BGSU Center for Regional Development creates Toledo Data Center

BOWLING GREEN, Feb. 18, 2020 — Industry, pay rates, the number of workers employed—mountains of data exist for every city in the world. Bowling Green State University’s Center for Regional Development (CRD) is looking to make all that data more accessible for businesses, organizations and elected officials.

The CRD is devoted to finding solutions to economic and community development challenges in northwest Ohio, and the task of creating the Toledo Region Data Center was another way for them to support the community. Created for the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Toledo Region Data Center provides economic and workforce information for the Greater Toledo region with data being employed — mountains of data on the region. We brainstormed and came up with the idea of a dashboard for the region."

Businesses hire a site selector to go out and do a first-cursory look at a region, determine things such as average wage, population size and workforce numbers in certain industries. In essence, the CRD created a dashboard to provide an easy one-stop-shop for companies looking to expand or relocate to the region. It’s also a great way for BGSU students to support the local economy. "This project, other than the initial connection and identifying their needs, was mostly done by our graduate students," Mills said.

To get a better idea of how to go about creating the dashboard, the CRD-researched other areas that had working dashboards in place from all around the country. BGSU students, many of them from the applied statistics program, worked on the different iterations which were presented to the Chamber.

"We had to have somebody collect the data and determine what data to present," said Deminique Heiks, economic development program coordinator for the CRD. "We had graduate students assisting with the data, and we updated it and determine if there are additional data sets that people are interested in and added that data. It’s a continuous process."

Local businesses and bigger companies cycle through every area, and Bowling Green is no exception, making the information fluid. The Toledo Region Data Center is comprised of data from a number of sources, including the Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"A lot of organizations tend to use people from out of the state or out of the region," Mills said. "Our goal is to give people a sense of the capabilities that the CRD has within the region."

The project was supported by funding from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), through the U.S. Department of Commerce’s University Center Economic Development Program and the State of Ohio Rural University Program.

Community Development Block Grant Funding Opportunities

The City of Toledo is offering three Community Development Block Grant opportunities for local nonprofit organizations, block watch groups, and neighborhood associations. Funding proposals must be designed to build organizational capacity, increase neighborhood engagement, and/or beautify low and moderate income areas.

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, 2020. Award notifications will occur on Monday, March 16. A final report on project completion will be due on Monday, June 1. All applications will be reviewed for completeness, accuracy, CDBG eligibility, and compliance with federal regulations. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications are available at the following links:

- Technical Assistance Grant: https://www.toledo.oh.gov/media/8275/technical-assistance-grant-application-draft-12-17-19-final.pdf
- Demonstration Grant: https://www.toledo.oh.gov/media/8274/update-demo-grant-fillable-1.pdf

For more information, contact Monica L. Smith, City of Toledo Neighborhood Navigator, at 419-245-3179.
GM plans to pull out of Australia, New Zealand and Thailand

By TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT, Feb. 17, 2020 (AP) - General Motors decision to pull out of Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand is part of a strategy to exit markets that don’t produce adequate returns on investments raised dismay Monday from officials concerned over job losses.

The company said in a statement Sunday that it plans to wind down sales, engineering and design operations for its historic Holden brand in Australia and New Zealand in 2021. It also plans to sell its Rayong factory in Thailand to China’s Great Wall Motors and withdraw the Chevrolet brand from Thailand by the end of this year.

“This is a very disappointing outcome,” said Karen Andrews, Australia’s minister for Industry, Science and Technology. She said it was unfortunate both because about 500 workers would lose their jobs, but also because “they only advised the government of this decision just before the announcement.”

Dave Smith of the Australian Manufacturing Workers’ Union also expressed concern.

Workers at Holden had thought they’d “been through the worst of it, and that’s not the case,” Smith said. “For many of them their long-term workers have been very loyal to the company … they’ve loved being part of the car industry, and now, it was such an iconic brand coming to an end; it’ll mean an end to their jobs.”

GM has 828 employees in Australia and New Zealand and another 1,500 in Thailand, the company said.

In Thailand, the decision to sell GM’s plant in Rayong, south of Bangkok, may well end up being good news for GM’s Holden, “but none could overcome the challenges of the investments needed for the highly fragmented right-hand-drive market, the economics to support growing the brand, and delivering an appropriate return on investment,” he said in the statement.

GM President Mary Barra, who once ran the Australian operations, said the company explored options to continue Holden, “but none could overcome the challenges of the investments needed for the highly fragmented right-hand-drive market, the economics to support growing the brand, and delivering an appropriate return on investment,” he said in the statement.

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Puerto Rico online scam targeted more than $4M amid crisis

By DANICA COTO, Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 13, 2020

An online scam that targeted Puerto Rican agencies attempted to steal more than $4 million, police said Thursday, deepening concerns about the management of local government finances during an economic crisis.

Authorities have frozen at least $2.9 million, said an official who was not authorized to comment on the case and requested anonymity. The government has not said how much money was seized by the hacker.

The scam began when someone hacked into the computer of a finance worker at the island’s Employee Retirement System in December, said José Ayala, director of the fraud unit within the bank robbery division. The hacker then posed as the female employee and sent emails to various government agencies alleging a change in bank accounts, he told The Associated Press.

The Associated Press

Two agencies fell victim to the scam in recent months: Puerto Rico’s Industrial Development Company sent $63,000 in December and more than $2.6 million in January, while the island’s Tourism Company sent $1.5 million in January to fraudulent accounts on the U.S. mainland, he said.

