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Cleveland Mayor Jackson says community groups vital to successful police reform for DOJ Consent Decree

By La Prensa Staff

In November of 2015, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson called on block clubs and neighborhood association leaders to do their part in making the City of Cleveland police department’s consent decree a success. The agreement was entered into with the U.S. Justice Department (DOJ) in May of 2015.

At that November meeting held at Tri-C, Mayor Jackson spoke to about 100 citizens concerning public safety issues and urged them to do their part in reforming the city’s police department. To implement the May consent decree, Mayor Jackson explained that the city’s main goal was to improve police-community relations. "Community engagement is essential for the success of real reform," Jackson said.

Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams also took the podium at that November town hall meeting to praise community watch groups and urge them to continue to be vigilant in their neighborhoods. "Community Director of Community Relations Board Blaine Griffin offered advice on how to start block watch groups and encouraged existing groups to share their ideas. "Neighborhood associations and leaders are the lifeblood of this city," Griffin said.

On April 4, 2016, the city, through its chair Lucy Torres, scheduled a public community meeting at the Spanish American Committee to gather input from Cleveland citizens via questions, comments, and completion of a “Use of Force” Survey. Some of the participants are shown in the Mychal Lilly photos on page 1 of La Prensa. See article by La Prensa Correspondent Kevin Miliken on page 8 of La Prensa.
Southern Poverty Law Center: ‘Court sentences Latinos to costly English classes’

By KEVIN McGILL, Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, March 30, 2016 (AP): A suburban New Orleans court discriminates against Latinos by charging them for inadequate English interpreters and making them attend overpriced, ineffective English classes as a condition of probation, the Southern Poverty Law Center said Wednesday in a letter to the U.S. Justice Department.

The SPLC complaint centers on practices in 1st Parish Court of Jefferson Parish, which handles traffic and misdemeanor cases. Parish, which handles traffic and misdemeanor cases.

In some instances, they did not fully understand what they were pleading guilty to, the complaint says. For instance, Omar Roman-Velasquez said interpreters rushed him through various court proceedings and he wound up pleading guilty to one offense—driving with an expired inspection sticker—that he would like to have disputed.

As a condition of probation, he and others were ordered to attend English class.

The court to which those with limited English abilities are sent, the complaint says, “does not usefully teach English.”

And it’s expensive.

“The court’s English class costs approximately $300 for ten weeks, while the local Catholic Charities charges approximately $25 for a semester of English classes,” the complaint says.

Judge administrator Beatrice Parisi declined to comment, saying she is supposed to help the woman who also is listed by the court as an interpreter.

The SPLC said that would pose a conflict because the woman could potentially profit from the conviction of defendants she is supposed to help.

Latino make up about 30 percent of the population of Jefferson Parish, the SPLC said in a news release accompanying the complaint.

Obama calls on journalists to hold candidates accountable

By KEVIN FREKING, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, March 28, 2016 (AP): President Barack Obama on Monday again bemoaned the political environment surrounding this year’s presidential elections and called on journalists to hold candidates and themselves to a higher standard.

Obama spoke at the presentation of the Toner Prize, named for Robin Toner, the first woman to be national political correspondent for The New York Times.

During her nearly 25 years there, Toner covered five presidential campaigns. She passed away in 2008.

Obama said the No. 1 question he gets when traveling the world is “What is happening in America?”

He said it’s because people abroad understand America is the place where you “can’t afford completely crazy politics,” and they care about the most powerful nation on earth functioning effectively.

“We are all invested in making this system work. We are all responsible for its success, and it’s not just for the United States that this matters, it matters for the planet,” Obama said.

Obama returned from his trip to Cuba last week and recalled the news conference he held jointly with Cuban President Raúl Castro. He described the event as remarkable as the two leaders were forced to answer tough questions that were televised to Cuba and the world.

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Inmigración: Los contrastes no podrían ser más amplios

Por LUIS ALONSO LUGO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, 39 (AP): Principales propuestas sobre la inmigración ilegal de los aspirantes a la presidencia de Estados Unidos.

Donald Trump:
• Crear una brigada dedicada específicamente para deportar a los 11 millones de inmigrantes no autorizados.
• Permitir el reingreso legal a Estados Unidos de aquellos deportados que cumplan requisitos aún sin definir.
• Anular el aviso dispuesto por el presidente Barack Obama para proteger de la deportación a los inmigrantes no autorizados.
• Derogar el derecho automático a la nacionalidad estadounidense por nacimiento.
• Deportar automáticamente a los ciudadanos con antecedentes criminales.
• Mantener encarcelados a los extranjeros que no autorizados desde su arresto hasta su deportación.
• Negar los alivios temporales a los inmigrantes no autorizados. Aquellos que hayan perpetrado delitos no podrán optar a la naturalización para la cual no se requieren antecedentes beneficiosos.

