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Severely obese people who undergo surgery to shed excess pounds may have lower odds of developing cancer than they would without the operations, a recent U.S. study suggests. Dr. Daniel Schauer of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, who led the research, says that lowering the risk of cancer is just another reason to consider bariatric surgery for the treatment of obesity.
De-Colonizing the Curriculum” Critical to Improving Outcomes for Students of Color

Researchers at University of Cincinnati Taking the Lead on Ovarian, Head and Neck Cancer Studies

EXCLUSIVE: UC Doctor, Wife Lead Effort to Fund the Studies

Former Cincinnati Police Captain Dan Gerard, now with the University of Cincinnati’s Institute for Crime Science, says drug addicts are networked. Now part of the coalition, his team will give the data analytics to QRTs. “There’s a small number of places that are driving the overdoses and we also know that the addicts are networked. They are linking. They are trying to find who’s got the best dope. They are sharing various techniques on how to acquire it,” Gerard said.

Dr. R. Bruce Bracken and his wife, Barbara, were lead donors in a campaign that raised $1.5 million to establish an endowed chair in surgical urology at the University of Cincinnati, which is expected to elevate research and the training of physicians at the College of Medicine. Both felt strongly about giving back to the UC Division of Urology, where they worked for decades.

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National Geographic

Friday the 13th Is Back. Here’s Why It Scares Us.

October 13 is the second ill-fated Friday to fall in 2017. Simply being aware of superstitions may help to instill a sense of order in a world of random and uncontrollable worries, according to Rebecca Borah, a professor of English at the University of Cincinnati. “Some people may even stay at home—although statistically, most accidents happen in the home, so that may not be the best strategy.”

What Genetics Theories Suggest About the Vegas Shooting

October 6, 2017

The suspect behind the mass shooting in Las Vegas might have been at higher risk for criminal behavior because his father was apparently once on the FBI’s most-wanted list, according to controversial theories about links between crime and genetics. J.C. Barnes, an associate professor at the University of Cincinnati who has published studies on genetics and crime, says “behavioral outcomes are highly complex with a mixture of hundreds of thousands of genetic influences, along with environmental influences. It would be impossible to say whether the Vegas shooter was compelled to do this because of some genetic influence. We just don’t know.”

U of Cincinnati Researchers Study Butterflies to Better Understand Humans

October 6, 2017

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91.7 WCPX

Living Well

October 9, 2017

Founded in 2007, the Live Well Collaborative is an academic-industry innovation center that focuses on products, services and system solutions for living well across a lifespan, especially for those who are age 50 and up. Here to talk about the organization’s history and where it’s headed are Live Well Executive Director Linda Dunseath, from Procter & Gamble, Live Well Vice President Dr. Matthew Doyle, and from the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning, Live Well President Craig Vogel.

The University Network

University of Cincinnati’s Novel Program Tackles Lack of Regional IT Talent

October 11, 2017

The University of Cincinnati has created an Early College Information Technology Program to tackle the lack of talent and widening skills gap in the growing field of information technology. It has partnered with Cincinnati Public Schools to launch the novel program that gives Cincinnati Public Schools students the opportunity to complete their first year of the university’s IT bachelor of science degree program while still in high school and earn automatic admission to the university after graduation.

The Columbus Dispatch

Many Law Enforcement Agencies Don’t Follow State Lineup, Interrogation Rules, Study Says

October 11, 2017

Many law enforcement agencies do not follow a law designed to prevent innocent people from being locked up in prison, according to a study by the Ohio Innocence Project. About two-thirds of the 156 law enforcement agencies responding to a survey by the Innocence Project, based at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and the School of Criminal Justice, said they have a written policy on police lineups of suspects. Just over half said they have a policy on recording suspect interrogation.

Cincinnati.com

DACA Fight: University of Cincinnati Student Feels Like a Pawn

October 13, 2017

University of Cincinnati senior Laura Mendez envisions herself as a game piece on a board, moved from square to square by politicians who are controlled by powerful, faceless special interests and their lobbyists. Mendez first drew herself as a political pawn, dressed in cap and gown, as a Sacramore High School senior in 2014. Her art is how she started to tell her story of living without legal authorization in the United States. Her parents had brought her from their native Colombia in 2000. She was 4.

Theology on Tap Busts Myth that Science and Religion are Incompatible

On Wednesday night, the Chair of Catholic Studies at the University of Cincinnati and an MD/PhD candidate busted the myth that science and religion are incompatible. But after tracing the history of ideas from the supposedly benighted middle ages (“where nobody had any thoughts about anything for 1,000 years”) to the current, post-modern period, Dr. Jeffery Zalar explained that while Catholicism is compatible with science per se, it is not compatible with the way most people now practice science.

Amazon HQ2 Has Greater Cincinnati Civic Leaders Taking Regional Approach for Thursday’s Deadline

Amazon is asking cities to compete for a $5 billion headquarters operation that could employ 50,000 people with “average annual compensation exceeding $100,000.” Amazon wants a staggering amount of office space: up to 8 million square feet in a metropolitan area with at least 1 million people. Drew Boyd, a professor of marketing and innovation at the University of Cincinnati, said Amazon also needs access to a pool of commercial talent.
As Geffen Hall's Renovation Stumbles, Ana Hincapie, an assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Cincinnati, says items such as mouthwash or vitamins can present a danger to young children due to accidental ingestion. 6-year-old girl died recently after accidentally taking some of her grandfather’s medication.

