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## Oprah Winfrey Opens up About Menopause Struggles in New Hulu Special

Oprah Winfrey (Mike Blake-Reuters via CNN Newsource)

Oprah Winfrey is breaking the silence on menopause with her new Hulu special, "An Oprah Winfrey Special: The Menopause Revolution," aiming to support women by sharing her own challenging experiences. She describes the severe impact menopause had on her life, saying, "When I was going through menopause, I could not sleep for two years. I could not concentrate. I could not read my favorite books. I had heart palpitations. No one told me about this. Now we're talking about it, so no woman suffers," Winfrey wrote on Facebook.

"The worst part for me, this is when I knew I was really in trouble, is when I couldn't concentrate reading," she revealed to ABC News, noting that estrogen treatment eventually helped her regain focus. Unlike typical menopause symptoms such as hot flashes, Winfrey experienced less-discussed signs like heart palpitations, which she initially didn't connect to menopause due to a lack of awareness. "When I was going through it, there was nothing. There was nobody," she said, emphasizing the isolation she felt. The symptoms became so severe for Winfrey that she had to stop leading her popular book club. "I brought [the book club] back when I started taking estrogen because I could concentrate again, but I actually never shared that before, that the real reason I had to stop it is because I could no longer concentrate. It makes me want to cry," she shared. Winfrey's special, now streaming on Disney+ and Hulu, seeks



to educate and encourage women to seek medical help early, urging them to find doctors who will listen and act. "Because it affects every cell in your body, the first time you have any of the symptoms, that's when you need to go find a doctor who will listen to you, hear you and take action for you," she advises.

Source: eurweb.com

# BUSINESS

## Transform Travel into Fundraising: Group Trips for Non-profits

By: Soroya Vanhorn

For nonprofit organizations, fundraising is a constant priority. Traditional methods such as galas, auctions, and donation drives are effective, but have you considered group travel as a way to generate funds while providing an enriching experience for your supporters? At Van Horn Vacations, we specialize in helping nonprofit organizations turn vacations into donations. Whether it's a road trip, cruise, or retreat, we handle every detail from A to Z while creating valuable contributions for your cause.

### The Benefits of Group Travel for Fundraising

Group travel presents a unique opportunity to raise funds while fostering community engagement. Instead of simply asking for do-

nations, organizations can offer supporters an unforgettable experience. By organizing a trip, you can include a built-in fundraising component, where a portion of the trip's cost is allocated directly to your nonprofit. This means that every traveler is making a contribution while enjoying a well-planned, exciting adventure.

### Creating Lasting Memories and Strengthening Bonds

Beyond financial benefits, group travel helps create lifelong memories and strengthens connections among your members and supporters. A shared journey fosters camaraderie, teamwork, and a deepened sense of community. Whether it's a guided tour exploring cultural landmarks, a serene retreat focusing on relaxation, or an exhilarating cruise, these experiences leave a lasting impact. When people travel together, they build relationships that carry over into their continued support of your nonprofit.

### Stress-Free Planning with Van Horn Vacations

At Van Horn Vacations, we take the stress out of planning by managing every aspect of your trip. From selecting destinations and accommodations to arranging transportation and excursions, we ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience. We work closely with group leaders to tailor the journey to their organization's goals, ensuring a customized approach to both travel and fundraising. Our expertise allows nonprofit groups to focus on their mission while we handle logistics and details.

### Turn Vacations into Donations

If your nonprofit is looking for a fresh and exciting way to raise funds, consider organizing a group travel experience. Not only will you generate financial support for your organization, but you'll also create a meaningful, shared experience for your supporters. Let Van Horn Vacations help you craft the perfect trip that benefits both your mission and your travelers.

Interested in learning more? Contact Van Horn Vacations at 317-721-TRIP (8747) to start planning your next unforgettable fundraising adventure!



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Aries - March 21 - April 19

Try to be reasonable. Be fair, not colorful. Travel for pleasure will be enticing. Be prepared to jump quickly if you wish to stay in the forefront of your industry this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

Taurus - April 20 - May 20

Make plans to mix business with pleasure. Dinner with clients or business associates should be successful. Your mind will be on matters that deal with secret affairs. You may be likely to have difficulties with females. this month will be hectic. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

Gemini - May 21 - June 20

You may be in an extremely passionate mood this month. You'll be angry if those you live with aren't pulling their weight. Make those phone calls and pay your bills. Finish projects that have been hanging over your head. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

Cancer – June 21 – July 22

You will enjoy lavish forms of entertainment

and should consider making arrangements early. You have a real need to be vocal. Disharmony will result in a lowered vitality. Stress may result in minor illness. Travel could turn out to be more exciting than you imagined. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

Leo - July 23 -August 22

You can make a big difference to children if you are understanding of the difficulties they are experiencing. Don't beat around the bush; state your case in plain and simple terms. Short trips will prove to be more fruitful than you imagined. Organize your day to avoid any setbacks that might ignite temper flare-ups. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

Virgo - August 23 - September 22

Encourage the youngsters in your family. You could easily lose your temper at work. Don't push your opinions or ideas on others. You must use discretion when talking to others. Gambling should not be an option. You can offer your mate a commitment or promise that will help stabilize your personal life. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

Libra - September 23 - October 22

Get together with friends who like to participate in indoor sports. Check your personal papers and make sure everything is in order. You may find that others do not do things the way you want; however, if the job gets done, let it pass. You can learn from those who have had similar experiences. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

Scorpio - October 23 - November 21

You may be frazzled this month. Be careful if a friend asks you for advice. You could be cornered, so be prepared to tell the truth. Don't upset elders in your family who don't understand your present situation. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

Sagittarius - November 22 - December 21

You might have a problem juggling your time. Be honest with yourself before getting involved with someone who is likely to lead you on. Be careful not to misplace your wallet or belongings. Try to be precise in your communications. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

Capricorn - December 22 - January 19

You can pick up some overtime this month. You need activity. Don't let relatives get the better of you. Be aware that a female you work with may be trying to hold you back. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18

Double-check before you go out. Large organizations may try to talk you out of your hard-earned cash. Travel will stimulate your need to experience exciting new things. You can make life easier for an older member of your family. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

Pisces - February 19 - March 20

Disharmony in your relationship may cause minor ailments. Be prepared to neutralize any threats. You may overspend if you travel this month; however, the trip will be one to remember. Your emotions are soaring and if you don't get your way, look out world. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

Source: Michael Thiessen @ astrologyonline.com

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MONEY TALK

6 WAYS TO TURN EVERYDAY ITEMS INTO EXTRA CASH

(Family Features) Making money from everyday items in your home may be easier than you think. With a growing number of companies simplifying the process, turning unused items into cash has never been simpler.

These companies are part of the circular economy, where you get to make money from your items and feel good about it at the same time. By reselling items you don't use, you can give these items a second home or repurpose them into something that has practical applications.

