after police found him with the woman's cellphone. Miller said he exchanged drugs for the phone. The woman identified Miller as one of two attackers.

Updated testing found DNA from two men convicted of a similar rape and kidnapping but none from Miller.



The Innocence Project discovered police reports that Miller's attorney never received noting inconsistencies in the woman's identification of him.

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# MINORITY AND FEMALE EMPLOYMENT

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Continuing a series of research studies, a new IHS report titled *Minority and Female Employment in the Oil & Natural Gas and Petrochemical Industries, 2015-2035* examines the long-term U.S. demographic and labor market trends that will create future job opportunities for minorities and women in the oil & natural gas and petrochemical industries. This comprehensive study presents projections of job opportunities by occupation, industry segment, minority group, and gender based on baseline industry growth and investment, jobs arising from pro-development policies, and the need to replace workers retiring from the industry. These employment projections should not be considered ceilings, but are estimates based on current and projected trends in factors such as labor force participation rates and population growth rates.

The principal findings of the new IHS report include:

- Nearly 1.3 million job opportunities by 2025 and close to 1.9 million job opportunities by 2035 in the oil & natural gas and petrochemical industries considering all types of job growth.
- 707,000 jobs, or 38% of the total, are projected to be filled by African American and Hispanic workers through 2035. (131,000 for African Americans and 576,000 for Hispanics).
- Women in the industry are projected to account for more than 290,000 of the job opportunities, 16% of the total through 2035.

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## Immigration raid aftermath will last weeks, months, if not years

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we've never seen such nonsense coming from our own government before. We've never seen children being ripped away from their families knowingly, deliberately."

A tough road lies ahead though, coordinating long-term relief efforts while engaging the affected families and the resulting fear among the rest of the undocumented immigrant community that has resulted from the raid.

"That is the difficult part—not only the collaboration of the agencies, but the mobilization of the people, of the population, because there are so many things going on, that you really need to choose what to do," said Ms. Maya.

The director of *La Conexión* pointed out the raid has had a "chilling effect" on other immigrant families across northern Ohio. In particular, ABLE and her agency have collaborated in the past on sessions outlining guardianship and power-of-attorney issues, trying to prepare immigrant families for just such a raid and what to do with their children if they do end up getting deported.

"That's what this policy wants, right? They want to terrorize the population," she said. "Some of the families couldn't come or they didn't think it was such an urgency. Right now, we are getting calls from everybody asking for power of attorney. So that has become an absolute priority for our families. That is one of our focuses right now, to make sure the families are protected at least in this sense. Do you know what it is to lose your kids? I cannot even begin to think about it."

*La Conexión* serves not only Wood County, but the five counties which surround it: Henry, Ottawa, Sandusky, Hancock, and Seneca. As a small nonprofit, the organization will focus its efforts on its client base and try to help when possible elsewhere.

### AG Sessions and his biblical references

Just down the road in Fort Wayne, Indiana, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions last week defended such immigration raids as zero tolerance enforcement of law-breakers. But he angered Latino activists by quoting the Bible to justify breaking apart families.

"I would cite you to the Apostle Paul and his clear and wise command in *Romans 13* to obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order," said Sessions.

"That's so hypocritical, really," said Ms. Maya. "There are so many things you can quote in the Bible, particularly when they say we have to take care of the aliens, because we were aliens in the land of Egypt. There are so many things you can pick and choose—and, of course, everyone has a bias."

"That leaves me frozen and incredulous," said Sr. Hutchison. "You can quote the Bible for anything, for any purpose by pulling out strands, pieces, words. But the Bible's message is the message of Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ said let the children come to me. Never, never did it talk about rejecting. You don't find it anywhere in Scripture."

Many faith leaders have

criticized Sessions, a Sunday school teacher in his home state of Alabama, for purposely misrepresenting the meaning of the Bible passage and its larger context. She points to *Romans 12*, which includes the line "Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home."

That passage seems to run counter to the policy Sessions was defending in the Fort Wayne speech.

"I have given the idea of immigration much thought and have considered the arguments of our Church leaders," Sessions said during the

speech. "I do not believe scripture or church history or reason condemns a secular nation state for having reasonable immigration laws."

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who claims to be a conservative Christian, answered a question about Sessions' comments during a media briefing, saying, "it is very Biblical to enforce the law."

"As a little girl, I was always told to be careful, because the devil himself can quote Scripture to his advantage," countered Ms. Hernández. "There's nothing biblical about separating families. There's nothing

biblical about separating children from their moms, their dads, criminalizing them for wanting to provide for themselves, provide for their families—wanting the American dream as we are so proud of in this country."

Sessions maintained the goal of the policy and its strictness have been misconstrued, stating it is not to "be mean to children." Instead, the attorney general said the point is to crack down on potential child trafficking or abuse. He explained that parents who choose to make potentially deadly treks through desert terrain and dangerous

areas near the U.S. border are making the choice to put their children at risk.

As the downtown Toledo rally occurred on June 15th, a Mexican national pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of forging records and stealing identities. The defendant may be the linchpin in the case against the migrant farmworkers rounded up in the ICE raid of June 5th in the Sandusky area.