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A concert hall that was simply too cavernous. Lobbies that have grown shabbier over time. A fortepiano-like presence, somewhat isolated from the city just outside its doors. These are all problems that Lincoln Center and the New Y ork Philharmonic have been trying to fix for nearly two decades. But Cincinnati faced these issues, too — and went ahead and did something about them. It used to be so long and narrow and cold," Walter E. Langsam, 82, University of Cincinnati architectural historian and longtime patron, said during intermission. "It embraces you now in a way it never did."

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**Caught in a Dust Trap**

**Old Sears Building Goes High-Tech as a Future Innovation Hub**

The University of Cincinnati is in the process of converting a 1929 structure that originally housed the area’s first Sears, Roebuck & Company store into a high-tech research accelerator. Renovations on the building aren’t scheduled for completion until fall 2018. But the new 1819 Innovation Hub will soon be home to the UC-Simulation Center, and UC envisions the new facility as a space where students and business professionals from multiple disciplines will come together to develop creative methods and new products to meet needs and solve problems.

Joining us to discuss the UC Research Institute and the new 1819 Innovation Hub is UC Chief Innovation Officer and CEO of the UC Research Institute, David Adams.

**Big College Event Hopes to Keep Cincinnati Grads in Cincinnati**

Over 84,000 students attend Greater Cincinnati’s four major universities, and the Cincinnati Regional Chamber wants to make sure as many of them as possible choose to stay in the Queen City after they graduate. That’s why the chamber hosted Thursday’s Big College Event. Martin Manevski, a sophomore at the University of Cincinnati, came all the way from Macedonia to pursue his education in Ohio. He saw what organizers want all graduates to see: Opportunity.

**Ohio Girl, 6, Dies After Taking Grandfather’s Medication**

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**Cincinnati.com**

**Erin Lawry is More Than a Breast Cancer Survivor**

Sweat dripped from nearly every pore of Erin Lawry’s body as she finished the 45-minute Power Ryde class she instructed on Oct. 14. This was not just another class at the cycling studio for the Loveland wife and mother of three. Rather, it was the second annual breast cancer fundraiser to honor Lawry who is a breast cancer survivor herself and to support the mobile mammography program of the University of Cincinnati Health Foundation.

**When Companies Miss Job Projections, Tax Breaks From Cincinnati Continue**

What happens when businesses that get generous property tax breaks don’t create as many jobs as they promised they would? Nothing. The city of Cincinnati offers dozens of lucrative tax breaks to developers every year to renovate dilapidated buildings, attract new residents and fuel job growth. "The developer doesn’t have a reason to be thoughtful about the numbers," said University of Cincinnati professor Michael Jones, who is an expert on economic incentives.

**Phrys.org**

**Racialized Social System of Whiteness Benefits Whites’ Health in Some Ways, Study Finds**

Although many studies over the past century have looked at the effect of racism on American health outcomes, an astonishingly small amount of that research has asked how it affects the health of whites. Jennifer Malat, a professor in the University of Cincinnati’s Sociology department and current Director of The Cincinnati Project, hopes to change that.

**CINCINNATI BUSINESS COURIER**

**UC Approves Plan for New $40M College of Law**

The University of Cincinnati board of trustees has approved a plan to create a new home for its College of Law. The trustees voted to follow through on a $40 million renovation of Carl H. Lindner Hall, which currently houses its business school. The six-story building will be transformed into a cutting-edge facility starting in fall 2019, following the opening of the new Lindner College of Business building.

**MedPage Today**

**HCV Transmission a Problem in NAT-Positive Liver Donors**

Transplanting livers from hepatitis C virus (HCV) -infected patients who are serum nucleic acid test (NAT)-negative into non-infected patients resulted in an unexpectedly high HCV infection rate for recipients, according to a study reported by Khurram Bari, MD, of the University of Cincinnati, and colleagues at the Liver Meeting, the annual conference of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

**Bioengineer.org**

**Researchers Advocate for Single-Cell Diagnostics for Breast Cancer**

Women diagnosed with breast cancer may benefit from having the molecular subtype of different cells within their tumors identified, argues Jun-Lin Guan, Francis Bruning Professor and Chair of the Department of Cancer Biology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, in an opinion article published October 24 in the journal Trends in Cancer.
A father's diet before conception can impact their newborn's health, a study claims. Researchers from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, found that a low carbohydrate and high protein diet by the father will help the child's health once they are born.
As researcher Dr. James Lockey, a professor of occupational, environmental and pulmonary medicine at the University of Cincinnati, revealed, firefighters' exposures to carcinogenic toxins "occur not when they are in the fire, but when they are in the vicinity of a fire" — often after removing their protective gear and breathing apparatus.

