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 Saturday, February 15, 2014; Food and Water Watch Campaign to End the Misuse of Antibiotics on Factory Farms, West Side Market Rear Entrance: Dr. Constance Magoulias, MD, Family Physician at MetroHealth Medical Center, speaks of the increasing difficulty of finding antibiotics that work because of the overuse of antibiotics.

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Investment school meeting offers a look at progress made and obstacles faced at Lincoln West High

by Chuck Hoven

About sixty people gathered at a February 13th evening meeting at Lincoln West High School to receive a report on the status of the school in its second quarter as an Investment School. The crowd --of school staff, students, parents and community members-- received a variety of statistical reports used as measures of how the school is doing this year.

Principal Dr. Irene G. Javier explained how students had improved their scores on a NWEA Benchmark Analysis that is generally a good predictor of how they will perform on the Ohio Graduation Tests. She pointed out progress in reading, math and science with the percentage of students showing proficiency

increasing in all three subjects. While the increase in the percentage of students proficient in reading was only 1% from 46% to 47%; the percentage of students proficient in math and science went up significantly. The percentage of students proficient in math increased from 40% to 50% and the percentage of students indicating proficiency in science increased from 29% to 39%. While they have made gains, they are still well below the state averages.

Principal Javier credited a new focus on teaching and learning strategies as having an impact on student outcomes. She says teachers in the building are able to share their strategies for teaching

and learn from their peers. They are able to reflect on their teaching and work together, no longer teaching in isolation.

Lincoln West educators have been working with a nonprofit organization, New Tech Network, to implement an instructional model that involves using project based learning to integrate technology with instruction. The school has also received a federal grant to provide professional development for educators using the "global performance system" which helps to assess on-line student projects based on global standards of competence.

Dr. Javier said she expects that

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Councilman Jay Westbrook reflects upon over three decades of service

by Joe Narkin

Recently retired Councilman Jay Westbrook would like to be remembered as a public servant whose efforts have been "all about community." For over three decades, beginning with his election to Cleveland City Council in 1979 and continuing up until his retirement at the end of 2013, his primary objective in office has been to "democratize local government, to be a friend of neighborhoods and communities, and to work in concert with the interests of the people," said Westbrook.

Westbrook shared his thoughts about his time in office with the *Plain Press* during an interview on January 14, 2014.

Working as a community organiz-

er prior to his election, Westbrook considers himself fortunate to have entered elective office during the early stages of a populist period within the City of Cleveland and throughout the nation. In Cleveland, emergent populism gained momentum in 1977 when Dennis Kucinich defeated incumbent Ralph Perk in the mayoral election.

Of course, entrenched business interests were not willing to yield power without a fight. The City of Cleveland was forced into default in the face of Mayor Kucinich's resolute refusal to privatize Cleveland Public Power. Consequently, Kucinich was subjected to a failed recall election and, in the face of a relentless anti-Kucinich public

relations campaign, he was held to a single term in office, losing the 1979 mayoral election to George Voinovich.

Despite Kucinich's mayoral setback, a number of young council members with roots in the community activist movement, such as Earle Turner, Mike White, Lonnie Burton, Jim Rokakis, and Mike Polensek, had been elected to council prior Westbrook's arrival. But council was politically polarized between the populist newcomers and those council members who were primarily interested in maintaining a status quo that favored the interests of big business over the interests of the larger community of citizens.

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PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN

Saturday, February 15, 2014; Near West Theatre Benefit, Love Makes the World Go 'Round, Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue: (L-R) Shekinah "CoCo" Smith and Erin Sheplavy, in the role as conjoined (Siamese) twins, explore their feelings and desires while living in a world where they are seen as "freaks."



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Saturday, February 15, 2014; Near West Theatre Benefit, Love Makes the World Go 'Round, Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue: Near West Theatre performers, costumed as "freaks" in a performance that asks the question "Will you love me, as I am?" Here actor Christene Pantalone plays the role of a "freak", as actors examine the treatment by society of those that are different.

Hispanic Alliance Inc. works to address needs of local Latino community

by Chuck Hoven

The Hispanic Alliance Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to addressing the needs of Hispanic/Latino community, has four major areas it is working on as part of its mission, says Hispanic Alliance Executive Director Juan Molina Crespo. The areas the organization currently is working on include leadership development through the Hispanic Alliance Leadership Development Initiative (HALDI), economic development planning to create La Villa Hispana, civic engagement and voter registration, and immigration.

The Hispanic Alliance is a membership organization, which has both individuals and organizations as members. Organizations that form the core of its membership include: Catholic Charities/La Providencia Hispanic Services Office, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Cuyahoga Community College Hispanic Council, Esperanza, HOLA, Hispanic Business Center, Hispanic Roundtable, His-

panic UMADAOP, MetroHealth Medical Center, Neighborhood Family Practice, NEO Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, Stockyard, Clark Fulton, Brooklyn Centre Community Development Program Office and WSEM/EI Barrio.

Molina Crespo says the Hispanic Alliance Leadership Development Initiative (HALDI) is designed to work with emerging leaders in the community. The age range of participants in the first two cohorts to participate in the program has been from the early 20s to the 50s. HALDI offers a structured curriculum, group projects, and a great networking opportunity for participants, says Molina Crespo.

"HALDI takes in the Cultural Aspects of being Latino and what that means in leadership," says Molina Crespo. He sees the program helping to develop the tremendous potential of human capital in Cleveland's Hispanic Community.

The first cohort to complete the

program had eleven individuals participate. This year's cohort has 13 individuals. Program participants have ranged from young emerging leaders to people already in leadership positions who want to compliment the leadership skills they already have and examine the theoretical and academic side of leadership, says Molina Crespo. The individuals range from a young man who gained a job as a community organizer in one of the Hispanic Alliance member organizations while participating in HALDI, an electrical engineer, a pastor who heads the United Hispanic Pastors Fraternity, and a health care program manager who runs a breast cancer treatment program.