Puerto Rico government officials realized what had happened when the finance worker at the Employee Retirement System called the agencies and said she had not received any payments and officials responded they had already sent them.

“That’s when they call us and all hell breaks loose,” Ayala said.

El Nuevo Día, a Puerto Rico daily newspaper, had reported the $1.5 million payment that the tourism company had made. The other payment became public late Wednesday through a police report.

Ayala said no other government agencies have reported a loss as a result of the scam. He said the FBI is investigating how the computer at the Employee Retirement System got hacked.

On Thursday, legislators demanded a probe as government officials declined to provide further information, citing an ongoing investigation.

“The government of Puerto Rico is in a serious fiscal crisis. It doesn’t have enough money to fulfill its obligations,” said Puerto Rico Rep. Ramón Luis Cruz, who filed legislation seeking an investigation. “It’s truly absurd and unsustainable to have such a shallow and vague explanation.”

Incidents in which hackers spoof or compromise an email account from a legitimate person or company are common in the public and private sector, said Meredith Ward, policy and research director at the National Information Officers.

“It can be compared to knocking on the door,” she said. “Happens every day, but entry isn’t always gained.”

Around the same time the Puerto Rico incident occurred last month, a school district in Manor, Texas, reported an email phishing scam that resulted in the loss of $2.3 million. Meanwhile, officials in Griffin, Georgia, reported a loss of more than $800,000 last year after receiving an email requesting an account change.

More than 23,700 business email compromises, as such scams are known, were reported on the U.S. mainland last year, with total adjusted losses of more than $1.7 billion, according to the FBI. A special FBI team said it helped recover more than $300 million stolen in that type of scheme last year.

Manuel Laboy, executive director of Puerto Rico’s Industrial Development Company, told The AP that the agency is trying to recover the money.

Tourism spokeswoman Yolanda Roddy referred questions to the governor, whose office said local and federal authorities were working on the case and that it cannot provide comment until the investigation is complete.

Puerto Rican Rep. Jesús Manuel Ortiz said the lack of information is unacceptable.

“There are a lot of questions that have not been answered,” he said. “The government has to explain what happened.”

US wrestlers compete in Cuba despite frayed relations

By ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, Associated Press

HAVANA, Feb. 11, 2020

Two dozen athletes from the U.S. flew to Cuba despite rising tensions between the countries to participate in the island’s most important Greco-Roman and freestyle annual wrestling competition.

The athletes came from states including New York, Minnesota, and Wyoming and included several Olympians.

“We’re down here to compete in one of the greatest sports in the world,” said Robby Smith, a 2016 Olympian from Danville, California.

He said he was too focused on the sport to think about political issues. “When it comes down to it—sports—it gets rid of all that. It’s a peaceful thing. It’s not political.”

The visit comes several months after the Trump Administration imposed major restrictions on educational and recreational travel to Cuba as Trump continues to roll back Obama-era efforts to restore normal relations.

Luis Alberto Orta, a Cuban wrestler in the 130-pound (60-kilogram) category, brushed aside those issues. “It’s essential that athletes from all countries be able to fraternize with us,” he said.

A total of 14 countries are participating in the Gramma Cup and Cerro Pelado competition in Havana, among them Canada, Honduras, Argentina, and Hungary. The Gramma Cup hosts Greco-Roman wrestlers and takes place Monday and Tuesday. The Cerro Pelado is for freestyle wrestlers and is scheduled for Feb. 15-16.

Manuel Rodriguez, a member of Cuba’s National Wrestling Commission, said it is the event’s 53rd edition.

“Trump can have those policies, but we are always going to receive all those athletes who want to come and compete with us,” he said.

The U.S. athletes are visiting at the same time as Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the Roman Catholic archbishop of New York. Dolan was invited by Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel and has said he seeks bridges between the people of both countries.
Científicos: Este enero fue el más caluroso desde 1880

WASHINGTON, DC, 13 II 20 (AP): El mes pasado fue el enero más caluroso desde que los científicos comenzaron a llevar los registros de las temperaturas en 1880, dijeron el jueves los expertos del gobierno de Estados Unidos.

La temperatura global promedio en la tierra y la superficie del mar en enero se ubicó 1,14 grados centígrados (2,05 Fahrenheit) por encima de las temperaturas promedio para ese mes durante el siglo XX, debido al cambio climático, indicó la Oficina Nacional de Administración Oceánica y Atmosférica (NOAA, por sus siglas en inglés).

En partes de Rusia, Escandinavia y el este de Canadá, las temperaturas rebasaron los promedios previos en 5 grados centígrados (9 grados Fahrenheit).

Las temperaturas más cálidas causan el derretimiento de la nieve y el hielo. La extensión del hielo en el océano Ártico se redujo 5,3% respecto del promedio de 1981-2010, y la del océano Antártico 9,8%.

El enero más caluroso después del segundo enero más caluroso registrado “es uno de esos indicios de que las cosas se están calentando drásticamente”, dijo el científico climático Don Wuebbles, de la Universidad de Illinois.

