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Joseph Dorsey is the son of Joseph Sr. and Pamela. He is the grandson of Mollieta Dorsey. With a hearty appetite, Joseph likes chicken. He is five years old and attends nursery school.

Dorsey

Fund for Tamir Rice established by family

The Rice family today announced the establishment of the Tamir Rice Legacy Fund at the Cleveland Foundation to honor the legacy of Tamir Rice. Donations may be made to the Tamir Rice Legacy Fund at the Cleveland Foundation by visiting [www.clevelandfoundation.org/Tamir](http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/Tamir) or by mailing a check to: Cleveland Foundation 1422 Euclid Ave., Suite 1300

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# Civil Rights activists commemorate anniversary of ‘137 shots’

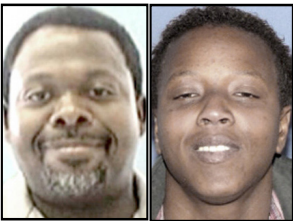
Last Thursday night, a group of activists met at Heritage Middle School in East Cleveland to lay wreaths on the hallowed ground where Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams were fatally shot 137 times by Cleveland Police Officers.

Al Porter, Jr., the President of Black on Black Crime, Inc. read a statement that the community would never forget what happened that night of November 29,2012,

Terri A. Tolefree brought her original sign from the first anniversary memorial service calling the 137 shots of two unarmed African Americans - ‘a lynching.’

Judy Martin, founder of Survivors/Victims of Tragedy, as well as member of the Black on Black Crime, who had been ill, was present to show her support,

After wreaths donated by Mattie Pease Flowers were



Russell Williams

placed near the playground of Heritage Middle School on the site where Russell and Williams were killed, a solemn procession followed through East Cleveland retracing the route of the police chase. The caravan was led by Art McCoy who was driving the Black Man Army Bus. Art McCoy founded Black on Black Crime more than 30 years ago. On the bus, were activist Yvonne Lauretta and her two children, Jeden and Nova.

The caravan stopped on Euclid Ave., and participants gathered to chant ‘No Justice! No Peace! No Corrupt Police! Carol Steiner with The Coali-



Till, 14, before and in death

tion to Stop the Inhumanity at the Cuyahoga County Jail showed her support. Genevieve Mitchell, Carl Stokes Brigade, talked to those in attendance. Sgt. Major Herbert Stokes lead the group and waved the flag for the Black Man Army. Don Bryant, Joseph Motley, Jr. and Brother Shakespeare were present to rally for justice.

All of the activists agreed that Russell and williams would not be forgotten and that the truth about what happened that night would become public. They believe that justice will prevail. Like the Emmett Till case -it may take years - and here is a way that these cases diverge:

Several Cleveland Police officers took ‘trophy’ photographs of the bullet ridden bodies of Timo-

thy Russell and Malissa Williams. Officer Paul Box, who blasted Russell with his shot gun, was so close that he was cut by flying glass. These pictures were sent to fellow officers and dispatchers, friends, and family members on the night of November 29, 2012 when more than 100 officers took part it was what is sometimes known “137 shots.”

Here is how this event diverges from the Emmett Till case:

In 1955, when Emmett Till was fourteen, his mother put him on the train to spend the summer visiting his cousins in Money, Mississippi. She never saw him alive again. Her son was abducted and brutally murdered on August 28, 1955, after being accused of interacting inappropriately with a white woman.

The following month, Roy Bryant and his half-brother J.W. Milam faced trial for Till’s kidnapping and murder



Al Porter Jr. passed out a press release in which he said that the community would never forget what happened that night in East Cleveland. Civil Rights activist Art McCoy drove the Black Man Army Bus on the same route as the police chase that night through East Cleveland.

but were acquitted by the all-white jury after a five-day trial and a 67-minute deliberation. One juror said, “If we hadn’t stopped to drink pop, it wouldn’t have taken that long.”

For her son’s funeral, Mamie Till insisted that the coffin containing his body be left open, because, in her words, “I wanted the world to see what they did to my baby.” Tens of thousands of people viewed Emmett’s body, and photographs were circulated

around the country. Through the constant attention it received, the Till case became emblematic of the disparity of justice for blacks in the South.

The photographs of Williams and Russell, seven years after their murder, have not been released to the public.

These pictures would be emblematic of the disparity of justice for blacks in Cleveland.

The public has a right to the whole truth.



Mysteriously, this building at 11431 Woodland Ave., which was built in 1915, was destroyed by fire on December 9 about 4:42 a.m. The building had been unoccupied for the past 15 years and owned by several different owners. According to records, the current owners are Anthony and Joan Early who use a Beachwood P.O. Box for their tax address. According to the Cleveland Fire Department, the cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Gasoline prices drop slightly

The average price for gasoline across Northeast Ohio is seven cents cheaper this week at \$2.504 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

On the week, most states in the Great Lakes and Central region saw gas prices drop or remain the same. Michigan (+6 cents), Ohio (+2 cents) Illinois (+3 cents), and Kentucky (+1 cent) were the only outliers.

Across the nation,

the region was just one of only two that had an increase in gasoline stocks. According to the latest Energy Information Administration (EIA) data, stocks built by nearly 1 million barrels to a total of 51 million, while regional refinery utilization held steady at 92%.

The region is likely to see gas prices remain mostly stable or trend cheaper, except for the typical volatility seen in some states.

### AAA Fuel Gauge Gasoline Price Survey

Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline

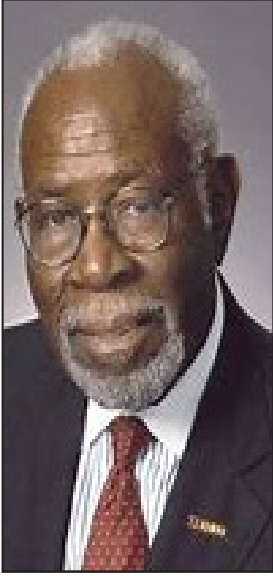
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This Week	(12-13-19)	\$2.50
Last Week	(12-06-19)	\$2.58
Last Year	(12-14-18)	\$2.50
National	(12-13-19)	\$2.52

## Legendary architect Robert Madison to receive award

Cleveland Public Library is honoring the heroes among us on Monday, January 20, 2020 which include teachers, community advocates, entrepreneurs, students, and volunteers. People who selflessly contribute to their neighborhoods every day and often go unnoticed or without praise.

Cleveland Public Library is recognizing 150 Unsung Heroes in our community at the 35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. at John Hay Campus High School Auditorium, 2075 Stokes Boulevard. The theme is Let Freedom Ring.

During the ceremony, architect and entrepreneur Robert Madison will receive the 2020 Cleveland Public Library Drum Major for Change Award. The



Madison

prestigious honor is given to an individual who fights for equality and the greater good of their community. Madison is the first African American architect in Ohio. During his six-

decade career, Madison designed buildings in Northeast Ohio and across the world.

His work includes the Louis Stokes Wing of Cleveland Public Library, the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal, and an office building in Glenville for black doctors who weren’t allowed to practice in area hospitals in the 1960s. Despite challenges and discrimination, Madison has continued to pave the way for future architects and encouraged people of all races and ethnicities to work together to design and create beautiful buildings for all.

“Robert Madison truly embodies what Dr. King meant to be a drum major for change. Mr. Madison is a trailblazer for diversity and inclusion in the architecture and design industry and is an

inspiration to many in Northeast Ohio and around the globe,” said Dr. Sadie Winlock, Chief Equity, Education, and Engagement Officer at Cleveland Public Library. MetroHealth System President and CEO Dr. Akram Boutros is the keynote speaker. Other program highlights include performances by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District All City Choir, Imani Temple Ministries Choir, and a reenactment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 1968 speech “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” by Dyrrell Barnett of the Karamu House. Dr. King’s fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., will deliver remarks. Voter registration and Census information booths will be available. A reception will follow the ceremony.

## Beloved Cleveland State law professor to run for Central Committee

Willoughby Hills Councilman-at-Large & vice president John Plecnik recently announced his retirement from Council to run for Ohio Republican State Central Committee in Senate District 18, which includes portions of Lake, Geauga and Portage Counties.

“I thank my neighbors for the great honor of serving them for six years as their Councilman-at-Large,” said Plecnik.

“As The News-Herald reported more than once, I believe 2019 was the Year of Willoughby Hills! It was so energizing to be a part of the team of professionals who began the renaissance of our business district with great companies like Produce Packaging, Hospice of the Western Reserve, Aldi, The Lobster Pot and so many more significant investments in our beautiful City.”

