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## Former city council president, Louis Escobar, passes away

By La Prensa Staff

August 30, 2020: Former Toledo City Council President Louis Escobar passed away over the weekend at the age of 70 from a long-standing heart condition on Saturday, August 29.

According to his long-time partner Kelly Altenberger, Escobar dedicated his life to the service of others long... before and after his retirement. Escobar held many positions during his career, including as a priest, Adelante, Inc. executive director, and at-large Toledo city council member.

"I want them to remember that his heart was with the community," said Altenberger.

"He was a tireless advocate for what he thought was right for the community. He was surrounded by people who had their own agendas, but he never let those other agendas get in his way. Louis was different. Louis built bridges. I think that was part of his success."

Even political insiders considered Escobar to be a longshot candidate when he ran the first time for Toledo City Council in 1997 as its first-ever openly gay candi-



date. No Latino had ever been elected to city government office at the time, either. But Escobar served two terms on city council, the last two years as council president. He decided not to run for a third council term.

Escobar developed a reputation as a 'consensus-builder' as city council president, sometimes angering his own Democratic party with some of his decisions. Escobar was known to reach across the aisle to council Republi-

cans and regarded council committee appointments in a nonpartisan manner. He counted Toledo Mayor Jack Ford and Judge Joseph Flores among his political mentors.

"Louis Escobar was an outstanding public servant, but more importantly, he was an even better person. When we served together on Toledo City Council, he was someone I looked up to and respected," wrote Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz on social media. "He was a

true trailblazer and leaves behind a legacy few can match. This is a great loss for Toledo."

Escobar actively worked toward social justice within the Latino community, devoting a lot of his time to causes and concerns such as education, healthcare, diversity, and cultural competence. He, along with his close friend, political activist Connie Eason, received a Diamante Award in 2002.

"I'm deeply grieved by the

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## The 'digital divide' is among our greatest enemies!

We are calling on all of our friends to act now!

**The Problem:** According to José Feliciano, Sr., Chair of Cleveland's *The Hispanic Roundtable*, the digital divide is among our greatest enemies! According to a 2018 report by the *National Digital Inclusion Alliance*, Cleveland was ranked the fourth worst internet-connected city in the United States. Couple this with a pandemic, economic challenges, language barriers, lack of infrastructure, and support, and we have a recipe for disaster.

See Mr. Feliciano's 'Letter to the Editor and Community' on page 11.

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# 'Inclusive Community' legislation pending

Could Toledo become the latest "inclusive community" for immigrants?

By La Prensa Staff

August 28, 2020: According to its drafters, there's bound to be some local political fireworks in the next few weeks or months over this quest—right in the middle of an already divisive presidential campaign where race relations and immigration are hot-button topics.

The proposed legislation, among other things, would restrict City of Toledo staff, including the Toledo Police Dept., from participating in immigration enforcement, asking immigration status of residents, and partnering with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The legislation is being promoted by city council members Nick Komives, Theresa Gaddus, and Sam Melden. All three participated in a presentation to the Latino Alliance during a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020.

"The term 'sanctuary city' has often been used but is very politicized and has become very negative in a lot of ways, so we attempt to get away from it because the term implies nothing," said Komives. "There's nothing, no laws that come with it. It's just a blanket term for any community that wants to separate themselves from ICE or immigration authorities."

"I think the sanctuary city label could actually be an asset to us," said Melden. "I've had so many calls and emails where people hope we're not trying to turn us into a sanctuary city. I just tell them it has nothing to do with that and they just move on."

Some Latino Alliance members were divided

on whether the term 'sanctuary city' should be used.

"Why are we not calling it what it is, unless it's different," Mark Urrutia wondered aloud. "It seems deceptive to me, to get around people with different views. I think we need to be inclusive and hear everyone's opinion. I think it's truth in labeling. Let's say what it is so there can be more dialogue."

"I think sanctuary city already has some stereotypes and connotations that if presented that way, people already make a judgment on the policy without reading the content because there are such strong feelings attached to it," countered Martha Delgado. "I have the opposite feeling. If I hear the term sanctuary city, I feel really good about that. I don't think everyone who hears that term thinks negative thoughts. For me, it's yes—I believe in sanctuary cities."

"We have already declared ourselves a welcoming city. This is an extension of that," said Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) attorney Reem Subei, who helped to explain the impetus for the proposed legislation. "Because we are a welcoming city, we are going to ensure that everyone has equal treatment. This equal treatment protection is a basic right."

Ms. Subei told the Latino Alliance meeting the legislation ensures "people who have different citizenship, immigration status, national origin, race, and ethnicity are not discriminated against." While she pointed out many of those protections are guaranteed already by federal law, the ABLE

attorney charged many of those "are very tenuous, which makes it difficult for people to recognize them and for cities to enforce them."

The legislation would require that city officials who obtain private information from people who apply for city services or assistance won't share that information with federal authorities. Ms. Subei believes that will restore the "trust and confidence people can have in their local law enforcement," calling it "something the city should be doing but we are making sure they know this right is enshrined in the legal code."

"In immigration enforcement, local police are not there to enforce federal law," said Ms. Subei. "There are federal agencies designated to enforce that law. That is their purview."

She stated the federal government routinely violates the civil rights of the undocumented and others, so it's important to "protect us, protect our tax dollars, and protect the city of Toledo from getting entangled in violations of those civil rights." The legislation plainly states Toledo police officers won't get involved in the enforcement of civil immigration law or use local resources to assist the Dept. of Homeland Security or other federal agencies.

The proposed ordinance is modeled after similar legislation passed in other cities as well as many counties and states, according to Ms. Subei, who stated the legislation "has already been defended in courts."

"Toledo would not be unique in this," she said. The legislation was introduced over the summer.

"To me, Toledoans just have to decide. Are we going to be proud of our heritage as a city of immigrants? That's what we are. Are we going to be proud of being a compassionate community? Is that who we are?" asked Melden. "Or are we just going to operate and cooperate with this craziness that goes on? I'm all in. I'm ready to call this false narrative to the carpet—treating people the way we've been treating them in this country. I think Toledo is in this position where we have to choose. Either we're a compassionate community or we're not."

Komives predicted there would be at least one or two public hearings necessary to get testimony and tweak the legislation, which currently lacks any penalties for a city employee or police officer who uses local government resources to assist ICE or federal authorities. That is a target of the three council members to add to the legislation in the coming weeks. Komives expects full city council consideration sometime this fall.

"Certainly, there will likely be some organized opposition to this. I fully anticipate that," he said. "There is not an enforcement mechanism that we've put in place yet. The legislation is incomplete in that sense. We are still working out what that might look like."

Ms. Suemi pointed out the legislation currently has a complaint process for Toledo residents, which would trigger an investigation and possible discipline.

Lourdes Santiago pointed out there already

is a "code of conduct" agreement between Toledo police and the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), outlining how officers would conduct themselves with the Latino community, especially on immigration matters. She wondered how the legislation would affect that document, which was signed in 2017.

"We're still seeing interaction, participation, and cooperation with federal agents around immigration, regardless of the existence that document or not," alleged Komives. "This would really bolster and strengthen those protections we're trying to add."

"However, if there's no enforcement mechanism and no penalty section, it's toothless," Ms. Santiago said of the proposed ordinance.

What also is unclear to the city council sponsors is whether the proposed ordinance will receive support from Toledo's mayor, who invited them to a recent presentation by federal authorities.

"Personally, (I) was very unimpressed by the presentation given to us. It was, in my opinion, kind of smug," said Komives. "We've heard it all from that side."

Komives told the Latino Alliance the trio has been warned that passing the inclusive

community ordinance could cost Toledo a lot of federal grant dollars. But he stated city administrators have yet to provide more exact information on what federal aid would be lost and what grants Toledo already has been awarded.

One councilman admitted debate over the proposed ordinance could be further clouded by the current state of race relations and police protests across the county and calls for police reforms and even "defunding" local police agencies. Melden called the timing "unfortunate."

"That's really just an unfortunate, tangled web. Because, to the degree this has any implications how TPD handles day-to-day operations, that can quickly become part of this much larger conversation about are you pro-police or not?" he said. "That's the rhetoric in the community: are you pro-police or not? I think the mayor will be influenced by that larger, much heavier part of the conversation. That's my gut (feeling)."

