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Honest talk key to solving racial problems  
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

## Looking back to go forward



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There seems to be a level of shared civic concern around town that I have not seen since the mayoral campaigns of Carl B. Stokes in the 1960s. Not surprisingly, the impetus for today’s civic discomfort is near identical to what the catalysts were fifty years ago: a palpably unequal justice system, and a political economy that leaves large swaths of the city without much hope on the barren prairies of employment, housing, or educational prospects.

Certainly there are major differences between now and

then. Tens and tens of thousands of black families have escaped the confines of the ghetto for pastoral suburban promises. A well-prepared person of color now has options — for work, for living, for pleasure — that his parents could not have imagined.

But there is a flip side to that coin. A person of color who is not well prepared — oftentimes more a result of ZIP code than effort or ability — has fewer options than ever. That person often has no support system and no real prospects as her community is increasingly hollowed

out both literally and figuratively. The jobs have moved away; the schools have disappeared, except primarily for those that exist to make a profit. Often, the only functioning system seems to be the prison pipeline. Research accumulates that your health is largely socially determined by your residence ZIP code.

It seems undeniable that the social cohesion that once existed in the black community in the days of segregation has weakened substantially. To be sure, some of that unity was mythical; some of it was

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EDITORIAL

## Thank You!

This issue marks the completion of our first year of publishing The Real Deal Press. We are grateful to our contributors in every area — writers, photographers, our designer, our printers, our distributors, all of whom at times have gone above and beyond the call of duty. And we are deeply appreciative of the kind words and encouragement we continue to receive. They bolster us, and help to revitalize us from one issue to the next.

We also thank our advertisers. We couldn’t have started without them, and we couldn’t continue without them. We love them so much we want more of them, because we think we have the best readers in town, and we want to put good-looking and productive ads in front of them.

Most of all, we thank our readers, our reason for being. We hope you continue to read us, and we hope to make it easier this coming year to share us with your friends, and to help us both make new ones.

As we look to year two, we have great expectations. We expect to increase our print run

from 11,000 copies by at least a third. We want to increase our issue size by at least the same proportion, so we can bring you more and better news, information and analysis.

Beginning with our April issue, we are going to take a good look at the black church in the 21st Century. For centuries it has been bedrock for our survival. But it is facing new challenges. Can they be handled? How is the church changing as the community itself has changed? Our three part series will begin with a look at how churches are responding as their core parishioners age and move further and further away. We are pleased that our lead reporter will be someone whose work was once a staple on the local news scene, and who is returning [she hasn’t really been away] to look at these issues with fresh eyes.

Our early issues promised a website would soon be up and running. We decided to move slowly in that area for several reasons, not the least of which was our desire and commitment

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The Real Deal Press is looking to speak with owners or operators of internet radio and television shows oriented towards Northeast Ohio communities of color. If you fit that description, please contact us at 216.672.4301 or rta@therealdealpress.com.



### Community Forum Discussion **NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY: Increasing, Decreasing Or Unchanged?**

**Sunday, March 1st,  
9:30-10:45 am**

Between 50-60% of urban youths deal with violence as a matter of everyday life. Vacant homes, underemployment and racism create opportunity for crime in urban and suburban areas.



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LOCAL

## ELECTION WATCH

Public servants and professional politicians know that it's always election season. Here's where you can keep up on who's doing what on the campaign trail.



### Judge Hewitt's public swearing in to take place March 15

**James H. Hewitt III**, who was appointed a Cleveland Municipal Court judge by Gov. Kasich in January, assumes office this month. He will be sworn in by Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor in a 2pm ceremony on Sunday, March 15 at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 8712 Quincy Ave. The Voices of Olivet will perform as a part of the ceremony, which will be followed by a reception at the church.

Hewitt is a graduate of St. Ignatius HS, Macal-ester College, and CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. His practice has largely centered on commercial and public law. He served as East Cleveland law director in the Wallace Davis administration and has represented a number of school districts on tax matters.

Hewitt was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the election last November of Anita Laster Mays to the Eighth District Court of Appeals. He is expected to run this November for a new six-year term.



