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Vet fights Ohio law on malpractice damages

John Paganini also taking battle to Ohio’s attorney general

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Marine Corps veteran John Paganini is challenging a long-standing Ohio law that limits how much people can collect for their pain-and-suffering in malpractice lawsuits.

His case before the Ohio Supreme Court is pitting him against powerful interest groups. Lining up against Paganini are the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio State Medical Association, Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys and Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. In December 2021, Paganini, now 94, underwent cataract surgery. The next day, Paganini called his doctor early in the morning to report pain and seeing floaters. The doctor saw some evidence that could be attributed to an aggressive

infection but didn’t refer Paganini to a specialist. Paganini lost his eye. Around the same time, his wife of 68 years, Marie, died. Paganini, who lives in Mentor, sued Dr. Gregory J. Louis and Cataract Eye Center of Cleveland for malpractice. At trial, a Cuyahoga County jury awarded him \$1.5 million for his pain and suffering but an Ohio law passed in 2003 caps noneconomic damages at

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Marine Corps veteran John Paganini, 94, lost his eye after cataracts surgery and filed a malpractice lawsuit. PROVIDED BY PETERSEN & PETERSEN



Canton resident Don Johnson, left, answers questions from Tameka Ellington, Black history curator at the William McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, for a new documentary on Black history. CHARITA M. GOSHAY, THE CANTON REPOSITORY

‘It’s not about individuals’

McKinley Museum preparing documentary on Canton’s Black community

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CANTON – Family reunions are more than simple get-togethers — they’re living history. Tameka Ellington, curator of Black history at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, recently interviewed

members of the Smith family on their 46th annual family reunion in Canton. The interviews are part of a documentary Ellington is producing with Dexter Ponder, a producer and cinematographer with Ponder Media, that focuses on Canton’s Black history. In one interview, Ellington spoke

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Artifacts wanted

Tameka Ellington, Black history curator at the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum, is seeking artifacts from local families to be placed on display at the museum. She may be reached at tellington@mcKinleymuseum.org or 330-455-7043.

ANALYSIS

Trump, GOP on verge of big win in Texas

All-out redistricting war could help Republicans

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A partisan battle in Texas over who holds power in Washington during the final two years of President Donald Trump’s second term has unfurled into a nationwide debate drawing in top political figures as voters brace for another divisive election in 2026. The Lone Star State’s GOP lawmakers were working to send new congressional maps to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 22 that Trump and his allies hope will give them a strategic advantage in holding onto their majority in the U.S. House. But the fight in Austin has spread beyond the state’s borders and created significant uncertainty about who will be in position to govern during the second half of the Trump administration and after 2028 election. “Game on,” New York Gov. Kathy Hochul wrote Aug. 20 in a social media post. She is one of several state leaders considering their own steps like the Texas Republicans to redraw congressional district borders inside their states. California Gov. Gavin Newsom is another, and in his state, Democratic lawmakers want voters to decide in a Nov. 4 special election whether to redraw their maps. The California Legislature on Aug. 21 approved Newsom’s proposal on a ballot measure to suspend the state’s

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