The three city council members asked and encouraged Latino Alliance participants to promote the legislation to their contacts within the community, hoping to gather some public support.



## Another coronavirus pandemic consequence:

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## Agencia de inmigración cancela plan de cesar personal

Por SOPHIA TAREEN, Associated Press

CHICAGO, 25 VIII 20 (AP): El Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de Estados Unidos canceló el martes las licencias sin sueldo para más de 13.000 empleados, evitando una catástrofe para la atribulada agencia que está a cargo del sistema de inmigración legal del país.

Funcionarios dijeron que "recortes de gastos sin precedentes" y un aumento en los ingresos le permitieron a la agencia cancelar las cesantías, pero advirtieron que habrá esperas más largas y mayores retrasos, incluyendo para quienes soliciten permisos de trabajo, residencia permanente y naturalización.

"Evitar el cese del personal se hace a un costo operativo severo que aumentará los

retrasos y tiempos de espera en todos los procesos, sin garantías de que podamos evitar licencias futuras", dijo en un comunicado Joseph Edlow, vicedirector de políticas del USCIS. "Un regreso a los procedimientos normales de operación requeriría una intervención del Congreso para sostener a la agencia durante el año fiscal 2021".

La agencia había advertido que sin financiamiento de emergencia por 1.200 millones de dólares tendría que cesar a 70% de su fuerza laboral a partir del domingo, reduciendo drásticamente sus operaciones.

Dice que mantendrá sus operaciones hasta el final de septiembre, cuando concluye el actual año fiscal. Los recortes incluyen viajes no esenciales y reducir el

trabajo enviado a contratistas privados que se encargan del papeleo.

El presupuesto de alrededor de 4.800 millones de dólares de la agencia proviene casi exclusivamente de las cuotas que cobra por permisos para vivir o trabajar en el país. Aunque los ingresos habían caído luego de varias restricciones a la inmigración impuestas por el gobierno de Trump, el USCIS culpó a la pandemia de coronavirus.

La agencia, que cerró sus operaciones por más de dos meses, dijo que el COVID-19 hizo que sus ingresos cayeran a la mitad. A partir del 2 de octubre, la agencia va a aumentar las tarifas que cobra en 20% como promedio y eliminará algunas exenciones de pago, incluyendo para los solicitantes de asilo.

## CEPAL: COVID-19 revela la brecha en acceso a internet

Por ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ, Associated Press

LA HABANA, 26 VIII 20 (AP): Aunque dos terceras partes de la población de América Latina tiene acceso a internet, unos 40 millones de hogares no están en red y el 79% de los trabajadores se desempeña en puestos imposibles de realizar por teletrabajo, reveló el miércoles la Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe.

"Las soluciones digitales han reducido el impacto (de la pandemia)... la educación en línea, la salud electrónica, el teletrabajo, comercio digital y el gobierno electrónico", dijo Alicia Bárcena, secretaria ejecutiva de la CEPAL, pero "la conectividad está fragmentada", advirtió.

Bárcena tuvo a su cargo la presentación en línea de un informe especial que concluyó con la sugerencia de que los gobiernos dispongan de un 1% de su Producto Interno Bruto para una suerte de canasta básica integrada por un computador portátil, un teléfono inteligente, una tableta y un plan de conexión para los ciudadanos más vulnerables.

"Esa transformación digital es irreversible, por lo

tanto para poder participar en esta nueva era es esencial tener acceso a banda ancha de alta velocidad", explicó Bárcena.

El informe de 27 páginas realizado por la organización puso de manifiesto la brecha de acceso a internet entre las personas con mayores y menores ingresos, los hogares rurales y urbanos, la edad y habilidades tecnológicas de los ciudadanos y la velocidad de banda en los países de la región.

Según el informe de la CEPAL, el 66,7% de la población tiene conexión a internet y el tercio restante hace un uso limitado o nulo debido a su condición económica; mientras que 33% de los hogares urbanos no cuentan con la red y 77% de los rurales. Además, el 42% de los menores de 25 años y los mayores de 65 no tienen el servicio.

La desigualdad también se da por países, ejemplificó el organismo. En Brasil o Chile más del 60% de los hogares más pobres tienen conexión a internet, una cifra que baja al 3% en Paraguay, Perú y Bolivia, impidiendo la educación o el trabajo en línea.

A su vez, unos 32 millones de niños no pueden acceder a las clases por internet en el

continente.

También está la cuestión de la velocidad, a la que se sumó el aumento de tráfico durante la pandemia. En junio el 44% de los países de la región no alcanzaron los requerimientos para una descarga que permita desarrollar varias actividades al mismo tiempo, un requisito fundamental para el teletrabajo.

Según el reporte, en Europa y los Estados Unidos el 40% de los empleados pueden realizar su labor por internet, cifra que cae al 21,3% en América Latina.

La CEPAL remarcó que en el continente el uso de internet y la digitalización está más volcado al consumo que a la producción.

"Esta crisis nos ha mostrado grandes problemas, la caída del 9,1% del PIB, las exportaciones van a caer 23%, el cierre de empresas... los

desocupados que pueden aumentar en forma muy creciente, la pobreza que se incrementará en 45 millones", dijo Bárcena y agregó que también deja ver "nuestra nueva realidad que son modelos de consumo online, modelos de negocios y de producción inteligente".

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## Tri-C selected for lead role in National Student Voter Campaign

CLEVELAND, August 31, 2020: Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) has taken a national role in building and implementing voter registration programs at campuses to involve more students in the political process.

Tri-C is among 31 colleges and universities selected as codesigners for "Ask Every Student," a project of the National Resource Consortium on Full Student Voter Participation. Tri-C is the only Ohio school — and one of two community colleges — on the list.

Other higher education institutions named Codesigner Campuses include: Harvard University, Northwestern University, and the Uni-

versity of Michigan.

The goal of Ask Every Student is to develop programs that achieve 100% college student participation in elections. Historically, young adults have voted at lower rates than older age groups.

"We want to empower students to become lifelong voters and active citizens," said Katie Montgomery, Tri-C's director of government relations. "Casting a ballot is the way we make our voice heard and how we build our future."

Ask Every Student highlighted Tri-C's "The Voting Experience" project as a best practices model for democratic engagement. The exhibit familiarizes students with the process of registering to vote, researching candidates and

issues in a nonpartisan fashion, and casting ballots.

The Voting Experience debuted in 2018 as a hands-on display and continued last year. It will be offered virtually in 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Motivating students to vote is woven into the College experience at Tri-C. The school has been recognized as a "Voter Friendly Campus" for its efforts to help students participate in the political process.

The College also offers a year-round "Promote the Vote" campaign and takes part in activities such as the Your Voice Matters Youth Summit, an outreach event for high school students.



# Labor Day weekend events modified by the COVID-19 disaster

By La Prensa Staff

ADRIAN, MI/  
GIBSONBURG,  
OH: On Saturday,  
Sept. 5, 2020, *La  
Familia Mancha*  
Entertainment  
hosts a drive-in  
music concert in  
Gibsonburg,  
Ohio.

"This is a first-  
ever attempt at  
trying to do  
something a little  
different and  
something that  
may be the new  
norm, I feel," said  
concert organizer

Jamie Mancha II. "Just  
trying to get everyone  
back together since  
there's been no real  
concerts or dances in the area  
regarding the kind of  
music we like to listen  
to."

The concert will occur  
in Gibsonburg, at the  
Mancha family property,  
3717 County Road 69.  
Parking spaces will be  
marked and available on  
a first-come, first-serve  
basis starting at 5 p.m.  
The cost is \$20 per car-  
load. Families may bring  
their own food/bever-  
ages.

Mancha expects there  
to be a tailgate atmo-  
sphere pre-concert, be-  
cause live music will be-  
gin at 7:00 p.m. and run  
until almost midnight.  
Popular Tejano group,  
*Los Hermanos Villegas*,  
based in Adrian, Michi-  
gan, will be the featured  
entertainment, playing  
on a pair of truck trailer  
beds.

The Villegas family has  
been very active in the  
Tejano industry, includ-  
ing being an integral part  
of the *Midwest Tejano  
Music Awards*, 1991 to  
1997.

"We'll have a little area



Jamie Mancha II y familia

roped off and set aside  
for a dance floor. There  
won't be an actual hard  
floor, but people will be  
able to dance in the grass  
if they want," said  
Mancha, emphasizing  
that *social distancing* is  
strongly recommended  
and gathering in groups  
will be at each attendee's  
own risk. He's suggested  
people bringing their  
own grills.