### Bedford Municipal Court draws early contestants

Former Cleveland magistrate **Michelle Paris** is the first candidate to file for the open judgeship in Bedford Municipal Court. Paris, who lives in Moreland Hills, was a fulltime magistrate in Cleveland Municipal Court for 14 years, including 11 as chief magistrate.

Expected to run against her in the nonpartisan race is **Deborah M. Turner**, a Solon resident who told the Real Deal Press she planned to file her petitions by March 1. Turner's resume shows a twenty year teaching career, followed by service as a prosecutor for Warrensville Heights and work as a part time magistrate in the Bedford Court. She is currently an assistant law director and prosecutor for Bedford Heights.

The Bedford Municipal Court has jurisdiction over cases arising in Bedford, Bedford Heights,

Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Chagrin Falls Twp., Glenwillow, Highland Hills, Moreland Hills, N. Randall, Oakwood, Orange, Solon, Warrensville Heights, and Woodmere. The filing deadline is August 5 for the November election. The winner will serve a six-year term.



### Young candidate raises eyebrows with declaration of candidacy for Euclid mayor

**Marcus Epps** does not lack for confidence. The 29 year old seized the opportunity last month to stand before nearly 200 Democratic Party activists and elected officials, including top state party officials David Pepper, Rhine McLin, and Nina Turner, and announce his candidacy for mayor of Euclid. Epps, who has never run for public office, hopes to succeed three-term mayor Bill Cervenik, who is term-limited from running again.

Epps expects to take on Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, who currently serves as city council president. He told RDP that he regularly speaks out at council and other public agency meetings in Euclid, and that



### County Council assistant wins appointment to Cleveland Heights City Council

Euclid's old-line leadership needs to be broken up. **Kahlil Seren**, a research and policy analyst for Cuyahoga County Council, will now get the chance to vote on public policy as well as study it. The 36 year old, who formerly served as communications coordinator for Policy Matters Ohio before joining the new county government, beat out a crowded field of applicants to succeed Janine Boyd, who resigned the seat after winning election in November to succeed her mother as state representative. He was selected by the remaining six council members to join their ranks.

All council seats in Cleveland Heights are at-large, and Seren will have to be one of the top three vote-getters in November to earn a full 4-year term.

## LOCAL BUSINESS CALENDAR



### LLOYD TROTTER KEYNOTES MARCH 4 CSU SPEAKER SERIES EVENT

Lloyd Trotter, founder and managing partner of GENX360 Capital Partners, will keynote the program, “From Laboratory to Wall Street: How Hopes and Dreams Enter the Mar-

ketplace” at Cleveland State University on March 4 from 9:30am – 11:30am.

A panel discussion moderated by Dr. Joseph Mazzola, dean of the CSU Business School, will follow Trotter’s talk.

Trotter is a former General Electric president and a native Clevelander. His private equity firm founded in 2006, has approximately \$1.1 billion of capital under management, according to its website.

To register/for more information: [www.csuohio.edu/50/forums.html](http://www.csuohio.edu/50/forums.html).

### GARFIELD CHAMBER LUNCHEON SET FOR MARCH 18

The Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual awards luncheon on March 18 from 11:30am-1pm at Walt Tam’s Grand Ballroom, 10808 Granger Rd. Awards will be given for Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Chamber of the Year.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call/email Gabriella Huszarik at 216-475-7775 or [info@garfieldchamber.com](mailto:info@garfieldchamber.com).

## LOCAL NEWSMAKERS

Movers & Shakers in the northeast Ohio business community.



**Tracy Carter** — a former executive at Summa Health System in Akron — as senior director of state and federal government relations, MetroHealth System.



**Deena J. Chisolm** PhD of Columbus (Franklin Co.) has been reappointed to the Commission on Minority Health for a term beginning February 10, 2015 and ending September 2, 2016.



**Lydia Alexander-Cook MD**, to president, Summa Physicians Inc.



**Rochelle Beard**, to director, Cleveland Minority Business Assistance Center.



**Tasiana Stigall**, to marketing assistant, Gilbane Construction.



**Dr. Larry Macon**, pastor of Mt. Zion of Oakwood Village, recognized as the 2015 Living Legend awardee for Past Unforgotten VI, considered one of Akron’s premier annual events. The award will be given at a 7PM ceremony on March 21 at the Akron Civic Theatre. Call 330.785.5331 for info.