Medical Condition May Explain George H.W. Bush's Recent Lapses
![USA TODAY](https://www.usatoday.com)

OCTOBER 26, 2017

Vascular Parkinsonism might explain former President George H.W. Bush’s recent behavior, according to doctors who are familiar with the condition but not with the President’s case or care. Any damage to the frontal lobes, the part of the brain right behind the forehead, can cause personality changes, executive function problems and a loss of self-control, said Dr. Alberto J. Espay, a professor of neurology at the University of Cincinnati.

91.7 WHAV

Horror and Heroes in the Media

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Watching horror movies is a big part of Halloween, but many of us enjoy a good scare any time of year, and get it through films and TV shows that celebrate the macabre, from Stephen King’s “It,” to “The Walking Dead,” “Penny Dreadful” and "Stranger Things." Joining us to discuss the popularity of horror and heroes in the media are University of Cincinnati McNichols College of Arts and Sciences associate professors, Dr. Rebecca Sutherland Borah and Gary Vaughn.

ideaStream

Political Scientists Weigh in on the Effects of Money in Issue 2 Campaign

OCTOBER 27, 2017

The amount of money being spent by drug companies to defeat Issue 2, the so-called Drug Price Relief Act, has broken the state’s record for the most spent on a ballot issue. University of Cincinnati Political Science Professor David Niven describes the battle this way: "It’s Santa Claus versus the Grinch and the pharmaceutical companies are the Grinch."

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Residents in East Liverpool Concerned About Manganese Contamination

OCTOBER 29, 2017

The peer-reviewed study by environmental health researchers at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine analyzed blood and hair from 106 children, 7 to 9 years old, in East Liverpool and surrounding communities, from March 2013 to June 2014. Its results, recently published online in the journal NeuroToxicology, show a significant association between higher manganese in hair samples and declines in IQ, mental processing speed and working memory, said Erin Haynes, associate professor in the University of Cincinnati’s Department of Public Health and lead author of the study.

UC Health Team Uses Blood Patch to Help Local Mom Stop Head Pain

OCTOBER 31, 2017

A local mom says her headaches have been cured thanks to a unique procedure from UC Health. It seems that newer imaging techniques are leading to a quick cure. Dr. Mike Hauenfeld, a neuroradiologist, says, "We can do a procedure called an epidural blood patch and seal off the leak."

UC Health Offers Free Breast Cancer Education Event

OCTOBER 31, 2017

There are dozens of new therapies and treatments in the works right now for those living with breast cancer or trying to prevent the disease. A team at UC Health says that the reason for that is, just like snowflakes, no two cancers are alike. Dr. Ryan Gobble is a reconstruction surgeon who also is the principal investigator on some new breast implant studies. He says it’s important for women and families to be able to know they have choices and not feel that they are alone.

USA TODAY

The $5 Million Cincinnati Election: Why So Much?

NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley raised more money by far than anyone else seeking office in the city this year, collecting almost half the $5.1 million raised by the 26 candidates running. "It’s not entirely unlike an arms race," said David Niven, a University of Cincinnati political science professor. "You try and get more because you can, even if the value of the next $10,000 or $50,000 isn’t the same as the first $10,000 or $50,000 a candidate used to get attention."

Cincinnati.com

Terror Groups Ramp Up Online Marketing to Find Recruits

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

At first blush, the online magazine looks like any other slick electronic publication. The color graphics are eye-catching, the production values are good, and the layout could have been done by a design school grad. Welcome to the world of the modern-day jihadi recruiter, where an Islamic radical makes a pitch to potential converts with the fervor of a religious zealot and the skill of a Madison Avenue ad executive. "The phenomena of social media recruitment is key," said Ed Bredgeman, a criminal justice professor at the University of Cincinnati.

The Guardian

John Updike Revealed as a Prolific Letter Writer to Readers and Strangers

NOVEMBER 2, 2017

Novelist John Updike’s correspondence is so charming and lively that it evokes the man more powerfully than his bits of autobiography. James Schiff, an associate professor of English at the University of Cincinnati, is working on a volume of Updike’s letters and has unearthed thousands of letters, postcards, and notes the author sent to complete strangers who wrote to him.

University of Cincinnati
A new exhibit and panel series by historic preservationist and University of Cincinnati researchers are examining racial and gender disparities in dialysis patients as well as the impact of poor functional status and pre-dialysis hospitalizations on elderly dialysis patients. Silvi Shah, MD, assistant professor in the Division of Nephrology, Kidney CARE Program at the UC College of Medicine, presented this research at the American Society of Nephrology meetings in New Orleans, Oct. 31-Nov. 5.

Mortality After Dialysis Initiation

The annual mortality in end stage renal disease patients is very high. Since most of the deaths occur in the first year of dialysis, it is possible that health conditions present prior to initiation of dialysis may impact long-term outcomes, says Silvi Shah, MD, Assistant Professor, Division of Nephrology, University of Cincinnati.

What We Learned From Issue 2's Failed Campaign

Issue 2, the drug price ballot initiative, failed by a historic margin. “This had to be one of the most confusing proposals ever put before Ohio voters in terms of the actual, tangible, what-would-happen-if-it-passed-question,” David Niven, an assistant political science professor at the University of Cincinnati, said.

