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Loganberry Books Celebrates 19th Annual Author Alley August 1-2. Loganberry Books Invites Readers & Bibliophiles to 19th Author Alley Long-standing Cleveland Book Fair Scheduled for August 1-2. Cleveland book lovers and aspiring writers can meet more than 60 authors from northeast Ohio (plus a few from further afoot) and purchase their books at Loganberry Books' 19th Annual Author Alley.

Teen to get learner's permit at 15

A bill approved this week by the Ohio Senate would allow young Ohioans to get a learner driving permit at age 15, rather the current 15 1/2, allowing up to one year for driver training, instead of six months.

Author Alley to be held at Loganberry

Author Alley will be held at Loganberry Books, 13015 Larchmere Blvd.on August 1-2, 2026. Dozens of local authors will set up shop in the iconic mural-adorned alleyway next to Loganberry, where they'll have the opportunity to connect with new readers and mingle with fellow writers.

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Gun violence on the rise, Flock cameras are of no assistance

Cleveland Heights police said they need the public's help to identify those responsible for shooting a teen in the head outside Noble Food Deal on Thursday afternoon, July 16.

Police on Friday, July 17, said the victim is a 19-year-old man from South Euclid. He remains hospitalized, according to a news release.

Officers on Thursday responded to a report that someone had been shot outside the convenience store along Noble Road.

In another incident, The FOX 8 I-Team sparked action after a delay in Cleveland police investigating gunfire into Providence House, an emergency shelter for kids.

The I-Team found evidence had not been collected for nearly two weeks. On Thursday morning, an officer was collecting bullet casings at Providence House. Yet, the shooting happened after midnight back on the night of July 4. Gunfire even went into the building with children.

“It’s been really frustrating. We’ve got children in the building and everybody just feels abandoned. Does anybody care this happened?” Providence House Executive Director Natalie Leek said.



A teen was shot at Noble Food Deal on Noble Road in Cleveland Heights around 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Noble Food Deal in the 2200 block of Noble Rd.

We’ve reported that gunfire erupted in a street takeover block party at East 118th and Buckeye.

The Providence House said gunfire came into the shelter for the second time in three nights.

At a hearing this week, even the city council president questioned the safety director about the delay in gathering evidence. Blaine Griffin said he had also spoken to police brass.

“This happened a week ago and no one still has come out to collect evidence?” Griffin said.

“I’m sorry to hear that. I’ll talk with the Division of Police about the response to Providence House,” Safety Director Wayne Drummond responded.

Ultimately, the chief’s office released a statement, saying, “The Cleveland Division of Police is grateful that no injuries were reported as a result of individuals who negligently and knowingly discharged firearms into the air. Detectives have processed the scenes and are actively investigating the incidents related to the Providence House.”

Meanwhile, the Providence House executive director is also looking ahead.

“We’ve got to have better response and communication,” Leek added. “We’ve got victims of crime in the community who feel they’re not being responded to.”

Leek said she had even told the mayor about the delay in getting evidence collected.



On Thursday morning, an officer was collecting bullet casings at Providence House on Buckeye Road. Yet, the shooting happened after midnight back on the night of July 4. Gunfire even went into the building with children.

According to the Cleveland Division of Police, officers were dispatched around 1:17 p.m. to a home where two people were found dead inside. The victims were Andre Anderson, 59, and Elizabeth Anderson, 56, both of Cleveland.

Andre Anderson was found in the living room with a gunshot wound to the head.

Elizabeth Anderson was found upstairs in a bathroom with a gunshot wound to her body.

Both were pronounced dead at the scene — Andre at 1:28 p.m. and Elizabeth at 1:30 p.m.

Police have identified Elizabeth Anderson as the homicide victim and Andre Anderson as the suspect in the case. The Homicide Unit and the Specialized Investigation Unit are processing the home for evidence, and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office is involved.

Authorities have not released a confirmed cause of death or further details about the events leading up to the incident. The case is ongoing, and detectives are speaking with potential witnesses. The 900 block of East 145th Street is in a largely residential area near Euclid Beach Park, part of the Collinwood-Nottingham community.

Flock cameras were of no help. The cameras do not prevent crime. The city should focus resources on getting guns out of the hands of kids.

A new report is shedding light on how gun violence affects children across the state, revealing stark regional and racial disparities while calling for targeted, community-driven solutions.

The report from advocacy group Children’s Defense Fund-Ohio, authored by policy analyst Brianna Booker, combines state and national data from 2025 with firsthand accounts from families impacted by gun violence.

Researchers gathered in-

put from communities across Akron, Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo and the Appalachian region, including from school safety teams, community organizations, faith leaders, government officials and families of victims.

The findings show that while firearm-related deaths impact children statewide, the ways in which they occur vary widely. In Ohio’s urban areas, including Cleveland, child gun deaths are more often homicides. In rural communities, suicides account for a larger share.

The report also highlights racial disparities, with Black children disproportionately victims of gun-related homicides, while white children are more likely to die by suicide.

“Gun violence presents itself in a variety of different ways and we have to work on solutions that tackle it in the ways that it presents itself,” Booker said. “Communities who are closest to the problem have the solutions to the problem.”

Even Flock cameras have come under attack: In Ashland County, Flock Safety cameras have become an important tool for law enforcement agencies across the country.

“We’ve had very great success, especially finding wanted fugitives, folks who are avoiding law enforcement, who are fleeing from justice and that’s our responsibility and so at the end of the day, these cameras are helping us find those people who are avoiding coming and taking responsibility or being held accountable for their crimes,” said Ashland County Sheriff Kurt Schneider.

However, it appears that not everyone is happy about the license plate readers.

World Cup Final is Sunday

By ANDREW CARTER

It will be Spain against Defending Champion Argentina in the 2026 World Cup Final this Sunday. Coincidentally, Spain is the reigning European (UEFA) soccer association champion and Argentina is the reigning South American (CONMEBOL) soccer association champ.

Spain beat France, 2-0, to get there. Mikel Oyarzabal scored on a Penalty shot at 22’ and Pedro Porro added the insurance goal at 58’. France G Mike Mignan registered no Saves. Spain G Unai Simon made three Saves in posting the

Shutout (Clean Sheet).

Argentina edged England, 2-1, to get a chance to repeat. Anthony Gordon scored for England at 55’. Argentina continued their World Cup late game heroics when Enzo Fernandez tied the match with five minutes left in regulation. Lautaro Martinez headed in the game-winner two minutes into stoppage time (added to 90 minutes of regulation). Superstar Lionel Messi directly assisted on both goals. English G Jordan Pickford had three Saves and Argentine G Emiliano Martinez had one Save.

France will face England on Saturday in the match for 3rd Place.

Gasoline prices lower for holiday

As millions of drivers filled up and hit the road for the long Independence Day weekend, gas prices were the lowest they’ve been in several weeks. The national average is down 40 cents from a month ago at \$3.79 for a gallon of regular. While that number is higher than last year, it’s a relief from this past spring, when the national average peaked at \$4.56 on May 21. Crude oil prices have fallen to their lowest levels in months, dropping to the \$65 per barrel range.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand increased

last week from 8.77 million barrels per day to 9.13 million. Total domestic gasoline supply decreased from 216.3 million barrels to 214 million. Gasoline production increased last week, averaging 10 million barrels per day.

At the close of Wednesday’s formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate fell 92 cents to settle at \$68.58 a barrel. The EIA reports that crude oil inventories decreased by 3.8 million barrels from the previous week. At 408.4 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 7% below the five-year average for this time of year.

Northeast Ohio Average for Self-Service Gasoline			
	Regular		
This Week	(07-17-26)	\$3.61	
Last Week	(07-10-26)	\$4.61	
Last Year	(07-18-26)	\$3.52	
National	(07-17-26)	\$4.49	

EDWINS Oyster Bar to Open this summer

EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute will open EDWINS Oyster Bar on July 22, bringing a Parisian-style oyster bar experience to Cleveland Heights while expanding the organization’s educational mission through new hands-on seafood training opportunities for students pursuing careers in hospitality.

Located in the former C L Barber Salon Family Hair space adjacent to EDWINS Too, the approximately 900-square-foot concept will feature 23 seats indoors and an additional 22 seats on the patio, adding capacity to the busy Fairmount-Cedar restaurant district. The restaurant embraces an easygoing, beach-inspired atmosphere, with silverware in buckets on the bar, napkins and lemon wipes readily available, and no reservations required—guests simply add their names to the chalkboard waitlist and will be seated as tables become available.

At the center of the menu is a rotating daily selection of oysters sourced from both the Eastern and Western coasts of the United States, served with classic accompaniments including red wine mignonette, champagne cucumber mignonette, horseradish, and house hot sauce. Guests can also enjoy specialty offerings such as Oyster & Caviar pairings and an Oyster of the Day featuring chef-selected

garnishes.

The menu extends well beyond oysters to include premium caviar service featuring Golden Kaluga, Bourbon Barrel Smoked Kaluga, and White Sturgeon Reserve caviars served traditionally with crème fraîche, chives, egg, and shallots.

Additional offerings include tuna crudo with jalapeño and avocado, salmon tartare with orange ponzu, Hokkaido scallops with yuzu and olive oil, Jonah crab claws, shrimp cocktail, bulot, steamed clams and mussels, and seafood towers designed for sharing.

The oyster bar also embraces the growing tradition of conservas and premium tinned seafood, with selections including sardines in tomatoes and peppers, beechwood smoked Limford blue mussels, and octopus in garlic sauce.