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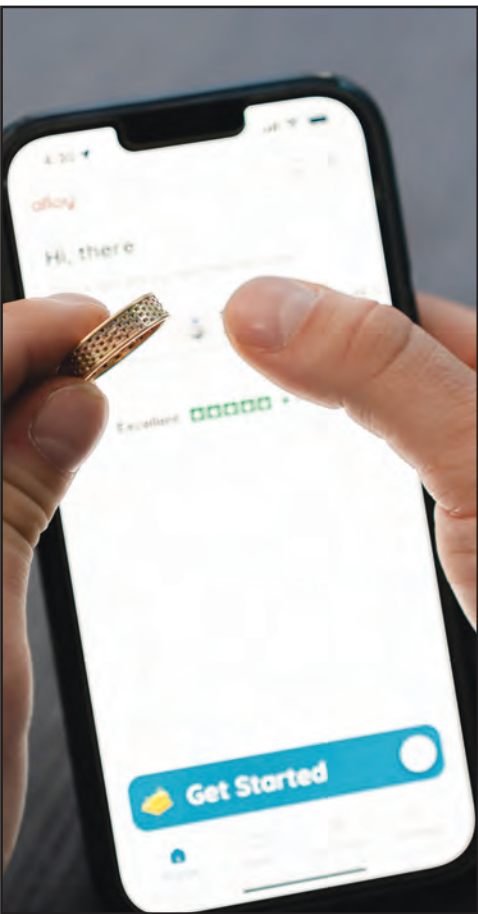
Whether it's clothing, jewelry or tech, consider these simple ways to make extra cash by selling items online.

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ward, easy and rewarding way to sell unused valuables.

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If you have any designer bags at home, look for platforms that let you sell handbags directly to them and provide upfront estimates before you ship your items. Some platforms provide free insured shipping and marketplaces where you can buy designer handbags at discounted prices.

Sell Books You've Already Read

While this likely won't make you a fortune, selling used books is a simple way to make some extra cash and help preserve the environment. College students in particular can benefit from upfront estimates and free shipping or the ability to trade in used books for ones they'll need next semester. Plus, some platforms also offer books for purchase at heavily discounted prices.

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## Pastor Keion and Shaunie Henderson Empowering People with Faith and Cul- ture at 2025 Cry Out Conference

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.



The Cry Out Conference, taking place May 1-3 in Houston, is more than an event—it's a transformative experience designed to empower, heal, and inspire. With a star-studded lineup including Deion Sanders, DC Young Fly, and Stephan Speaks, and performances from Le'Andria Johnson, Madison Ryan Ward, and Kirk Franklin, this year's conference promises to be unforgettable. I had the opportunity to speak with Pastor Keion Henderson and Lady Shaunie Henderson about the vision behind Cry Out, its impact, and why this gathering is so crucial in today's world. When asked about the origins of Cry Out, Pastor Keion reflected on a deeply personal moment. "I had recently come through a divorce. I was in Chicago at a conference, and a minister on stage said that the children of Israel weren't able to leave the wilderness until they cried out. At that moment, I felt like I was in my own wilderness. When he said 'cry out,' tears just flew out of my eyes, and I knew—this was it," he shared. "I made a pact with myself that if I got through it, I would

help others come through as well. Cry Out grew from that pain, but today, it's our investment into the nation, giving people a safe, vulnerable place to come as they are—but not leave like they came." What Attendees Can Expect

With a powerful mix of faith, culture, and personal development, Cry Out offers much more than sermons and worship. Lady Shaunie explained why this year's conference is particularly special. "Every year I come out like just empowered, feeling like a new me," she shared. "It is so much that goes on during that conference, from support to vision. So I'm looking forward to this lineup just because we are dealing with a lot of trauma. We have financial sessions. We have a little bit of everything, which we do try to do every year, but we were super intentional with the "All-In" theme. And that's truly what we're going to do, be All-In." Pastor Keion echoed that sentiment, emphasizing the blend of faith and fun. "This is a conference where people can come and bleed and cry on other attendees who are gonna be there. We've got clinicians, we've got preachers, we've got worship leaders, we've got Eric, the Hip-Hop Preacher. What we try to do is blend faith and culture in such a seamless way that one moment you'll be cracking up at a comedian and the next moment you'll be laying on the altar and you won't even know the difference between the two because it is our goal to let people know you can have faith and fun at the same event. People can expect vulnerability. They can expect victory. They can also expect to be challenged." With the country facing increasing secularization and declining church attendance, I asked the Hendersons why Cry Out is so timely. "This conference is important because while everything around it is unstable, it's gonna be solid," Pastor Keion noted. "It's gonna be a place that if you're black or white, if you're Republican or Democratic, if you're conservative or if you're liberal, whatever you are, all of that stuff goes away at the foot of the cross. The Bible says there's no more Jew nor Gentile. There's no more bond or slave. There's no more, you know, male or female. All of that stuff disappears in the presence of God. That's why we created it. So you don't have to bring your ego. You don't have to bring your success. You can come as you are. I'll say it until I'm blue in the face, but you don't leave like you came."

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THAT MANY RAPPERS  
DON'T HALF KNOW

## SOME RAP STREETS

THAT RAP ROADS  
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RAPPED IN SOME CHOKEHOLDS

TO RAP OUT'S A MIRACLE  
THEY TRAP SOULS  
I RAP RAPS  
THAT BRIDGE GAPS  
FOR LOST SOULS  
TO REACH AND GRAB MAPS  
OUT THESE HERE RAP SHOWS  
SHOWING YAHUSHA THE MESSIAH

**WRITES ALL MY RAPS**  
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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Dawn Robinson of En Vogue Opens Up About Living in Her Car for the Past Three Years

Dawn Robinson - via Instagram

Dawn Robinson, the former lead singer of the iconic R&B group En Vogue, recently opened up about an unexpected chapter in her life that has left many fans both shocked and supportive. In a candid revelation, Robinson, 58, disclosed that she has been living in her car for the past three years. This personal journey has led her to profound reflections on life, growth, and resilience. In a video shared with her followers, Robinson explained her situation "Sometimes in life, we end up in situations that we weren't expecting. There's something we need to learn or teach, but we're too afraid to push ourselves out of our



what a crazy, fun, sometimes scary ride it's been. For me, failure is NOT an option." Robinson's journey has not gone unnoticed. The reactions from her audience on platforms like YouTube have been overwhelmingly supportive. Many fans have

praised her bravery in sharing her story and her ability to inspire others with her experiences. One user commented, "Very proud of you Dawn! Keep your head up. You're going to win in the end. You're winning now by inspiring so many." Another expressed fascination with her choice to live off the grid, recognizing the personal strength it takes to maintain such independence, even when offered help from dedicated fans. Dawn Robinson, born on November 24, 1966, in New London, Connecticut, has had a celebrated yet tumultuous career in the music industry. After rising to fame with En Vogue, one of the best-selling girl groups of all time, she left the group in 1997 due to contract disputes. Following her departure, she joined the group Lucy Pearl, which produced a platinum album in 2000, and later launched a solo career with her album "Dawn" in 2002, featuring the hit single "Envious." Robinson rejoined En Vogue briefly in both 2005 and 2009 but ultimately parted ways again in 2011 due to disagreements about management and compensation. While Robinson's music career has been a rollercoaster ride, recent updates suggest

she has opted to focus on personal reflection rather than a return to music. Although she participated in TV One's "Unsung" in 2023 to reflect on her career and En Vogue's legacy, there have been no announcements regarding new music or major projects in 2025. Dawn's personal life has also had its challenges. Her previous marriage to Andre "Dre" Allen lasted from 2003 to 2010 and ended amid public disputes regarding her behavior. She dated Christopher Nils Connolly from 2012 to 2017 but is currently single with no significant updates on her romantic life. As Robinson continues to navigate her unique circumstances, many remain hopeful that her transparency about her struggles will encourage others facing similar challenges. Her story serves as a testament to resilience, learning, and the complexities of life after fame. Regardless of her current living situation, fans can count on Robinson to share her journey honestly, inspiring others to embrace their paths, no matter how unconventional they may be.