Marc Anthony estrena serie en YouTube

La serie estará disponible para el público de todo el mundo. Presenta el popular intérprete de salsa y música tropical puertorriqueña desde de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascendencia de ascen
Michigan plays cupid with snow leopards to produce cubs

Binder Park Zoo, said the Association of Zoos and Aquaria (AZA) was paired with Raj, the lone snow leopard at the Binder Park Zoo, in Battle Creek. Victoria and Raj had been bred,
**BGSU enrollment continues to grow**

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio, Feb. 12, 2020: Bowling Green State University continues to buck the national trend of declining enrollment. Overall, enrollment for the spring 2020 semester is up 3 percent over a year ago, meeting the University’s goals.

Total student enrollment for spring 2020 is 19,331, up from 18,776 in 2019. BGSU’s fall-to-spring retention rate remains strong at nearly 91 percent for spring 2020.

Undergraduate enrollment on the Bowling Green campus for spring 2020 is up 3 percent over last year with a headcount of 14,658 compared to 14,196 in spring 2019. BGSU Firelands saw an enrollment increase of just over 5 percent, from 1,977 in spring 2019 to 2,080 in spring 2020. Graduate enrollment is steady with 2,593 students to 2,603 students in spring 2019.

The University saw a dramatic increase in enrollment for the second year of its winter session, which adds a three-week session to the academic calendar. Enrollment was more than 1,400 students and included those participating in courses online, courses on campus and experiences both abroad and throughout the United States. Winter session enrollment last year was 1,062. These numbers are released every semester on the 15th day of classes, which marks official enrollment counts that are reported to the State of Ohio.

“We’re extremely pleased with our progress in enrollment growth, and most importantly, in our measures of student success. We continue to improve in retention and set a new mark by achieving the highest four-year graduation rate in our history,” said BGSU President Rodney K. Rogers. “Our students are engaged in a learning community that prepares them to live meaningful and productive lives.”

**Higher Learning Commission reaffirms Owens Community College accreditation through 2030**

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, Ohio, Feb. 12, 2020: Owens Community College has received notification from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association that the academic institution’s accreditation has been reaffirmed through 2030. Owens has been accredited continuously through the Higher Learning Commission since 1976.

“Achieving continued accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission takes hard work and dedication. I am very proud and appreciative of all of our faculty and staff,” said Steve Robinson, Ph.D., president of Owens Community College. This acknowledgment reaffirms our longstanding educational commitment to serving our students and the surrounding communities.”

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an independent corporation that was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. HLC accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, accounting for 19 states. By law, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) relies in part on accrediting agencies to determine eligibility for U.S. government assistance under certain legislation. HLC is among these governmentally recognized authorities and seeks renewal of ED recognition at least every five years.

For more information about Owens Community College, visit www.owens.edu.

**Kaptur announces over $53 million in Federal Funding to strengthen Northern Ohio Economic Development and Affordable Housing**


The funding was provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Specifically, the funding comprises $38.9 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), $10,282,141 in HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), $3,034,624 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and $1,579,911 in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding.

“The Community Development Block Grant, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA are all vital tools that support local economic development, community revitalization, and affordable housing essential to the success of our local community residents and economies,” said Rep. Kaptur. “Without this important funding, many of the job-creating projects across Northern Ohio might not be possible today. I am glad to have played a role in securing increased funding for these life-sustaining programs. While the Trump Administration continues to zero out these investments, I will continue to fight tooth and nail to protect this critical community revitalization funding and make sure that Northern Ohio continues to receive the federal investment it deserves.”

Communities in Northern Ohio will use the funding to address a wide range of needs and enable local governments to support affordable housing initiatives and expand economic development. The CDBG program provides municipalities in Ohio with critical funding for transformative and unique development projects and needed funding to leverage outside investment in job creation projects. The funds continue to play a critical role in facilitating local economic development in Northern Ohio and helping local governments succeed.

HOME funding is the primary source of funding for state and local governments to buy and rehabilitate affordable housing. According to HUD, the HOME program provides grants to states and localities that communities use, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups or development companies. These communities and organizations then fund activities such as building, buying and rehabilitating affordable housing units for rent or homeownership.

Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) provides grants to state, local, and private entities to assist people in quickly regaining stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. In addition to rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention, the ESG program also provides limited funding for street outreach as well as for improving the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program provides housing assistance and related supportive services to local units of government, States, and non-profit organizations for projects that benefit income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.

The announcement is a result of the FY20 appropriations package, which allocated $4,252 billion to the Community Development Fund, $1.35 billion to the HOME program, $280 million to ESG, and $410 million for HOPWA.

A breakdown of the funding appears below:

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Emergency Solutions Grants

- Cleveland: $1,858,769
- Lakewood: $174,308
- Toledo: $652,282
- Cuyahoga County: $349,265

Total: $3,034,624

HOME Investment Participation Program

- Cleveland: $4,894,062
- Lorain: $433,406
- Toledo: $2,725,711
- Cuyahoga County: $7,570,178

Total: $10,282,141

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

- Cleveland: $1,579,911
- Total: $1,579,911
**Man convicted of killing woman in church lot sentenced**

CLEVELAND, 11 II 20 (AP): An Ohio man accused of running over and killing a woman who tried to stop him from stealing her family’s van in a church parking lot has been sentenced to life in prison with parole eligibility in 23 years.

The sentencing on Monday came after a jury in Cleveland last month convicted Michael Preston, 24, of murder and other charges.