Even though the event  
will have its own 21<sup>st</sup>  
century spin as a COVID  
concert, Mancha admit-  
ted the event harkens  
back to his Mexican an-  
cestors, when similar  
events were held in avail-  
able open spaces and  
everyone danced in the  
dirt and the grass, wher-  
ever they could.

"Back in the days of  
my grandparents and  
even great-grandparents,  
this is how they would  
do it. They would prop  
up a stage in someone's  
backyard and they would  
have their dances, or  
*bailes*, out there and  
people would dance in  
the dirt," he explained.  
"They would move fur-  
niture out of the way if it  
was in someone's house  
and just dance wherever

they could. We're kind  
of going back to our roots  
as well."

Mancha stated a lot of  
Labor Day events were  
canceled, leaving a gap-  
ing hole in the calendar.

"People are a little  
wary about going into a  
large dance hall or venue  
where there's 200, 300  
or even 400 people," he  
explained. "I think it  
makes people a little un-  
easy about the whole  
thing."

"So, drive-in concerts  
may be the new norm. I  
know through some of  
the major Mexican bands  
that we listen to, this is  
their big thing is these  
drive-in, outdoor con-  
certs. They're finding an  
open lot or a big parking  
lot and doing a *socially-  
distanced* outdoor con-  
cert kind of thing. I fig-  
ured we'd step outside  
our comfort zone and try  
to do something like that  
up here as well, making  
something happen for  
people who have been  
dying for something  
since late last year."

Mancha stated he has  
heard from people as far  
away as Chicago and  
mid-Michigan. He also  
expects people to attend

from Defiance, Fremont,  
Findlay, Willard, and In-  
diana. His goal is to at-  
tract 100 carloads of  
people. If this event is  
successful, he hopes to  
do another drive-in con-  
cert in early to mid-October.

Let's see how many  
bring their own *Low-Rid-  
ers*.

## Club Taino, SQACC hosts drive-by Pig Roast, and you don't have to chase 'el cerdo'

The fourth annual  
*Pig Roast*, sponsored  
jointly by *Club Taino  
Puertorriqueño* and the  
*Sofia Quintero Art and  
Cultural Center*  
(SQACC), is scheduled  
for Friday, Sept. 4, but  
pre-order dinners will be  
curbside pickup only out-  
side SQACC, 1225  
Broadway, Toledo, to  
conform with Ohio's  
COVID-19 regulations.

"We talked about it,  
and we were completely  
against canceling the  
event, because people  
really enjoy this event,"  
said María González,  
president of *Club Taino*.  
"So, we did some tweak-



ing and, like everybody  
else, decided we'd live  
through it." [Unfortu-  
nately, the Club can-  
celled this year's annual  
picnic, honoring Puerto  
Rico's Constitution Day  
in July].

An adult meal costs  
\$15, while child meals  
are \$12. Meals will be  
distributed Friday, Sept.  
4, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meal  
tickets can be purchased  
by credit card in advance  
through the SQACC  
Facebook page. The two  
groups share proceeds  
from the event, which  
typically sells 75 to 100  
meals.

"They are welcome to  
stick around in the  
(SQACC) gardens and  
enjoy the food out there  
if they want," said Ms.  
González. "They can  
take it home, they can  
eat the dinner in the car,

or go over to enjoy the  
SQACC gardens. They  
are welcome to have a  
little picnic, of course, so-  
cially distancing."

The dinner menu stays  
consistent, with roasted  
pork, *arroz con gandules*  
(Puerto Rican rice with  
pigeon peas), *yucca* with  
garlic *mojo*, and SQACC  
signature cookies for des-  
sert. For an additional  
cost, "to go" alcoholic  
beverages are available  
for purchase, with a limit  
of two drinks.

According to Ms.  
González, organizers didn't  
want COVID to kill a tradi-  
tion, because it becomes  
hard to bring back an event  
once it's gone. She stated  
it's not only a good way to  
kick off the Labor Day  
holiday weekend, but  
serves as a lead-in to  
*Hispanic Heritage Month*  
(Sept. 15 to Oct. 15).



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## La Prensa Profile: Judge Alfonso González

By La Prensa Staff

Alfonso J. "Jess" González became the second Latino Lucas County judge when he was appointed to the Lucas County Common Pleas Court, General Division, 18 months ago. But now the Holland Republican must run in the November general election to retain his judicial post.

Some political insiders see the first-time candidate as an "incumbent underdog," mainly because he's facing a strong challenge from a well-known Democratic candidate, long-time juvenile court prosecutor *Lori Olender*. Add in the changes to a political campaign caused by the coronavirus pandemic, and Judge González knows he's facing a battle.

"The traditional way of campaigning of festivals, door knocking, parades and debate has gone out the window due to social distancing regulations," the judge said. "It's been a very challenging time fundraising and maintaining a presence in the community as a public figure, as an elected official trying to retain his seat. I'm pretty much an unknown

commodity in my first election."

Ohio's governor appointed Judge González to replace Judge *Gene Zmuda* in March of 2019, after Zmuda was elected to the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals. Prior to that, González served as a magistrate in domestic relations court. The new judge already has presided at seven jury trials, some of which garnered media coverage. But judicial races are traditionally low-key, commonly overshadowed by elections for president, governor, and legislative seats.

"People ask me every day, 'How's it going?'" he said. "I don't know how to respond. It's difficult to gauge. It's a known fact that many people get to the polls and they skip over the judges. They don't know anything about them and they don't even vote. You have that dynamic on top of everything else."

However, Judge González credits what he calls "a very capable campaign team" handling everything from social media to signs. His all-volun-

teer team already has warned him the campaign "will ratchet up" and "run him ragged." He now calls the race "a sprint" because early voting starts Oct. 6, 2020 and believes the pandemic will make that a bigger factor.

"It's moved up the timeline on some things that people think is important for a variety of things you normally do a little closer to the election," he said, admitting name recognition likely will be the deciding factor in the election for either candidate during a coronavirus campaign.

While González and Ms. Olender are both first-time judicial candidates but experienced litigants, he plans to point to his experience on the bench as the main thing that sets him apart in the race.

"It'll be a year-and-a-half to two years judicial experience as a judge and before that, four years as a magistrate, so it's almost like a full term as being a judge," he pointed out. "Being a magistrate, I handled a lot of the responsibilities of being a judge—trials



and dockets."

Judge González was previously in private practice as an attorney when he was sworn in as a magistrate. He spent dozen of his 15-year law career as a general practice attorney, much of that handling family law and juvenile court cases. The other time he spent as a staff attorney for Judge *David Lewandowski*. He also spent a year as an attorney at Sandusky County Job and Family Services.

The Findlay native is one of five siblings, the son of Mexican-American migrant farmworkers who met in Laredo, Texas and relocated to Northwest Ohio. His father later worked at Cooper Tire as a millwright for more than 30 years. His mom worked as a surgical assistant for a time, but spent most of her life as a homemaker.

González received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and masters of public administration from *Bowling Green State University*. He

earned a law degree from the *University of Toledo*.

Judge González did receive a public reprimand earlier this year from the Ohio Supreme Court for 'operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated'. In Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Judge González owned up to the incident, pleading guilty to a misdemeanor DUI charge. He received a suspended jail sentence, attended and completed a driver intervention program, a victim-impact panel program, and had his driver's license suspended for a year.

"It was an unfortunate situation for me, because I know better. I shouldn't have been in that position," he admitted. "I made a mistake just by getting behind the wheel. It was a human moment, that's all I can say. I don't think it defines me, nor should it define me...; it's there. All I can hope is that people are willing to consider the fact it's not

me," he said. "It's a situation that happened and a mistake on my part. Hopefully they don't hold it against me."

Judge González stated he still carries the teachings of his legal mentor with him to this day—the late juvenile court Judge *Joseph Flores*.

"He was a very good man to me. The very first day I worked in Toledo and had moved up here, he came to see me without knowing me," he recalled. "That's the kind of man he was. He knew I didn't know anyone and had no family in town, told me to come see him if I needed anything. I owe that man and hope to continue his legacy."