Officials from Willoughby Hills and across Lake County reached out to thank Councilman John Plecnik for his years of service and

offer their endorsement in his run for State Central Committee.

“Councilman John Plecnik is so beloved, and for good reason,” said Willoughby Hills Council President Nancy Fellows. “No one works harder for our residents than John. He walked every street and answered every call. Winning one election is an accomplishment, but John was the top vote-getter in all contested races for the City of Willoughby Hills three elections in a row. That is the reason we call John the favorite son of Willoughby Hills!”

“John Plecnik is a great friend to the Fire Service,” said fmr. Willoughby Hills Fire Chief Rich Harmon, “In the years we worked together, no one supported our firefighters more than John. That is why I am proud to endorse John as he steps up to serve at a higher level.”

“Lake County owes



Plecnik

Councilman John Plecnik a great debt of gratitude for personally negotiating and drafting the tax incentive agreement that brought Produce Packaging and over 300 good-paying jobs to Willoughby Hills,” said Lake County Commis-

sioner John Hamercheck. “Expert leadership is hard to find, and as an internationally recognized professor of tax law, John has been a powerful force for economic development in our County.”

“As Chair of Finance for Willoughby Hills, Councilman John Plecnik balanced the budget, cut taxes and reduced the City debt by nearly half,” said Ohio Republican State Central Committeeman John Popelka (Senate District 25). “Last year, the Lake County Republican Party honored John with the Elden A. Spencer Award. No one is more qualified, and I am excited to endorse John to join me on the State Central Committee.”

Under their City Charter, Willoughby Hills Council has 30 days to vote on appointing Councilman John Plecnik’s replacement. The race for State Central Committee will be decided on Tuesday, March 17th in the primary election.



Margot James Copeland to receive 2020 CPH Centennial Star Award

It's time to "let the good times roll" as Cleveland Play House hosts its annual benefit The Bourbon Street Ball -- Laissez les bon temps rouler!

The event will take place June 6, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Allen Theatre at Playhouse Square. In the true good-time spirit of New Orleans, this year's gala will include dinner, a live auction and an exciting theatrical presentation.



Copeland CPH's annual benefit is a three-time winner

of Currents Magazine's Black Tie Award, and this year's event is guaranteed to be another unforgettable evening.

CPH Managing Director Kevin Moore announced today that the 2020 CPH Centennial Star Award Honorees will be Margot James Copeland, a long-time advocate and supporter of CPH, and The Nordson Corporation Foundation, an organization that has worked

to bring theatre experiences to young people in Northeast Ohio. CPH is also proud to announce KeyBank as Presenting Sponsor of The Bourbon Street Ball, their sixth consecutive year to serve in that role.

Moore says, "Our 2020 Centennial Star Award honorees are committed to creating a stronger, more inclusive community through intelligent philanthropy and dedication to a

wide range of important causes."

He continues by sharing, "Margot James Copeland is a passionate advocate and supporter of CPH, a former member of our board of directors, and, through her career as Chair and CEO of the KeyBank Foundation and extensive volunteer activity, has worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of people throughout Northeast Ohio.

Corporation Foundation is a longtime supporter of CPH theatre education initiatives, particularly by enabling us to bring life-changing experiences to young people in Lorain County.

Nordson's early support for CPH C.A.R.E. (Compassionate Arts Remaking Education) laid the foundation for what has become one of the most innovative theatre education programs in the United States."

The leadership committee for the benefit includes Mary Bright, Marianne Crosley, Traci Forrester, Janet Kramer, Chris Lanier, Michael Meehan, Kit Myers, Paul Siemborski, and Luci Schey Spring.

Sponsorships and tickets for The Bourbon Street Ball are available through the CPH Development Department by contacting Beverly Gans, Director of Development at 216-400-7030 or bgans@clevelandplayhouse.com.

One Community Reads program begins in New Year

What happens when nine public library systems, Playhouse Square and The City Club of Cleveland get together? One Community Reads. It's a Cuyahoga County-wide initiative to encourage reading and cultivate dialogue about social issues affecting our communities.

One Community Reads kicks off Monday, January 20 and runs through May 2020. This year's book is Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life by Eric Klinenberg.

Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish serves as the Honorary Chair of the One Community Reads program. "As County Executive, it is vitally important to me that we identify and support the places that make our county strong and connected. Please join us as we celebrate the power of social infrastructures, and how they can shape our future through education, information, and access," said Budish.

The One Community Reads celebration will be held on Monday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Cleveland Public Library in downtown Cleveland.

The backdrop is an exhibition called Cleveland 20/20: A Photographic Exploration of Cleveland which showcases everyday life in our great city. Located on the 1st Floor of Main Library in Brett Hall, "This exhibition highlights diversity, the changing faces of Cleveland and social infrastructure which is the essence of this year's One Community Reads book, Palaces for the People," said Felton Thomas, Jr., Executive Director and CEO of Cleveland Public Library. "We hope this photography exhibit along with Klinenberg's book will spark thought-provoking conversation about how we build powerful relationships across the county, open doors for people to help them achieve success as well as protect and invest more resources in public institutions such as the Library."

"I'm honored Cuyahoga County has chosen Palaces for the People as its One Community Reads book. It's a book about how we rebuild common ground

and revitalize our democratic culture, and I can't think of a better place to do that than Cleveland, which will play such a big role in American politics during the next year," said Klinenberg, who is also a social science professor at New York University.

2020 is the year to make sure voices are heard; votes are cast, and households get counted. "I hope readers in Cleveland find new ideas in the book - not just for

intellectual stimulation, but for practical action and policy-making, too," Klinenberg remarks.

Cuyahoga County Public Library Executive Director Tracy Strobel agrees. "The One Community Reads collaboration strives to ignite interest in an issue of social importance and foster conversations that will lead to solutions for strengthening Greater Cleveland. I hope that reading and talking about this year's One Community Reads title, Palaces

for the People, highlights the value of public libraries and other civic spaces and encourages participants to invest in social infrastructure," said Strobel.

Participating Libraries, Playhouse Square and The City Club of Cleveland will hold events during One Community Reads. Author Eric Klinenberg will visit Cleveland on Monday, March 9, 2020 for a book discussion at the

Playhouse Square Mimi Ohio Theatre at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required.

Our streaming partner, ideastream, will broadcast the Playhouse Square event live at the following libraries: Euclid, Heights Lee Road Branch, Lakewood Main Library, Rocky River, and Westlake Porter. Call (216) 241-6000 or visit onecommunityreads.org or playhousesquare.org for registration and information.

Cleveland Classical Guitar Society members performed at holiday event

Teachers and students from the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society (CCGS) attended the holiday reception for the Cleveland Foundation at Acacia Country Club Ballroom, 26899 Cedar Road on Monday.

Erik Mann, the executive director of CCGS was surrounded by students and instructors at the event. According to Mann, the Cleveland Foundation is the largest financial contributor to CCGS which supports more than 550 students in its Cleveland program.

CCGS instructor Rodrigo Lara Alonzo

played for attendees during the event.

The society was established in 2002 by classical guitarists eager to share their art form, the extended this passion to the broader community in 2009 through public performances by highly acclaimed classical guitarists.

The well-regarded International Series, as it is now known, brings world-renowned musicians to Cleveland, drawing more than 1,300 audience members in its most recent season to performances at Plymouth Church UCC and the Maltz Performing Arts Center.

Two years after launching the series, CCGS introduced an education program in response to the limited access of instrumental music instruction in Cleveland K-12 schools, providing the youth of Cleveland an opportunity to engage in deeply meaningful music-making.

In its 17th year, CCGS employs three full-time staff and full- and part-time teachers while continuing to offer its two signature programs: the International

Series and Education Program. The two programs frequently interact, with CCGS students performing as the "opening act" at all International Series concerts, and every International Series artist teaching CCGS students through school outreach and public masterclasses.

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Damian Goggans, left, a student in the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society (CCGS), Erik Mann, the executive director of CCGS, and Rodrigo Lara Alonzo, an instructor in CCGS, attended the holiday reception for the Cleveland Foundation at Acacia Clubhouse Ballroom, 26899 Cedar Road, Beachwood, on Monday. According to Mann, the Cleveland Foundation is the largest financial contributor to the CCGS. Goggans has been a student in the program for three years, and the 16 year old attends the Cleveland School of the Arts. CCGS has 550 students in the program in Cleveland. Alonzo performed during the reception.



Rodrigo Lara Alonzo, an instructor in Cleveland Classical Guitar Society, performed at the holiday reception for the Cleveland Foundation at Acacia Clubhouse Ballroom, 26899 Cedar Road, Beachwood, on Monday.