Cincinnati.com

Step Into the ‘Underground’ World of Chamber Music

As Greater Cincinnati chamber music aficionados already know, the area is a hotbed of these smaller ensembles. The University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music is a major source of musicians, as is the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

MedicalResearch.com

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Scientists Reveal Parents Who Are Supportive Prevent Their Offspring From Committing Suicide or Sniffing Glue

Praising your child and helping them with their homework won’t turn them into a ‘snowflake’, new research suggests. Scientists have revealed that parents who are supportive protect their youngsters from wanting to commit suicide or sniff glue. Professor Keith King, of the University of Cincinnati and lead author, said: “Kids need to know that someone’s got their back, and unfortunately, many of them do not.” He worked alongside Professor Rebecca Vidourek for the study, which found 12 and 13 year olds are most negatively affected by poor parenting.

Study Could Bring About Strategies to Increase ‘Good’ Cholesterol

After decades of individual attempts to identify the structure of the main building block of HDL (high-density lipoproteins), the so-called “good” cholesterol that associates with protection from cardiovascular disease, a research team representing eight academic institutions across the U.S. and Australia has come to agreement on a predictive model. "We are excited to finally have a robust picture of what this protein looks like,” says Sean Davidson, PhD, professor and vice chair in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and the corresponding author on the study.

UC Research Could Find Ways to Boost Good Cholesterol

A team at the University of Cincinnati announced that they have discovered a critical breakthrough in “HDL” or “Good Cholesterol” which protects against heart disease. "We think that HDL actually goes in and takes some of that fat out of those vessels and pulls it back out and degrades it in other ways,” said Dr. Sean Davidson, a University of Cincinnati Lipid researcher.

Could the Plague Outbreak in Madagascar Spread to the US and Europe?

An outbreak of the plague in Madagascar has killed 165 people and some scientists are concerned that it could spread to Europe and the United States. Carl Fichtenbaum, MD, professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a UC Health physician, talks about how serious of a threat this is.

Student Hunger: Responding to Food Insecurity on Campus

Attending college may seem like a privilege but after paying for tuition and textbooks, many students struggle to afford the basics, including food. The rising cost of higher education and growing number of non-traditional students only adds to the financial strain, with more students than ever living on a shoestring budget. Here to discuss student food insecurity and campus solutions is University of Cincinnati Division of Student Affairs Assistant Dean of Students Daniel Cummins.
New Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management of a Rare Lung Disease

November 16, 2017

New clinical practice guidelines have been issued for diagnosing lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) and managing pneumothoraces in patients with LAM, reveals a new study co-authored by Nishant Gupta, MD, assistant professor of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Women, Bariatric Surgery Can Lower the Risk of Developing Cancer

November 27, 2017

While genetics play a role in the development of Lupus, a systemic autoimmune disease that can attack any organ system in the human body, so do environmental triggers, such as particulates in air pollution and ultraviolet light, explains Gaurav Gulati, MD, a physician-researcher at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

New UC Course Helps Students Determine What is ‘Fake News’

November 22, 2017

“Fake news” is a term that’s been made mainstream by President Donald Trump. But fabricated news goes beyond a catch phrase and can even manipulate the way we think. In fact, the issue is such a growing problem, the University of Cincinnati offered a brand new class this semester to incoming freshman called Post Truth & Fake News Challenges for Communication Politics in Journalism.

iHeart Radio Preventing Visits to the Emergency Department on Thanksgiving

November 23, 2017

Thanksgiving should be a day to enjoy with family and friends, but things don’t always go as planned. Dustin Callahan, MD, assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a UC Health physician, describes the types of cases they see during the holidays at the Emergency Department of UC Medical Center.

Ambushes of Police Officers Rare But Still Concerning, Experts Say

November 28, 2017

Many acts, politicians and executives, including at NPR, are now facing sexual-harassment allegations in the court of public opinion. But in actual courts, such cases filed by workers against their employers are very often dismissed by judges. The standard for harassment under the law is high, and only an estimated 3 percent to 6 percent of the cases ever make it to trial.

1819 Innovation Hub Will be ‘New Front Door’ to University Of Cincinnati

November 27, 2017

The University of Cincinnati is building a one-stop shop for its students and faculty to solve companies’ problems. The 1819 Innovation Hub, located in Avondale, will be the new front door to campus for the Greater Cincinnati business community. “It’s helping faculty and students bring their ideas to life and to market,” said David Adams, UC’s first-ever chief innovation officer, who will be heading the hub.

How Diet Can Impact Migraine

November 17, 2017

Eliminating that morning cup of joe, consuming processed foods high in nitrates or monosodium glutamate (MSG), and enjoying too much alcohol are potential headache triggers for individuals battling migraines, said Vincent Martin, M.D., professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

The Role Men Play in the Health of Pregnancy

November 21, 2017

How might a man’s diet, which is known to affect sperm quality, for example, affect the pregnancy itself and the child’s health? One recent collaborative study on male fruit flies, done by researchers from University of Cincinnati, the University of Western Australia and the University of Sydney, suggested their nutrition before mating affected the viability of the embryo. "Just a well-balanced diet is what we’re telling WalletHub most people overspend during the holidays no matter what financial advice they receive.

