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Thanksgiving Comes Early for Boys & Girls Clubs Kids Thanks to Chiefs' Jawaan Taylor



Thanksgiving arrived a little early this year at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Breidenthal Unit, thanks to Kansas City Chiefs Offensive Lineman Jawaan Taylor. Partnering with Sugar and Spice Catering, Taylor provided 150 kids with a full, delicious Thanksgiving meal featuring turkey, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes with gravy, rolls, green beans, and lemonade.

Before dinner, Taylor took time to engage with the youth, hosting a lively question-and-answer session. When asked about his motivation for the event, Taylor simply shared, "I just love giving back."

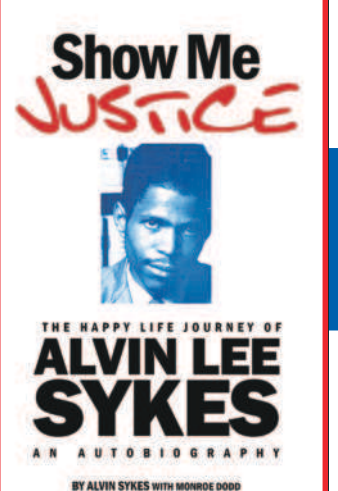
In a heartfelt display of gratitude, the Club's dance team surprised Taylor with a special performance to thank him and his foundation for their generosity.

This memorable evening left both the kids and Taylor with smiles, full hearts, and a true spirit of Thanksgiving.

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BOOK REVIEW: John Lewis Biography Reminds Us to Get into Some 'Good Trouble'



KC Warrant Sweep Disrupts Gang Associated with Recent Violence



Last week's sweep by Kansas City-area law enforcement disrupted a violent gang in Kansas City, the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office and the Kansas City Police Department announced Monday.

Several members of a Kansas City gang that had recently been associated with violent crimes in Kansas City were arrested as part of last week's sweep for wanted criminals. The arrests of these gang members were part of a city-wide sweep that last week resulted in the arrest of 33 people with outstanding warrants. Arrests included a shooter at area high school basketball game earlier this year.

These arrests are expected to significantly impact and disrupt the gang's activities.

This partnership between the prosecutor's office and KCPD is part of a wider effort to disrupt violence through enforcement measures while working with community to intervene in other ways – such as providing needed social services. This effort represents the collective work of Kansas City's focused deterrence effort.

Missouri Court Dismisses AG's Lawsuit against County in Property Assessment Issue

By KCG Staff

A Circuit Court judge has dismissed the Missouri Attorney General's lawsuit against the County in the ongoing issue involving Jackson County residents' 2023 property assessments.

Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr.'s administration came under fire from thousands of property owners, many whose assessments doubled and tripled from previous assessments, therefore rendering disproportionate, the assessments throughout the county. Particularly affected have been hundreds of the county's low income and senior citizen homeowners.

White issued a statement Wednesday on the Court's ruling saying in part, "This outcome marks the latest in a series of legal victories as Jackson County works to correct longstanding issues in its property reassessment process."

While White sees this latest news as a "legal victory" for the county, it appears doubtful that the battle between his assessment department and the county's residents is over.

This is a developing story as the news was announced at presstime. Watch for more reporting as the story develops.

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Election of President With 34 Felony Convictions Makes Mockery of Felony Disenfranchisement

“Today it is perfectly legal to discriminate against criminals in nearly all the ways that it was once legal to discriminate against African Americans. Once you’re labeled a felon, the old forms of discrimination—employment discrimination, housing discrimination, denial of the right to vote, denial of educational opportunity, denial of food stamps and other public benefits, and exclusion from jury service—are suddenly legal.” — Michelle Alexander, “The New Jim Crow”



By Marc C. Morial

President/CEO
National Urban League

One out of every eight Black people in Florida, where President-elect Donald Trump is registered to vote, is disenfranchised due to felony convictions.

Trump, who was convicted of 34 felony charges, is not.

Florida law allows those convicted of felonies to vote only after their full sentences have been served, including probation and parole, and all fines, fees and court costs have been paid.

The vast majority of disenfranchised Floridians have served their sentences. Trump has not even been sentenced yet.

But under Florida law, Trump is subject to the far less restrictive laws of New York state, where he was convicted. Only those currently incarcerated on felony charges are barred from voting in New York.

Felony disenfranchisement is a relic of Jim Crow white supremacy. Its enforcement after the election of a convicted felon to the nation’s highest office is indefensible.

Confederate states were required to ratify the 14th Amendment to be readmitted to the Union after the

a wider swath of citizens.

Over the last eight years, the number of Americans disenfranchised for felony convictions has fallen dramatically due to new laws and policies. In Maine, Vermont and the District of Columbia, even those who are incarcerated have the right to vote. In 38 states, voting rights are restored upon release from incarceration or upon completion of parole or probation.

But 10 states, including Florida, withhold indefinitely the right to vote from those convicted of felonies, or require additional measures like payment of fines and fees before voting rights are restored. In Virginia, home of the former capital of the Confederacy, the right to vote can be restored only by the arbitrary whim of Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

Felony disenfranchisement not only is racially discriminatory and anti-democratic, it makes our communities less safe. Returning citizens whose voting rights were restored are less likely to be arrested than those who remained disenfranchised.

“Restoring voting rights gives citizens the sense that their voice can be heard in the political process and contributes to building an individual’s positive identity as a community member,” researchers for The Sentencing Project wrote.

The election of a president with 34 felony convictions makes a mockery of any defense of felony disenfranchisement. Lawmakers in every state must acknowledge the racist origins of these policies and relegate them to the garbage heap of history.

Passion Must Be a Part of Work: A Meaningful Career Needs More than Just Skills

By Earl Martin Phalen

Teachers, mentors and entrepreneurs love to tell young people to follow their dreams, but they rarely help them do that.

They should. One of the most important differences between a dead-end job and a meaningful career is the passion that helps create a sense of purpose. But people often end up in jobs that hold no meaning for them because they have been trained for a job that helps them survive, rather than one that helps them thrive.

I know the difference between surviving and thriving. My prospects were not good as a little kid — I was a Black boy in foster care in Massachusetts, a circumstance that had a 70% chance then of leading to incarceration. But my adoption by a loving family instead led me to degrees from Yale University and Harvard Law School.

The next choice was mine. I now had the background and the connections to earn six figures right away, but that wasn’t my passion. Instead I got a small grant from the Echoing Green Foundation, stayed in an apartment my parents owned, borrowed money for groceries and started my first educational nonprofit.

This is why it is important — for more than the individual — that attainable jobs with purpose and meaning exist. Jobs that people want and that motivate people to succeed and do more. They help create stability in a community. In a world where leaders speak simplistically about motivating people with sticks and carrots, these kinds of jobs are the carrots.

On a bigger scale, they are so much more. Training and supporting people to get jobs they actually want is an economic development plan that is more lasting than the usual stale solution of giving tax breaks to businesses just to exist. Creating a population of eager and educated employees is far more valuable to businesses, and pumps both dollars and ambition into communities that have struggled to find either. And there may not be metrics to prove it, but I believe in my



Earl Martin Phalen

soul that people who are happier because they have fulfilling jobs are better neighbors and better parents than those who are angry at the world.