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# Islam In The Community

## One million Chinese Muslims held in ‘camps’

China has denied it is running “concentration camps” in the far western region of Xinjiang and has instead claimed the buildings are “boarding schools”.

The country has faced calls to close what it says are vocational training centres in the province which is home to millions of Uighurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities.

The United States called conditions the facilities “completely unacceptable”.

Activists claim more than a million people are being held in mass detention camps in the region as part of a crackdown which Beijing says is needed to stem the threat of Islamist extremism.

Xinjiang governor Shohrat Zakir said there had not been any violent attacks in more than two years and three months since the government adopted “a series of measures” to combat terror and extremism.

He told a parliamentary briefing earlier this week: “Some international voices say Xinjiang has concentration camps and re-education camps. These kinds of statements are completely fabricated lies, and are extraordinarily absurd.”

Mr Zakir said the facilities were “the same as boarding schools” and that the personal freedoms of the “students” were guaranteed.

The US government has weighed up sanctions against senior Chinese officials in Xinjiang. Chen Quanguo, the region’s most senior Communist Party official could be among those targeted.

Quanguo, who attended what was one of the most eagerly anticipated briefings of China’s parliamentary session by foreign media, did not answer questions on the camps.

Former detainees, however, have given accounts claiming to have been tortured during interrogation at the camps, and to have lived in crowded cells and been subjected to a brutal daily regimen of party indoctrination that drove some people to suicide.

They have also claimed they were forced to consume pork and alcohol while inside.

US officials have claimed China has made many aspects of religious practice and culture criminal in Xinjiang, with punishments being handed out for teaching Muslim texts to children and parents banned from giving their children Uighur names.

Academics and journalists have documented grid-style police checkpoints across Xinjiang and mass DNA collection, while human rights advocates have decried martial law-type conditions there.

Shortly after Chen Quanguo took the top post in Xinjiang in 2016, mass “anti-terror” rallies were conducted in the region’s largest cities involving tens of thousands of paramilitary troops and police.

Saudi crown prince suggests China has ‘right’ to detain Uighur Muslims

Turkey calls on China to close Muslim ‘concentration camps’

Europe ‘must act over detention of Uighur Muslims in China’

Why aren’t Muslim leaders standing up for Uighurs?

United Nations human rights chief Michelle Bachelet is seeking access to China to verify continuing reports of disappearances and arbitrary detentions, particularly of Muslims in Xinjiang.

US ambassador for religious freedom Sam Brownback said the situation in Xinjiang was “completely unacceptable” and that sanctions against Chinese officials under the Global Magnitsky Act remained a “possibility”.

This would give the US executive branch power to impose targeted sanctions or visa bans on individuals who have committed human rights violations anywhere in the world.

China has warned that it would retaliate “in proportion” against any US sanctions.

### A Look At My World

## The difference between fool and full

By JAMES L. SNYDER

One thing truly amazing is how fast Thanksgiving goes. Here I am in the living room relaxing in my easy chair just one day after Thanksgiving.

My ears are still ringing with all the chatter that went on around our Thanksgiving dinner table. It is so beautiful to get together with family to celebrate.

As I was sitting in my chair, I noticed I was feeling rather stuffed. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is an expert at stuffing turkeys. I am the turkey she stuffs the best. She never takes credit for it because all through the dinner, she asks me, “Don’t you think you’ve had enough?”

She has yet to understand that, especially at a Thanksgiving table, I don’t “think.” I am not there to think but to stuff myself with all of the deliciousness on the table.

The week before Thanksgiving, I had a doctor’s appointment. I discussed an issue with my nurse, which was, “Is a pumpkin a vegetable?”

We had a very lively discussion. She brought in another nurse, which made the debate even more energetic. In the end, we all came to the same conclusion; a pumpkin is a vegetable. If anybody should know this, it would be a nurse.

So, on Thanksgiving, I had my prized vegetable, pumpkin pie, and stuffed myself with it. If this is what vegetables are like, I could eat vegetables all my life, along with carrot cake for dessert.

The only problem, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, does not agree with this. She has an entirely different point of view. As far as she is concerned, pumpkin is not a vegetable and especially pumpkin pie.

I groaned a little bit and rubbed my stomach. Then she said, “Don’t you think it’s rather foolish to stuff yourself so much on Thanksgiving?”

Thinking about this, I began to wonder if being full and being a fool is similar?

So, not in such a thinking mode as I should be, I asked my wife, “What is the difference in being full and being a fool?”

“Well,” she said rather thoughtfully, “A fool does not know when he crosses the line to becoming full.”

I had to think about that for a little while. Therefore, if I do not think I am full, then I am a fool and keep on eating. For the life of me, I cannot figure out how that can be a foolish thing to do. I asked my wife, “How can being full make you a fool?”

“Just go and look in the mirror,” she replied.

Being in such a full state that I was in, I did not have the energy to go to the bathroom and look in the mirror.

From the kitchen area, I heard my wife say, “A fool never knows when to quit eating.”

I guess I’ve been a fool for most of my lifetime. My motto, especially around the Thanksgiving table, is, “Just one more piece.”

At the time, I did not realize that “one more piece” makes me cross the line into being a very foolish person.

Maybe that is just what life is all about. You don’t know that you’ve had enough until after you have eaten “one more piece.” My problem is, when do I stop?

Is it that foolish to become full at a Thanksgiving dinner? After all, what is Thanksgiving dinner for if I do not leave the table full? I came by this legitimately. It goes back to my maternal grandmother.

We would all gather at grandma’s place for Thanksgiving dinner, and boy could she stir up a Thanksgiving dinner. She had on the table everything you could ever imagine eating for Thanksgiving. Some things on the table I did not recognize, but, being at grandma’s table at Thanksgiving time, I ate it.

After we were at the table for a while, people started to leave. Grandma always would say, “Please, just one more bite before you go. There’s plenty left.”

Of course, being at grandma’s Thanksgiving table, she made the rules, and we abided by them out of deep respect. None of us had to be overly convinced to stay for just one more bite. We all left being as full as we possibly could be under her instructions.

I do not think being full is the same as being a fool. In my calculations, not stuffing yourself at grandma’s Thanksgiving table would make you a fool. Who wants to be that kind of a fool? Remember, grandmas are never wrong!

A real fool would be someone leaving grandma’s Thanksgiving dinner without being full. Believe me, I am not that kind of fool.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, it is my purpose to eat as much as I can to become as full as I can be. After all, on New Year’s Day, I am going to make a resolution not to eat so much at each meal.

That is then, but now I indulge myself to such an extent that I am genuinely full. As I thought of this, I remembered what Solomon said. “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed” (Proverbs 13:20).

A wise man will walk to the table of the Lord and stuff himself with God’s goodness until he is full and overflowing. That sure is not being foolish.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313 , Ocala , FL 34483 . He lives with his wife, Martha , in Silver Springs Shores . Call him at 1-866-552-2543.

### Tri-C to commemorate the Battle of the Bulge

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge — the German army’s last major offensive of World War II — during an afternoon ceremony Sunday, Dec. 15, at Western Campus.

The remembrance begins at 2 p.m. in the B Atrium of the Liberal Arts building on the southwest side of campus. The free community event will include the presentation of the video documentary Uncommon Sons: Cleveland’s Contribution to the Battle of the Bulge.

The video includes an as-yet-unseen introduction by the late Dante Lavelli, a Hall of Fame wide receiver for the Cleveland Browns who fought in the Battle of the Bulge while serving in the U.S. Army. (The 28-minute documentary debuted in 1994 on the 50th anniversary of the battle.)

The Battle of the Bulge, also known as the Ardennes Offensive, began Dec. 16, 1944, and raged for six weeks. Intense fighting stretched across 80 miles of thick forest in brutal cold and blizzard conditions.

A massive German force of more than 200,000 soldiers initially pushed through outnumbered American and Allied lines, creating a “bulge” that gave the battle its name.

The Allies held firm against the Nazi advance, though, and — with reinforcements arriving — eventually claimed victory. The Americans suffered some 75,000 casualties in the battle. The Germans lost 80,000 to 100,000.

“The Battle of the Bulge has been called the greatest American battle of World War II,” said James Banks, history professor emeritus at Tri-C and founder and director of the College’s Crile Archives. “The valor shown in that forest deserves to be remembered throughout time.”

The program’s featured speaker will be Lt. Col. Chris Carter of the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The “Screaming Eagles” of the 101st played a critical role in the Battle of the Bulge with their defense of the town of Bastogne.