Lesley DeJesus, 33, was at a Cleveland church in November 2018 planning her daughter’s Quinceañera, a traditional Latino celebration of a girl’s 15th birthday. The daughter saw two men in the parking lot trying to steal the van, prompting DeJesus and her husband, Jesús Cruz-Maldonado, to run outside to stop them, authorities said.

Preston drove away as the couple fought with him, dragging Cruz-Maldonado a short distance and then running over DeJesus, prosecutors said. Preston was later identified from DNA evidence found inside the van. Messages seeking comment were left with Preston’s attorneys on Tuesday.

Preston declined to speak at sentencing based on his attorney’s advice because he maintains his innocence, cleveland.com reported.

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**Muere Paula Kelly, actriz de cine, teatro y televisión**

LOS ANGELES, 12 II 20 (AP): La actriz cantante y bailarina Paula Kelly, nominada al premio Emmy por la serie de comedia “Night Court” (“La corte loka”) y que protagonizó con Chita Rivera y Shirley MacLaine la película “Sweet Charity” (“Dulce caridad”), falleció. Tenía 77 años.

Kelly murió el domingo de enfermedad pulmonar obstructiva crónica, según la compañía Ebony Repertory Theatre en Los Ángeles.

Fue postulada a un Emmy a mejor actriz de reparto en 1984 por su papel de la defensora pública Liz Williams en la primera temporada de “Night Court” de la NBC, y fue nominada nuevamente en 1989 por interpretar a una lesbiana en la miniserie de ABC “The Women of Brewster Place” (“Las mujeres de Brewster Place”).

Kelly debutó en Broadway en 1964 en el musical “Something More!” dirigido por Julie Styne y protagonizado por Barbara Cook. Más tarde compartió el escenario con Morgan Freeman en “The Dozens”. Uno de sus papeles más importantes fue el de Helene en “Sweet Charity”, que primero representó en el circuito teatral de Londres y luego repitió en la ópera prima de Bob Fosse.


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**Doughma: Líderes de Luz del Mundo abusaron de mujer 18 años**

Por STEPHANIE DAZIO, Associated Press

LOS ÁNGELES, 13 II 20 (AP): Una mujer del sur de California declaró que los dos líderes de la Iglesia mexicana de Luz del Mundo abusaron sexualmente de ella durante 18 años, desde que tenía 12, manipulando pasajes de la Biblia para convencerla de que su maltrato era, en realidad, un regalo de Dios, según una demanda federal.

La demanda, declarada el lunes de 33 años, dijo que desde los 9 años fue “criada” para complacer a los líderes de la Iglesia. Paula Kelly, de 33 años, dijo que los líderes de la Iglesia mexicana de Luz del Mundo abusaron sexualmente de ella durante 18 años, desde que tenía 12, manipulando pasajes de la Biblia para convencerla de que su maltrato era, en realidad, un regalo de Dios, según una demanda federal.

Kelly dijo que el líder de la Iglesia, Samuel Joaquin Flores y su hijo Naasón Joaquin García, se le enseñaron bíblicas que derivaban en toqueo y caricias sexuales.

Después de que cumplió 20 años, el abuso se incrementó a violaciones, golpizas y humillación pública por parte de García, aseguró Martin, y continuó hasta que ella quebró y se publicara.

“Durante los primeros 30 años de mi vida me enseñó a creer que mi cuerpo, mi mente y mi alma pertenecían a La Luz del Mundo, y que la voluntad de Dios y la voluntad de los apóstoles de la Iglesia eran la misma cosa”, dijo el jueves con la voz entrecortada en una conferencia de prensa. “Había una verdad por la que esto debe acabar. Generaciones de niños criados por La Luz del Mundo han sido obligados a convertirse en servidores sexuales de los apóstoles de La Luz del Mundo.”

Martin se presentó junto a dos abogados y su esposa en Los Ángeles, donde intercambiaron con la demanda el día anterior. The Associated Press normalmente no identifica a las personas que aseguran haber sido víctimas de abuso sexual, a menos que el propio testimonio que quería que su nombre se publicara.

El abogado de García no comentó de inmediato sobre la demanda, que solicita un juicio con jurado e indemnizaciones aún no especificadas.

García fue arrestado el año pasado y permanece detenido sin derecho a fianza por cargos de violación de menores y tráfico de personas, relacionado con tres niñas y una mujer, entre 2015 y 2016 en el condado Los Ángeles. Él niega haber cometido algo ilegal.

Martin, quien no es una de las mujeres en el caso penal, dijo que ha cooperado con las autoridades de México y Estados Unidos desde octubre de 2018, pero que abusadores se negaron a dar detalles.

El Departamento de Justicia de California, que lleva el caso contra García, declaró comentar. Martin, quien no es una de las mujeres en el caso penal, dijo que ha cooperado con las autoridades de México y Estados Unidos desde octubre de 2018, pero que abusadores se negaron a dar detalles.

El Departamento de Justicia de California, que lleva el caso contra García, declaró comentar. El departamento colaboró con las autoridades de México y Estados Unidos desde octubre de 2018, pero que abusadores se negaron a dar detalles.

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La Prensa

Fund Raising for Toledo Sister Cities- Qinhuangdao and Nanchong (QHD/NC)

By February 10, 2020, the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has infected over 40,000 people in 29 countries, with the majority of them in China. Over 1,000 patients have lost their lives.