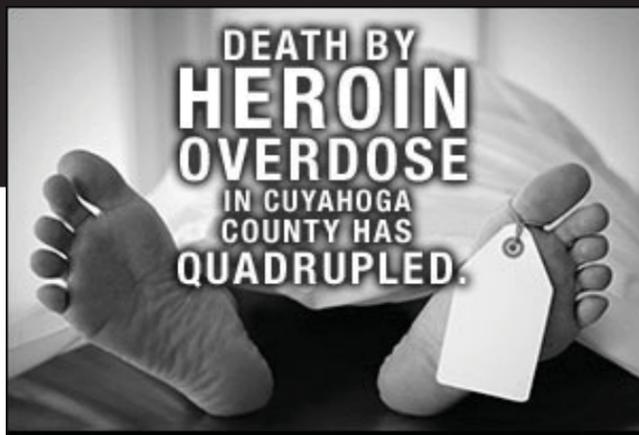
Orientation for the next HALDI cohort will be in August of this year. Sessions are held twice a month from September thru April. Graduation is in May. For more information call the Hispanic Alliance at 661-4249 or visit the website at: www.hispanicallianceinc.com.

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Saturday, February 15, 2014; Carnegie West's Knitting Club, Cleveland Public Library Carnegie West Branch, Fulton & Bridge Avenue: Ohio City resident Fran Palucki mentors new knitters Andrea Marbley and Katie Zucca.



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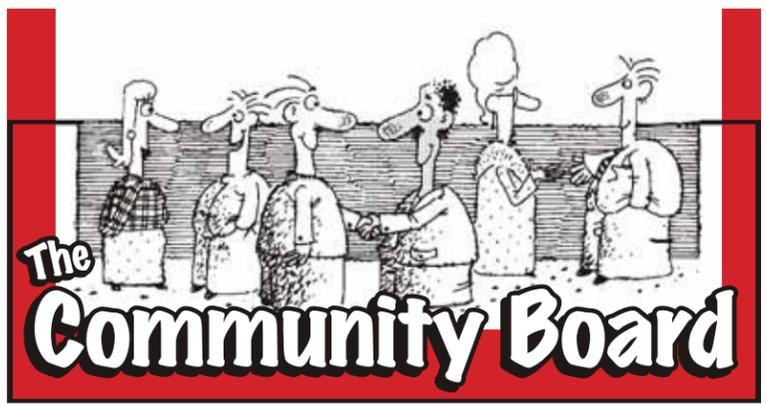


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This year the cost to take the GED HAS TRIPLED TO \$120. OHIO IS PROVIDING \$80 VOUCHERS to individuals who want to take the test by meeting with a career counselor at one of Ohio technical education centers (OTC). A list of the OTCs and their contact information is at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/otc/locations>.

SEEDS OF LITERACY provides free, one-to-one tutoring in basic education and GED preparation to adults. Registration is every Monday and Tuesday, at either 12:30 pm or 4:30 pm. Interested students MUST attend both days at the same time. Classes are held Monday - Thursday, 9-11 am, 1-3 pm, and 6-8 pm, and run all year. Students must have their social security number. For more information, call 216-661-7950.

COLLEGE NOW OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE: If you are an adult whose education was interrupted but have obtained a high school diploma or GED, you may be eligible for assistance from the Adult Learner Program Scholarship Fund. Application deadline is April 18th. Contact Financial Aid Specialist Elton Lytle at 216-635-0166 for details.

BED BUGS

BED BUGS? Anyone can become a victim of a bed bug infestation. The city of Cleveland may be able to offer free assistance with treatment to people who are income qualified (gross yearly income of \$15,540 for a one person household to \$25,760 for a family of 6), are 60 years of age or older or an adult with a documented disability, and own and live in the unit to be treated. Call the Department of Aging at 216/664-2833.

COMMUNITY

CREATING COMMUNITIES OF PEACE WORKSHOP will be held on March 8 from 9 am - 3 pm at St. Colman's Fellowship Hall (beneath the sanctuary). Free coffee, water and snacks at 8:30 am. Lunch will cost \$5. For more information, contact Rick at 216/355-2046.

GORDON SQUARE

LAKE EFFECT FREE HOLISTIC CLINIC is scheduled at the LGBT Center at 6600 Detroit Avenue. Lake Effect Alternative Health Clinic's FREE massages & herbal medicine will be held March 5th from 5-8 PM and every first Thursday of the month.

HEALTH INSURANCE

INFORMATION ON HEALTH CARE INSURANCE available under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) can be found

Update on MyCare Ohio

MyCare Ohio, a new managed care program for Ohioans 18 years and older who receive both Medicaid and Medicare benefits was featured in the February issue of the *Plain Press*. Following publication of the February issue, the *Plain Press* learned that the project was pushed back one month. Instead of consumers being able to select a plan beginning February 1st as stated in the article, the first date they could select a plan was moved to March 1st. The effective date for plans to begin coverage has also been moved; that is now May 1st.

For more information on how to sign up for MyCareOhio, see the MyCare Ohio listing under Health Insurance in the Community Board.

Corrections

Max Hayes opening date

In the February issue of the *Plain Press*, an article incorrectly stated that Max Hayes construction would be complete in time for the 2014-15 school year. It should have said the building is scheduled to be ready for the 2015-16 school year.

CTO Executive Director

In an article in the February issue of the *Plain Press*, the last name of the Executive Director Angela Shuckahosee of Cleveland Tenants Organization was spelled incorrectly.

at www.healthcare.gov or 800/318-2596. Sign up by March 31, 2014.

FOR AN APPOINTMENT REGARDING THE ACA with a Certified Application Counselor at the Neighborhood Family Practice at 3569 Ridge Road, call 216-281-0872. Or call for drop-in hours.

ACA ASSISTANCE is also available at Lorain Branch Library, 8216 Lorain Avenue. Someone from the CMS Assisters will be there to answer questions about the Affordable Health Care Act, help with enrollment and assist in navigating the web site, every Wednesday from 1 pm - 5 pm through the month of March.

MEDICAID is available to Ohioans who can enroll through the state's website: <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/forohioans/GetCoverage/WhoQualifies.aspx> or Benefits.Ohio.gov.

