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Saturday, October 8, 2016; Convención Hispana, Max Hayes High School, 2211 W. 65th Street: Keynote Speaker Rita Moreno answers questions at a press conference.

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Rita Moreno delights crowd at Convención Hispana

At the Convención Hispana 2016, hosted by the Hispanic Roundtable at Max Hayes High School on October 8th, Keynote Speaker Rita Moreno shared her life story in a lively interview. Responding to questions from Hispanic Roundtable Chairman José Feliciano, the Puerto Rican born, 84-year-old performer shared her life story with the crowd.

Moreno is one of an elite group of performers who have won the grand slam of the entertainment industry awards: The Oscar, The Emmy, The Tony and the Grammy. She won the Oscar for her role as Anita in the 1962 production of *West Side Story*. The Tony was awarded to Moreno for her 1975 comedic role as Googie Gomez in Broadway production of

The Ritz. Her Grammy was for a 1972 performance on The Electric Company Album, based on the long-running children's television series. She won two Emmys – one for a 1977 variety appearance on The Muppet Show and the following year for a dramatic turn on The Rockford Files.

While answering questions from Feliciano, the energetic Moreno repeatedly got up to sing or dance, or perform a comedy routine to illustrate the narrative of her life. She told of the difficulties she faced coming to New York City from Puerto Rico as a five-year-old. She said when she entered kindergarten she didn't speak a word of English. She said she soon learned, "the only way

to make your feelings known to the big people was through words, and those words had to be in English."

Moreno said in her early years in New York City, she encountered a lot of racial prejudice and gangs of kids – not Hispanic. She was called names such as "spic" or "garlic mouth" and said she "began to feel very inferior. I grew up feeling I didn't have value/worth."

Recalling those days, Moreno says she used to love to go to the fire escape with a radio and a blanket to escape the noises and bad feelings. She said she resolved that she wanted to be somebody important. She then got up and broke out in a song she said was popular on the radio at the time, called *Dream*: "Dream when you are feeling blue, Dream that's the thing to do ..."

Moreno described how she began taking Spanish dance classes and learned the Mexican Hat Dance which she repeatedly performed at her PS132 school assembly. At that point Moreno got up and demonstrated the dance. She also described how she prepared for an interview with Metro-Goldwyn Mayer Studio's Louis Mayer by getting her seamstress mother to help her to look like Elizabeth Taylor. Moreno said she ended up with a seven-year contract with Mayer saying, "She looks like Elizabeth Taylor."

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PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN
Saturday, October 8, 2016; ciCLEvia, W. 25th near Clark Avenue: A young skater takes advantage of the closure of W. 25th Street for the ciCLEvia event.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. WENDELIN PARISH
Photo taken in 2009; Protest outside Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue: St. Wendelin Parishioner Cecilia Andrews, at age 93 urges Bishop Richard Lennon to reopen her parish. Andrews is now celebrating her 100th birthday by helping to light the towers at the reopened parish.

Parishioner Cecilia Andrews celebrates 100th birthday with donation to light St. Wendelin Church's towers

On Saturday, October 15th, St. Wendelin Parish celebrated the 100th birthday of long time parishioner Cecilia Andrews with a party in the rectory after the evening mass. Across the parking lot from the celebration, the towers of the church were shining their bright lights. Andrews, who will be 100 years old on November 3rd, celebrated her birthday by making a donation to St. Wendelin parish for the purpose of lighting the church towers.

Cecilia's daughter, Elaine, along with St. Wendelin Pastor Fr. Robert Kropac, hired Dean Guernsey of Dynamic Sign in Tremont for the job of lighting the towers of the church at 2281 Columbus Road. Kidd says it was "important to light the towers carefully while respecting the 92-year-old holy structure of the 113-year-old parish."

St. Wendelin Parish Office and Communications Manager Susan

Kidd says "lighting the towers has been a goal of the parish staff and parishioners since the reopening of the parish in July, 2012."

Seven years ago, at age 93, Cecilia Andrews joined with other parishioners in protesting the closing of St. Wendelin's church holding a sign saying "Keep St. Wendelin Open" in front of St. John's Cathedral in downtown Cleveland, said Kidd. "She continued to pray fervently until the joyous news from the Vatican that St. Wendelin would reopen its doors," said Kidd.

At the October 15th celebration Cecilia Andrews was joined by many friends and parishioners including her three goddaughters. Mary Chura (Tremont resident), Phyllis Thoene and Angela. Andrews now lives in Kerrville, Texas with her daughter and son-in-law, but travels back to her home parish often, said Kidd.

Hawken School to establish a West Side presence

Hawken School, which has facilities in Gates Mills, Lyndhurst and University Circle on the East Side of Cleveland, recently announced plans to expand its presence on the West Side of Cleveland.

In an October 10th letter addressed to the Hawken Community, Hawken School Board of Trustees Chair Charles Cooley and Hawken

Head of School D. Scott Looney announced that the school has agreed to merge with Birchwood School which has a campus on W. 140th in Cleveland.

Birchwood School, at 4400 W. 140th Street in the Bellaire Puritas neighborhood, serves students from preschool through eighth grade. According to the letter the founders of

Birchwood School, Chuck and Helene Debelak, have ties to Hawken School. Three of their children are Hawken alumni.