Martha Buendia-Chavarria admitted to counts of manufacturing fraudulent documents and aggravated identity theft, among other crimes, telling a

federal judge through a translator that she would meet clients at pizza shops near her home in Marion, Ohio with fake papers they used to get jobs at Corso's and elsewhere. Federal authorities allege that Ms. Buendia-Chavarria and her associates manufactured upwards of 1,000 fake identities.

Her arrest in early June led to a wider investigation that led to the immigration raid at Corso's locations in Sandusky and Castalia. She is being held at the Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio in Stryker, Ohio, pending her sentencing in early October.

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Reconocida como una de las 50 latinas más poderosas de 2017 por la revista Fortune. Aleida dice que

una vez que encontró ese amor por su carrera en la industria del petróleo y el gas: "Tuve esa ferocidad para luchar por mi carrera, a veces con mi familia y amigos. que tenía una cultura y expectativas diferentes."

Rios trabajó hasta ahora en la sede central de BP en Houston, pero cada mes viajaba por el Golfo, en helicóptero, involucrándose de manera activa en las operaciones de las plataformas y manteniendo un contacto personal con el equipo humano con el que trabaja.

### ¿Puede relatarnos su historia personal hasta convertirse en una de las principales latinas en la industria del petróleo y el gas?

Cuando todavía estaba aprendiendo inglés, en la escuela sobresalía en matemáticas. No tenía que saber inglés para sumar, restar y multiplicar. Era un lenguaje universal.

Me gradué de la Universidad de Texas A & M como ingeniera química en 1991, pero mi carrera en BP comenzó antes de eso. Hice cuatro pasantías de verano en BP Amoco, ya que tuve que trabajar para financiar mi educación. Fui la primera en mi familia en ir a la universidad y eso llenó de orgullo a toda mi familia.

### Uno podría pensar que su entorno de trabajo es mayoritariamente masculino y no lo suficientemente diverso. ¿Hasta qué punto es ese el caso y cómo ve que las cosas cambian en BP y dentro de la industria?

Nunca he sentido que ser mujer haya sido un freno o un obstáculo en mi carrera de ninguna manera en BP. Me ofrecieron el puesto de gerente de operaciones cuando tenía entre siete y ocho meses de embarazo con mi segundo hijo, ¡y eso fue hace 18 años!

Pensando más ampliamente sobre la diversidad y la inclusión y qué más se puede hacer, creo que se trata de defender abiertamente y abogar por un entorno de trabajo diverso e inclusivo. Me refiero a cosas como la campaña #HeForShe.

Aleida Rios: "Nunca he sentido que mi género me haya frenado o obstaculizado mi carrera de ninguna manera en BP".



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### Usted es parte del programa Million Women Mentors de BP. ¿Es la mentoría una clave para el cambio?

Soy muy activa en este tema. Estoy en el comité directivo de BP Women's International Network (BP WIN). BP WIN es una de las 13 redes de empleados, creadas voluntariamente por los empleados para los empleados. Su objetivo es apoyar e impulsar la diversidad e inclusión de BP para fomentar un lugar de trabajo inclusivo. También soy parte del consejo de liderazgo del programa Million Women Mentors de BP, que es una iniciativa nacional para movilizar a un millón de mentores para inspirar a las niñas y mujeres a seguir carreras en STEM. También soy patrocinadora del grupo de recursos empresariales hispanos de BP, Energía, y pertenezco al Consejo de Mujeres del Golfo de México.

### Usted se ha definido como "una latina que no tiene miedo de mostrar" quién es. ¿Hay algo en sus raíces culturales que pueda pensar que debería "controlar" para poder encajar mejor en su carrera?

Personalmente, no siento que haya necesitado "controlar" o atenuar mi cultura para adaptarme al trabajo. BP no es ese tipo de lugar. Siempre he sentido que puedo ser yo misma y poner todo mi ser en el trabajo. Y eso incluye cuando era la única mujer en los campos petrolíferos, o cuando estuve embarazada tres veces seguidas o cuando hablo español en el trabajo. Siempre he sentido que podía ser yo misma, y eso me ha permitido actuar al máximo de mis capacidades. He tenido mentores y "coaches" que siempre me han ayudado a ser yo misma y aspirar a lograr cosas que tal vez no se perciban como como "la norma" para alguien como yo.

### ¿Tres consejos para una joven o un joven estudiante que sueña con trabajar en la industria del gas y el petróleo?

Yo les diría a las jóvenes: sea usted misma, sea valiente y tenga confianza, porque todos a su alrededor le ayudarán a alcanzar sus metas si tiene confianza y trabaja duro.

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## LCCC hosts Express Registration Fairs

Lorain County Community College will hold Express Registration Fairs for new students to tour campus, complete orientation, meet with a financial representative, take the Accuplacer test (if needed), register for classes and get photo IDs.

The following sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

- Wednesday, June 27, 2018 (tour finishes in The Bass Library room 209);
- Thursday, July 12

(tour finishes in The Bass Library room 209);

- Friday, July 27 (tour finishes in The Bass Library room 115);
- Thursday, August 8 (tour finishes in The Bass Library room 115).

**Agenda for Wednesday, June 27:** 10 a.m.-Tour College Center (by Starbucks); 11 a.m.-Orientation (The Bass Library room 209); Noon-Financial Aid (The Bass Library room 209) or Accuplacer (College Center



room 223); 12:30 p.m.-Group Advising (The Bass Library room 209); and 1 p.m.-Registration.