Judge González has continued to maintain a friendship with the *Flores family* following Mary Jane Flores' husband's death in 2003. She is serving as one of his campaign co-chairs. González raises his daughter with his wife.

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ketplace, 1707 Cherry St., for free distribution to customers.

10,000 masks were given to Stop & Shop stores in Toledo for free distribution to customers.

15,000 masks were given away at the *Engage Toledo Drop Off Refuse and Recycling Event*. Those events were 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 8, at DeVeaux School, 2620 West Sylvania Ave., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 22 at Longfellow Elementary School, 1955 West Laskey Rd.

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Fernwood Avenue; and Aug. 12 at Navarre Park near the tennis court off of Navarre Avenue.

10,000 masks are reserved for for-profit businesses, of which 5,000 have already been distributed in toolkits given to small businesses last week.

3,000 masks were given to Seaway Mar-



## Virus causa cierre de bares en EEUU; OMS advierte en Europa

27 VIII 20 (AP): El estado de Iowa cerró bares en varios de sus condados más grandes debido al aumento de casos confirmados de coronavirus, y las discusiones se han encendido en Estados Unidos por el uso obligatorio de mascarillas.

Funcionarios electos de una ciudad de Mississippi escenificaron una disputa después de que algunos rehusaran utilizar mascarillas, lo que obligó al alcalde a desalojar la sala y obligar el distanciamiento social entre los miembros de la junta de gobierno cuando se reanudó la sesión.

Por su parte, el responsable de la Organización Mundial de la Salud en Europa dijo el jueves que el aumento de las infecciones entre los jóvenes podría propagarse a personas mayores y causar un incremento en el número de muertes. El doctor Hans Kluge dijo que posiblemente los jóvenes entren en contacto más estrecho con los adultos mayores a medida que haga más frío en Europa y las familias muden actividades al interior de sus casas.

A nivel mundial, más de 800.000 personas han fallecido por el virus y más de 24,2 millones lo han contraído, según un conteo de la Universidad Johns Hopkins, que según expertos son cifras que no reflejan la realidad debido a la realización limitada de pruebas, casos leves no registrados y otros factores.

**IOWA CIERRA BARES:** La gobernadora Kim Reynolds ordenó el cierre de todos los bares

en seis de los condados más grandes del estado debido al aumento de casos confirmados de coronavirus, lo cual se atribuye en parte a jóvenes que ignoran las recomendaciones sobre el uso de mascarillas y el distanciamiento social en esos establecimientos.

Reynolds dispuso la medida para los condados Black Hawk, Dallas, Linn, Johnson, Polk y Story, con entrada en vigor a partir de las 5 de la tarde del jueves, un día después de que el estado informara de casi 1.500 casos confirmados, una cifra que rebasó los niveles de la primavera.

En un periodo de 24 horas hasta el jueves en la mañana, Iowa registró 1.475 casos confirmados, que superaron los 1.284 del 25 de abril. En este periodo ocurrieron 18 muertes más para un total de 1.079.

Reynolds dijo que el aumento de casos se debe principalmente a las reuniones de gente joven, en especial la que está regresando a las universidades estatales.

**AUMENTAN CASOS EN ITALIA:** En Italia, los casos nuevos aumentan a diario y el jueves no fue la excepción, pero también se elevó el número de pruebas para detección de COVID-19. La nación donde comenzó el brote de coronavirus en Europa registró 1.411 casos nuevos en las últimas 24 horas para un total de 263.949.

Muchos de los nuevos

casos son de viajeros que regresan de países que tienen muchos brotes de COVID-19 o desde la isla vacacional de Cerdeña, o corresponden al rastreo de contactos de esos casos. Docenas de contagios fueron vinculados a brotes en clubes de la Costa Esmeralda de Cerdeña.

Varios aeropuertos, incluidos los de Roma, Milán y Nápoles, así como puertos marítimos, ahora hacen pruebas a los viajeros apenas desembarcan de aviones o transbordadores. La mayoría de los infectados en últimas fechas son personas de treinta y tantos o veintitantos años y adolescentes, que a menudo están asintomáticos. Sin embargo, el número de pacientes hospitalizados por COVID-19 continúa aumentando.

Hace un mes, el número de pacientes hospitalizados había caído a poco más de 700. En contraste, en los primeros días del paso devastador de la pandemia por Italia unos 30.000 pacientes eran hospitalizados en todo el país en un día cualquiera. El jueves, otras 76 personas requirieron hospitalización, para un total de 1.131 enfermos en cuidados no intensivos. Se reportaron cinco decesos adicionales, con lo que ya suman 35.463 fallecimientos en todo el país a causa de la enfermedad.

**CIENTÍFICA DE OMS DICE QUE USO DE MASCARILLA NO ES SUFICIENTE:** Una científica de la

Organización Mundial de la Salud dijo que el solo uso de mascarillas para evitar la propagación del coronavirus no es suficiente, y expresó preocupación de que las personas estén observando cada vez menos el distanciamiento físico.

Maria Van Kerkhove, responsable técnica del programa de emergencias de la OMS, dijo que le preocupa un poco que el uso de mascarillas haga que algunas personas creen que no necesitan guardar una distancia segura respecto de las demás.

“Estamos viendo que la gente ya no está observando más el distanciamiento físico”, declaró Van Kerkhove ante reporteros durante una conferencia de prensa regular de la OMS. “Aun si utilizas mascarilla, todavía necesitas mantener el distanciamiento físico de por lo menos un metro (3 pies) e incluso más si puedes”.

La agencia de salud de Naciones Unidas ha dado varias recomendaciones, como distanciamiento físico, lavado de manos regular y minucioso, y uso de mascarillas, para combatir al COVID-19.

“No es sólo el uso de mascarillas. No es sólo el distanciamiento físico”, declaró Van Kerkhove. “No es sólo el lavado de manos. Hay que hacer todo”.

**DISPUTA POR USO DE MASCARILLAS INTERRUPE REUNIÓN:** Funcionarios electos de la ciudad de McComb, en Mississippi, tuvieron

una disputa después de que algunos se negaron a utilizar mascarillas como medida de prevención contra el nuevo coronavirus, lo que obligó al alcalde a desalojar la sala y ordenar que los miembros de la junta de gobierno guardaran el distanciamiento social después que se reanudó la reunión.

Debido a la disputa, la única manera en que el público pudo atestiguar la sesión de la junta de gobierno del martes por la noche fue mediante video, reportó The Enterprise-Journal.

En Mississippi continúa vigente la orden del gobernador republicano Tate Reeves de que la gente utilice mascarillas en lugares públicos. McComb también tiene en vigor el uso obligatorio de mascarillas.

**NÚMERO DE INFECCIONES EN SIRIA PODRÍA SER MAYOR:** Un alto funcionario de labores humanitarias de Naciones Unidas asegura que los reportes de que las instalaciones de salud de Siria están operando a su máxima capacidad y de un creciente número de fallecimientos y entierros parecen indicar que la cifra real de casos de coronavirus “excede por mucho a los números oficiales” confirmados por el gobierno.

El secretario general adjunto para asuntos humanitarios Ramesh Rajasingham dijo el jueves al Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU que “el creciente número de pacientes está

incrementando la presión sobre el frágil sistema de salud”.

Señaló que muchas personas “están renuentes a buscar atención en las instalaciones médicas, lo que deriva en complicaciones más severas una vez que finalmente se deciden a acudir”, y “los trabajadores de salud aún carecen de suficiente equipamiento de protección personal y suministros”.

De los 2.440 casos confirmados por el Ministerio de Salud, señaló Rajasingham, “la mayoría no pueden rastrearse a un origen conocido”.

Dijo que varias instalaciones de salud suspendieron operaciones este mes por problemas de capacidad e infecciones entre el personal.

En el campamento Al Hol del noreste del país, donde se encuentran detenidas 65.000 personas — en su mayoría mujeres y niños — relacionados con combatientes del grupo Estado Islámico, Rajasingham dijo: “12 instalaciones de salud tuvieron que suspender operaciones este mes debido a que miembros del personal se infectaron, tuvieron que aislarse o debido a la falta de equipamiento de protección personal”. Comentó también que “los dos hospitales de campo del lugar ya reanudaron sus operaciones”.

Periodistas de The Associated Press de todo el mundo contribuyeron a este despacho.