Ohioans who have already applied for Medicaid through the Federal website must re-apply through the state website. Children and pregnant women up to 200 percent of poverty and adults with income up to 138 percent of poverty are eligible.

MYCARE OHIO is a managed care plan available to Ohioans who are eligible for BOTH Medicaid and Medicare. Medicaid benefits will be available only through the My Care plan you choose, but you may choose continue to receive the Medicare benefits the way you do today. Call the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at 800/324-8680 Monday-Friday from 7 am to 8 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm or visit www.ohiomh.com.

LEGAL ADVICE

FREE LEGAL AID clinic is first-come, first served on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 10:00 - 11:30 am at West Side Catholic Center, 3135 Lorain Avenue. For more information, visit <http://lascclev.org/03222014/>.

SENIORS

CHORE SERVICES provided by the Cleveland Department of Aging include **SNOW REMOVAL**, installation of smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors, and other home maintenance tasks. Call 216/664-3998.

CLEVELAND CARE CALLS IS AN AUTOMATED TELEPHONE REASSURANCE SYSTEM that checks on older adults' well-being each morning. In the event the senior or his/her designated contacts cannot be reached, the Department of Public Safety may be asked to make a welfare check on the senior in question. Call 216/664-6316 or 216/664-3685.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES are available to people in all wards who are 60 years of age or older. First time riders must call the Cleveland Department of Aging at 216/664-2833 with their home address, phone number and emergency contact.

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Tend-R-Lean Steak Co. owner Marty Kreinberg represents his family's 3rd generation to process meat in neighborhood

by Chuck Hoven

Tend-R-Lean Steak Company at 7106 Lorain Avenue is well known to *Plain Press* readers. Tend-R-Lean's advertisement has graced the back page of the *Plain Press* for over two decades, offering readers frozen meat and other food items at wholesale prices. Many readers go first to the back page of the *Plain Press* to check the deals available for the month.

Tend-R-Lean owner, Martin "Marty" Kreinberg, is often the person behind the counter gathering the food for customers. He is also well known to many restaurant and small grocery store owners around the West Side of Cleveland. Kreinberg represents the third generation of his family to process meat in the neighborhood.

Kreinberg says about 20% of his business is selling frozen pre-packaged frozen food to retail customers. On a monthly basis he provides home

delivery to about 75 homes. Currently home delivery is offered free to customers making purchases of \$150 or more. Many of Tend-R-Lean's retail customers use food stamps to purchase meat, and recent cuts to food stamp recipients have hurt the retail portion of the business. A decline in the population of the Near West Side has also steadily reduced the number of retail customers. At its peak--from 1985 to 1995--Tend-R-Lean had 9 retail stores and had 19 employees. The business currently has just one location.

Eighty percent of the business involves sales to restaurants and grocery stores. Currently Tend-R-Lean supplies 50 to 70 restaurants and three grocery stores on a weekly basis with fresh and frozen meat. Kreinberg's longest standing restaurant account under the same owner is George's Kitchen at Berea Road and Triskett. Other restaurants he has as customers include chef-driven

restaurants such as Momocho, Flap Jacks, Soho, and Old Angle. Other restaurants he has counted as customers include Nick's, BJ's, Kristina's Family Restaurant, Michael's and Maggie's Diner.

Marty Kreinberg started working at Tend-R-Lean Steak Company in 1976 learning the wholesale meat business from the owner, Mike Shuga. Kreinberg purchased the business from Mike and Helen Shuga in January of 1978. He soon was making innovations. He was the first in the Cleveland market to sell bulk frozen meat on a retail basis. "No one sold bulk frozen meat in this market; I started it," said Kreinberg. He noted, he was also the first to sell family packs of chicken in the area.

Marty Kreinberg is proud to be able to save his customers money. He says, "I still think that I offer the best deal in town. The best value for the dollar." His **continued on page 11**

Mayor balanced budget with money promised to Cleveland school children

To the editor:

One of the incentives used to pass the 1995 parking tax was that the Cleveland schools would receive \$2 million for extracurricular activities for the children for as long as the parking tax was in effect. Sometime around 2009, Mayor Frank Jackson decided to divert \$1 million of the children's money to balance the city budget. He has yet to restore it to its promised level.

Letters

The *Plain Dealer's* Leila Atassi reported that the city has a \$49.3 million surplus and that the mayor wants to build a rainy day fund. This surplus was partially created by cheating the voters and the children of Cleveland out of the promised funds. Before this surplus is used for other purposes, the children's portion of the promised \$2 million should be restored. The \$5 million, of which the children were deprived since 2009, should be given, unrestricted to the CMSD and divided amongst the investment schools, which are in dire need of funds.

Remember, one of the public's greatest fears of mayoral control was that the mayor would take advantage of school fund, while the appointed school board sat by silently. The fear is now real.

Even after the urgings of several

council members, the mayor has shown extreme reluctance to restore the children's money. It appears it will take a concerted effort by the public to resolve this matter in favor of the children.

This brings me to Lincoln West High School, supposedly, an investment school. For all that the administration has allowed to occur this year, that was counterproductive to a positive educational environment, Lincoln West should be awarded \$1 million of the promised parking tax funds to be used as the principal and staff see fit. The public needs to know that the children went without lockers for the first 6 weeks of school, that tardiness, lack of respect for authority, violence, false fire alarms, dress code violations, etc. went unchecked for well into the second marking period, that the teacher's had a plan to address these issues, which had merit, but were told could not be funded.

But, most appalling is Lincoln West has a heating problem of which the district was aware since May of 2013. As of 2/12/2014, this problem still exists. Some rooms are in the 80's and 90's, others are in the 50's and 60's, and some are just right. This is high school. Children move from room to room. What do you think that temperature variation does to a child's body, to their mind,

and to the over all educational environment?

Lincoln West deserves \$1 million in compensation for the abuse and malpractice to which it has been subjected. It is time to make Lincoln West a true investment school, so the public can witness and the children can flourish, when a committed principal and staff design a properly funded school.