Several veterans of the battle will also attend the commemoration.

A community reception will follow the ceremony, which is presented by the Tri-C Veterans Initiative and the Crile Archives. Call 216-987-3193 for more information on the event. Western Campus is located at 11000 Pleasant Valley Road in Parma.

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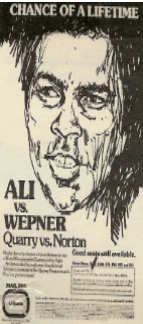
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## Zips coaches garner honors

University of Akron men’s soccer junior David Egbo and sophomore Carlo Ritaccio added to their impressive Zips’ resumes on Monday, Dec. 9, as the United Soccer Coaches tabbed the Akron duo as 2019 All-North Regional honorees.Egbo garnered second-team regional accolades for the Zips, while Ritaccio was named a third-team selection.Egbo earned All-North Regional honors for second consecutive season, while Ritaccio collected regional recognition for the first time.Pulling in First-Team All-MAC honors for the second straight year, Egbo started 13 of the 15 games in which he appeared in this season, registering team-leading marks in goals (9), assists (4), points (18), shots (49) and shots on goal (19).

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# SPORTS

November Boxing Fest Amateur Box Show will be held at First Faith Development Corp., 790 Easter Ave., Door 3, Akron 44307 on Saturday, November 16. For information call Popeye Richardson at 330-815-1653.

## Steelers get closer to Wild Card

By ANDREW CARTER

After the Steelers beat the Cardinals, 23-17, a national Playoff predictor gives them a 69% chance of making the Playoffs after their chances were infinitesimal two weeks ago. Former Brown Joe Haden had two interceptions and T.J. Watt had another as the Steelers “D” came through to secure the “W.” Diontae Johnson returned a punt 85 yards for a TD and caught a 2 YD TD Pass from Devlin Hodges. He passed sparingly, but efficiently, as he completed 16 of 19 throws for 152 yards and the TD. The Steelers ran for 140 yards, but two fumbles gave the Cardinals scoring opportunities. Arizona’s Kyler Murray threw for 194 yards and two TDs, with the three INTs. Steelers “D” held the Cards to 71 yards rushing and sacked Murray 5 times.

# Browns slip past Cincy to make playoff spot

By KARL BRYANT

The Browns made the Home fans happy as they beat the NFL’s worst team, the Bengals, 27-19, but their decent play came a week late. They’d squandered a 10-0 lead the prior week in a 20-13 loss in Pittsburgh, which saw their Playoff chances crumble like the leaves of Autumn.

Against the Steelers, the Browns managed to lose to a novice QB for the second time this year. They’d lost to Denver before with Brandon Allen taking his first official NFL snaps. Devlin Hodges at least had one previous start, which he’s won. He also finished a win over the Bengals, when Mason Rudolph was benched for “not taking care of the ball.” Starting RB James Conner also was out. Of course, Pro Bowl C Maurkice Pouncey was still suspended for his part in the ugly brawl two weeks before at the end of the Browns “W” in CLE.

## Cavs sinking in the East

By KARL BRYANT

The sun comes up in the East and sinks in the West, but the Cavs are busy sinking in the (NBA) East. Only the hapless Knicks, who just fired their embattled Coach, David Fizdale, have a worse record. At Press Time, the Cavs lost their 7th straight game, getting pummeled by the Celtics, 110-88. That comes on the heels of a 47-point beatdown by the 76ers in Philadelphia that you don’t even want to get into. The Cavs have lost 13 of 14, including a telling five in an unusual six-game Homestand.

Against the Celtics, the Cavs were down by 30 in the 3rd Quarter, yet managed to cut the lead to 12 in the 4th. But, since they can’t keep up sustained stretches of competitiveness, when Boston awoke, they ballooned their lead. Kemba Walker led Boston with 22 points. Jason Tatum added 19 and grabbed 11 boards. Gordon Hayward, returning after missing a month with a broken hand, scored 14.

Jordan Clarkson, coming off the Bench, led the Cavs with 19 points. Tristan Thompson scored 17 to go with 11 rebounds. Yet, he was a tragic one of seven from the Charity Stripe. Kevin Love also had a one of seven, but at least it was from Three-Point-Land. He struggled to score seven points on three of 12 floor shoots as he pulled down ten boards.

Looking back at that six-game Homestand, it was a schedule-makers gift that they just wasted. Other than the win over the Trail Blazers that began their Home sojourn, one of the best games the Cavs played was a 119-110 loss to the outstanding Bucks - the team to beat in the East, who currently share the NBA’s best record with the Lakers at 21-3.

In that game, the Cavs battled back from a 22-point 3rd Quarter deficit by scoring a whopping 42 points in that period and then started the 4th Quarter strongly. They got to within one possession with 2:20 left to play, but just couldn’t get any closer. Milwaukee free throws down the stretch put the game away. Meanwhile, in those last couple of minutes, the Cavs missed their only shot and incredibly threw the ball away four times.

Against Milwaukee, Darius Garland led the Cavs with 21 points and Cedi Osman added 20. Thompson had 11 points with 13 boards. In his first game back after missing two with back problems, Love scored 16, a number tied by Collin Sexton.

Rookie “Duck” Hodges certainly did the job. He got the names because he has an affinity for duck hunting and he’s actually won duck-calling contests. The Samford product also is no slouch as he won the 2018 Walter Payton Award, given to the best offensive player in college’s FCS Division. Against the Browns, he passed for 212 yards and a TD with one interception. The Steelers RB ensemble also managed to grind out 124 yards. Benny Snell had a 1 YD Run and James Washington caught a 30 YD Pass for the Steelers TDs.

At least the game was fight-free and Steeler fans inside Heinz Field even treated Browns fans OK. The Browns started the game with a 15-snap drive - including a penalty called on each side - that took precisely half of the 1st Quarter, to move 62 yards, that ended with a 31 YD FG by Austin Seibert. On their next possession, CLE had another time-consuming drive of 5:42 to move 70 yards in 10

plays. Kareem Hunt capped it off by catching a 15 YD TD Pass from Baker Mayfield for the 10-0 lead. The Steelers tied the game much more quickly.

After a couple of head-scratching runs near the end of the Half, they decided to air the ball out, with Mayfield throwing a couple of deep incompletions to Odell Beckham. On the last one, Mayfield banged his thumb on a helmet and backup Garrett Gilbert came in to throw a couple more incompletions to send the teams into the locker rooms tied, 10-10. Because of their early ball-control drives, the Browns had nearly a 2-to-1 time-of-possession advantage.

The Browns 3rd Quarter lone possession - 5 ½ minutes in - ended when Bud Dupree, whose helmet Mayfield whacked before Halftime, sacked the Browns QB, who coughed up the ball, which was recovered by OSU Alum Cam Heyward. The Steelers, who’d earlier taken the lead with a TD, moved downfield and kicked a FG to take a two-score

advantage.

Cleveland managed to get within a TD when Seibert kicked another FG, and it looked like they were in business when a Hodges pass was intercepted by DB Terrance Mitchell. Sadly, they did nothing. PK Seibert lined up in long FG formation, but instead punted a bouncing ball, which was downed by Steve Carlson inside the Steelers 1. A Pittsburgh penalty (half the distance) moved it even inches closer to the goal line. Of course, on the very next play, Snell ran 11 yards for a 1st Down. The Steelers used up nearly four minutes before punting.

The Browns got the ball with 1:45 left, and the seemingly omnipresent Dupree drew a roughing the passer penalty to give the Browns another 1st Down, but two plays later, Baker overthrew Jarvis Landry. Old Friend Joe Haden intercepted the pass to seal the Steelers win.

Mayfield completed 18 of 32 passes for 196 yards, with a TD, INT, and was sacked 5 times.

# OSU wins big title; playoffs next

By KARL BRYANT

It was much harder the second time around, but Ohio State, came through to beat Wisconsin to win the Big Ten Championship and secure a spot in the College Football Playoffs. The Buckeyes easily had handled the Badgers earlier this year in Columbus in a 38-7 victory. In the BIG title tilt, Wisconsin Coach Paul Chryst and his staff made some big time adjustments as they put up quite a fight - jumping out to a 21-7 Halftime lead - before OSU made their own adjustments and posted a 34-21 win.

The week before, OSU won their annual battle against “The Team from Up North” for the 8th straight time. It was Coach Ryan Day’s first time as Head Coach facing the Buckeyes’ archrival, and his team came through spectacularly as they put the wham on Michigan, 56-27. His predecessor, Coach Urban Meyer, went 7-0 against them in his OSU career. In the process, the

Buckeyes completed an undefeated, 12-0 regular season, as they outscored opponents, 599-142.