Creating jobs is important. But it’s only half the equation if there aren’t enough people with education or training to fill those jobs.

This is more than mere theory. I know it works, because the organization I lead, Great Jobs KC, has been doing it in Kansas City. The wisdom of providing both college scholarships and vocational training — with meaningful support to ensure success — has resulted in hundreds of people getting good-paying jobs in the region. And these are jobs that in some cases employers have struggled to fill.

I also know the truth of this model through my own life. My prospects were not good as a little kid — I was a Black boy in foster care in Massachusetts, a circumstance that had a 70% chance then of leading to incarceration. But my adoption by a loving family instead led me to degrees from Yale University and Harvard Law School.

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For Black people especially, joy is a form of resistance, and that applies to me. There is an element of determination to succeed on my own terms as a Black man. I know that social systems affect people’s trajectories. Poverty leads to worse schools, degraded environmental conditions, worse health care. It has a powerful effect on who we become, and that’s patently unfair.

I remain mindful that not everyone has the support to do what I did, and have to focus on keeping a roof over their heads and food on their tables. I want

to honor the person who’s a janitor even though they have the talents to do something else.

But for me, honoring the choices that person must make is why I believe scholarship and job training are the key to eradicating poverty. We’re already seeing success in Kansas City. Over the last few months, we’re now getting 1,000 applicants a month, and I believe it’s because success breeds more of it. People see friends and relatives make a livable wage and figure they can do it, too.

And if together we can make poverty a thing of history in Kansas City, I believe it will spread. Showing an example of what is possible in this great country will encourage others to do likewise. It’s like runners breaking the 4-minute mile. It seemed impossible until Roger Bannister did it in 1954, but now it’s commonplace.

When young people see men their fathers’ ages drinking on the stoop because they can’t find work, they see that as the future and don’t see a reason to try. But when they see an organization that coordinates 32 social service agencies to help trainees and scholars with food, housing, transportation and more while they improve themselves, then they see a future without limits.

We have an unjust playing field, so my job — my calling — is to be part of a team that attacks it head-on and makes it fair. When our joyful resistance succeeds, prosperity will be our legacy.

Earl Martin Phalen, a national education reformer, is the CEO of Great Jobs KC, which provides scholarship aid and job training to young adults.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 24 @ 4 PM

The National Black United Front-Kansas City will hold its 35th Annual Umoja Karamu (Unity Feast) this Sunday, November 24, at 4:00 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the NBUF-KC office located at 7714 Prospect Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

The Umoja Karamu is a ritual of solidarity for the Black family. It was begun in 1971 in Washington, D.C. and is observed on the fourth Sunday in November. Nadine Farris, coordinator of this year’s celebration said,“The Umoja Karamu continues our tradition of celebrating cultural holidays that have positive meaning to us as African people. We believe that a strong Black family is a key component in the building of a strong Black nation.”

The Umoja Karamu ritual is divided into five periods which depict various eras of the Black experience before and after Blacks were transported to America. The periods are: 1) The Black family in the mother country (Africa), 2) the enslavement horror, 3) the period of the emancipation fight, 4) the liberation struggle, and 5) the Black family looks toward the future. There will be a brief presentation honoring each of these periods of the Black experience. The presentations this year will be made by youth from the community. The Feast will follow immediately after the ceremony. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish (no pork) for the celebration. For more information call 816-527-6616.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26 @ 7 PM – 8:30 PM

The Grandview Board of Aldermen regular sessions meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be 11/26/2024 @ 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Location: 13015 10th Street,Grandview, Missouri 64030.Due to City Hall renovations, Grandview Board of Aldermen meetings will be held at the Grandview C-4 School District Headquarters at 13015 10th Street. All sessions are open to the public.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5-6

The M-PACT Vocal Festival is returning to Kansas City Kansas Community College Dec. 5 and 6 at the KCKCC Performing Arts Center. A non-competitive festival, vocal jazz ensembles, contemporary a cappella groups and other small choral ensembles will have the opportunity to perform and work hands-on with M-Pact, the award-winning American pop/jazz vocal group. The festival will also be livestreamed on KCKCC’s YouTube as well as on the festival’s website. M-PACT will also provide an evening performance at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Blue Room in the American Jazz Museum. KCKCC’s Fusion Vocal Jazz Ensemble will open the show.Described by the San Francisco Chronicle as “one of the best pop-jazz vocal groups in the world,” m-pact is known for its sophisticated sound that has won the group Vocal Group of the Year at the L.A. Music Awards and an Indie nomination from the Independent Grammys. For more information on the m-pact Vocal Festival, contact John Stafford II, professor of music at KCKCC and director of choral activities at 913-288-7137 or by email at jstafford@kckcc.edu.

Highlights of Upcoming Events at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts (For a complete schedule visit: www.kauffmancenter.org.)

FRI-SUN., DECEMBER 6-8, 2024 @ Various Times

Spire Chamber Ensemble presents “Handel’s Messiah.”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 @ 7 PM

Kansas City Jazz Orchestra Presents its 2024-2025 Season Holiday Concert, “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 7 PM

Rockhurst High School Choirs present “Christmas at the Kauffman Center.”



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 6:30-8:39 PM

Make and Sip. Make handmade holiday ornaments with artist, educator, activist, and great grandmother, NedRa Bonds at the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, 5235 Oak, Kansas City, MO. An opportunity to connect with the exhibition "Portraits of Childhood: Black Dolls from the Collection of Deborah Neff," participants will create handmade holiday ornaments using household materials. Art supplies, wine and light refreshments will be provided. This event is 21+. For more information visit eventbrite.com

KCKCC Celebrates 100th-Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony

Only a year after Kansas City Kansas Community College celebrated its centennial, KCKCC’s oldest tradition, the Candle Lighting Ceremony, will celebrate 100 years.

The ceremony is at **11 a.m. Dec. 4 in the KCKCC Performing Arts Center**, 7250 State Ave. The Candle Lighting Ceremony is free and open to the public and will also be livestreamed on the KCKCC Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo accounts. Following the ceremony, there will be candlelight procession from the performing arts center to Upper Jewell where the annual Scholarship Social will be held.

The ceremony will highlight students in the music and theatre departments as well as KCKCC Foundation scholarship donors and recipients. The keynote speaker is KCKCC alum Ca’Tia Temple-Holliday.

KCKCC faculty members started the Candle Lighting Ceremony in December 1924, the year after KCKCC was founded. It remains the oldest tradition at KCKCC and serves as an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to celebrate the upcoming holiday season.

Following the first year, the holiday event added a candle sale to raise money for student scholarships. Any donation offered would be exchanged for a candle with the proceeds going to a loan fund that supported students. During the next few years, blue and white ribbons (symbolizing KCKCC’s original school colors) were sold in lieu of candles, though the tradition of giving remained. Scholarship donations continue to play a key role in the ceremony today.

Today, a similar ceremony is held prior to the “lighting” of the candles where the flame is passed from a sophomore to a freshman student. The symbolic act of lighting the candles continues with battery-operated votives, which replaced candles several years ago. Over the years, several thousands of dollars have been collected for student scholarships at KCKCC.