Many cities in China have suffered from the epidemic, including two of Toledo’s sister cities in China: Qinhuangdao and Nanchong. By February 10, there were 32 confirmed cases in Nanchong and 9 in Qinhuangdao. Qinhuangdao and Nanchong reached out to Toledo Sister Cities International (TSCI) on Jan 30th and asked for HELP, especially for N95 or KN95 face masks and disposable medical gowns.

On Feb 9, the TSCI-QHD/NC Committee invited local community leaders to discuss QHD/NC’s requests for helps and decided to initiate a fund-raising campaign for the two sister cities. The TSCI worked with Toledo City Council (TCC) closely, and the TCC will pass a resolution on February 11 to support the TSC’s fund-raising efforts. We would encourage all local communities to help us make the fund-raising successful. TSCI has set up a special account to collect donations. ALL HELP COUNTS! Please send checks to:

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**Upcoming Events**

- **February 2020**
  - **20 de febrero** – La Distribución de Comida gratis de El Centro en colaboración con Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, comienza a las 12:00 p.m. hasta que se acaben los alimentos. Para ser elegibles el ingreso de la familia debe estar por debajo del 200% del nivel de pobreza. Participantes reciben una caja de comida y varias bolsas de verduras frescas, GRATIS siguiendo el sistema de servicios ofrecidos en el orden de llegada. Se requiere identificación con foto y prueba de residencia. Este evento está disponible cada tercer jueves del mes al mismo horario.
  - **20 de febrero** – El Taller de solicitud de censo se llevará a cabo en El Centro de 10:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Un empleado del Censo estará en el sitio para ayudar con las solicitudes (folleto adjunto).
  - **22 de febrero** – La orientación de ESOL se llevará a cabo en El Centro de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Se requiere orientación para asistir a las clases de ESOL proporcionadas por el Consorcio ABLE de Lorain County Community College en El Centro (folleto adjunto).

**Eventos de otras organizaciones:**

- **19 de febrero** – La serie de artes escénicas de LCCC acogerá el Ballet Folclórico Nacional De México De Sílvia Lozano a las 7:30 pm en el Stocker Arts Center, ubicado en 1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria, OH. El Ballet Folclórico Nacional De México refleja el folklore, la danza, la música y los trajes tradicionales de México en su colorido espectáculo. Entradas: $ 40 / orquesta; $ 35 / trasera; $ 10 / LCCC estudiantes y jóvenes de 18 años y menores. Cena antes del espectáculo y servicio de aparcacoches disponible. Para más información llame al 440-366-4040 (folleto adjunto).
  - **25 de febrero** – Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (Legal Aid), La Asociación de Asistencia Legal Gratuita de Cleveland estará ofreciendo una clínica de consultas legales gratuitas a clientes que viven, trabajan o van a la escuela en el Condado de Lorain. Estas clínicas se llevarán a cabo en El Centro de 2:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m. Consultas solo para servicios legales de asuntos civiles que incluyen problemas relacionados con dinero, vivienda, salud, trabajo, niños y familia (no penal). Para más información llame al 440-277-8235.

**Próximos eventos:**

- **7 de marzo** – Clases gratuitas de ciudadanía se llevarán a cabo los sábados en El Centro de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. Estas clases son en colaboración con estudiantes del Colegio de Oberlin, con cuidado infantil gratuito. Los estudiantes pueden unirse en cualquier momento durante el semestre. Para más información, llame al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7022.
  - **7 de marzo** – Clases gratuitas de inglés conversacional básicas se llevarán a cabo los sábados en El Centro a partir de las 12:00 p.m. hasta las 2:00 p.m., con cuidado de niños gratuito. Estas clases son en colaboración con estudiantes del Colegio de Oberlin y están abiertas a estudiantes de inglés de cualquier edad y nivel. Los estudiantes pueden unirse en cualquier momento durante el semestre. Para más información, llame al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7022.
  - **14 de marzo** – Evento de recaudación de fondos/baile para recaudar fondos para ayudar a las familias latinas en crisis (que se mudan de Puerto Rico) afectadas por los terremotos. El baile será en la Capilla del Sagrado Corazón - Lorain de 5:00 p.m. a 11:00 p.m. ¡Habrá comediantes, comida, música y más! El costo es de $ 25.00. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con El Centro al 440-277-8235 o Bay Corrion al 440-787-1179 (folleto adjunto).
  - **18 de marzo** – La Universidad Case Western Reserve (CWRU) organizará un evento GRATUITO: AmeRican: Celebrando la resistencia y la resistencia de Puerto Rico de 1:00 a 8:00 p.m. Únase al Instituto de Justicia Social para una serie de artes escénicas de LCCC acogerá el Ballet Folclórico Nacional De México De Silvia Lozano a las 7:30 pm en el Stocker Arts Center, ubicado en 1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria, OH. El Ballet Folclórico Nacional De México refleja el folklore, la danza, la música y los trajes tradicionales de México en su colorido espectáculo. Entradas: $ 40 / orquesta; $ 35 / trasera; $ 10 / LCCC estudiantes y jóvenes de 18 años y menores. Cena antes del espectáculo y servicio de aparcacoches disponible. Para más información llame al 440-277-8235.
Tri-C Gallery East Exhibition explores

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**HIGHLAND HILLS:** Using art to explore concepts of social justice is the focus of an exhibition on view Feb. 27-March 19, 2020 at the Eastern Campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). The free exhibition—which features more than 100 pieces of artwork in various media—will take place during the Closing Night Ceremony. The free exhibition opens March 13. For more information visit clevelandfilm.org.