The letter also states that Hawken is planning to purchase a building at 5400 Detroit Avenue to open as an Early Childhood Center. The building currently houses Saigon Plaza

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PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN
Wednesday, October 26, 2016; W. 54th and Detroit Avenue: Hawken School announced it has entered into an agreement to purchase the Berger Building at 5400 Detroit Avenue. Hawken plans to rehab the building to use it as an Early Childhood Center. For many years the building, owned by the Friendship Foundation of American Vietnamese, housed Saigon Plaza, where many events for the local Vietnamese community were hosted by the group.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HOVEN

Saturday, October 8, 2016; ciCLEvia, W. 25th near Clark Avenue: Young people dance to the music presented by The Party Rican DJ. West 25th Street from Clark to MetroHealth Drive was closed to motor vehicles so ciCLEvia could use the street for games, music, information booths, food demos, biking, skating and dancing.

ARTS AND CULTURE

BRUNO CASIANO GALLERY presents an art show called **B R U N O** open through the Closing Reception on December 16 at 5304 Detroit Ave. For more information, call 216-346-6562 or visit www.bruno-casiano.com. Look for the Red Bike! **“INCOGNEGRO” An Unsung Hero** is a “fearless” tale inspired by the real life story of Walter F. White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP (1931 – 1955), who made trips to investigate lynchings. Gripping and gritty, this production on Friday, November 25 and Saturday November 26 at the St. Ignatius High School Breen Performing Arts Center, 2008 W. 30, is suggested for mature audiences ages, 12 years and up. On behalf of the Cleveland Treatment Center, the upcoming productions of “Incognegro: An Unsung Hero” will have free admission. Seating is limited. To request tickets, please contact Sue Templar at (216) 861-4246 or Pierre C. Betts at pbetts@clevelandtreatmentcenter.org. All tickets are on a first come basis.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

GALLERY presents “400 Years of Literary Heritage: From Avon to Lepanto featuring Maria de Jesus Paz and Cossett Pineda Paz” through November 12 at the International Languages Department at the 4th Main Library of the Cleveland Public Library at 325 Superior Avenue in Downtown Cleveland. Visit www.cpl.org.

INTER/URBAN is a city-wide public art program launched by LAND Studio and its partners. The newly launched website -- www.interurban-cle.com -- has been created to tell the stories behind the artwork that RTA Red Line riders have enjoyed since its debut this summer. More to come in 2017.

MUSIC: LES DELICES PERFORMANCE-PRESENTATION: Families and individuals are welcome at this free performance-presentation introducing instruments such as the theorbo, baroque guitar, viola da gamba, baroque violin, baroque oboe, and recorder. This quartet of acclaimed local musicians loves to introduce their music to new audiences and talk about how (and why)

they do what they do! Saturday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m. at Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public at 1900 Fulton Rd.

OPERA CIRCLE CLEVELAND will present the opera, *Zanetto* by Pietro Mascagni, one time only, at Transformer Station. *Zanetto* is a one-act exploring love, hope, suspicion, disappointment and imperfection in one of Mascagni’s most compelling scores. Free and open to all. Friday, November 11, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Visit <http://operacirclecleveland.org/zanetto>. Transformer Station Members can reserve preferred seating for the production by calling 216-938-5429 or emailing info@transformerstation.org.

THE TRANSFORMER STATION is also showing an exhibit by Dan Graham that revolves around his interest and involvement with rock’n’roll, with which Cleveland has a long and notorious history. Featuring his well-known video “Rock My Religion.” Organized and presented by the Cleveland Museum of Art. Hours are Wednesday – Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm, and Thursday from 11 am to 8 pm. through December 4. For more information, visit TransformerStation.org, or 1460 West 29th St.



The Plain Press Community Board is a listing of a variety of free activities and resources for neighborhoods served by the Plain Press. It is sponsored by Organize! Ohio through donations from readers and supporters.

CLEVELAND SCHOOLS

ANONYMOUS ALERTS is a way for students and adults to make school officials aware of concerns such as bullying, student depression, drug and alcohol issues and family problems. Problems that occur in neighborhoods or homes will be referred to the appropriate agencies. Students, parents, staff and community members who download the Anonymous Alerts app can send reports, attach photos and videos and have encrypted one- or two-way communication with District security. They do not have to reveal their identities unless they choose to do so. While reports can help security head off problems, urgent calls should still go to 9-1-1. Students and others can download the app through the Apple, Google Play or Chrome stores. To use the app, they will enter clevelandmetro as both the login name and password. Reports also can be filed on the District website by going to the Anonymous Alerts website.

TO FIND OUT WHAT’S HAPPENING AT YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL, Parents, update your contact information at your child’s school office, complete with your (1) home address, (2) email address, (3) home phone number and (4) cell phone number so you receive District announcements and emergency alerts. Get instant notifications on your phone.

DISCRIMINATION

FAIR HOUSING INFORMATION for seniors, people with physical or mental health disabilities, landlords and real estate professionals is available from the Housing Research and Advocacy Center. The Center’s mission is to promote fair housing and diverse communities, and to work to eliminate housing

discrimination in Northeast Ohio by providing effective research, education, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.thehousingcenter.org or call 216/361-9240.

THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER advocates against hate against individuals and groups based on their ethnicity and beliefs. Visit <https://www.splcenter.org>

YOUTH SPEAK OUT/STOP THE HATE celebrates students committed to creating a more accepting, inclusive society. Scholarships, awards and anti-bias education grants, based on an essay contest for students Grades 6-2. Deadlines January 6 – 20, 2017. Awards ceremony April 25. Sponsored by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. For more information, visit maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate.

DRUG ADDICTION AND MURALS The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County issued a Request for Information (RFI) to qualified entities for the procurement of services for the development and management of a Public Art Mural Project. As deaths from opioid, heroin and fentanyl overdose continue to plague our community, and stigma remains a barrier to accessing treatment, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is seeking to ignite change through public art. Visit <http://adamhsc.org/en-US/request-proposals.aspx> or visit the <http://www.adamhsc.org> and click on the Public Notice/ Request for Information & Proposals tab. RFI Submission Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 14, 2016. All required documents must be submitted electronically by email to: RFI@adamhsc.org.

“FOOD STAMPS”

THE SNAP PROGRAM helps people obtain food at a lower cost. Household’s with one member must have a gross monthly income of

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Thanksgiving Dinner

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What fool taxes himself or herself?

by Roldo Bartimole
If the Cleveland Establishment forces—you know them—can't back a \$15 an hour wage, then they shouldn't tax the first \$15 an hour of pay. Or even, not tax the minimum Ohio wage of \$8.10. That would make the first \$16,848 ineligible for the city tax.

COMMENTARY

That would be called FAIRNESS. At \$15 an hour, a 40-hour week and a 52-week year would total \$31,200 in income. If you discounted the tax on the \$15 an hour, most Cleveland workers wouldn't pay a dime in income (payroll really) tax. Wealthy people, of course, have many sources of income that are NOT taxed by the city's so-called city income tax. Nor are there any

deductions. You pay the full cost. Then, with the exemptions, you'd have to tax the high rollers more or stop giving away public dollars to private interests. The more you give them, the more they'll find ways to take. It's never ending. In Cleveland, the push is on to raise the city's income tax 25 percent from 2 to 2.50 percent on every dollar you earn, starting with the very first buck. Don't be a sucker November 8th and vote to increase your own taxes. The politicians already do that to you enough. Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump tapped into this resentment; revealing people are more than upset. They're angry. They have the right to be.

Why do they even need these extra bucks? Reason: they've been giving away too damned much to sports teams, to developers and to other building owners. Cuyahoga County passed a sales tax increase to build a new convention center, a fake medical mart and now a sure money-losing, grande, 600 room hotel. The latest figures in September show \$49.2 million in receipts from the quarter percent sales tax effective January 2015. That comes out of your pocket. Same with the Arts & Culture cigarette tax, now showing a \$27.3 million take and new version of the sin tax with a \$14.5 million balance. That's after taking \$240 million in the

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Community groups demand a higher standard from Cleveland City Council – they urge rejection of Police Review Board Ballot Issue 33

Members from the Cleveland-based chapters of Black Lives Matter and Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) are criticizing what they call weak revisions to the Police Review Board: a set of minor changes to appear before voters on this Election Day. The groups say Issue 33 is "a watered-down version of what is needed" and it represents an opportunity for Clevelanders to "tune in and demand real reform." The Community Police Commission Working Group of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice urged Cleveland voters "to demand a higher standard," from Cleveland City Council and reject the issue placed on the November 8th ballot.

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The Working Group said effective civilian police review boards around the country have three characteristics. They "are free, funded and forceful." The working group offered further explanation. "Free – because they do not report to the police chain of command. Funded – both the Office of Professional Standards and the Civilian Police Review Board at a significant percentage of the police budget overall. Forceful – with having citizen input in the selection process, and having powers within their oversight to actually effect discipline in accordance with policy." Changes to Cleveland's Police Review Board are mandated by a consent decree, or settlement agreement, between the City of Cleveland and the federal Department of Justice (DOJ) after a DOJ investigation found that the Cleveland Department of Police was rampant with misconduct, excessive use of force, and unresolved complaints. However, the settlement does not dictate which changes must be made to the Review Board; that was left up to Cleveland City Council.

"We are where we are right now because the Cleveland police were engaging in 'a pattern and practice of excessive use of force.' This isn't, and never has been, a 'few bad apples' misbehaving," said Kareem Henton of Black Lives Matter. "That is why we need a board of citizens not influenced by, affiliated with, or selected by city government or law enforcement, who represent the most affected communities and who review complaints against the police. The review board will be nothing but a symbol if it doesn't have the ability to investigate and discipline officers. That's what this weak and watered-down amendment leaves room for." The changes to the police review board would be implemented via an amendment to Cleveland's city charter, which will be voted on November 8th. Cleveland residents, advocacy organizations, and the Cleveland Community Police Commission recommended many provisions that ultimately were not incorporated into the amendment by City Council, such as diversity requirements. "The passage of Issue 33 would not change our weak public oversight system in any substantial way," said Malcolm Himschoot of SURJ. "We in Cleveland need real reform instead." Additional organizations represent grassroots opposition to the proposed city charter amendment include: Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Defending Discent Foundation, Black Man's Army, Black on Black Crime, Cleveland Nonviolence Network, Cleveland Peace Action, Code Pink Cleveland, Colour Abundant World Prophetic Witness Team – Western Ohio and Western Reserve Associations, United Church of Christ Criminal Justice Prophetic Witness Team – Eastern Ohio & Western Reserve