For guests looking for a celebratory experience, the menu features seafood platters ranging from the EDWINS Platter to the Grand Plateau and Le Plateau Royal, showcasing combinations of oysters, shrimp, crab, lobster, and shellfish.

The beverage program was designed specifically to complement seafood and



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shellfish, featuring Champagne, sparkling wines, Loire Valley whites, Chablis, Sancerre, and classic cocktails. Signature drinks include The House Martini, The Dirty Pearl, and The Caviar Martini, alongside cocktails such as the Seafoam Spritz and Salt Air Margarita.

More importantly, the new concept will serve as EDWINS’ dedicated seafood classroom, creating a focused learning environment for students interested in seafood preparation and butchery.

A large walk-in cooler built specifically for instruction will allow students to gain

hands-on experience with oyster shucking, seafood fabrication, and preparation techniques in a setting that mirrors professional restaurant operations.

The oyster bar joins a broader expansion of the EDWINS campus designed to support both culinary education and student success. The organization’s former basement classroom space in the historic Nighttown building will be transformed into a multipurpose program space for consulting meetings, social services, clinical mental health counseling services for students, and a musician lounge.

VANTAGE POINT

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office Launches Signs of OD Campaign

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas P. Gilson announced the launch of [signsofOD.org](#), a campaign aimed at raising public awareness of recent changes in the overdose crisis. The campaign is focused on the following:

Decreases in fentanyl-involved overdose deaths

Cocaine is now the leading drug in overdose deaths

Identifying the signs and symptoms of a cocaine-involved overdose

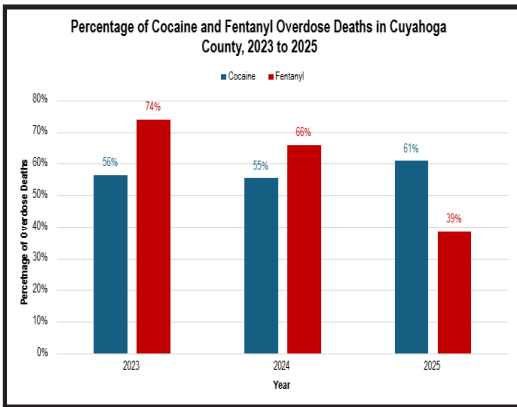
“The Signs of OD campaign is designed to address a problem we've seen in Cuyahoga County,

namely, individuals who use drugs alone,” said Dr. Gilson. “We want to get the word out about both the dangers of drug use and knowing when to seek help. While a buddy system can be beneficial, it’s most important to meet people where they are.”

Overdose deaths continue to decline in Cuyahoga County, with fentanyl-involved deaths seeing the most significant decrease. Due to this drop, cocaine is now the leading drug in overdose deaths.

However, like fentanyl-involved deaths, cocaine-involved deaths continue to decline.

“Cuyahoga Coun-



ty has experienced a 70% reduction in fentanyl-involved overdose deaths over the past two years. While this is significant progress, cocaine-involved overdoses have now become the leading contributor to drug overdose deaths, highlighting the evolving nature of the over-

dose crisis,” said Manreet Bhullar, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office Senior Epidemiologist.

For more information on the signs of a cocaine overdose and/or harm reduction resources, please visit [signsofOD.org](#).

YOUR HEALTH

July is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

It is not just older people who are affected by arthritis, children get it too — that’s why observing Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month in July each year is so important. Founded by the Arthritis Foundation, this campaign aims to raise awareness about this condition and share resources to help those affected by it. Did you know, with kids, arthritis affects not just joints, but other organs too? Their immune system attacks their joints, causing swelling, stiffness, and sometimes permanent damage, which can get worse if left untreated.

Even though the name ‘arthritis’ itself relates to the joints — it means ‘joint inflammation’ in Latin — juvenile arthritis can affect the eyes, skin, and the gastrointestinal tract.

he term was first described in the 18th century by pediatrician Frederick Still. Acceptance for this illness took much longer, however, and it was only until a century later that a specialized center for juvenile rheumatism was established in Berkshire. The center’s original purpose was to treat people afflicted with rheumatic fever, which was prevalent in the years following the Second World War. As hygiene and nutrition improved, this disease declined. Soon, the center turned its attention towards children and juvenile arthritis, which was known as Still’s Disease back then. Dr. Barbara Ansell from the center was one of the first to recognize that the development of the disease, its progression, and response to treatment were different for different people. This unit operated for 39 years and has greatly contributed to the causes and outcomes of juvenile arthritis treatment we see today.

Over the next century, such centers were established in Germany, too, but recognition from major organizations like the American Rheumatism Association (ARA) and the International League Against Rheumatism (ILAR) occurred later in the 19th century. The fact that this is a relatively rare illness, fewer physicians specialize in it, and pharmaceu-

cal companies largely target adult markets means that therapeutic advancements in juvenile arthritis have been historically slow. The treatment gradually shifted from physical — physiotherapy and hydrotherapy, splinting, and surgery — to a drug-based regimen. Recent American history shows the Food and Drug Administration has supported many incentives to drive U.S. pharmaceutical agencies to include children, too, like their Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA) and Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA).

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis, formerly known as juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, is the most common type of arthritis in children under the age of 16.

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis can cause persistent joint pain, swelling and stiffness. Some children may experience symptoms for only a few months, while others have symptoms for many years.

Some types of juvenile idiopathic arthritis can cause serious complications, such as growth problems, joint damage and eye inflammation. Treatment focuses on controlling pain and inflammation, improving function, and preventing damage.

The most common signs and symptoms of juvenile idiopathic arthritis are:

Pain. While your child might not complain of joint pain, you may notice

that he or she limps — especially first thing in the morning or after a nap.

Swelling. Joint swelling is common but is often first noticed in larger joints such as the knee.

Stiffness. You might notice that your child appears clumsier than usual, particularly in the morning or after naps.

Fever, swollen lymph nodes and rash. In some cases, high fever, swollen lymph nodes or a rash on the trunk may occur — which is usually worse in the evenings.

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis can affect one joint or many. There are several different subtypes of juvenile idiopathic arthritis, but the main ones are systemic, oligoarticular and polyarticular. Which type your child has depends on symptoms, the number of joints affected, and if a fever and rashes are prominent features.

Like other forms of arthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis is characterized by times when symptoms flare up and times when symptoms may be minimal.

Take your child to the doctor if he or she has joint pain, swelling or stiffness for more than a week — especially if he or she also has a fever.

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis occurs when the body’s immune system attacks its own cells and tissues. It’s not known why this happens, but both heredity and environment seem to play a role.

Weekly Wealth For Your Health

Tips to improve retirement savings

Follow these seven steps to develop your personal retirement investing strategy:

1. Set Your Retirement Savings Goal

It’s relatively easy to estimate how much you need to save for a new car purchase or a home down payment. How much to save for retirement, on the other hand, is a much bigger, more challenging personal finance goal—it may feel a lot harder to get right.

There are so many variables to consider. How much will you need for vacations? Could you end up facing big medical expenses? What age will you stop working entirely? How long will you actually live?

According to the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, most of us should start savings around 15% of our income starting at age 25 if we hope to retire by age 62. If that amount sounds too high, too early, that’s okay. Start-

ing later just means you may have to save a higher percentage, reduce your expenses, or work longer.

Someone who started saving at 35, for example, could hypothetically fund a comfortable retirement by contributing 24% of their income until age 62 or 15% of their income until age 65.

2. Open a Retirement Account

Once you’ve figured out how much you need to save, it’s time to open a retirement account. Historically, investments in the stock market have offered significantly better returns than savings accounts, making them the preferred tool for growing your retirement savings.

Not all investment accounts are ideal for retirement savings. To encourage people to save for retirement, the federal government has created special types of investment accounts, particularly known as retirement accounts, that provide certain tax advantages.

There are two main types of retirement accounts: employer-sponsored retirement accounts, like 401(k)s, and individual retirement accounts (IRAs). In general, both types of accounts are available in traditional and Roth varieties. Both offer tax-advantaged growth of your investment money, but you pick whether you’d prefer an income tax break now or in retirement.

3. Choose Your Investments

Whether you get a tax-advantaged retirement account through work or you open an IRA on your own, mutual funds, index funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) are generally considered good investments for long-term retirement savings.

4. Set Up Automatic Recurring Deposits

Most financial advisors recommend you set up a regular cadence of deposits into your retirement accounts, whether that’s through a workplace 401(k) or in an IRA. If you’re using a 401(k) at work, you’re probably already set. If you’re investing with an IRA, make sure you’re making regular deposits that won’t exceed the annual limits.

5. Regularly Increase Your Retirement Savings Rate

You may not be able to immediately save

15% of your income for retirement—and that’s fine. You can start small to take advantage of the crucial role that time plays in compounding your investment returns.

6. Open an Additional Retirement Account

There are plenty of reasons to have more than one or even two retirement accounts. You might consider opening additional retirement accounts if your employer-sponsored plan charges excessively high fees or you don’t like the investment options it provides.

7. Keep Things in Perspective Through Good Times and Bad Historically, the stock market has seen average returns of about 10%. The key word in that sentence is average. There have been years when the benchmark S&P 500 has grown more than 20%. And then there are years when its performance has sunk deep into the red.