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We come up with stories in our minds. Stories about:

Why we're not where we want to be...  
Why we're not smart enough, rich enough, or loved enough...  
Why certain things only work for other people...

Our stories almost relate to something outside our control or our lack of some natural ability or talent.

We need a BREAKTHROUGH...

REMEMBER: To experience a breakthrough... Something must break within you. Because a change in your life starts with a change within you.

If you want to change your life you have to change the story that you're allowing to influence you.

Limiting stories keep us from finding the right strategies that lead to growth and success.

...Or even if we have the right strategies, they often stop us from executing them.

How do we change our story?

With intention, consistency, and a strong enough state you can develop a more empowered story.

We must actively work to reframe our mind, develop a more empowered meaning of our past experiences, and reinvent the way we view ourselves.

But this process begins with you declaring that "My new life begins today."

When you establish an empowered story, you'll start to develop an empowered state of mind...

Which will help you find or create the effective strategies that will lead you to getting what you're absolutely committed to.

REMEMBER: Success strategies can surround you, but they will be invisible to you unless you put yourself in a strong, determined, and empowered state.

A state that will automatically breed the beliefs and focus that you can, must and will achieve what you are committed to.

**CALL TO ACTION:**  
Take a moment to reflect on this series of questions:

Are your daily thoughts helping to promote and create the reality that you aim to experience?

What opportunities are out there waiting to find you?

Is it possible that you've been living by a memorized emotion that has become so much a part of your identity, on a subconscious level, that now you can't feel any other way than you're accustomed to?

What energy from past experiences are you holding on to that reinforces your past identity and emotionally attaches you to your current circumstances?



David Gibson

How can you think, feel, and behave differently to produce the results that you want?

REMEMBER: Your whole world changes when you change your story

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### Blueberry Banana Smoothie

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1 cup spinach

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1 tablespoon almond butter  
1/2 cup bananas, frozen  
1/2 cup blueberries, frozen  
1 tablespoon chia seeds  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon minced ginger  
1/2 cup berry yogurt  
fresh blueberries, for garnish (optional)

In blender, blend spinach, water, apple cider vinegar, almond butter, frozen bananas, frozen blueberries, chia seeds, cinnamon, ginger and yogurt until smooth.



Pour into two glasses and garnish with fresh blueberries, if desired.



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JUDGE OTHER PEOPLE  
WITH LOVE, FAIRNESS,  
AND MERCY

By: Dr. Michael C. Carson Features Editor

I was asked “Mike how do you handle it when someone talks about you in a malicious manner?”

There are four scriptures I embrace. The first one, “There’s trouble ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them.” (St. Luke 6:26 MSG)

The second “Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? (St. Matthew 7:1-3)

The third “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.” (Proverbs 22:1)

None are perfect however always strive for

perfection. (1 Peter 1:16) Actively desire a good reputation seeking God’s favor and guidance. This will open wonderful doors for you and extend rich opportunities for you to be blessed.

“Brother Mike they talked about Jesus, surely you don’t think you’re exempt?”

A mentor of mine The Late Sister Georgia Ziegler said “Pastor Mike when someone talks about you make sure that you can either defend it or that it is not true.”

Evangelist Alize White shares “Throw dirt on my name me and watch me grow!”

A final thought: Submitted for your approval, disapproval, or at least for your consideration. People will talk about you not trying to help you but instead trying to malign and tear your name down.

Here’s the fourth scripture “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but on the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” (1 Peter 3:9)

We need all of the blessings that God will allow us!

Please say amen!

Also consider this.

We sin by omission (thought, word and/or deed). We sin failing to do what is right or good. We sin by commission (actively doing something wrong or violating a command). We are sinners saved by grace. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Another mentor of mine The Late Presiding Elder Leonard N. Williams, Sr. said “Mike at the end of your day take into consideration the good and the wrong you might have done. Thank God for the day and promise God that you will strive to do better tomorrow (should God grant you tomorrow). Then pray, fluff up your pillow, and go to sleep!”

Jesus never indicated that all judgment is wrong but take care how you judge others. (St. John 7:24) Refrain from harsh, misinformed, ill-informed judgments. The standard by which you judge another will be the same standard by which you yourself will be judged this is the principle of reciprocity.

“What’s good for the goose is good for the gander.”

Always judge others with love, fairness, and

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Dr. Michael C. Carson

desiring to help and not hurt them.

I pray I answered your question.

I’m just saying!

On any given day you will hit a home run, get on base, or strike out. The only requirement is that you practice and every day come up to the plate and swing!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Terrence Howard  
Speaks on  
That Time  
Sean ‘Diddy’  
Combs Made  
A Move on

Terrence Howard recently opened up about the troubling side of Hollywood. The actor discussed his experiences on the “PBD Podcast.” During this discussion, he shared a story about his time with Sean “Diddy” Combs.

The Allegations Against Diddy

Howard described how Combs invited him to be his acting coach. “Puffy invited me, for weeks, asking me to come teach him how to — wanted me to be his acting coach for a while,” Howard claimed. He was hoping to help Combs improve his acting skills.

However, when Howard would visit Combs, he found the experience puzzling. Howard stated that Combs was often “just sitting” and “looking” at him instead of engaging in the planned coaching. This behavior left Howard confused.

Things took a strange turn when Combs allegedly asked to hear Howard’s music. Howard said, “when he tried playing it for him, the Bad Boy Records founder was al-

legedly once again ‘just sitting’ there.” This led Howard to feel uncertain about Combs’ intentions.

Seeking Clarity from Assistant

Not knowing what to make of the situation, Howard turned to his assistant for clarity. His assistant’s response was shocking. According to Howard, the assistant said, “I think he’s trying to f–k you.” This revelation prompted Howard to stop all communication with Combs.

He later reflected on his experience, saying, “Now you know to be hands-off with somebody.” This encounter was not isolated for Howard. He mentioned that he had similar experiences with “a number of producers,” feeling he had to “threaten to punch” or “knock their head off” to assert himself.

The Importance of Masculinity

Howard emphasized the importance of masculinity in his life. “When you approach a real man about his masculinity, you’re going to get a real reaction back,” he stated. This statement reflects his strong views on gender roles and personal boundaries.

He further explained the risks he’s taken in his career. “I’ve lost businesses because I don’t bend over in that way. I don’t compromise,” he said. Howard is clear about his stance on certain roles in Hollywood. “I don’t play gay roles. I don’t kiss a man. I don’t do that s–t because the man card means everything.”