PHOTO COURTESY OF STATE REP. NICKIE ANTONIO'S OFFICE
October, 2016; Columbus, Ohio: State Representative Nickie Antonio (District 13) receives the Buckeye Art Therapy Association Legislator of the Year Award. (L-R): Buckeye Art Therapy Association First Vice President Ashley Rogols, State Representative Nickie Antonio, and award artist Diane Fleisch Hughes.
State Representative Nickie Antonio receives awards
State Representative Nickie Antonio (District 13) received several honors this month. Antonio received the Center for Community Solutions Award for Public Service in Honor of John A. Begala for her efforts to address Ohio's opioid addiction crisis and her work on the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee to improve the rate of spending and quality of Medicaid care. The award recognized her work on

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Concerns about West Side Market parking fees raised at community discussion

by Chuck Hoven

Residents and stakeholders in the area around the West Side Market attended a meeting at Franklin Circle Church on October 18th to discuss proposed parking rates for the West Side Market and Hicks parking lots.

Mayor Frank Jackson’s Chief of Staff Ken Silliman presented the City of Cleveland’s initial proposed parking rates for the parking lots and talked about a timeline for implementation.

Silliman said he expected the final stage of the \$3.2 million parking lot

refurbishing to be completed by November 20th. He said the completed parking area will have “100 plus more parking spaces than it used to have.”

Silliman said the city will not be moving immediately to paid parking, but is reviewing requests for proposals from parking equipment companies and most likely will begin paid parking at the West Side Market and Hicks lot early in the New Year. He said instead of having a parking lot company front the money for the lot improvements and get their return from revenues from the lot, the city

opted to float a \$3.2 million bond and purchase the parking lot control equipment itself. This he said would help keep parking rates lower.

“Our principle objective is not revenue generation, but rather to encourage turnover so that more spaces turn over more rapidly,” said Silliman. He said the increased turnover should help West Side Market merchants’ customers to find parking spaces.

Silliman then presented the parking rate structure proposed for the West Side Market and Hicks lots – one rate structure for daytime

parkers and one for evening parkers. The daytime rate would be in effect from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. During that time period the first 60 minutes would be free, with a charge of \$1 per hour after the first hour. The maximum charge would be \$10.00. The evening parking rate would be in effect after 6 p.m. The cost proposed would be \$1 for the first hour and \$2 for each hour after that. There would be a maximum charge of \$10.00 per evening. Silliman said there would also be a limited number of monthly parking spaces available – probably about 50 spaces.

Silliman initially said revenues from the parking lots would be dedicated to improvements at the West Side Market. He corrected himself when asked if some new agreement had been reached with the holders of bonds that financed downtown parking garages. At a previous meeting, Silliman had said revenues from the West Side Market lot would be dedicated to paying off the bonds and only revenue from the Hicks lot would go to West Side Market improvements. Silliman said this was still the case. However, he did not know how much was still owned on the downtown parking garages or when the bonds would mature.

A number of West 25th Street merchants complained about the cost of parking. One merchant said his business, with 50 employees moved to Market Square from downtown to take advantage of free parking at the West Side Market parking lot. He said his company didn’t have employees that can afford to pay \$50 per week for parking. He called for more low cost monthly spaces for W. 25th Street merchants.

Silliman responded that the more dedicated spaces offered, the less spaces will be available for what we are trying to do in the first place. Silliman realized that the demand for the 50 reserved spaces at \$50 per month would be more than the number of spaces offered. He said it is something we would have to work through.

West Side Market Tenants Association President Vince Bertonaschi asked what it would cost for stand owners at the West Side Market to park. He worried about how increased parking fees would affect the viability of merchants.

Silliman said the 50 monthly spots were a matter of balance – nobody gets exactly what they want. The idea is to “balance monthly parkers vs. spaces right next to the market for people to come in and go out.” He noted that right now “all kinds of people are simply poaching there because we don’t charge them.”

Bertonaschi asked about permanently closing Gehring, (now closed on Saturdays and Sundays), to provide parking for West Side Market merchants. Silliman said that would be a question for Traffic Engineering.

A Riverview resident complained about people that were not residents or visitors at Riverview taking parking spaces at Riverview Towers parking lot. Silliman said he hoped that would be less of a problem once there are increased parking spaces available in the new Market Parking lot. He also suggested some kind of permit parking system enforced by Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority security.

When asked about activating existing parking meters in the area to charge for parking on Saturday and Sundays, Silliman said “City Council would have to change a codified ordinance to make that happen.” Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack said the proposal was on the table. He said City Council would wait until the parking lot opens and weigh what they want to do.

Sam McNulty, owner of Market Garden, presented a petition from W. 25th Street merchants calling for the evening parking rate to be the same as the daytime parking rate. Silliman said in response to the petition, that is “not where we are right now. It does become a revenue issue. The costs are more in the evening than in the daytime.”

A neighborhood resident said she is a fourth generation West Side Market shopper and does 80% of her food shopping at the West Side Market. She talked about the difficulty of competing with employees

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH
October, 2016, Norfolk, Virginia: Anthony Henry, a 2004 graduate of John Marshall High School, was recently promoted to the rank of Navy Chief Petty Officer.

