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Bourbon ‘flippers’ see market cooling off

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Fall is the time of year when many of the year’s most anticipated rare, antique and limited release bourbons “drop” – or land at liquor shops with their warm amber hues glistening like polished mahogany.

Throngs of collectors, casual fans, and so-called “flippers” line up each year outside their favorite stores for a chance to snag bottles that often sell out instantly.

“Many people are in denial about being flippers. They say they buy bottles to drink, but then they ask me, ‘How much will you give me for it?’”

Justin Thompson
co-owner of Justins’ House of Bourbon

While many buyers pick up bottles filled with bourbon to drink, the real prize for flippers lies not on the shelf but in the secondary market for bourbon, where limited bottles are resold, sometimes for eye-popping profits.

But buyers are finding something new: prices on that secondary market are falling.

As one bourbon expert noted, flipping bottles “isn’t what it used to be.”

Major bourbon ‘drop’ coming Nov. 8

Flippers and connoisseurs alike were expected to turn out for the Ohio Division of Liquor Control’s Single Barrel on Saturday, Nov. 8.

This year’s event featured one of the agency’s largest releases of rare bourbons to date – 120 exclusive single-barrel picks and blends distributed to more than 300 retailers across Ohio.

Reselling bourbon in secondary market risky as prices fall

Customers whose sole intent is to resell their bottles may be in for a rude awakening on the secondary market, network of collectors reselling rare

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Allen Gray, who was recently homeless, receives food at Our Daily Bread in Over-the-Rhine on Sept. 12. Gray lives in a subsidized apartment run by Tender Mercies. BELOW: Gray and his friend Michael Rockett cross a street while running errands. PHOTOS BY ALBERT CESARE/THE ENQUIRER

‘Nothing lasts forever’

Why seniors face greatest risk of losing home

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This is part of an Enquirer special report exploring older Cincinnatians’ struggle to secure affordable housing.

Allen Gray nudged his walker a few inches forward, edging closer to a stack of blue plastic trays and his first meal of the day.

For a Friday morning, the line at Our Daily Bread’s cafeteria in Over-the-Rhine wasn’t long. Fewer than a dozen people stood ahead of Gray, waiting, like him, for a free plate of baked fish, rice and fresh vegetables.

Gray, 65, memorized the meal schedule here years ago. Several times a week, he pushed his walker across uneven sidewalks and up the steps of Metro buses to get to Our Daily Bread and other soup kitchens for breakfast and lunch.

“How’s Allen today?” asked a volunteer standing near



in line at Our Daily Bread on this sunny September morning, hunched over his walker, back aching, sweat beading on his forehead, because his retirement years had gone according to plan.

Gray was here because he was among the 30,000 seniors in Hamilton County who spent so much of their

the trays.

Gray smiled and took a tray, balancing it unsteadily on the handles of his walker.

“Doing OK,” he said.

For the moment, at least, this was true. Gray was as OK as he’d been in years. After living on the street for much of the past two decades, he’d finally settled into a one-room apartment that provided stability to a life derailed long ago by illness and job losses.

But he was not standing in line at Our Daily Bread on this sunny September morning, hunched over his walker, back aching, sweat beading on his forehead, because his retirement years had gone according to plan.

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Terrell Howell, 26, poses for a photo with his mom, Tina Newman. PROVIDED BY TINA NEWMAN

Can new approach help abuse victims?

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Months before Tina Newman’s son was shot and killed, they took a week-long trip to New Orleans during Mardi Gras season. She didn’t know then that it would be the last time they would go. “That was the best time of my life,” she said. “We learned so much about each other.”

Her son, 26-year-old Terrell Howell, was shot on June 5 in what authorities have described as a domestic violence

killing in Lincoln Heights. Prosecutors said his ex-partner pulled the trigger.

Police said 41-year-old Timothy Shoulders pulled a handgun on Howell before firing a single, fatal round. Howell had gone to Shoulders’ home that morning to retrieve his wallet.

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network’s annual fatality report found the number of Ohioans killed in domestic violence cases increased by 38% to 157 for the year ending June 30 – the highest number in a decade.

Those statistics are more than just numbers for Newman. Her son was one

of 11 people who died in domestic violence killings documented in Hamilton County by the report.

“That was my rock,” she said. “That was my one and only child.”

How to help survivors ‘remove themselves from danger?’

With such a dramatic increase in the number of domestic violence homicides statewide, what are officials doing to protect victims?

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