When you’re investing for long-term goals like retirement, remember that after all periods of negative performance, the stock market has recovered its losses and kept moving higher. So don’t get too hung up on your retirement portfolio’s performance from day to day, or even from month to month or year to year.

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Islam In The Community

An Israeli air strike on a post belonging to Gaza’s Hamas-run police force has killed at least seven

An Israeli air strike on a post belonging to Gaza’s Hamas-run police force has killed at least seven people, including a senior officer, health and police officials say.

Witnesses told the BBC that an Israeli drone fired four missiles at the post near a busy market in the Jabalia area of northern Gaza.

The Palestinian territory’s Hamas-run interior ministry said the head of the local police station, Col Mohammed Marwan Salem, and several other officers were

among those killed in what it condemned as a “massacre”.

An Israeli military official confirmed it had carried out a strike in the area and said it had targeted “terrorists”.

Another two people were reportedly killed by Israeli fire in southern Gaza on Tuesday.

An air strike killed a man and injured three other people in the Khan Younis area, medics told Reuters news agency.

The Israeli military said it struck a Hamas operative.

In nearby Rafah, a 10-year-old boy named Muataz Abu Shaar was killed by Israeli gunfire, according to the medics.

The Israeli military has not commented on that incident.

Both Israel and Hamas have accused each other of near-daily violations of the ceasefire that took effect in the Palestinian territory last October.

Gaza’s Hamas-run health ministry has said at least 1,110 people have been killed by Israeli fire since then, while the Israeli mili-



Ro Khanna says he was detained by settlers.



Democratic congressman Ro Khanna said his group’s van was surrounded by settlers wielding US-made M4 rifles while touring an area where residents face frequent attacks.

A Look At My World Is Crazy Contagious?

By Dr. JAMES L. SNYDER

Getting into trouble seems to be an ongoing habit of mine. It doesn’t matter what the trouble is at the time; it somehow associates itself with me.

Whenever I think I’m perfect and everything is going fine, I’m set up for something to go horribly wrong. Believe me, it happens to me all the time. If I could accept the fact that I’m not perfect, maybe my life would be just a little bit better. I’m working on that.

Every once in a while, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will say to me, “Are you crazy?”

The fact that she asks that question indicates that she doesn’t really know the answer. Of course, I always answer in the negative. When I do, she looks at me, shakes her head, and walks away.

After all these years (we will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary this year) she doesn’t really know if I’m crazy or not. I’ll give her another 55 years to figure that one out.

The other day, I began thinking about this idea of being crazy. I’m not quite sure I understand what “crazy” means, and I’m not going to look it up in the dictionary because you can’t believe everything you read in that dictionary. At least I can’t.

I began thinking of my relatives all the way back to my great-grandmother. We used to have yearly get-togethers, but that seems to have passed. I began thinking about those relatives of mine and realized that some of them actually were crazy.

I got up from my chair, went over to my library and pulled out my family photo album. I sat down and began to look through my album. I haven’t done this in quite a few years, so I had forgotten a lot about my relatives. I looked at them and began to think about them and what I remembered about them.

The more I looked through my photo album, the more I saw that some of my relatives were actually crazy. There is no way I would have to ask them, “Are you crazy?” I knew they were crazy and remembered some of the evidence that proved it.

As I was looking at these photos, I was chuckling and sometimes even laughing aloud, and then The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage walked by. She looked at me and said, “What are you laughing about?”

I looked up and said, “Remember the other day when you asked if I was crazy?”

She nodded her head and said, “Yes, I remember that

and I’m still asking that question today.”

Looking at her, I laughed some more. I said to her, “After looking at the photo album of my family I have come to the conclusion that crazy is contagious.”

Then I showed her a couple of photos of one of my cousins and said, “This cousin is the model of what crazy is all about.” Then I told her the story of that cousin and all of the crazy things he did back in “the day.”

As I was explaining to her, she finally said, “Well, that sure does explain a lot of things.”

I went on to show her other pictures of my relatives and told their stories and how crazy they really were, from my point of view. Although she did not know all of my relatives, she began to understand why I was so crazy.

“So,” The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, “when will this contagious craziness stop? With you?”

Thinking about that was a very serious consideration for me. Am I going to be the last of the craziness in my family, or will I pass it on to my children and grandchildren?

I looked at her and said, “Well, my dear, you married crazy I didn’t.”

“I know I did,” she replied, “but at the time I didn’t think it was so contagious.”

Both of us laughed, realizing that craziness is quite contagious and runs in my family. It is impossible for one relative in a family to be crazy and not pass it on.

For a moment, I thought about asking about her family and whether there were any crazy people in it. However, I did not want to jinx my day. From my casual observation, a few of her relatives, including her siblings, showed signs of being crazy. I sure did not want to walk down that path of thorns.

I guess being crazy is inherited and in some cases, craziness is contagious among the people around.

My primary agenda in life is to use my craziness to my benefit. I’m not just going to be crazy and let it go. Rather, I’m going to use it to profit in any way I can. I can’t profit from my intelligence, which isn’t there, but I can profit from my craziness, which is there.

I’m not sure what that means, but I’ll spend some time figuring it out and not waste any time.

I thought of some scripture along this line. “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16).

This doesn’t come automatically, I need to discipline myself along this line. The world is not on my side, it only contributes to my craziness. I’m going to trust God each day to walk in God’s wisdom in such a way that He is pleased.

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poets, children, villages, orchards, histories, and homes that must first be removed so the empire can admire itself in the cleared land. So the south of Lebanon is owed our witness of its attempted genocide, while there is still something left for it to describe.

Now Israel has signaled that it intends to embed its destruction into the land more permanently—with the complicity of the Lebanese government. On June 26, Lebanon and Israel signed a 14-point framework agreement in Washington that tacitly surrendered the south to the occupation. The deal conditions Israeli withdrawal on the disarmament of the resistance, which is unlikely to ever happen. Article 13 commits Lebanon to cease “all hostile or adverse actions [against Israel] in international political or legal fora,” a clause that wipes clean Israel’s pager attack on civilians in markets and on streets, the demolition of hospitals, the strikes on medics and journalists, and all the

other indiscriminate killings. Israel, which carved Gaza to pieces, leaving less than 40 percent of it behind a “yellow line,” has now done the same to Lebanon, seizing a huge swath of territory under the guise of creating a “security buffer.” This is how Israel plans to finish what the air-strikes and white phosphorus started.

What began as a cancer in Gaza has become metastatic—the occupation spreading north, the terms of surrender dressed as peace, the same peace offered now to Lebanon, written without them, implemented over them, and called, by the people who wrote it, a beginning.

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Cavs re-sign Donovan Mitchell

BY KARL BRYANT

The Cavs re-signed star Donovan Mitchell to a four-year contract extension. It's speculated this was a signal to Hometown Hero LeBron James -a Free Agent - that they are committed to winning right now in The Land. It's definitely a positive move in the LBJ Sweepstakes.

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SPORTS

War on the Shore XXIII Pro-AM boxing show will be held on July 11 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lasalle Theater, 823 E. 185th Street, For information, contact Bryan Gedeon at 216-956-1362.

Pickleball Classic to be held

ClevelandPickleball.com Classic 2026 - Registration is now OPEN! Saturday, August 8, at 38575 Lakeshore Blvd, Osborne Park, Wiloughby.\$55/player and includes one event Mens / Womens / Mixed This is the 5th annual Cleveland-Pickleball.com CLASSIC tournament! Bringing together the best of Northeast Ohio Pickleballers! https://app.pickleballden.com/external-tournament/1307841

CLE's virtual 1st Place standing bodes well

BY KARL BRYANT

Start saving up now for Post-Season baseball tickets in The Land. It's only July, but the Guardians chances of playing October baseball are looking pretty good.

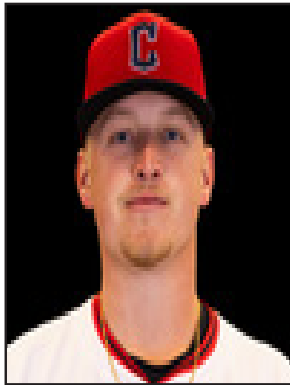
There's a couple of old axioms regarding a team's chances of ending up in 1st Place at the end of the season due to where they sat in the



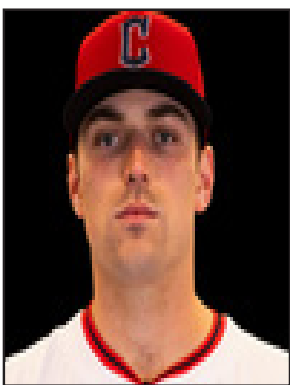
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Bazzana

standings earlier in the year. One is about being in 1st Place on the 4th of July and the other is about being in 1st Place at the All-Star Game

break. The Guardians were in a virtual tie for 1st with Chicago on both occasions this year, so they virtually have a good chance of

being atop the standings at season's end. Virtually.

Of course, last year, CLE set the MLB record of being the far-

thest out of 1st Place - 15 1/2 games - and then finishing atop the division standings. That proved that no Old Wives' Tale is safe when the Guardians are around.

Up to this point, CLE's pitching has been able to hold opposition batters to minimal damage while the team's Offense is weathering injuries to key players. Rookies and young players have made an impact. The expectation is that the youngsters will continue to improve. Plus, Jose Ramirez and Angel Martinez will be returning from the Injured List

CLE finished the "1st Half" of the season by sweeping the Marlins in a three-game series in FLA by scores of 3-2, 4-1, and 5-2. The White Sox swept the A's at the same time by scores of 14-1, 1-0, and 9-1, to keep a virtual tie - actually a miniscule .0006 percentage points ahead.