John Marshall Alumni becomes one of the Navy’s Newest Chief Petty Officers

by Navy Office of Community Outreach

(NORFOLK, Va.) – Navy Chief Petty Officer Anthony Henry from Cleveland, Ohio, was recently promoted to chief petty officer.

Chief Henry, a 2004 John Marshall High School graduate, has served in the Navy for 12 years and is currently serving at Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic (CNAL) in Norfolk, Virginia.

“This advancement means so much to me,” said Henry. “Being raised in Cleveland, I feel I was born to lose but built to win. I could not have done this without strong family support. I love my family to the death of me.”

More than 3000 sailors at various commands around the world were promoted during the 2016 Chief Pinning Ceremony. This ceremony is a long time Navy tradition dating back to 1893 when the chief petty officer pay grade was first created.

“Making chief petty officer is the pinnacle of an enlisted sailor’s career,” said Command Master Chief Andre Stuckey. “Chief petty officers are and will continue to be the backbone of our Navy. We are extremely proud of our newest chief petty officers.”

To be selected for this promotion, Sailors must be a petty officer 1st class, and go through two qualifying factors; a job based exam, and a review board. A petty officer 1st class can only go through the review board after they score high enough on the exam. Each job has different requirements for their chief petty officers.

Before the new chief can wear their new rank and anchors on their uniform collars, they must complete a six-week long training filled with testing, mentoring, and challenges to make them the best chiefs they can be.

“The most challenging part is to not take things personal,” said Henry. “If you take things personal, it will be a tough 6 weeks. Trust the process and be yourself, you will see the rewards of the training. Believe me!”

During the ceremony, the honored

sailors invite friends and family members to pin on the two gold anchors to the newly appointed chief’s uniform, while the sailor’s sponsor places the combination cover on their heads.

“This is for my family and my close friends that I also consider family,” said Henry. “Always try to do the right thing as much as possible. Continue to take care of those under you, don’t coddle them but provide them the tools to succeed. Never forget where you came from. Be quiet, humble, and strong. Last but not least, keep God first at all times!”

NICKIE ANTONIO

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the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee to improve quality of care and health outcomes for individuals enrolled in the state’s Medicaid program. She also played a key role in gaining legislative approval of language expanding access to syringe exchange programs that will help reduce the spread of disease and encourage more addicts to get needed treatment.

Antonio was also honored for her support of art therapy in Ohio by the Buckeye Art Therapy Association which gave her a handmade award while naming her Legislator of the Year.

HAWKEN SCHOOL

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and is owned by the Friendship Foundation of American Vietnamese. The building is in the Gordon Square area of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.

“We are excited about moving forward with these plans for many reasons. Opening an early childhood center in this region will fill a demand for more quality schools in Cleveland; it will create more opportunities for students to join the Hawken community as they enter into our Birchwood and Lyndhurst Lower Schools; and it will strengthen our position as ‘Cleveland’s Independent School,’” said Cooley and Looney.

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Dollar General proposed for site at Fulton & Walton

About 20 residents gathered at the new Caribe Bake Shop at 2906 Fulton on October 25th to discuss a proposal by Dollar General to build a new store on the Southwest Corner of Fulton and Walton.

Richard Roberto, a representative of CG Buchalter of Birmingham, Alabama, a company that builds stores to lease to Dollar General, said the proposed Dollar General Store would be 7,500 square feet and employ 8- 10 people with full benefits and paid vacation. He said purchase of the property and building the store would be a \$1.3 million investment in the community. He said Dollar General sells general household items and groceries. He said groceries generally represented 38% of sales.

Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins and staff of the Metro West Community Development Office noted that some of the parcels required for the project are currently zoned as two-family and would have to be

rezoned as general retail to allow the project to go forward. Cummins and the staff of Metro West asked for community input on this zoning change.

A number of residents pointed out that there were already a number of stores in the community offering a similar range of products for sale. They noted the Family Dollar currently at 2704 Clark Avenue and the new one going up at W. 65th and Clark. They noted that Walgreens, Rite Aid, and Tony's Market on Clark Avenue also sold similar items as the proposed Dollar General. Several residents mentioned that another Family Dollar was scheduled to open in the former Aldi's on W. 25th in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood.

Roberto responded that the demand in the neighborhood for this type of store was very high saying that the Family Dollar on Clark Avenue had very high sales.

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October 26, 2016; 2906 Fulton Road: The new Caribe Bake Shop, owned by Sandra and Luis Burgos, has finally opened. Caribe features Puerto Rican bakery and menu with a variety of Caribbean food. The new more spacious building is set back from the street and in addition to the bakery and restaurant area also has a room to allow for catered events. The old shop, that fronted on Fulton, has been removed.

At Domestic Violence Forum, children learn how to act when witnessing abuse

Most of those in the audience for a Domestic Violence Forum at the Lorain Branch Library on October 26th were children -- after school regulars at the library persuaded by the librarian to attend with offers of food- houmos, wraps, fruit and vegetables. With the third game of the World Series due to begin in an hour, the expected adult turnout did not materialize.

The dozen children in attendance were very attentive to the words of a speaker from the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center as she asked them if they knew what abuse was. The speaker dialogued with the children about physical, emotional and financial abuse.

Discussion included what to do if a child witnessed "Mommy or Daddy hitting on each other." They talked about financial abuse where one person always controlled the money.

The Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center representative talked about the wrongness of name calling and bullying, saying in response to the insights of the children "sometimes when people get bullied, they end up killing themselves. That's not ok."

She also told children "it is not ok for anybody to put their hands on

you." In response to a discussion with children, she urged them to tell the principal if a teacher inappropriately touches them. "If the principal doesn't believe you," she said, "tell your parents."

The Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy staff member armed the children with the number of the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center to call or text if they witness abuse. She urged them to call 216-391-4357 or text 22522 when witnessing abuse, or if they wanted to talk to someone about abuse. She said someone is available to answer the calls or text 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. She urged the children to place the numbers in their cell phones.

WEST SIDE MARKET PARKING LOT

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and customers of local businesses for parking at the West Side Market parking lot. She said, "By the time I get out of my car, I'm ready to pull my hair out." She suggested that employees of local businesses take the bus or pay for parking. She said the City of Cleveland shouldn't be subsidizing these local businesses. She said the area businesses are packed with customers that don't live in the city. She felt that people going out for expensive dinners could afford to pay \$2 per hour for parking. "You make money -- you should not make me pay for your customers' parking," she said to the W. 25th Street Merchants offering the proposal for reduced evening rates.

The resident then suggested that West Side Market customers be

allowed to get their ticket stamped when making a purchase at the Market and park for free. She also said of the West Side Market merchants, "Vendors should not have to pay to park."

A W. 25th Street merchant agreed that his customers could afford to pay for parking. He said he was worried about employees being able to afford parking. He said merchants and employees pay taxes in Cleveland and are also shoppers at the West Side Market.

Market Garden's owner Sam McNulty was also concerned about employee parking. He said he had 200 employees. One third work during the day and two thirds in the evening.

Silliman suggested that W. 25th Street merchants get together to discuss how to make a fair arrangement where nobody gets everything. He warned "We didn't build the Market lot to take 250 spaces and reserve them for employee parking."

There was some discussion about renting the fifty monthly spaces more than once -- in segmented time frames -- so spaces wouldn't be sitting empty.

It was also suggested that the parking equipment purchased by the City of Cleveland be easy to use with a phone, credit card or cash. Silliman replied that "simplicity is absolutely where we are at. We are not going to invest in a dysfunctional system," he promised.

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Saturday, October 8, 2016; Convención Hispana, Max Hayes High School, 2211 W. 65th Street: Denison United Church of Christ Pastor, Reverend Nozomi Ikuta holds up a cutout figure of Oscar López Rivera. Rev. Ikuta is circulating a petition to ask President Barack Obama to free Oscar López Rivera. Imprisoned for over 35 years on a charge of “seditious conspiracy,” López Rivera, a Puerto Rican nationalist, is considered the Nelson Mandela of Puerto Rico, said Rev. Ikuta.

WHAT FOOL?

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first 15 years and some \$135 million in the next 10. Cuyahoga taxpayers will be paying the latest tax for 20 years.

Further, building after building has been getting abatement and TIF (where taxes are diverted from public use, mostly the county, city and city libraries).

The news media, PD and TV and its I-teams never go after the biggest crooks doing legal robberies.

Now, Mayor Frank Jackson, Cleveland City Council members (all but three), the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), and the *Plain Dealer* (PD) urge you in Cleveland to tax yourself.

I love the way the PD rationalizes the increase it supports: “The proposal would raise Cleveland’s income tax to 2.5 percent from 2 percent, where it has languished since 1981.”

“Languished.” No, actually as worker incomes have jumped, so has the city taxes take. It hasn’t “languished,” it has kept up taking

the same percentage from higher incomes.

In its news columns, the PD also takes the corporate side (big surprise).

“Wealthy people, as GCP members, don’t feel impact of a half-percent tax increase but people living on the edge feel it heavily.”

--Roldo Bartimole

In announcing the GCP endorsement, the article says: “The endorsement is significant because GCP’s 73-member board of directors is a who’s-who of Northeast Ohio’s wealthiest business executives, many of whom work in Cleveland and stand to lose thousands of dollars of their own income if voters approve the tax increase in November.”

ODOT tackles pedestrian & vehicle safety issues near Shoreway ramps on W. 25th and W. 28th streets

At an October 6th meeting at Lakeview Towers, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), officials and contractors involved with the Lakefront West Project offered an update on construction work related to the turning of the West Shoreway into a Boulevard. The focus of the meeting was on concerns expressed by residents at a previous meeting: West 28th Street eastbound entrance to the Shoreway; traffic signals at W. 25th/Main Street and Washington Avenue; the pavement width on W. 25th Street; Pedestrian infrastructure; and a blind spot at W. 25th and Washington Avenue.

ODOT officials indicated that while the W. 28th Eastbound entrance to the Shoreway would remain open, the railing to the bridge that now interferes with sightlines will be cut down to 3 feet in height. The 35 mile per hour speed limit would be extended eastward through the entrance ramp.

Plans were also revealed for a new traffic signal at the intersection of W. 25th, Main Street and Washing-

ton. In addition, four clearly marked crosswalks would be added.

ODOT outlined several locations on W. 25th where they propose to widen the street to allow a larger radius for trucks to make turns. One location is between Superior Viaduct and Detroit Avenue where they would like to widen the street from 63 feet to 74 feet. The other is in front of St. Malachi Church between the State Route 2 ramp and Washington Avenue where they propose widening the street from 37 feet to 42 feet across.

