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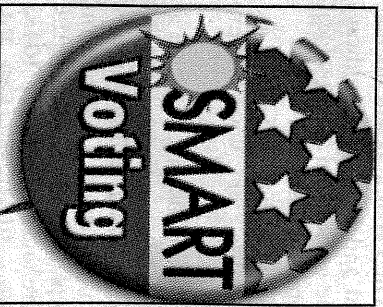
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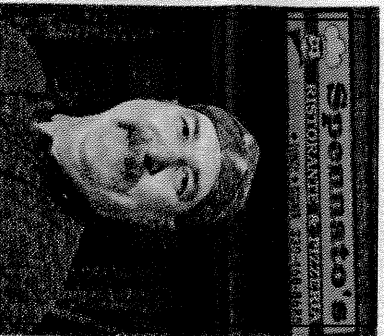
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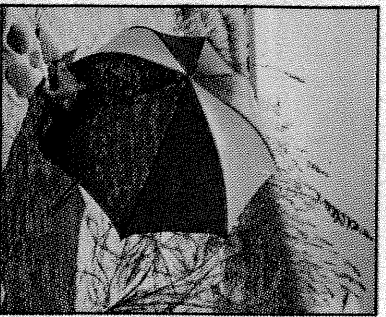
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# I-71 noise barrier is going u

By David Plata  
Staff Writer

The noise will still be there, but people living nearby won't hear it.

That should be the result once the Ohio Department of Transportation installs nearly five miles of noise abatement walls along a stretch of Interstate 71.

A \$5.8 million contract has

been awarded to Great Lakes Construction and Chagrin Valley Engineering, an architectural firm designing walls. Barriers will go from about West 150th Street to Bellaire Road on the north side and West 150th to Memphis Avenue on the south.

"This is something that residents of this area have been waiting for 30 years," said

Sen. Dale Miller, D-23, of Cleveland, who as a state representative asked for a noise study to determine traffic impact in the area. "It's a happy day to see this ready."

The ODOT study two years ago showed the stretch of highway has an average noise level above 67 decibels — the threshold needed for noise abatement.

Councilwoman Dona Brady, D-19, said, "I'm ecstatic about this. I started the lobbying for this the summer of 2001. We're talking about six years that we've waited. It's well worth it."

Brady said residents at Hirst Avenue opted out of having the walls installed along their street. Instead, they'll get fencing and

landscaping.

Dale Schiavone, planning administrator for the city of Cleveland, said the city has been planning for this for a long time. "We've been talking about this for a long time," he said. "We've been waiting for the right time to do it."

Completion is set for 2007, he said.

## Trial under close watch

By David Plata  
Staff Writer

Neighbors in the Cudell area plan to follow the trial of William Santiago, accused in the shooting death of vice detective Jonathan "A.J." Schroeder.

"We do a consistent Court Watch program on high-impact cases," said Councilman Jay Westbrook, D-18, in whose ward the slaying took place. "We're most certainly going to watch this one."

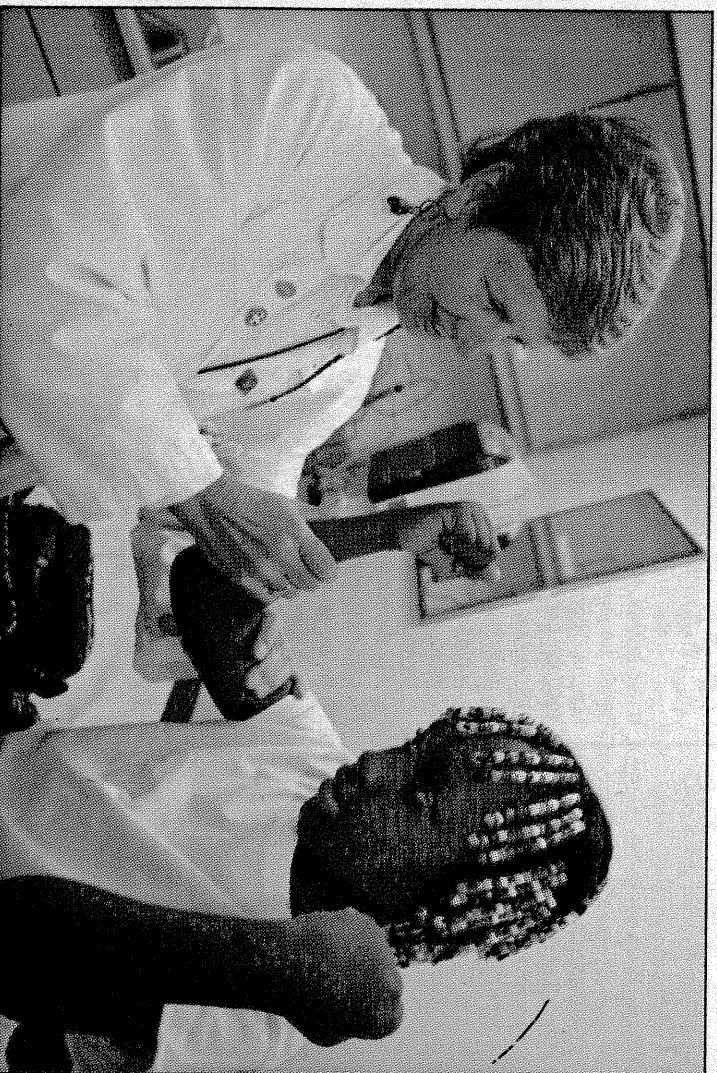
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Bill Mason has said he will accept no plea bargaining in the case, and will seek the death penalty.