KCKCC alumni and community members can donate to support the KCKCC student scholarship fund. More than 350 students benefit from these funds, which would not be possible without the community and alumni support. Donations of \$100 or more include recognition at the event and an honorary lapel pin. Donation link available [here](#).

For more information about the 100th Candle Lighting Ceremony, please contact Katie Lindgren, coordinator in the KCKCC Foundation, at 913-288-7584 or at klindgren@kckcc.edu.



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Show Me Justice: The Happy Life Journey of Alvin Lee Sykes—An Autobiography is Inspiring Read

Late Civil Rights Advocate, Pioneer Got Start in Activism as Young Teen in KC; Gained National Recognition in Emmett Till, Other Unsolved Murder Cases

By Denise E. Jordon
KCG Managing Editor

Looking for a gift for someone this Christmas? “The late Alvin Lee Sykes’ autobiography tracks the life and career of the late civil rights advocate and pioneer who used his self-taught knowledge to reopen the dormant murder case of Emmett Till in the early 2000s,” writes Monroe Dodd, former editor for 30 years for the Kansas City Star and The Kansas City Times. *Show Me Justice* was released in May and is a timely gift to consider for the giving season.

Sykes collaborated with Dodd in writing his autobiography and Dodd completed the book following Sykes’ untimely death at age 64 in March, 2021.

In an interview with KCUR when the book was released, Dodd explained how Sykes had reached out to him several years before he died and asked him to assist him in writing his autobiography.

Dodd agreed and told KCUR’s Up to Date reporter, “we spent many, many hours together, I recording and listening to him and he talking about it.” Dodd added, “I was honored to do it for a guy like Alvin Sykes.”

As to how he became involved in activism as a teenager, Sykes talks about it in Chapter II titled, “On the Road



Alvin Sykes of Activism.” He recalls how in the early 70s, in his quest to seek justice for Clyde Sharp, a 17-year-old who was shot by a policeman in the Quindaro neighborhood of Kansas City, Kan., he sought the assistance of “the Jordon brothers” then two young mortgage bankers-turned-activists, Marion Jordon, Sr., and Samuel Jordon, Sr. whose own brush with discrimination catapulted them into a justice-seeking movement of their own called, **The Empire National Protest Movement: Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere.** Sykes talks about how he met with the Jordon brothers and told them about what happened to Clyde.

Two policemen had gone after Clyde and another teenager for breaking into a home. The guys were running away when the police fired a shotgun and Clyde was shot in the back, the shoulder and the ear and wound up paralyzed from the waist down.

The Jordon brothers embraced Sykes’ cause to advocate for justice for Clyde and he and Clyde joined the Jordon brothers’ Empire National Protest Movement. To give voice to their protest movement, the Jordons had also established Empire National News, a weekly newspaper at 8th & Washington in Kansas City, Kan. (the newspaper was later renamed, The Kansas City Globe).

Marion Jordon, Sr., editor and publisher of The Kansas City Globe, now headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. remembers 51 years later, how passionate Sykes was about the cause of justice and how involved he was as a young activist in the Jordon brothers’ Empire National Protest Movement.

“We marched and protested, even went all the way to Washington, D.C.” recalled Jordon.

Down through the years, Alvin would occasionally stop

by our office and bring me up to date on the cases he was working on including trying to get the Emmett Till cold case reopened,” Jordon said.

He continued, “Before his death, Alvin shared with me that he was writing his autobiography and I’m glad that with the collaboration of Monroe Dodd, it got published. Pursuing justice was Alvin’s life, I believe it was a calling, so to speak. Show Me Justice is such an inspiring read, particularly in these times, for today’s generation of current and/or aspiring civil rights activists.”

In a press release about the book, Dodd writes about Sykes:

“Educating himself from the shelves at the Kansas City Public Library, he later took his cases to the U.S. Department of Justice and to the U.S. Congress. In 2013, the Kansas City Public Library named Sykes as its first “Scholar-in-Residence.” Sykes used his tenacity and legal research skills to investigate and solve other previously unsolved murder cases of African Americans from the civil rights era. In the 1980s, Sykes’s re-

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BOOK REVIEW: John Lewis Biography Reminds Us to Get into Some ‘Good Trouble’



John Lewis

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Courtesy, Tri-State Defender

You give, and you give, and you give. No problem. If you can be of service to your community, then that’s what you’ll do. You’ll volunteer where you’re needed. You’ll offer up your time to organize events and gather other helpers. You’ve dedicated your life to public service because, as in the new biography, “John Lewis: A Life” by David Greenberg, you’ve got it to give.

Born into a large but poor family in 1940, John Lewis grew up dodging chores in his father’s fields, in favor of time spent reading anything he could get his hands on. Lewis’s extended family – numbering in the hundreds – never minded much. They knew young John as someone who had big plans for getting off the farm and making something of himself.

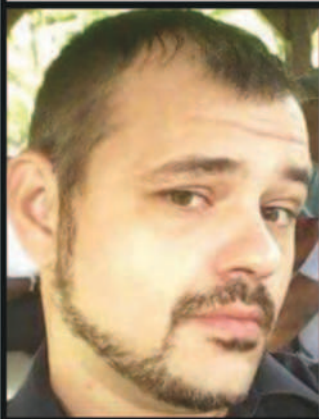
Though he was already a victim of Jim Crow laws, and racism kept him from the books and education he craved, Greenberg says that “John’s teenage years coincided with the emerging civil rights movement....” and that became Lewis’s focus. He avidly followed the radio broadcasts of Martin Luther King, Jr., who became a beacon for him.

When it was time to choose a college, Lewis attended the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, but he “began... to ‘drift away’” from the church because it frowned on his interest in the NAACP. He chose another church and eventually made a name for himself there as a gentle, level thinker and a leader.

By 1960, Lewis had become more active in the effort for equality; in 1961, he met Dr.

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JUSTICE FOR Corey Lee Walls !! UNSOLVED MURDER-Kansas City, Mo



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Swope Health Celebrates the Dedication of Women's Clinic in Honor of Esteemed Physician

Swope Health Center on Wednesday, dedicated the Dr. Rengachary Women's Health Clinic, in commemoration of more than 50 years of compassionate and devoted service by Dhana Rengachary, M.D., a revered obstetrician-gynecologist.

As one of the longest-serving Women's Health providers in the Kansas City region, Rengachary is a pillar in the community health landscape. She began her Swope Health career in the original clinic location in the basement of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church and was instrumental in establishing an open access model for underserved communities in need of quality maternal health care. Rengachary pioneered the Women's Health program at Swope Health, which today serves 4,000 patients annually. It is estimated that Rengachary has served tens of thousands of women and families over the course of her career.

Prior to joining Swope Health, Dr. Rengachary was hired by and worked alongside the renowned Samuel U. Rodgers, M.D., at the Wayne Miner Health Center after the closure/consolidation of General Hospital No. 2., which was one of the only medical care options available to Black Kansas Citians and a leading regional training center for Black medical students.

Under its new name, the Dr. Rengachary Women's Health Clinic at Swope Health will continue to provide comprehensive gynecological care, prenatal and postnatal services, well-woman visits, and a range of wellness programs designed to support the diverse needs of women in the Kansas City community.