**Kevin Griffin**, VP Cleveland Browns, named a 2015 Distinguished Marketing & Sales Awardee from SME Cleveland. [PIC]



**Felton Thomas**, Cleveland Public Library CEO, to chair, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland.

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forced, artificial. And when the force that bound such communities — near nationwide segregation — was either defeated or morphed into something less visible, even if no less insidious, then of course the ghetto was a place to escape rather than a place to rebuild.

The individual decisions of thousands of former ghetto

dwellers [not ghetto thinkers, mind you, but ghetto dwellers] led to the integration of what are now known as inner-ring suburbs beginning in the late sixties. Black people followed the same migratory trails as other ethnic groups before them. People who lived in Glenville moved to East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights. People who

lived at 55<sup>th</sup> and St. Clair moved to Euclid on the way to Lake County. Kinsman residents migrated to Warrensville Heights, sometimes pausing in Mt. Pleasant or Lee-Harvard. And eventually southeastern black Clevelanders began to find their way into Maple Heights and Garfield Heights.

Only now are we beginning

to acknowledge the role that public policy played in accelerating and exacerbating these otherwise natural migrations, almost always to the detriment of citizens of color. Several presentations at the City Club of Cleveland over the past year — notably by Ta-nehesi Coates last August, and last month’s panel presentation that included the

director of Ohio State’s Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Freddy Collier, Jr., Cleveland’s astute city planning director — showed irrefutably how farcical is the notion that segregation in Cleveland “occurred naturally”; as if FHA policies, Social Security laws, restrictive covenants, zoning regulations,

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# It Is Time To Exit Bonds?

By **J. Burner Crew**  
PRESS CORRESPONDENT



By all recent indicators the U.S. Economy is improving. While interest rates remain low indicators point to a rise in rates later in 2015. As rates rise bond values decrease, so if bonds represent a significant position within a retirement account or your 401K, now would be the best time to sell and move the proceeds to cash. This is a major call for change in your investment profile. Bond prices have remained steady over the past 3 years at elevated values and anyone owning bonds has realized a reasonable profit with income.

The risk to most bond holders comes when rates begin to rise. As interest rates rise bond values will decrease. Holding

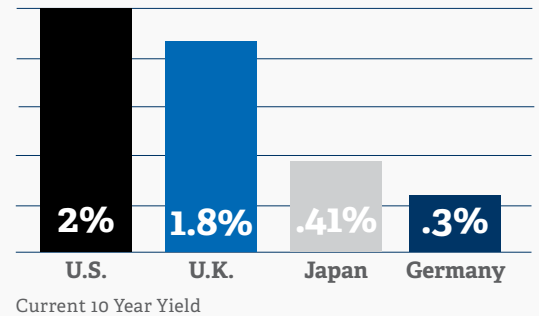
a bond until the maturity date is one solution to avoid a loss. Holding longer dated bonds or investing in bond funds will expose your account to downside pressure. The current yield on the 10 year US bond is near 2%. By comparison the yield in Germany is .3%, in Japan .41%, and in the UK 1.8%.

Most economic indicators are beginning to show a return to a more normal economy after years of slow growth and recovery. Unemployment is below 6%, the domestic economy is growing at a projected 3% rate and most traders are beginning to anticipate a rise in rates in the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2015. The market will anticipate a stronger econ-

omy and traders will begin to sell positions before the Federal Reserve announces a change in policy. Waiting for clarity from the Federal Reserve will expose any position in bonds in a 401K or IRA account to potential loss. To defend the account value, sell or reduce the exposure to bonds and place the proceeds in a money market savings account or leave in a cash position. Money market accounts and cash yield almost 0% return but reduce the potential for loss of principal due to rising rates.

While this is a major call for most investors that need safety of principal, holding cash instead of bonds will offer an investor the ability to reinvest at higher yields without current loss of principle. The large fund managers and total return funds have already begun to exit the bond market

## As interest rates rise bond values will decrease



and into the stock market. Both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the NASDAQ are near all-time record levels. Think of all investment dollars as a single pool and realize money is now flowing from the bond market to the stock market seeking a higher rate of return based on risk.