During the All-Star break, the AL beat the NL, 4-0, in the Mid-

summer Classic. Pundits predicted that the Senior Circuit would pound the Junior Circuit because, in the "1st Half" of the season, they've posted a better record. Instead, the NL suffered the indignity of having the AL throw a Shutout against them.

CLE had three players participate in the All-Star Game. Rookie P Parker Messick retired the three batters he faced (w/one K) in the 2nd Inning. Closer Cade Smith retired the three he faced (w/two Ks) in the 6th. Rookie 2B Travis Bazzana was 0 for 2, but reached base on fielder's choice. By the way, Chicago's Miguel Vargas got the only extra base hit of the contest with a long HR in the 8th Inning.

So now the "2nd Half" begins with the Guardians hosting the NL Pirates in InterLeague Play this weekend while the ChiSox travel to the Great White North to face the Blue Jays.

Buckle up and get ready for the ride.

Johnson Runs Away from Field in Firestone Swan Song

BY KARL BRYANT

Firestone CC in Akron has hosted a PGA event for the last 73 years. That will be no more, at least in the foreseeable future. Zach Johnson, who just turned 50 to become eligible for the PGA Champions (Seniors) Tour, ran away from the field with a whopping six stroke victory in Firestone's Swan Song PGA event.

The Senior Players Championship, now under the auspices of the Kaulig Companies Championship, will move to the Pacific Coast next year. Any PGA Tour event that could come to NE Ohio in the future, will have to find a title sponsor.

Johnson made the most of his Rookie year on the Champions Tour by posting a -15, 265, for the tournament. He had a four-shot lead going into Sunday's final round and actually improved on it.

He won \$525,000. Boo Weekly was runner-up at -9.



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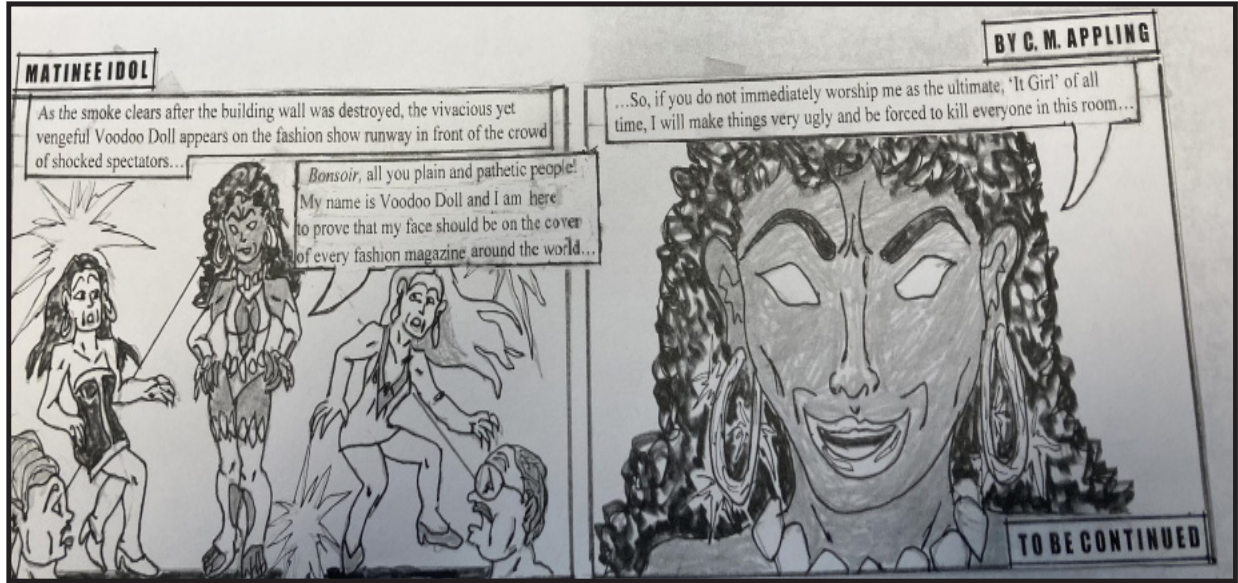
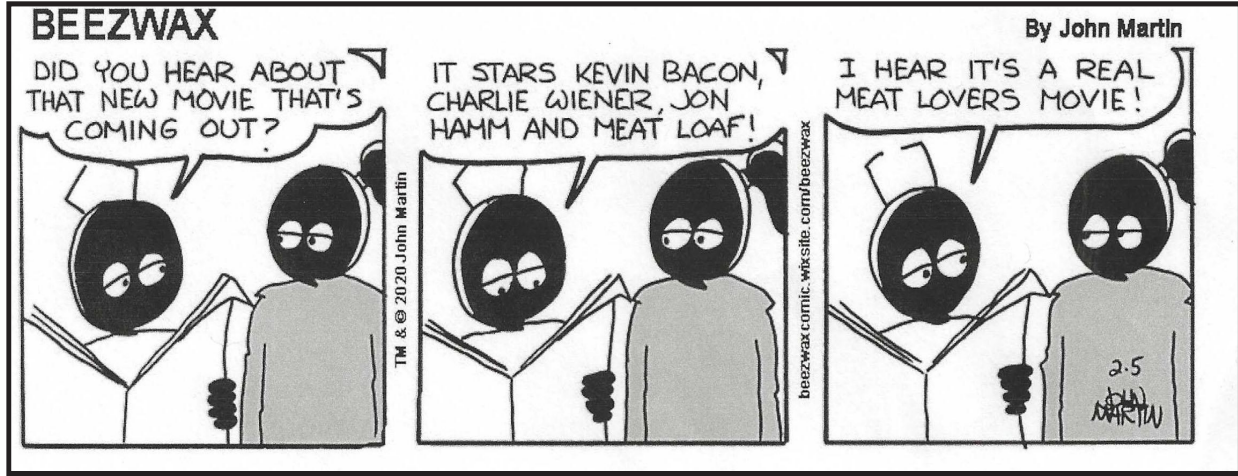
Rory Sabbatini was in 3rd Place at -8.

After winning his first PGA Champions Tour Major Tournament, Johnson made a case for the PGA to eventually return to Firestone, stating, "I love this place. I love it. I've loved it since I first stepped foot on it." In his admira-

tion, he added, "I just think it fits me. It fits my eye, but it fits me in the sense that you can't fake it around here."

Fan favorite John Daly, who drew large galleries during the

three rounds he completed before withdrawing, was presented the Ambassador of Golf Award by Northern Ohio Golf Charities for his devotion to the game and his philanthropic work.



On The Town

MOVIES * MUSIC * THEATER * DANCE * RESTAURANTS * NIGHT LIFE

Neil deGrasse Tyson "Search For Life In The Universe" to come to State Theatre

Neil deGrasse Tyson "Search For Life In The Universe" to come to State Theatre on October 7 at 8:00 p.m.

“To declare that Earth is the only planet in the universe with life would be inexcusably bigheaded of us.”

The discovery of about half a dozen planets around stars other than the Sun has triggered tremendous public interest. Attention was driven not so much by the discovery of extra-solar planets, but by the prospect of them hosting intelligent life.



Tyson

In any case, the media frenzy that followed was somewhat out of proportion with the events. Why? Because planets cannot be all that rare in the universe if the Sun happens to have a bunch of them. Even if they were teeming with

buoyant aliens, the odds against these life forms being intelligent may be astronomical.

Ordinarily, there is no riskier step that a scientist (or anyone) can take than to make sweeping generalizations from just one example. At the moment, life on Earth is the only known life in the universe, but there are compelling arguments to suggest we are not alone...

Tyson was awarded the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal in the same year. From 2006 to 2011, he hosted the television show NOVA

ScienceNow on PBS. Since 2009, Tyson has hosted the weekly podcast StarTalk. A spin-off, also called StarTalk, began airing on National Geographic in 2015. In 2014, he hosted the television series Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey, a successor to Carl Sagan's 1980 series Cosmos: A Personal Voyage. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences awarded Tyson the Public Welfare Medal in 2015 for his "extraordinary role in exciting the public about the wonders of science."

Inspired by Tyson's advocacy and re-

marks, Penny4NASA, a campaign of the Space Advocates nonprofit was founded in 2012 by John Zeller and advocates doubling NASA's budget to one percent of the federal budget.

In his book Space Chronicles: Facing the Ultimate Frontier Tyson argues that large and ambitious space exploration projects, like getting humans to Mars, will probably require some sort of military or economic driver in order to get the appropriate funding from the United States federal government.

'The Lion King' to come to the State Theater for a summer extravaganza

'The Lion King' is on stage at the State Theater from July 8 to August 13.

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The success of the film launched a multibillion-dollar franchise comprising a Broadway adaptation, two direct-to-video follow-ups, two television series, and a photorealistic remake (which itself spawned a prequel), which in 2019 also became the highest-grossing animated film at the time of its release.

In 2016, The Lion King was selected for preservation in the United States National

MENU TIPS

Pantry essentials for fast, healthful cooking

(NAPSI)—Stock your kitchen with these basic building blocks for a wide variety of good-for-you recipes that are quick and easy to create.

“Keeping healthy foods on hand is one of the easiest ways to get started with a healthy eating plan,” said registered dietitian Sarah-Jane Bedwell, author of “Schedule Me Skinny.”