Santiago, 37, pleaded not guilty to a 27-count indictment, including aggravated murder and at least a dozen counts of rape. He is being held without bond.

The case was assigned to Common Pleas Court Judge Janet Burnside. A trial date had not been set.

Police say Santiago shot Schroeder, also 37, on Aug. 30 as he and a dozen other police officers tried to arrest him on rape and burglary charges.

Santiago fired twice  
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SUN PHOTO BY BRAD RUEBENACK

Lynda Nossaman, a nurse practitioner in neurology, examines Teela Kelly's muscle strength. Teela, 9, started having epileptic seizures at age 3, when she was briefly hospitalized at MetroHealth Medical Center.

## Hospital also helped cure girl's problem with school

By David Plata  
Staff Writer

Teela Kelly has been meeting regularly for the past several years with a pediatric neurology practitioner.

It's all part of her care at MetroHealth Medical Center, where the 9-year-old girl was first hospitalized at age 3 with epileptic seizures.

And Teela, who has idiopathic epilepsy, meaning doctors have found no tumor or other underlying cause for her seizures, recently received more help — of a kind that doesn't usually come from a hospital.

An attorney in the hospital's Family Advocacy Program wrote school officials, insisting

that Teela, who was falling behind at school, be placed in special education classes.

"Sometimes it takes an attorney to put the fear into the school district to do what they're supposed to be doing," said Mallory Curran, a Legal Aid Society lawyer also working for the hospital.

Now, thanks to a four-year, \$500,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the pilot program will be expanded to several satellite locations and undergoing a name change. It now will be called the Community Action Program.

With a \$500,000 match from local corporations  
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## Event has meaning for many families

By Mary Davies  
Staff Writer

Bernadette Lucarelli tries to stifle her constant fears, but nothing does the trick. For any child of a police officer, there is no escaping the realization of what some criminals will do to avoid capture.

"It's really scary, thinking about it," said Lucarelli, a senior at Villa Angela-St. Joseph

High School. "But my dad loves his job, and I'm really proud of him."

Lucarelli, 17, the daughter of Vince Lucarelli, an officer with the Cleveland Division of Police Sixth District, was one of three students who received \$1,000 for college on Friday from the West Park Cleveland Police and Fire Fighters Memorial Fund.

The Aug. 31 death of Cleveland police Detective Jonathan "A.J." Schroeder brings to 20 the number of police and firefighters killed in action who lived or worked in the West Park neighborhood.

Their families remember them daily, but organizers of the annual Heroes Run want everyone to never forget those who gave their lives protecting their families.

ing Cleveland and the grieving families they left behind.

Set for 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Heroes Run will not only raise money for the memorial fund but also reinforce the public's responsibility to honor the risk police and firefighters take each time they report for duty and the unwavering fear their families face.

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## Cleveland Heroes Run steps off on Sunday

Runners who haven't a line of duty.

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## ENDORSEMENTS



**Synerberg Sutula Cassidy O'Donnell**



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## What's in a name? A lot, for judicial candidates

In Cuyahoga County, having the right name has been the key to elective office. But not all holders of that "right name" are created equal.