Hillary Clinton:
• Durante sus primeros 100 días en la Casa Blanca, enviar a inmigrantes no autorizados a Estados Unidos sin autorización cuando eran niños a servir en las fuerzas armadas, obtener préstamos y matrículas universitarias de precio preferencial y dar la oportunidad de una vida ordenada de forma expedita a la naturalización.
• Eliminar la prohibición de entrada a Estados Unidos durante tres y 10 años a aquellos que hayan residido sin autorización en el país durante tres años, respectivamente.
• Evitar la detención preventiva de aquellos que llegan a Estados Unidos sin autorización y no carryen armas, a excepción de aquellos que hayan cometer delitos violentos.
• Cerrar los centros de detención en manos de empresas privadas.
• Incluir a inmigrantes no autorizados, que son primos de estadounidenses, para solicitar el ingreso en el país.
• Incrementar el uso de la libertad condicional para lograr el retiro de algunos inmigrantes deportados.
• Evitar la detención permanente de inmigrantes no autorizados en un programa vigente que ha sido suspendido en reemplazo de aquellos inmigrantes no autorizados de efectivos migrantes detenidos a asesoria legal.
• Incrementar la supervisión de las autoridades migratorias para evitar el uso excesivo de la fuerza, incluyendo el uso de cámaras portátiles para cualquier agente.
• Expandir la lotería anual de 50,000 residencias permanentes.

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Bernie Sanders:
• Enviando al Congreso un proyecto de reforma integral a las leyes de inmigración que avalen la opción de la naturalización para inmigrantes temporales autorizados. Aquellos que hayan perpetrado delitos no podrán optar a la naturalización para la cual no se requieren antecedentes beneficiosos.
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MCCC hosts Career and Opportunity Expo, April 8

MONROE: Monroe County Community College will host the 10th Annual Career and Opportunity Expo April 8, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is free and open to the public and will be held in the Welch Health Education Building on the college’s Main Campus, which is located at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe.

The Career and Opportunity Expo is a job fair designed to bring together students, colleges, employers, veterans and community members. In addition to highlighting employment opportunities for the community, the expo will specifically focus on available resources for our returning service members.

Professional dress is required for job-seekers who plan to attend. While resumes are not required, they are encouraged. Nearly 60 organizations will be participating. A list of participating organizations is available at www.monroeccc.edu/careerexpo.

The expo is still accepting employers and non-profit and service organizations that wish to exhibit.

Sponsors include MCCC, Siena Heights University, South Central Michigan Works!, Michigan Works! Monroe (SEMCA) and Monroe County Intermediate School District.

For additional information, contact Barry Kinsey, director of workforce development and chair of the expo, at bkinsey@monroeccc.edu or (734) 384-4124.

Henry Ford Museum offering more-vibrant cinematic experience

DEARBORN, April 3, 2016 (AP): The Henry Ford Museum is offering a more-vibrant cinematic experience that features new projection, sound and seating.

The upgraded Giant Screen Experience starts Monday at the museum in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn. “National Parks Adventure” will be shown in 3D. It’s an immersive film that takes audiences soaring up exposed rock faces and hurtling down steep mountain cliffs.

The theater will be a venue for the Cinetopia International Film Festival in June, a Thursday Night Flix series and feature films that explore the American experience.

“The museum is part of The Henry Ford, a history of life, labor, and leadership,” said President and CEO poblano, tamales y mucho más. ACEPTAMOS CARDS. ENVIOS DE DINERO EN EEUU Y AL EXTRANJERO

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Mike Vásquez: well-known, retired Latino Toledo Police Officer passes away

BY Kevin Miliken, La Prensa Correspondent

A well-known retired Toledo police officer passed away last week, just two years after he retired from the Toledo Police Dept. Mike Vásquez died on Friday, April 8, 2016, at his home, just over two weeks shy of what would have been his 56th birthday (born April 16, 1960). He was in the presence of his wife Debbie, three brothers, and their two dogs, Midnight and Star.

Vásquez joined the Toledo police force in 1990 after he began his law enforcement career with the Lucas County Sheriff’s Office.