OSU QB Justin Fields threw for 302 yards and four TDs. RB J.K. Dobbins ran for 211 yards and four TDs. Since Michigan was held to 91 rushing yards on 26 carries, QB Shea Patterson threw often. Facing a tough Defense, he passed for 305 yards - 250 in the 1st Half - and a TD, with an interception. To its credit, Michigan scored in each quarter. Of course, Ohio State scored twice in each quarter - exactly two TDs per period. That’s how they doubled the score. They made the Halftime adjustments and won going away.

Coach Day afterwards stated, “There’s so much riding on a game like this, and you understand and you feel the weight of everybody involved with it.” He’d fittingly opened his remarks with, “This is all a blur right now.”

In the Big Ten title tilt the next weekend, Wisconsin shocked

the Buckeyes as they jumped out to a 14-0 lead. When OSU scored in the final minute of the Half, things looked rosier. However, the Badgers wisely used the final 42 seconds of the Half to amazingly go downfield and score to again take a two TD lead.

OSU again made the proper Halftime adjustments and came out to score 27 straight points, while holding Wisconsin scoreless. As Fields and the Offense started to click, the Buckeye “D” made a statement. After allowing Wisconsin’s Jonathon Taylor 135 yards rushing in the 1st Half, they held the record-setting RB to a mere 13 yards in the 2nd Half.

OSU QB Fields finished with 299 yards passing, while throwing two TD passes to K.J. Hill and another to Jeremy Ruckert. He was sacked five times and lost a fumble before recovering nicely. Dobbins ran for 172 yards and a TD. Wisconsin QB Jack Coan passed for 232 yards and rushed for 27 yards and two TDs - one a slight-of-hand 14

Afterwards, Mayfield admitted, “This was one of those games that we should win. We know that. There is no way around that. If I said otherwise, I would be lying, but it is still a team that is going to bring their best shot no matter what.” He also talked about a pre-season injury that Odell Beckham, Jr. has that’s still bothering him, stating that, “It was not handled the right way in our training room.”

Of course, comments like these add to the mix of Bad Press that lets the National Media speak about “The tire fire that is the Browns.” Much of this is their own fault, since many Talking Heads made the mistake of over-hyping the Browns and making unrealistic predictions, given that they have a Rookie Coach and new players, who have to jell with the veterans. Those prognosticators are trying to blame the Browns for not living up to their expectations, which were impracticable to begin with.

YD TD Run. The Badgers finished with 200 yards rushing, but only six came in the 2nd Half.

The two punters each had an unusual play. OSU P Drue Christman completed a 21-yard pass for a 1st Down to ignite a stale OSU in the 1st Half. Wisconsin P Andrew Lotti somehow dropped a ball he was about to punt and had to fall on it to set up an OSU FG.

After the game, Coach Ryan Day remarked, “The way we responded in that third quarter was unbelievable. You could feel the electricity in the stadium. We imposed our will. I think that goes to show you how special this team is.” He stated, “If there’s a better team out there, I’d like to see it.”

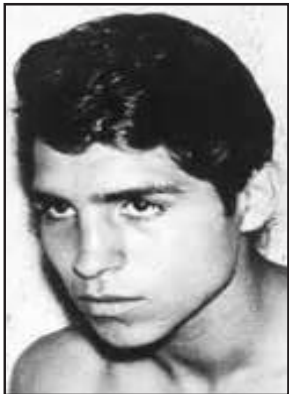
The Buckeyes were placed at No. 2 in the CFP rankings and will meet Clemson in the Fiesta Bowl outside of Phoenix in a College Football Semifinal game.



## Boxing Nostalgia

By JIM AMATO

## Rafael Herrera was one of the best fighters



Herrera

Rafael Herrera was born of humble beginnings on January 7, 1945 in Jalisco, Mexico. He would become a professional boxer at the age of 18. For years he fought fellow novices, losing some but winning more. He was making a name for himself though.

In 1966, he climbed up the ladder with a win against rugged Memin Vega. Two fights later he drew with Geraldo Luna.

From the Luna bout Herrera’s career took off. He reeled off 16 straight wins. Herrera was then matched with future world champion Jesus ” Chucho ” Castillo. Herrera was overwhelmed by Castillo and lost in three rounds.

Herrera was no quitter. He drew with Canada’s Billy McGrandle but two fights later he lost to the highly regarded Raul Cruz.

As 1970 rolled around, Herrera was considered a top notch boxer but not championship material. That all changed when he decided that he was good enough to make it to the top.

This time, again, Her-

nied and he won in round eight capturing the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council bantamweight titles.

Four months later Herrera traveled to Panama to take on smooth boxing native Enrique Pinder who outpointed Herrera to take the title. The WBC then stripped Pinder of the title for refusing to defend against Rodolfo Martinez.

In the meantime Herrera and Olivares hooked up in a rematch with Herrera winning a majority ten round decision.

In January of 1973, Pinder was halted by hard punching Romeo Anaya to lose the WBA title. In April of 1973 Herrera and Martinez met for the vacant WBC title. In a wild affair Herrera stopped Martinez in round 12 to annex the crown. In August, Anaya would again KO Pinder to retain the WBA title.

Herrera would finish 1973 with a close decision win against Thailand’s Venice Borkhorsor. The Thai southpaw had once held the flyweight title. He gave Herrera fits early on as Herrera suffered cuts and swelling around both eyes. Herrera

gamely battled his way back and after 15 brutal rounds, Herrera was awarded a controversial decision.

In November of 1973, South African Arnold Taylor came from behind to bomb out Anaya to capture the WBA’s title recognition.

In May of 1974, Herrera defended against ex-champ Anaya and stopped him in round six.

Next up was a third fight with Rodolfo Martinez. This time Martinez turned the tables halting Herrera in the fourth round.

Now without a title Herrera dropped verdicts to Octavio Gomez and Jose Luis Soto. Next came a draw with Jose Cervantes and Herrera retired. Herrera came back ten years later to win a four rounder against Alfredo Meneses. He then promptly retired for good.

In 61 fights Herrera posted a record of 49-9-3. He scored 19 knockouts and was stopped on only two occasions. He was a solid champion who bridged the reigns of Ruben Olivares and Carlos Zarate.



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## Alison Krauss to perform at the Conner Palace

Alison Krauss announced new Spring tour dates which will find the accomplished bluegrass-country singer and musician performing at Playhouse Square on April 29th.

Windy City, her latest solo album, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Top Country Albums and Top Bluegrass Albums charts and received two Grammy nominations. The album was produced by Buddy Cannon, whose vocal harmonies Krauss grew up listening to and



**Krauss**  
were the soundtrack to her childhood. “Buddy sang har-

monies on everything back then,” Krauss says. She also reveals of Cannon, “I don’t do something unless I feel like I’m called to do it. That’s what I felt like, so I honored it. It’s like the same feeling of when you know something is right musically, with a song or a batch of songs – the same feeling, but this was attached to a person instead of a batch of songs.”

Since 1985, Krauss has released 14 albums including five solo, seven with her longtime band and musical collaborators

Union Station, and the Robert Plant collaboration Raising Sand, which was certified platinum and won five Grammys, including Album of the Year and Record of the Year.

She’s sold more than 12 million records to date, and her honors include 27 Grammys, nine Country Music Association awards, 14 International Bluegrass Music Association Awards, two Academy of Country Music Awards and two Gospel Music Association awards.

“Windy City does

more than just remind listeners of her prowess, it enforces her legacy as one of American music’s stand-out talents.” -Entertainment Weekly

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Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000.

For more information on tour details visit AlisonKrauss.com or NationalShows2.com.

## Disney's Dance Upon A Dream Tour comes to State Theatre

The all-news Disney Dance Upin a Dream Tour, starring singer/actress/dancer Mackenzie Ziegler, makes its Cleveland stop at Playhouse Square’s Key-Bank State Theatre March 26 for one 7 pm show. This original production features reimagined songs of Disney classics including Beauty and the Beast, Moana and Cinderella.

Tickets are on sale at playhousesquare.org; 216-241-6000 and the Playhouse Square Box Office. Prices will be \$75, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25, with Premium VIP seats at \$150.

The show takes the cast on an electrifying journey to find their own beat in a fast-moving world that features a soundtrack of Disney’s greatest hits remixed and reimagined. The

original story unfolds around a present-day heroine and steps into the magical world of Disney that includes video and music from Disney’s most beloved films. www.Disney-DanceTour.com

"I am so excited to join the Disney family and create a new show that is driven by my passion for dance and music," says Mackenzie Ziegler. "I grew up loving all things Disney, so the opportunity to tell an inspiring story through dance and the greatest Disney music of all time is a dream come true. The show will be everything magical we love about Disney, with a modern dance twist that you have to come and see live. I can't wait!"