Context of Combs’ Allegations

Howard’s accusations came a decade after Page Six reported another incident involving Combs. The report revealed that Combs had banned his sons from appearing in Howard’s

hit show “Empire.” Sources claimed that Combs’ step-son, Quincy Brown, was supposed to have a role in the show. But when Combs learned about a portion of his music rights being signed over, things changed.

Diddy kicked up a huge stink and called all the top brass at 20th Century Fox TV to get them to change their rules over music rights,” an insider said. Combs was reportedly unhappy with having his son sign away his intellectual property. As a result, he banned Brown from the show.

It remains unclear if this incident contributed to the strained relationship between Combs and Howard.

A Wider Pattern of Allegations

Terrence Howard is not the only one making serious allegations against Diddy. He is actually the first major celebrity to accuse Combs of inappropriate sexual behavior. Other celebrities, like Nick Cannon, have publicly denied participation in Combs’ alleged “Freak-Off” parties. Justin Bieber, another of Combs’ former mentees, has tried to distance himself from these troubling rumors.

However, many individuals not in the spotlight have come forward with their own accounts. Recently, Joseph Manzano filed a lawsuit claiming that Combs “facilitated and engaged” in trafficking him and “directly perpetrated acts of sexual violence” against him in April 2015.

Combs’ Response to Allegations



In response to Manzano’s lawsuit, Combs stated, “This complaint demonstrates the depraved lengths plaintiffs will travel to garner headlines in pursuit of a payday.” He expressed confidence that the truth would come out. Combs added, “No sane person reading this complaint could credit this story.”


Currently, Combs is awaiting trial on federal charges set to start on May 5. He has vigorously denied all accusations made against him and has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Conclusion

The allegations made by Terrence Howard provide a glimpse into the darker side of Hollywood. Howard’s experiences highlight the complexities of navigating relationships in the industry. As these discussions continue, the stories of both celebrities and those who are less well-known shine light on serious issues that need attention.

The future may reveal more about the culture of Hollywood and how it impacts those trying to make their mark in the industry.

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Ice Cube Se- cures Deal to Revive ‘Friday’ Franchise After Over 20 Years

Ice Cube has finally secured a deal to revive the beloved “Friday” franchise, marking the return of the iconic comedy series after over 20 years. The rapper-actor-filmmaker will write and star in “Last Friday,” the highly anticipated fourth chapter, following an agreement with Warner Bros. and New Line Cinema, Hot97 reports. This development, confirmed by New Line president and

CCO Richard Brener in a recent inter- view with The Hollywood Reporter, is a significant win for Ice Cube, who has long championed the idea of bringing the series back to the big screen. The journey to “Last Friday” has been years in the making, with Ice Cube dropping hints of progress along the way. Last June, he shared an update on Flavor Flav’s SiriusXM show, Flavor of the Week, saying, “They have new leader- ship: my man Mike De Luca, who used to be at New Line when I first started, when I first did the first Friday and Play- ers Club and All About the Benjamins. Mike De Luca was there.” In 2022, Ice Cube opened up about his struggles with Warner Bros. on Mike Tyson’s Hot- boxin’ podcast, revealing the studio’s re- luctance to relinquish control of the franchise. I don’t know. Warner Bros. is weird right now,” he said at the time about the status of Last Friday. “I don’t



know what they’re doing. They don’t know what they’re doing. We’d love to have it back. I think it’s going be close to a time when we get it back. So, we’ll either wait

for that time, or we’ll keep trying to con- vince them that they need to let us con- trol the movie. It’s my movie, but they have distribution control.” His persist- ence has now paid off, with the green light for him to not only star in but also direct Last Friday. The “Friday” series kicked off in 1995 with the original film, co-written by Ice Cube and DJ Pooh, and continued with “Next Friday” (2000) and “Friday After Next” (2002), both penned solely by Cube. The trilogy, de- veloped under New Line Cinema, be- came a cultural touchstone. After Warner Bros. took over New Line, the franchise fell under their umbrella, set- ting the stage for this long-awaited re- union of Cube and De Luca. Details about the plot, release date, and full cast of the new film have not yet been disclosed.

Source: Eurweb.com

ENTERTAINMENT

Dating and Relationships Title: How much does a date night cost?

By: Tyren Jo The prices may vary based upon time,



date, and location. Also, the prices may vary based upon what you want to do on the date from bottle service to appetizers to the activities you plan on your date. Some sources say from \$90-\$500 can be the cost of a date night. Investopedia.com says: The average adult American spends \$2,279 on dates every year, with each date costing an estimated \$168. The price of eating out has increased by almost 30% since the COVID-19 pandemic, and many have avoided or adjusted dates for financial reasons. Almost half of Americans believe their net worth affects their dating prospects, yet financial responsibility was ranked

as one of the most attractive traits. For the one that is planning the date, here are a few questions to think about: 1. What is the purpose of a date? 2. Does food and drink have to be involved all the time? 3. Should you go on dates with multiple people? The purpose of a date is to know whether you are compatible, to know whether you’ll be moving forward to a more exclusive relationship and to be intentional about what you desire. Food and drink doesn’t have to be involved every time, this is where things can get pricey. You have your five star restaurants, dine in restaurants to your fast food chains, one thing to be noted is that a date is about the same as an interview process. During this phase of the process you are asking questions and you are also working on your active listening skills. In some cases food and drink can be a distraction to this process. During this phase coffee dates are good and physical activity such as walking is good as well. Dating multiple people, personally I would say date one at a time to help keep focus on your goals and what you want to achieve. I would never recommend going out to see a movie during this phase. Dating multiple people can take a toll on your finances and can be time consuming. Think about it, according to Investopedia.com the estimated date night is around \$168. Here is an option, how about planning a date at the park (of course with nice weather) with this option you get to be creative from taking a walk in the park, to having board game trivia, to maybe preparing your own food, giving your date a prelude to what your cooking style is. When you are the one that’s planning your dates the possibilities are endless and will not necessarily break the bank.

To share your thoughts and questions, you can reach me at [Konnectionsmediagroup@gmail.com](mailto:Konnectionsmediagroup@gmail.com) Also Every Thursday Night 8pm EST the BzNzTalk Podcast <https://www.youtube.com/@3000time>

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### From Olympic Gold to Heavyweight Champion: The Epic Journey of George Foreman Who Passed Away At 76

Boxing enthusiasts around the world mourn the passing of **George "Big George" Foreman**, the two-time heavyweight champion who carved his name in the annals of sports history through remarkable performance, personal transformation, and unmatched resilience. Foreman, who died Friday (03-21-25) at 76, was celebrated for his monumental accomplishments inside the ring, also endeared himself to many as a humanitarian and a devoted family man. George Foreman first captured national attention at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, where he won a gold medal that marked the dawn of a legendary career. His boxing prowess soon led him to turn pro-

fessional shortly after the Games, and by 1973, he achieved a stunning victory against the then-undefeated heavyweight champion **Joe Frazier**. In doing so, Foreman claimed his first title just a few years into his professional career, marking the rise of a dynamic force in the heavyweight division. However, it was the epic showdown against **Muhammad Ali** in 1974, famously dubbed **"The Rumble In The Jungle,"** that cemented Foreman's status in boxing folklore. At just 25 years old and unbeaten, Foreman entered the ring confident of victory. Yet, in a stunning upset, Ali won by 8th-round TKO, shocking fans and analysts alike. For all the initial disappointment, this encounter would later forge a deep friendship between the two boxing titans. Upon Ali's passing in 2016, Foreman expressed to TMZ his heartfelt sorrow, stating, "I lost my best friend," illustrating the strong bond that transcended their fierce competition. After hanging up his gloves in 1977, Foreman took a different path, embracing life as an ordained minister where he dedicated his efforts to preaching and teaching at a Houston church. However, the call of boxing proved too compelling to resist. In 1988, nearly a decade later, Foreman made an astonishing comeback, reigniting his boxing career in a move that shocked fans around the globe. At 45 years old, George Foreman made history once again in 1994, becoming the oldest heavyweight champion in boxing history by defeating 26-year-old Michael Moorer determination. Foreman retired for good in

1997 with a remarkable record of 76 wins, including 68 knockouts, solidifying his place among the greats of the sport.