**Where Futures Began: Gallery West Showcases Artists with Tri-C Roots**

**PARMA—**The talent of eight Northeast Ohio artists who built their skills at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) will be highlighted during a monthlong exhibit at Gallery West, located on the second floor of the campus library. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

An opening reception will take place 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26. An opening artist includes: Yvonne Bakale (painting); Barbara Chira (drawing); Susan Danko (painting); Shanion Dines (sculpture); Meg McNamara (painting); Carrie Mecezaris (ceramics); Carrie Stinson (drawing/photography); and Justin Urban-Styres (photography).

The exhibit will include current work by the artists as well as pieces created during their time at the College. Free parking is available.

**Where Futures Began: Gallery West is located at 11000 Pleasant Valley Road in Parma. For more information, call 216-987-5322 or visit www.tri-c.edu/gallerywest.

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Comité Mexicano de Cleveland recibe aprobación para crear Jardín Cultural Mexicano

Por: Isabel Flores, correspondiente La Prensa

CLEVELAND, 14 II 2020 – Junto a la Federación de Jardines Culturales de Cleveland aprobaron la propuesta de la creación de un Jardín Cultural Mexicano, presentada por el Comité Mexicano de Cleveland. Convirtiéndose en el segundo país de Latinoamérica que contará con un jardín, el primero en aprobarse fue Colón.

Los jardines culturales fueron fundados en 1916 y son únicos en el mundo. Representan la diversidad y el multiculturalismo que hay en Cleveland; además de que dan vida al propósito a través del entendimiento mutuo. Un total de 40 jardines dedicados, diseñados y cuidados por distintos grupos culturales o de nacionalidad, adoran el corazón de Cleveland, como Martín Luther King Boule-vard y East Boulevard en el Parque Rockefeller.

El Comité Mexicano de Cleveland tomó la iniciativa el pasado mes de octubre del 2019 cuando realizaron una primera reunión para comenzar el proceso de establecer un Jardín Cultural Mexicano. El objetivo era reunirse y planificando hasta que el 20 de enero del presente año, presentaron sus planes a la Junta Directiva de la Federación de Jardines Culturales de Cleveland. Rey Esparza, presidente del Comité, comentó: “Muchas organizaciones han creado jardines representando a países de todas partes del mundo, pero hasta ahora no hay ninguno de grupo mexicano. Apenas nos dimos cuenta que a fines del año pasado ya se habían efectuado las primeras reuniones y comenzó a crearse un interés en el establecimiento de un jardín cultural.”

El jardín será una demostración de que los mexicanos pueden unir y trabajar en conjunto. Hay que cambiar el estereotipo que tienen de nosotros de que somos seis mil, otros dicen que hay muchos que no nos apoyamos; este es el momento de unirnos y demostrar que realmente consolidarán el grupo, mostrarán la comunidad y trabajarán en la comunidad”. concluyó Eduardo Rodríguez, vicepresidente del Comité Mexicano, secretaria del Comité Mexicano, presente año, presentaron la propuesta de la creación de un jardín cultural Mexicano, que fue aprobada. Es un espacio en el que nos gustaría fuera de la ciudad, en donde se realizan eventos y celebraciones del 5 de mayo, 16 de septiembre o bien, quinceanera o boda, hay que tener en cuenta que no nos apoyamos; este es moment de unirnos y trabajar en conjunto. Hay que cambiar el estereotipo que tienen de nosotros; este es el momento de unirnos y demostrar que realmente consolidarán el grupo, mostrarán la comunidad y trabajarán en la comunidad”. concluyó Eduardo Rodríguez, vicepresidente del Comité Mexicano, secretaria del Comité Mexicano, presente año, presentaron la propuesta de la creación de un jardín cultural Mexicano, que fue aprobada. Es un espacio en el que nos gustaría tener un jardín cultural para celebrar la cultura mexicana, es lo que les permitió recibir la aprobación de la Junta de la Federación de Jardines Culturales de Cleveland. Ahora, el siguiente paso es seleccionar el área en donde deseas llevar a cabo el proyecto. “Ya fuimos a ver los jardines y tenemos un candidato de área que nos gustaría fuera aprobada. Es un espacio bastante grande donde se crearía el jardín y también tendría espacio para crear eventos, como celebrales de 5 de mayo, 16 de septiembre o bien, quinceanera o boda, son bastante amplios los terrenos”, informó Rey Esparza.

Una vez que se aprobará el proyecto, el Comité deberá darse a la tarea de buscar un arquitecto que realice el diseño adecuado. Gracias al trabajo que realizaron con las universidades, ya se tienen algunos contactos con los que se puede integrar un equipo de recién graduados de arquitectura, así como compañías establecidas de diseño para involucrar a los jóvenes con los expertos.