At just 15 years old, Mackenzie Ziegler has become one of the most influential rising stars of Genera-

tion Z. In August 2019, she was nominated for a Teen Choice Award in the category of “Choice Fashion/Beauty Web Star,” and the previous year she won a Teen Choice Award for “Choice Muser.” As a singer, songwriter and recording artist,

Mackenzie released her latest single “HOT” in July 2019. The single was her first release with Arista Records and showcased her growth as a rising artist. The new single came shortly after the launch of PRETTY-MUCH’S Summer North American FOMO Tour, where she opened for the boy band throughout shows

Just Jazz

By NANCY ANN LEE

### Coleman Hawkins

Mention tenor saxophone stylists today and Coleman Hawkins is the first name that comes up. He was a pioneer whose full-bodied warm tones and buoyant rhythmic feel have inspired countless jazz musicians since the 1930’s.

Hawkins was born in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1904. His music studies began on piano, cello and, by age nine, tenor.

He gained fame as a soloist for his first recordings with Fletcher Henderson's band in 1923. He left the band in 1934 to perform and record in Europe with Benny Carter, Django Reinhardt and others.

In 1939, he returned to the U.S., formed a nine piece band (until 1941) which recorded his biggest, "Body & Soul," and, then a nationally recognized artist, he assembled the band for the first bop record session (on Apollo) in 1944.

Hawkins continued to tour internationally and to record with major jazz luminaries until the late 1960s. By then, his health was declining due to heavy drinking. He died on May 19, 1969 of bronchial pneumonia in New York City’s Wickersham Hospital.

Hawkins was the most influential person in the evolution of the tenor saxophone, enjoying great artistic and commercial success and the first tenorman to creatively reconstruct ballads. He was considered a legend in his own time and is still admired today for his extraordinary artistry.

Countless recordings he made are still available.

across the country.

Mackenzie can currently be seen starring in the YouTube series “Total Eclipse” for the digital net-

work Brat, on which she also serves as Executive Producer, and in the upcoming animated film “Ice Princess Lily” for DIRECTV.

## Da 'Round Da Way Rewind Review

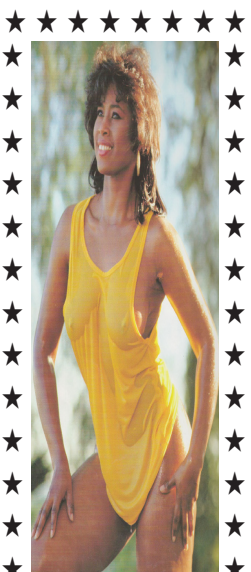
### 'The Perfect Guy' is a heartstopping thriller

By C.M. APPLING

In the Hollywood genre of dramatic thrillers, where a seemingly normal character is revealed as psychotic and terrorizes those around him/her, several have stood the test of time.

In Fatal Attraction (1987), a spurned mistress targets the family of her ex-lover. In The Hand That Rocks The Cradle (1992), a woman masquerading as a nanny tries to destroy the family who employs her. And, in the Stephen King classic, Misery (1990), a romance-novelist is held captive by his most-obsessed fan. So, since it is rare when Hollywood invests in a dramatic thriller with three, African-American leads (Sanaa Lathan, Michael Ealy and Morris Chestnut), that is what makes The Perfect Guy a significant film.

Sanaa Lathan’s first, memorable role was as a



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Comics’ action/horror Blade (1998). After that, she starred in the action/horror AVP: Alien vs. Predator (2004). But, she is most recognized for the romantic drama Love and Basketball (2000), the Denzel Washington dramatic thriller Out Of Time (2003) and the ensemble, romantic comedies The Best Man (1999) and The Best Man Holiday (2013) [both with Morris Chestnut]. Chestnut made his debut in John Singleton’s Boyz ‘N’ The ‘Hood (1991) and has starred as the lead, love interest in both Two Can Play That Game (2001) and The Brothers (2001). Michael Ealy is known more as a ‘bad boy’ character in movies such as Halle Berry’s tragic lover in Their Eyes Were Watching God (2005) or the ex-con playboy in Barbershop (2002) and Barbershop 2: Back In Business (2004). Lathan reunites with Chestnut again with Ealy added to the cast to make The Perfect Guy.

At the beginning of the movie, Leah Vaughn (Sanaa Lathan) and Dave King (Morris Chestnut) seem to be a great, African-American, California couple. She is a beautiful, golden brown-skinned, business executive and he is a handsome, dark-skinned architect. But, after attending Leah’s white, blonde, friend Karen’s (Kathryn Morris) wedding anniversary party, Leah tells Dave that she is tired of dating and wants to get married. Dave is highly resistant, using his parents’ and siblings’ divorces as reasons not to wed. Through heart-broken tears, Leah decides to break-up with Dave.

2 months later, Carter Duncan (Michael Ealy) recognizes Leah in a restaurant after a chance

meeting they had at a coffee shop 8 weeks ago. The golden-brown-skinned, blue-eyed Carter tells her that he works in ‘corporate espionage and network protection’. When they kiss later, Leah is overwhelmed with infatuation. On their first, ‘official’ date, they go to a reggae nightclub and make passionate love in the club bathroom. Leah introduces Carter to her white girl-friend, Karen, and her dark-skinned, black girl-friend, Alicia (Rutina Wesley). Through casual conversation, they learn that Carter was adopted but they think he is ‘The Perfect Guy.’

When Leah takes Carter to her home, he is introduced to her white, next-door neighbor, Mrs. McCarthy (Tess Harper) and Leah’s pet cat, ‘Rusty.’

Leah takes Carter to meet her parents, brown-skinned Roger (Charles S. Dutton) and dark-skinned Evelyn (L. Scott Caldwell). After he thoroughly impresses her parents, Leah is shocked and horrified when Carter viciously beats a man at a gas station when Carter thinks the stranger is flirting with her. Days later, Carter apologizes and pledges his love to Leah, but she tells him that its over. When he starts to stalk her, she repudates his advances, making him even more angry.

Leah talks to police Detective Hanson (Holt McCallany) but he tells her at this stage, there’s not much the law can do. After leaving an ominous note on her car, Leah gets a restraining order against him. Using a hidden, spare key to break into her house, he kidnaps the cat, Rusty. Dave calls Leah and, after they talk, they rekindle their rela-

lusioned hairdresser who grieves over the violent death of her boyfriend by writing poetry?

4. What film focused on the “May-December” romance that starred Angela Bassett as a 40-year-old, African-American woman who takes a trip to Jamaica and falls in love with a black man who is 20 years younger than her?

5. Who is the actor and actress that were featured in the film "Love and Basketball" (2000) as childhood friends who grow up together playing basketball, but then must learn to balance their emotions when romance blooms between them?

ANSWERS: 1. Richard Pryor 2. 'Mississippi Masala' 3. Tupac Shakur 4. 'How Stella Got Her Groove Back' 5. Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan

MOVIE MATCH-UP - (Diahann Carroll)

FILMS: 1. 'Carmen Jones' (1954)  
2. 'Eve's Bayou' (1997)  
3. 'Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years (1999)  
4. 'The Courage to Love' (2000)  
5. 'Sally Hemings: An American Scandal' (2000)  
ROLES:  
a) Mulatto mother of Third President's true love  
b) Creole mulatto mother of quadroon turned nun  
c) Made debut as Dorothy Dandridge's friend  
d) 1960's New Orleans voodooienne  
e) Elderly, educated "Colored" sibling  
ANSWERS: 1, c; 2, d; 3, b; 4, e; 5, a

## MENU TIPS

### Prosciutto-cranberry crostini is a treat

Here’s a great way to make entertaining easier and more fun for everyone: Ham it up. Not with just any ham, however. Stock up on Prosciutto di Parma. Prosciutto di Parma is an excellent item to keep in your fridge during the holidays because it offers a variety of ways to elevate any meal, from your main dish to festive appetizers or straight out of the package to the plate for a last-minute charcuterie board.

Prosciutto, which means “ham” in Italian, is aged by a special dry-curing process. Discriminating palates are partial to the delicate, savory flavor of Prosciutto di Parma. It can be produced only from specially bred pigs in the countryside surrounding the city of Parma, Italy. In Parma, the art of making prosciutto is passed on from generation to generation and the methods used thousands of years ago have remained consistent. So has the guarantee of the Parma Crown, fire-branded on every leg, and visible on every presliced package, so that you know it’s a 100 percent natural product made with no additives or preservatives, just sea salt, air and time.