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## Carlos Vives escarba los orígenes de la música colombiana

Por MARCELA ISAZA, Associated Press

LOS ÁNGELES, 27 VIII 20 (AP): Carlos Vives pasó los últimos años escarbando los orígenes de la música de su tierra. El resultado: su 14to álbum de estudio, "Cumbiana", y un documental de 45 minutos sobre los principios de la cumbia y el vallenato.

El mediometrage, titulado "El mundo perdido de Cumbiana" y estrenado la semana pasada a través del Museo del Grammy, también detalla los esfuerzos para cada una de las 10 canciones en el disco lanzado en mayo y resalta los retos medioambientales que enfrenta el ecosistema del Río Magdalena, el principal río de Colombia.

"Cumbiana es el nombre que encontré para hablar del territorio de la cumbia. Es un territorio de la cultura anfibia de Colombia que une varios ríos, sus valles, sus ciénagas. Es parte de la cultura del Pacífico y especialmente del Caribe", explicó el astro

colombiano desde un estudio en Miami.

El cantante y compositor se sumergió en la cultura anfibia, en la costa norte de Colombia, en busca de los orígenes indígenas de la cumbia. Para su sorpresa, aprendió que muchos de los ritmos y sonidos de este género musical se originaron en las Américas, mucho antes de llegada de la influencia africana al continente.

"Eso es lo más emocionante porque siempre hemos tenido como pena, vergüenza. Incluso hemos creído que la música prehispánica o lo indígena era triste, era pobre, y resulta que descubres que no, que realmente era muy espiritual, muy alegre", dijo.

Vives ha fusionado su clásico sonido vallenato con ritmos contemporáneos en colaboraciones con artistas que incluyen al español Alejandro Sanz, el panameño Rubén

Blades, el jamaquino Ziggy Marley y la canadiense Jessie Reyez.

El astro colombiano también celebra el 25to aniversario de una de sus canciones más emblemáticas, "La tierra del olvido". Lanzada en 1995, sirvió para muchos como una introducción al vallenato, pero con un toque moderno.

Vives explicó que era una época en la que otros varios artistas colombianos también trataban de apegarse a sus raíces, mientras experimentaban con su propio sonido.

"Ese disco representa un poco ese momento de la historia. Fíjate que es el mismo año que Aterciopelados hace uno de sus clásicos más importantes", dijo Vives en alusión al emblemático álbum "El Dorado" del dúo colombiano. "Era todo lo que estaba pasando, como reinventarnos en nuestra música. Y entonces se volvió un símbolo de ese momento".

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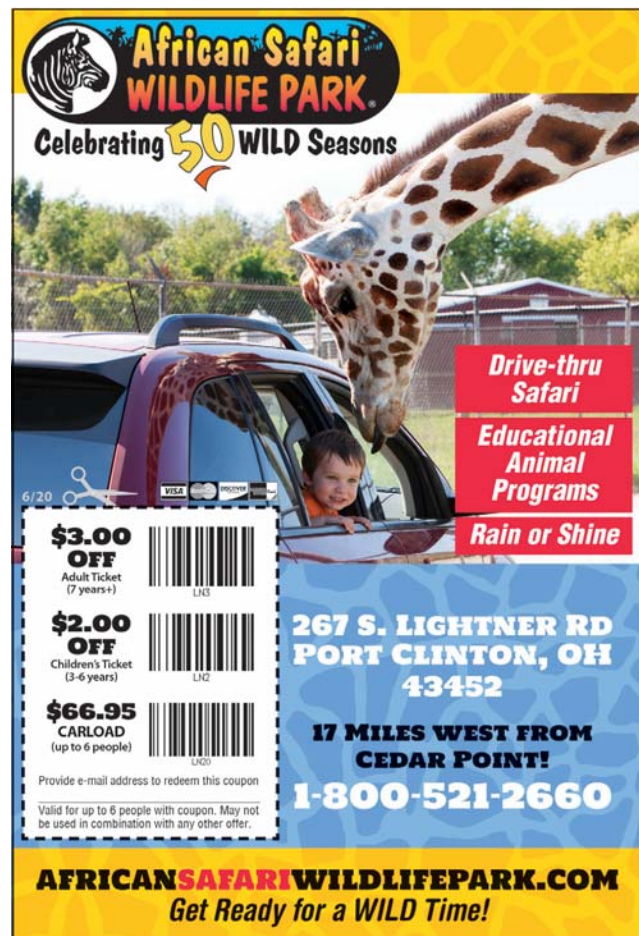
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## Former city council president, Louis Escobar, passes away

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loss of our dear friend and great public servant Louis Escobar," echoed long-time friend *Connie Eason* on her Facebook page. "My heart is heavy by his passing. He was a great man and friend to Toledo and loved all who were fortunate to have crossed paths with his beautiful spirit. May you get the much-needed, peaceful rest."

• *Altenberger stated Escobar was known for saying what he meant and meaning what he said, no matter the cost, which sometimes angered political colleagues.*

During a 2001 Toledo visit by then-U.S. president *George W. Bush* and Mexico president *Vicente Fox* to highlight improved ties on trade and law enforcement, and some progress on legalizing some of the 3.5 million migrant farmworkers in the U.S., Escobar called it as he saw it to the New York Times. "Let's get real, it's a photo op," he said at the time. "I want to see some action. I want to see dollars for programs."

"Louis and I changed each other's lives. We helped each other get more centered," Altenberger

said. "We used to have arguments. He drove me nuts and I drove him nuts. But we worked at it. We learned how to communicate with each other even when we were aggravated."

Most of Escobar's career was devoted to public service—five years as a Catholic priest, as a jail counselor, as a probation officer, as a facilitator/director of a self-help group for people living with HIV/AIDS, and as a substance abuse counselor. He also ran a homeless shelter and served as interim coordinator at the *University of Toledo's Multicultural Student Center*.

As the executive director of *Adelante, Inc.*, Escobar doubled the social service nonprofit's budget, introduced innovative, culturally-sensitive programs, and was instrumental in coordinating *Adelante's* fifth year anniversary celebration and in creating *César E. Chávez Humanitarian Awards* banquet.

Escobar himself was awarded the *César E. Chávez Humanitarian Award* at the 2010 ceremony.

"As an elected official, he combined this experience with his leadership and commitment to provide a needed voice on [Toledo] City Council for those who would other-

wise not be heard including senior citizens, the disabled, minorities, the unemployed, and underemployed," then-*Adelante* executive director *Sonia Troche* said at the time.

"He was in and out of so many communities and everybody knew him and saw his drive and commitment and heart," recalled *Altenberger*.

*Michael Marsh*, former *Fair Housing Center* director, who now lives in Hawaii, worked closely with Escobar when he was board chairman at the nonprofit.

"Together, we shared a deep passion for human rights. We even made a memorable trip to Memphis to tour the civil rights landmarks," he wrote on Facebook. "Kelly, you were a devoted and caring partner. May God bring you peace and comfort during your time of sorrow and loss."

"There's one thing that I will never forget that...from a fair housing perspective at least, was one of Louis' greatest achievements. He wrote and passed the City of Toledo's Human Rights Ordinance. Passed in the late 1990s, this legislation made it illegal to discriminate in housing and employment against someone based on sexual orientation and gen-



der identity," said Marsh.

Escobar served on a number of other boards and commissions, including: *The Northwest Ohio Area Office on Aging* and the *Northwest State Community College Foundation*, among others.

• *Escobar was born January 27, 1950, at the former Riverside Hospital. He grew up on Indiana Ave. in a predominantly Polish neighborhood and attended St. Anthony's Catholic Church as a youth. According to Altenberger, Escobar decided he wanted to become a priest at the age of 12.*

"Whether he still had the

collar or not, he had the sense of community and service in the name of God," said *Altenberger*. "He never, ever lost that. The greatest achievement of his life has to be that he helped people and he was effective at helping people."

Escobar is a 1968 graduate of Central Catholic High School, receiving a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's College in 1972, a Master of Divinity from SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in 1976, and a master's degree from the University of Detroit in 1976.

Escobar is survived by his life-partner of 32 years, *Kelly Altenberger*; his mother,

*Nancy*; brothers, *Victor* and *John Escobar*, stepbrother, *James*; foster brother, *Joseph Campos, Jr.*, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass is being scheduled for Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Toledo. Arrangements are being handled by *W.K. Sujkowski & Son Funeral Home* on Airport Hwy.

