

## AMERICA TO THE MOON: 40 YEARS LATER

**JULY 19, 1969** Earth is seen over the lunar landscape. At 1:13 p.m. Apollo 11 passed behind the moon and out of radio contact with the Earth for the first time. "The view of the moon ... it's a view worth the price of the trip," Neil Armstrong said.

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238,855 miles from the Earth to the moon.

64.9 miles above the moon. The spacecraft orbits the moon every two hours. DAY 4

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## Ameritrust deal has links to county corruption case

Lawyer, firm cited in bribery plea had roles in purchase, records show

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For four years, Cuyahoga County taxpayers have asked questions about the commissioners' controversial \$40 million purchase and renovation of the Ameritrust complex downtown, questions that have grown louder since federal investigators revealed a massive government corruption probe a year ago.

A Plain Dealer review of county records and federal plea agreements shows a lawyer and construction firm accused of paying bribes in several corruption schemes also played key roles in the purchase of the Ameritrust complex.

The Ameritrust deal has been a debacle for the county. The involvement of lawyer Anthony O. Calabrese III and R.P. Carbone Co. in the deal could explain why

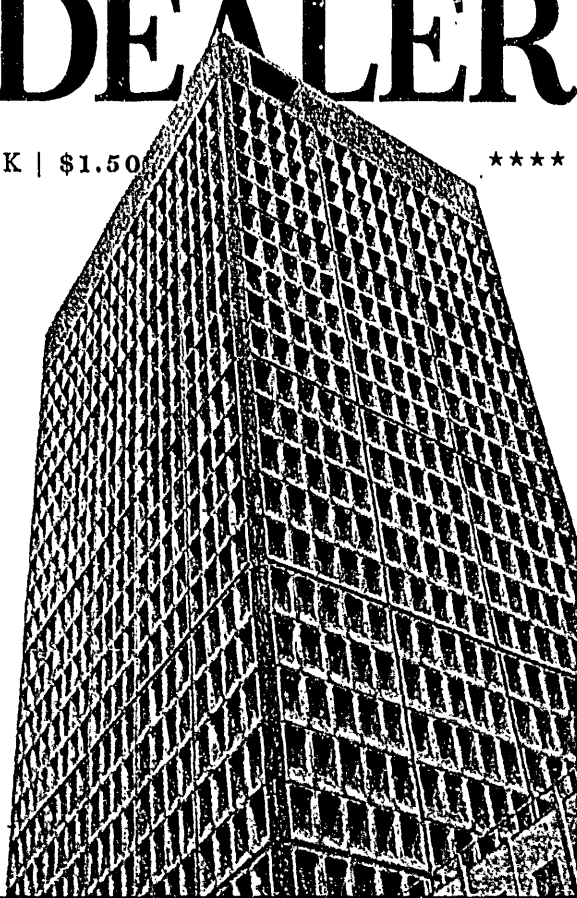
FBI agents wanted documents related to the Ameritrust purchase when they raided County Commissioner Jimmy Dimora's office last year.

Calabrese and Carbone became involved in the Ameritrust deal through the Staubach Co., a real estate consulting company founded by former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach.

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### The county's white elephant

The Ameritrust tower stands empty after Cuyahoga County commissioners spent more than \$40 million in tax money to buy and renovate it, only to abandon their plans to use it as a government center. Commissioners have been unable to sell it.



## CLOSING OF ST. ADALBERT CARRIES SENSE OF LOSS FOR BLACK CATHOLICS

# 'If we can't save the physical building, we want to save our spiritual family'



Layah Hodges, 8, of Cleveland gets looked over one last time before she and four other children make their First Communion at St. Adalbert Church in May. The Cleveland church, linked to the city's first black Catholic congregation, is to close as part of the downsizing of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

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When Nell Shealey, a black Roman Catholic, walked into St. Agnes Church on Euclid Avenue 82 years ago, heads turned amid nudges and whispers. The woman, who had just moved to Cleveland, worshipped with the all-white congregation that day, but after Mass, the priest approached her and said: "The colored Catholic

church is down 79th Street." "He was polite to her," said Shealey's daughter, Aurelia Elliott, 80, of Cleveland Heights. "He walked my mother out of the church, pointed down 79th Street and told her to keep walking that way and she would run into the colored Catholic church." "He didn't even know the name of the church. He just called it the colored Catholic church." The church was Our Lady of the Blessed

Sacrament, established in 1922 as Cleveland's first and only black Catholic church. It is where Shealey and her husband, Augustus, found a spiritual haven and where their four children were baptized and schooled. But by 1961, Blessed Sacrament was in need of major repairs, so the diocese closed it and the congregation migrated a few blocks away to a dying Bohemian church, St. Adalbert on East 83rd Street.

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### Online slideshow, video of St. Adalbert

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## 'Walkaways' by banks leave housing mess

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Renetta Atterberry thought she had lost her East 102nd Street house. So she was shocked to learn in January — five years after her mortgage company filed for foreclosure — that it was still in her name.

Worse, the long-vacant rental home had been vandalized and she faced a raft of housing code violations. Since then, she has been saddled with debts of about \$12,000 to pay for demolition and back taxes. "I thought I had nothing else to do with that home," said Atterberry. "I was so embarrassed and humiliated by this."

Her mortgage company didn't buy the house and never took it to sheriff's sale to see if somebody else would, leaving Atterberry the legal owner, responsible for upkeep and taxes.

These so-called "bank walkaways" are another troubling development in the foreclosure crisis, particularly in cities like Cleveland with weaker housing markets, say housing advocates and government officials.

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