A cyclist objected to the widening of the lanes, saying it encourages cars to go faster. Ohio City Incorporated Executive Director Tom McNair agreed with the cyclist saying expanding the lanes to 14 foot widths would encourage cars to go faster making the area less safe for pedestrians. He said it would be safer for pedestrians if the lanes were instead shrunk to 11 foot in width.

ODOT officials talked about a number of features to be added to

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If they lose thousands, that means they’re making tens, if not hundreds of thousands. Like giving up movie tickets occasionally. However, the reporter doesn’t go out and talk to the many people living hand-to-mouth on low incomes and finding what the tax means to their budgets. How pennies hurt.

Wealthy people, as GCP members, don’t feel impact of a half-percent tax increase but people living on the edge feel it heavily.

Further doing the selling of the business moguls, the article goes on with this propaganda: “In an interview Friday, GCP President and CEO Joe Roman said the board spent months analyzing the proposal before voting to endorse it. And board members, he said, feel strongly that investing the tax proceeds into Cleveland neighborhoods and improved services would create a healthier city overall, fertile ground for further investments and business opportunities.”

It would be hard to believe that these business sharpies spent months analyzing anything involving

regressive taxing of ordinary workers. Doesn’t pass the s*it-smell test. The PD and others always sell the tax in a most unfair manner, telling Cleveland voters they aren’t paying, suburbanites are paying.

This time they’ve upped the figure to 87 percent paid by suburbanites. They never document it and they always raise the percentage.

It’s as if suburban workers are not people and don’t have bills to pay. Further, the income (payroll) taxes are high in the suburbs, meaning double taxation on workers.

The Cleveland League of Women Voters didn’t endorse the levy increase. That’s because, I’m told, there isn’t any Cleveland League of Women Voters.

That’s too bad. Cleveland 2016 seems a city with little leadership, almost no strong activist entities.

And it seems that the news media, what’s left of it, fails to encourage dissent or opinions against the powers that be. Except, I guess in its Cleveland.com opinions following most articles. They are filled with racism, hate and thoughtless opinions, allowed because they are essentially unidentified. Unlike printed letters to the editor, which require a real name and location, the commenters are allowed to make up names.

Tell Mayor Jackson and the wealthy GCP members to go elsewhere or do something novel—tax themselves.

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LIBRARY: LORAIN BRANCH KIDS CAFÉ will provide healthy, nutritious bagged meals for kids sponsored by a partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank. Monday-Friday 3 pm – 5:30 pm.

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VOTING

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October 26, 2016, W. 65th and Clark Avenue: A new Family Dollar is being constructed in the Stockyard neighborhood.

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tor Juan Molina Crespo wondered if there was a need for the store. He noted that with the increased housing costs in the nearby Tremont, Ohio City and Detroit Shoreway neighborhoods, people were looking to the Clark Fulton neighborhood for affordable housing. He wondered if the parcels would be put to better use as a site for affordable housing. Several people expressed concern that if the store was abandoned after the 15-year lease expired that the community would be left with an ugly big box store. Councilman

ODOT RAMPS

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the area that would benefit pedestrians: lighting, decorative crosswalks, signal timers, ADA-compliant curb ramps, wayfinding signs and flashing beacons.

In an effort to enhance pedestrian safety at W. 25th and Washington, pedestrians would be directed to the other side of the street to avoid a blind spot next to the mural wall. ODOT said it would do treatments to make sure people are not walking there.

A new park is proposed at W. 28th and Washington. A multiuse path to Edgewater park will go north from the park. ODOT officials said they expect the multiuse path to be completed for the most part sometime in 2017 with some wayfinding signs and landscaping added in 2018.

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RITA MORENO

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Moreno said the roles available were really insulting, usually for a dark skinned woman that didn't speak English, usually ignorant, couldn't read or write and almost always the mistress of a white man.

Moreno said later signed a contract with 20th Century Fox when she was in her early 20s. She told the story of how she auditions for the role of Anita in West Side Story with the help of a friend who had played the role on Broadway – practicing the song and dance numbers ahead of time and hoping the same routines would be in the audition. She went on to win an Oscar for the performance as Anita and said she was at a loss for words when picking up the award. She recalled, “I never expected to win against Judy Garland.”

In addition to being a performer, Moreno has lent her voice to a number of causes. She described the influence of Martin Luther King Jr. on her life. She said during the 1963 March on Washington, Harry Belafonte invited a number of actors to attend. She said she sat in the Lincoln Monument, not 20 feet from Martin Luther King. She described the moment when King was speaking and Mahalia Jackson said to him, “Tell them about the dream, Martin.” Moreno said at that point, King put aside his speech and began to tell the world “I had a dream.”

Moreno said that maybe next to the birth of her daughter, that speech “was the most holy occasion in my whole life.”

Moreno talked about the paucity of good roles for many years for Latina's in Hollywood. She said roles as Latin sex bombs in westerns made her feel worse about herself. She said the doors were closed for a very long time in Hollywood, but opened significantly for a while for Black, Latino and even Asian actors. She said the reason Hispanic/Latino actors are not nominated for more awards is they don't get the roles. The solution she said is more Hispanic and Black directors and writers.