"Dr. Rengachary's impact on Swope Health and the patients she has cared for is immeasurable," said Jeron Ravin, J.D., president and CEO of Swope Health. "Naming the clinic in her honor allows us the privilege to recognize her extraordinary service while affirming our continued commitment to providing equitable and compassionate care for generations to come."



Dr. Rengachary

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Coconut Cake
Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 1 vanilla or white cake mix
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup coconut Greek yogurt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 3 eggs

- Frosting:**
- 1 stick butter, softened
 - 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 - 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
 - 5 cups powdered sugar
 - 2-4 cups shredded coconut

Heat oven to 350 F.
In mixing bowl, mix cake mix, flour and sugar. Blend in yogurt, milk, butter and eggs.

Grease two 8-inch cake pans with butter. Pour half the mixture into each pan and bake 45 minutes. Cool on rack before icing.
To make frosting: In mixing bowl, mix butter, cream cheese and heavy whipping cream. Slowly blend in powdered sugar.
Ice cake then pat shredded coconut gently into icing.



Coconut Cake



Hummingbird Cake

Christmas Cinnamon Cookies
Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 1 2/3 cups self-rising flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons water (optional)
- 1 cup powdered sugar (optional)

In mixing bowl, combine flour, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, sugar, brown sugar and egg to make dough. If dough is too dry to form into ball, add water. Form into log and wrap in parchment paper. Refrigerate 1 hour.
Heat oven to 350 F.
Roll dough out and cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Place on cookie sheet covered in parchment paper and bake 8-10 minutes. Let cool on rack then dust with powdered sugar, if desired.



Christmas Cinnamon Cookies

Illinois Supreme Court Overturns Jussie Smollett Conviction in Hate Crime Hoax Case



Jussie Smollett *wikipedia photo/Dominick D*

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA Senior National Correspondent

November 21, 2024--The Illinois Supreme Court on Thursday overturned actor Jussie Smollett's conviction on charges that he staged a racist and homophobic assault against himself, ruling that his second prosecution for filing a false police report violated his constitutional rights.

The court determined that Smollett was unjustly pros-

ecuted after an earlier agreement with state prosecutors had resolved the charges.

In January 2019, Smollett reported being the victim of a racist and homophobic attack in downtown Chicago. He claimed two men physically assaulted him while shouting slurs and declaring, "This is MAGA country." The report initially drew national attention and widespread condemnation of hate crimes.

Authorities later accused Smollett of orchestrating the attack, alleging he recruited two brothers, Abimbola and Olabinjo Osundairo, to stage the incident. He was charged with felony disorderly conduct for filing a false police report. In a 2019 resolution, prosecutors dropped the charges after Smollett forfeited his \$10,000 bond and completed community service. However, public backlash led to the appointment of a special prosecutor who revived the case.

Smollett was convicted on five counts of felony disorderly conduct in 2021, based largely on testimony from the Osundairo brothers, who said Smollett planned and directed the staged assault. He was sentenced to five months in jail in 2022 but served just six days before being released pending appeal.

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled 4-2 Thursday in Smollett's favor, citing violations of his due process rights.

"We hold that a second prosecution under these circumstances is a due process violation, and we therefore reverse defendant's conviction," Justice Elizabeth M. Rochford wrote. Neny Uche, Smollett's attorney, welcomed the ruling.

"We are thankful to the Illinois Supreme Court for restoring order to Illinois' criminal law jurisprudence," Uche said.

"This decision is a victory for justice and due process."

Smollett's acting career began in childhood, with early roles in films such as "The Mighty Ducks" (1992) and "North" (1994). In the mid-1990s, he co-starred with his siblings on the sitcom "On Our Own." After a hiatus, Smollett returned to the spotlight as a musician, releasing the EP "Poisoned Hearts Club" in 2012, and as an actor in the independent film "The Skinny."

In 2015, Smollett achieved widespread recognition for portraying Jamal Lyon on the hit TV series "Empire." Jamal, the openly gay son of music mogul Lucious Lyon, became a groundbreaking character for LGBTQ+ representation on television. Smollett also contributed original music to the show's soundtrack, which became a commercial success. His performance earned him critical acclaim and a recording contract with Columbia Records.

Smollett described his role on "Empire" as one of the highlights of his career, noting the impact it had on fans. "I received a letter from a kid that said Jamal gave him the courage to come out to his parents. It touched me deeply, and it's an honor to help people," he said in a 2015 interview.

While his legal troubles resulted in Jamal being written out of "Empire" during its final season, Smollett's contributions to the show remained significant. His attorneys hope he can now rekindle his career.

"This case has always been about protecting constitutional rights," Uche said. "Today, justice has prevailed."

Clyburn, Pressley, Scanlon, Colleagues Urge Biden to Use Clemency Power to Address Mass Incarceration Before Leaving Office



Representative James Clyburn

NNPA NEWSWIRE--
WASHINGTON, DC -- November 21, 2024/ Today, **Congressman James E. Clyburn (SC-06), Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), and Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)** led 60 of their colleagues in sending a letter to President Biden urging him to use his executive clemency power in the final months of his presidency to reunite families, address longstanding injustices in our legal system,

and set our nation on the path toward ending mass incarceration.

The lawmakers hosted a press conference earlier today to discuss the letter.

"Now is the time to use your clemency authority to rectify unjust and unnecessary criminal laws passed by Congress and draconian sentences given by judges," the lawmakers wrote in their letter. "The grant of pardons and commutations and the restoration of rights will undoubtedly send a powerful message across the country in support of fundamental fairness and furthering meaningful criminal justice reform."

Mass incarceration remains a persistent, systemic injustice that erodes the soul of America. Our nation has the highest incarceration rate in the world, with nearly two million people locked in jails and prisons throughout the country. The extreme use of incarceration has resulted in one in two adults having had

an incarcerated family member. People of color are disproportionately put behind bars, along with individuals from low-income communities, LGBTQIA+ folks, and those with disabilities. The bloated prison system reflects and emboldens biases that undermine the ideals of our nation and diminish trust in the rule of law. Mass incarceration attacks the most vulnerable Americans, thereby destabilizing families and inflicting intergenerational trauma.

In their letter to President Biden, the lawmakers praised the President's efforts to create a fair and just criminal legal system by pardoning people convicted of simple marijuana possession and LGBTQ+ former servicemembers and urged the President to use his clemency powers to help broad classes of people and cases, including the elderly and chronically ill, those on death row, people with unjustified sentencing disparities, and women who were punished for defending themselves against their abusers. The lawmakers also outlined the fiscal toll of the growing mass incarceration crisis.

"You have the support of millions of people across the country who have felt the harms of mass incarceration: young children longing to hug their grandparents, people who have taken responsibility for their mistakes, and those who simply were never given a fair chance," **the lawmakers wrote.** "These are the people seeking help that only you can provide through the use of your presidential clemency power."