Gene Tracy
Retired Teacher, Full Time Activist
Trouble on Division Ave.

To the editor:

ROBBERIES HAVE SKYROCKETED on Division Avenue -- West 25th Street area, two streets north of Detroit Avenue -- since last fall. Outsiders, as well as new Lakeview Estates residents transferred in from closed down east side estates, have turned the relatively quiet street into a robbery zone. On February 20, 2014, CMHA's Progressive Action Council held a meeting at Lakeview Estates' Community Center to address the issue. At one point in the meeting, the question was asked: What is the current councilman and precinct committeeperson representing the area doing in response to the increasingly dangerous situation. The answer: "absolutely nothing."

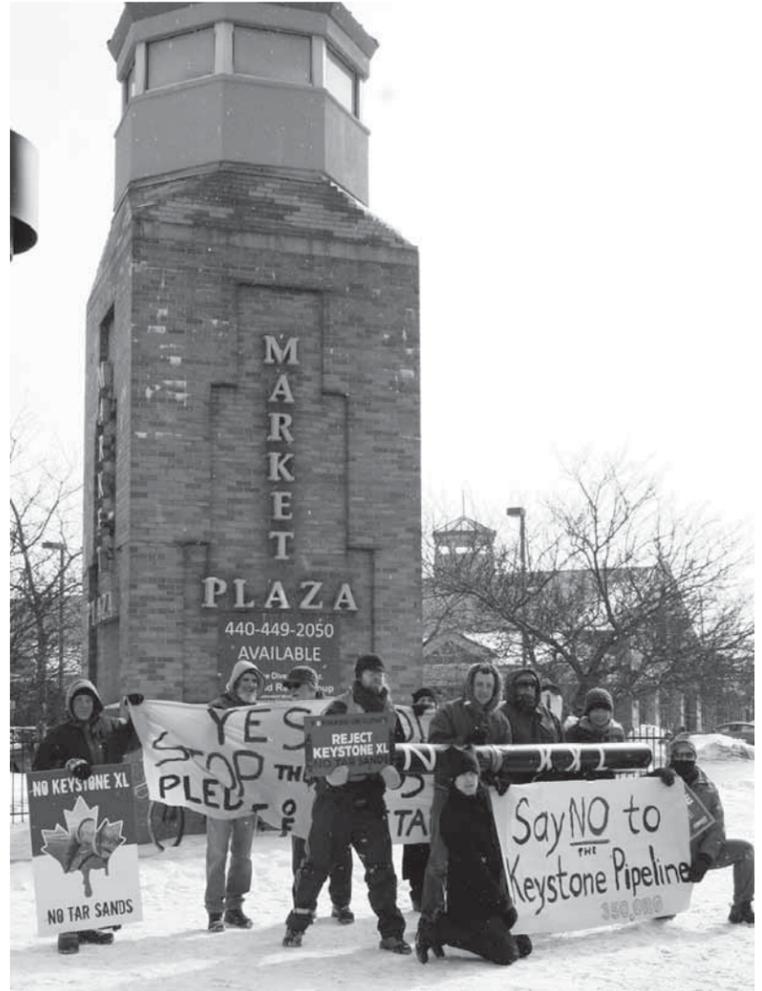


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Saturday, February 15, 2014; National Protest Against Keystone Pipeline, Market Plaza, W. 25th and Lorain Avenue: Local environmentalists join in a nationwide appeal to stop the building of the Keystone Pipeline. The proposed pipeline will ship dirty tar sands oil from Canada to refineries in Texas. The proposed pipeline would cross environmentally sensitive areas. Moreover, the use of the fuel from tar sand oil produces more pollutants than other oils.

When Progressive Action Council President Lillian Davis asked the name of the precinct committeeperson four times during the safety discussion, the precinct committeeperson sat there too embarrassed to identify herself.

It must be nice to spend ones time looking on constituents rather than serving them. Election to public office -- even for a precinct committeeperson -- comes with the responsibility of working to improve the quality of life of voters. That includes working to increase funding for positive programs for children and working to protect residents from systematic threats.

In addition to the robberies, there have been two murders at Lakeview Estates in recent months and at

least one incident of rivals gangs members squaring off against each other in broad daylight outside of the recreation center. One glaring problem is the shortage of manpower at the CMHA Police Department, exacerbated by the Cleveland Police Department's reluctance to lend a helping hand.

One thing that was clear to anyone attending the Progressive Action Council meeting: Not only did the current precinct committeeperson fail to initiate the safety meeting; she played no role whatsoever in addressing resident's concerns and has no intention of doing so in the future. Jeff Mixon

Editor's Note: Jeff Mixon is a candidate for precinct committeeperson running to represent Ward 3, Precinct A of the Democratic Party's County Central Committee.

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Saturday, February 15, 2014; Near West Theatre Benefit, Love Makes the World Go 'Round, Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue: Balloons in hand Giovanna Layne and Gabriele Moyer prepare to take the stage.

LINCOLN WEST

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the opening of a MetroHealth Teen Health Clinic in a trailer outside the school in mid March will help to reduce student absenteeism at the school. She said the clinic staff will be able to help students with both social-emotional and physical health issues that at times lead to student absenteeism. Student attendance at Lincoln West declined in the second quarter of this school year from 81% in the first quarter to 77% in the second quarter. At the same time staff attendance has improved from 94.9% in the first quarter to 98.6% in the second quarter.

Dr. Javier said Lincoln West is working with students to increase attendance moving forward. Challenges this past quarter included the weather and that increased suspensions contributed to the absentee rate. She also noted that with the addition of 350 ninth grade students to the school, the school has a larger population this year.

Dr. Javier said Lincoln West now has twelve full time community partners helping with after-school programs and mentoring students. She said Esperanza is working with Lincoln West to hire the best site coordinator available to facilitate efforts of the community partners. Esperanza is the lead agency responsible for supervising the site coordinator.

Several Lincoln West students and one parent spoke about how much they liked the school. Student Russ Jackson said teachers at Lincoln West care a lot and take time out to help students. He praised the after-school tutoring available to help students to pass the Ohio Graduation Tests. Another student praised the number of after-school activities available. He said his involvement in the Junior ROTC program helped him to productively occupy his time.