1. Canola Oil—This kitchen workhorse is one of the most healthful cooking oils available and excellent for almost any kind of recipe. It contains the least saturated fat and most plant-based omega-3 fat of all common cooking oils, plus its neutral flavor and light texture work well with many different dishes and cooking styles.

2. Vinegar—The acid in vinegar, including white wine, red wine or balsamic, brightens and balances flavors. It's key to salad vinaigrette, and a splash can add depth and sweetness to soups and sautés.

3. Peanut Butter—An inexpensive source of protein, peanut butter is a healthful addition to baked goods. It's also a quick base for Asian-style peanut sauce on noodles or meat.

4. Lower—Sodium Chicken or Vegetable Broth—Boost flavor by using broth for homemade soup in a flash, whole grains or a braised dish. Store-bought broth tends to be higher in salt, so look for the lower-sodium varieties.

5. Honey or Brown Sugar—Sweetener isn't just for baked goods. Use a touch to help caramelize foods and bring out the natural sweetness in vegetables.

6. Whole Wheat Flour—Essential for baking, flour is also useful for thickening sauces, binding veggie pancakes and more. The white whole wheat variety can be a great way to add extra whole grains but maintain a light texture.

7. Basic Spices—No need to buy a whole rack's worth of spices. For most dishes, you'll be good to go with pepper, cinnamon, cumin, chili powder, garlic flakes, thyme and an Italian herb blend.

8. Whole Grains—Brown rice, whole grain pasta, oats, barley and quinoa are packed with nutrition and nicely filling. Keep them on hand to round out any meal.

9. Quick Protein—Canned or dried beans and lentils as well as canned salmon and tuna are excellent pantry staples: nutritious, affordable and versatile. Toss them into salads, mix with whole grains or mash them into burgers.

10. Canned Tomatoes—Essential for sauces, soups and stews, canned tomatoes are the faster (and, at most times of the year, tastier) to use than peeling, seeding and chopping your own. Select those that are lower in sodium.

“These are ingredients I reach for again and again,” Bedwell added. “With a well-stocked pantry and a little bit of planning, it's truly possible to prepare healthy meals in minutes.”

This entrée or appetizer is a delicious way to incorporate whole grain and other pantry essentials.

Salmon and Quinoa Patties
Yield: 8 patties ;Serving size: 1 pattie

2 Tbsp canola oil, divided

1 cup minced onion
½ cup finely chopped celery

1 cup cooked quinoa
2 cans, 6.5 oz each, salmon, rinsed and drained
3 eggs

2 Tbsp green relish
½ tsp salt
In large nonstick pan,

heat 1 Tbsp canola oil over medium heat. Add onion and celery and sauté for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

In large bowl, combine prepared quinoa with cooked onions and celery. Add salmon, eggs, relish and salt. Stir well to combine. Shape mixture into 8 patties, about ½ cup mixture each. In saucepan, heat remaining canola oil over medium heat. Cook patties for 3 to 4 minutes, undisturbed, or until golden brown. Flip over and continue cooking for about 4 additional minutes.

Nutritional Analysis
per Serving: calories: 150; total fat: 9 g; saturated fat: 1.5 g; cholesterol: 90 mg; sodium: 360 mg; carbohydrates: 7 g; fiber: 1 g; sugar: 1 g; protein: 10 g.

Chris' Cinema Trivia & Movie Match Up

By CHRIS APPLING



TRIVIA - (Black Leading Men)

1. In the comedy Like Mike (2002), teen-rapper Bow wow stars as an orphan who finds a pair of old sneakers he believes once belonged to Michael Jordan and then becomes an NBA superstar, but who is the dark-skinned, romantic actor who plays the lead player of the losing team Bow Wow's character joins?

2. Rapper/actor Busta Rhymes made his film debut as a supporting character in director John Singleton's High Learning (1995), as well as Singleton's 2000 remake of the classic, Shaft, but in what horror film does Busta Rhymes star opposite model/actress Tyra Banks against the unstoppable, psychotic, monster/serial killer Michael Myers?

3. In XXX (2002), light-skinned, action star Vin Diesel is an "extreme" thrill-seeker named Xander Cage who is recruited to become a secret agent by the government under the code

name of "XXX," but who is the modern, black, acting legend who stars as Cage's boss, "Augustus Gibbons," in the film?"

4. In what film drama does Wesley Snipes and Ving Rhames star as rival prison inmates who ultimately face-off against each other in the secret, "underground" world of correctional facility boxing matches?

5. In director Tim Story's ensemble comedy Barbershop (2002), rapper/actor Ice cube stars with Eve and Sean Patrick Thomas as employees of Ice Cube's character's late father's business, but who portrays the shop's hilarious, older barber who offers his wit and wisdom of age to the younger barbers?

ANSWERS: 1. Morris Chestnut 2. Halloween Resurrection (2002) 3. Samuel L. Jackson 4. Undisputed (2002) 5. Cedric The Entertainer



MOVIE MATCH-UP - (The Brothers)

ACTOR/DIRECTORS:

1. Bill Bellamy
2. Morris Chestnut
3. 'Gary Haggley
4. D.L. Hughley
5. Shemar Moore

CHARACTERS:

a) Directed the movie
b) Dates white, karate

instructxor

c) Has sexually timid wife
d) Player who gets engaged
e) His nightmares about commitment

ANSWERS: 1, b; 2, d; 3, e; 4, a; 5, c

Da 'Round Da Way Rewind Review

The 'Scream' franchise of horror films

By C.M. APPLING

In the late 1970s, a new type of horror movie emerged in Hollywood called 'slasher' films. It began in 1978 with director John Carpenter's classic, Halloween, about an escaped mental patient named Michael Myers who tries to kill his sister, Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis) and her friends on Halloween night.

With the box office success that spine-chilling movie garnered, other slasher flicks followed quickly with their own, movie monsters: Friday the 13th (Jason Voorhees), A Nightmare On Elm Street (Freddy Krueger), I Know What You Did Last Summer (Ben Willis) and Candyman (Daniel Robitaille). But, after two decades of their formulaic frights, they grew increasingly less scary, more overly-predictable and composed of boring, disposable schlock.

That is, until Scream came along in 1996. Created by horror filmmaking veteran Wes Craven (who also made the A Nightmare On Elm Street franchise), Scream was different in its cinematic approach as its meta use of pop-culture awareness of horror films allowed its characters to knowingly play by the 'rules' of the slasher genre: (1) the Final Girl must be wholesome (if not a virgin), (2) the kids who do drugs and have sex are doomed, (3) always check out the love interest as the killer suspect, (4) the killer always targets the Final Girl's friends and family as victims (as one character explains the independent rules for the various sequels, trilogies, reboots, re-quels, franchises and legacy characters).

As a franchise, the Scream movies stand apart from the unkillable, immortal monsters like Michael Myers, Jason Voorhees and Daniel Robitaille by having real, human people as the Ghostface killers, who actually die at the end, which makes it more believable and realistic. Here is a synopsis of the various installments: Scream (1996) In Woodsboro, California, Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) is the Final Girl. Supporting characters include Tatum Riley (Sidney's best-friend), Dwight 'Dewey' Riley (Tatum's police deputy older brother), Gale Weathers (the tempestuous TV reporter), and Randy Meeks (the lovable film geek). The first, two Ghostfaces are Billy Loomis (Sidney's boyfriend) and Stu Macher (who both die in Stu's house). Cotton Weary (the man wrongly convicted of killing Sidney's mother Maureen), makes a cameo appearance.

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her younger sister, Tara Carpenter, is attacked by a Ghostface, Sam must reveal to Tara she is actually the illegitimate daughter of Billy Loomis. This time, Ghostface is targeting the descendants of the original characters that include: half-black twins Chad and Mindy Meeks-Martin (the nephew and niece of Randy), and Wes Hicks (son of Judy Hicks). Legacy characters Sidney, Gale and Dewey reprise their roles but Gale and Dewey are divorced and Dewey dies in this installment. The two Ghostface killers are Richie Kirsch (Sam's boy-friend) and Amber Freeman (whose family moved into Stu's house).

Scream VI (2023) Sam and Tara Carpenter return as the half-sister, Final Girls who have now moved to New York where Sam works and Tara is enrolled at Blackmore University. With Tara on campus are new, legacy characters, twins Chad and Mindy. Gale also returns as does Kirby Reed (who is now an F.B.I. agent). This time, the killers leave the authentic Ghostface masks from the previous attacks to countdown to a showdown in a shrine dedicated to the murder artifacts from past films. The three Ghostfaces' are Richie Kirsch's father Detective Bailey, his brother Ethan and his sister Quinn. Billy Loomis has another cameo in Sam's hallucination. This is the only installment Sidney Prescott does not appear.

Scream 7 (2026) Now in Pine Grove, Indiana, Sidney Prescott-Evans is now married to police chief Mark with 17-year old daughter Tatum (Evans) and two, younger children (who haven't been seen yet). While managing a coffeehouse, Sidney's daughter Tatum is a theater student in high school.

A new Ghostface uses A.I. to create a deepfake of Stu Macher to hide their true identities. Gale returns as a reporter with Chad as her cameraman and Mindy as her assistant.

The three Ghostfaces are revealed to be escaped mental patient Karl Gibbs, the mental hospital supervisor Marco Davis and Sidney's next-door neighbor, Jessica Bowden. Marco and Jessica also use deepfakes of Nancy Loomis, Roman Bridger and Dewey to mentally torture Sidney in the finale.