Joining Representatives Clyburn, Pressley, and Scanlon in sending the letter are Representatives Joyce Beatty, Sanford Bishop, Shontel Brown, Cori Bush, André Carson, Troy Carter, Yvette Clarke, Jasmine Crockett, Valerie Foushee, Al Green, Jahana Hayes, Steven Horsford, Jonathan Jackson, Pramila Jayapal, Henry Johnson, Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Robin Kelly, Summer Lee, Jennifer McClellan, Gregory Meeks, Delia Ramirez, Jan Schakowsky, Robert Scott, Terri Sewell, Marilyn Strickland, Bennie Thompson, Rashida Tlaib, and Bonnie Watson Coleman.

The lawmakers' letter is supported by the American Civil Liberties Union; Center for Popular Democracy; Last Prisoner Project; Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Death Penalty Action; The National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls; The Faith Leaders of Color Coalition; Second Chance Justice of MCAN; JustLeadershipUSA; FAMM; The Episcopal Church; The Bambi Fund; Free Billie Allen Campaign; People's Coalition for Safety and Freedom; Prophetic Resistance Boston; and Families Against Mandatory Minimums.



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NFL Week 12 Predictions

Let's Talk

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News Briefs and Commentary
by Jared Bush, Sports Columnist

There are no more undefeated teams after the Kansas City Chiefs Week 11 loss to the Buffalo Bills. There were multiple great matchups and possible playoff previews last week. Let's see what Week 12 brings us.

Chiefs @ Panthers
The Chiefs didn't play their best football against Buffalo, specifically Patrick Mahomes, who was shaky to start the game. He has to start playing better as the season winds down. The Chiefs offense should be getting some help soon with the return of Isiah Pacheco. The pass rush also has to be better as they have struggled to generate sacks. The Chiefs should get back on the winning track against Carolina, and still control their own destiny for the one seed, but they need to win convincingly.

Prediction: Chiefs 28 Panthers 7

Titans @ Texans
Division games can be tough and unpredictable, but Houston should have no problems with Tennessee at home. The return of Nico Collins also gives their offense a boost.

Prediction: Titans 12 Texans 24

Vikings @ Bears
Chicago went to the wire with Green Bay before having their game winning field goal attempt blocked. Minnesota is fourth in the league in sacks and their going up against a Bears line that has allowed the second most sacks. The Vikings defense should have a big day.

Prediction: Vikings 21 Bears 10

Commanders @ Cowboys
Dallas has yet to win a game at home this season and they

currently allow the second most points per game in the NFL. Their offense also hasn't been much better since Dak Prescott's injury. Expect a big day from Jayden Daniels and the Washington offense.

Prediction: Commanders 34 Cowboys 21

Patriots @ Dolphins
Miami has been playing much better and a win against New England would give them their third straight and put them back in the Wild Card race. The Patriots are a division rival and are typically solid on defense, but the Dolphins are getting hot at the right time.

Prediction: Patriots 20 Dolphins 29

Buccaneers @ Giants
New York has decided to punt on their season by sitting Daniel Jones for the remainder of the year for Tommy DeVito. Will he give the Giants offense a spark? Tampa has lost their last three games by one score, but still have a shot at the NFC South. Mike Evans return also seems to be near as he returned to practice this week, and the Bucs are coming off of a bye.

Lions @ Colts
Indianapolis got back in the column after losing three in a row and Anthony Richardson

gave their offense a spark as he was inserted back into the starting lineup. They're going up against an explosive Detroit offense that has arguably looked like the best team in the NFL and has won eight in a row.

Prediction: Lions 31 Colts 21

Broncos @ Raiders
Bo Nix had the best game of his rookie career so far, throwing four touchdowns and only five incompletions against Atlanta. Denver has played well the last two weeks and find themselves holding a Wild Card spot. They should build on that momentum with a win over Vegas in an AFC West matchup.

Prediction: Broncos 27 Raiders 13

Cardinals @ Seahawks
The NFC West is very tight with every team within a game or less of each other and three teams sitting at 5-5. Arizona is the only team at 6-4 but they have a tough matchup on the road against Seattle, who picked up a road win against San Francisco in the final seconds. Geno Smith and Kyler Murray both are two of the better QBs in the league and have playmakers on the outside. This should be another great NFC West duel.

Prediction: Cardinals 22 Seahawks 23

49ers @ Packers

Green Bay escaped Chicago with a big win and now goes up against an inconsistent 49ers team. San Francisco needs a win to keep themselves afloat in the playoff hunt and not fall behind in their division. Both teams can compete with anybody at their best, but they don't always show it. Jordan Love is the better QB in this matchup and that could be the difference down the stretch.

Prediction: 49ers 16 Packers 21

Eagles @ Rams

Philadelphia is elite on offense and the duo of Jalen Hurts and Saquon creates an outstanding rushing attack. The Eagles are riding high and have put up 25+ points the last four games. They look to be a true Super Bowl contender. Los Angeles has been up and down, but they do have weapons on offense, good coaching and good QB in Matthew Stafford. They tend to play their best around this time of the year and need a big win as they sit at 5-5, but it'll be tough against a well-rounded Philly team.

Prediction: Eagles 38 Rams 35

Ravens @ Chargers

The Harbaugh Bowl. This might be the most exciting

matchup of Week 12. Los Angeles is playing with a ton of energy behind head coach Jim Harbaugh, and they've won four in a row. Justin Herbert and JK Dobbins have pioneered the offense to success and the defense is also sound. Baltimore has to stick to their run game down the stretch and not go away from their identity if they go down. At their best, they're as good as any team in the NFL and Lamar Jackson is in the MVP race once again. Baltimore's defense also has to play better. This should be a fun matchup in Southern California.

Prediction: Ravens 28 Chargers 27

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WNBA Star Caitlin Clark is Featured Guest at the 2025 Women's Sports Awards

Event Will be Held February 4, 2025 at T-Mobile Center in KC

By KCG Staff

Taylor Obersteadt, director, WIN for KC on Tuesday announced that Caitlin Clark, the iconic women's basketball star will be the 2025 featured guest at the 2025 Women's Sports Awards that will be held at T-Mobile Center in downtown, Kansas City,



Caitlin Clark

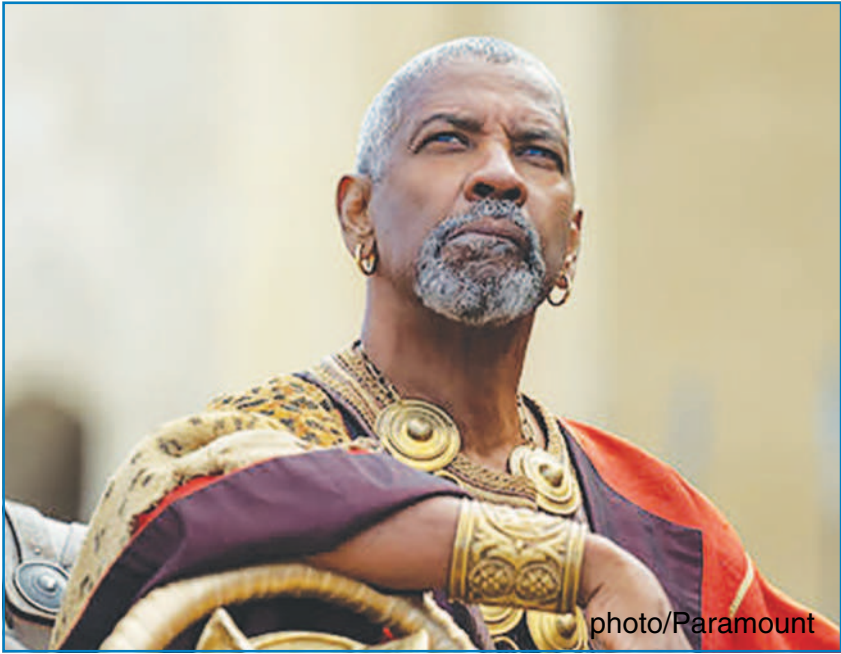
Mo. on February 4, 2025.