**Deion Sanders Signs \$54 Million Contract Extension with Colorado Buffaloes**

Deion Sanders has solidified his future at the University of Colorado, securing a contract extension that keeps him with the Buffaloes through the 2029 season. According to ESPN, the Pro Football Hall of Famer has signed a five-year, \$54 million deal. Under the terms of the agreement, Sanders will earn \$10 million in 2025 and 2026, followed by \$11 million in 2027 and 2028, before reaching \$12 million in 2029. This contract positions him as the highest-paid football coach in the Big 12. The deal also includes a substantial buyout clause, requiring Sanders to pay \$12 million if he leaves before the end of 2025. The buyout decreases over time, dropping to \$10 million in 2026, \$6 million in 2027,

\$4 million in 2028, and \$3 million in 2029. However, if he chooses to retire rather than take another coaching job, he will not owe any damages to the university. Sanders expressed his enthusiasm about the extension, saying in a statement, "I'm excited for the opportunity to continue building something special here at Colorado." "We've just scratched the surface of what this program can be. It's not just about football; it's about developing young men who are ready to take on the world," he added. "I'm committed to bringing greatness to this university, on and off the field.

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## BEWARE OF THE DARK SIDE

By: Michael C. Carson Local Columnist

Sometimes in your training, practice, and even game time performance you will struggle, not be at your best, and even miss the mark.

The lyrics to a song by Recording Artist George Harrison advise us to "Watch out now. Take care, beware of the thoughts that linger. Winding up inside your head. The hopelessness around you. In the dead of night. Beware of sadness. It can hit you. It can hurt you. Make you sore and what is more. That is not what you are here for... Beware of darkness."

The opening theme of "Tales from the dark side" television show announces "Man lives in the sunlit world of what he believes to be reality. But there is unseen by most, an underworld, a place that is just as real, but not as brightly lit, a dark side."

AI Overview shares that "The dark side in life refers to the negative, challenging, or painful aspects of existence, encompassing experiences like suffering, loss, hardship, negativity, destructive behaviors, and the darker emotions that can accompany them, essentially representing the opposite of the positive and joyful aspects of life."

Never be in despair because while there is the dark side of life there's also a bright light. Jesus boldly declares "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." (St. John 8:12)

During your dark times in life boldly proclaim "I might be struggling but I will remain faithful to my program!"

Stand in front of your mirror and boldly proclaim "I will trust God to show up and show out for me. I am encouraged and

commit my work to the Lord!" (Proverbs 16:3)

Sister Liz Nielander shares "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to take Him at His Word. Just to rest upon His promise. Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him. How I've proved Him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus. Oh, for grace to trust Him more."

In dealing with any rough situation in your life first pray seeking the Lord for guidance/assistance. Then strive to determine what/who is causing you stress and how to through healthy ways effectively address your stress. If needed please seek professional help, consult your spiritual leader/coach, team member, share with a good friend concerning how you feel.

My Final Thought: Submitted for your approval, disapproval, or at least for your consideration. In the midst of sometimes not doing your best just as long as you finish whatever knowing that you "left everything on the floor" and did your very best simply hold your head up and press on to your next scheduled contest/situation in life.

I'm just saying!

On any given day you will hit a home run, get on base, or strike out. The only requirement is that you practice and every day come up to the plate and swing!

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Swizz Beatz Reveals Secrets to His Lasting Relationship with Alicia Keys

Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys/Credit: Depositphotos

As Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys approach their 15th wedding anniversary, the renowned producer is sharing insights into the foundation of their enduring love. In an exclusive interview, Swizz, 46, revealed that friendship, communication, and a commitment to mutual respect are the keys to their lasting relationship. He emphasized that, remarkably, the couple has never had an argument. “Marriage is definitely a big word, but look at it like your best friend,” Swizz explained while dis-

cussing his mezcal brand, The Producer, and its partnership with Hard Rock In-



ternational, per Us Magazine. “The communication is there. We’ve never had an

argument. Since we’ve been together, our kids [have] never seen it; never seen us raise our voice [or] never seen us yell. Never seen us curse at each other. Why? Because of communication.” Swizz and Keys, 44, first met as teenagers and later tied the knot in July 2010. The couple, who share two sons—Egypt, 14, and Genesis, 10—navigate differences with mutual understanding rather than conflict. “When you yell at each other, no one is really listening anyway. Nothing gets solved in each other’s yelling,” Swizz noted. “People think they can own people. You can’t. It’s not property that you own. There’s a whole human, right?” he explained.

“She’s her own boss. I’m my own boss. That’s how we make magic when we come together,” he added. “I think that helps because people start getting very territorial and making their partner property, and I think that’s the biggest mistake.” Beyond their marriage, Swizz and Keys are devoted parents to their

blended family. Swizz’s older children—Prince Nasir, 24, Kasseem Jr., 18, and Nicole, 16—also play a significant role in their lives. “Egypt is full-time basketball. He’s looking at the NBA,” Swizz shared before gushing over Kasseem Jr.’s recent acceptance into New York University. “He was having some challenges at one point, and now he’s an all A+ student,” Swizz said. “He worked in China this summer for an amazing financial firm. When he came back from that trip, he was just invigorated. For him to go to NYU and pursue his music and business dreams is a dream for me.” Reflecting on his journey, Swizz hopes to inspire others. “Coming from the South Bronx, if I can do it, anybody can do it,” he said. “I hope I can leave a legacy where people that doubt themselves can just go hard and use what I’ve done—what my family is doing—as a stepping stone and a blueprint to get to the next level,” the musician added.

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## COMMUNITY

## Stewart Memorial CME Church

## Working Collectively & In Coalition For Growth On Indy’s Southside

By: Dr. Leslie D. Reed

Indy’s Southside...

Best known for Eli Lilly’s, the pharmaceutical giant, and home to many generations of families who have called Indy Home for decades. The growth of Indianapolis, however, has taken place more to the suburbs, and to the northern part of the city. In this growth, the near Southside has been an afterthought.