Afro Sheen and Ultra Sheen’s owner George E. Johnson Sr., dies

George E. Johnson Sr., a pioneer in Black hair care whose multimillion-dollar business was the first Black-owned company to be listed on the American Stock Exchange, has died at age 99, according to his family.

Johnson died Monday at his home in downtown Chicago. A cause of death was not released.

Johnson and his late wife and high school sweetheart, Joan, started Johnson Products Company in 1954 on Chicago’s South Side after securing a \$250 loan. It grew into a hair care empire catering almost exclusively to Black people, with brands like Afro Sheen and Ultra Sheen.

People who remember Afro Sheen and Ultra Sheen in their heyday also remember the brands’ marketing campaigns and their association with the “Black is Beautiful” movement, which promoted cultural and racial pride among Black people. The iconic



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1970s commercials, which featured variations of the “Watu Wazuri” (“Beautiful People”) jingle, have enjoyed a resurgence on social media in recent years.

The commercials aired primarily during the hit music-and-dance television show “Soul Train,” which his company was a national sponsor of and

once owned.

“It was just a wonderful opportunity for Don Cornelius to be able to go national. He wouldn’t have been able to do that without George Johnson’s partnership,” said John W. Rogers, the founder of Chicago-based Ariel Investments who was a mentee of Johnson. “And so, to see it

work out for everyone and for our community all together was part of his genius.”

A legacy worth celebrating

During its annual gala in November, the Chicago Urban League celebrated Johnson as the Edwin C. “Bill” Berry Civil Rights Award honoree, named for the League’s iconic leader. Berry joined Johnson Products when he left the organization, according to Karen Freeman-Wilson, president and CEO of the Chicago Urban League. She said the honor was a full-circle moment for Johnson, who was a longtime board member.

“Just 12 or 14 days ago, he was standing with Barack Obama in the presidential library, dedicating a room for he and my mother,” Eric George Johnson, the eldest of Johnson’s four children, told The Associated Press. “It’s a wonderful life to celebrate.”

Johnson’s trajectory started from humble beginnings.

He was born in 1927 in Richton, Mississippi. Johnson’s mother, Priscilla Dean Johnson, was just 18 when she left her husband, took her children to Chicago and found a job at a local hospital, said Hilary Beard, a Philadelphia-based author who worked with Johnson on his memoir.

Their move occurred during what’s known as the First Great Migration, between 1910 and 1940, when tens of thousands of southern Black people moved to northern and Midwestern cities for jobs and to escape racial oppression.

“There was just enough money for food, clothing and shelter, but not for anything extra,” Beard said.

Johnson and his older brother, John, would collect cigarette packages, peel out the aluminum linings, roll them into balls and sell them to people who collected junk for resale, Beard said. Johnson also shined shoes, cleared tables in eateries and set up pins in a bowling alley.

A source of pride

and inspiration

As an adult, Johnson worked for the Black-owned Fuller Products Co. in Chicago. Beard said Johnson met a barber who was distraught because he couldn’t convince Fuller to back a product he was developing that straightened men’s hair. The drawback was the product burned the scalp.

Johnson worked with Fuller’s chemist to revamp the barber’s formula and started his business after ultimately convincing a bank he needed a \$250 loan to take his wife on a vacation, Beard said. That business would become Johnson Products.

Johnson’s company offered above-market salaries, profit-sharing for its workers, healthcare and other benefits at a time when many companies didn’t provide such perks, Beard added. Johnson Products was sold in 1993 to a pharmaceutical firm in a deal worth more than \$60 million.

Johnson later founded Independence Bank and became the first Black person to serve on the board of directors of the Illinois electric utility Commonwealth Edison. The George E. Johnson Educational Fund awarded more than 1,000 college scholarships.

Rogers remembers his father taking him to Independence Bank to open a checking account and being awed that Johnson owned it.

“That was just so impressive to me that he would start the largest Black bank in the country” which helped Black entrepreneurs, homeowners and anyone who needed assistance as they were building their lives, Rogers said.

The Golden Rule Though Johnson is gone, the lessons he imparted continue to shape the family’s future.

Eric Johnson, who served as CEO, left Johnson Products Company in 1992. He said he purchased Baldwin Ice Cream in 1997, intending to keep the com-

pany in the family for generations to come. Eric Johnson officially retired from Baldwin Richardson Foods on May 9 after successfully transitioning ownership to his daughters, Erin Tolefree and Cara Hughes.

“He saw his children come along and be successful, and now his grandchildren being successful,” Eric Johnson said.

Eric Johnson isn’t the only one who sees that legacy continuing. Rogers points to the company’s third generation of leadership as evidence.

“Eric’s positioned his kids who are now running the business day-to-day. So it’s a third generation, which is remarkable. They’re doing so well,” Rogers said.

Johnson’s memoir, “Afro Sheen: How I Revolutionized an Industry with the Golden Rule, from Soul Train to Wall Street,” was published in 2024.

Being fair and treating people the way you want to be treated was Johnson’s golden rule, according to his son. And it’s a cherished piece of advice that Eric Johnson said his father instilled in him.

“And it’s a foundation that was established in him as a child by his mother, that he established in all of us,” he said.

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NY State halts data centers

Gov. Kathy Hochul has ordered a one-year moratorium on large data centers in New York, which would be the first statewide temporary ban in the country.

Hochul said her order pauses state environmental permits for one year in order to build a regulatory framework that protects the environment and ratepayers.

“New York will lead the way in creating the strongest standards in the nation for data center development,” Hochul said in a news release.

She said that would address concerns about rising utility bills and the depletion of natural resources.

The governor’s order follows a bill passed by the State Legislature last month, which also contains a one-year moratorium. Members of the governor’s team say that bill is complicated and will take some time to work through, and Hochul feels the state needs to act sooner to address concerns.

The order would apply to data center projects that would use more than 50 megawatts of electricity. It contains exceptions for hospitals, research centers and education facilities, which typically use smaller amounts of electricity, her office said.

Earlier this year, she told state regulators to shape plans to require data centers to pay more for their energy or to provide their own. She now wants them to develop consistent environmental impact standards for the centers, a process that could take up to a year.

On Monday, a letter signed by more than 30 state legislators and several environmental and community organizations was sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation, urging it to hold any permit approvals for the data center at the STAMP Site in Genesee County until environmental and cultural review requirements are met.

The project is one of several under consideration across the state, leading to a “patchwork” of local moratoriums, her office said.

Hochul also wants to pursue legislation that would repeal sales tax exemptions for massive data centers in New York.

She also announced a new Office of Digital Innovation, Governance, Integrity, and Trust, or DIGIT, which will focus on digital safety and technological governance.



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It would first look at regulating advanced AI development, including providing a way for developers to report critical safety in-

Administration looking to eliminate Endangered Species Act

By altering the interpretation of a single word in the Endangered Species Act, the Trump administration has made what could be a sweeping change to how wildlife is protected in the United States.

That word is “harm.” For more than 50 years, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service defined harm to refer to anything that injures or kills a protected organism, including “significant habitat modification or degradation” that might impact a species’ ability to feed, reproduce or seek shelter.

But now, the federal government has officially rescinded that definition — a move that is already being challenged in court.

“This action restores common sense, respects private property, provides much-needed certainty for landowners and follows the statute Congress actually passed,” Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum said in a statement Friday, when the change was announced.

“The final rule will restore the definition of ‘harm’ to its original intent as written under the ESA, and will maintain protections for endangered species while reducing unnecessary or duplicative permitting requirements, cutting compliance costs, and eliminating confusion for Americans,” a representative for NOAA Fisheries said in an emailed statement Tuesday.

But environmental groups worry the rule change, which goes into effect on September 14, could destroy the wild places that endangered species depend on, undermining the protections that have helped sustain them.

Shortly after the new rule was published in the federal register Tuesday, the law firm Earthjustice, alongside more than half a dozen other environmental groups, filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Seattle against the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries (also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service).

Kristen Boyles, an attorney with the group, told NPR that they’re contesting the change on various levels. “The

cidents. It begins to implement the RAISE Act, legislation approved and signed last year that addresses AI transparency.

agencies haven’t explained themselves adequately,” she says. “Making this kind of dramatic change doesn’t make any legal sense because it goes against the fundamental purpose and spirit of the statute itself. All of those things make it an unreasonable and unreasonable decision.”

In the short term, Boyles anticipates that countless individual projects will be held up in court as these two understandings of the word “harm” — the historic definition and the administration’s revised interpretation — duel for primacy.

“The one thing that this repeal of this rule is going to certainly do is cause complete confusion in the regulated community,” says Boyles. “And it’s going to cause an increase in litigation over each and every project that’s proposed that doesn’t protect habitat.”

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and the Squaxin Island Tribe have also filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against the federal government. They explain that habitat degradation has been primarily responsible for the loss of salmon stocks in Puget Sound. Given that, they write in their complaint, “the loss of long-standing protection for the habitat of ESA-listed salmon species will injure the Tribes and their members.”

Certain industry groups have weighed in to support the move. In public comments made last year when the rule change was initially proposed, a collection of oil and petroleum groups, including the American Petroleum Institute, wrote that the “proposal to rescind the ‘harm’ definition is justified many times over.” And the Associated General Contractors of America wrote that they “appreciate the administration’s efforts to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens.”