One great way to serve it is in this elegant, flavorful appetizer.

Prosciutto di Parma Cranberry Crostini  
½ cup cranberry compote (recipe below)  
1 18-inch baguette  
¼ lb melting cheese such as white cheddar, grated  
10 slices Prosciutto di Parma  
Extra virgin olive

oil, as needed

Cranberry compote  
12 oz fresh or frozen cranberries  
3 Tbsp butter  
6 Tbsp light brown sugar  
6 Tbsp maple syrup  
1 Tbsp grated orange rind  
¼ tsp ground cinnamon  
½ tsp salt

Preheat oven to 350° F. For the cranberry compote: Rinse and drain the cranberries well. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a medium sauté pan over medium-high heat. Stir in the cranberries and other ingredients. Cook, stirring occasionally, until cranberries start to break down and mixture thickens, about 8 to 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

For the crostini appetizer: Slice baguette into 24 rounds about ½-inch thick. Place rounds on a baking sheet and drizzle lightly with olive oil. Bake until toasted, about 5 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool.

Divide cheese on top of the toast rounds and return to the oven. Bake until the cheese has melted, about 5 minutes. Top with a thin layer of cranberry compote, then place ½ slice of prosciutto on top.

The tart cranberries paired with sweet yet salty Prosciutto di Parma and savory cheese will have you and your guests enjoying these crostini all night long. Bursting with flavors just right for the holidays, they pair well with a bold red wine to bring out all the rich flavors further.

For more holiday inspiration, visit <https://parmacrown.com/seasons/>.



## VANTAGE POINT

### Councilman Basheer Jones promises to tackle gun violence

Cleveland Councilman Basheer Jones spoke to his colleagues about meeting with the mother of 11-year-old Tyshaun Taylor. Taylor was shot on November 23 while attending a party and later died.

Jones spoke during the meeting last Monday night saying that “To sit there and listen and to experience the sobs of this mother, it was one of the toughest moments I’ve ever experienced in my life,” Jones said.

He said the loss of Taylor due to gun violence highlights deficiencies in local government and the communi-



Jones

ty. He said it’s time for elected

leaders and the community to be bold in finding solutions to problems ranging from safety to the environment.

“Where are we going? And, what impact to we have it?” Jones asked those in council chambers.

Jones reminded those gathered of the words of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “He said that there comes a time when silence is betrayal,” Jones said. “How are we making sure our communities are safe? Because the trauma that mother (is experiencing)... as I said to her, ‘It’s going to be easier for us to assist you in making sure

that that baby is buried but the hardest problem is going to be addressing the trauma that will exist for her other son who watched his brother be shot and killed.”

The councilman said going into 2020, there needs to be a clear vision from all leaders. “We all play a part. We are all accountable for making this city a better place. The question we have to ask ourself as a city- is what decisions are we making? And, we have to be courageous. We can’t have fear of whatever.”

A vigil was held at Chambers Elementary. The school that Tyshaun attended.

## YOUR HEALTH

### Finding help with expensive medications

If you or someone you love is one of the millions of Americans with a chronic disease or a life-threatening condition, pharmaceutical manufacturers and their partners offer you a gift of hope this holiday season.

Pharmaceutical manufacturers are criticized as Scrooge or the Grinch in our country’s health care system. Elected officials and advocacy organizations want to blame somebody for rising Rx costs, and the most obvious target is the Big Pharma.

But in this blame game, very little attention is given to the help the pharmaceutical industry and its partners quietly provide to patients in need through a variety of programs.

Such programs are often based on the patient’s household income, but not always. Patients with no health insurance coverage are often the first group considered eligible. Likewise, those with one or more chronic or life-threatening conditions are a high priority.

If you fall into one of these categories, check out the Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) found on individual pharmaceutical company websites or through Partnership for Prescription Assistance ([www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)), the website created by PhRMA, the trade association representing pharmaceutical manufacturers, linking patients to more than 475 different assistance programs.

On most of these websites, you can be connected with a customer support team member who can help determine if you are eligible and get you enrolled. You will be asked to verify that you are insured or uninsured and, in some cases, provide proof of income. You may need your physician to validate your condition. But once approved, access

to medication is almost immediate.

(Note: Patients enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid may not be eligible.)

Pharmaceutical manufacturers also offer co-pay assistance, in which the patient is offered help with the cost of medication co-payments. Some co-pay assistance programs do not limit who is eligible.

And, it is important to know that some co-pay assistance programs will not help people on Medicare. Each program sets its own rules.

People searching for an online provider should check out [www.RxAssist.org](http://www.RxAssist.org). This site

was developed by Astra-Zeneca, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, with the sole purpose of helping people access needed medications. It is one of

the best sites available.

The California Chronic Care Coalition (CCCC) launched the website [www.mypatienttrights.com](http://www.mypatienttrights.com) in California and is taking it nationwide to help people who have been denied treatment or medicines, experienced delays or are dissatisfied with the decisions made by their health plan. Today, this program is operating in 17 states. It helps patients get the care or treatment they need if denied, or if their plans don’t cover their meds and force them to pay full price. The program is available in 17 states—check the website to see if your state has a program.

This holiday season, if you need help with your medications, you are not alone. Go to the websites cited throughout this article. They can help connect you with low-cost and free alternatives.

## Weekly Wealth For Your Health

### Making workouts make financial sense

By NATHANIEL SILLIN

The end of the year is a perennial period of self-reflection, and I enjoy partaking in setting a few New Year’s resolutions. Unfortunately, I’ve (more than once) enthusiastically started a year with shiny optimism only to find myself falling short a few weeks later. I know I’m not alone, and I’m encouraged by people who challenge themselves time and time again.

Resolutions related to finances and health, two important components of everyone’s life, are especially common. Here are a few ways that you could tie physical activities to achieving your financial goals. Hopefully being able to tackle both resolutions at once can help keep you motivated for the entire year.

Compete with yourself, or others. If you’re up for a little friendly competition, consider creating or joining a challenge and putting money on the line.

There’s an online app that you can use to

place a wager on how often you’ll work out. At the end of the week, you have to pay your preselected amount for each workout you miss. But if you complete your workouts for the week, you collect a portion of the amount paid out by everyone else.

Some people make an arrangement with a friend where you each agree to work out X times a week and to pay the other person \$5 or \$10 for each workout missed. Or, you could opt to make a donation to a charity of your friend’s choice rather than pay each other. The goal is to provide accountability, and the financial aspect can add a sense of urgency and be a great motivational tool.

Connect an activity tracker to rewards programs. Several services give you points each time you work out and let you redeem the points for cash, gift cards or other prizes. The real trick is to use multiple programs and maximize your rewards from every workout. Some employers also provide bonus points to employees that use these programs or have

similar rewards programs of their own.

Make working out your work. If you’re looking to make a serious lifestyle change, and potentially some serious money, consider becoming a personal trainer or fitness instructor. While the certification process can be expensive and time-consuming, afterward you’ll be able to charge clients for classes or one-on-one training.

Or, you could try to find flexible and active work that suits your interests and experience. Gardener, referee or dog walker could be good fits to supplement your income.

Keep exercise-related expenses down. It can be tempting to buy new workout equipment or sign up for a gym when you’re excited about a New Year’s resolution. However, there are many ways to get fit without expensive equipment or a large gym.

For example, you can find videos of free instructor-led workouts or yoga sequences online or try an app that creates and leads you through workouts. If you want to take up an activity that requires facilities, look for inexpensive options at local community centers.

Raise money for a charity with every step. You may not have a strong desire to earn money but are still looking for a little extra motivation to work out. Similar to the programs that reward

you with points, there are apps like Charity Miles that you can use to raise money for your favorite charities while exercising.

You could also sign up for a charity walk, run or ride and know that when you cross the finish line you’ll be helping a good cause.

Bottom line: By keeping costs down and looking for ways to make money while staying active you can make your budget (and body) more flexible. This approach could help you stay motivated for longer, and you can use the extra money to pursue your other goals for the year.

Perhaps you’re trying to save for a down payment or vacation, focused on building your retirement savings or looking to make a significant impact in your community by donating to non-profit organizations. Every extra dollar can bring you one step closer to achieving that goal.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It’s always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

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# Annual Thanks Dinner was held at mosque

The annual Giving Thanks Dinner was held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28 at Masjid Bilal, 7401 Euclid Ave.

The annual event serves a full Thanksgiving dinner to those in need in the community.