Groups will meet at Starbucks in College Center. To register, visit: [www.lorainccc.edu/expressreg](http://www.lorainccc.edu/expressreg). For more information, call Felicia Mitcheff at (440) 366-4818. Lorain County Community College is located at 1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria, Ohio.

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PARMA: The Western Campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) will host its annual Bicycle Safety Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2018, to promote and encourage safe riding habits.

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Children who attend Bicycle Safety Day will learn

about safe riding habits and proper helmet fitting. Participants will also get the chance to test their steering, braking and general maneuverability skills on an obstacle course.

The family-friendly event will include free hamburger or hot dog lunches, plus entertainment and activities. Children and adults can also check out local safety vehicles as well



as an emergency medical helicopter.

The free event will be held rain or shine at the KeyBank Public Safety Training Center at Western Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Road in Parma. Bicycle Safety Day is sponsored by Tri-C's Campus Police and Security Services.

To register for the event, visit [www.tri-c.edu/BikeSafetyDay](http://www.tri-c.edu/BikeSafetyDay). Call 216-987-0270 for more information.

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## Statement on Immigration: By Victor Ruiz, Executive Director of Esperanza, Inc.

6-22-18: At the core of our mission at *Esperanza, Inc.* is also a commitment to support our children and their families. We strive to help them capture the opportunities available in our community, so that they may enjoy the quality of life with which the majority of those of us in this room are blessed. Families are the foundational element of our society. Not just as Clevelanders or as Americans, but as part of a compassionate, global society.

That is why as an advocate for Cleveland's children and families, I must take a moment today to express my deep concern for the separation of children – the most vulnerable in our society – from their parents at our nation's border and here in Northeast Ohio. Bishop Pérez expressed it so eloquently earlier this week when he said "this is not a political issue, but a moral one." He added that with the U.S. immigration policy "we have lost our moral compass."

I am encouraged that the president reversed our nation's border policy and that families will no longer be separated. However, I remain concerned about the welfare of the children that have been already separated and the manner and speed with which they will be reunited with their parents. And, let us not forget that separation of families is not just happening at our borders, but right here in Northeast Ohio. I am deeply concerned for the welfare of our local children who have been separated from their hard-working mothers and fathers as a result of recent ICE raids.

This division of families is in direct conflict with our mission at *Esperanza*. Therefore, I call on our representatives, locally and in Washington, to move quickly to reunite families, at the borders and in our local communities, and to find compassionate immigration reform that preserves family unity. We must find a path for these law-abiding, hard-working men and women – for many of whom the United States is the only home they recall – to obtain legal status. As an organization, we will also work with any of our families that have been affected to support them in every way we can to protect the welfare of these innocent children.

I ask all of you here today to join me, so that, collectively, our voices will be the guide to redirect that compass toward a solution that protects our society's most vulnerable and more accurately reflects our values as a nation.



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## Esperanza awards more than \$120,000 in scholarships

CLEVELAND, June 22, 2018: *Esperanza Inc.* today awarded more than \$120,000 in college scholarships to 106 Cuyahoga County students at its annual *Fiesta of Hope Celebration*. The event also celebrated the nonprofit's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as the leading advocate for education in the Latino Community with the unveiling of new branding and logo.

"We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our students to achieve in high school and continue their education in college," said Victor Ruiz, *Esperanza* Executive Director. "We are also grateful to our staff, volunteers and community partners whose continued commitment is critical to *Esperanza's* role in supporting our students' success in the classroom."

*Fiesta of Hope*, which also serves as *Esperanza's* major annual fundraiser, drew more than 800 elected officials, business and community leaders to the Renaissance Hotel to celebrate the academic achievements of Cleveland's Hispanic students. Since awarding the first college scholarship in 1983, *Esperanza* has awarded more than \$1.6 million in scholarships to more than 1,100 students through its scholarship program.

*Cleveland* Bishop Nelson J. Pérez, the first Latino diocesan bishop in the entire Midwest, delivered the keynote address, focusing his message to the scholarship recipients and their families emphasizing the importance of continuing their education to live a life of purpose.

In addition, two scholarship recipients shared their personal stories of persistence to overcome barriers to achieve success, as well as their inspiration to persevere.

Abraham López, born in Colombia and celebrated becoming a U.S. citizen just last month, will begin his freshman year at *Cleveland State University* in the fall. Abraham is inspired to pursue a career in medicine after witnessing for two years the care and compassion of the doctors who treated his two-year-old brother after accidentally drinking a toxic cleaning solution.

Nyleisha González, born in Puerto Rico, will begin her sophomore year at *Cleveland State*. Despite the death of her father and losing her mother to addiction at a young age, Nyleisha, with the support of her aunt who adopted her, not only graduated from Lincoln West with honors but maintains an above 3.0 GPA in college while also working part time.

"The vast majority of our students are balancing family, financial and cultural challenges in addition to the rigors of a college curriculum," Ruiz said. "That is why the work of *Esperanza* over the last 35 years – to provide financial assistance and support resources – is essential to ensuring our students' success in high school and in college. We are definitely seeing that our comprehensive post-secondary support program is, in fact, having a direct, positive impact."