"Clark, who led the University of Iowa Hawkeyes to historic victories and was named 2024 Rookie of the Year in the WNBA, will share her inspiring journey as we come together to celebrate women and girls in sports. It's an honor to host an athlete of her caliber as we recognize local leaders who are making an impact in the Kansas City sports community," said Obersteadt.

A limited number of general admission tickets will be available to the public. Tickets went on sale Wednesday.

-ENTERTAINMENT-

Oscars: Denzel Washington Would be Only the Second Acting Win for a Ridley Scott Film



photo/Paramount

By Christopher Tsang

Yahoo.com

Denzel Washington (above) is rising in Gold Derby's Oscar odds for Best Supporting Actor for Paramount Pictures' "Gladiator II," according to our combined predictions. Many pundits are singling him out as the standout performance in Ridley Scott's latest sequel, as a former slave who plots to be the emperor of Rome. Interestingly enough, the only other actor in Scott's entire filmography to emerge victorious at the Academy Awards for one of his movies was Russell Crowe (with whom Washington worked on Scott's "American Gangster" in 2007) for the original epic 24 years ago. Will Washington follow in Crowe's footsteps and secure another performance victory for the franchise? While his first Oscar win for "Glory" (1989) for Best Supporting Actor was a surefire, his second was more rocky for "Training Day" (2001) as Crowe was sweeping all the precursors

This will be Washington's third Best Supporting Actor run since "Cry Freedom" and "Glory," and if he's nominated, it would be his 10th citation, joining five other actors to break double digits.

Note: This is an excerpt. Read the full story by Christopher Tsang at yahoo.com

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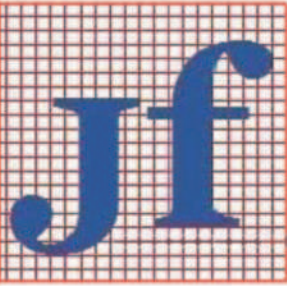
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Scripture of the Week:

“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Rev. Dr. Robert Turner of Empowerment Temple AME Church Will be Featured Speaker at KC Reparations Coalition Meeting Nov. 25

The regular monthly meeting of the KC Reparations Coalition will be held on Monday, November 25, at 6:00 p.m. (CST). The meeting will be held virtually. The special guest presenter will be Rev. Dr. Robert Turner, pastor of Empowerment Temple AME Church in Baltimore. The church was founded in 2000 by Pastor Jamal Bryant and its mission is “to empower people spiritually, develop them educationally, expose them culturally, activate them politically, and strengthen them economically.”

Pastor Turner is a commissioner on the National African American Reparations Commission. At the recent 52nd Session of the AME General Conference in September, Pastor Turner introduced a resolution supporting reparations for Black people



Rev. Dr. Robert Turner

that was passed overwhelmingly. Over the past year he has walked some 40 miles each month from his church to the gates of the White House in a silent vigil calling on the Biden Administration to establish a national reparations commission by executive order. Pas-

tor Turner has received numerous awards and recognitions over the years, including the Nat Turner Award by the African Ancestral Society. His presentation will focus on the importance of Black religious institutions in the movement for reparations.

“The Black church has played a significant role in the historic struggle for Black liberation in this country,” stated Janay Reliford, chair of the Coalition. “We need the influence of these institutions as we continue our push for Black reparations.”

The KC Reparations Coalition’s goal is to provide information and education to the public in the metropolitan area on the reparations movement. The Coalition also supports the work of the Mayor’s Commission on Reparations. The Coalition is available to make presentations to community groups on the topic. To access the meeting link go to www.kcreparationscoalition.com.

ATTENTION: In observance of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, The Kansas City Globe’s office will close. Papers will distribute on Friday, Nov. 29.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Restoration of a Parkville Landmark Continues

By Barbara Luetke

In this season of giving, those working to restore the Washington Chapel Church and Community Use Building in Parkville, Missouri are asking for financial support from individuals and groups. The church is located at 1137 West St. in Parkville, Mo. When finished, the building will be available to the community, complete with a kitchen, community room, and a classroom for meetings and educational purposes. There will be Wifi and Zoom-type conferencing for religious services and community use.

We have vision, skilled and reliable volunteer workers, and a volunteer general contractor who is on site four or five days a week planning, negotiating, and working with volunteers, church members, and city officials. We have been able to stretch the grant money awarded us in January, 2024, by the *African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund*, a program of the *National Trust for Historic Preservation: Preserving Black Churches*. It mainly covered the cost of a new roof and two ADA compliant bathrooms. We have been able to gut the entire building, build three ADA accessible bathrooms, install new electric wiring and plumbing pipes, and frame-in a classroom, sanctuary, community room, kitchen, and vestibule. We need our family and friends to fund us to plaster and paint the walls, install new flooring/ carpeting and ceilings, obtain bathroom fixtures, outfit the kitchen with cabinets and appliances, and repair the deteriorating external stone stairs. We also hope to find funding for a lift from the first floor to the second floor for those with mobility challenges. And given this 117-year-old building, we imagine additional needs. Our small, elderly congregation simply doesn’t have the depth to launch a capital campaign to finish the work. It’s been estimated that about \$100,000 is needed to completely restore Washington Chapel and Community Use Building. We promise that every donated dollar will go directly to cover the costs of materials and specialized equipment when it is needed.

The Washington Chapel Restoration Committee is asking for donations needed to buy materials, appliances, and furniture so that the building can be ready for use in the



An archive photo of early church congregation at Washington Chapel CME church.



The Cornerstone.

next six months.

To stay abreast of our work, please join the “Washington Chapel Preservation” group on Facebook.

The complete history of Washington Chapel CME Church is available on

Wikipedia, but here are the basics: The building was constructed in 1907 in the then segregated section of Parkville by formerly enslaved workers and work-study students from Park College. Purposely, no community resources (or side-

walks) were installed in the area. Therefore, the Church has always been a long-time community asset. Many in Parkville, of all races, remember being welcomed at the annual Easter Breakfasts, Fish Fries, Homecoming Bazaars, and Thanksgiving Dinners. Helping to preserve Washington Chapel is an opportunity to assisting in providing a community space in a neglected



The outside of the historic Washington Chapel C.M.E. Church.

part of town. Join us to honor and restore the legacy of Washington Chapel, as the epicenter of our Black community and a multi-use community building. Persons wanting to assist

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Red Bridge Area Food Pantry, 100 W. Red Bridge Rd. in the First Baptist Church of Kansas City, from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday each month. Persons must call 816-908-7800 for appointments by the prior Wednesday.

Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to seven sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Center School District, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. as long as food is left on the first Saturday of the month. Persons should drive through the bus parking lot to the district warehouse. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

Center District Warehouse, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in

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United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and staff and students will load the food when vehicles reach the school.

Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

Red Bridge United Methodist Church, 636 E. 117th St., from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in the church parking lot.

Serve and Lift Center – South KC, 8001 Longview Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Walk-in, call for an appointment or 6573-751-0238 order online at <https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/pantry/>.

Memorial Church International (MCI), 11424 Hickman Mills Drive, KCMO, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Emergency needs by appointment Contact MCI, 816-363-7940. Emergency after hours: Call United Way, 211.

John Lewis

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King, who “had a high opinion of Lewis...” King, in fact, offered Lewis a job but Lewis “felt committed to SNCC,” and turned the great man down. Still, Lewis kept in contact with King after he went to work with Robert Kennedy in 1968. He was organizing on behalf of Kennedy in Indianapolis when Dr. King was assassinated; he was in New York when Kennedy was shot...

It’s almost impossible in a small article like this to explain the breadth and depth of John Lewis’s days, or of this book. There’s so much to learn, so many anecdotes to explain his work and his life. Since distilling what author David Greenberg offers won’t do justice to either subject or saga, just know that “John Lewis” is about as comprehensive as it gets.

Using archives and other, newer sources, Greenberg dives into Lewis as a whole, taking us back even before he was born. Readers who’ve spent considerable time studying the politician will be pleasantly surprised to find new information here; those who are familiar with Lewis’s Civil Rights work or his politics will devour the until-now unfamiliar parts, making each page a pleasantly dramatic new discovery, like a treasure hunt with an old friend.

Be aware that Greenberg peoples this account of Lewis’s life and his career abundantly, which can be overwhelming unless you devote your time well. “John Lewis” is a book for students, historians, biography-lovers, political fans, and activists.

Find it for yourself. Consider it for gift-giving.
Note: This story was first posted Nov. 11, 2024 on the Tri-StateDefender.com.

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www.metrombe.com
SUNDAY
Morning Worship.....9:30 AM
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Hour of Power.....NOON & 6:30 PM
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Bible Study)

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Morning Service.....10:00 AM
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Jr. Laymen (Every 1st Sunday).....5:00 PM
Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service.....11:00 AM
Bible Study.....12 noon
Prayer/Bible Study.....7:00 PM
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BAPTIST

Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church
3806 Prospect, KCMO 64128
(816) 921-8777
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Morning Worship.....11:15 AM
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Prayer Service.....7:00 PM

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Morning Worship.....9:45 am
WEDNESDAY
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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
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Prayer Meeting.....11:30 AM
Bible Study.....12:00 & 6:00 PM
Hope Ministry Food Pantry 3:00 PM

BAPTIST

Second Baptist Church
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www.secondbaptistkcmo.com-(816) 921-2326
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:00 AM
Worship Service.....10:00 AM
Bible Study.....4:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service.....11:00 AM
NOON Bible Study

BAPTIST

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Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:00 PM

BAPTIST

Genesis Missionary Baptist Church
7705 E. 87th St. Raytown, MO 64138
(816) 965-8233
...Buras home and my house we will serve the Lord.
Joshua 24:15
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
WEDNESDAY
Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 PM
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www.macedoniakc.org
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....8:30 AM
Morning Worship.....9:45 AM
WEDNESDAY (Morning)
Prayer.....10:00 AM
Bible Study.....10:30 AM
(Evening)
Prayer.....6:00 PM
Bible Study.....6:30 PM

BAPTIST

The Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 9615
KCMO 64134
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New Membership.....8:00 AM
Worship Service.....8:30 AM
TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
Bible Study & Prayer.....11:00 & 7:00 PM

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Kansas City, MO 64114
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SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
TUESDAY:
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Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Morning Worship.....10:45 AM
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Show Me Justice

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lentless efforts also brought about the federal civil rights conviction of a white man whom a Missouri jury had acquitted in the beating death of a Black musician at a public park.

“Typically, the people Sykes represented were as poor as he was—”poor as a church mouse,” to quote former US senator Tom Coburn, who worked with Sykes on the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

“In this book’s foreword, Ronnique Hawkins, co-producer of The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till and founder of The ALM and Learn My History foundations, writes: “From jazz singer Steve Harvey to the monumental case of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till, Alvin championed for victims like they were family.”

“Sykes’s practice as a life-long Buddhist informed his simple lifestyle and activism. He commonly dressed in secondhand clothes and often slept on a friend’s couch, all the while gaining national prominence with his relentless pursuit of justice for the downtrodden. He marshaled his facts, framed his arguments persuasively, and acted patiently and resolutely. Always, his goal was justice. Typically, he reached that goal.”

“*Show Me Justice: The Happy Life Journey of Alvin Lee Sykes: An Autobiography* is published by Mission Point Press of Traverse City, Michigan, and Kansas City, Missouri. The softcover edition retails for \$16.95 and is available in bookstores and online. For author events and interviews, contact Monroe Dodd at dondod1996@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Alvin Sykes was a long-time human-rights worker and activist. His untiring efforts to

achieve justice for others led him across the country and to the halls of power in Washington, D.C. He was brought up in the 1950s and ’60s by a household worker who was not his biological mother, and lived through a medically troubled childhood. He never saw his father until his father’s funeral. A tenth-grade dropout, Sykes got his legal education at the public library, the institution he calls the Great Equalizer.

Monroe Dodd, Sykes’s collaborator on *Show Me Justice*, was an editor for more than 30 years at The Kansas City Star and its onetime morning edition, The Kansas City Times.

PRaise FOR ALVIN SYKES

“God has his hand on this man. These aren’t accidents that these things have come to him. He’s kind of a prophet. He’s being used by a greater power to put great things in the world.” —**Tom Coburn, former US senator from Oklahoma**

“Most people have a problem with being egotistical, but Alvin does not. That fits well with me. You make a statement by what you do, much more than by what you say. He’s genuine. He’s genuine. I appreciate that.”—**The Reverend Wheeler Parker, cousin of Emmett Till**