*Editor's Note: Photos taken at Louis Escobar's 70th birthday party at Real Seafood Company restaurant on January 27, 2020. Pictured above is Louis Escobar with Kelly Altenberger.*



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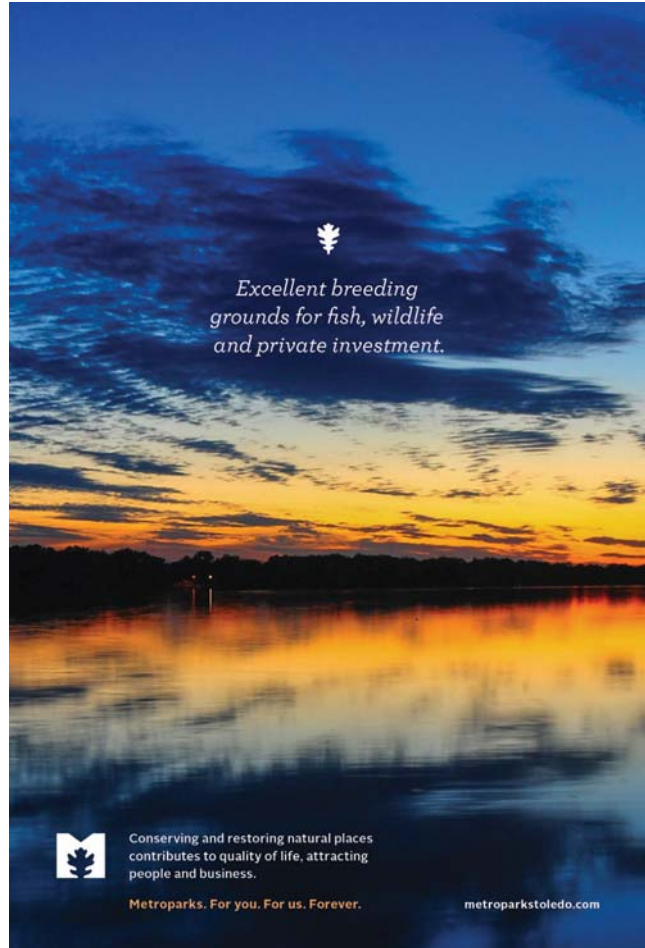







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### • LPLS Writers Group on Zoom

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## 'Summer Crisis' program continues

August 27, 2020: Lorain County Community Action Agency's Summer Crisis Program continues through Sept. 30 and now offers three (3) ways to submit required documents.

Summer Crisis offers help staying cool for low-income residents who also meet one of the other eligibility requirements.

The primary qualification for the program is a gross annual income at or below 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Line (\$45,850 for a family of four in 2020). More people are eligible for help this year under expanded provisions created in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

The HEAP department now has a dedicated FAX line. Documents can be sent to 440-201-6483. Documents can also be emailed to [heapdocs@lccaa.net](mailto:heapdocs@lccaa.net).

The agency has enhanced the secure drop box at 936 Broadway Ave., Lorain. Here, clients will find a list of requirements, documents needed, and Agreement Terms which can be signed and left in the drop box for the advocate they are working with.

Typically, the summer program is for low-income people who are age 60 or over or who have a health issue worsened by extreme heat, said Emergency

Services Coordinator Darnella Higginbotham. This year, eligibility has expanded to include those diagnosed with COVID-19 and those whose income was impacted by the many changes in the community due to the virus.

Residents at 175% of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for help if one of the following applies to them:

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- They are trying to establish new service.
- They have been diagnosed with coronavirus in 2020.
- They are enrolling in PIPP Plus for the first time.
- They are an existing PIPP customer in default.

COVID-19 has also changed the way LCCAA is conducting the program, Higginbotham said. All appointments are being done by phone with zero contact between the LCCAA advocate and the client. Appointments can be made by calling the new 24-hour number: 440-538-6999 or going online to <https://app.caappointments.com/>

Benefits have also been expanded this year. Customers of regulated utilities can receive up to



\$500 in assistance (up from \$300). Customers of unregulated utilities can receive up to \$800 (up from \$500).

Residents who have not received an air conditioner from LCCAA in the last three years can request a unit. In July, 72 air conditioners were distributed. The cost of the unit will be deducted from the amount of assistance they receive. The remainder can be applied to their energy bill if needed.

Electric box fans will also be distributed. Residents who have received air conditioners in the past three years may be eligible for a fan. In July, 62 fans were distributed. Customers may also request repairs to their central air conditioning units up to \$500.

An electronic system is being used to minimize contact clients have when they pick up air conditioners or fans from Lowe's in Elyria.

Higginbotham also noted that federal Coronavirus stimulus checks do NOT count as income for this program. For a complete list of countable income and documentation requirements, please visit [www.lccaa.net](http://www.lccaa.net).

The program will run through Sept. 30 this year, instead of Aug. 31.

## LPLS Virtual Programs for Job Seekers

Tuesday, Sept. 8; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### FINDING A JOB ONLINE: GETTING STARTED

Join us to kick-start your online job search by learning the basics.

Tuesday, Oct. 13; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### DIGITAL SKILLS FOR THE DIGITAL JOB SEEKER

Tech skills are essential for the modern job market — this virtual program will help you learn how to boost yours.

Tuesday, Nov. 10; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### RESUME WRITING AND COVER LETTERS

This virtual program will teach you how to write a professional resume and attention-grabbing cover letter for your online job search.

Tuesday, December 8; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### FREE RESOURCES TO BOOST YOUR JOB HUNT

There are a lot of free resources to help you with your job search. This virtual program will give you all the free tools you need to help you make your next career move.

These programs will be taking place on Zoom. Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so that Zoom invitations can be sent for this event. Preregistration required at [LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events](http://LorainPublicLibrary.org/Events)

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## Tri-C JazzFest: Virtually Unforgettable in 2020

CLEVELAND, August 28, 2020: On an improvisational stage, jazz musicians embrace the moment. The artistry that follows is unscripted, unpredictable and unlike anything an audience has previously experienced.

That's probably the best way to describe the virtual edition of the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank.

Six hours of music, artist interviews and jazz talk flowed over online platforms Aug. 21-23 as the festival shifted from an in-person event to an on-the-screen happening due to the coronavirus crisis.

More than 75,000 music lovers shared the free online experience over the three days. They watched as more than a dozen acts with Northeast Ohio roots showed why Cleveland can call itself a jazz town.

The lineup of performers included acts

such as the Dan Wilson Trio, Evelyn Wright Quartet, Sammy DeLeon's Latin Jazz Sextet, Vanessa Rubin, Joe Hunter and Hubb's Groove.

In addition, two of the jazz world's preeminent bassists — Christian McBride and John Clayton — called in to share stories. McBride's live chat took place on the virtual festival's first night. Clayton dialed in on Day Two.

If you missed it live, don't worry: Each night's two-hour presentation is available for viewing at [tri-cjazzfest.com](http://tri-cjazzfest.com).

"The virtual festival exceeded all expectations," said Terri Pontremoli, director of Tri-C JazzFest. "It was, in a word, unforgettable. We saw that music brings people together, no matter the obstacles. That's the lesson from the 2020 Tri-C JazzFest."

Viewer donations during the weekend sessions



also raised nearly \$10,000 for Tri-C's Student Emergency Fund. The money will benefit creative arts students experiencing unforeseen financial challenges with the potential to derail their studies.

Donations can still be made to the fund at [tri-cjazzfest.com](http://tri-cjazzfest.com).

This year's Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland was presented by KeyBank and made possible by Cuyahoga Community College, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ohio Arts Council, Strassman Insurance Services Inc., The George Gund Foundation and a long list of donors and vendors.

## OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND COMMUNITY

**The digital divide is among our greatest enemies! We are calling on all of our friends to act now!**

### The Problem:

The digital divide is among our greatest enemies! According to a 2018 report by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance, Cleveland was ranked the fourth worst internet-connected city in the United States. Couple this with a pandemic, economic challenges, language barriers, lack of infrastructure, and support, and we have a recipe for disaster.

The digital divide gap between people who have sufficient knowledge of and access to technology and those who do not can perpetuate and even worsen educational, socioeconomic, health, and other disparities for already underserved groups. Every student needs adequate access to instructional resources and support services to succeed academically, and it's up to us to ensure that no student gets left behind!