*Esperanza's* college scholarship program is one part of the organization's five-year strategic plan to provide students the comprehensive support they need to succeed in college. *Esperanza* also provides college mentoring and the semester-long *Lideres Avanzando Program*, which helps students understand the higher education system and provide the skills and support necessary to graduate with a college degree in a reasonable



timeframe.

Of the nearly 162 students who graduated from high school in the last three years and participated in *Esperanza's* post-secondary program, 88 percent have persisted in college. This figure is in stark contrast to national numbers which demonstrate that while college enrollment for Hispanic students has risen dramatically, college success among Latino students continues to lag other groups. The share of Hispanic 18 to 24-year olds enrolled in postsecondary education increased from 13 percent to 37 percent from 1972 to 2012; however, Hispanic students are more than one-third less likely than their peers to complete their degrees.

Scholarship recipients were selected after an extensive application and interview process. All recipients must be a Cuyahoga County resident, have at least one parent who is Hispanic, and be legal U.S. residents. In addition, recipients must be enrolled as full-time students, demonstrate financial need and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Students may re-apply for scholarships annually as long as they maintain a 2.5 GPA and participate in *Esperanza's* College Mentoring Program and volunteer to assist with *Esperanza* programs and activities.

*Esperanza* scholarships are provided through generous sponsorships from local businesses, organizations and private donors. Contributions to the program can be made through the *Esperanza* website, [www.esperanzainc.org/support\\_us/donate](http://www.esperanzainc.org/support_us/donate).

## \$500,000 awarded to College Now Greater Cleveland to continue scholarship funding

Cuyahoga County: According to the *US Census Bureau*, only 30.9 percent of adults ages 25-64 have college degrees. And yet, according to the most recently released *TeamNEO* report, "Aligning Opportunities in Northeast Ohio," an 11 percent gap exists between the percentage of individuals with postsecondary education and the percentage of jobs that will need these credentials by 2020.

Recognizing the critical importance of postsecondary educational attainment and the need to

increase college graduation rates for County residents, in 2013, Cuyahoga County Council awarded a grant of \$380,000 to College Now Greater Cleveland through the *Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program* to provide renewable scholarships, mentoring and retention services to academic and financially eligible students within the County who received College Now's college access advising while in their high schools and who are now pursuing their

postsecondary degrees at institutions within the County.

"We are pleased to be part of this important initiative," said County Executive Armond Budish. "Our partnership with College Now is paving the way to good jobs with upward income mobility and career advancement for hundreds of Cuyahoga County residents."

County Council recently approved a contract of \$500,000 to College Now to continue this scholarship funding and accompanying mentoring and renewal services for a sixth cohort of County residents. To date, the County has awarded a total of \$2.8 million to College Now and over 425 students have been awarded renewable scholarships.

This program is working! Seventy percent of students from the first cohort have earned their postsecondary degrees or are still pursuing them while 66 percent from the second cohort and 91 percent from the third cohort are doing so. Likewise, 91 percent of students in the fourth cohort returned to college for their sophomore year while stu-

dents in the fifth cohort have just completed their freshman year. Students for the sixth cohort have been notified that they will receive the scholarship when they begin college this fall.

"Cuyahoga County Executive Budish and County Council are tremendous partners for College Now," said Lee Friedman, CEO of *College Now*. "The County understands the critical need for increasing the educational attainment of the County's residents, and they not only talk the talk, but they walk the walk as well by investing in students through the Educational Assistance Program. We are grateful for their continued partnership."

"I am proud of the impact that Cuyahoga County has had in breaking down financial and social barriers to postsecondary access and success for so many young students through this program," stated Councilwoman Sunny Simon. "This funding and mentorship support is a vital resource leading to educational and professional achievement."



## Border separations ripple through midterm campaigns

By BILL BARROW, Associated Press

June 19, 2018: Wrenching scenes of migrant children being separated from their parents at the southern border are roiling campaigns ahead of midterm elections, emboldening Democrats on the often-fraught issue of immigration while forcing an increasing number of Republicans to break from Donald Trump on an issue important to the GOP's most ardent supporters.

Kim Schrier, a Democrat running for a House seat outside of Seattle, said Trump is pushing an "absolutely unethical, inhumane" policy.

"We are talking about American values, not Democratic values or Republican values, and this is something that will flip people to a Democrat in this election," Schrier said.

That prospect was enough for House Republicans' national campaign chairman, Ohio Rep. Steve Stivers, to offer cover Monday to vulnerable GOP members. Stivers said in a statement that he's asking "the administration to stop needlessly separating children from their parents" and suggested he'd examine legislative options if Trump doesn't budge.

Republican Rep. Mike Coffman, whose suburban Denver district is often a battleground, took the cover Stivers provided. He didn't mention Trump, but said the border policy "is antithetical to the America I grew up in." He said he's willing to co-sponsor a House version of a Senate proposal from Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that would halt the family separations, and he echoed claims Democrats had made for days: "History won't remember well those who support the continuation of this policy."

Democrat Jason Crow, a leading candidate to unseat Coffman, said the congressman can't turn from his previous support for "zero-tolerance" border security. "This is what that looks like," Crow said, adding that as "an American and as a father" he finds the border situation "immoral."

With control of the House—and potentially the Senate—up for grabs, the searing images

coming from the border have the potential to scramble midterm politics. Though controversy has dominated Trump's presidency, the growing furor over the separations struck a deeply emotional chord in both parties that may not calm anytime soon—even in districts that don't have large immigrant or Hispanic populations.