“Mike was an excellent police officer that gave 100% of his work and was always informed on what was happening,” stated a post on the TPD’s Facebook page, adding his passing. “Mike was a humble man that made a difference to Toledo and we will always be grateful.”

Vásquez was born the youngest of four sons to Primo and Susan (née Alvarado) Vásquez. His mother passed away shortly after his birth. He was raised by his late grandparents Maximo and Macdedia Vásquez in East Toledo, where he lived his entire life and did most of his patrolling with the Toledo police department. Vásquez, in turn, cared for his aging grandpar- ents in their final days.

“Coneducidos to the Vásquez family. I grew up with them and lived next door to Maximo & Macdedia on East Toledo. All great people,” wrote Jesse Garcia in a Facebook tribute.

Vásquez graduated from Waite High School and attended the University of To- ledo. Vásquez married the former Debra Lake in 1988.

His law enforcement career be- gan as a correctional officer with the Lucas County Detention Center, then deputysher- iff. He joined TPD in 1990 as a patrolman.

“Lost a friend and great part- ner today,” former police of- ficer and TPD patrol partner Greg Konzen commented on Facebook. “Thanks for mak- ing the job a lot more fun over the years, for all the memories, and always being there. Miss you, brother. RIP Mike.”

Retired police officer Wil- liam White also wrote a tribute to Vásquez on Facebook, following the announcement of his passing. “Mike was a humble man that made a differ- ence to Toledo and we will always be grateful.”

Vásquez and Alvarado fami- lies.

At his re- quest, there will be no visitation or se- rvice. Memori- al donations can be made to: P l a n n e d P e t h e o d h o m e , 4255; 2800, Toledo, 43635.

Opening Day in Baseball: A Sure Sign of Spring

BY Kevin Miliken, La Prensa Correspondent

Baseball fans across Ohio and Michigan have reason to celebrate this week, as Opening Day festivities take place in a number of communities across the state and minor league level.

The Cleveland Indi- ans were supposed to lead off the parade of Opening Days, hosting the Boston Red Sox Monday at Progressive Field. However, cold, wet weather forced the team to postpone those festivities by a day.

Akon native and Black Keys drummer Patrick Carney threw out the ceremonial first pitch before starter Corey Kluber took the mound for the Tribe. The 116th home opener for the Indi- ans was played before a solid-out crowd in frigid April temperatures.

The Detroit Tigers opened their season Tuesday, April 5, much warmer weather, on the road against the Miami Mar- lions. Their home opener on Friday, April 8, could be less than hospitable, with a forecast calling for temperatures in the 40's and 50's. Opening Day at Comerica Park, but snow is a possibility from lake-effect showers during the game.

Right-hander Jordan Zimmermann will make his Tigers regular-season debut as the home opener, the first time since 2002 a starting pitcher has done that.

Opening Day events officially start at 9:00 a.m. at the Madison Avenue Festival Grounds, which will host the Detroit Home Opener Festival, an event that features food, drinks, and live music under heated tents. A variety of ticket packages are available, including a $25 offer that allows the attendee to participate in a Hotdog eating con- test.

The Tigers top farm club, the Toledo Mud Hens, kick off the season with home opener Thursday, April 7, 4:05 p.m. vs. the Louisville Bats at Fifth Third Field. The weather will be less than spectac- ular, with a chance of rain and a high in the 40's at game time.

But there is plenty of ex- citation around after ballpark, with new LED screens and a bigger, better scoreboard, along with new ballpark menu items including hot pork potpie, kimchi dogs, tossed ravioli, hot tamales, caramel apple nachos, strawberry Bel- gian waffles and maple bacon funnel cakes.

A drivethrough Monroe Street past the field shows a scoreboard gone, so fans get a better view of the field from nearby park benches and from Hensville.

The new Mud Hens develop- ment Hensville will also wel- come its grand opening the same day and will include three new rooftops overlooking the Toledo skyline, and the Maumee River. The Hensville grand opening block party be- gins at noon and goes until midnight, featuring four stages and 14 different bands playing throughout the day. Admission to the block party at Hensville Park is free with any Opening Day ticket.

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By SIG CHRISTENSON, San Antonio Express-News

Colin Powell retired from the Army, but his military career is once again on the horizon, and it’s not just a story of personal triumph. The retired Army four-star general, who led the 2nd Armored Division in Korea, where he risked his life to save men left behind, now finds himself at the center of an international dispute.

In recent interviews, they described Cavazos as loyal and fearless, a master tactician, an innovative commander. This description fits the ranks, the army, and the story of his life.