Cities Where People Have Biggest Holiday Budgets

November 17, 2017

WalletHub ranked cities in which people enjoy the largest possible holiday budgets using five characteristics of the local population, including income, age and savings-to-monthly expenses ratio.
A Grecian Artifact Evokes Tales From the ‘Iliad’ and ‘Odyssey’

Two years ago, archaeologists excavating an ancient grave at Pylos in southwestern Greece pulled out a grime-encrusted object, less than an inch and half long, that looked like some kind of large bead. They put it aside to focus on more prominent items. But later, as a conservator removed the lime accretions on the bead’s face, it turned out to be something quite different: a seal stone, a gemstone engraved with a design that can be stamped on clay or wax. The seal stone’s image, a striking depiction of one warrior in battle with two others, is carved in remarkably fine detail. The seal stone comes from an untouched shaft grave near the ancient palace of Pylos. The grave was discovered in May 2015 by Jack L. Davis and Sharon R. Stocker, archaeologists at the University of Cincinnati who had been digging at Pylos for more than 25 years.
Local Mosque Donates $1 Million to University of Cincinnati; School Will Launch Islam Program

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The Christian Post

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Cincinnati.com

Economic Growth From the Bottom Up

One of the cornerstones of economics, it’s something I’ve been thinking about lately as Congress debates tax code changes. Given the extent of the proposed changes and limited space, instead of discussing specifics, let’s look at the role incentives play (and could play) in some of the most-discussed elements, writes Julie Heath is the director of University of Cincinnati Economics Center at the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services, in the Enquirer.

The Fix

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It’s 2017, but there’s still plenty of ignorance to go around. Namely, when it comes to discussing and understanding substance use disorders, long-held beliefs about these issues often come from a place of fear and prejudice. Theresa Winhusen, professor and director of the Addiction Sciences Division, of the department of psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, notes that just 5-10% of people who detox and do nothing else are able to stay abstinent.

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Women exposed to air pollution just prior to conception or during the first month of pregnancy face an increased risk of their children being born with birth defects, according to a new study from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Although the increased risk is modest, the potential impact on a population basis is noteworthy because all pregnant women have some amount of exposure, says Dr. Emily DeFranco, senior author of the study.

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- Birth Defects More Likely in Women Exposed to Air Pollution
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**advocates for sexual harassment victims**

Advocates for Sexual Harassment Victims Pan Wisconsin Lawmakers’ Plan to Keep Incident Reports Secret

The top Republicans and Democrats in the Wisconsin Legislature agree: protecting victims of sexual harassment and other discrimination in the Capitol means keeping all reports about it secret. But not all attorneys for victims and advocates see it the same way. Sandra Sperino, a law professor at the University of Cincinnati who studies discrimination cases, agreed that victim privacy is a concern but also pointed to the right of the public and taxpayers to know what their elected officials are doing.

**The Seattle Times**

$1 Million Gift to UC to Establish Islamic Studies Chair

A mosque is donating $1 million to the University of Cincinnati to further a better understanding of the Islamic religion and to address concerns about Islamophobia. The university will add a titled professorship in Islamic studies after receiving the gift from the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati.

**91.7 WUJC**

The Hunt for Raising HDL: The Good Cholesterol

The University of Cincinnati’s Sean Davidson and a team of researchers from around the U.S. and Australia have discovered how HDL (high-density lipoproteins), the so-called ‘good’ cholesterol, is generated. That could lead to the development of new drugs.
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DECEMBER 4, 2017

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Trump Shrinks Utah Monuments Created by Obama, Clinton

DECEMBER 4, 2017

Capping months of speculation, President Trump signed a pair of executive orders to significantly shrink two of Utah’s national monuments — Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante — that were created by his Democratic predecessors. Arnold Miller, president of the Paleontological Society and Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Geology at the University of Cincinnati, said the Grand Staircase-Escalante “contains a trove of scientifically valuable fossils and strata from boundary to boundary, and the excising of portions of this national monument for mining or other commercial activities will tragically compromise its integrity.”

Ancestral Puebloans Used Fire to Help Them Survive South of the Grand Canyon

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Archaeologists have long maintained that people who lived in the Grand Canyon region 1,000 years ago had a diet dominated by corn. But Alan Sullivan, a professor of anthropology at the University of Cincinnati, says the people who lived south of the canyon rim is now calling that assumption into question. More likely is that these ancient pueblo people started and managed low-intensity fires to spur the growth of edible native plants that were their main food source.

Lung Cancer Early Detection and Treatment

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer in the U.S., with Kentucky ranked first in the nation for lung cancer death and Ohio and Indiana in the top 15. The good news is that lung cancer is highly treatable with early detection. Here to discuss lung cancer rates, early detection and treatment are Co-directors of the University of Cincinnati Cancer Institute’s Lung Cancer Center Dr. Sandra Starnes and Dr. John Morris.

