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'A cartoon Nostradamus'

Ex-KSU editorial cartoonist Patrick O'Connor celebrates art on campus

Patrick O'Connor, a former cartoonist at the Daily Kent Stater and Kent State graduate who also interned at the Record-Courier, delivers a presentation on the art and impact of editorial cartoons on April 8 in Kent State University's Franklin Hall. PHOTOS BY ANDREW DOLPH/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

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KENT - Before most of today's Kent State University students were born, Patrick O'Connor's editorial cartoons were being published in the Daily Kent Stater and The Record-Courier, offering humorous and sometimes biting takes on the issues.

On April 9, he returned to his alma mater to celebrate the student newspaper's centennial, speaking about the impact of cartoons and art on culture.

O'Connor, who was an editorial cartoonist locally from 1995 to 2000, also donated more than 300 of his cartoons, which are on display in the hallway of Franklin Hall and the student media office.

The talk also was live streamed on

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O'Connor's editorial cartoons were on display during a presentation on the art and impact.

Lawyer disputes ICE claims of man shot

Location of Mendoza Hernandez undisclosed

Noe Padilla
USA TODAY

The family and the lawyer of Carlos Ivan Mendoza Hernandez, the 36-year-old man shot by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers in Northern California, believe he was wrongfully targeted by the federal government based on "bad information."

Mendoza Hernandez, an undocumented immigrant, was stopped by federal immigration officers "for questioning in connection to a murder" at about 6:30 a.m. April 7 in Patterson, California, about 17 miles southwest of Modesto, according to information released by multiple law enforcement agencies.

Todd Lyons, acting ICE officer, said in an April 7 statement that as officers approached the vehicle, Mendoza Hernandez allegedly "weaponized his vehicle in an attempt to run an officer over."

"Following their training, our officers fired defensive shots to protect themselves, their fellow agents, and the public," Lyons said.

Patrick Kolasinski, the family's lawyer, disputed the idea that Mendoza Hernandez was trying to hurt the officers. As officers approached the vehicle, Kolasinski claimed that Mendoza Hernandez attempted to flee the area, driving toward the officers, resulting in two of them drawing their firearms and shooting at Mendoza Hernandez.

During a press conference April 8, Kolasinski said he thinks ICE may have mistakenly targeted Mendoza Hernandez.

Kolasinski noted Mendoza Hernandez was arrested in El Salvador in connection with a murder case, based on

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E-Check's end may be near as air quality deemed better

Akron Beacon Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Noting improved air quality in Northeast Ohio, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced April 8 it is proposing to redesignate a seven-county region to "attainment" for cutting ozone emissions.

If the designation is changed, E-Check could be eliminated, said Republican U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce, whose 14th District includes part of Portage County. The E-Check vehicle emissions tests are

burdensome, he said, placing "an unfair and disproportionate weight on the hardworking people of Northeast Ohio."

Three years of air monitoring of ground-level ozone or pollutants shows Northeast Ohio meets the national air quality standards, EPA Regional Administrator Anne Vogel said in a news release April 8.

Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit counties are in the affected area.

At an announcement, Vogel was joined by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, Joyce

and other Republican legislators and state and county officials. A 30-day public comment period will follow.

"This is a big win for public health, our environment, and for Ohio's future," DeWine said.

Also on April 8, state Rep. Bill Roemer, R-Richfield, announced in a news release that he is introducing legislation that would require the Ohio EPA to request the elimination of E-Check if the U.S. EPA determines the region has moved into attainment status.

"For too long, Northeast Ohio has

been unfairly penalized by the E-Check program," Roemer said. "We've seen significant air quality improvement over the past 30 years. It's time to end E-Check, and my legislation will do exactly that if the U.S. EPA determines we've reached air quality attainment."

The proposed "attainment" designation reflects strong coordination among local, state, and federal partners, as well as regional air quality agencies and the private sector, Grace

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