It’s painful for those who led and mentored him. Some weep when they think of his passing.

In Powell’s autobiography, the man who became the first African-American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and, later, U.S. secretary of state, called Powell a “man who saved his career.”

In Powell’s account, the story goes, a crippling personality conflict with his commander, U.S. secretary of state Colin Powell, was what saved his career. Powell confirmed the account and where he learned that mistakes were as instructive as successes.

There are better days. When the fighting ended, the Viet Cong were overrun and their main force was defeated. Powell was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his “particular valor and gallantry.” He fought with us side by side, they said.

Cavazos “directed artillery fire on the hilltop, and the insurgents were destroyed as they ran,” the citation states. Bill Fee, a private first class in Camps’ company who was badly wounded, said later, said most battalion commanders coordinated ground soldiers who could not have been captured. Cavazos then directed and led the next patrol, and his adrenaline took over when he found himself in the position of a Korean soldier who was carrying pots and pans—a cook—walking in the dark.

As he and others said, “you have to understand that you could probably be in the same situation.”

Cavazos’ first combat came when a Viet Cong regiment arrived at the base, according to the Phoenix. Hill 412 held heavy machine and rifle fire and going back to look for missing American soldiers. He found five and “evacuated them, one at a time, to a point on the reverse slope of the hill from which they could be removed,” states the citation for the medal, the second-highest award for valor.

“La Jarra” Cavazos, 83, is his lifelong companion, living a short walk away at the Army Residence Community on the Northeast Side. But he still helps push him. He’s often anxious, so they climb into bed and hug him. In time, he falls asleep.

“God, I just want to know that I’m not alone,” he said. “I can’t tell anyone. I’m alone. I’m just in love with him.”

How Cavazos became a Hispanic icon was rooted in his childhood on the King Ranch.
Eugenio Derbez se declara fan de Patricia Riggen

Por BERENICE BAUTISTA, Associated Press

CIUDAD DE MEXICO, 30 III 16 (AP): Los milagros no son enormes, pueden estar en los pequeños sucesos de la vida como la bondad de la gente o la lucha de una familia. Así lo presenta la película "Miracles from Heaven" ("Los milagros del cielo") de la directora mexicana Patricia Riggen, protagonizada por Jennifer Garner y Eugenio Derbez.

Riggen interpreta a Christie Beam, cuya hija Anna sufre una enfermedad intestinal que no le permite comer. Su estado de salud es tan grave que decide viajar al otro lado de Estados Unidos para encontrar al doctor Samuel Nurko, un prestigioso gastroenterólogo mexicano interpretado por Derbez. Pero tras sufrir una caída de caballo de un árbol, la niña inexplicablemente se cura de su enfermedad.

"Un poquito la temática de la película es que abramos los ojos a ver que la vida es un milagro", dijo Derbez. "Yo creo que fue un hecho", dijo Riggen. "Quizá es algo que ya estamos tan acostumbrados porque la profesión con la que se termina uno no es divertida, es muy dura. Tiene suerte que haya ya un interés verdaderamente fuerte de ciertos canales de televisión y en las universidades de darle más oportunidades a las mujeres. Ojalá que empiece a ver los cambios pronto."

Su proyecto anterior fue "Los 33", una cinta protagonizada por Antonio Banderas y Juliette Binoche sobre los mineros chilenos que pasaron 69 días atrapados a más de 600 metros (más de 2.000 pies) bajo tierra en 2010. En esa cinta también había un mensaje de esperanza y fe: "Yo creo que fue una coincidencia, pero si se me da bien hacer películas que hablen de la bondad humana, de cómo si uno se hunde y lucha puede lograr milagros y en este caso como en "Los 33" hubo una lucha de esta familia, hubo muchas personas alrededor que trataron de ayudarlas", dijo Riggen. "Quizás es algo que yo le toma a las películas".

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Greg White appointed to oversee DOJ Consent Decree

By Kevin Milliken, La Prensa Correspondent
Photos by Mychal Lilly

Retired U.S. Attorney and federal magistrate Gregory White was sworn in Friday to oversee the DOJ project yet to come. "While a lot of work has been done by many dedicated people in this room and beyond, there’s certainly the lion’s share of this and beyond, there’s certainly the lion’s share of this project yet to come. The consent decree was finalized last year after a federal investigation found the Cleveland Police Department engaged in a pattern of excessive force. The 66-year-old former Marine and Vietnam War veteran will ensure deadlines are being met and coordinate all activities necessary for compliance with the consent decree.