Global hot spots like the

Ukraine, ISIS in the Middle East and tensions in the South China Sea could cause a reversal to safety, however our markets are becoming more comfortable with risk. As stated, this is a major change for investors, but to ignore this change in the flow of capital is to ignore a significant risk of principal.

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redlining financial institutions, unscrupulous realtors and landlords did not conspire to create, isolate and maintain the ghetto for profit and pleasure.

[You can look it up: *cityclub.org* for the videos, the June 2014 *Atlantic* magazine for an exhaustive list of historical references.]

Why is any of this relevant today for those of us who live within or around the gorgeous Emerald Necklace of parkland that we so justly celebrate? Well, perhaps because coinciding with that Emerald Necklace has emerged a noose. Many east side inner-ring suburbs — Euclid, Maple Heights and

perhaps Richmond Heights — now have substantial black majorities. Some of these majorities have been long-standing and their communities are stable. But at least as often these cities struggle with dwindling resources and commercial disinvestment, as retailers and even hospital systems follow their best-paying customers.

That Maple Heights has joined East Cleveland in fiscal emergency, as determined by the state auditor was no doubt occasioned in part by cutbacks in state funding. But at least of equal impact has to be the high rates of foreclosures,

abandoned properties, and declining property values as a direct consequence of the financial meltdown of 2008. Black homeowners and communities nationwide suffered a disproportionately large loss of wealth as a result of being targeted by unscrupulous financiers.

Hard choices are ahead for many Greater Cleveland communities that are tapping out financially. At some point municipalities will have to consider finding a willing merger partner, with Cleveland being a likely choice.

One of the takeaways from last month's City Club forum on public policy, real estate

and race, was that the same intentionality with which discriminatory policies were pursued for decades needs to be applied in reverse to ameliorate the negative consequences of such longstanding discrimination. Economics is the engine that drives much social policy in America, though the policies are often cloaked in philosophical terms. It may be that over time, and sooner rather than later, inner ring suburban woes will contribute to the renaissance of Cleveland as a major metropolis as it absorbs surrounding territories.

Much of today's grassroots

civic concern stems certainly from the troubled state of police-community relations, especially in Cleveland. In what may be a happy confluence as Cleveland increasingly enters the national spotlight, thoughtful leaders of such civic pillars as the City Club, MetroHealth and the YWCA Cleveland are pushing for a greater understanding about inequities in our economic and social infrastructure. Now would seem an opportune time for their institutional counterparts in Cleveland's African American community to step forward and help shape the debate on the future of the metropolis.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By **Chardé Hurst**  
REAL DEAL CORRESPONDENT



*DeShawn Franklin is a 2011 John Adams graduate and current senior at Baldwin Wallace University. Studying Computer Science and working in DOT Net development at First Energy, DeShawn credits the BW Scholar program for his commendable achievements. The Real Deal Press caught up with DeShawn to learn more about this great opportunity.*

**RDP:** *Good evening DeShawn, I've heard that you've been a part of a life-changing program. Please tell us about your experience.*

**DeShawn:** Yes, I was given an awesome opportunity as a freshman in high school to be a part of a program called BW Scholars, through Baldwin Wallace University. As a freshman at John Adams High School, I was nominated by a teacher for the program because I was classified as an "at risk" student who had a very low probability of graduating. The program is for ninth

grade African American males and requires a four-year commitment. Throughout the four years the BW Scholar team works with you on developing in many areas, such as character, leadership, and education.

**RDP:** *What are some of the things you did while being in the program?*

**DeShawn:** There were many things that we did. Volunteering was a big part of the program. We would visit nursing homes, food banks and shelters. During the school year we had "study tables," which provided us 2 hours of additional help after school and each summer we went to Baldwin Wallace and stayed on campus between 4-8 weeks completing post secondary courses.

**RDP:** *This sounds like a very intensive program. What kept you committed to continuing?*

**DeShawn:** There were times when a lot of us thought about giving up and quitting, but I stayed because I knew I wanted something better for myself. I have dealt with a lot of hardships in my life and I would not be where I am today if it were not for this program; it literally saved my life. The mentors made a strong impression on me and the other

boys in the cohort have become like brothers. Although the experience was not the easiest, it was definitely the best one for all of us. We were given the opportunity to develop a bond through watching each other struggle, and a brotherhood through making sure no one fell behind. I was determined to not be a statistic and to choose a different path than the one that was previously placed in front of me.