Science

Stressful Conditions, Not ‘Sonic Weapon,’ Sickened U.S. Diplomats, Cuba Panel Asserts

DECEMBER 5, 2017

After a 9-month probe hampered by lack of access to medical records, a panel of Cuban scientists today declared that U.S. diplomats here likely suffered a “collective psychogenic disorder” earlier this year, not the deliberate “health attack” that the U.S. Department of State has claimed. “The combination of sudden onset of hearing loss, tinnitus, headaches, vertigo, nausea, insomnia, anxiety, and memory problems would have to be related to multiple lesions in both brain hemispheres,” says neurologist Alberto Espay of the University of Cincinnati.

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While Ann Sullivan was struggling through a difficult recovery, her 9-year-old daughter was watching. Megan Sullivan knew when she was accepted into the University of Cincinnati’s College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning that she wanted to do something to help breast cancer survivors who returned home from the hospital and discovered their old clothes weren’t made for their post-surgical bodies.

University of Cincinnati Medical Center Celebrates 50 Years of Kidney Transplants

DECEMBER 7, 2017

UCMC celebrated the 100th successful transplant of 2017 on Dec. 4. Idris Gray received a transplant July 24, 2015, joining the University of Cincinnati’s 50-year legacy of life-saving kidney, heart and liver transplantation. The very first procedure happened in 1967 when a Cincinnati police officer received a kidney from his sister. UCMC received $1.5 million to combat opioid abuse.

University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati Startup, UC Awarded $1.5M to Combat Opioid Abuse

DECEMBER 8, 2017

A Cincinnati startup, in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati, is one of 15 organizations that the Ohio Third Frontier selected to get a slice of a pool of $10 million to combat opioid abuse.

Cincinnati.com

Innocent Project Leader’s Book at Heart of Cincinnati Opera’s New Work Depicting in 2019

DECEMBER 8, 2017

The oratorio or musical theater piece, “Blind Injustice,” is based on a non-fiction book by Mark Godsey, a law professor at the University of Cincinnati who is the co-founder (with Mayor John Cranley) of the Ohio Innocence Project. His book explores the complexity of criminal investigations and legal proceedings that can cause them to go awry and lead to the convictions of innocent people.
Snakes are well known for their sinuous, side-winding movements, but they can also move in a straight line, like a train through a tunnel. Some species use this talent to hunt prey that lives in burrows. Despite this behaviour being first observed more than 70 years ago, the bio-mechanics the snakes bring to bear to achieve this feat have only just been established. They are revealed in a paper written by biologists Bruce Jayne and Steven Newman, both from the University of Cincinnati.

One reason women are accusing men of sexual harassment in the press, rather than the courts: The legal system that’s supposed to investigate, address, and prevent sexual harassment has failed them for decades. That’s the conclusion from a review of more than 1,000 job discrimination cases by two law professors including Sandra Sprinzo at the University of Cincinnati.

The pattern of denial and smearing of accusers we now hear from Trump and the Fox News sycophants is not likely to sit well with Americans. A recent academic study undertaken by Murat Haner of the University of South Florida-Sarasota Manatee, and Teresa C. Kulig and Francis T. Cullen of the University of Cincinnati, conducted by YouGov America from Oct. 7 to Oct. 24 found. Half of Americans (51.0%) believe that “the women are telling the truth when they reported that Mr. Trump sexually harassed or assaulted them.”

Individuals with prior Roux-en-Y gastric bypass have blunted β-cell sensitivity to changes in glycemia, according to a study published online Nov. 20 in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism by Marzieh Salehi, M.D., from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and colleagues.

When it comes to in-home DNA tests, how accurate are the results? Dr. Anil Menon, professor of molecular genetics at the University of Cincinnati, said results can differ because of the database used by the companies.
Cincinnati.com

University of Cincinnati Names New Dorm After Civil Rights Activist Marian Spencer

DECEMBER 14, 2017

When Marian Spencer was an undergraduate student at the University of Cincinnati more than 70 years ago, she wasn’t allowed to live in a dorm on campus. Now, the civil rights activist’s name will permanently reside on the university’s newest residence hall. UC Board of Trustees voted Wednesday to name the new high-rise Marian Spencer Hall.

HealthScene Ohio

UC Health Chairman Supports Patients in All Areas

DECEMBER 15, 2017

From performing a precise surgery to lending a helping hand, Dr. Joseph Cheng is guided by his drive to be supportive for patients. Cheng’s interest in providing the best care possible led him to the University of Cincinnati, where he has recently been named chair of the Department of Neurosurgery.

Social Media May Help Chronically Ill Connect to Doctors, Fellow Patients

DECEMBER 14, 2017

Social media groups that bring together patients, family, friends and healthcare providers can improve patients’ outlook and reduce their anxiety and depression, a recent U.S. study suggests. Dr. Vikram Bhat of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and his colleagues created a closed Facebook group that primarily had a total of 150 members, about half of whom were liver transplant patients.

UC Researchers Find Half of Americans Believe Trump’s Accusers When it Comes to Misconduct

DECEMBER 14, 2017

About half of Americans (51.0%) believe the women who have come forward accusing President Donald Trump of sexual assault and misconduct. That is just one finding among ten questions posed to 1,000 respondents in an academic survey conducted by YouGov America and led by three researchers, two of whom are from the University of Cincinnati.