White attended Lorain County Community College and graduated from Kent State University in 1973 with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and police administration. He earned his law degree from Cleveland Marshall College. Mayor Frank Jackson admitted Friday he felt the position was necessary because he, police administrators and the Cleveland’s law director were splitting time trying to meet deadlines and manage the moving pieces of the federal court settlement. "But there was no coordination of it all. That’s why we met every Monday morning to kind of brief each other what was going on. Now the judge will do that. He will have that authority," Jackson said.

Among other tasks, city officials are drafting a new use-of-force policy and a new officer-recruitment policy and strategy. Cleveland city officials entered the settlement last May, but are currently working through a first-year plan approved by a judge in February. The agreement was prompted by the two-year Department of Justice investigation, which was conducted at the request of Cleveland’s mayor. The Justice Department reviewed nearly 600 use-of-force incidents from 2010 to 2013 and conducted thousands of interviews. Investigators found systemic patterns, insufficient accountability mechanisms, inadequate training, ineffective policies, and inadequate community engagement.

The consent decree mandates sweeping changes in training for recruits and seasoned officers, developing programs to identify and support troubled officers, updating technology and data management practices, and an independent monitor to ensure that the goals of the decree are met.

Editor’s Note: See related article on page 1 of La Prensa.

The Spanish American Committee was founded in 1966 and is the oldest social service agency serving Northeast Ohio’s Latino population. SAC was founded to coordinate all activities necessary for compliance with deadlines are being met and ensure that the goals of the consent decree are met.


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40th CIF40 presents its first Perspectives Exhibition

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The Perspectives exhibition is The Perspectives Panel on Wednesday, April 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Tower City Cinemas. The panel will feature creators, artists, and industry professionals from the world of interactive media and virtual reality. The panel is free and open to the public, but tickets must be reserved. For full information, please visit clevelandfilm.org/perspectives.

CIF40 takes place March 30 – April 10, 2016 at Tower City Cinemas and select neighborhood screening locations. The Festival showcases 195 feature films and 213 short films representing 72 countries.

Be sure to check clevelandfilm.org for program updates between now and April 10th.

The Cleveland International Film Festival is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.
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THE 23rd ANNUAL DÍA DE LA MUJER CONFERENCE

SOLIDARITY FOR CHANGE:
Using our Voice to Inspire Action

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Christine Chavez

Saturday, April 9, 2016
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Michigan State University
Kellogg Center
55 S. Harrison Road
East Lansing, Michigan

The Dia de la Mujer Conference began in 1994 to motivate and inspire Latinas by providing them with resources they can use to improve their lives. Our Conference goals are to educate, motivate, inspire, empower and create a learning opportunity for all. For more information or to register:
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Workshops will focus on topics important to all women: domestic violence, health, legal, financial, professional and personal relationships, self-appreciation, and more. Register online at ddm.oad.msu.edu by April 1st or call 517-353-9190. Registration will also be available on-site. The conference begins at 8:00 am and ends at 5 pm.

$25 General Registration

Please join us for this one day event as we continue to learn from our past, act in our present, and prepare for our future. For registration, conference, or sponsorship information, contact: Juan Flores at Juanflena@msu.edu or 517-353-9190.
April 8, 2016

La Prensa

Obama turns attention to growing opioid abuse problem

By KEVIN FREKING, Associated Press

ATLANTA, March 29, 2016 (AP): The trajectory of opioid deaths in the United States is trending in the wrong direction and has to be moved to the top of the federal government’s radar screen along with the threat of terrorism and promoting a strong economy, President Barack Obama said Tuesday.

Obama said more people are being killed from opioid overdoses than from traffic accidents. “I think the public doesn’t fully appreciate yet the scope of the problem,” Obama told about 2,000 people attending the National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit.

Obama’s appearance at the conference came as his administration issued proposed regulations and announced new funding for states to purchase and distribute the opioid overdose reversal drug, naloxone, and to train first responders and others on its use. The actions also coincide with a commitment from 60 medical schools to heighten training for prescribing opioids.

Opioids are highly addictive drugs that include both prescription painkillers like codeine and morphine, as well as illegal narcotics, primarily heroin. Deaths linked to opioids soared to more than 29,000 in 2014, the highest number on record.

Congress is attempting to allocate more resources to confront the problem, one of few areas where bipartisan agreement may be reached during the election year. But the White House is critical of a Senate bill it says lacks critical funding. Obama is seeking $1.1 billion in new money to expand treatment for opioid addiction, which is about triple current levels.