Kamelia Premsook, a senior at Lincoln West, talked about how as a bilingual student she successfully learned English in the Cleveland Schools. She talked about her involvement with other students in forming the Health Care Affinity Committee at Lincoln West. She

spoke of trip to Philadelphia where she made a presentation about the program at a conference. Premsook said she is the first one in her family to complete high school, and has been accepted at Cuyahoga Community College in the Pre-Medical Assistant Program. Another student talked about his involvement with the Lincoln West Swim Team, which placed 2nd in the City. A student talked about a trip planned for eight international studies students to travel to the Dominican Republic to deliver school supplies.

A parent, whose family came to Cleveland from Burundi, says he feels good about having two of his children attending Lincoln West because he knows it is a "good place."

Community members also spoke out about Lincoln West. Retired Lincoln West teacher, Gene Tracy, pointed out the continued practice by the school district of closing enrollment at Rhodes and Marshall, leaving Lincoln West as the only comprehensive high school on the West Side to place students. He said often the students placed at schools after the school year is underway have been expelled from their schools for serious incidents. Noting the number of serious disciplinary incidents listed at Lincoln West, Tracy said it is unfair to place all those students in the fragile Lincoln West investment school. He urged the school district to end this unfair practice and split the incoming students between the three schools.

Tracy said that although Lincoln West was awarded \$126,000 from the school district because of its status as an investment school, in actuality the school was only receiving \$86,000 more this year than last year. He said last year the school was a recipient of a \$40,000 School Improvement Grant, which it did not receive this year.

Tracy noted that a teacher-devised plan calling for more personnel to address attendance was shot down for lack of funding. He pointed out an infuriating problem with the heating system at Lincoln West with three controller units malfunctioning causing some rooms to have temperatures of 90° and others to be at 50°. Tracy said several special education students had passed

HISPANIC ALLIANCE

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The second area of focus for the Hispanic Alliance is the creation of La Villa Hispana. Molina Crespo says the Hispanic Alliance would like to see a shift in how we define urban development. He sees La Villa Hispana as following a place-making model of urban development that builds on the tourism industry. He envisions La Villa Hispana as "providing an authentic destination, a place to get theatre/ arts, food and authentic culture." Molina Crespo hopes that this long-range plan will complement the upcoming development along the W. 25th Street corridor that includes the expansion of MetroHealth Medical Center. Ideally he would like to see a beautiful archway as an entrance and a plaza reminiscent of those found in Central American cities. He believes that this vision will take five to seven years to materialize. He emphasizes the La Villa Hispana will not be just for Latinos, but

"a place for everybody, it will support all businesses and be a community project for all residents of the city."

Molina Crespo noted that while Ohio has been experiencing limited growth in population, the Latino population is growing. He said families are moving here to the Clark Fulton neighborhood, which he says is relatively safe and offers so much in terms of affordability. He believes Cleveland is at a crossroads and needs to set a tone in order to take advantage of this trend to help revitalize areas that have been hit hard by economic decline.

In the area of Civic Engagement and Voter Registration, Molina Crespo says "There is a disconnect between registering to vote and civic engagement." He would like to see Hispanic Alliance engage the local Hispanic community with some workshops on how the legislative process works, on the difference between politics and government, and how voter registration can impact the effectiveness of your trash pick up, or whether or not the heating system at your

local high school gets fixed.

In the area of immigration, Molina Crespo sees the Hispanic Alliance partnering with other groups in the City of Cleveland such as the Neighborhood Leadership Institute, and the City of Cleveland Community Relations Office to help marshal the resources and entrepreneurial energy of immigrants and newcomers to Cleveland. He talked about the number of businesses started by Hispanics who are new arrivals to Cleveland either through immigration or migration.

Molina Crespo also talked about the Hispanic Alliance's involvement and support of immigration reform as a social justice issue -- working with organizations such as HOLA to "create a fair and equitable immigration system that does not break up families."

Editor's Note: Hispanic Alliance Inc. is located in the US Bank Building at W. 25th and Lorain Avenue. For more information about the organization visit the Hispanic Alliance's website at: www.hispanicallianceinc.com.



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Saturday, February 15, 2014; Near West Theatre Benefit, Love Makes the World Go 'Round, Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue: Actor Morgan Williams, age 13, scrubs the floor with a sponge.

out from the heat. He urged those present to call their council people to complain. (Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins was present at the meeting.) Tracy said he was told it would take about \$24,000 to fix the heating system.

A teacher spoke about the hardship caused by having to move her classroom out in the hall or to the cafeteria because of the heat -- and teaching without access to computers and classroom equipment. A community member spoke out about the promises made that the schools would be "warm, safe and dry", when the district passed the bond issue in 2001.

Lincoln West Health Teacher Mark Julias advocated for a full time attendance liaison for just Lincoln West High School. He said currently the school shares a liaison with eleven other schools.

School District representative Michele Pomerantz said that under Student Based Budgeting the school could chose to purchase an attendance liaison. She said it would involve a trade off, "There is not a ton of more money to use in school budgets, what are you going to give up to get an attendance liaison?"

Editor's Note: At a February 22nd Bond Accountability Committee Meeting held at the Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland Municipal School District's Deputy Chief of Capital

Projects Gary Sautter said the school board, after hearing from community members, had approved a \$25,000 repair of the heating system at Lincoln West High School. He estimated the job would be complete in about a week. Sautter said the funds would either come from the general fund repair budget or from the Local Initiative Funds from the bond issue.

If the funds come from the bond issue, the state of Ohio will not match them. James Darr, administrator of the Bond Accountability Commission, said that when the initial bond issue passed in 2001 it appears that the state had committed to a two to

one match for \$25 million in "Warm, Safe and Dry" funds to repair school buildings. He said it appears that somewhere along the line the Cleveland Metropolitan School District turned down the "Warm, Safe and Dry" funds deciding to use them instead for building new buildings or substantially rehabbing existing buildings. So now when the school district does repairs that would have qualified for "Warm, Safe and Dry," it does so without matching funds from the state. Darr said all the administrators that worked for the district at the time of the decision are gone now, so he doesn't know why that decision was made.