Para este proceso se requerirá de la recaudación de fondos de todos los grupos, desde donaciones pequeñas, medianas, grandes y participación activa de la comunidad para ensuciarse las manos en la limpieza y mantenimiento del lugar. “La ciudad aportará mantenimiento básico pero nosotros como comunidad tendremos la responsabilidad de darle el mantenimiento adecuado dependiendo de la vegetación que pongamos, como cambiar las plantas cada estación año si es necesario, todo va depender del diseño que se realice”, destacó el Presidente del Comité. Por su parte, Patricia Esparrza, secretaria del Comité Mexicano de Cleveland, agregó que “lo que queremos recordar es que nos damos cuenta que la gente tenga la idea de que es un jardín de Cleveland, que es un proyecto único en el área, en el país y creo que en el mundo. Por lo tanto, este será un jardín de todos los mexicanos y deseamos que se involucre gente de todos los alrededores como Painesville, Akron, Lorain, Toledo, etc. Esta es una grandiosa oportunidad para demostrar que los mexicanos podemos unirnos y trabajar en conjunto. Hay que cambiar el estereotipo que tienen de nosotros; este es momento de unirnos y hacer historia; disfrutar de este jardín, el cual será de todos para que la gente de otros países conozca nuestra cultura”. Aunque para la consolidación de este proyecto se llevarán un par de años, se seguirá trabajando arduamente para hacerlo realidad. Este 2020 es el cuarto año de funciones del Comité Mexicano de Cleveland, el cual estará enfocado en Arte y Cultura. Al día de hoy ya se tienen planeados varios proyectos como talleres de alebrijes y en el verano se contará con la visita de la familia Linares, quienes son los inventores de los alebrijes en la ciudad de México. También se planea llevar a cabo el proyecto Guitarra Democrática, en donde se invitarán artistas mexicanos de guitarra clásica para realizar conciertos; así como pláticas y talleres tanto con artistas extranjeros como locales.

Cabe destacar que el Comité Mexicano de Cleveland está conformado por alrededor de 25 personas. Hay un Consejo Directivo conformado por una directiva que es el presidente, vicepresidente, tesorero y secretaria. Después están los directores de área y los coordinadores de proyecto. “Cada proyecto tiene una persona encargada, es por eso que siempre damos continuidad a todos nuestros proyectos. Estamos conformados de una manera democrática para que todos se involucren y trabajen para la comunidad”, concluyó Eduardo Rodríguez.

Para más información sobre el Comité, enviar mensaje a: mexicano.cleveland@gmail.com Tel. 440 4760219, sitio web: www.comitetemexicano-cleveland.org facebook: @ComiteMexicano-Cleveland
Notice of Closing the Low-Income Public Housing (LIPH) Waiting List

TOLEDO, February 13, 2020. There is an affordable housing crisis in Lucas County. Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), and its community partners, continue to work toward a solution as evidenced by the recent opening of Collingwood Green Phase III. Unfortunately, the need in our community is greater and there are not enough properties available. As of February 18, LMHA closed its Public Housing Waiting List for all bedroom sizes and locations. When LMHA re-opens the waiting list, public notice will be provided. HUD regulations do not require a public hearing when opening and closing the Waiting List. Therefore, public notice will be provided as stated in the pre-existing Admissions and Occupancy Policy (ACP). Currently, there are approximately 780 applicants who have been accepted and on-boarded. LMHA has a waiting list for vacant properties through the LMHA referral program. LMHA has over 1,820 applicants who have not been processed and who are still awaiting interviews. This brings the total to approximately 2,600 applicants who are currently awaiting housing. LMHA does not have the current inventory to accommodate this demand. We feel that it is a disservice to individuals and families if we keep accepting applications when there is no real potential of them being housed in the immediate future.

We understand that it will take the efforts of many individuals and organizations, working together, to address the affordable housing crisis in Lucas County. Through new collaborations with the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board, United Way of Greater Toledo and other community partners, LMHA is working to generate long-term solutions to housing instability in our community. We welcome input from the community on how we may work together to create housing stability in Toledo Lucas County.

LMHA creates and maintains sustainable and affordable housing opportunities, provides pathways to a better quality of life, and empowers vibrant communities for Lucas County.

About Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority

Established in 1933, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) continues to provide affordable housing to adults, seniors, and children in its Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Mixed-Income and Market Rate housing units. LMHA also provides a myriad of programs and opportunities designed to improve the total quality of life for our residents, with the goal of achieving self-sufficiency. The programs and services are the result of successful collaborations with numerous community partners.

Our current housing portfolio consists of 2,633 Public Housing units; 4,657 Housing Choice Vouchers, 322 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit units, 198 Market Rate units and 107 Homeownership Opportunities in Lucas County. There are approximately 17,500 people housed in LMHA properties, Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority partners with ALL people and organizations willing to exchange ideas and efforts to enhance Toledo, Lucas County and the world.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS INFORMATIONAL TOUR ON FEBRUARY 28

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is hosting a ‘Behind the Scenes’ informational tour of the Board of Elections’ Tabulation Center. Those who attend will be guided through the building to view various processing areas and learn about the activities that take place on Election Night after the polls have closed. This is an opportunity for a firsthand look at election administration as it happens on election night. This event is open to the public.

Date: February 28, 2020
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Cuyahoga County Board of Elections’ Tabulation Center; 3951 Perkins Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Space is limited. If planning to attend RSVP by Tuesday, February 25th.

For more information about the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections or the upcoming March 17, 2020 election, visit its website at www.443vote.us or call our office at 216-443-VOTE (8683).

THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION THAT TWO CLEVELAND CHARTER AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has been officially notified by the City of Cleveland that the parties who placed Issues 3 and 4 on the March 17, 2020 Presidential Primary ballot have withdrawn their proposed Charter Amendments.