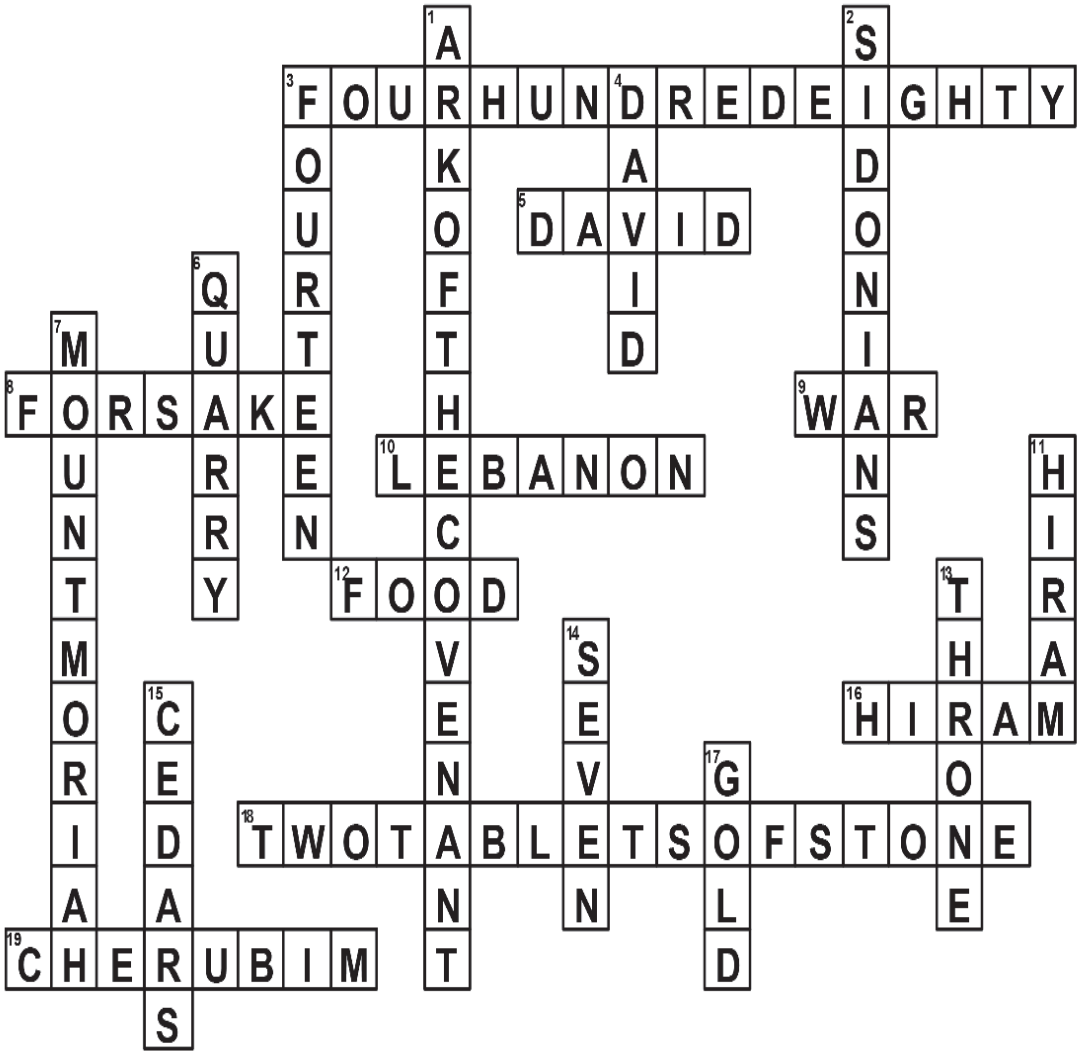
BOOK REVIEW NEXT WEEK

Larry D. Coleman, esq. reviews *Show Me Justice* in next week’s issue.

Christian Crossword for Youth

Below are the answers to the crossword puzzle that appeared in last week’s issue.

THE BUILDING OF SOLOMON’S TEMPLE
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Morning Worship.....10:15 AM
TUESDAY
Bible Study.....12:00 NOON

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SUNDAY
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Morning Worship.....9:00 AM
TUESDAY
Prayer Service.....6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....Noon & 7:00 PM

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SUNDAY
Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Worship Service (except 2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM
Second Sunday Worship.....8:00 AM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....9:30 AM/6:30 PM
THURSDAY
Caring and Sharing (Hot Lunch).....11:00 AM

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Worship Service.....10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY
Adult Bible Class.....NOON
Prayer/Bible Study.....6:00 PM

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SUNDAY
Deliverance Sunday.....8:30 AM
Prophecy.....9:00 AM
Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Morning Service.....11:00 AM
TUESDAY
Bible Class.....7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Class.....11:30 AM

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Psalm 100:4

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Mayor Tyrone A. Garner Will Not Seek a Second Term

Will Deliver 2024 State of the Government Address, December 10



Unified Government of Wyandotte County Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner

By KC Globe Staff

Tyrone A. Garner, the first African American elected mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, announced on Tuesday that he will not be seeking a second term. He reportedly wanted to announce his decision early to clear the way for those who might want to campaign for the office to do so, without a challenge from him.

A statement posted on the website reads, “Kansas City Kansas Mayor Tyrone Garner is proud of the work that has both been envisioned and accomplished through the collaborations that have exemplified shared success with all those that love and call Wyandotte County home. Mayor Tyrone Garner is committed to engaged leadership that will continue to put people over power, privilege, and politics.

“In response to questions on the mayor’s tenure, Mayor Garner’s term as Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Kansas will end December 2025. As such Mayor Garner is focused on completing his term by advocating for streamlined government, improved customer service, governmental fiscal responsibility, expanded equitable economic development, property tax reduction, BPU PILOT tax relief, investment in the disinvested, reforming polices to reflect the values of today, supporting of public safety, enhancing infrastructure, supporting entrepreneurship, and highlighting all things positive (in) Wyandotte County and Kansas City Kansas.”

Mayor Tyrone Garner notes that “The work of improving the quality of life for all those that love and call Wyandotte County home is a work that remains undone, and I will continue to work towards that end for as long as I am Mayor. Mayor Tyrone Garner is honored to have the privilege of serving with his team in the Office of the Mayor as we strive to be ‘Community Driven, Every Person, Every Neighborhood, Every Single day.’

Mayor Garner to Deliver 2024 State of the Government Address, Dec. 10

Unified Government Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner, on Tuesday, December 10, will deliver the 2024 State of the

Government address at Memorial Hall (600 N. 7th Trfy., KCK) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hosted by the KCK Rotary Club, this year’s event will be held in the main arena of Memorial Hall for both ticketed attendees and free of charge for community members.

During Mayor Garner’s address, he will “review this year’s wins and challenges and reflect on the things to come in 2025 and beyond for Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas.”

The KCK Rotary has hosted the annual State of the Government address since the 1960’s and are selling individual tickets and tables of eight for the buffet luncheon.

General auditorium seating will be available free-of-charge for community members interested in attending, however lunch is not provided for attendees without tickets. This event will be live streamed on the Unified Government YouTube channel and available after the event on the UGTV public access channel.

To purchase a ticket or table, visit: 2024 State of the Government – Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City

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WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service.....7:00 PM
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THURSDAY

Bible Study.....12:00 PM

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3030 Farrow, KCKS 66104
(913) 621-4510



SUNDAY

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Morning worship.....11:00 AM

MONDAY

Youth Ministries.....6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer & Bible Study
11:00 AM and7:00 PM

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Morning Worship.....10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....6:30 PM-7:30 PM

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Pastor

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:40 AM
Morning Worship.....10:55 AM

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting
and Bible Study.....6:45 PM

Thursday

Teachers' Meeting.....6:45 PM

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1824 North 11th Street, Kansas City, KS 66104
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Pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....6:30 PM

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WEDNESDAY

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Ministerial Service.....6:30 PM
Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday:

Sunday School8:30 AM
Morning Worship.....9:50 AM

Wednesday:

Bible Study11:30 AM
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
Children/Youth Meeting6:30 PM

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Rev. Donald Slack II, Pastor



SUNDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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Prayer Service.....6 PM
Evening Bible Study.....6:30 PM

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