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Saturday, February 15, 2014; Food and Water Watch Campaign to End the Misuse of Antibiotics on Factory Farms, West Side Market Rear Entrance: Demonstrators with signs point out the dangers of overuse of antibiotics by factory farms and call for Cleveland City Council to pass a resolution urging Congress to take action. (Front L-R): Brandon Bish (cow suite), Elizabeth Stiles, and Huier Mai; (Rear): Jen Wiebusch.

Food & Water Watch urges limits on use of antibiotics

Food and Water Watch held a press conference on Saturday, February 15th at the rear entrance of the West Side Market to announce the launch of a local campaign to raise awareness of the misuse of antibiotics on factory farms. Protester Brandon Bish dressed in a cow costume and other protesters carried signs to promote the cause.

Food and Water Watch Organizer Cait De Mott Grady said the misuse of antibiotics in factory farms has been linked to increased antibiotic resistance in humans. She said Food and Water Watch is urging Cleveland City Council to pass a resolution in support of federal legislation to protect antibiotics. The effort is part of a national campaign.

According to Food and Water Watch, "the routine daily use of antibiotics on livestock, whether or not they are sick, is directly linked to the creation of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which have become a serious human health threat. Federal legislation--the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA) in the House and the Preven-

tion of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA) in the Senate--would prevent medically important antibiotics from being used needlessly on healthy farm animals."

Food and Water Watch volunteer Jen Wiebusch said Industrial Agriculture accounts for 80% of the antibiotic use in this country. She said the antibiotics are in part used to help animals grow faster.

Dr. Constance Magoulias, M.D., a family physician at MetroHealth Medical Center, spoke about the increasing difficulty of finding antibiotics that work. She said doctors have been asked to act judiciously in prescribing antibiotics because their overuse has led to an increase antibiotic resistant infections. She urged efforts to get factory farms to limit the use of antibiotics to help preserve their usefulness in treating infections.

Carl J. Skalak, Jr., owner of Blue Pike Farm, said the use of antibiotics in animal feed was not necessary. He said the practice results from factory farms that house critters cheek to jowl instead of giving them the proper space.



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Tuesday, February 11, 2014; Grand Opening Ceremony for Express Laundry Center, 4401 Clark Avenue: Express Laundry Center's owner Joe Olivo joins with Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins, staff of the Stockyards, Clark-Fulton, Brooklyn Centre Community Development Program Office, and neighborhood residents in celebrating the opening of the business.

Express Laundry Center celebrates grand opening in Clark Fulton neighborhood

Residents of the Clark Fulton neighborhood, joined with staff of the Stockyards, Clark Fulton Brooklyn Centre Community Development office, Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins, and other guests to celebrate the grand opening of Express Laundry Center at 4401 Clark Avenue on Tuesday, February 11th. Express Laundry Center owner Joe Olivo served as host to a party that featured food and door prizes.

Kassandra Fuentes, age 2, sitting in her grandmother Jessica Davila's lap, helped to pick names of the door prize winners. Maritza Bosque, who won the grand prize, a TV, says she is very happy to see the laundry open. She lives close by and has

eight children and uses the new laundry frequently.

Olivo, who taught English, Math and Special Education at Max Hayes for 14 years, opened the Express Laundry Center after an extensive rehabilitation that involved taking out floors, as well as removing walls joining the Federal Bank Building and the building just west of it on Clark Avenue to form the new laundry center.

Mike Grimes of M & M Construction, a long-time friend of Olivo, says he did the work on the building except for the electrical and plumbing. He said he put a new roof on both buildings, took out the existing floor and walls, and lowered the ceilings.

He said it took 192 tons of gravel to fill the empty space under the new floor. The old vault from Federal Bank now serves as an office. Olivo plans two one floor apartments that will eventually be for rent above the Express Laundry Center.

The new laundry has a large number of washing machines on one side and a large number of dryers on the other side. The dryers include heavy-duty machines that can handle multiple loads. Maria Soucek, Economic Development Coordinator for the Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office said, "Mr. Olivo is making an investment in our community by providing an outstanding and much needed service to our residents. His renovation of this building serves as a benchmark for the revitalization of this neighborhood."

JAY WESTBROOK

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"There was a kind of trickle-down policy of government; if businesses wanted something, they got it (with the erroneous rationale that) the benefits would trickle down to the people," said Westbrook. Throughout the 1980's, Westbrook and his allies on Council challenged the trickle-down concept and challenged leadership, especially when it came to tax breaks for downtown business interests, according to the Councilman.

While Westbrook recognizes that some people may believe that nothing much has changed in the governance of the City and respects such dissenting viewpoints, he believes that there has been a fundamental and enduring change in the way the City of Cleveland governs, placing the best interests of its residents first.

"I feel like my career in politics has had three distinct phases to it," said Westbrook.

The first phase, roughly coinciding with the period of 1980 to 1989, was a period in which City Council began to initiate a climate of change that required "challenge and protest against the (existing) political structure," said Westbrook. During this period, other allies in the progressive movement such as Frank Jackson, Ray Pianka, Helen Smith, Gus Frangos, and Dan Brady were elected to City Council, according to Westbrook.

The second phase is the period of 1990 to 1999 when Westbrook served as the President of the Cleveland City Council, a period in which Westbrook sought to institutionalize democratization of government. "I tried to help instill a sense of openness, careful deliberation, and harmony with the interests and needs of the people," said Westbrook.

And, Westbrook believes that the residents of the City of Cleveland recognized the harmonious and effective working style of Council at that time. This is evidenced by the

fact that, for the first time in history, every member of Council was re-elected to office in 1993.

An interesting side note to the first two phases of Westbrook's council tenure is the fact that he joined with other Council members in a push to open Council caucus meetings to the general public. Consequently, he was closed out of all caucus meetings until 1985. In 1989, Westbrook became the first President of Cleveland City Council to be elected in a caucus that was open to the public.