Pennsylvania's Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, another vulnerable Republican, said he plans to visit the border "to see what's going on down there with my own eyes." He called the detainees "our planet's children" and said they shouldn't be punished "for things that their parents do or don't do."

The political reverberations from the separations could last well beyond the midterms. Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., a potential 2020 presidential candidate, said Monday that Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen should resign.

Trump along with most Republicans have long believed that they have held the upper hand on immigration. While Democrats have argued that most Americans support granting a path to citizenship for children who were brought to the U.S. illegally, the Republican base is fervently opposed to such measures—and votes accordingly. That's why some political observers say this moment is so unique.

"It's been tough for Democrats to bring the issue of compassion out on a national scale" when talking about immigration, said James Aldrete, a Democratic campaign consultant in Texas. But now, Aldrete said, "Trump has done it for us."

Democrats are hoping the issue will encourage more Latino voters to show up on Election Day, while also providing an opening for non-Hispanic independents in other swing districts.

At the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, spokesman Tyler Law said candidates can now frame "a potent issue" by "being authentic and talking about your own families, your own children."

Democrats also are buoyed by Trump drawing criticism from typically GOP friendly territory: the religious commu-

nity. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which often wades into politics with its opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage, has decried the administration, as have mainline Protestant churches, the Mormon Church and evangelical leaders.

At least one Democrat running in a conservative-leaning House district in North Carolina combined Law's advice with the words of another Republican critic: former first lady Laura Bush. "As a young parent, I can't imagine the thought of my children being taken away from me, into the hands of strangers who aren't allowed to comfort my crying toddler," Dan McCready posted on his Facebook page alongside an op-ed that Mrs. Bush penned for the Washington Post.

In a Texas district that includes about a third of the southern border, Democratic candidate Gina Ortiz Jones hasn't had to be timid. She talked about immigration before family separation came to the forefront. But she said the matter allows her to highlight the priorities of the Republican administration and Congress, even as her opponent, Republican Rep. Will Hurd, also decries the Trump administration policy.

"What we are seeing is a pattern of using children as political pawns," she said, referring to Republican maneuvering on health care before approving funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program and the GOP's failure to secure any kind of fix for the young "Dreamer" immigrants in the U.S. illegally.

"We can't have folks doing the right thing only when they realize they are in a vulnerable seat," she said.

Still, Democratic pollster Paul Maslin offered a caveat to members of his party sensing a new opening: the public's short attention span. "In Trump world, the stories change daily, if not hourly," he said. "It was North Korea just last week. Immigration this week. Next week, who knows? Round and round we go."

Associated Press writer Steve Peoples in New York contributed to this report.

## Young immigrants detained in Virginia center allege abuse

By MICHAEL BIESECKER, JAKE PEARSON and GARANCE BURKE Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, June 21, 2018 (AP): Immigrant children as young as 14 housed at a juvenile detention center in Virginia say they were beaten while handcuffed and locked up for long periods in solitary confinement, left nude and shivering in concrete cells.

The abuse claims against the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center near Staunton, Virginia, are detailed in federal court filings that include a half-dozen sworn statements from Latino teens jailed there for months or years. Multiple detainees say the guards stripped them of their clothes and strapped them to chairs with bags placed over their heads.

"Whenever they used to restrain me and put me in the chair, they would handcuff me," said a Honduran immigrant who was sent to the facility when he was 15 years old. "They also put a bag over your head."

In addition to the children's first-hand, translated accounts in court filings, a former child-development specialist who worked inside the facility told The Associated Press she saw kids there with bruises and broken bones they blamed on guards. She spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to publicly discuss the children's cases.

In court filings, lawyers for the detention facility have denied all allegations of physical abuse.

Many of the children were sent there after U.S. immigration authorities accused them of belonging to violent gangs, including MS-13. Donald Trump has repeatedly cited gang activity as justification for his crackdown on undocumented immigration.

But Kelsey Wong, a program director at the facility, said during a recent congressional hearing that in many cases the children did not appear to be gang members and were suffering from mental health issues.

The Shenandoah lockup is one of only three juvenile detention facilities in the United States with federal contracts to provide "secure placement" for children who had problems at less-restrictive housing. It was built by a coalition of seven nearby towns and counties to lock up local kids charged with serious crimes.

Since 2007, about half the 58 beds are occupied by both male and female immigrants between the ages of 12 and 17 facing deportation proceedings. Though incarcerated in a facility similar to a prison, the immigrant children have not yet been convicted of any crime.

On average, 92 immigrant children each year cycle through Shenandoah, most of them from Mexico and Central America.

The lawsuit filed against Shenandoah alleges that young Latino immigrants held there "are subjected to unconstitutional conditions that shock the conscience, including violence by staff, abusive and excessive use of seclusion and restraints, and the denial of necessary mental health care."

The complaint filed by a Washington-based legal advocacy group recounts the story of an unnamed 17-year-old Mexican citizen apprehended at the southern border. The teen fled an abusive father and violence fueled by drug cartels to seek asylum in the United States in 2015.

After stops at facilities in Texas and New York, he was transferred to Shenandoah in April 2016 and diagnosed during an initial screening by a psychologist with three mental disorders, including depression. The lawsuit alleges the teen has received no further significant mental health treatment.