On behalf of the Hispanic Roundtable, we wish to do just that by ensuring that you are aware of an incredible opportunity to improve lives and connect the unconnected within our community particularly to schools, doctors, and social services and with virtually the whole world through the internet.

### Action required:

**We are asking that you please share all this information with your constituents, friends, and neighbors immediately! Please help us spread the word and ensure that no student gets left behind!**

In addition, we will be canvassing the Clark Fulton neighborhood on September 3rd, 2020, from 3 pm-7 pm. Please share the flyer on page 10 and information with everyone you know so they are aware as to what we are doing in the neighborhood.

### The Solution:

First, supporting students with access to education:

For Cleveland public school families, you can receive free high-speed internet through the partnership with Empower Cle. The district pays your installation costs as long as a student lives in the home. That's right, free! No hidden charges and no bait and switch. Moreover, the school system will provide your child with a computer.

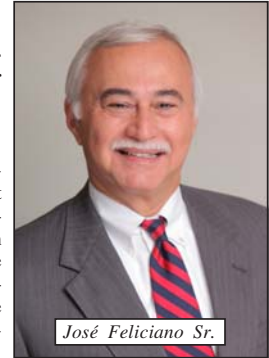
That service is now available in the Clark Fulton area. To participate in the program, you have to opt-in by calling 216-777-3859. Do not wait till the last minute, call today while supplies last!

### For all other residents in the Clark Fulton area:

Even though you do not have a child in the Cleveland school system, you can have high-speed internet in your home for less than \$10 per month through Empower Cle. That's right, no installation cost and no monthly fees. That service is available in the Clark Fulton area. Call 216-777-3859.

*¡Adelante!*

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## Oh Happy Day: Tri-C, Cleveland Orchestra Choral Groups Come Together

CLEVELAND, August 28, 2020: A community that sings together stays together. That simple belief inspired a project that unified choral groups from Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) and The Cleveland Orchestra this summer.

Students in Tri-C's Vocal Arts Mastery program joined with members of The Cleveland Orchestra's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Chorus in a virtual performance of the gospel favorite "Oh Happy Day." The resulting video unites more than 50 voices from the community.

Visit [www.tri-c.edu/ohhappyday](http://www.tri-c.edu/ohhappyday) to view the video.

The collaboration grew out of a shared desire by the College and the Orchestra to perform and use music as a connective force at a time when the community seems fractured in so many ways.

"We've all felt the strain of separation and unrest from situations unfolding in our world," said *Emanuela Friscioni*, director of Tri-C's Creative Arts Academy. "The arts, though, have the power to bring people together. It's about spreading positivity."

Renowned music educator *William Henry Caldwell* helped bring the two



choral groups together. He serves as artistic director of Tri-C's Vocal Arts Mastery program and resident conductor of The Cleveland Orchestra's MLK Celebration Chorus.

The College's Vocal Arts Mastery program provides free vocal and choral training to Cleveland youth in grades 3 to 12. The program is run in partnership with Cleveland Public Library, with support from the Cleveland Foundation.

The MLK Celebration Chorus is a volunteer group comprised of singers from throughout Northeast Ohio. The group performs at The Cleveland Orchestra's annual MLK Celebration Concert, held in January.

"While we are currently unable to gather for music at Severance Hall or Blossom Music Center, The Cleveland Orchestra is pleased to showcase music by and for the Cleveland community through this intergenerational col-

laboration with Tri-C," said *Joan Katz Napoli*, senior director of education and community programs. "This powerful and moving rendition of 'Oh Happy Day' is the perfect way to spread a message of joy and hope."

Singers from both groups individually recorded themselves singing "Oh Happy Day," an 18th-century hymn that charted in 1969 after being rearranged and performed by the Edwin Hawkins Singers. The choral groups performed a cover version of the 1969 song.

Video editors and audio engineers took the recordings and created a more than four-minute video that shows the singers and showcases their voices.

"Today we celebrate love, resilience, community and the power of music," Caldwell says at the start of the video. "Oh, happy day."

## Más de 500 casos de COVID-19 en Universidad de Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, 25 VIII 20 (AP): La Universidad de Alabama ha registrado 531 casos de COVID-19 en su campus desde el arranque del semestre otoñal la semana pasada, de acuerdo con números dados a conocer por el sistema de la universidad el martes, y las autoridades tratan de restringir las fiestas estudiantiles, bares y otras congregaciones que pudieran diseminar el virus.

Previamente, la universidad había anunciado que los resultados parciales de un programa de pruebas encontraron que pocos estudiantes

que regresaron al campus el 19 de agosto dieron positivo del virus, pero prueba subsiguientes la semana pasada descubrieron más casos. Casi 30.000 estudiantes se sometieron a las pruebas.

"Sin embargo, en la última semana, debido a la conducta de los estudiantes, hemos

visto un alza en el número de estudiantes que solicitaron nuevas pruebas porque habían desarrollado síntomas o sido expuestos a un individuo con COVID-19. Esa tendencia motivó la decisión de tomar más medidas para reducir la probabilidad de que el virus del COVID-19 escale dramáticamente", dijo en una declaración el doctor Selwyn Vickers, decano de la Facultad de Medicina de la Universidad de Alabama y copresidente de la Fuerza Especial de Salud y Seguridad del sistema universitario.

El lunes, el alcalde de Tuscaloosa ordenó el cierre de los bares por las próximas dos semanas luego que las autoridades de la Universidad de Alabama describieron un aumento "inaceptable" de casos de COVID-19 que pudiera poner el peligro los planes de continuar el semestre en el campus.

La universidad anunció el viernes una moratoria de 14 días sobre todos los eventos

estudiantiles en persona fuera de las aulas. Las congregaciones están prohibidas y las áreas comunes de los dormitorios y casas de fraternidades están cerradas, de acuerdo con las directrices. No se permiten visitantes en los dormitorios y casas de fraternidades.

La Universidad de Auburn, también en Alabama, ha registrado igualmente un alza de los casos desde que los estudiantes regresaron al campus el 17 de agosto, de acuerdo con cifras dadas a conocer por la universidad.

La universidad reportó que 202 estudiantes y cinco empleados en el campus principal en Auburn dieron positivo entre el 15 y el 21 de agosto. Desde mediados de marzo, ha habido 545 casos entre estudiantes y personal, aunque la mayoría de esas personas no estaban en el campus antes de agosto porque estaban tomando clases o t r a b a j a n d o remotamente, dice el portal de la universidad.

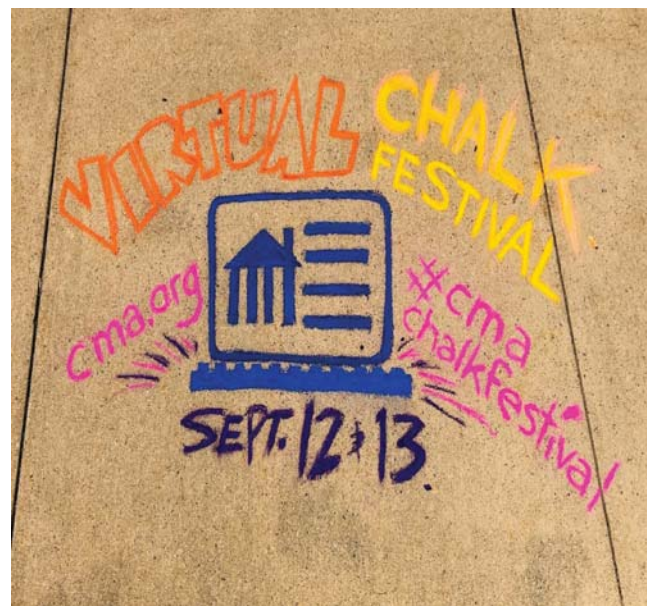


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## Ohio Public Health Advisory System



## OHIO COVID-19 Update: K-12 Case Reporting, Sports Order Modification

COLUMBUS, Aug. 28, 2020; Governor Mike DeWine's administration provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

**UPDATE COUNTY RISK LEVELS:** DeWine released this week's Ohio Public Health Advisory System map. New health data compiled by the Ohio Department of Health indicates that six counties currently have a very high risk of exposure and spread. This is the lowest number of Level 3 counties since the Ohio Public Health Advisory System was developed. In addition, 76 counties have remained at a consistent level, which is the lowest movement between levels that Ohio has experienced.

