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## Community News Briefs

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### CUYAHOGA COUNTY

#### Signatures sought for slots

A group that wants to bring slots parlors to Ohio's race tracks and casinos to Cuyahoga County has kicked off a signature-gathering effort. The Ohio attorney general's office approved the summary of a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the slots parlors at seven tracks and two sites in downtown Cleveland. In 2010, Cuyahoga County voters could decide to allow table games at the slots parlors. The gambling would generate \$1 billion for college tuitions and economic development, the group says. Learn and Earn needs to collect 322,899 valid signatures by Aug. 8 to get the amendment on the November ballot.

### CLEVELAND

#### Lawyer advice and referrals

The Volunteers Lawyers Program of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host two advice and referral clinics Saturday. The first is from 10 a.m. to noon at the Friendship Foundation's Saigon Plaza, 5400 Detroit Ave., then from 1 to 3 p.m. at El Barrio, 2001 West 65th St. The volunteer lawyers will offer advice ranging from civil legal issues to contracts and bankruptcy. Attendees should bring all relevant paperwork. The clinics are co-sponsored by the Cleveland Bar Association and City Year Cleveland.

#### Water works tours

Guided public tours will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Baldwin Water Works, 11216 Stokes Blvd., Cleveland, and the Crown Water Works, 955 Clague Road, Westlake. Adults must show identification. To register, call 216-664-2444, Ext. 5676. The tours are in celebration of National Drinking Water Week.

### MEDINA

#### Superintendent chosen

The Medina school board has picked Medina High School Principal Randy Stepp to become the district's new superintendent, effective Aug. 1. That is when Jeffrey Weaver leaves to become the new head of the Upper Arlington school system near Columbus. Stepp was one of four district employees to apply for the job. School spokeswoman Jeanne Hurt said board members plan to vote on Stepp's appointment May 22.

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