Masjid Bilal sponsors many events throughout the year for the community.

Last month, the mosque held its 11th annual Seniors Are Jewels Health Conference at the St. Martin De Porres Family Center, 1264 East 123rd Street.

The event was sponsored by the Clyde Rahman Community Center Board of Directors: Alan Seifullah, Nadine An-Noor, Nena Muhammad, Veronica Thomas, Renee Sabir, Oudia Shields, Sheila Hunter, and Gwendolyn Hinton.

The conference included a continental breakfast and several booths set up for seniors to visit.

Sponsors of the events who set-up booths included: Yvonne Drake, Carol Bunn, Loreal Moore, Tara Adams, Marishir Girner, and Jeanie McCalep.

Gwen Hinton, the executive director of the Clyde Rahman Community Center, gave the opening remarks and welcomed the seniors to the 11th year of the conference.

The morning workshops included: United Clergy for Seniors, a presentation by Bonnie Paul of the Benjamin Rose Institute, Art with Alice Seifullah, and Brain Games Mental Training by Al Najieb.

Lunch was served, and following lunch, the guest speaker, Paul, spoke about "Growing Old Gracefully."

There was a Na-

tional Caregiver Appreciation Giveaway.

Luseas Luke, who is 95 years old, was the oldest person in attendance at the Seniors are Jewels Health Conference. She enjoyed herself.

Also this year, the Salaam Clinic opened at Masjid Bilal October 17.

The nonprofit Salaam Cleveland offers primary and preventative care on Sundays only, at no cost to patients.

The Salaam Clinic was created to serve Northeast Ohio and aims to offer high quality, free healthcare to the region. It has a volunteer medical staff of eight physicians, and many more nurses and physician assistants. It's now open for patients on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For appointments, call 216-505 - 9800.



Attendees enjoyed the fabulous meal prepared by the Masjid Bilal Women's Committee at the Giving Thanks Dinner (ESDN Photo by Omar Quadir)



Mecca East, Jowharah Sabir, and Mecca Sabir prepared a feast for attendees at the Thanks Dinner which is held annually at the mosque every November for the community. (ESDN Photo by Omar Quadir)



Tulana Wade and Victoria Oliver (left) from Connections Cleveland at the Ohio Media School, thanked Mecca East and Imam Shafiq Sabir for a wonderful Thanks Dinner at Masjid Bilal last week. (ESDN Photo by Omar Quadir)



Attendees enjoyed a hot meal during the Thanks Dinner at Masjid Bilal held on Thanksgiving Day. (ESDN Photo by Omar Quadir)

## Congresswoman Fudge fights for SNAP program

Reps. Marcia Fudge (OH-11), Rosa DeLauro (CT-03), and Barbara Lee (CA-13) led 100 House Democrats in introducing the Protect SNAP Act, legislation to prevent the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) from implementing stricter work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill follows USDA's final rule restricting hundreds of thousands of Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents' (ABAWDs) access to SNAP—America's leading anti-hunger program.

"The Administration is callously forging ahead with a rule that would strip critical food assistance from nearly 700,000 of our most vulnerable citizens. Yet, they have not even attempted to determine who ABAWDs are, what hardships they face, or whether jobs are available in areas with high unemployment," said Congresswoman Fudge.

"Though the new policy doesn't take effect until April of next year, the decision to finalize this rule during the holiday season makes clear that the cruelty is the point. I refuse to stand by while this Administration disregards, demonizes and devastates hundreds of thousands of people in need. By preventing USDA from implementing this mean-spirited rule, the Protect SNAP Act will respect the dignity of hungry people and ensure they can continue to put food on the table."

"People are going to go hungry because of President Trump and his administration's cruel new restrictions on SNAP," said Congresswoman DeLauro. "Despite the USDA's own research showing that the vast majority of SNAP

recipients who can work do, President Trump is cutting off a vital lifeline and rigging SNAP against the very people who the program was created to help. That is a betrayal of our nation's values and the decades bipartisan leadership in support of SNAP.

Congress defeated this immoral proposal in last year's farm bill, and we need to step up again by passing the Protect SNAP Act immediately to reinforce our authority and intent on this issue."

"Make no mistake: the Trump Administration's latest work requirement rule will not create jobs or help anyone find work — it's designed to punish unemployed or underemployed workers for falling on hard times," said Congresswoman Lee. "What's more, we know that this rule will disproportionately affect communities of color, rural areas, and other places where good jobs are scarce. We cannot allow Trump to push more families further into poverty, and make it that much harder to climb out. Congress explicitly rejected these ideas in the last Farm Bill, and it's time to pass the Protect SNAP Act to further safeguard this critical program. No one should be going to bed hungry in the richest nation on earth."

## Businesses encourage getting flu shots

Businesses should take precautions in advance of the annual flu season to keep sick workers home and reduce infection rates that send people to physicians in droves, says new research from Ball State University.

"The Effects of Employment on Influenza Rates" found that a 1 percentage point increase in the employment rate correlates with increases in the number of influenza-related doctor visits by about 16 percent. These effects are highly pronounced in the retail sector and health care sectors — industries with the highest levels of interpersonal contact.

Erik Nesson, an Associate Professor of Economics at Ball State, said labor market-based activities, such as using public transportation and carpools, working in offices, putting children in daycare, and having frequent contact with the public, might help spread the flu.

"Employers should consider differences in the lost productivity from many employees becoming infected with influenza versus the lost productivity from a few infected individuals taking sick leave," Nesson said. "Workers concerned about missing pay or losing their jobs as the result of staying home from work due to illness will be less likely to heed early signs of influenza infection and stay home."

"Since a person may be infectious while experiencing mild symptoms, this greatly increases the probability that the virus will spread to other workers in the firm. This implies that firms should consider more generous sick day policies, particularly during the flu season."

The study was recently published by Economics & Human Biology. Nesson was joined on the research project by Sara Markowitz, a Professor of Economics at Emory University, and Joshua Robinson, an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The team used state-level data on the prevalence of the flu from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nesson points out that employment conditions can be forecast, to a fairly accurate degree, several months in advance.

"This information could be used by the public health community to plan for the severity of an upcoming flu season," he said. "For example, if the economy is on an upswing, the public health community should plan for an above normal increase in flu incidence."

"Our results imply that employment in service industries — particularly retail and health care — is a particularly strong mechanism for flu spread. If our economy continues to shift to more service-oriented employment, the results presented here suggest there is greater potential for flu spread in the future."

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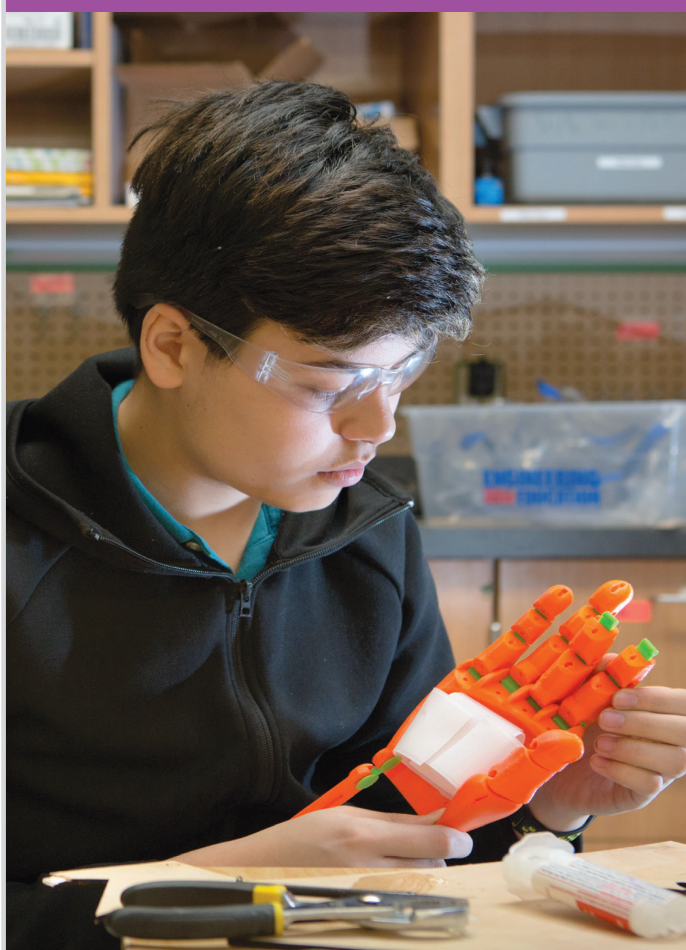
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