"While we do have good news in today's alert map, this does not give us the green light to change our behavior. It's only through the interventions that we've put in place that we have been able to make these strides," said DeWine. "Please continue to wear a mask, stay home when you can, and refrain from gatherings, especially indoors."

**Increase to Level 3:** Montgomery

**Continue at Level 3:** Erie · Lorain · Lucas · Mercer · Preble

**Decrease to Level 2:** Clark · Clermont · Franklin · Trumbull

**Decrease to Level 1:** Marion · Muskingum · Perry · Sandusky

Detailed information all of Ohio's 88 counties can be found on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System's website. The system was developed to provide local health departments, community leaders, and the public with data and information on the severity of the COVID-19 spread in the counties in which they live. The system consists of four levels with specific risk-level guidelines. Each level is calculated with data gathered on seven public health in-

dicators.

**K-12 CASE REPORTING:** DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health will be issuing an order that requires K-12 schools to establish a mechanism for parents and guardians to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 among their children.

Schools should notify parents/guardians in writing about each case and include as much information as possible without disclosing protected health information. Schools should also make non-identifying information about positive COVID-19 cases publicly available.

"Prompt reporting will help prevent potential further spread among students and staff," said Governor DeWine. "Knowing this information can help parents make informed decisions in regard to risks and exposure for their families."

The forthcoming order will also direct all K-12 schools to report confirmed cases to their local health department, which will then report new cases and cumulative case data for students and teachers to the Ohio Department of Health. This aggregate data will be published at coronavirus.ohio.gov each Wednesday.

**SPORTS ORDER MODIFICATION:** Lt. Governor Husted announced that the current sports order has been modified to clarify that participants shall not compete in more than one contest or game in any calendar day, as compared to the 24-hour period outlined in the original order. The goal of this adjustment in language is to assist organizers and teams when scheduling games or contests.

**ASSISTED LIVING TESTING PAUSE:** DeWine announced today that Ohio is pausing its work to test residents and staff at assisted living facilities through saliva testing instead of nasal swabs due to inconsistent test results. The Ohio Department of Health will investigate the issue through controlled validation testing to deter-

mine if the irregularities can be attributed to the test kits themselves, the labs, or the specimen collection process.

**DUPLICATE PAYMENTS IDENTIFIED:** Lt. Governor Husted announced that the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) and InnovateOhio have identified an additional 38 duplicate payments, totaling \$93,978 in savings, using the InnovateOhio Duplicate Payment Tool.

In total, \$1.1 million in savings have been identified since this project launched. Today's update brings the total number of confirmed duplicate payments to 145 since January 2019, across 29 different agencies, boards, and commissions.

OBM works with agencies to ensure that all duplicate payments are recovered.

**TECH CRED REMINDER:** Lt. Governor Husted reminded employers about the TechCred program, which reimburses businesses to upskill their current and prospective employees. The current August round ends on August 31 at 3 p.m. Visit TechCred.Ohio.Gov for more information or to apply.

**CURRENT COVID-19 DATA:** There are 118,828 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 4,076 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 13,150 people have been hospitalized, including 2,929 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Video of today's full update, including versions with foreign language translation, can be viewed on the Ohio Channel's YouTube page.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

## COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

## Toledo Health Department:

• **RITE AID:** Drive-thru testing available at the 7225 Airport Highway; Time: Starting 6/4 testing hours will be 10-8 M-F and 10-5 on the Weekend; Appointment: Must have an appointment. Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) For Questions: (419) 866-8943; Cost: Free

• **WALMART ON CENTRAL:** Drive-thru testing available at the Walmart Supercenter at 5821 Central Ave, Toledo; Time: Testing is available M-W-F from 7 am – 9 am; Appointment: Must have an appointment. Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com](http://www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com) For Questions: (866) 697-8378; Cost: Free

• **LABCORP:** Anti-body testing available at 1565 S. Byrne Rd Suite 105, Toledo; Time: Testing available Monday-Friday from 7:30 am – 4 pm; Appointment: Order Required, No Appointment Needed. How Labcorp Works (419-381-1300); Individuals without an order may have one created at Labcorp COVID-19 Antibody Testing; Cost: \$10 if order is purchased from Labcorp website.

• **NHA: NEXUS HEALTHCARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Nexus Healthcare Center at 1415 Jefferson Ave; Time: Beginning 4/27; Appointment: Must have an appointment. Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free

• **NHA: NAVARRE PARK FAMILY CARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Navarre Park Family Care Center at 1020 Varland Ave (Spanish Speakers Available); Appointment: Must have an appointment. Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free

• **CVS:** Drive-thru testing available at the CVS Pharmacy at 2104 S. Byrne Road, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 9 am – 6 pm, on Sat 9 am – 5 pm, and on Sun 10 am – 5 pm;

Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.CVS.com](http://www.CVS.com) For Questions: 419-389-9112 Cost: Free

• **Health Partners of Western Ohio:** Drive-thru and walk-up Drive-thru testing available at the Old West End Site (former Girl Scout Building) at 2244 Collingwood Blvd Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 8:15 am – 4 pm (All Ages);

Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 567-318-3900;

Cost: Free • **NEW LOCATION- Toledo Family Pharmacy:** Drive-thru testing available at 324 Main Street, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M/TR: 10am – 1 pm, W/F: 1 pm – 6 pm, Sat : 11 am – 3 pm;

Appointment: Must have an appointment; Visit [DoINeedCOVID19test.com](http://DoINeedCOVID19test.com) or call 800-635-8611 to schedule an appointment; Cost: Free

## Testing locations for Cleveland:

• **Cleveland Clinic - Main campus,** 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Drive-thru. • **Walgreens,** 4281 W. 130th St., Cleveland; drive-thru, 9am to 5pm. Cleveland

Ohio Dept of Health: If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

## Michigan Dept of Human and Health Services

Questions About COVID-19? Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136.

Email COVID19@michigan.gov. Don't Bring COVID-19 Home. Get Tested Today At No Cost.

Are you or is someone close to you sick or has symptoms? Do you work outside the home? You should get tested for coronavirus. There are many locations where you can get tested at no charge to you. Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, press 1.

Testing sites in Detroit: • CVS Pharmacy at

Wayne County Community College; Drive-thru, 1001 W Fort St, Detroit, MI 48226;

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• Tests uninsured individuals

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## Grand Rapids, MI

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• **AFC URGENT CARE GRAND RAPIDS**

Appointment is Required for COVID Testing. PHONE: 616-288-2980; 1740 28th Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508

• **CVS:** Drug store · Grand Rapids, MI · (616) 514-5602; COVID-19 testing center

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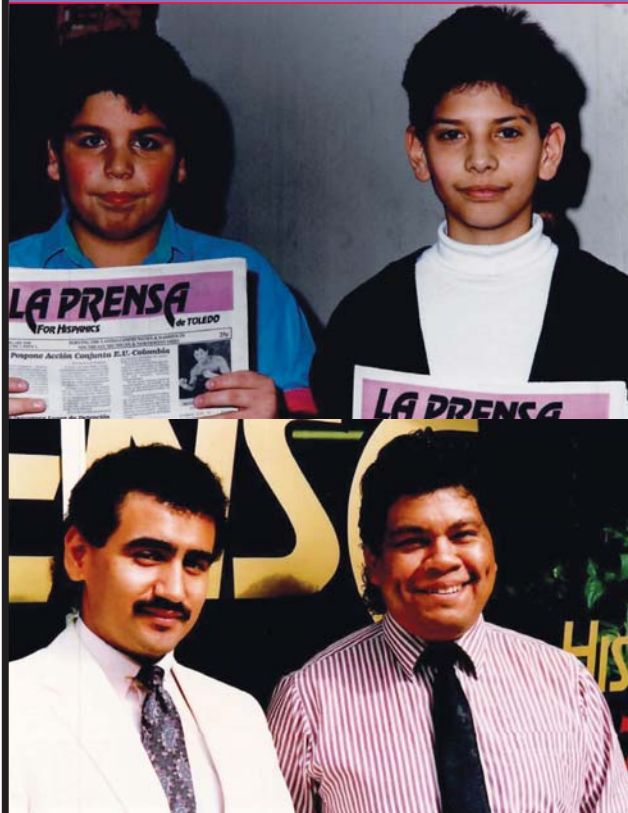


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