With Military and Overseas Voting already underway and the close of the May 5, 2020 Primary Election Day, the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections will tabulate the ballots. All votes for the withdrawn issues are void and will not be counted.

The Board of Elections will post withdraw notices at each polling place in the City of Cleveland on Election Day and notices will be included in the Vote-by-Mail Ballots packets for our City of Cleveland voters. No results will be tabulated and reported on Election Day.
Call for Musicians: Tri-C JazzFest seeks Bands for Outdoor Stage Performances

CLEVELAND: Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) wants to put Northeast Ohio musicians in the spotlight at this summer’s Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland.

An online application opened today for bands wanting to play the festival’s outdoor Strassman Insurance Stage. Sixteen acts will be selected to entertain JazzFest crowds between 3 p.m. and midnight June 26-27, 2020 on the Friday and Saturday of festival weekend at Playhouse Square.

Applications will be accepted at www.tri-c.edu/jazzfestival through March 21.

A committee of music industry experts will select the individuals or groups for the stage lineup. A variety of musical genres will be considered, ranging from jazz (of course) to blues, R&B, funk, gospel, jam band and reggae.

Last year, the committee vetted nearly 100 applicants before finalizing the selections.

“The outdoor stage is a ‘Best of Cleveland’ showcase,” said Trent Pontremoli, festival director. “We love the vibrancy and the interaction between the musicians and the fans.”

The 41st annual Tri-C JazzFest runs June 25-27. The festival includes nine ticketed concerts inside the historic theaters at Playhouse Square, plus the free outdoor shows and other activities.

Visit www.tri-cjazzfest.com for a schedule of ticketed shows. The 2020 lineup includes Take 6, Kirk Whalum, Angelique Kidjo, Spanish Harlem Orchestra, Punch Brothers, John Mayall, Walter Trout, Charles Lloyd and many others.

Festival passes — which offer VIP seating to all nine ticketed concerts, plus other perks — are on sale now. Cost is $275, a $175 savings compared to buying single tickets to all nine shows. Visit www.jazzfests2020.eventbrite.com to purchase.

Individual tickets will go on sale April 1 through the Playhouse Square Box Office at 216-241-6000 or at www.playhousesquare.org.

The 41st annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland is presented by KeyBank and made possible by Cuyahoga Community College, the National Endowment for the Arts, Ohio Arts Council, Strassman Insurance Services Inc. and a growing list of donors and members.

For more information and to apply: https://rgbuilds.com/careers/available-positions/

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Assistant Public Defender (multiple positions) in Toledo Municipal Court, Juvenile Court, and Drug Court available in Lucas County, Ohio. Candidates for these positions must be licensed to practice law in Ohio. Please see www.nlada.org/node/30811 for more detailed descriptions.

Office Support Staff (two positions): Duties include opening, updating, and closing client files; utilizing an online case management system; data entry; and general clerical duties. 35-40 hours/week plus health & other benefits. Salary range $26,000-$38,000. Email cover letter and résumé by March 6, 2020 to: ToledoLegalAidSociety@Yahoo.com

Request for Proposals
LMHA University & Leadership Training

RFP20-R001

Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) will receive proposals for a consultant for LMHA University & Leadership Training. Received in accordance with law until March 3, 2020 at 3:00 PM ET. See documents: www.lucasmha.org; 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, OH 43604; or 419-259-9446 (TRS: Dial 711). Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements (Executive Order #11246). This contract opportunity is a Section 3 Covered Contract and any Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.

LMHA estará aceptando solicitudes para la lista de espera del programa de Vales de Elección de Vivienda.

La lista de espera para el Programa de Vales de Elección de Vivienda estará abierta el primer y tercer viernes de cada mes. Las solicitudes serán aceptadas en la Oficina Principal de LMHA, 1600 Kansas Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052 entre las horas de 8:00 am hasta las 12:00 del mediodía.

A lo sumo, cuarenta (40) personas serán seleccionadas al azar para participar en el proceso de preselección. Los números se distribuirán entre las 7:30 y las 8:00 a.m. Estar en línea antes de las 7:30 a.m. no aumenta las posibilidades de ser seleccionado al azar. Solo se distribuirá un número por hogar.

Si su número es seleccionado al azar para la preselección, se requiere que tenga todos los documentos, que se enumeran a continuación, y todos los miembros adultos del hogar deben estar presentes. Sólo los primeros veintiocho (28) solicitantes que cumplan con estos requisitos completarán la entrevista de solicitud cada día que se acepten las solicitudes.

Los documentos requeridos son:

- Certificado de nacimiento y tarjetas de seguro social (ambos documentos en original), para cada miembro del hogar
- Identificación, original y válida, emitida por el estado, con fotografía, para cada adulto miembro del hogar
- Prueba de todos los ingresos, incluyendo pero no limitado a: beneficios de seguridad social, beneficios de SSI, talonarios/impressión de nómina, o ingresos por trabajo por cuenta propia, ingresos por desempleo, manutención de niños, TANF, etc. Todas las impresiones/comprobaciones de ingresos deben estar fechadas en los últimos 60 días.

- Prueba de todos los activos, incluyendo, pero no limitado a: cuenta corriente, cuenta de ahorros, seguro de vida, beneficios de jubilación, etc. Todas las impresiones/pruebas de activos deben estar fechadas en los últimos 60 días

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