The lawsuit recounts multiple alleged violent incidents between Latino children and staff at the Shenandoah center. It describes the guards as mostly white, non-Spanish speakers who are undisciplined in dealing with individuals with mental illness.

In their sworn statements, the teens reported spending the bulk of their days locked in their cells, with a few hours set

aside for classroom instruction, recreation and meals. Some said they had never been allowed outdoors.

The lawsuit says poor conditions and verbal abuse by staff often escalated into physical confrontations, as the frustrated children acted out. The staff regularly responded by "applying an excessive amount of force that goes far beyond what is needed to establish or regain control."

In the case of the Mexican 17-year-old, the lawsuit said a staff member who suspected him of possessing contraband threw him to the ground and forcibly tore off his clothes for an impromptu strip search. Though no forbidden items were found, the teenager was transferred to a unit designated for children who engage in bad behavior.

The lawsuit said Latino children were frequently punished by being restrained for hours in chairs, with handcuffs and cloth shackles on their legs. Often, the lawsuit alleged, the children were beaten by staff while bound.

As a result of such "malicious and sadistic applications of force," the immigrant youths have "sustained significant injuries, both physical and psychological," the lawsuit said.

After being subjected to such treatment, the 17-year-old Mexican youth said he tried to kill himself in August, only to be punished with further isolation. On other occasions, he said, he cut his wrists with a piece of glass.

The lawsuit alleges other immigrant youths held at Shenandoah have also engaged in cutting and other self-harming behaviors, including ingesting shampoo and attempting to choke themselves.

A hearing in the case is set for July 3 before a federal judge in the Western District of Virginia.

Jake Pearson reported from New York and Garance Burke reported from San Francisco.

## US Census shows greatest Latino growth rate in north Florida

By MIKE SCHNEIDER, Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla., June 21, 2018 (AP): North Florida counties led the state in the growth rate of Florida's Hispanic population last year, but traditional bastions in South Florida and central Florida led growth in pure numbers, according to figures released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Tiny Madison County along the Georgia border had the highest Hispanic growth rate last year, at more than 11 percent, followed by Nassau County, north of Jacksonville, at 9 percent. St. Johns County near Jacksonville has had the largest Hispanic growth rate this decade, jumping by two-thirds.

But all these counties had small Latino populations to start with. In pure numbers, Miami-Dade and Broward counties in South Florida had the greatest Latino growth, increasing respec-

tively by 25,000 Hispanic residents and 18,000 Hispanic residents last year. They were followed by Hillsborough County, home to Tampa with an additional 16,000 Hispanic residents and Orange County, home to Orlando, with an additional 15,000 Hispanic residents last year.

Florida now has three counties—Miami-Dade, Osceola and Hendry—where Hispanics make up more than half of all residents. Statewide, Hispanic residents make up a quarter of the Florida's residents.

The figures released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau offer a snapshot of how Florida's Hispanic population changed from July 2016 to July 2017. They don't reflect the wave of Puerto Ricans who moved to Florida after Hurricane Maria struck the island two months later.

The tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans who have come

to Florida recently are prized commodities for politicians facing upcoming midterm elections in tight races.

Puerto Ricans often register as "no party affiliation" when they come to the mainland since the island has different parties and some may not know the difference between Democrats and Republicans.

"They're not used to the idea of the (mainland) voting system so they don't know the differences between the parties," said Nancy Batista, Florida State director for Mi Familia Vota, a grassroots organization.

The Republican Party has hired three people to take charge of reaching out to displaced Puerto Ricans, and the Democratic National Committee is giving Florida Democrats a \$100,000 grant for mobilizing Puerto Rican voters.

## 146 arrested in another large-scale immigration raid in Ohio, adding to 114 seized

By JOHN SEEWER, Associated Press

ASLEM, June 20, 2018 (AP): More than 140 workers were arrested Tuesday at an Ohio meatpacking plant by federal agents following a yearlong immigration investigation, the second large-scale raid within the state in the past two weeks.

The investigation focused on whether the company knowingly hired people who are in the country illegally. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials said.

The agency said it also was looking into whether many of the workers were using fraudulent identification belonging to U.S. citizens.

The arrests come as the U.S. government steps up its focus on businesses that hire people in the country without documentation as part of a broad range of immigration crackdowns under the Trump

administration.

The 146 arrests in one of the largest workplace immigration raids in recent years happened at Fresh Mark's meat processing plant in Aslem, Ohio. Immigration agents and local authorities also carried out search warrants at the company's two other locations in Massillon and its plant in Canton.

Most of the workers arrested were from Guatemala, said Khaalid Walls, an agency spokesman.

Several of those who were detained were processed and released on Tuesday because they are the sole care providers of children or they have health concerns, Walls said.

No criminal charges have been filed against Fresh Mark, but authorities say the investigation is continuing.

The company makes bacon, hot dogs, ham and lunch meat for the Sugarale and

Superior's brands.

The company referred questions to federal authorities but noted in a statement that Fresh Mark is a member of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's self-policing program that's described as a way for employers to verify workers are in the country legally and to spot fraudulent documents.

The agency said members of the program aren't immune from prosecution for workforce compliance violations.