“The problem we have right now is treatment is underfunded,” Obama said. Republican senators note that the authorization bill, along with $400 million appropriated a few months earlier for opioid-specific programs, would still make important strides.

Obama spoke during a panel discussion with doctors and recovered drug addicts. He said drug addiction in the past has been treated as a law enforcement problem, while the public viewed it as a character flaw. Obama said the opioid epidemic shows that addiction can reach everybody.

Obama alluded to his drug use as a youth and said he was in many ways lucky that addiction “didn’t get its claws in me.” An ex-smoker, he noted the exception was nicotine.

Obama said the U.S. can cut opioid abuse in the same way it has lowered tobacco use and traffic fatalities. White House officials said that most of the additional $1.1 billion that Obama seeks would fund agreements with states to expand medication-assisted treatment.

Among those lines, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a proposed rule allowing physicians who prescribe Buprenorphine to give it to more patients to help them reduce or quit their use of heroin or other opiates. The proposed rule would expand the limit from 100 patients to 200. The department also is issuing guidance to programs that allow intravenous drug addicts to trade dirty syringes for clean ones. Congress recently allowed federal money to be used for certain expenses, such as staff and equipment, but not for syringes themselves.

Officials also are focused on better educating prescribers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently issued new guidelines stating that physical therapy, exercise and over-the-counter pain medication should be used before turning to painkillers like morphine and oxycodone. Sixty universities will announce that their students will have to learn prescriber information in line with the new guidelines in order to graduate.

Health officials who address the conference earlier Tuesday said doctor training will be key. “Changes must start with us,” said Dr. Patrice Harris, chairwoman of an American Medical Association task force on the crisis.

She said there have been some signs of progress. For the past two years, the total number of prescriptions for opioids has decreased.

“Physicians have changed their prescribing practices for many reasons, which is a good sign, a sign of progress, but I think we all can agree that there is more work to do,” Harris said.

Over the past 20 years, the Hispanic Leadership Conference has addressed the most concerning topics impacting the Hispanic community, and this year is no different. We are delighted to provide information/resources to everyone working for unity within our community. As we face a critical election year, we address the Hispanic vote and its impact on America’s future. We address the effects of non-participation without also registering people to vote. Our Medical Center is in partnership with the Missouri Medical Association, health and depression screens at all attending. Are you looking for leadership and inspiration? Do you value leadership empowerment or do you want to learn about how to affect our safety? If you’re interested in Latin cooking with health focused options, how do you focus on the impact it will have in the community today? This year’s conference has all of these topics and is in its 20th year, operating under new leadership. The foundation has been paved, a smooth transition facilitated and the legacy continues. Please join us as we continue to open doors and bridge the gaps that affect us all.

Note: Carmen LeBar and Allida Borden are the new coordinators of the 2016 conference. With guidance from conference producers Erin Dike and Mike Ferri, and collaboration with C.H.I.P members and sponsors, they work tirelessly for their support of this year’s conference.
Cleveland Foundation approves $500,000 grant to Cleveland Public Theatre

CLEVELAND, April 1, 2016: The Cleveland Foundation today launched its new mastery-based arts initiative through a $500,000 grant to Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT), expanding two hallmark theatre programs for Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) students and to Brick City Theatre.

In announcing the grants, Ronn Richard, Executive Artistic Director, Cleveland Public Theatre said, “We believe that all children, from ages 5 to 14, through the creative process of the performing arts, should have the same access to the arts as everyone else. No jewelry or firearms. Pre-registration is required and it is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1992 or 1-800-322-322-READ. The Main Library will be transformed into a miniature golf course for after-school hours as a fundraiser. Marksman of Illusion will provide the entertainment. It is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1992 or 1-800-322-322-READ.

APRIL 10 – Lorain Public Library System’s Main Library on Saturday, April 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Practice inputting data, create simple formulas, and choose output and print format options. Please be comfortable using a mouse before attending this class. Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1992 or 1-800-322-322-READ.

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CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Plans are underway for the 2016 Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) Celebration! Organizations, businesses and individuals interested in registering for the popular Cinco de Mayo parade should call Marie at 440-228-6144. Sponsorships for the float are available by calling Joel at 440-371-2503 or Angie at 440-380-3023.

2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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MMS CLUB HOURS

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HALL RENTAL

Call the Club for details at 440-277-7375.

FUNDRAISER EVENT CALENDAR
Public Welcome!

El Centro de Servicios Sociales
Upcoming Events for April 2016

April 1st – Farewell Parent-Enrichment Class for a week series and how to work with your school by Autism Speaks presented in Spanish by. Workshops offered in Spanish and English, Andrew Richmond, event coordinator.