**RDP:** *How do you feel being a BW Scholar will help you achieve your long-term goals?*

**DeShawn:** I am currently a graduating senior at Baldwin Wallace. By completing the program, we were all given a four-year full ride to the university. I am studying Computer Science and working for First Energy in their IT department. None of this would be possible without BW Scholars. The program gave me all the tools I needed to be the best me and do what I couldn't even fathom 8 years ago. I look forward to one day opening my own consulting business and hopefully work-

ing for other companies, like Google and Amazon.

**RDP:** *What do you hope people will gain from you sharing your story?*

I hope for kids who come from a similar background to know that there is life beyond the block. Growing up I didn't know a lot of people who are doing what I am doing now until I got into the program. I will continue to be active with the program and the community, because I want kids to know and see that change is possible.



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# “COLOR BRAVERY”:

**Talking, listening, key to solving racial problems, says MetroHealth CEO**  
*YWCA hosts 350 at luncheon kickoff to attack the region's racial divide*

*Story by R. T. Andrews, Editor • Photos by Michael Reeder*

**CLEVELAND** — Notwithstanding a powerful keynote from Dr. Akram Boutros, president and CEO of The MetroHealth System, the audience was the story at the February 23 launch of the YWCA Cleveland effort to tackle the city's racial issues by putting them on the civic table and inviting the community to create action plans to solve them.

It's a tall order, given what seems the intractable depth, breadth, and longevity of these issues, but the YW, in partnership with MetroHealth, seems to have accepted the challenge implicit in US Attorney General Eric Holder's observation in 2009 that "in things racial we have always been and continue to be, in too many ways, essentially a nation of cowards."

Boutros' keynote addressed

the fear of talking about race head on, acknowledging his personal responsibility to do more to help people whose life chances are circumscribed by race, ethnicity, poverty, and neighborhood. He waved the banner popularized recently by another former Obama appointee, finance executive Mellody Hobson, who said that the appropriate standard to address our racial ills is not col-

orblindness but "color bravery".

In sounding the trumpet for open, honest dialogue about race, Boutros said that Rule # 1 is "no blame", because people will not be honest if they are attacked for speaking truthfully from their hearts. "Without honesty", he said, "nothing gets better. Blame silences; it paralyzes."

Boutros's remarks were followed by as many as 50 sep-

arate conversations guided by trained facilitators, who first shared a set of conversational guidelines designed to encourage honest and respectful dialogue, where people were free to speak from the heart.

I participated in one such conversation and, though I am barred from sharing any details [See sidebar for guidelines.] I can share several key observations that likely held true at most

## ***The appropriate standard to address our racial ills is not colorblindness but 'color bravery.'***

tables. First, though the room was full, the general tone of the room and the conversation was such that you could actually clearly hear people without the necessity of raised voices. Second, though almost every one at my table was a person of color, there was considerable diversity relative to upbringing, ethnicity, socioeconomic experience, gender orientation, and other human markers. And third, none of those differences outweighed the shared similarities of our human experience as Clevelanders, Americans, and human beings.

Of course, much of that shared spirit could be attributed to whatever process led people to attend. This was not the place where active bigots would choose to spend two hours. But, as YWCA Cleveland president and CEO Margaret Mitchell said, 'this is not a one-time event ... [but] the start of a powerful and honest

dialogue that will move our community forward."

"The real work comes after the forum," acknowledged Sadie Winlock, YWCA Cleveland's chief operating officer. Forum participants left with charge to take personal responsibility for improving race relations at work, in the community, and with family and friends.

Boutros gave a second charge to participants in his keynote. Asserting that the "limitation of options is the crux of racial injustice", he argued that "our job is to try like hell to give people options" through personal connections. Boutros made this a matter of individual responsibility even after describing a series of inclusive steps he led MetroHealth to take that have resulted in superior performance as measured by healthcare delivery, human relations, and fiscal benchmarks. Diversity, he said, is good for the bottom line.