"Unlawful employment is one of the key magnets drawing illegal aliens across our borders," said Steve Francis, head of ICE's Homeland Security Investigations unit in Detroit.

Two weeks ago, immigration agents arrested 114 people at a garden and landscaping company in northern Ohio near Cedar Point.



## Sizzling Summer ahead for Family-Friendly, Adult Fun

Latino lives will be busy as summer heats up if they choose to take advantage of all the fun in store across Ohio. There is a little something for everyone, from family-friendly to adult trips.

**Latino Heritage Day with the Toledo Mud Hens** is set for Thursday, July 19, 2018. The annual Spanish-American Organization (SAO) and *La Prensa* event will award Latino college scholarships at home plate prior to the 7 p.m. game. There will be music and dancing at **Hensville Park** starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 each and available by calling SAO officers *Carmen Barbosa* at 419-290-3082, *Mary Morales* at 419-270-1076, or *Phil Barbosa* at 419-215-7941.

Latins United is sponsoring its annual bus trip to **Fiesta Tigres** on Saturday, August 11, a Detroit Tigers home game that honors the contributions of Hispanic and Latino players to the game of baseball. The Comerica Park trip costs \$75 and includes bus transportation, game ticket, special Fiesta Tigres T-shirt, and a donation to Detroit local Latino charities.

The bus departs at 3:30



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Saturday evening's main entertainment will be **Lupillo Rivera**, best known for his album *Despreciado*. The Grammy Award-winning singer /

p.m. that day for the 6:10 p.m. game against the Minnesota Twins. A \$30 deposit is required to hold a seat. Tickets for the bus trip can be purchased by calling *Yolanda Sholl* at 419.382.9779.

**Festival Latino 2018** in downtown Columbus has announced its headline entertainment for the free family-friendly, two-day festival to be held Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2018, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Genoa Park. Saturday's acts will include *Tipico Urbano*, a New York City-based musical group which puts a modern twist on merengue *merengüe* by infusing traditional Dominican rhythms with youthful lyrics and new and exciting musical concepts. Mexican folk artist *Gina Chávez* is an eight-time

Austin Music Award winner including Musician of the Year. The singer/songwriter's folk music blends hints of *cumbia*, *bossa nova*, *vintage pop*, and

songwriter has netted 15 Top 50 singles on the *Billboard* Hot Latin Songs chart, and is touring in support of his 2017 album, *El Malo*.

Sunday's featured artist lineup includes *Frank Reyes*, known as "The Prince of Bachata." The Dominican singer has made the genre popular worldwide through hits such as "Noche de Pasión," "Amor Desperdiciado," "Se Me Olvido Que Te Amaba," and "Como Sanar." Puerto Rican salsa will be the specialty of *El Gran Combo*, considered one of the most successful salsa orchestras of all time. The group has released more than 60 studio albums of soul-stirring Latin rhythms and harmonies over a 55-year-long career.

A full entertainment schedule will be released later this summer and more details can be found at [www.FestivalLatino.net](http://www.FestivalLatino.net).

*Festival Latino photo courtesy Randall Schieber.*

## Happy Fathers Day?

Op Ed by Wim Laven, June 19, 2018

The hypocrisy of "American Values" was front and center for Father's Day in 2018. The U.S. government has taken at least 2,000 children from their parents since Donald Trump's administration implemented policy changes about six weeks ago.

Trump has incorrectly claimed that this is the fault of Democrats, but it is a clear result of his "no tolerance" policy. But it isn't clear what they are refusing to tolerate; many of those being victimized have gone through completely legal requests for asylum. The U.S. has a history of breaking up families; during slavery children would be sold with no regard for family units and the *Indian Child Welfare Act* was used to destroy Native American populations for more than 100 years by removing children from their families.

One wouldn't think it a political issue. Every living First Lady condemns separating immigrant children from their parents. But Congressional Republicans like *Barry Loudermilk* are happy to do the lying for Trump and try to point the finger in the other direction: "Where was the outrage of the documented abuses at the border during the Obama administration? Looks like the Democrats are being hypocritical here!" Loudermilk cannot point to the Obama administration snatching thousands of children from their parents but he can attempt a misdirect. Pay no attention to the little man behind the curtain!

One also wouldn't have thought the U.S. would pull out of the *United Nations' Human Rights Council*, but we did, or that 3,000 lies later his approval ratings of 45 percent would be tied for highest of his presidency, but they are, and time will tell whether or not people accept "tender age shelters" as being anything but cruel and unusual punishment.

It is important to be clear about the roots of the problem, and the issues at hand. Are the children being held hostage in an effort to build the wall that Mexico definitely will not pay for?

In my field of conflict, transformation we focus on just, humane, and nonviolent problem-solving. Clearly Trump and his team are extremely limited in this regard. The coercive approach of hostage-taking damages relationships and increases opportunity costs. This cruelty, intended to function as a deterrent, has received broad condemnation from the United Nations to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Psychological Association.

Collaborative, win-win solutions, while more time

consuming and harder to negotiate, are the preferred goal of diplomacy because they are more durable, have greater follow through, generate far less blowback, and are the easiest to enforce. Ignoring human rights, on the other hand, is decidedly lose-lose.