April 5th – 10th – Lorain County Food Pantry – Open at 5pm. Wednesday-Saturday and 1pm on Sunday.

April 11th – Lorain Public Library System’s Main Library on Saturday, April 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Orientation is required in order to attend ESOL classes provided by Lorain County Community College ALE ConneXion at El Centro.

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LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM'S MAIN LIBRARY

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM'S MAIN LIBRARY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: Celebrate National Library Week from April 10 – 16 at Lorain Public Library System. This is a week to promote library use, while recognizing the contributions of our nation’s librarians and staff. Thanks for supporting your local library!

PLANNING AND APPEARL EVENT: Have three items appraised at Lorain Public Library System’s Main Library on Tuesday, April 12 from 10 to 1 p.m. Andrew Richmond is president and CEO of Wipkens Consulting & Appraisals and is recognized as an expert in the field. Come hear advice and learn to plan for what your belongings. No jewelry or firearms. Pre-registration is required and it is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1992 or 1-800-322-322-READ.

HAVA NA TURN OVER MILLION DOLLAR ESTATE: Havana Carnevale (2014) for free at Lorain Public Library System’s Main Library on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. This documentary covers the story of a teenager on a quest to heal the world. He launches a grandstand circus in Cuba, the place that gave his grandpa refuge during the Holocaust. Light refreshments will be served. Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1992 or 1-800-322-322-READ.

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UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSION Describes the book to read in 2015, Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel chronicles the end of the world. Discuss this book over a light refreshment. Preregistration is required and is available online at LorainPublicLibrary.org or by calling the Main Library at 440-244-1992 or 1-800-322-322-READ.

"SAVE THE CLUB" CAMPAIGN

March 2016

PUBLIC FUNDRAISER EVENT CALENDAR

The Mexican Mutual Society (MMS) “SAVE THE CLUB” Campaign focuses on fundraising efforts to help sustain the operation of the MMS’s home in Lorain, Ohio. Founded in 1926, it is one of the few remaining historical ethnic clubs in Lorain.

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The Lucas County Sheriff’s Department has openings for Correction Officers. For more details, please visit our website at www.co.lucas.oh.us and click on the “Apply for a Job” link to review the job description, minimum requirements, salary and to apply online.

**Public Health Nurse**

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is seeking a full-time Public Health Nurse to work in a busy childhood immunization clinic. Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing required with 2 years experience. Visit www.lucascntyhealth.com for full description. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume to Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, 635 N. Erie St., Toledo, OH 43604 Attn: Mary Frank or frankm@co.lucas.oh.us.

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**Request for Proposals**

The Lucas County Department of Planning and Development, on behalf of the Lucas County Workforce Development Board and through the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, is seeking proposals from interested parties possessing the expertise and capacity to provide Year-Round Youth Services. Proposal submissions will cover services for in-school, out-of-school youth or both. It is anticipated that one (1) provider to administer the in-school youth services and one (1) provider to administer the out-of-school youth services may be selected depending upon the proposal(s) received. However, proposals for a single provider responsible for administering both will be accepted and collaborations between providers will also be considered.

Specifications are available for download online at https://www.co.lucas.oh.us/ Bids.aspx and bidders must register as a vendor via the Lucas County website/ Planet Bids in order to bid. The deadline for submissions is May 13, 2016 by 3:00 P.M. (local time), and register as a vendor at http://www.planetbids.com/portal/ portal.cfm?CompanyID=24980 in order to submit their proposal.

**Land Bank**

The Lucas County Land Bank is seeking qualified and responsible general contractors and residential construction managers for comprehensive, turn-key residential renovation projects in targeted neighborhoods in Lucas County. Contractors must have demonstrated experience and capacity in residential home renovation, with direct knowledge of local building codes and FHA-renovation standards. The Land Bank encourages participation of local/MBE/WBE/EDGE businesses and businesses that are signatory with local building trades unions.

To respond, contractors must return a completed Request for Qualifications application by Monday, April 18, 2016 at 4:30 PM to the Land Bank’s office, One Government Center, Suite 580, Toledo, OH 43604. Applications may be downloaded at www.LucasCountyLandBank.org or picked-up at our office.

The Land Bank is a quasi-governmental organization whose mission is to return vacant and abandoned properties to long-term productive use. Since its founding in 2010, the Land Bank has returned more than 1,600 individual abandoned properties to the private market through homeownership, side lot, and demolition programs.