**Stewart Memorial CME Church, along with Greater Saint James Baptist Church, Family Bible Church, Our Hope, and New Garfield Churches** are hosting meetings for near southside residents, in collaboration with the **Southside USCT**, which represents six African American neighborhoods in Southeast Indianapolis, established by the United States Colored Troops during the Reconstruction Period 1865-1877. The initiatives this coalition is working on will serve as a catalyst for re-growing, and re-thinking Indy’s near southside, bringing growth and greater visibility to the an area of the city, that can and will contribute to the growth of the southside as well as the entire metropolitan area that the near southside is a part of.

The group’s initial thrust is focusing on, Asset- mapping: what are some of the physical, individual, associations, institutions, economic assets this coalition of

churches & USCT have to stimulate growth and bring the near-Southside into the economic revitalization mix of Indy’s already burgeoning growth.



**Southside UCST Coalition** has already hosted community events that have featured vendors that have provided information on: Expungement, Eviction Resources, EmployIndy, Indy Parks, Workforce Development, youth, health and many more much needed re-

sources. Resource Fairs will be scheduled on an ongoing basis. You can find dates and times in **Scoopmg .com Event Calendar**.

If you have suggestions, or want to participate in this movement, contact **Pastor Jamie Melton**, [highpraise47@yahoo.com](mailto:highpraise47@yahoo.com), or Reverend Leslie D. Reed, [leslie@riminvestments.com](mailto:leslie@riminvestments.com).

This rich history of the near-southside, which was birthed as a result of brave and mostly unknown and unheard of colored troops, deserves recognition for its place in establishing the blue print for neighborhoods (like Barrington): that are thriving today, and have so much more to add to the city of Indy, as it grows into a major US metropolitan city.

Join Us as We Continue to Grow... And Thrive!!

## MUSIC

## EUR Concert Review: Joe, Eric Benet, Musiq Soulchild: A Show for the Grown and Sexy

The R&B Invitation Tour, which features Eric Benet, Musiq Soulchild, and Joe, is currently making its way through 25 cities across the country, and stopped at the Peacock Theater in downtown Los Angeles, on March 22. And of course, EURweb was in attendance. Between the off-the-hook DJ, and the host MCLightfoot, a Bernie Mac like comedian from Atlanta, the evening rolled right along without gaps and pregnant pauses between artists; just ask Howard Hewitt and Bobby Brown, who both came out to lend their brotherly support. I noticed there were quite a few tickets left with the concert fast approaching, so I was concerned that these talented artists would not have the audience befitting their worth. Not to worry, because although the concert was not sold out, the center

orchestra was nearly full, and the rest of the theater had a respectable showing. Eric Benet was up first, looking quite fine in a mauve suit and shirt, with a burgundy scarf, and a video of him playing behind him. We were treated to most of his hits. He performed, ‘Love Don’t Love Me,’ ‘Chocolate Legs,’ ‘You’re the Only One,’ and ‘Sometimes I Cry.’ That high note he hit on, ‘Sometimes I Cry,’ was EVERYTHING! His background singer, Charity Davis, performed Tamia, Chante Moore, Faith Evans and Tamar Braxton’s parts of the duets he recorded with each of them.

Although I really liked ‘Spend My Life with You,’ she more than held her own on all the songs, and I think the ladies would be proud of the job she did. Eric’s final song was ‘Georgie Porgie,’ and although he did not perform my favorite, ‘When You Think of Me,’ he put together a very cool and respectable opening set. I had never seen him perform before and I was not disappointed. Musiq Soulchild, decked in his customary jeans with a white t-shirt and Adidas, also had a video playing behind him to start his set. He jumped right in, and so did the audience, with nonstop hit after hit. Although they didn’t sound just like the records, he performed ‘TeachMe,’ ‘Girl Next Door,’ ‘143,’ ‘Yes,’ ‘So Beautiful,’ ‘Just Friends,’ and ‘DontChange,’ When Musiq started to perform ‘Love,’ cells phones came out to record him. His final song was, ‘B.U.D.D.Y.’ Although he had more audience singing than I would have liked, I enjoyed him the most, because he was so cool,



his runs were on point, and he walked across the stage with swag for days, while he played to the crowd.

Joe was the headliner, and the only one who sounded exactly like his songs, probably because he was singing to a track...when he remembered to sing. There were times he was feeling the music and vibing so much that he forgot to sing. Dressed in a soft pink suit and shirt and black shoes, he had smooth and sensual on lock, as he performed songs that were definitely for grown folks, starting with, ‘Don’t Wanna be a Player.’ He also performed. Case’s ‘Faded Picture,’ and ‘I’m Missing You,’ Keith Sweat’s, ‘Make it Last Forever,’ Gerald Levert’s, ‘Baby I’m Ready,’ and Guy’s ‘Piece Of My Love,’ since the audience was already singing it. Also on the menu were “If I

Was Your Man,’ ‘What if a Woman,’ ‘Treat Her Like a Lady,’ ‘All the Things Your Man Won’t Do,’ ‘More and More,’ which seemed to be an audience favorite, until they screamed when he started to perform ‘The Love Scene.’ ‘I Wanna Know’ was the final song of Joe’s set....

The R&B Invitation Tour has several remaining stops and is worth checking out. Greensboro, NC (April 4), Augusta, GA (April 5), Cleveland, OH (April 11), St Louis, MO (April 12), Buffalo, NY (April 18), Brooklyn NY (April 19), Louisville, KY (April 25), Atlanta GA (April 26), Chicago, IL (May 2), Detroit, MI (May 3), Greenville, SC (May 9), Charlotte, NC (May 10) and Baltimore, MD (May 11). Get your tickets today.

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**Sunday, April 20**  
Brick Fest Live | Indianapolis, IN 2025  
10 a.m.  
Indiana Convention Center, 100 S Capitol Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Brick Fest Live | Indianapolis, IN 2025  
1 p.m.  
Indiana Convention Center, 100 S Capitol Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Pop The Balloon After Party  
5-11 p.m.  
N\_Zone Bar & Grill, LLC., 8311 North Michigan Road. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Monday, April 21**  
Mary J. Blige: The For My Fans Tour with NE-YO  
7 p.m.  
Gainbridge Fieldhouse, 125 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN.  
Music at Butler: Jazz Combos  
7:30 p.m.  
Indianapolis, IN.  
Special Event: Josh Johnson  
8 p.m.  
Helium Comedy Club, 10 W Georgia St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Special Event: Steve Hofstetter  
8 p.m.  
Helium Comedy Club, 10 W Georgia St., Indianapolis, IN.  
**Tuesday, April 22**  
Elderbrook - Another Touch North American Tour  
8 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Spotlight 2025  
6 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
Spotlight 2025  
7 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
Spotlight 2025  
7-8:30 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Wednesday, April 23**  
Dungeon Academy In-Person  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Library, 250 N 5th St. Zionsville, IN.  
Dungeon Academy In-Person  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Library, 250 N 5th St. Zionsville, IN.  
**Thursday, April 24**  
Alton Brown Live: Last Bite  
7:30 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
The Fixx  
7 p.m.  
The Vogue Theatre, 6259 N College Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
The Fixx (21+)  
8 p.m.  
The Vogue Theatre, 6259 N College Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Handbells Ensemble Concert  
7 p.m.-3 a.m.  
University of Indianapolis, 1400 E Hanna Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Megan Moroney  
7 p.m.  
Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale Street. Fishers, IN.  
Southbank Theatre Company: Red Velvet  
7:30 p.m.  
Shelton Auditorium at Butler Arts Center, 1000 W 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Stavros Halkias: The Dreamboat Tour