Deposed in a "coup" as Council President in 1999, during the third phase of his Council tenure (2000 through 2013), Westbrook actively sought to "partner with Frank Jackson, Marty Sweeney, and others in the City administration to institutionalize change and to make it an established part of government."

Westbrook notes that, during his tenure, he has been gratified to see many councilpersons move into other positions of public service at the city, county, and local levels while remaining committed to populist principles. In particular, Westbrook notes the accomplishments of three-term Mayor Frank Jackson, who has honored his campaign slogan to "serve the least among us."

Mayor Jackson's commitment to practicing "purposeful politics rather than a politics of personality" is what persuaded the Mayor to run for a third term as mayor in order "to exert mayoral control over the Cleveland Municipal School District and build the alliances necessary to transforming the school system into a center of excellence in urban education," said Westbrook.

Westbrook gives credit to Mayor Jackson for spearheading the "Sustainability 2019" initiative. "The Mayor clearly recognizes that urban governments will succeed or fail based upon environmental principles of sustainability," he said.

And, during a time of declining population and declining financial resources, it is critical for the City of Cleveland to operate within a balanced budget while maintaining critical resources for residents. "We do not have the type of growth in the tax base to keep pace with the cost of inflation," said Westbrook. As Council Representative to Mayor Jackson's *Operation Efficiency Task Force*, Westbrook recognizes that the City has largely avoided the catastrophic conditions that have arisen in many other urban communities.

Primary among the accomplishments of City Council during Westbrook's tenure is the "development of very effective community development corporations (CDC's); even the most stable communities are not going to be saved solely by market forces," said Westbrook. While recognizing that attempts to "reshape and energize CDC's have had a mixed record, Council has come to a consensus that effective and responsive CDC's are critical to community development," said Westbrook. "We cannot expect city government to be as responsive as CDC's to the housing and other needs of its citizens," he said.

One of the most important initiatives championed by Westbrook is the *Cleveland Code Enforcement Partnership*. "Under this partnership between CDC's and City government, the priorities of neighborhoods are put first" and the partnership helps position neighborhoods to effectively harness the enforcement powers of the Department of Building and Housing and the Municipal Housing Court. In the midst of the foreclosure crisis, a multi-decade loss of population in the City, and faced with dereliction of duty on the part of absentee landlords, such a partnership is critical to neighborhood stabilization.

"The primary culprit is not the elderly lady with the missing porch spindle, but predators who seek only economic advantage for their selves," said Westbrook.

Effective government requires "reflective engagement, the ability to put goals, objectives, and principles into practice, and the ability to adjust your strategies and tools as you work towards your objectives," said Westbrook.

While he has retired from Council, Westbrook indicates that he hopes to continue to play an activist role as a private citizen, particularly in helping to stabilize the housing stock and reverse decades of outmigration from the City of Cleveland.

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KREINBERG FAMILY

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fondest memories of the business are the appreciation from customers who tell him, "Without you, my family couldn't afford to eat meat all month long."

Marty Kreinberg's family has a long history in the meatpacking and processing business in Cleveland. Marty represents the third generation in the business. His grandfather, Karl Kreinberg, and Great Uncle Joseph Kreinberg, arrived in Cleveland from Russia in 1907 and partnered with William Krasney to form a business cutting and processing beef in a stockyards area located where Progressive Field and Quicken Loans Arena are today. Kreinberg says the Central Market grew up around those stockyards to create a shopping district much like the West Side Market today.

In 1927, the stockyards in the Central Market area moved to W. 65th between Storer and Clark to join other meatpacking and processing businesses. Karl and Joseph Kreinberg and William

Krasney built their own slaughterhouse there, Kreinberg and Krasny Provisions at 3200 W. 65th Street. Marty's father Sidney Kreinberg and his uncle Gerald Kreinberg marked the second generation of the Kreinberg family to run the business with partner Harold Krasney. The partners ran the business until it closed in 1982. "The reason the Stockyards closed was the packaging of meat in plastic bags with a shelf life of 3-6 weeks. There was no longer a need for local processing," said Kreinberg.

Marty Kreinberg estimates that at its peak in 1976, Kreinberg and Krasny processed and packaged about 150 head of cattle a day. All their meat was shipped to the East Coast via truck or rail. Kreinberg says after World War II, all the meat was sent out in refrigerated trucks.

Kreinberg experienced first-hand work in the meat packing business at Kreinberg and Krasny working for his father and uncle one summer and one winter break in 1969 and 1972. He says all the meat was processed from the cattle, including the tongues and cheek meat. The fat and guts went to

the renders across the street. He also has memories as a child seeing his father on the television news on occasion chasing down and trying to corner a runaway steer with his car. Kreinberg says that on occasion a steer would escape when being unloaded from trucks into the cattle pens.

Kreinberg says the area from Storer Avenue to Clark Avenue on W. 65th Street was teaming with businesses – meat processors and packinghouses and renders. A larger, Gibbs and Company, which was located where McMahan's Wrecking is today, processed about 200 head of cattle a day. Another company, Keystone, specialized in processing lamb and veal. Swift and Company processed hogs. With the addition of the large breweries in the area, Kreinberg says at its peak the businesses on W. 65th in the area between Storer and Clark employed about 10,000 people.

Kreinberg and Krasny at its peak employed about 40 people --all were union employees. The original union to represent the workers was known as the Meat Cutters District 427 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. In 1979 it became the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Local 427. Marty Kreinberg says that Kreinberg and Krasny was the first of the meat packinghouses to hire African American employees. When hired, the employees were admitted to the union at union wages. By the late 1960s and early 1970s nearly all the workers at Kreinberg and Krasny were African American unionized workers, says Kreinberg.

their business location noted on Google Maps. For more information, contact Matthew Moss at moss@city.cleveland.oh.us or 216/664-3682. The event will be held on Monday, March 10 @ 4pm-7pm at Cleveland City Hall at 601 Lakeside Avenue in downtown Cleveland.