Are asylum seekers breaking the law? Not when they properly submit and identify themselves, but have we made that process achievable? Many families make the appropriate steps and are still broken up! We need to call the liars out—all of them. Puppets like Loudermilk are lying: Obama was heavily criticized for family detention centers (1), and what Trump is doing is much different and much worse (2). Hacks in the White House or on Fox News are lying when they say there are laws that require breaking up family units "they've been around a long time," but no such law exists.

We can learn much from the *American Psychological Association's* statement:

"The administration's policy of separating children from their families as they attempt to cross into the United States without documentation is not only needless and cruel, it threatens the mental and physical health of both the children and their caregivers. Psychological research shows that immigrants experience unique stressors related to the conditions that led them to flee their home countries in the first place."

Cases illustrate this, including the death of *Marco Antonio Muñoz*. This father crossed the Rio Grande with his wife and 3-year-old son on May 12 near the tiny town of Granger, Texas, where they were taken into custody, moved to a processing station in nearby McAllen, and were denied asylum. After being separated from his family Marco died—a "suicide in custody." Should we treat families seeking asylum differently than families trying to illegally immigrate? What was the Muñoz family fleeing, and does it matter? Do we want to force families to decide between violence at home or potentially being torn apart at the U.S. border?

The more important questions reflect values. On *Fathers' Day* I reflected on the man who taught me love, compassion, charity, and forgiveness. "Build bigger tables not bigger fences" is tidy on a bumper sticker, our *Statue of Liberty* reads: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" and I was taught these values.

My father was a doctor, he lived in service to others. I



learned by watching him. He treated everyone with respect and dignity. He served just like his father before him. It didn't matter that father and grandpa were Democrat and Republican, because compassion, love, and charity weren't political positions. I would take it further. The reason people seek asylum in the U.S., the reason families undergo the tremendous costs and risks with trying to start new lives, is that the U.S. has declared itself a melting pot where diversity is a strength. That proposition used to mean something.

Our communities are really suffering, and it is more than the medical ailments that my father used to treat. He took me to the homeless shelter with him, and I've not forgotten the lessons. Being homeless is hard on its own, being sick doesn't make it any easier. Leaving your home for a better life, as a refugee, seeking asylum, fleeing violence, whatever the reason... I've never heard it told as an easy story. The least we can do is keep families together in the process. The hypocrisy has to stop; we say we care about families and values, now we've got to protect them. I cannot bear to imagine the consequences of allowing this persist.

Donald Trump manufactured this crisis and he could put a stop to it at any time. We need to be clear about both sets of issues in responding to this disaster. The people on both sides of the aisle need to declare that this is no place for coercive politics; asking for ransom and holding children hostage is unconscionable and will not be tolerated. Give Trump notice: we do not resort to childish bullying and terrorist tactics. We also need to be clear that we take human rights seriously. The ugly support that Trump has received for this unthinkable and entirely unnecessary cruelty is too much. Anyone who claims to care about families or honoring fathers cannot allow fathers to be pushed to heartbroken suicide, the time to speak up was yesterday.

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## Recta final de las elecciones en México

Por: Isabel Flores, Corresponsal La Prensa

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sus ocurrencias y su discurso relajado pero no tiene propuestas reales, propone cortar la mano y acortar la semana laboral para las mujeres.

Sin lugar a dudas las acusaciones de corrupción entre los candidatos fue lo que dómino el tercer debate. Además, se nota una gran desinformación de parte de todos los candidatos y falta de conocimiento de la realidad que se vive en el país. Obrador, Meade y Rodríguez se vieron seguros, mientras que Anaya se sintió desesperado en algunos momentos. Muchos especialistas esperaban el repunte de Anaya en este debate pero las acusaciones de su mismo partido (Acción Nacional)

en los últimos días por corrupción, generan mayor conflicto.

Si nos vamos a las encuestas, un sondeo de *Massive Caller* destaca a López Obrador como el vendedor del debate. Según los resultados, divulgados por esta encuestadora en sus redes sociales, el 44% de los entrevistados consideró que AMLO fue el ganador del último debate, por encima de Ricardo Anaya, de Por México al Frente (37%); y José Antonio Meade, de Todos por México (16%).

Ante la pregunta "¿Quién de los candidatos cree que ganará las elecciones?", el 47.4% de los encuestados opina que será AMLO el vencedor de las elecciones del 1 de julio.

Por su parte, el diario

Reforma señaló que Ricardo Anaya fue el ganador con un margen de 3 a 1, con el 57% de las evaluaciones favorables de sus consejeros y líderes ciudadanos consultados en un ejercicio de análisis del debate realizado en la Ciudad de México, Monterrey y Guadalajara.

En otro sondeo, publicado por la agencia *Quadratin* y elaborado por la firma *Conteo*, el candidato de PRI, PVEM y Nueva Alianza fue el ganador con el 37% de aprobación tras el debate, superando el 29% de Anaya, el 23% de López Obrador, y el 11% de "El Bronco".

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State Funding	\$13,000,000
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### Anticipated Schedule

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Substantial Completion of all work	October 1, 2020
CMr Services Complete	December 1, 2020

### Selection Schedule: Tentative schedule is subject to change.

Statement of Qualifications Due:	July 11, 2018
RFP issued to the Short-Listed Firms	July 31, 2018
RFP due:	August 15, 2018
Interviews	August 21, 2018
Selection of CM	August 31, 2018

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