7 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Friday, April 25**  
A Conversation with Jordan Klepper  
8 p.m.  
Indianapolis, IN.  
Bright Eyes  
7:30 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Bright Eyes  
8 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Candlelight: A Tribute to Taylor Swift  
6:30-7:45 p.m.  
Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 North Meridian Street. Indianapolis, IN.  
The Dool Band at Ale Emporium  
8:30-11:30 p.m.  
Ale Emporium, 997 E. County Line Road. Greenwood, IN.  
Drake White  
7 p.m.  
8 Seconds Saloon, 111 N Lynhurst Dr. Indianapolis, IN.  
Drake White  
8:45 p.m.  
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Indy Ignite vs Orlando Valkyries  
7 p.m.  
Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale Street. Fishers, IN.  
Micky Dolenz  
8 p.m.  
The Center for the Performing Arts, One Center Green. Carmel, IN.  
Southbank Theatre Company: Red Velvet  
7:30 p.m.  
Shelton Auditorium at Butler Arts Center, 1000 W 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Steely Dead  
The Vogue Theatre, 6259 N College Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Saturday, April 26**  
Ali Siddiq: In The Shadows  
7 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
BabyJake  
8 p.m.  
Turntable, 6281 N College Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Black Violin  
8 p.m.  
The Center for the Performing Arts, One Center Green. Carmel, IN.  
Friends of the Avon Library Book Sale  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
498 N Avon Ave. Avon, IN.  
Michael Blaustein: The Taste Me Tour (Ages 18+)  
7 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
NARUTO: The Symphonic Experience  
2 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
NARUTO: The Symphonic Experience  
7:30 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Nightly  
8 p.m.  
HI-FI Indy & HI-FI Annex, 1043 Virginia Ave UNIT 4. Indianapolis, IN.  
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7 p.m.  
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7 p.m.  
Black Circle Brewing Co, 2201 E 46th Street. Indianapolis, IN.  
Southbank Theatre Company: Red Velvet  
7:30 p.m.  
Shelton Auditorium at Butler Arts Center, 1000 W 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN.  
SPELLBOUND Dark Alternative DJ Dance Night  
9:30 p.m.  
White Rabbit Cabaret, 1116 Prospect St. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Sunday, April 27**  
Counting My Blessings Tour with Seph Schlueter - Indianapolis, IN  
7 p.m.  
Northview Church - Binford Campus, 6620 Northview Way. Indianapolis, IN.  
Indy Ignite vs San Diego Mojo  
Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale Street. Fishers, IN.  
Sheng Wang  
7 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Sofia Talvik LIVE at Carmel Clay Public Library  
3 p.m.  
Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E Main St., Carmel, IN.  
Southbank Theatre Company: Red Velvet  
2 p.m.  
  
Shelton Auditorium at Butler Arts Center, 1000 W 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Spring Choral Concert  
3-4:30 p.m.  
University of Indianapolis, 1400 E Hanna Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Sunday Vibes  
3-4 p.m.  
Carmel, IN.  
**Monday, April 28**  
IU Indianapolis Jazz Ensemble Concert  
7:30 p.m.  
Eskenazi Hall, 735 W. New York Street. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
The Psychology of a Murderer  
7:30 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
Shamrock Tenors  
7:30 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Sparta at Hoosier Dome  
7 p.m.  
Hoosier Dome, 1627 Prospect St Central. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
  
The Aristocrats  
8 p.m.  
HiFi, 1043 Virginia Avenue Ste 4. Indianapolis, IN.  
Dungeon Academy In-Person  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Library, 250 N 5th St. Zionsville, IN.  
Dungeon Academy In-Person  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Library, 250 N 5th St. Zionsville, IN.  
JAKE TOWE BAND  
7-11:45 p.m.  
The Melody Inn, 3826 N Illinois St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Park Tudor Upper School Spring Concert  
7 p.m.

The Center for the Performing Arts, One Center Green. Carmel, IN.  
Riverdance  
7:30 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Thursday, May 1**  
Divinity Trio  
1 p.m.  
Chapel Rock Christian Church, 2020 N Girls School Rd. Indianapolis, IN.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra  
11 a.m.  
Hilbert Circle Theatre, 45 Monument Cir.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Indy Ignite vs Atlanta Vibe  
7 p.m.  
Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale Street. Fishers, IN.  
Ivan Cornejo - Mirada Tour  
8 p.m.  
Everwise Amphitheater at White River State Park, 801 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Leprous with Wheel  
7 p.m.  
HI-FI Indy & HI-FI Annex, 1043 Virginia Ave UNIT 4. Indianapolis, IN.  
Marty Stuart  
7:30 p.m.  
The Center for the Performing Arts, One Center Green. Carmel, IN.  
Riverdance  
7:30 p.m.  
Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University, 4602 Sunset Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
Southbank Theatre Company: Red Velvet  
7:30 p.m.  
Shelton Auditorium at Butler Arts Center, 1000 W 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Friday, May 2**  
Concert for a Cause  
5:30-10 p.m.  
Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1464 W. Stones Crossing Road. Greenwood, IN.  
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10 p.m.  
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Craig Conant  
10 p.m.  
Helium Comedy Club, 10 W Georgia St., Indianapolis, IN.  
Eem Triplin  
8 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Gimme Gimme Disco  
9 p.m.  
Turntable, 6281 N College Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Kids Dance Outreach Event of the Year 2025 "Dreams with Wings"  
7 p.m.  
Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, 610 W 46th St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Skye Peterson in Concert  
7-9 p.m.  
New Circle Church, 3421 North Park Avenue. Indianapolis, IN.  
Smooth Jazz All Stars Jonathan Butler, Norman Brown, Najee, and Gerald Albright  
7:30 p.m.  
Indianapolis, IN.  
Southbank Theatre Company: Red Velvet  
7:30 p.m.  
Shelton Auditorium at Butler Arts Center, 1000 W 42nd St. Indianapolis, IN.  
Special Event: Josh Johnson  
Helium Comedy Club, 10 W Georgia St. Indianapolis, IN.  
**Saturday, May 3**

Arm's Length + Prince Daddy and the Hyena  
7 p.m.  
Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St.. Indianapolis, IN.  
Bad Nerves  
8 p.m.  
Turntable, 6281 N College Ave. Indianapolis, IN.  
Craig Conant  
10 p.m.  
Helium Comedy Club, 10 W Georgia St., Indianapolis, IN.  
Fishers Freight Vs Quad City Steam Wheelers  
7 p.m.  
Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale Street. Fishers, IN.  
The Hip Abduction  
7-10 p.m.