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DECEMBER 15, 2017

An updated approach to screening liver donors for the hepatitis C virus (HCV) could make more organs available for non-infected patients — including grafts from intravenous drug users, new research by the University of Cincinnati suggests.

Spencer Deserving of UC Dorm

DECEMBER 17, 2017

Thumbs up to the University of Cincinnati for naming its newest residence hall after one of its most accomplished graduates – Cincinnati Civil Rights pioneer Marian Spencer. The editorial board is hard-pressed to find a more deserving honoree for Spencer, whose work as a politician and change-agent is legendary.

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UC Health Launches Cancer Clinic for Men

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UC Health has begun a prostate cancer clinic for patients to learn about options for treatment, and Dr. Abhinav Sidana said the model is unusual for Greater Cincinnati. He and two other doctors review each case before the patient is seen at UC Health’s Barrett Cancer Center in Corryville, the primary adult outpatient treatment facility of the University of Cincinnati Cancer Institute.

University of Cincinnati

DECEMBER 20, 2017

University of Cincinnati students and visitors to Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport would be among the first to cross the driverless shuttle if the program gets the green light. But CVG and UC officials said it’s still too early to provide details about possible routes or even the types of vehicles they would use for driverless transport.
Blacks and Blunts: University of Cincinnati Researcher Launches Online Study of ‘Blunt’ Use Among African Americans

JANUARY 24, 2018

The inexpensive cigars hollowed out and filled with marijuana that rap stars helped make popular in songs and music videos are now the subject of a serious research study. LaTrice Montgomery, a University of Cincinnati assistant professor in the Addiction Sciences Division of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience and lead researcher on the project, recently announced it has received a federal grant for more than $700,000 to study the “blunt” smoking habits of African-American young adults.
timesunion.com
Group Pushes for Driverless Shuttle Route in Cincinnati
DECEMBER 24, 2017
A pilot program for driverless cars in Cincinnati hopes to get the green light early next year. University of Cincinnati students and visitors would be among the first to experience the driverless shuttle program, but officials say it is still too early to provide details. The effort is the brainchild of Smart Cincy, a public-private partnership pushing for a “connected vehicle infrastructure.”

Campus Safety
Wireless Locks Improve Security at Univ. of Cincinnati Residence Halls
DECEMBER 25, 2017
The University of Cincinnati offers its students a balance of educational excellence and real-world experience. It delivers this experience in a setting that is safe and secure thanks to its commitment to ongoing security upgrades. The school recently began upgrading its residence hall facilities, including a shift from mechanical locks and keys to a new, wireless WiFi lock and access control system integration.

New Freeze-Dried Plasma Could Be Used to Help the Military
DECEMBER 26, 2017
A blood product, being studied at the University of Cincinnati, could change the way soldiers are treated on the battlefield. Plasma is usually used for cancer patients and burn victims and those who are wounded in battle to stop bleeding. “The problem is that plasma, as it is now, is a frozen product, and it takes time to produce it, store it, and finally give it to the patient,” said Dr. Jose Caneclas of Hoxworth Blood Center, who is leading a breakthrough trial, the first of its kind in the country that could deliver plasma in a whole new way.

San Antonio Express-News
Sports Story of the Year: Political Anger
DECEMBER 28, 2017
“Part of it is because we’re in a cultural moment where everything has become political,” said David Niven, a University of Cincinnati political scientist. “You don’t have to go too far back in time to remember when Christmas was not a political moment. You don’t have to go too far back in time to remember when politics took a breather between elections.”

Cincinnati.com
For Students With Disabilities, a Chance at College Life and a Future Job
DECEMBER 29, 2017
Peter Merz, a 25-year-old from Delhi Township, landed his dream job after graduating from the University of Cincinnati. He spends his days sweeping the walkways and picking up trash around Nippert Stadium as part of the university’s grounds crew. Merz also serves up ham sandwiches, clean tables and pours beers for students at the CatSKeller bar and grill in the student union building. Merz, who has Down syndrome, started working those two jobs right after graduating from UC in 2016. He was part of the first graduating class of UGC Transition and Access Program for students with intellectual disabilities.

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Celebrating Together: 150 Years of CCM & 100th Birthday of Bernstein
DECEMBER 29, 2017
Two major anniversaries will converge on the campus of the University of Cincinnati when the College-Conservatory of Music celebrates its 150th year and the 100th birthday of acclaimed composer Leonard Bernstein during the 2018 Spring Semester.

Dayton Daily News
6 Ways You Should Be Protecting Your Body in Sub-Freezing Temperatures
JANUARY 2, 2018
As residents in the greater Cincinnati area deal with record low temperatures ranging from minus-5 to minus-10, those who work outside or anyone heading outdoors needs to take extra precautions with their body and clothing, according to a medical expert from the University of Cincinnati’s College of Medicine.

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Marian Spencer, Civil Rights Pioneer and Alumna of University of Cincinnati, Honored with Building on Campus
JANUARY 2, 2018
Marian Spencer, a civil rights leader and the first African American woman elected to the city council in Cincinnati, Ohio, is being recognized by having a dormitory on the campus of the University of Cincinnati named in her honor. Ironically, when Spencer was a student at the University of Cincinnati in the 1940s, she was not permitted to live in campus housing because of her race.