## **It's time to talk conversation guidelines**

- What you share within the context of the conversation is confidential, honored and respected.
- Use "I" statements. No one speaks for another or for an entire group of people.
- Avoid critiquing others' experiences; focus on your own experiences.
- Be honest and willing to share.
- Listen with curiosity and the willingness to learn and change. Resist the desire to interrupt.
- Be brief and share the time equally.
- Suspend judgment. Be open to the kernel of wisdom in each person's story.

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## IN MEMORIAM

As a monthly publication, we haven't often found a way to acknowledge the deaths of some of our leading citizens this past year.

But there was something in the air at the funeral service for W. David Wright last month that compelled us to acknowledge his life and his passion. David packed a lot of living into his 55 years on earth, and he did it with an uncommon grace and gen-

leness that belied his intellect, his thoughtfulness, and his strength.

Dave was a naturalist in every sense of the word. He loved the earth, studied it, lived in harmony with it, worked to nurture and protect it. That was his life's calling, which he found in time to exert a tremendous influence upon the local sustainability community.

Dave was a naturalist in another sense. He was without guile or pretense

*He loved the earth, studied it, lived in harmony with it, worked to nurture and protect it.*

or scheme. He was good-natured. Dave was authentic. Dave was genuine.

The church was packed for the celebration of his return to the earth. I knew Dave from before his birth, as his mother carried him. I knew him as fellow churchman, neighbor, co-worker, and friend. But there were dozens of people I knew at his funeral whose connection to Dave had been unknown to me. And there were hundreds more there he had encountered through his passion for the earth. All ages, all races, all faiths.

In our shared celebration of his life — lived simply and well — there seemed to be lessons we all might learn, about living in harmony with nature and one another.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Poet/Playwright Mary E. Weems to appear at Museum of Contemporary Art March 26

Part lecture, part performance, part interactive experience, this special event features author/poet/playwright Dr. Mary E. Weems will discuss issues of gender, race, class, and history. This program will include a monologue from Weems's play *Purses* (Karamu House, April 2015)

Tickets are \$8 Advance, \$10 at Door. Members Free. Tickets/Reservations can be made at <http://shop.mocacleveland.org/Events.aspx>.

### Djapo Cultural Arts Institute hosting afternoon of networking and inspiration, March 8

Djapo Cultural Arts Institute will host its 4th Annual Empowering Black Women at Landerhaven on March 8 from 1-5PM. Tickets are \$40. For more info, visit/call [djapo.org](http://djapo.org) / 216.322.8801

### First-ever Cleveland Young Women's IoT Innovation Olympiad set for March 13-14

OneCommunity, Case Western Reserve University, and BlueBridge Networks are giving local girls a chance to bring forth their ideas on technology and innovation and collaborate in the inaugural Internet of Things.

This first-ever, FREE event will allow young women, ages 13-18, to brainstorm and collaborate on their ideas, and will provide an opportunity to win local prizes. At this Olympiad, they will learn more about technology, as well as meet each other and other women

who are shaping the future.

The Olympiad will offer cash prizes, \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place, \$250 for third place, \$250 for fourth place.

Space is limited, so early sign up is encouraged. This event is open to the public but requires registration by Sunday, March 1st.

This two-day event will be held at Case Western Reserve University, 356 Nord Hall, 2123 MLK Blvd., Cleveland.

For more information, please contact Will Tarter at [wtarter@onecommunity.org](mailto:wtarter@onecommunity.org).

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(top-left) Dr. Angela Kyei, MD, Cleveland Clinic dermatologist; (top-right) Dr. Danette Conklin PHD-Psychologist, University Hospital; and (bottom) Danita Harris, Channel 5 news anchor.

### FREE Healthy Cooking Demonstration on near west side, March 7

Tremont West and the Cutting Board Academy are offering a free healthy cooking demonstration Saturday, March 7th at 11:00am where attendees can learn how to cook healthier within the bounds of a budget and a busy schedule.

The cooking demonstration takes place at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 2592 West 14 St. They are offered as part of the Tremont Healthy Corner Store Initiative, which promotes healthy living by improving access to healthy foods in neighborhood corner stores.