HI-FI Indy & HI-FI Annex, 1043 Virginia Ave UNIT 4. Indianapolis, IN.  
Indiana Fever vs. Washington Mystics  
Gainbridge Fieldhouse, 125 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN.  
Indiana Fever vs. Washington Mystics  
3 p.m.  
Gainbridge Fieldhouse, 125 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN.  
Indy Eleven vs. Detroit City FC  
Carroll Stadium, 1001 W New York St. Indianapolis, IN.  
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7 p.m.  
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7-11:45 p.m.  
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ENTERTAINMENT

‘BASKETBALL WIVES’ RETURNS WITH A STAR-STUDDED SEASON 12 ON MAY 5



Credit: VH1

VH1’s blockbuster reality series “Basketball Wives” is making its highly anticipated return for Season 12, premiering in May. This season, the stakes are higher than ever, with personal growth, second chances, and shocking betrayals shaping the drama like never before. Fan-favorite icons Evelyn Lozada, Jackie Christie, Jennifer Williams, Brandi Maxwell, and Brittany Renner are back, bringing their signature fire and unfiltered truths to the table. They’ll be joined by a dynamic mix of new faces, including former WNBA star Ty Young, beauty entrepreneur Ming Lee, and Chantel Christie-Jeffries—who is no stranger to the “Basketball Wives” lifestyle as Jackie Christie’s daughter. Executive producer Shaunie Henderson also makes a special guest appearance, offering wisdom and perspective as the franchise continues to evolve.

This season explores the resilience of sisterhood, as tensions flare and friendships are tested. Jennifer Williams’ newlywed joy is overshadowed by legal troubles surrounding her husband, while her long-standing feud with Evelyn Lozada reaches a breaking point. Jackie Christie is eager to guide her daughter Chantel through the world of basketball royalty, but Chantel is deter-

mined to step out of her mother’s shadow and forge her own identity. Meanwhile, Brittany Renner embarks on a deep spiritual journey, leaning on close confidante Denise Garcia as they work toward a future beyond their pasts.

Brandi steps boldly into a new chapter of independence after years of putting marriage first, while Ty and Ming navigate an unexpected and highly public breakup, setting the stage for emotional reckonings and major life decisions. Through triumphs and heartbreaks, “Basketball Wives” remains the ultimate showcase of love, ambition, and the enduring power of true sisterhood. Don’t miss the explosive season premiere on Monday, May 5th at 8/7c only on VH1.

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## Tariffs, Turbulence

### Who's Best In Chaos... Part 1



Dr. Leslie D. Reed

By: Dr. Leslie D. Reed

**The challenges of life...** Sometimes it's our children, and we ask what of the youth of today? Many times, it's our health, and physical well-being. Flu, covid, cancer. In this day and time, it's those in power, principalities; utter darkness.

**Utter darkness...**

Unless, you have been hiding or have taken a trip to a space station in another galaxy, you are being exposed and experiencing a period of time where it is just plain hard to understand what is happening, or for that matter why.

**Tariffs, Turbulence, and Troubled Waters.**

A **Tariff** is an economic tool used by governments (principalities) to exact fairer trade, to even out unfair pricing that may occur between nations; a kind of economic penalty to exact a change in economic policy among nations. Whether or not these are effective has never been conclusively proven. Needless to say, the tariff policies (propaganda) that are being espoused by the U.S. government are untimely at best, and foolish, reckless, and insidious at their worst.

The **Turbulence** being caused by this "economic foolery" is arbitrary, and not economically or fiscally focused: it is designed to create economic chaos, and create a condition whereby those in power can create so much havoc, that they can then substitute our constitutional law, for their self-serving, dictatorial rule.

**Troubled Waters**

This is not the first time our country and economy have faced a kind of malaise and turmoil that seems unprecedented. It won't be the last. My commentary here is not to suggest that this will go away quickly or magically. For sure let's pray, but along with our prayer, let's understand how troubled waters can bring healing. Our country has been diseased. And this has not just happened in the last 10 years, it has been a

slow and gradual process, that is so sinister, that it has caused many to see it, and yet seem paralyzed as to how to counteract it.

Let me caution and teach in this direction: The opposite of love, goodness, or righteousness is not hate. **THE OPPOSITE ACTION OF LOVE IS INDIFFERENCE.**

I will speak more on this next month, but I write aspirationally so I leave you with words from Nassim Nicholas Taleb...

"Difficulty is what wakes up genius."

Lest we forget, God is the genius behind the universe, and Jesus carried it out in the flesh, in the presence of man...

Who then should we trust... even more in chaos,

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# INDY'S OWN RONALD JONES

## ICONICALLY HOOSIER BAR-B-QUE HEAVEN

By: Dr. Leslie D. Reed

### Some things you just know...

The smell of coffee that wakes you up, or the look your mama gives you that says I dare you talk back. In Indiana, for us who claim being Hoosier's, there are some things we just know.... When Sectional time comes it always seems like we get a patch of cold weather; or just like that cold weather we get at sectional time, we can always count on the weather changing without warning. Yes, there are some things you just know...

**Bar-B-Que Heaven**, and the man who started it years ago, **Ron Jones** are also constants, unmistakably a part of the Hoosier landscape. I spoke with Ron about how he started this legendary Indiana brand, and about his love for making BBQ, and even more, his love for this business that is as Indiana as the ball going through the nets in March.

Ron told me, "I started selling BBQ on a

street corner across from Douglass Park in 1950. My parents saw that I was doing well with it and helped me to establish (purchase) our first location at 823 Indiana Avenue, in 1952."

That one location grew to 5 locations (2 presently) and over the years this iconic BBQ brand has been sold at the **Indianapolis 500, Market Square Arena, The Hoosier Dome, Lucas Oil Stadium, Raceway Park**, and other racing venues across the country. Ron has a passion for racing and cars and explained to me: "One of the motivations that I had for making my business successful was that I liked cars (in particular Corvette's), so I was always motivated to work hard and be successful. The truth is, I love what I do, and I believe that loving what you do is a key in being successful at what you do."

Ron's passion for racing and BBQ have taken him all over the country, to speak

and advise about racing, and of course about great BBQ:

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I would be remiss if I did not speak about Ron from my personal knowledge of him. I grew up in the same neighborhood as Ron's parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Jones**. Because of the Jones's many in our neighborhood had a place to swim from time to time, (no public parks on the north side of Indy at that time). They set the example of black excellence in business, as well as how

their success extended to those who were their neighbors.... The Jones's family was admired, and yet, they always allowed access to them, and the blessings that they had as a family, they shared with those who were their neighbors.

As a young businessman, and even today, Ron Jones was and has always been a source of advice and great counsel for me, (and many others) always available, always honest, and straight forward.

As I close, I ask you to think about many a summer night at 25<sup>th</sup> & MLK, (then Northwestern) cars cruising, motorcycles throttling, music jumping, and the party going on way into the night. We all felt the freedom to enjoy ourselves, all getting along, all partying and having a good time...

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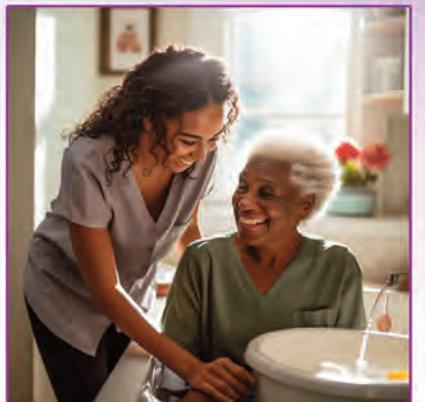


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