OLYMPUS DIGITAL CAMERA
38 Species of Invasive Plants Now Illegal to Sell in Ohio
JANUARY 7, 2018
Ohio is taking a swing at nature’s bullies. Under new rules that went into effect Sunday, the sale and distribution of 38 destructive, invasive plant species will become illegal. “Plants evolved over millions of years. But invasives suddenly start spreading,” said Theresa Galley, a University of Cincinnati plant biologist. “Rather than waiting millions of years for an environment to change, it can take a few years.”

US News
What to Do About Retinal Migraines
JANUARY 2, 2018
Migraines can cause severe pain and leave a person unable to function for hours or even days. Sufferers commonly have throbbing or pulsating moderate to severe headaches—usually on one side of the head, though it can be two-sided. “The headaches tend to worsen when people exert themselves—like they go up a flight of stairs,” says Dr. Vincent Martin, a professor in the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Nationalism and Populism in America and Abroad
JANUARY 8, 2018
From Harvey Weinstein to Bill O’Reilly to Matt Lauer, many powerful men were toppled in 2017 by sexual harassment allegations. Sandra Sperino, a law professor and associate dean of faculty with the University of Cincinnati College of Law, thinks the national conversation will cause more people to consider pursuing a discrimination claim. Studies have shown that few people who experience sexual harassment file an internal complaint with their employer, she said.

UC Researchers Receive Grant for Developing Fast-Responding Water Sensors
JANUARY 8, 2018
The National Science Foundation has awarded an interdisciplinary team of University of Cincinnati researchers a grant of $359,951 to produce sensors in order to assess a key environmental problem in drinking water sources.

Detecting signs of cancer with a breath test. Robotic bats that could shape the future of unmanned aerial vehicles. These are a couple of examples of sensor research that’s being conducted at the University of Cincinnati. On Friday, UC hosted Cincinnati’s third annual Sensor Community Retreat, attended by researchers, community members and students.
A team led by University of Cincinnati researchers has been excavating a Bronze Age warrior's tomb, dubbed the Grave of the Griffin Warrior, at the Palace of Nestor, in Pylos, Greece. The discovery has been described as one of the richest tombs found in Greece in the last 50 years, and a possible gateway to civilizations. Joining us for an update about the latest findings at the Pylos site and to discuss the life and work of Carl Blegen are directors of the Griffin Warrior archeological project, Dr. Sharon Stocker, UC Department of Classics senior research associate; and UC Classics Department Head and Carl W. Blegen Professor of Greek Archaeology, Dr. Jack Davis.

### Lead Tests for ‘Millions of Kids’ May Be Wrong?

**JANUARY 10, 2018**

There’s a chance that tests given to millions of kids since 2014 to detect lead and a professor of environmental health and epidemiology on lead poisoning didn’t work properly, delivering falsely low results to an unknown number of American families. But Kim Dietrich, an expert at the University of Cincinnati, has called “correctional quackery.”

### Getting an early start on financial literacy can go a long way in helping children avoid these costly mistakes when they grow up. The Economics and finance. Here to discuss helping kids develop financial literacy is Dr. Valerie Krugh with UC’s Economics Center.

### Lung Cancer Screening for High Risk Patients

**JANUARY 17, 2018**

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Fentanyl is Linked to Thousands of Deaths a Year, So Why Do Doctors Still Prescribe It?

JANUARY 30, 2018

It’s important to know that if you’re taking fentanyl and you need to or are ready to come off of it, you’ll need to taper off, Will Chan, MD, an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, tells Yahoo Lifestyle. “If you don’t, you’ll start having withdrawal symptoms.”

Higher Manganese Levels in Children Correlate With Lower IQ Scores

JANUARY 24, 2018

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Finding the Right Treatment for Your Migraines

JANUARY 24, 2018

The pain can be debilitating. The symptoms include nausea and sensitivity to light and sound. Tens of millions of Americans lose sleep and work and have trouble caring for family because of migraines. This neurological disease is the third most common illness worldwide, yet more than half of sufferers are never diagnosed. Joining us to discuss this is Professor of Medicine and Director of the University of Cincinnati Headache and Facial Pain Center, Dr. Vincent Martin.

Ohio Flu Still Widespread, But Cases Ease Down From January Peak

JANUARY 26, 2018

Last year, University of Cincinnati Medical Center clocked in between 600 and 800 flu cases total. So far this flu season, “We’ve had more than 1,600 cases. And we’re just a bellwether for the community,” said Dr. Carl Fichtenbaum, an infectious-disease specialist at UC Health. “So while it looks like the epidemic may be going down, I am not 100 percent convinced that we’re out of the woods yet.”

The University of Cincinnati wants to figure out what’s stopping people from seeking treatment for opioid addiction. UC is hosting a clinical trial to break down barriers to medication-assisted treatment. The year-long trial is open to people who have overdosed on opioids in the past six months. UC will pair participants up with a recovering addict who can help bust myths about medication and treatment, and they’ll get a free Narcan kit.

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