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Saturday, October 8, 2016; ciCLEvia, W. 25th between Clark Avenue & MetroHealth Drive closed to motor vehicle traffic: Children roll around in large bubbles on a vacant lot on W. 25th Street.

Moreno said she is excited about a production she just completed, a Latino remake of Norman Lear's *One Day at a Time*, which features a Cuban family and will appear on Netflix beginning in January of 2017.

When asked by Feliciano, how to raise substantive issues concerning the Hispanic Community without having someone saying you are whining, Moreno responded, “Don't be afraid if someone says you are whining. Continue to make your voice heard. Be proud to be a Latino. We have brought so much of our culture, as has the black community,

that's what makes this country so great. Agitate. Agitate Agitate.”

Moreno also had a message for young people. She said, “to have some success in your life – it's about education, education, and education.”

Speaking to those who want to go into acting Moreno said, “There is no guarantee you will have a success as a working actor. You need to learn skills that will pay for rent and acting lessons.”

At a press conference prior to the interview by Feliciano, Moreno spoke out about the importance of getting out the vote this year. She cited the importance

of the election in determining the future of the Supreme Court and addressing the immigration problem. She called immigration an “enormously important issue. She spoke of the impact on the Hispanic Community of the issue being brought to the forefront by rhetoric in this election, saying, “I have never seen such emotion and such rage in the Hispanic Community.”

Moreno praised Hillary Clinton for “fighting for people of other cultures for years.” When asked about the transgressions of the Clintons when compared to those of their opponent Donald Trump,

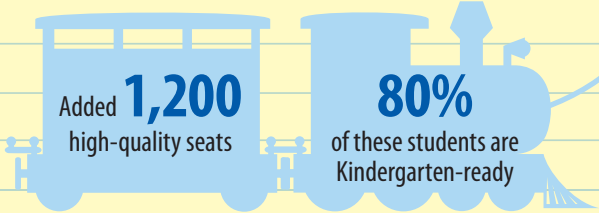
Moreno said there was no comparison. She said of Trump, “The man is saying women have no value.” She called Trump “unhinged, mentally incapacitated.”

When asked to address how Clevelanders should go about addressing the serious issues of poverty and income inequality and their impact on the ability of children to be successful in school and in life, Moreno said, “Make your unhappiness known. Hit them in their pocketbook. Too many wealthy people have too many advantages. It is time they pay their taxes.”

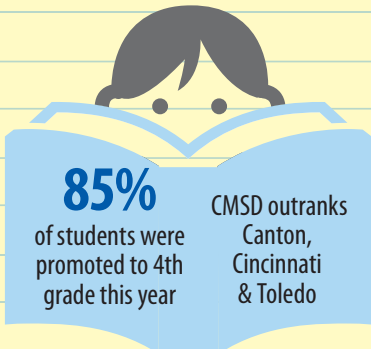
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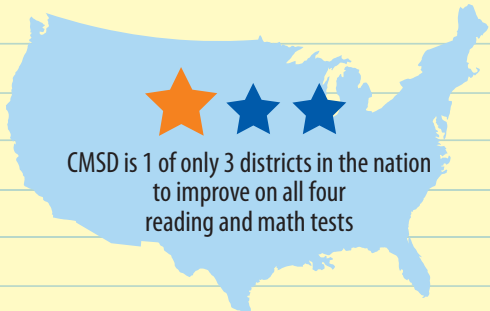
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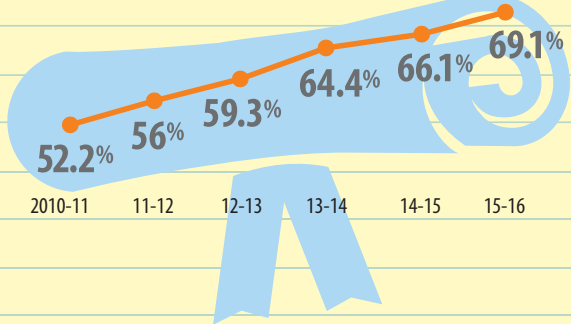
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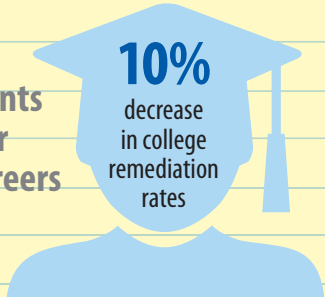
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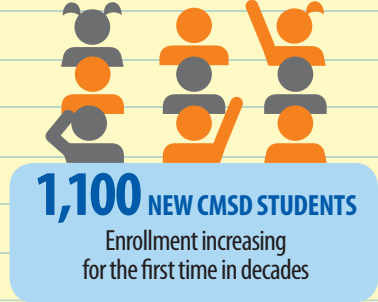
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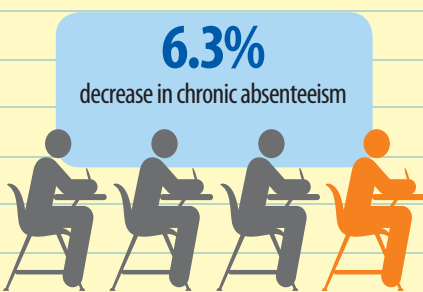
State Report Card Improvements



Increased Enrollment



Increased Student Attendance



Growing Public Trust