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Paula Hicks-Hudson, Mayor, and as approved by Toledo City Council on June 5, 2012 by Ordinance #289-12.
Baker/Assistant Bakery Manager
The Toledo Zoo

Assists in planning, supervising and coordinating day to day operations of the Timberline Bakery. Including baking and overseeing production of all wedding cake and special event baked goods, supervises staff in the preparation of food, assuring proper inventory levels are maintained, assuring labor cost and revenue standards are met, and adheres to proper cash handling procedures. Monitor physical plant of facility, develop menu items, calculate costs and retail prices, develop and implement training programs. Bakes and oversees the full cycle of all wedding cake and special event baked goods production. Primary contact for all bakery orders and will develop and train bakery staff. Conduct timely inventory of materials and merchandise related to cost analyses and monitors the inventory control. Supervise and assist the cleaning of the Bakery and maintenance of equipment to ensure proper sanitation and health and safety guidelines are met. This position is full time non-exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Prefer cake decorating certification and a minimum of 2 years’ experience in a lead baker or similar role, or have the equivalent combination of culinary training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities. This includes a proficiency in utilizing a variety of decorating techniques such as fondant, royal icing, buttercream and the use of airbrushing. Food Safety and Handling certification is required or must be obtained within 60 days of hire. Must have a valid drivers’ license and be insurable by the fleet insurance carrier. EEO

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Bids will be received at the Port Authority’s administrative offices at One Maritime Plaza, Toledo, OH 43604 until Friday, April 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Proposers, and Forms of Proposal and Contract are on file and may be obtained by either (1) obtaining hard copies from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, OH 43615, phone 419.385.5303, during normal business hours, or (2) ordering from Becker Impressions, via their website www.beckerplanroom.com.

Please note that there will be a pre-bid meeting for this project for all prospective bidders on Friday, April 8, 2016, at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room in the Toledo Executive Airport terminal building (Crow Executive Air, Inc.), 28331 Lemoyne Road, Millbury, OH 43447. Attendance is suggested, but not necessary. Additional information can be found at www.toledoairportauthority.org

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Individual Ticket Sales for Tri-C JazzFest Begin April 8

CLEVELAND: Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) has announced that individual tickets will go on sale April 8, 2016 for the full lineup of power-packed shows at this year’s Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank.

The 37th annual Tri-C JazzFest will be held June 23-25, 2016 at Playhouse Square, with nine ticketed concerts inside the theater district’s historic venues. Musical offerings range from traditional jazz to sounds grounded in urban funk, Blues and Latin flair.

The shows promise to build on the energy created at last year’s festival, which brought more than 28,000 people to Euclid Avenue at East 14th Street.

“That number says it all: Tri-C JazzFest has grown into a true downtown destination for music fans,” said Terri Pontremoli, the festival’s director. “What-ever your taste, there’s a must-see show in the lineup.

Concerts, show times, locations and ticketing information is as follows:

**Thursday, June 23:**
- **Tommy LiPuma’s Birthday Bash** — 7:30 p.m., Connor Palace, $125/$95/$75/$45

**Friday, June 24:**
- **Chick Corea** — 6 p.m., Ohio Theatre, $60/$50/$32
- **Saxophone players David Sanborn and Maceo Parker** — 8 p.m., Connor Palace, $60/$50/$30

**Saturday, June 25:**
- **Big Sam’s Funky Nation** — 10:15 p.m., Outcalt Theatre, $25
- **Melissa Aldana/Somi** — 1 p.m., Hanna Theatre, $25
- **Lalah Hathaway** — 7:15 p.m., Connor Palace, $75/$65.50/$55/$35

**Sunday, June 26:**
- **Dominick Farinacci** — 4:45 p.m., Hanna Theatre, $32
- **Trumpeter Dominick Farinacci** — 6 p.m., Ohio Theatre, $32/$25
- **Pianist Chick Corea** — 8 p.m., Ohio Theatre, $60/$50/$32

**Monday, June 27:**
- **Dancing is encouraged!**

**Wednesday, June 29:**
- **The Funk Force** — 8 p.m., Outcalt Theatre, $25

**Thursday, July 7:**
- **Terence Blanchard’s E-Collective** — 3 p.m., Ohio Theatre, $32/$25
- **Trumpeter Terence Blanchard** has scored more than 50 soundtracks and recorded more than 30 albums, covering everything from traditional acoustic jazz to contemporary jazz. Brian Culbertson is a funk, R&B and jazz musician who has released more than 15 albums.

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