That is especially true of Common Pleas Court candidate Christine Russo, 41, of Strongsville, who until just recently practiced law under her family name of Agnello. She is a Russo by marriage and that branch of the Russos is not remotely related to the Russos who have provided extensive service to this community. Hers is a blatant attempt to grab a judgeship for which she is not qualified. She has been reprimanded by a judge for missing court dates. Clients have complained that she did not represent their best interests. She has been embroiled in drug allegations. Questions about her professional and personal conduct are serious enough that we suggest she withdraw from the race. But as of Sun News' press time, she had not done that. Judges should be above reproach. They are an elite group that should mirror the best we as a community have to offer.

Part of that elite group includes Russo's opponent, Judge Joan Synerberg, 49, of the Cleveland Municipal Court. After a long and notable career as a trial attorney, Synerberg was appointed to the bench in January 2005 and was elected to the post last November. She has become active in the court's Ex-pungement Awareness Program and the Town Hall Committee, which talks to community groups about how the court system works. She also is working with a new pilot diversion program for drug users and prostitutes. She presides over the mental health docket. She is an active member of many community organizations and is a board member of the AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This is a candidate who will bring honor to the Common Pleas Court.

While Cuyahoga County voters have the most to lose in the Russo-Synerberg race by ignoring the facts and simply electing a name, this is not the only judicial contest that holds the possibility of such pitfalls.

We urge voters not to confuse **Kathleen Ann Sutula**, who deserves re-election, with her cousin John Sutula, who does not. Incumbent Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula, 53, of Seven Hills, is opposed by attorney Suzanne Blum, 41, of Pepper Pike. Blum is woefully unprepared to be a judge. She hasn't practiced law in years and works once a month as a volunteer magistrate in Shaker Heights. We'll stick with the experienced Sutula, although we hope she will work on her judicial temperament by controlling the manner in which she speaks to parties on both sides of the cases. A little less anger and a little more respect would serve the court well.

Judge John Sutula, 55, of Solon, is seeking re-election to his second term. His performance has been lackluster, and some of his lenient sentences have raised plenty of eyebrows. He is opposed by **Marilyn Cassidy**, 52, of Shaker Heights. An assistant county prosecutor, Cassidy has experience in both civil and criminal law and as a former nurse, has the communication skills Sutula lacks. Cassidy is the better choice.

In another "name game" race, **John P. O'Donnell** and John F. Corrigan are battling for an open seat on the bench. O'Donnell, 41, of Lakewood, is a former Common Pleas judge who was ousted in 2005 by yet another "name" — Gallagher. He was an acceptable judge known for his timely rulings. His docket was also one of the most efficient. Corrigan, 45, of Bay Village is an attorney in private practice and probably would serve well, but O'Donnell has some experience on the bench. He should be elected.

Judge **Dick Ambrose**, 53, of Westlake is opposed by assistant county prosecutor Laura J. Gallagher, 45, of Strongsville. The voters can't go wrong in this race. Both candidates are extremely well-qualified. Ambrose, appointed to the bench two years ago, has the well-earned respect of his fellow jurors. Gallagher has been an attorney and magistrate for nearly 20 years. She is bright and well-spoken and would make a fine judge. But Ambrose has served exceptionally well. We see no reason to replace him.

**Hollie Gallagher**, 37, of Shaker Heights is running opposite

## Hospital

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tions and foundations, and in-kind support from MetroHealth and Legal Aid, the new program will be funded at \$1.27 million.

"We run into a lot of problems trying to deliver medical care and having to deal with a lot of social issues," said Dr. E. Harry Walker, director of MetroHealth's Center for Community Health. "A lot of it is beyond what a social worker can do."

The new program, expected to start in October, eventually will be at about nine locations. Over the next two years, plans are to hire three attorneys, a paralegal and a social worker.

Walker said the first three locations will be at McCafferty Health Center, where a Spanish-English, bilingual lawyer will help a nearly 50-percent Spanish-speaking population; MetroHealth Buckeye, which serves a large elderly population; and MetroHealth Broadway, which serves many children and many re-entry patients, including people coming out of half-way houses and prisons.

Barbara Leadbetter, Teela's mother, said she "kept going back and forth with the school," trying to get her daughter into special education classes. Officials at Orchard Elementary School kept insisting Teela had a traumatic brain injury — not the case at all.