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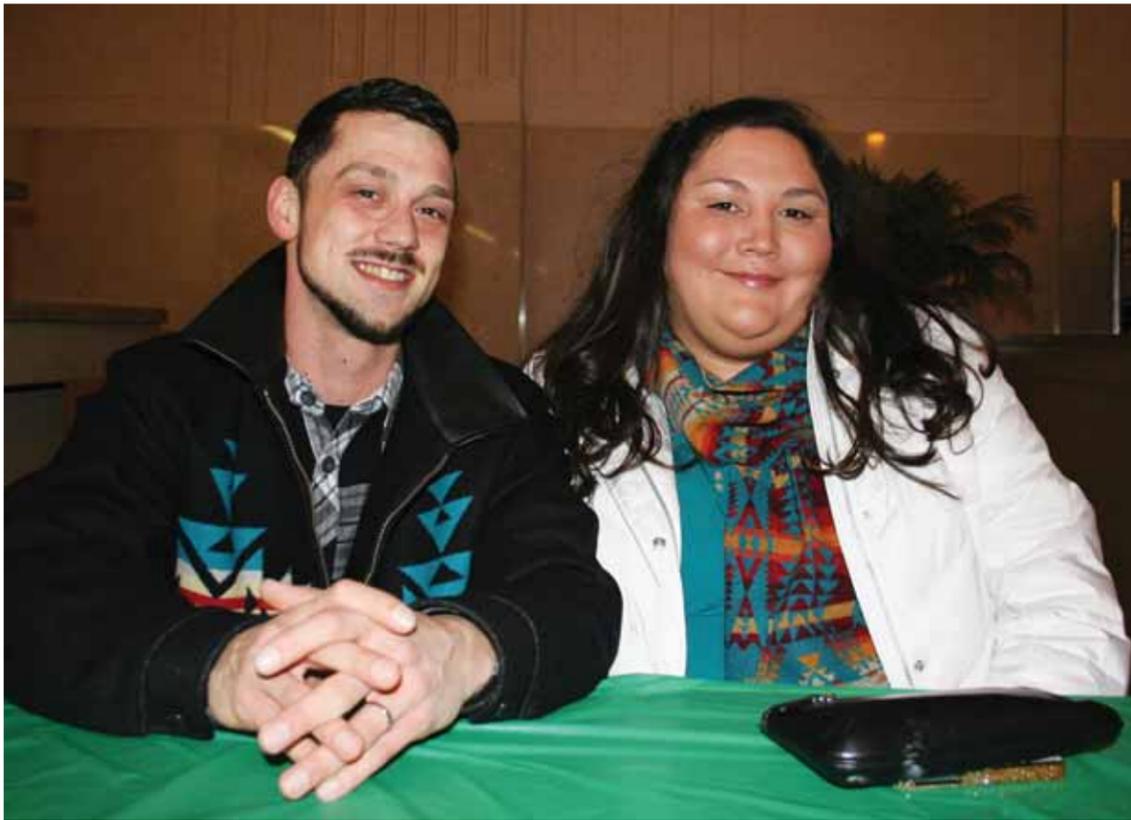


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Wednesday, February 5, 2014; Seeds of Literacy Graduation, US Bank Lobby, W. 25th and Clark Avenue: Timothy Vanier, age 31, and his wife Wakinyela Vanier, celebrate his graduation from Seeds of Literacy. Timothy Vanier, who attended school up to the seventh grade, says with the help of Seeds of Literacy he passed the General Educational Development (GED) test in just four months. Passing the test certifies that he has high school level academic skills. Wakinyela Vanier says the GED has already helped her husband to obtain a good job. Timothy says he is starting employment at Premium Metals on W. 58th and Breakwater, and a high school diploma or GED passage is a requirement for employment at the company.

2013 Seeds of Literacy graduates make history LARGEST CLASS EVER TO GRADUATE FROM PROGRAM

On February 5th Seeds of Literacy graduates, their families, volunteer tutors and staff of the program gathered for the graduation ceremony of the class of 2013 filling the US Bank building lobby at W. 25th and Clark on a cold and blistery winter night. "The class of 2013 was 102-strong, the largest graduating class for Seeds of Literacy," said Seeds of Literacy Development Officer Jo Steigerwald.

Seeds of Literacy, which began in 1997 with start up funds from the Congregation of St. Joseph, "offers free one-on-one tutoring in basic education and GED (General Education Development) test preparation to adults," says Steigerwald. Graduates of the program have passed the GED test and receive a high school diploma. "We had a large number of gradu-

ates because the GED test changed significantly starting January 1, 2014. It is now 100% computerized, based on the Common Core State Standards, and costs 300% more – it grew from \$40 to \$120. If people passed portions of the old test, their scores would be wiped out after December 31, 2013. Seeds of Literacy spent last year getting the word out about the changes to students and the community, and many people came to us to help get ready for the test – and passed," said Steigerwald.

In promoting the GED program, Seeds of Literacy emphasizes the difference getting a GED can make in people's lives, "Getting your GED can help you reach your dreams. The GED is the first step to a better job, college, training programs, having your own business, and helping your children in school."

The importance of programs like Seeds of Literacy to economic development, lifting families out of poverty, and

improving educational attainment of children are documented with statistics from sources the program cites, such as Assessing Literacy Needs in Cuyahoga County, National Assessment of Adult Literacy, US Census, and the National Institutes of Health:

- 69% of Cleveland residents, age 16 and older, are at Literacy Levels 1 and 2, which means they might have trouble reading a bus schedule, utility bill or medicine bottle.
 - People without a high school diploma earn an average of 42% less than those with a diploma.
 - People without a high school diploma are twice as likely to live in poverty than those with a high school diploma.
 - What determines a child's success in school? Their mother's reading skill.
- Editor's Note: For more information, see the listing for Seeds of Literacy under Adult Education in the Community Board in this issue.*



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Wednesday, January 29, 2014; Tend-R-Lean Steak Company, 7106 Lorain Avenue: Tend-R-Lean owner Martin "Marty" Kreinberg cuts meat alongside employee Perry Jackson (not shown).

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