Samples will be offered while they last.

Those interested in attending can register by contacting Lindsay Smetana at 216.575.0920 x 102 or [lindsaysmetana@tremontwest.org](mailto:lindsaysmetana@tremontwest.org).

Cutting Board Academy is a non-profit agency working to educate families about the importance of proper nutrition and food preparation through food science, the culinary arts, and nutrition. Learn more at [www.cuttingboardacademy.org](http://www.cuttingboardacademy.org).

### Larchmere Hair Studio offers intimate health and wellness event for women, March 15

Christopher Amira Studio, which recently relocated to 12611 Larchmere from Shaker Square, has assembled a diverse panel of health professionals for a two hour holistic retreat for women.

Confirmed presenters include: Erica Abrim, MPH, CLC, a professor and public health practitioner; Dr. Britt Conroy, MD, PhD, JD, MS, University Hospitals Case Medical Center; Dr. Danette Conklin PHD-Psychologist, University Hospital; Dr. Angela Kyei, MD, Cleveland Clinic dermatologist; and Danita Harris, Channel 5 news anchor.

Seating is limited. Call for 216.991.9992 for reservations. A donation of \$45 will benefit Change of Direction, a nonprofit organization working to support socially disadvantaged youth in finding new paths.



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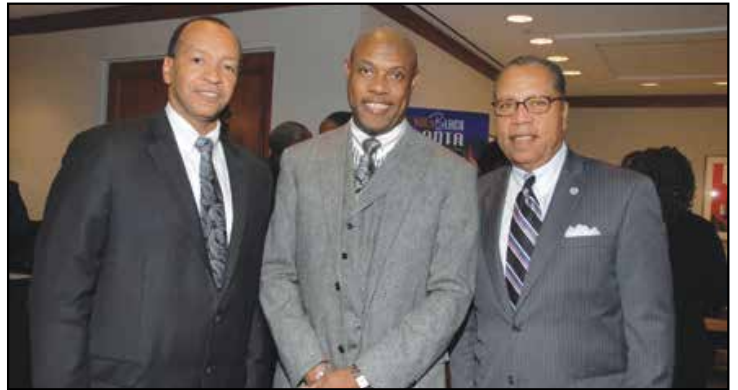
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# Who's Who in the Black Cleveland observes tenth anniversary



(Left) Linda Bradley, M.D., Judge Emanuella Groves, Judge Lauren Moore and Tameka Taylor, Ph.D. and (Right) Charles Modlin, M.D., Ronnie Dunn, Ph.D. and Alex Johnson, Ph.D. Photos by Eric Benson.

CLEVELAND — Frigid weather didn't stop the crowd from coming out for the Tenth Anniversary Edition of Who's Who in Black Cleveland. Guests filled the In-

terContinental Hotel ballroom to celebrate and be celebrated. Welcoming remarks were tendered by Craig Campbell Director of Sales and Market-

ing, InterContinental Hotels Cleveland; Rhonda Crowder Associate Publisher, Who's Who Publishing and Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

Danita Harris, WEWS News 5 and Rochelle "Ro Digga" Frazier, Radio One Z107.9, co-hosted the affair. Guests were treated to an impressive rendition of

the Black National Anthem by Humble G that Fiddla. This year's event was dedicated to the late Call & Post editor Connie Harper, who died in November.

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# New Black Voice in Chief takes over at Comedy Central

"THE NIGHTLY SHOW" SUCCEEDS THE COLBERT REPORT

By Alan Howard  
PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Larry Wilmore has a difficult job: to define his own niche in a market defined by John Stewart, Stephen Colbert, and John Oliver. To do so he must be as likable and dynamic as those three, while at the same time always defining himself within and against his most defining demographic.