In a statement after the rule change was announced on Friday, Holly Hopkins of the American Petroleum Institute said, “We remain committed to supporting commonsense ESA [Endangered Species Act] policies that both protect wildlife and support American energy

leadership.”

The emergence of bold protections for species at risk

The Endangered Species Act has been a fixture of environmental regulation in the U.S. since the bipartisan bill was signed into law by President Richard Nixon in 1973.

At that time, says Holly Doremus, a professor of environmental law at UC Berkeley, Americans had grown worried that all kinds of wildlife, ranging from whales to wolves to whooping cranes, were in danger of being wiped out by commercial and development interests. The Endangered Species Act emerged that year as a kind of triage for species nearing extinction.

“Just as a patient would not be expected to spend the rest of their life in the emergency room,” says Doremus, “species were supposed to be given special medical attention and treatment to recover.”

In particular, the law prohibited the “taking” of members of an endangered species. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delineated that the word “take” meant “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect.” And “harm” was defined to include the alteration or destruction of critical habitat.

Doremus says the agency wasn’t restricting the action of simply “shoot[ing] a critter. They wanted to be clear that if you, for example, removed the place where it nests, even if it was not there at the time, you would be hurting it.”

The thinking was that interfering with the place a protected species calls home would almost certainly be detrimental to the fate of that species.

“For most all species, the number-one driver of extinction [is] damage and harm to their habitat, whether that’s grazing, whether that’s pollution, whether that’s climate change,” says Tara Zuardo, a senior campaigner at the Center for Biological Diversity, one of the organizations that’s co-filing the lawsuit with

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Avoid Penalties—Pay Your Cuyahoga County Property Tax Bill Before the Deadline

The Cuyahoga County Treasurer’s Office is reminding property owners that real estate tax bills must be paid or postmarked by August 13, 2026. Payments that are postmarked or received after August 13, 2026 without a postmark will be assessed a 10% late penalty.

Real estate tax bills will be mailed or emailed to record owners beginning July 17, 2026. Taxpayers wishing to receive an additional copy of their physical tax bill can call the Treasurer’s Office at 216-443-7400 (option 1). Taxpayers can also view and pay their tax bills online on Point & Pay and on the County’s website.

“Our goal is to make paying property taxes simple, convenient, and accessible,” said Cuyahoga County Treasurer Brad Cromes. “Taxpayers can choose from several payment options, and those experiencing financial challenges may qualify for assistance through a variety of programs.”

Taxpayers who are behind on their tax bills are encouraged to learn about the County’s Delinquent Tax Payment Plan options and contact the Treasurer’s Office after August 13th. Payment plans are not available until after the due date.

To better serve taxpayers, the Treasurer’s Office will offer extended hours Monday, August 10 – Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Property tax payment options include:

- In Person Taxpayers can make payment by cash, check, money order, and credit or debit card (fees apply) at the Treasurer’s Office, located on the first floor of the County Administrative Headquarters at 2079 E. 9th Street in Cleveland. Taxpayers can also pay in person using check or money order via drop box at the Treasurer’s Office, and at all Cuyahoga County Auto Title and Key Bank locations.
- By Mail Taxpayers can pay by check, cashier’s check, or money order by detaching the bottom portion of their bills and sending them with payment to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer, 2079 East 9th Street Cleveland, OH 44115. Please include the parcel number on the check or money order for faster processing.
- By Phone Taxpayers can pay via phone by e-check (fee free) or credit or debit card (fees apply) by calling 1-877-738-1212.
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For more information, please visit cuyahogacounty.gov/treasury, call 216-443-7400 Option 1, or email treascomment@cuyahogacounty.gov.

Legal Aid may be able to help with reasonable accommodations when attending court

By Tonya Sams

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits individuals with disabilities from being discriminated against based on their disabilities at work, school, and other public and private places, including courts.

The first thing that people should know before heading to court is how the law defines a disability.

“The ADA defines disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual, have a record of such impairment, or are regarded as having such an impairment, even if the impairment is perceived,” said Jennifer Kinsley Smith, a Managing Attorney at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. “Examples of major life activities include walking, seeing, breathing, hearing, cognitive function, or major bodily functions.”

When a person with a disability needs an adjustment made to ordinary court procedures so that they can effectively interact with the courts, they can request a reasonable accommodation.

“Examples of a reasonable accommodation request could be frequent breaks for someone who needs to check glucose or eat for blood sugar reasons, allowing a support person in the courtroom for someone with a mental health diagnosis, or allowing virtual court attendance for a person who is immunocompromised,” said Jennifer.

You can make a reasonable accommodation request on your own or with the help of an attorney.

“Submit your request in writing as far in advance of your court date as possible. The request can be made by parties to a case, a juror, a witness, a support person, or anyone who has business with the court,” Jennifer said. “Include your role in the matter, date and time of the court appearance, the nature of your disability, the requested accommodation, and contact information. Then submit it to the ADA administrator for the court or the Clerk of Courts. Be sure to indicate that the request contains confidential information and should not be part of the public record if you need to file with the clerk.”

The court might ask for more information, like a letter from your doctor. In most cases, your doctor does not need to share your medical history - just the nature of your disability and how the accommodation is connected to that disability.

“Never file medical records with your request because records related to the request are often accidentally filed on a publicly available docket,” said Jennifer. “Include as little medical information as possible, while satisfying the requirements for requesting an accommodation in your initial request.”

A judge can modify or deny a request, but they first must discuss it with the requestor. If they don’t, the requestor should talk to an attorney or file a complaint with the Department of Justice.

Have questions about a reasonable accommodation request?

Legal Aid may be able to help! Attend a free Legal Aid Brief Advice Clinic.

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Governor DeWine Awards \$11.9 Million to Support Demolition Projects

Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik today announced \$11.9 million in grants to help 73 counties prepare sites for redevelopment by demolishing existing unsafe, blighted buildings.

The funding comes from the latest round of the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program. Ohio’s operating budget has allotted \$21.5 million each fiscal year to help communities demolish dilapidated residential and commercial structures and prepare those properties for future economic development.

“Every community deserves places that inspire pride and create opportunity,” said Governor DeWine. “By helping remove long-vacant, unsafe buildings, we’re giving local leaders the chance to reimagine these properties in ways that strengthen neighborhoods, attract investment, and improve quality of life for the people who call Ohio home.”

July 2026 Demolition and Site Revitalization Awards

Approximately \$230,000 in grants was reserved for each of Ohio’s 88 counties. To date, the program has invested more than \$325 million to support nearly 6,700 demolition projects across every county in the state.

“In Ohio, every building has a story. When those stories come to an end, those properties still have one final purpose: making way for something better,” said Director Mihalik. “By helping our communities remove these long-neglected structures, we’re creating opportunities for new investment, new housing, new businesses, and a stronger future for the people who call these neighborhoods home.”

Examples of newly funded projects include:

Hocking County: A vacant, deteriorated former nursing home in Laurelville will be demolished, creating new possibilities for the site. Local leaders are considering a variety of future uses, including a community greenspace or pocket park with overflow parking, a flexible event space, a native pollinator meadow, and other economic development opportunities.

Muskingum County: The former Zanesville water works site, built in 1925 and in use until the new city water treatment system came online in 2009, will be demolished to make way for the construction of additional water treatment and maintenance facilities on the property.

Ottawa County: A former Port Clinton school building that has sat vacant for nearly 50 years will be demolished, creating temporary green space while Erie Township evaluates long-term redevelopment options. Among the possibilities is a helipad for

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Why is the state of Ohio paying for this block owned by University Hospital to be demolished?



In 2022, Janice Cogger took photos of the overgrown historic E. 115th homes. The landlord, University Hospitals, intentionally allowed the block to deteriorate. All the homes will now be demolished.



For what may be a limited time, E. 115th Street, one of the last examples of a beautiful old University Circle residential street. The homes will all be demolished.

2022, Hessler Road resident Janice Cogger took photos of the overgrown historic E. 115th homes. After Hessler Road resident Laura Cyrocki posted them to Facebook, University Hospitals directed groundskeepers to tackle the overgrowth.

For what may be a limited time, E. 115th Street, one of the last examples of a beautiful old University Circle residential street. The homes will all be demolished.

There is no word as to what the hospital has planned for the area.

Honesty for Ohio Education to support public education

At a time when some consider public education under attack in Ohio, a group called Honesty for Ohio Education has stepped forward to advocate for public schools and push back on private school voucher funding.

The relatively young nonprofit, which calls itself nonpartisan, launched a campaign earlier this year at a press conference in Columbus, pushing for more transparency around the use of school vouchers in Ohio. It’s working with two Ohio Senators, a Democrat and a Republican, to introduce Senate Bill 443, the “Take the Dough, We Gotta Know Act.” The bill would require more transparency from private schools receiving voucher funding.

While the bill hasn’t had a hearing yet, Honesty for Ohio Education Executive Director Christina Collins said the group is taking an all-in approach amid a “crisis” in public education. It’s launched a website called “Vouchers Aren’t Free,” alleging that the private-school scholarships are “theft from public education.” It’s calling on people to support a lawsuit filed by more than 300 schools challenging the constitutionality of vouchers. And the group has been sharing information via its website on how public school funding has been impacted by policy-makers decisions.