Curran said Leadbetter did a "great job" advocating for her daughter.

Teela also is in a year-round private school program, including swimming and field trips, so she retains what she

learns during the year. Curran said Leadbetter became well-known in her neighborhood — the area of West 25th Street and Detroit Avenue — for sticking up for her daughter. So much so that she'll work as a volunteer parent mentor at McCafferty, where her family receives primary health care.

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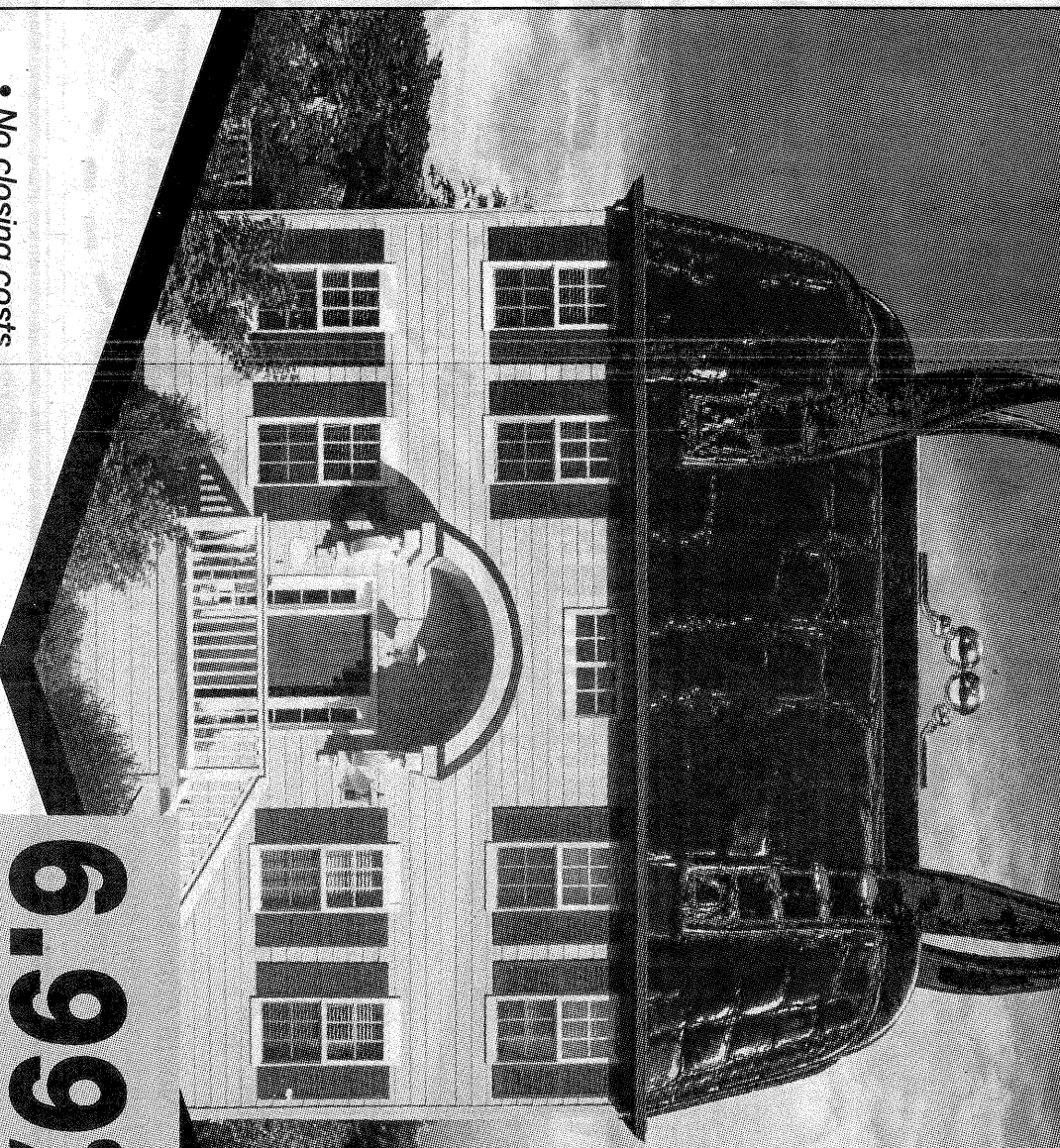
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