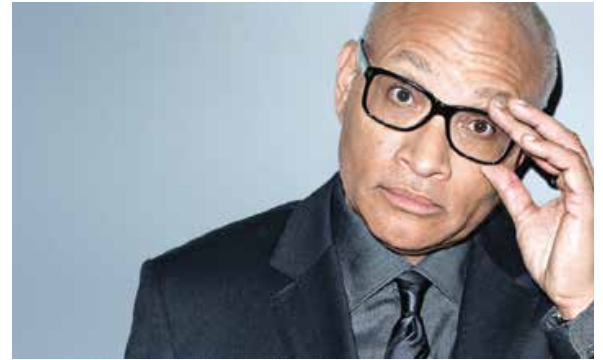
With his move to his own platform, *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore*, the former *Senior Black Correspondent* on the Daily Show has become Comedy Central's chief black voice. Key and Peele are still on the network, but they are responsible only to make us laugh. While occupying the 11:30pm spot after The Daily Show, Wilmore's

show signals its intent to make us laugh and make us think, and teach us about current events, the host's blackness also requires him to deal with race in a way that won't alienate potential white viewers or his assumed black audience.

Wilmore may be singularly equipped to meet this challenge. He has a collegial, non-threatening intelligence, a sharp sense of humor, and the ability to comment on heavy issues with a deft touch. During a monologue about political corruption and campaign finance, Wilmore quipped: "It's called dark money, keeping with the white privilege convention that everything bad is dark." Having named this truth, Wilmore offered an innocent smile and moved on, evoking the sensation black preachers are wont to say in church, "you'll get that

after you get home".

The signature, most original piece of *The Nightly Show* is its panel discussion, a group-talk with a rotating mixture of experts and comedians that is always interesting if rarely smooth. As a culture we've become very used to panels of the usual talking heads, working to win points or carve niches with their analysis, which can feel formulaic. Wilmore's discussions feel fresher than most. This is partly due to his focus on "keeping it 100" but also because of the kinds of guests he books; real people or not-quite-famous comedians appear as often as career journalists or lobbyists. One rarely gets the sense that a *Nightly Show* panel is the most informed group of experts to discuss the given situation, but maybe that isn't the point. The



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show offers real dialogue: messy, funny, interesting, and occasionally insightful, the kind cable news networks have been faking for years.

Given the large amount of time allotted to the panel, this is where the Wilmore show will sink or swim. Whether it works over time for a large enough audience remains to be seen, but the show is to be commended for finding a

format unused in comedy and making it work to an impressive degree.

Comedy Central's faux news hour works because it allows a discussion of current events that is light and non-threatening. Wilmore is a strong addition to this tradition. The rise or fall of his show may tell us if America ready for a discussion on current events from a perspective that is both light and "dark".

## Thank You!

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to begin with a first-rate site and build from there. I saw a first draft just a couple of weeks ago and think our decision was the right one. More news on that score soon.

As we move into this second year, we really want to step up the dialogue, on these pages, via social media, and on our website. We want to hear more from you, and from more of you. We truly want to know what your concerns

are, what you think we should be covering more or less of, what pleases and what distresses you most about your/our community.

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Today the tools are more sophisticated than ever, but if we do not use them well, we can find ourselves chattering more and understanding less.

So we hope you will continue to support us and help us grow. We are all atwitter with excitement about linking more strongly with you this coming year and increasing our face time in the community. Holla back!



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## Jimmy Baynes Photos on exhibit at Rock Hall Library and Archives



*The original Temptations, with friends.*

I remember Jimmy Baynes from when I was a kid. He always wore a black suit, even in summer, with a white shirt and, I recall, a string tie. And he had the biggest camera I had ever seen.

Every Easter Sunday morning, he would hold a couple hundred men and boys in thrall as he directed them to stand here or move there and smile on his command. He would then take his panoramic shot of the assemblage for the church breakfast. It was an undertaking he was proud of.

I was too young to know that Baynes had likely been out late the night before taking pictures of the likes of B.B. King, James Brown and other top of the line musicians as they passed through Cleveland. Baynes was serious about his work. His postal career paid the bills but he was serious as a heart attack about his photography.

Jimmy would no doubt be delighted to know that a collection of his photographs is on display at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Library, housed at Cuyahoga Community College. Included are pho-

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tographs of Armstrong, Mahalia, Louis Jordan, Aretha, and Lloyd Price, as well as local performers, radio deejays.

The Jimmy Baynes Collection will be on display at the Rock Hall Library and Archives, 2809 Woodland Ave., through the end of April.

For more information, visit [library.rockhall.com/home](http://library.rockhall.com/home).

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