“We are seeing the impact of decades of under-resourcing public schools and over-regulating public schools,” Collins said. “And so all of that I think is kind of coming to a head, and we do see kind of this crisis inflection moment happening when we have a third of the schools in our state projecting budget deficits in the next couple of years. That is not a sign of mismanagement or over-allocation. That is a sign of something real that is really happening to those schools.”

Honesty for Ohio’s advocacy campaign comes as dozens of schools across the state have moved to close buildings and lay off staff in 2025 and 2026.

Collins noted there are strong currents pushing against public schools. There are fewer students as birth rates have declined. Expenses continue to rise for goods and services. The state did not fully fund the Fair School Funding Plan in its last budget. And Gov. Mike DeWine signed several property-tax relief measures last year that are expected to hurt schools’ local tax revenue over the next three years.

Finally, there’s the push to ban all property taxes in Ohio. Advocates with the Ax Ohio Tax movement did not get enough signatures to put it on the 2026 ballot, but they will try again for Nov. 2027.

Piet van Lier, the deputy director of Honesty for Ohio Education and co-founder, acknowledged the state does need broader reforms on how it funds schools and government to reduce taxpayers’ burdens. But ending all property taxes is not the right answer, he said.

“I think it’s a larger conversation that needs to happen around how do we make this system work for everyone and right now that’s not what’s happening,” van Lier said. “What we’re doing is making this system work for wealthier people.”

Honesty for Ohio Education was formed in 2021 as a coalition of public education advocates. It gained nonprofit status in 2024.

Its current board is made up of a mix of people in the policy advocacy and education space in Ohio. It includes the presidents of the two biggest teachers unions in Ohio, Jeff Wensing with the Ohio Education Association and Melissa Cropper with the Ohio Federation of Teachers.

The group’s annual tax return doesn’t disclose who its funders are (nonprofits are not required to in Ohio). When asked, Van Lier said the group’s support comes from individual donations and Ohio-based foundations, like The Cleveland Foundation, the George Gund Foundation and the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Ted Landmark was attacked with an American flag 50 years ago. What does the flag mean to him now?

In April 1976, a 29-year-old Black lawyer named Ted Landmark was rushing through Boston’s City Hall on the way to a meeting. Landmark was pushed to the ground, stomped on, had his nose broken, and a white man brandishing a flagpole with an American flag on it lunged at him.

It was during a protest over court-ordered busing to integrate Boston’s schools. Landmark had marched in Civil Rights protests in Alabama, but said he never imagined he’d be attacked in Boston. The incident was captured in a Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph by Stanley Forman, called “The



Theodore Landmark, lawyer, architect and director of the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University poses for a photo in his office in Boston, Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Pictured in Landmark’s office are a sketch of King, top left, a portrait of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, bottom left, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph by Stanley Forman, which shows Landmark being assaulted in 1976 by a demonstrator carrying a flagpole bearing the American flag.

Soiling of Old Glory.” “That moment was indelibly embedded in my consciousness and really structured the identity that I’ve had in Bos-

ton for the last half century,” Landmark said. It’s been 50 years since he was attacked, and Landmark is now 80 years old. He’s a

professor of public policy and urban affairs at Northeastern University. For years, Landmark said he did not have a copy of Forman’s photograph because the image was copyrighted, and the copyright holder was reluctant to give it to him. But now, he has a framed copy in his office on campus.

“I have students who are studying policy who have never seen the photograph,” Landmark said, “and who are stunned and appalled that that kind of racist event could have taken place in Boston, which now feels so different than it did then.”

Landmark said the attack happened so fast, he didn’t have much time to think about it. But, remembering the advice of Civil Rights Movement activists he spoke with, he knew that it was his moment to say something he thought could be “healing.”

“I pointed out that I wasn’t angry with the young people, because I felt that they had been driven to that moment by a number of vicious, racist elected officials,” he said. “I directed any of my anger towards those elected officials who had gotten the kids really riled up and who weren’t trying to resolve the issue of education in Boston but were much more interested in their own political careers.”

When Landmark went to the police station after he was attacked, he saw Forman’s photograph for the first time. He said he knew it would become iconic. “It wasn’t until a couple of days later that I really saw how widely distributed the photograph had been,” Landmark said, “and how it was stereotyping what was going on in Boston in a way that put me at the center of some very horrendous political activity and very racist activity.”

The American flag has been used as a weapon in other instances since 1976. During the riot at the Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021, protesters used flag poles to

attack police officers trying to guard the building. Landmark said when the flag was used against him as a weapon, he said his mother couldn’t even look at it for years.

“I also know that the flag stands for democratic aspirations and inclusion,” he said. “If we look at it in that way, the flag and the photograph can be a statement of not so much what we hope the country will become, but what we aspire to avoid.”

Since he was attacked 50 years ago, Landmark said he started collecting American flags. He said he especially likes to look for flag iconography in Na-

vajo weavings and folk art from the South. He sees the flag as a symbol of hope, unification and optimism. “The flag does not belong to the radical right or to racists or to people who would try to use it to divide the country,” Landmark said. “The flag really belongs to all of us, and when you see it being flown around the world as a symbol of hope and aspiration, you can’t help but feel that, if we embrace it for its best values, the country will come together and heal itself. What the photograph does is to emphasize how much work remains to be done.”

Death in Cuyahoga County Jail ruled a failure of jail staff

The family of Jennifer Wade protested outside the Cuyahoga County jail in April. Wade died at the jail in 2025 after being left on the floor of a locked cell. Akron attorney Alex Bodiford, at left, is representing the family in a \$50 million wrongful death lawsuit against the county.



Wade

Correctional staff failed to start CPR the moment they discovered Jennifer Wade lifeless in her Cuyahoga County jail cell last year, state inspectors concluded in a review of the 41-year-old mother’s death.

It was the second such review. In the months after Wade’s death in February 2025, inspectors found that the jail staff acted appropriately. But they reopened their review after The Marshall Project - Cleveland reported on video evidence the county did not turn over to inspectors.

The officer-worn body camera videos showed that corrections staff admitted to leaving Wade alone on the concrete floor of her cell for hours before calling a nurse. A county report said employees believed she may have been pretending to be unconscious. Even after calling the nurse, more than 20 minutes elapsed before anyone began CPR.

In the state’s second review — which the county received earlier this month — inspectors concluded that correctional

staff, which include MetroHealth nurses contracted by the county, had failed to start CPR immediately after determining that Wade was not breathing and that her heart had stopped.

The inspection also found that only three of the 12 county-employed corrections officers who responded were CPR trained, though the county later provided the state records showing that all 12 had completed CPR training through the American Red Cross. Still, none of the officers began chest compressions or assisted breathing.

Whether jail staff, even those trained to save lives, are required to act is unclear, with the language in the employee manual indicating officers should rely on their training but not explicitly saying they should start CPR. However, as part of their review, the inspectors required that the county submit a plan to improve its emergency response.

A copy of that plan shared Tuesday with The Marshall Project - Cleveland shows that the

county intends to better train staff and conduct drills to simulate medical emergencies, each a solution the county and state have agreed to after previous deaths. Staff should also be reminded of their responsibilities and immediately activate emergency alarms.

The state has not yet approved the improvement plan.

After our initial reporting in April about the previously undisclosed video footage prompted the latest state review, county leaders created a new policy in June requiring employees of the sheriff’s office, including corrections officers, to give CPR and first aid when safe to do so, but only outside the jail.

Jenn Truxall, a spokesperson for the Bureau of Adult Detention, the state agency that oversees standards and inspects locally run jails, said basic CPR training required of all jail employees spells out that certified-staff should call for medical assistance and render aid after securing the scene.

Adam Chaloupka, general counsel for the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, which represents the jail’s corrections officers, has told The Marshall Project - Cleveland multiple times that correctional officers are trained to call for the jail’s medical workers

and then wait for help.

County officials did not respond to detailed questions about the state’s new findings. Joseph Nanni, the Cuyahoga County Council’s chief of staff, said he was not aware of any council person or council staff being told about the latest failure to provide help in the jail.

Wade’s was the third death in a little more than a year in which corrections officers failed to start chest compressions despite having been certified through the American Red Cross to perform CPR, according to county records and videos.

It’s not uncommon for corrections officers to lack CPR training as state inspectors routinely cite staff for inadequate responses to medical emergencies. Jail administrators have failed to meet state requirements for CPR training in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2025, according to state records.

Personnel and training records reviewed by The Marshall Project - Cleveland show that by February 2024, more than half of corrections officers continued to lack CPR training through the American Red Cross.

Alex Bodiford, an attorney who has filed a wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of Wade’s two chil-

dren, called it “gross negligence.”

Seven months before Wade’s death, a corrections officer, who had previously completed CPR training through the Red Cross, found Michael Papp motionless in a secluded cell. Instead of immediately performing CPR, the 17-year veteran corrections officer shut Papp’s cell door, walked over to a desk, sat down, picked up a phone, called a nurse and waited until she arrived. By then, Papp, like Wade, was already cold to the touch, nurses concluded.

Both corrections officers in charge of Wade’s pod held CPR certifications, but neither performed CPR before or after staff failed to find a pulse or signs of breathing.

Nor did the nurse in Wade’s cell at the time.

Officials at MetroHealth Medical Center, which the county contracts for nurses in the jail, declined to comment on the state’s finding that staff failed to render aid. Bodiford, the attorney for Wade’s estate, said it doesn’t take an expert to spot failure when people who are CPR certified and charged with caring for people locked inside cells do nothing.

“Ray Charles could see something was wrong there,” Bodiford said.

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